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JEFFERSON COLLEGE—See Special Notices.

THE REPORTS OF J. D. Williams, and T. H. Nevin, were presented in due time, and are in type. They will appear next week.

THE SENTINEL—This is the name of a new weekly in the Presbyterian family. It is published at Memphis, Tenn., by Rev. F. A. Tyler. We give it a cordial welcome.

SAND PRAIRIE, IOWA.—This is a small church, in Benton Co., of which a brother who spent a week preaching to the people, speaks favorably. A pastor is greatly desired.

CHURCHES ORGANIZED.—A correspondent informs the Presbyterian, that churches have been recently organized on the Jersey coast, at Tom's River, Tuckerport, and Absecon.

DEATH OF MR. FRENCH.—Rev. John B. French, Presbyterian Missionary at Canton, China, died at sea, ten days after having sailed for this country. Mrs. French and their two children sailed in company, and have arrived at New York.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.—The number of young men in a course of preparation for the ministry, in Presbyterian Theological Seminaries, is thus stated: Princeton, N. J., 181; Allegheny, Pa., 124; Union, Va., 16; Columbia, S. C., 42; Danville, Ky., 46.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE, PA.—The meeting of the Board of Trustees is to be held on Tuesday, March 16th. And for the evening of the same day, the annual contest between the Washington and Union Literary Societies is appointed.

A TEMPERANCE PAPER.—Messrs. McFarland & Fleming, of this city, propose to publish a journal under the title of The Weekly Monitor, to commence about the first of May, and advocate the cause of Temperance. Terms, one dollar a year, in advance.

DECEASE OF REV. DR. CARNAHAN. This venerable father in the ministry, died in Newark, N. J., at the residence of his son-in-law, W. K. McDonald, Esq., on the morning of March 3d. Dr. Carnahan had been long the able and very efficient President of the College of New Jersey. He resigned the position, a few years ago, on account of the infirmities of advanced life. He was in the eighty-fourth year of his age.

Oxford Female College, Ohio. This institution, planned on a liberal scale, and with buildings erected at a cost of near \$100,000, is greatly embarrassed. It is about \$50,000 in debt, on \$30,000 of which it pays interest at the rate of ten per cent. An earnest appeal for help is made. To Seminaries, churches, and individuals we say, avoid a building debt. Put up with a small, plain house, till you can pay for a better.

Rev. John Thomson. The Presbyterian gives a brief statement of the life and death of this venerated minister. He died in the eighty-seventh year of his age.

Mr. Thomson, for a time, belonged to the New Lights, in Ky. He soon, however, returned to the bosom of the Presbyterian Church. In the division of '38, he went out with the New School. He is represented as having been an excellent man, and a highly useful preacher.

Non-Day Prayer-Meeting in Allegheny. A Union Meeting has been established in Allegheny. The first meeting was largely attended, and the exercises were unusually solemn. God was present. The different denominations were well represented, and we have reason to believe that times of refreshing are in reserve for this effort. The meeting is held in the Lecture-room of Dr. Swift's church. Why may not Allegheny and Pittsburgh have such precious assemblies as New York and Philadelphia enjoy? If Christians only pray for it, believing that God will give it, the blessing is ours.

Western Theological Seminary. The Catalogue for 1858-9, is just issued. It contains to us the names of 129 young men, 124 in the Classes—Resident Graduates, 5; Senior Class, 31; Middle Class, 88; Junior Class, 55. Of these, nine are absent, through delicate health, or other causes. Of the whole number, 66 are from Jefferson College, 20 from Washington College, and 11 from Miami University; one is from Northern India, and one each from France, Germany, Canada West, and Chocotaw Nation; 72 are of Pennsylvania, 35 from Ohio, and 17 from ten other States of the Union. The Session will close May 11th, and the next term will open on September 12th.

The Domestic Board Still Sustained. The connexion of this Board with the welfare and expansion of our Presbyterian Zion, makes it ever a subject of deep interest to good men. It has the hearty affection of the churches; that is, of a large portion of the churches. It is the faithful almoner of the bounty of the Lord's people, judiciously commissioning laborers and distributing its resources, on the call and under the direction of the Presbyteries.

The following most gratifying statement of the pecuniary condition of the Board, has been received: Messrs. ROOPE, 910 Arch Street, Philadelphia, March 3, 1859.

STATE OF THE TREASURY. It affords us great pleasure to state that the churches have liberally responded to the appeals recently made in behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions. The receipts during the months of January and February were, at the office in Philadelphia, \$27,119.25, and at the office in Louisville, \$8,159.24, making together the sum of \$35,278.49.

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INDIA.—The letter from Fettehgarh, Nov. 80th, contains the following interesting statement. On last Sunday we baptized two persons. One of them was a native doctor, who had been with us many years, and who is well educated and of great worth. The other was the wife of Zabar-dust, one of the young men educated in the city school, and baptized two or three years ago. She was carried away by the rebels from Myspurie to Delhi, and has passed through sore trials. The fall of Delhi, she was released, and returned to her husband. No less than six different ranspar letters of the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph at their station, and also of the baptism of one of the boys of the orphan school at Dahanpur.

INDIAN MISSIONS.—The Otos are more disposed to send their children to school than formerly. There was reason to hope that the school would soon fill up. At Spangon there had been more than usual sickness. Rev. Messrs. Frothingham and Jackson had both suffered from sickness, but were better, and were to be engaged with their usual labors. At Goodwater the missionaries were well, and the school was more than usually full. One of the female teachers at Tallahassee makes the following encouraging statement about the school at that place: "I think we have a pleasant school, and may safely say, that I have never met with more apt scholars, and could you see them from afar, you would be struck with their improvement." Our Chickasaw letter contains encouraging statements, especially in connexion with the growing desire of the people to hear the Gospel. Mr. Wilson has preached at six different places, at all of which there have been conversions, and constant applications are being made to have preaching at other places. RECEIPTS in January: \$20,098.

PUBLICATION. The Colportage fund has been increasing, for some months, though it is still overdrawn. Six new publications are recently issued. These we notice as we receive them from the Board. The smallest, but most important, is the Confession of Faith, and Shorter Catechism, in a Tract of sixty-eight pages, price five cents. To do its work properly, this should be re-issued, with the proof texts printed in full at the end of each paragraph, in a plain letter—and the price, in tract binding, not increased. But many copies of it, thus improved, should be bound, and sold at 10, 12, or 15 cents each, according to actual cost, and inviting.

RECEIPTS, Jan. 15th to Feb. 14th, \$2,476; sales in Jan., \$6,780.

CHURCH EXTENSION. The fiscal year closes April 1st. There is time yet for contributions which are greatly needed. RECEIPTS in January: at St. Louis, \$689; at Philadelphia, \$1,217; at Cincinnati, \$109.

"Old and New School Theology." Under this caption the American Presbyterian, of March 3d, has a three column article, professing to show the resemblances and differences between the two principal branches of the Presbyterian Church. We have read the effusion with some care, and are astonished to find how intelligent, God-fearing and truth-loving men, could so grossly misrepresent their brethren. They say: "The Old School held that man, before he commits any act of his own, is in a proper sense, liable to punishment, in consequence of the act of Adam; * * * that a man is as really guilty of the act, and may as properly be punished for it, as he may be for an act of arson, burglary, or murder; * * * that, in order to salvation, it is necessary for man to have precisely the same feelings of penitence, regret, remorse, in regard to the act of Adam, which he has in regard to his own."

"A Restrictive Psalmody.—No Proof Yet. The United Presbyterian tries hard to avoid the point at issue; that is, whether or not the Word of God restricts the Church in all ages and nations, to the solo and alone usage of the Psalms of David, in her songs of praise. To this end it misstates our position, and tries to lead us off into irrelevant discussion. This is labor lost. We are unwilling to be so led. We wished to know whether we, and all Christians were, by Divine authority, limited to merely one Book of Scripture in the matter of praise; or otherwise, that we should not be condemned for using to that end the whole Word of God. Our request was pertinent, and we were entitled to a straight forward answer. And, from the confidence with which the restrictions have usually spoken, and from their claim to conscience, and to intelligence, and to the character of a witness-bearing Church, we might have supposed that they felt ready to overwhelm us with Scripture testimony. But, lo! in two last bearing on the subject. All is blank as re-

gards God's requisition, as is a heathen oracle. Clearly, then, we are entitled to the conclusion that God has given no commandment, and no instruction of any kind, whereby he would hinder us in the matter of praise, from the use of his entire perfected revelation. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in praise, as well as in prayer. It is made the duty of all to praise God. "This duty they are to perform with the whole heart." They are to sing "with the spirit and with the understanding, also." It is to be so done as to be instructive—"teaching and admonishing." "Hymns and spiritual songs" are to be used, as well as "psalms." The subject matter is to be the "word of Christ." This is to be in them "richly."

Who then shall bind us, when Christ hath made us free? Who shall deprive us of the richness of his teachings, where he has given us all, freely and fully to enjoy?

Home and Foreign Record. The March number presents to us about its usual view of our Church operations. No surprising calamities have occurred, and the customary favorable Providences demand our wondrous thanksgivings.

There are letters from La Porte, Ind.; Galesburg, Ill.; Superior, Wis.; Galveston, Texas; and Phoenix, Oregon, all indicating a successful prosecution of the work. RECEIPTS in January