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General Assembly.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, will hold its next meeting in the Third Presbyterian church, Indianapolis, Indiana, at eleven o'clock, A. M., on Thursday, the 19th of May next, and will be opened with a sermon by the Rev. William A. Scott, D. D., Moderator of the last Assembly.

The Committee of Commissions will meet in the Lecture-room of the church, on the Wednesday evening preceding, at eight o'clock, to receive Commissions, and on Thursday morning the day of the meeting, at nine o'clock, for the same purpose.

JOHN LEYBURN, Stated Clerk.
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P. S.—Stated Clerks of Presbyteries are respectfully requested to make out their lists of persons entitled to the Minutes on a separate sheet, and to send that together with moneys for the Minutes, to G. H. Van Gelder, Esq., *Treasurer of the General Assembly*, office 320 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

OUR ECCLESIASTICAL COLUMN indicates large accessions to the ministry, at the recent meetings of the Presbyteries.

COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, are requested to send their names to Silas J. Bowen, Indianapolis, Indiana, that arrangements may be made for their entertainment.

BOARD OF COLPORTAGE.—A meeting of this Board is to be held at the Presbyterian Book Rooms, St. Clair Street, Pittsburgh, on *Tuesday*, the 10th of May, at 2 o'clock P. M. A full attendance is requested.

WM. BAKEWELL, Sec'y.

A DAILY NEWSPAPER.—Rev. J. G. Monfort, D. D., editor of the *Presbyter*, is making arrangements to issue a *Daily* during the sessions of the General Assembly. The price will be fifty cents. Send by the members.

NOTICE.—The Board of Trustees of the Western Theological Seminary, will hold their Semi-Annual Meeting on the second Thursday, (12th) of May, in the Lecture-Room of the First church, Pittsburgh, at 10 o'clock A. M.

FRANCIS G. BAILEY, Pres't.

NORTH-WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—The Board of Directors of the North-Western Theological Seminary, is adjourned to meet in the city of Indianapolis, on *Tuesday, May* 17, at 7 P. M., in the Third church. A full attendance is desired. S. T. WILSON, Pres't.

PRESBYTERIES.—We give many reports of Presbyteries this week. They should be read, inasmuch as they record the history of of our Church, and represent its state and prospects. Other reports arrived after our space was all occupied. They will appear next week.

Making More Room.

We were all ready to issue a larger sheet, this week, except that paper did not reach us in time. It is now on hand, and will afford us an increased space, equal, nearly, to two and a half columns. We are determined to do ample justice to our readers, in quantity, as well as in quality and style of execution; and we trust that they will strive to do equally well by us.

Farewell to Dr. Happer.

On Wednesday evening of last week, the large edifice of the First Presbyterian church in this city, was filled by a most attentive audience, assembled to unite in a Farewell to this much loved brother. Addresses were delivered by him, and by Drs. Jacobus and Swift. Dr. Happer returns, with his family, to Canton, China, where, previously to the late difficulties between the Chinese and the English, he had performed several years of effective missionary labor. His labors in the ministry, in Western and Middle Pennsylvania, in the interval of his missionary work abroad, have been greatly blessed. Many prayers will ascend, on his behalf, to a throne of grace.

Western Theological Seminary.

It is pleasant to record the goodness of God to this Institution, not only in adding to its number of students, but in increasing facilities for the acquisition of the requisite knowledge for their work. We have just been advised of a most liberal donation of more than five hundred volumes of valuable books, which has been made to its Library by the Rev. Wm. M. Engles, D. D., of Philadelphia, so long and favorably known to our Church as editor of the *Presbyterian*. Such an indication of favor toward this Institution is highly appreciated, as coming from one of such mature judgment and ripe experience as Dr. Engles. Will not this act of unsolicited liberality to our Seminary, awaken a like spirit in the bosom of its friends nearer home, and prompt them to push forward to its completion, the endowment of its Fourth Professorship, and do whatever else is necessary to its highest efficiency.

Minor Reforms.

"W. C." on our first page, presents to the consideration of those "who feed the flock," several thoughts which may claim some attention. But there is one of them which cannot justly come under this caption. When he speaks of the use of *Tokens*, he introduces a matter of no very great moment. They are a trifling inconvenience, and they may also be so used as to be of some benefit. And when he talks of the "Long Tables," the thing is still not so very important, though we must confess that having enjoyed our Christian life about half with and half without these *old fashioned* affairs, we must say that the old way is decidedly the best—best in its influence on communicants and spectators, and most in accordance with Scripture.

But when the writer speaks of the *two* sermons, in almost immediate contiguity, he has introduced a subject of vast importance. We commend his remarks to the consideration of pastors, elders, and people.

Acknowledgment.

We have received another *ten dollars* from "WELL WISHER," and divided the same between the Boards of Domestic Missions and Education.

The donor called his former contribution a "New Year's Gift." This term he now feels disposed to recall. It was "a debt." And truly we do *owe* much to the Lord, to be devoted, in the most effective way, to his service. It is "more blessed to give than to receive." The Lord will surely repay, many fold, to the liberal giver. It may be, not in kind, but in something far better. And it may be, not in this world. And the believer would not have it in this world. He prefers that it shall be reserved for him—a treasure in heaven. And the more conscious he is that he is but discharging a debt, and deserves no reward, not even an approving smile, because he comes short of his obligations, yet he is likely to enjoy the more liberally hereafter. All, from God, is of grace.

The Proposed Changes.

The article in the *Southern Presbyterian Review*, on the changes proposed in our Book of Discipline, has been re-published as a pamphlet. The discussion ably opposes the movement. The quietness of the Presbyteries, and the religious papers, generally, on the subject, indicates, to say the least, a want of a hearty concurrence with the Committee, in the result of their labors. If the Assembly should see proper to send the Alterations down to the Presbyteries, with a view to their adoption, we trust that they will have been first amended. Especially should that article be altered which really *unchurches* our baptized youth, by denying to them the benefits of a wisely administered Church discipline. We cannot but regard it, as we before stated, as unpresbyterian and unscriptural, and of injurious tendency.

The Princeton Review.

The number for April presents a more than usual amount of learned investigation. The articles are—I. Immediate Perception; II. Political Education; III. Editions of the Pilgrim's Progress; IV. Trench on Revision; V. Transcendentalism in Political Ethics; VI. Hickok's Rational Cosmology; VII. Demission of the Ministry. Short Notices. Literary Intelligence.

The first of these articles is able and discriminating, but rather too abstruse for the general reader. The others may be perused by most persons, with much benefit. There should be thousands of this journal circulated in our churches. The Politician and the man of Science, may read it with profit, as well as the Minister and the Ruling Elder, in the Christian Church.

Revivals.

MOGADORE, OHIO.—This pastoral charge, under care of Rev. J. D. Hughes, has been favored with a greatly awakened interest on the subject of religion, and an addition of *eleven* persons to communion, on examination.

NEW ALBANY, IND.—At a recent communion, in the church of Rev. Mr. Breck, thirty-two persons were added, on examination.

Havelock's First Battle.

The Messrs. Scribner have now in press, Headley's Life of Havelock. The following events occurred at the opening of the Burmese war:

The fleet arrived off the mouth of the Rangoon River, on the 10th of May. The news of the hostile approach of so large a force, filled the inhabitants of the city with consternation; and the Governor immediately ordered all the English residents of the place to be thrown into prison. But as this decree did not include the American missionaries, soon after, "to obviate the mischief which might arise from geographical distinctions, too nice for the apprehension of Burman subordinate officers, it was further explained as comprising all 'who wore English hats.'" "Thus," says Havelock, "the American missionaries who had been long established in the land, engaged in the most sublime of labors, were brought within the circle of its terrors." The stirring excitement of his first campaign could not divert the sympathy of the young lieutenant from the American missionaries, on whom first fell the evils of the war.

On the 11th the fleet—the *Liffey* leading and carrying the commander and young Havelock—moved up the river, and anchored abreast Rangoon. It was soon discovered that "the means of defence were contemptible," and in order to spare the town, a regular cannonade was not at once resorted to. The Burmese had only one battery, from which they opened a harmless fire on the frigate. The latter returned it with occasional shots, until the commander, finding that his forbearance was construed into weakness, ordered heavy broadsides to be poured in.

This was the first action Havelock had ever witnessed, and he saw, with undisguised delight, the destructive effect of the British shot. Said he, "Then the *Liffey* opened her fire in earnest, not with a broadside, but in one long, loud, steady, continuous roar—killing, shattering, crashing, splintering, dismantling. The effect was theatrical. In a moment the battery was silenced, and the barbarians driven in a panic from their guns." The fire, however, well-nigh proved fatal to the prisoners, and among them the missionaries, for the Governor had ordered them all to be executed the moment the first gun was heard. As the vessels approached, the executioners began to sprinkle sand on the floor of the prison to receive the blood, sharpen their knives on the brick-bats, and feel the necks of the captives as they would those of some animal, and brandish their weapons in exultation over the sanguinary deed they were about to commit. But the *Liffey* had scarcely opened its fire, before a thirty-two pound shot came crashing through the walls of the prison, followed the next minute by another, which so alarmed the murderers that they fled in affright. Having silenced the battery on shore, the commander effected a landing, and Havelock had the pleasure of assisting in throwing open the prison doors, to some of the captives, and witnessing their joy at the unexpected deliverance from a dreadful doom. "The American, Wade," he says, "was amongst them."

In passing through Rangoon, Havelock could find no "object of interest in it, except that it created a feeling of joyful surprise in the reflecting mind, to see the cross of the Saviour displayed in the midst of idolatry, on the top of the little chapel of the Arminians."

On the 28th, Havelock accompanied General Campbell in making a reconnoisance of the enemy's position, in the forest, beyond the city. Two companies of the 13th were attached to the party, with which a furious and successful assault was made upon some field works of the Burmese. Havelock was under a severe fire in these encounters, and exhibited, here at the outset, that contempt of danger and chivalrous bearing in battle, which ever after distinguished him.

Japan.

The Gospel is to be preached in this far off land. Commerce searches far for sources of traffic; but, wherever men go for gain, Christians follow them with the messages of salvation.

At Dr. Alexander's church, New York, on the evening of the 17th, Dr. and Mrs. Hepburn, formerly of the Canton Mission, were set apart for the work in Japan. They go as missionaries of our Foreign Board. Different Christian denominations are turning their attention to this new field.

Ministers and Churches Received.

The Presbytery of Transylvania has received from the late United Presbytery of Kentucky (N. S.,) Revs. Thomas H. Clelland and W. T. McElroy, and four churches. The ministers were received on examination. Every Christian is bound to give to every one that asketh him, a reason of the hope that is in him. Hence no minister, conscious of rectitude in the faith, and of purity of purpose, can refuse to give to his brethren the proper evidence that he is *of them*, when he asks to be received by them, as a fellow member.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Young Men's Christian Association of Pittsburgh, is published in a neatly executed pamphlet, by G. W. Johnston & Co., Wood Street.

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EASTERN SUMMARY.

Boston and New England.

The *Shoe and Leather Business* is becoming an immense item in the trade of Boston. In this city and vicinity alone, no less than four hundred firms are thus engaged. And within a few miles, in the same region, is manufactured one-half the cotton used in the United States, or nearly four hundred thousand bales per year.

The annual report of *Harvard College* has made its appearance, and gives the following exhibit of the amount and condition of its wealth:

Leaving out the College buildings and grounds, the assets of the University amount to $1,009,686. Of this sum about $33,000 is invested in bank stocks, $84,000 in manufacturing stock, and $22,000 in railroad stock and bonds, $6,000 in Albany City stock, $563,000 in notes and mortgages, $168,000 in real estate, and the balance in various ways. The funds appropriated to the education of undergraduates, or the Academic Department, amount to $496,588; to the Theological School, $102,341; to the Law School, $22,943; to the Medical School, $23,636; Astronomical Observatory, $108,561; Library, $9,738; and there are large amounts held for special purposes.

The authorship of the severe criticism on *Wilson's Conquests of Mexico* in the last two numbers of the *Atlantic Monthly*, has been attributed to James Russell Lowell. But both the Boston *Bee* and *Atlas* assure us that it was written by Mr. Kirke, who was Mr. Prescott's Secretary for the last ten years of that gentleman's life, and who is so favorably mentioned by the author in the preface to the "Life and Reign of Philip the Second." This fact does not, by any means, qualify Mr. Kirke to be an impartial judge in the case, but on the contrary, it is well calculated to lessen the force of the whole criticism. And notwithstanding the many sneers with which this work has been met in some quarters, on account of its differing from Prescott's, yet high historical authority exists for doubting the reliability of very many of the Spanish authorities on which Mr. Prescott has depended.

Why is it that there exists such a hatred against anything savoring of *Evangelical Religion*, in the minds and hearts of some of the writers for the *Atlantic?* In the last number, a notice of a little book entitled "Street Thoughts," that has been highly commended by Evangelical Christians, says the theory of the social ethics of the author may be thus summed up: "Live meanly, be afraid of God, and listen at key holes." And in the same number, Dr. Oliver Wendel Holmes, in the continuation of the *Autocrat*, takes occasion to vent considerable spleen against orthodox doctrines and their advocates, and to avow the most latitudinarian sentiments with regard to religious belief. Surely the respectable publishers owe it to themselves to purge their ably conducted *Monthly* of such objectionable features.

Mr. George Tickner is engaged in the preparation of a *Life of Prescott*, assisted by the oldest son of the historian, Wm. H. Prescott.

In this region, the memory of *Cotton Mather* is still precious, although the Gospel he preached is now repudiated by many of the descendants of those to whom he ministered. He was accustomed to repeat the remark of a friend, which, though often quoted, is worthy of being brought to the notice of our readers again:

"There was a gentleman named in the 18th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, to whom he was more indebted than to any other man in the world." This was the prudent "town clerk," who earnestly advised the excited people to *do nothing rashly*. On all occasions of consequence, or of urgent haste, he would say, "Friends! let us first advise with the town clerk of Ephesus."

New editions of the two *Rival Dictionaries, Webster's and Worcester's*, are in press and will soon appear. In both, a novelty somewhat after the style of the English Imperial Dictionary, has been introduced, in the form of pictorial illustrations of terms in natural history, architecture, and science. Those in "Worcester" are said to be small and defective, whilst those in "Webster" are said to be large, well executed, and more numerous, being some fifteen hundred in number. Another new feature in both, is in the Synonyms, which "Worcester" gives very fully, but does not define the shades of meaning, which is carefully done in this edition of "Webster." The new edition of "Webster" contains between eight and ten thousand new words; while "Worcester" is particularly valuable in its definitions of obsolete words and phrases. "Webster" has an addition in a full table of proper names with their proper pronunciation. We have thus been careful to give from the statements we see in our exchanges, the peculiarities of both these great works, that will soon be rival claimants for popular patronage. "Webster" seems to be better prepared for a popular work, but "Worcester" for a learned work.

The financial prospects of the *American Board of Foreign Missions* are by no means as flattering for the present year as could be desired. On the 1st of April, two-thirds of the current year had elapsed, but the receipts were less than $180,000. The year closes in August, and if no further debt is to be contracted, the donations for each of the remaining four months must average $55,000; if they average only $45,000, a debt of $40,000 will have been contracted. Last year, the monthly receipts from April to August, averaged $37,500; but before that year they never reached $32,500 for each of those months. According to this, it will be seen that the friends and patrons of this Board must manifest an activity and benevolence beyond former times, for the few months yet to come before the annual meeting, or a serious debt will be the result. Every sincere Christian would regret to see the missionary work impeded for want of funds, after the great success that has attended it, and when God is manifestly preparing the way for greater things than we have yet seen. At the close of the sessions of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a few days ago, five young men were ordained as missionaries to India.

New York.

The *Growth of this City* since 1790, has been continuous and rapid. The following table shows that the average annual increase since that time, has been 4·6 per cent., and also sets forth the population at different eras in the future, up to 1900, if the same rate of increase be continued:

1790	33,131
1800	60,489
1810	96,373
1814	95.519
1820	123,706
1825	166,086
1830	197,112
1835	270,089
1840	312,710
1845	371,223
1850	518,547
1855	629,904
1858	720,890
1865	987,618
1870	1,286,648
1880	1,906,020
1890	3,040,002
1900	4,766,369

These figures startle us because of the possible number of the future inhabitants of the great metropolis.

The *Excess of Importations* over exportations, and the vast quantity of specie exported, are beginning to excite considerable comment. But, in the meantime, the business of the banks is easy, and money may be had at low rates, by responsible parties.

The greater part of the *Southern and Western Trade* is over for the season, but a large amount of business is still transacted with the merchants, from the neighboring cities and adjoining country towns.

Fifty thousand dollars have at length been appropriated for repairing the *City Hall*, injured by fire last September. Since that time it has been a very unsightly object, and not at all adapted to impress strangers with any favorable idea of the public spirit of the city authorities. No doubt at no very distant day, a new, large, and more splendid edifice will be reared; but in the meantime the present building should be kept in some kind of decent repair.

The *Sickle's Trial* with its disgusting developments, has occupied the great city papers, for some time, to the exclusion of almost all other topics. The *Times* seems to have espoused especially the cause of Mr. Sickles, while the *Post* seems to be the leader in opposition. It is not at all gratifying to be compelled to state that the *Courier and Enquirer*, was the only one of the city dailies, that refused to pollute its columns, with the published confession of Mrs. Sickles! And *Harper's Weekly* has excelled its previous performances in that line, by having for its frontispiece, a *fac simile* of a part of this confession, wherewith to entertain the admirers of that "Journal of Civilization!" We commend to the attention of the Messrs. Harpers, the following which we clip from the *Century*, one of the ablest of our American *Weeklies*:

If no other motive could weigh with the proprietors of that journal to restrain them from giving to that document unnecessary publicity, sympathy for the unfortunate child, on whom it falls most cruelly, ought to have been sufficient! The Messrs. Harpers, are, we believe, public professors of the religion of Christ. In this act they have manifested an unfeeling contempt for its benign and merciful spirit.

The *Fourth Ward* of this city, seems to be given over to grog shops and drinking. The returns for licensed and unlicensed shops, for the sale of liquor, shows that there is one grog shop in this ward, for every five persons, including men, women, and children. But some twenty well known citizens have determined that the grog shops shall not have it all their own way any longer, and have agreed to set up a rival institution that will present counter attractions, in the shape of a Social Room, with Library and Reading Room, under a superintendent, who will take charge of the place, and sell coffee or some slight refreshments. If such an undertaking could be made general, some good might be done, but a single effort of this kind is not likely to avail much.

Mr. George P. Putnam, the well known publisher, has become one of the firm of Sheldon & Co. This house has just issued the fifth volume of Spurgeon's sermons. The fact that one hundred thousand copies of these sermons, have been sold already in this country, is sufficient evidence of the estimate in which they are held by the people. This volume is unquestionably the best collection of the discourses yet issued by this remarkable preacher. They have more vigor and a higher degree of finish, with less extravagance than any of his previous sermons. In Pittsburgh they are for sale by John S. Davison, 98 Wood Street. The same house has in press a volume of letters by Rev. Henry M. Field, one of the editors of the *Evangelist*, written from Europe, during a late tour. We read these letters as they appeared originally, and can promise our readers that they will find this volume, spicy, entertaining, and instructive to a degree not usual in letters from Europe, at the present time. We will welcome the volume.

Scribner has just published the life of General Havelock, in a 12mo. volume of four hundred pages, by Hon. J. T. Headley, an extract from which is found in our present number. That it is destined to have a large sale, the character of both the writer and the subject is a sufficient guarantee. The same house has also just issued a valuable work on "The Art of Extempore Speaking;" also, Mr. Willis' new work, "The Convalescent;" and the "Complete Works of Dr. John M. Mason, D.D."

The *Carters* are about to bring out another rich store of good things, such as the "Precious Things of God," by Winslow; "Bonar on the Psalms;" "Hodge on Corinthians;" "Jacobus on Acts;" the second volume of Breckinridge's Theology, and many other valuable publications.

This city hereafter is to have the benefit of a *Church*, based on the same principles as that of Theodore Parker, in Boston. The new Society was inaugurated on Sabbath afternoon, the 10th inst., by Rev. Mr. Noyes, late of Chicago, who proposes to guide the concern thus set in motion. Mr. Noyes believes that none of the existing sects, even the Unitarian and Universalist are willing to take the ground of absolute and unlimited freedom of inquiry, disregarding both Church Creed and Bible, and depending alone on the spiritual faculties of man, properly trained and used, and therefore has instituted this new movement for preaching what he is pleased to denominate "A Spiritual, Practical, and Natural Religion." A friend to the project, says: "The movement is not a Unitarian one, technically, but belongs to 'the Broad Church.'" Of this, the *Examiner* significantly remarks: "Nothing fairer; it is as 'broad' as 'the way that leadeth to destruction.'" Surely a Church without a Bible must be a caricature. But this sort of enterprise is not new. Theodore Parker were himself out in similar efforts, and then left a Society without any vitality, or any adhesive qualities to hold it together.

The *Boston Division of the American Tract Society*, will hold its anniversary in the church of the Puritans, Dr. Cheever's, on the 12th of May, at 10 o'clock A. M. Dr. Kirk, of Boston, and H. W. Beecher, are announced as among the speakers. The American Tract Society, in Nassau Street, continues to prosecute its work with great success. The receipts for the fiscal year ending April 1st, amounted to $383,373.79, of which $253,256.70 was for publications sold, and $130,117.77 in donations and legacies. The receipts in donations and legacies show a gain of about $10,000 over last year, while there is a diminution of about the same amount in the receipts from sales.

The *Bloomingdale Church* has rented the North Room of the Third Avenue Depot, between Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth Street, where there will be preaching hereafter regularly, every Sabbath morning and afternoon. This is a region that has been heretofore in a great measure destitute of the influences of a Presbyterian church, and there is now great promise of usefulness.

Philadelphia.

Owing to the *Railroad Facilities* now furnished, the trade drawn to this city from Western Pennsylvania, Western Virginia, and Eastern Ohio, is very great, with a prospect of large increase in the future. The bituminous coal trade from Western Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Maryland, is also attracting considerable attention. And as soon as the Pennsylvania Railroad has made its arrangements for reaching the Delaware, complete, this business must be very considerably augmented.

The *Markets* are considerably firmer than a few days ago, and some articles, such as grain, have commanded prices somewhat advanced.

It is to the credit of the *Daily Press* of this city, that not a single one of them so outraged decency as to publish the confession of Mrs. Sickles.

The *Messrs. Martien* are about to publish a new edition of "Fairbairn's Typology of Scripture," in 2 vols.; and also a new edition of Scott's Family Bible, in 5 vols., large type.

Messrs. Smith, English & Co., have sent out the 1st vol. of that valuable work, "Winer's Grammar" of the Idioms of the New Testament, a notice of which will be found in our next number.

The *Publication Committee* of the New School Presbyterian Church, have issued lately, thirty new volumes for the Sabbath School Library.

The *New Church Enterprises* in West Philadelphia, by Presbyterians, are succeeding very well.

The *Presbytery of Philadelphia* has adopted a memorial to the General Assembly, asking that body to take some action with regard to Presbyteries permitting individuals to visit the East without the approbation of Presbytery, to solicit aid toward completing churches. This custom interferes greatly with contributions to the Committee of Church Extension and with other Boards, and it is felt by many that the Presbyteries should take the oversight of this matter. It is not intended to shut out all applications for aid in building and finishing churches in the West, except through the Committee on Church Extension, but to ask the Assembly to adopt some system whereby needless applications may be avoided, and whereby all proper applications may be duly authorized by Presbyteries.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

Presbytery of Ohio.

The Presbytery of Ohio held its late meeting in the Sixth church, Pittsburgh, on the 19th, 20th, and 21st inst. The attendance was good, twenty-three ministers and twenty-six Ruling Elders being present. A large amount of business was transacted, with great harmony. A brief abstract is given from the Minutes.

Rev. O. H. Miller was dismissed to the Presbytery of Iowa.

A call from the church of Temperanceville was accepted by Rev. John Y. McCartney, and Thursday, May 12th, at 2½ o'clock P. M., was appointed for the installation; Dr. McKinney to preside and deliver the charges, and Dr. Jacobus to preach the sermon. Mr. McCartney will have the congregation in connexion with Mt. Washington.

Revs. John Kerr and Aaron Williams, D. D., as principals, and Revs. C. G. Braddock and John W. Hazlett, as alternates; and Ruling Elders Wm. Bakewell and Josiah Guy, as principals, and M. B. Brown and S. Collins, as alternates, were chosen Commissioners to the General Assembly.

A paper was offered, and put on the docket, expressing dissent from the proposed alteration of the Confession, on the "Marriage Question," and favorable to a Commentary on the Bible by the Assembly.

Messrs. W. A. Burchfield, J. A. E. Simpson, Robert Kennedy, and George P. Hayes, of the Western Theological Seminary, were licensed to preach the Gospel, as probationers for the holy ministry.

Presbytery adopted a Narrative on the State of Religion, and ordered it to be published. [Narrative next week.]

A judicial case was heard and disposed of.

SUPPLIES.

Long Island Church.—Mr. Wortman, half the time for six months.

Mingo.—S. Fulton, the First Sabbath in May; T. C. Campbell, Second Sabbath; G. P. Hayes, Third Sabbath; J. B. Patterson, Fourth Sabbath.

Monongahela City.—Mr. Rockwell, Fourth Sabbath in May; Mr. Van Eman, Fifth Sabbath.

Allegheny County Jail.—Dr. Campbell, Third Sabbath in May; Dr. McKinney, Third Sabbath in June; Dr. Howard, Third Sabbath in July; Dr. Jacobus, Third Sabbath in August; Mr. Paxton, Third Sabbath in September; Mr. Lea, Third Sabbath in October. These services are to be at 2½ o'clock P. M.

DEMISSION OF THE MINISTERIAL OFFICE.

Presbytery answers the Overture sent down from the Assembly on this subject, negatively.

CHURCH CHARTERS.

The following Overture to the General Assembly, on this subject, was adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the importance of preventing the perversion of the funds and property of the individual churches and congregations under the care of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, of the United States of America, (Old School) from the ownership of churches, or individual congregations, attached to the doctrines, faith, worship, and Form of Government held, adopted, and practiced by the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, (Old School,) and to prevent said property from falling into the hands of churches or congregations alienated from the faith, doctrines, worship, and Form of Government of our churches, this Presbytery request the General Assembly to take action in this matter, and have prepared for the guidance of individual churches and congregations, a form of Charter of Incorporation, and recommend the adoption thereof to churches and congregations when they obtain Charters of Incorporation, subject to such modifications and variations, in the minute details, as their circumstances may require.

On motion, the remaining unfinished business was laid over till the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Maple Creek, the Second Tuesday of June, at five o'clock P. M. Closed with prayer.

R. McPHERSON, DAVID McKINNEY, } Committee.

Ecclesiastical.

Rev. REUBEN LEWIS' pastoral relation to the church of Fairmont, Va., was dissolved by the Presbytery of Redstone, at its late meeting.

Mr. B. F. MYERS has received and accepted a call from the church of Somerset, Presbytery of Redstone.

Messrs. WM. WARD CAMPBELL, and SAMUEL JACK NICCOLLS, were licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Redstone, at its late meeting.

Rev. JAMES F. KENNEDY'S pastoral relation to the church of Dickinson, Pa., was dissolved by the Presbytery of Carlisle, at its late meeting. Also, that between Rev. J. K. CRAMER and the churches of Williamsport and Welsh Run.

Rev. E. EMERSON, of Greencastle, Pa., has received a call from the church of Waynesboro' for one-fourth of his time.

Rev. R. H. MORROW'S pastoral relation to the church of Cedar Rapids, was dissolved by the Presbytery of Cedar, on the 12th inst.

Rev. E. B. RAFFENSPERGER'S pastoral relation to the First church, Bellefontaine, Ohio, has been dissolved. Mr. Raffensperger removes to Toledo, Ohio, to take charge of a church there, about to be organized, to be called the "Westminster church."

Rev. J. V. MILLER has received and accepted calls from the churches of Westminster, Buffalo, and Glade Run, Presbytery of Allegheny, each for one-third of his time.

Rev. JAMES S. BOYD has been chosen Principal of the Witherspoon Institute, Butler, Pa., by the Presbytery of Allegheny.

Mr. ELISHA HYATT was ordained by the Presbytery of Richland, on the 12th inst., and arrangements made for his installation over the churches of Chesterville and Harmony.

Rev. J. J. LANE has accepted a call from the church of Donegal, Presbytery of Donegal.

Messrs. WM. J. JOHNSON, and A. W. BOYD, students at the Western Theological Seminary, were licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Steubenville, at its late meeting.

Rev. ALEX. SWANEY has received a call from the church of New Hagerstown, Ohio.

Rev. W. W. LAVERTY has accepted the call from the church of Wellsville, Ohio.

Rev. LAVERTY GRIER has received and accepted a call from the church of Richmond, Jefferson, Co., Ohio.

Rev. S. McC. ANDERSON'S pastoral relation to the church of Unity (Fredericksburg,) was dissolved by the Presbytery of Coshocton, at its late meeting.

Mr. J. C. GILLAM, of the Western Theological Seminary, was licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Coshocton, on the 12th inst.

Mr. R. R. MOORE was ordained by the Presbytery of Richland, on the 12th inst., and installed pastor of the church of Sheebey, Ohio.

Mr. D. D. GREEN, a graduate of the last class of the Western Theological Seminary, was ordained as an Evangelist, by the Presbytery of Richland, on the 12th inst, with a view to his laboring in the destitute parts of our own country, or as a missionary to China.

Mr. S G. DUNLAP was licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Richland, on the 12th inst.

Rev. WM. HUGHES' pastoral relation to the church of Loudonville, O., was dissolved by the Presbytery of Richland, at its late meeting.

Mr. J. P. KINKAID was licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Allegheny, at its late meeting.

Mr. GEORGE MORRISON, a student of Danville Seminary, was licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Baltimore, on the 11th inst.

Mr. ASHBEL GREEN SIMONTON was ordained as an Evangelist by the Presbytery of Carlisle, at Harrisburg, Pa., on the 14th inst.

Messrs. J. A. LIGGETT, E E. McNAIR, G. MILLER, O. S. DUNN, D. R. FREEMAN, A. VANDER LIPPE, and J. M. CRAWFORD, students of the Danville Theological Seminary, were licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Transylvania, on the 8th inst.

Messrs. W. A. BURCHFIELD, J. A. E. SIMPSON, ROBERT KENNEDY, and GEORGE P. HAYES, of the Western Theological Seminary, were licensed to preach the Gospel, as probationers for the holy ministry, by the Presbytery of Ohio, at its last session.

Rev. JOHN DALE having received and accepted a call to supply the pulpit of the Providence church, Cass County, Ill., his Post Office address is changed from Selma, McLean Co., Ill., to Virginia, Cass Co., Ill.

Mr. JAMES MURRAY was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of East Hanover, on the 13th inst.

Rev. DRS. SMITH and DABNEY have been installed over the College church, Hampden Sidney, Va.

Mr. ORR LAWSON was ordained as an Evangelist, by the Presbytery of Clarion, on the 6th inst.

Mr. JAMES S. ELDER has received a call from the church of Greenville, Clarion Presbytery.

Mr. HENRY B. BOUDE was licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Ebenezer, on the 8th inst.

Mr. E W. BEDINGER was ordained by the Presbytery of Ebenezer, on the 8th inst., and calls from the churches of Richwood and Burlington placed in his hands, which he accepted.

Messrs. H. M. DICKSON, and R. W. McCORMICK, were licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Charleston, at its late meeting.

Mr. S. E. AXSON has received and accepted a call from the church of Beech Island, Presbytery of Charleston.

Rev. N. B. LYONS has accepted the call from the church of Upper Ten Mile, Washington County, Pa.

Messrs. MARCUS WISHART, GEORGE SCOTT, CHAS. P. FRENCH, JOSEPH WAUGH, SAML G. McFARLAND, and JOHN P. P. STOCKTON, were licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Paesbytery of Washington, at its late meeting.

Messrs. ALEX. L. BLACKFORD, and GEO. K. SCOTT, were ordained as Evangelists, by the Presbytery of Washington, at its late meeting. The former has been accepted as a missionary by the Board of Foreign Missions; but his field of labor is not yet designated. The latter expects to establish himself in Texas