

Banner and Advocate.

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PITTSBURGH, FEBRUARY 16, 1859.

REMARKS.—\$1.50, in advance or in CASH... WEED AND CHAPMAN... VERY JUDICIOUS.—A Christian gentleman sends the True Witness, of New Orleans...

COLLEGE BURNED.—William and Mary College, at Petersburg, Va., was destroyed by fire on the morning of the 8th inst.

THE BOARDS OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS and of Publication, close their fiscal year with the last of March.

WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—There will be a meeting of the Trustees of the Western Theological Seminary, held at the Seminary building, on Tuesday, February 22d, at 2 o'clock P. M.

GREATLY WANTED.—A number of dollars to send the BANNER AND ADVOCATE to ministers in destitute circumstances.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—PRATIER CITY CHURCH, ILL.—Mr. Belleville wishes us to express his thanks to the donors, for \$16, from a few friends in Steubenville...

NEBRASKA CITY, N. T.—We have received, also, for the church at this place, from S. A. L., \$1.25, and from M. G., \$1.00.

Rev. J. J. Marks.—We attended a portion of the course of Lectures of this excellent brother, on the countries and cities around the Levant.

Columbia Seminary.—From a private source, we learn that Judge Perkins, of Columbus, Mississippi, has donated to the Seminary \$50,000 for the purpose of founding a Professorship of Natural Science in connection with the Seminary...

To the Christian Public.—BRETHREN.—You have all heard of the crushing embarrassments of the West. Church interests are not exempt from these embarrassments.

Progress of Popery.—We, lately, devoted a long editorial to this subject. It was placed on our first page, to make room for the very excellent review of English Literature, by our London Correspondent.

Advertising in Religious Newspapers.—The Religious Newspaper is attended with expense, and needs to be sustained. Religious people need food, raiment, books, schools, medicines, agricultural implements...

THE PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL ALMANAC is for sale at the Presbyterian Rooms, St. Clair Street.

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Is it So?

The Presbyterian kindly notices our recent Proprietary and Editorial arrangements. We cordially reciprocate the good wishes of our brethren; but feel disposed to notice a few of their remarks. They say: Dr. McKinney is the father of the cheap paper enterprise, which is now an obsolete idea, in our Church.

There is, in this quotation, much of that loose statement sometimes found in the editorials of the Presbyter—partly correct and greatly incorrect. But we mean not, for the present, to either defend, apologize, or refute. We would merely propose a question, with some brief remarks.

Is it so, that the Church don't want a cheap paper, or is not willing to sustain one? The ability of the Church, and the practicability of the work, are here both admitted. The affirmation is, that the Church either does not wish that cheapness shall be an element in the religious newspaper, or that her wish is so feeble that she will not give a paper the needed circulation.

If all the Presbyterian families within the field of our principal circulation would become subscribers, we would not only be sustained, at present terms, but could either reduce the price, or enlarge the paper. And if our subscription list shall be increased by but one-fourth its present number, together with a moderate accession to our advertising columns, we shall be amply sustained.

Sometimes, that is, where there is real worth, true principle, and due appreciation, the "honey-moon" of marriage is as enduring as the years of the parties, and in the pastoral relation. And so also to the "honey-moon" of the cheap paper.

The partners in the new arrangement are of one mind; in regard to "cheapness," as well as other points, in our enterprise. No other sentiment could have been admitted. We are entitled to a fair remuneration. We ask no more. This we still hope to have, on existing terms.

We endure the more, and persevere the more, because we regard cheapness in the newspaper, as one most important element in the progress of religion. To have this, belongs to the principles of the Christian, to the self-denial and consecration which he makes of himself, when he enters into covenant with Jesus and with the Church, in baptism and communion.

From this it will appear that we are decidedly in favor of total abstinence, and of a prohibitory law to remove temptation and make the abstinence practicable, and of the earnest and persevering use of all due means to form a public sentiment by which prohibition can be enforced.

The lectures and addresses of Mr. Sinclair, since the Convention, to large audiences of children and adults, have been most instructive and entertaining, and we hope for much permanent benefit.

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a pure Gospel. Let Christians be always awake, truly wise, and ever active. Let them, and especially their ministers, who know the truth, and who both enjoy and appreciate its power, and who serve the God of truth in spirit and in truth—let them excel Rome and Rome's priests and emissaries, in wisdom, zeal, and self-denying and untiring labors. All will then be well. Truth is mighty. Strenuous and well-directed labor, will produce its appropriate fruits.

Temperance.—The Convention in Pittsburgh, on the 8th inst., was a large and enthusiastic meeting of the friends of Temperance. On our last page we give the proceedings, with brief sketches of the remarks of the speakers.

The speaking reminded us much of "old times," when there was a hearty zeal in the efforts made to banish the most prolific source of evil under which our country suffers. Some enthusiastic singing, and scores pressing forward "to sign the pledge," would have made us fancy that days, a decade gone, had happily returned. As it was, we had to satisfy our enjoyment by attending to good speaking.

Our own journal has had less than four columns, and its whole average has not been much, if any, over four. In this matter we feel that we have a duty to perform, and, with all due kindness and deference, we ask our good friends to sustain and aid us.

The Cathedral Burning.—Our correspondent, "Observer," two weeks ago, spoke of the representation made by Bishop O'Connor, before a New York audience. The Bishop had said that the Cathedral, burnt in this city some years ago, had been destroyed, of design, during a political excitement. This was denied by "Observer," and proof was called for.

Our source of excitement, last week, at the Academy of Music, was the appearance and recitations of little Ella Burns, the child-reader, four years of age. This little girl acquired the habit of reading unperceived by any one, and without the ordinary process of training from the alphabet upwards.

REVIVALS.—FULTON, MO.—We lately noted the beginning of a precious revival in this place, in which Westminster College was deeply interested. The meetings continued four weeks. We now give, from a letter of the Rev. W. W. Robertson, in the St. Louis Presbyterian, a statement of results, and of still further prospects. He says: Fifty-one united, on profession of their faith, with our church.

HENRY CITY, ILL.—Twenty-three have been lately added to this church, under the pastoral care of Rev. T. T. Smith, as the fruit, in part, of a gracious revival.

JACKSON, LA.—As the first fruits of an abundant harvest, hoped for in this place, thirteen members have been received into the Presbyterian Church.

LAFAYETTE, IND.—Rev. R. H. Allen's labors are greatly blessed. Forty new converts are added to his church, and the religious interest is unabated.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The St. Louis Presbyterian says: "There are manifestations in our churches which bode the coming of the Spirit in the power of his grace to revive his people and add unto them such as shall be saved." In all of them the attendance is unusually large and serious.

NEWPORT, KY.—The Presbyterian Herald informs us that this church, which, for some months past, has been supplied by Rev. John F. Coons, is now enjoying a very interesting season of revival. Last Sabbath, eleven persons were received into the church on profession of their faith in Christ.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14, 1859.—DEAR BANNER.—It is not the most pleasant thing to arrive in this great metropolis just after a snow storm, or rather a snow-fall, for there was no attending wind. The depth of the snow in the streets was increased considerably by quantities thrown from the side-walks, the yards, and the tops of the houses.

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LONG ARTICLES.—We have a number of these on hand, and some of them are very good. But such need to be superlatively good, or on a subject peculiarly attractive, to obtain a reading. Those who would do good through the columns of a newspaper, need to make brevity one of their conscientious excellences.

Rev. JOHN N. BOYD was installed pastor of the church of Washington, White Deer, Lycoming Co., Pa., by the Presbytery of Northumberland, on the 27th ult. Rev. Mr. Beardon preached the sermon, Rev. Dr. Watson gave the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Mr. Thomas the charge to the people.

Rev. BENJAMIN F. MYERS was licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Allegheny City on the 12th ult.

Rev. Dr. J. N. WADDELL's pastoral relation to the church of Oxford, Miss., was recently dissolved.

Mr. C. H. PARK was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry, and installed pastor of the united churches of Chillisqueague and Moersburg, by the Presbytery of Northumberland, on the 18th ult. Rev. Isaac Grier preached the sermon, Rev. John Hudson gave the charge to the pastor, and Rev. M. B. Patterson the charge to the people.

News Department.—To Farmers.—Moore's Rural New Yorker, advertised in our columns, we esteem as a truly valuable journal.

A Fire and Water Proof Roof.—This must be a thing most desirable, by every owner of a dwelling. Messrs. Bates & Johnston, of our city, profess to make such. The subject is worthy of serious attention, and we advise the interested to examine into the merits of their claims. Their advertisement appears in our columns.

The Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine.—Our townsman, Mr. Reed, advertises this article. Some of our friends, who use it, speak of it enthusiastically. We are, ourselves, not able to judge of the comparative merits of the various Machines invented to relieve the ladies of their wearisome toils with the needle; but any good Machine in the house, must be a great benefit.

Fayette County Railroad.—This road is intended to connect Uniontown with the Connellsville road, at Connellsville, a distance of about twelve miles. The cost, when finished, is estimated at \$140,000. Of this amount \$101,482.50 is subscribed, and much of it paid in. The work is progressing in the hands of enterprising men. This line, we judge, will be completed in less than six months. This will bring Uniontown within a few hours of Pittsburgh.

Washington.—Politicians and Statesmen are being greatly exercised on the subject of money. This article is very scarce in the public offers. There are many who have been in the habit of using it very bountifully, but it is exceedingly hard to draw out of an empty chest; and where drafts are so many and so large, it is no easy matter to replenish the chest, when it is once exhausted.

California.—The House, which has passed the Homestead Bill, which has passed the House, provides that each actual settler who shall locate a quarter section of United States lands, and file thereon, for five years, shall have a patent for five dollars. This looks like really a Homestead Bill. The Senate has not yet acted on it.

Revolutionary Soldiers.—Two hundred revolutionary soldiers are living and drawing their pensions, according to the report of the Secretary of the Interior.

True Bills.—SAVANNAH, Feb. 14.—The Grand Jury has found true bills against Capt. Corrie and three others, implicated in the slave trade in connection with the yacht Wanderer. They are now in prison.

Telegraphing Two Thousand Miles in One Circuit.—On the 12th inst., the National Telegraph Line worked in an unbroken circuit from New York to Leavenworth, Kansas, and subsequently to Prairie du Chien, Wis. Messages were sent and received with the same promptness with which they could have been sent fifty miles. The distance by the wire to Leavenworth is nearly two thousand miles. Dispatches were also dropped at all the principal cities on the route.