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JAMES' EARNEST MINISTRY.—Our readers will find a notice of this work in the appropriate column; also an advertisement by Dr. Rogers. We trust that a copy will soon be in the hands of every student in the three Theological Seminaries, and that each one will drink copiously from the fountain.

REV. WM. M. PAXTON, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, received a call, week before last, from the Second Presbyterian church of Brooklyn, of which Rev. Dr. Spencer was formerly pastor, and which was lately served by the Rev. Dr. Willis Lord, now of Chicago. But Mr. Paxton declined the call at once. Glad of it.

DECLINATURE.—The Rev. Joseph T. Cooper, D.D., of Philadelphia, has declined the Professorship of Pastoral Theology in the United Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Allegheny City, to which he was elected some time ago, on account of the unanimous refusal of his Presbytery to release him from his present pastoral charge.

SUCCESSOR TO DR. KRAUTH.—The English Lutheran church, on Seventh Street, lately under the charge of Rev. C. P. Krauth, D.D., has given a call to the Rev. Reuben Hill, of Hagerstown, Maryland, which has been accepted. Mr. Hill is still a young man, but is highly spoken of by those who have attended upon his ministry. The field upon which he enters is an important one, that will well repay diligent cultivation.

Eastern Summary.

The unusually long articles in our present number, compel us to leave out our Eastern Summary this week. Hereafter we will studiously seek to avoid such long communications, that we may supply our readers with a greater variety. Writers will please bear in mind the propriety of conciseness in their articles.

The Holidays have crowded our advertising columns for a short time, but this will soon be over.

Decease of Prof. Hope.

Rev. Matthew B. Hope, D.D., Professor of *Belles Lettres* in the College of New Jersey, died suddenly, on Saturday the 17th, at Princeton. He had been, for some time, subject to attacks of neuralgia and fainting. During one of these, his spirit departed.

A more extended notice will be given. For the present we bear our testimony that a good man has departed. We know him long and intimately.

Dr. Thornwell's Idea of the Church.

This journal was the first to take exception to the theory of the Church as presented by Dr. Thornwell in the last General Assembly. But the view we then took of the matter, has been adopted in every Presbytery and Synod, in which the subject has been introduced, and they have been many. Even the Synod of Kentucky has declared itself against the Thornwell idea. The mover in the matter there was Dr. W. L. Breckinridge, the Moderator of the last Assembly.

An Example.

ENCOURAGING.—The pastor of a church in which seventy copies of the *North Carolina Presbyterian* are taken, has written for a list of the subscribers in his congregation. He says that he will use his influence to secure a renewal of each name and to add new ones to the list.

So says the paper whose name is mentioned. This shows a pastor's interest, in the sustentation of a religious journal, and especially in the feeding of his own flock. Ministerial effort is indispensable to the supplying of a people with religious literature.

Dr. Newton Deceased.

Rev. A. Newton, D.D., died at his residence in Jackson, Miss., on the 27th of November, at an advanced age.

Dr. Newton was an active minister, an able writer, and a shrewd controversialist. He took a very prominent part in consummating the late division in the New School Church, and in the forming of the United Synod of the South. But few men who claimed the name of Presbyterian, have gone farther than he in advocating slavery as a Bible institution. He was also an ardent, if not a violent opponent of the Old School. His brethren have lost a strong man, whose championship they will miss greatly.

The Pacific Expositor.

We noted this work, on its first appearance, nearly six months ago. It lives, and is likely to flourish. We ask particular attention to its Prospectus in our advertising columns, and cannot but hope that some of our readers, and would wish that many of them, may become subscribers. The pastor, or one of the elders, or some gentleman of talents and zeal, in every church, should take one, or take several of our distant journals. Every congregation which would be well informed, and be ready always to put forth its due influence, should have, amongst its officers and members, a copy of a leading magazine or newspaper from every extended portion of our Church.

Dr. Scott conducts the *Pacific Expositor* with great ability; and he is aided by some ready writers.

The Street Passenger Cars, and the Opponents of Conveyances to Church.

The street cars, in obedience to law, ceased, for a little while, their running on the Sabbath; but they resumed it again, under the shadow of a mail contract. Will the courts sustain this? Will our worthy city magistrates have the matter tested? Will good citizens endure it?

A few weeks ago there was an indication that some of the citizens meant to move in the case. On Monday evening, the 12th inst., there was a meeting in the Second United Presbyterian church, at which animated speeches were made, and a long list of resolutions passed. These profess favor toward a very strict Sabbath observance. They "reprobate" the late "decision" of the Supreme Court, which permits a family to be conveyed to church in a carriage; they approve of the law of 1794, as good and adequate; they thank the secular press for the aid given to circulate "orthodox sentiments;" they request ministers to preach on Sabbath "desecration;" they urge Christians to be exemplary; and they thank the Mayor for his energy.

The gratitude expressed to the Mayor, demands distinct notice. The resolution runs thus:

"5. *Resolved*, That the Mayor of Pittsburgh, Hon. H. A. Weaver, merits the highest commendation for his laudable efforts in endeavoring to prevent the desecration of the Sabbath, by the running of private carriages and public vehicles on that day."

This meeting, in their approbation of the Mayor and their condemnation of the Supreme Court, have set themselves directly against a portion of their fellow Christians. This is to be regretted. Good men should never be found in hostile array against each other. Division neutralizes their power. Extreme measures, carrying out the peculiar notions of the *straitest* sects, should never be proposed. They prevent the extended union which, in this community, is indispensable to success.

In the case now before us there is, so far as the cars are concerned, a general agreement. Their running on the Sabbath is an immense evil. Shall they be stopped? They may be. The law is with us, and the Court is with us. We can, by union, stop them. But, great as this evil is, which by union we could remove, the Monday evening meeting were unwilling to treat it alone. They must assail also a mode of going to worship—a mode deemed by other Christians to be right and proper. They would stop, and commend the civil magistrate for trying to stop, and condemn the Supreme Court for not so interpreting the law as to stop, the going to church in carriages; especially if a hired member of the family shall guide the vehicle. Now there are Christians, many of them, whose character in every holy and noble aspect, would not pale beside their fellows, who believe that our suburban residents, and our many farmers, and our country mechanics who keep horses, vehicles, and hired men for the carrying on of their business, have a right religiously to use these in reaching the Lord's house of worship, on the Lord's day. They also believe that aged persons, and persons enfeebled by ill health, and very young persons, have a right to worship; and to many of these, a vehicle and hired man are indispensable, if they would enjoy their right. These, then, cannot but regard the Court's decision as righteous; and they could not enter into any arrangement to make it void. In country places more than half the people use a conveyance of some kind in getting to church.

The commendation of the Mayor, quoted above, strikes us strangely. Is it not a little on the superlative order? It says he "merits the *highest* commendation for his laudable efforts," &c. Would that the *success* had been as great as the efforts are said to have been meritorious. But, alas! the success is not visible. There is a train of cars on each of our great high ways, every Sabbath. The Street cars run, and carry passengers; and the Livery men do a large business; and vehicles used for pleasure, move freely on the Lord's day.

But the commendation is for the efforts, and not for the success. Well, we know how to appreciate earnest and persevering efforts; and how to honor good intentions, proved by judicious and mighty strivings. But what has been attempted here? We have heard of no efforts to stop the railroad trains, nor the omnibuses, nor the livery hirings, nor the pleasure vehicles. The only efforts were the brief ones upon the street cars and the carriages. And in the latter case, a curiosity is to be noted. The obviously pleasure vehicles all went unmolested. And the go-to-church carriages, where the "driver" remained on the box, were not arrested. It was *only the vehicles of Christians, who had made full provision for their drivers to attend worship*, which were hailed before his honor, and mulcted in penalties.

In response to the plea, that the poor have as good a right to the Sabbath car, to get to church, as the rich have to their carriage, we answer—if the Sabbath car runs *only* to take people to church, the plea is good. Use the car, in that case. The shape or name of the vehicle makes no difference. The Christian's carriage goes *only to meeting*, and carries only those who are going there. Let the Company's car do just so, and it is as legal, and as really sanctified, for the time and occasion, as is the Christian's carriage.

We strive to be strictly consistent in our Sabbath notions. The day is a day of rest. But social worship on it, is a duty, and to reach the house of God requires muscular effort. The beast needs rest, and so do the limbs of a man; but both may be employed a little, without weariness; and though the horse has no mind to be benefited, he was yet given to man for man's comfort, and he has his highest utility, and his noblest employment, when he takes his master and mistress and their household, to God's house of worship.

We trust then that our brethren will yet unite with us in sustaining the civil Court. The Court will aid us in causing the cessation of mere worldly employments on the Sabbath. And when worldly men would combine and turn upon us, and interfere with our worship, the Court will protect us from their perversion of the law. It will allow us a reasonable use of the horse to relieve our physical frame, a relief which some greatly need. And it will make no difference between rich and poor. If then, our liberties are abridged, the fault must be ours; and if the gross forms of Sabbath desecration continue, the fault there will be also ours—it will be because Christians will not *unite* in bringing law and public sentiment to bear upon the evil.

We would entreat our fellow Christians, and all good men, to join heart and hand, in causing to cease, the gross profanation of the Lord's day, in the worldly carrying on of the street car business, fraught, as it is, with awful evils consequent thereon, in dance houses, drinking saloons, pleasure gardens, and other impurities.

Doing Good.

One of the most effective means of doing good, is the circulation of a well conducted religious newspaper. The paper always contains much reading matter, and it comes *fifty-two* times in a year. It is filled with information, belonging to time and immortality. It treats of Christian doctrine, experience, and practice. It keeps a family well-informed of all important affairs in their own Church; and of leading facts in regard to other Churches; and of the doings of civil government which are of general interest; and of the affairs of the nations of the earth. Without such a paper, no family can possibly be well informed. With it, no household can grow up ignorant. Beyond all other kinds of printed matter, of modern origin, the newspaper has a value. It will be read. And it will awake thought, and it will evoke conversation.

The *Banner and Advocate* we endeavor to make, as nearly as possible, just what a religious journal should be. Its habitual readers will be sound and attached Presbyterians, without bigotry; and intelligent, liberal minded Christians, without latitudinarianism. They will also be industrious, enterprising and energetic men and women, good citizens, as well as good church members.

The new year is very close at hand, and we earnestly invite our friends, and all who would do good to their own family and to their neighbors, to renew their subscription, and induce others to subscribe.

Times are a little hard, but our terms are very low. It would be hard to find a way in which so small an amount of money could be made to produce so much interest, pleasure, and real benefit to a household; or could procure so valuable a New Year's Gift for a friend, the poor family, or the widow.

Try what can be done to keep up and to increase our circulation.

Presbyterian Historical Almanac.

The second volume of this highly valuable annual has made its appearance. It is a book of three hundred pages, 8vo., good paper, and well executed. It contains fourteen portraits of Moderators, and twelve drawings of churches. It contains much Historical matter, of great value. The statistical tables are full, comprehensive, and well arranged.

The work embraces only the English speaking Presbyterians. These are resident in Great Britain, Ireland, and North America. The great trunk, as presented in the work before us, divides off into thirty branches; some of course larger than others, but all possess the life and generic features of the tree; and all are faithful. They are tended by over ten thousand ministers, most of whose names and Post Office addresses are here given. There are more than thirty thousand Ruling Elders, and more than one million members.

The work of Mr. Wilson is of immense value. Every one of the ten thousand ministers should have it. Elders also, and members would find it greatly gratifying. We trust that the enterprising publisher will be encouraged by the sale of large editions, so as to long prosecute his enterprise, adding to the contents from year to year.

The price is $1.00 a copy, or eleven copies for $10 00. The postage is but twelve cents if prepaid; otherwise it is twenty-seven cents. It will be well then to send to Mr. Wilson the twelve cents additional, when sending for the work by mail.

Christian Union.

This is the title of a sermon preached by the Rev. Henry A. Boardman, D.D., in the Tenth Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, on Sabbath evening, November 27th, 1859, that is worthy of a very wide circulation and careful study. The author gives a clear statement of the difficulties in the way of Christian Union among all the different Evangelical Churches, and then shows most conclusively the position occupied by the Presbyterian Church on the subject; that her ground is the true ground, and that just as soon as the other branches of the great family shall adopt the same principle, and exhibit practically, an equal liberality, all the obstacles in the way of a true Christian Union, of which so much is now said, will have been taken away.

As soon as the present pressure on our columns is a little relieved, we will call the attention of our readers to the subject of which this discourse treats, and present them with some extracts; because the position of the Presbyterian Church with respect to other Churches, has been too long misunderstood and misrepresented. Dr. Boardman has done a good work, in this sermon, that will be highly appreciated by all sound Presbyterians, and all true union-loving Christians.

The Choctaws.

These are one of the most interesting of our Indian Tribes. There is a prospect of saving a remnant of them, who shall be a seed whence shall spring a numerous people. The fact of their being cut off by the American Board at its last meeting, from all aid henceforth, has awakened attention to the Mission, and excited much sympathy. We place on our first page an Address of Rev. C. Kingsbury, long their instructor and guide, which will convey much important information, and to which we invite attention.

Dedication of a Church.

We are requested to notice the dedication of a new church, at Onarga, Ill. It took place on the 13th of November. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Henry M. Bacon. A pastor is now wanted, to whom it is said a comfortable support would be given.

Onarga is eighty miles from Chicago, on the great Central Railroad, and is well situated. The church was organized three years ago.

The Nation: Its Relation to God.

This is the subject of an admirable sermon, preached by the Rev. Wm. M. Paxton, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, on Thanksgiving day, which is now published in handsome style, by Wm. S. Haven. The text is Luke xvi:5—"How much owest thou my Lord?" The author attacks and overthrows the theory now so widely prevalent, and so terribly mischievous in its results, that seeks to deprive human Government of all moral character; that would not allow it to protect the Christian Sabbath, or to place the Bible in our Common Schools, or to demand a solemn oath in witness bearing; sets forth the true relations between religion and the State; and shows most conclusively our obligations to God as a Christian people. The style is manly and clear, the mode of argument is effective, and the conclusion is unanswerable.

Ministers, Christians, and patriots, have a great contest before them in this country yet, with respect to the very principles discussed in this sermon.

A Fifty Years Pastorate.

We, last October, called attention to the Semi-Centennary celebration of the pastorate of Rev. James Linn, D. D., of Bellefonte, Pa. It occurred during the meeting of the Presbytery of Huntingdon, in that church, and hence many of the brethren participated in the exercises. We have now before us, in a neat pamphlet of forty-eight pages, the Address of Dr. Linn, and the sermon by Dr. Junkin. The sermon bears the characteristics of an able head and a pious heart. The Address is a plain, feeling, and earnest narrative of a pastor's long and most happy connexion with a loved and appreciative people; embracing also much interesting historical detail of the Presbyteries of Huntingdon and Northumberland; the two being one at the time when Dr. Linn transferred his ecclesiastical relations thither, from the Presbytery of Carlisle. Let those who have long been faithful laborers in Christ's Church, be had in great honor.

History of the Church of Christ.*

The history of the Church of Christ is one of profound interest to every scholar, every clergyman, and every intelligent mind. Its limits are so extensive, the materials are so plenty, and it is so interwoven with the records of national progress, literature, and philosophy, that a perfect epitome of dates and facts, and a comprehensive digest of the subject matter, will be hailed with no small degree of gratitude. Such a work has now been given to the Church and the world by Prof. Henry B. Smith, D.D., professor in the Union Theological Seminary, New York. It embraces the history of the Church from the birth of Christ until the present time, giving a synchronistic view of the events, characteristics, and culture of each period, including the history of polity, worship, literature, and doctrines, together with two supplementary tables upon the Church in America; and an Appendix containing the series of Councils, Popes, Patriarchs, and other Bishops, with a full index. Upon this work the author has expended an immense amount of care, labor, learning, and anxiety, during twenty years; and the result is a production most honorable to American scholarship, and presenting a full and accurate history of the Church of Christ in a new and accessible form. No other book of the kind is so complete, comprehensive, and exact. It is a vast treasury, from which many will receive large supplies.

The part that treats of the Church in this country is particularly full, and the Appendix is of great value in tracing the ever-varying history of the Romish Church. The author and publisher are entitled to many thanks and an extensive patronage. And as the season for making presents is near at hand, we hope that not a few of our readers will take this opportunity of enriching their pastors' libraries with this work. We have already called the attention of our readers to this folio volume, but refer to it again from a growing conviction of its excellence.

*HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, in Chronological Tables. By *Henry B. Smith, D.D.*, Professor in the Union Theological Seminary, of the city of New York. 1 Vol. folio. Price $6. New York: *Charles Scribner*. Pittsburgh: *John S. Davison*. 1859.

Mistakes.

I. *It is a mistake* for a pastor to suppose that he can have his people take an interest in the religious movements of the day, without having a religious newspaper circulated among them.

II. *It is a mistake* for a pastor to suppose that his people can be acquainted with the progress and wants of his own denomination, and contribute liberally to the support of its institutions, unless they are readers of a newspaper devoted especially to the interests of that branch of the Christian Church.

III. *It is a mistake* for any one to suppose that he can, by the same expenditure in any other way, bring as much religious information before his family, as by subscribing and paying for a well conducted religious newspaper.

IV. *It is a mistake* for a man to begin to practice economy by stopping his religious newspaper. To do this is to deprive himself and family of a great benefit.

V. *It is a mistake* for any one to suppose that a newspaper can be made exactly what every one would like it to be. The general taste and wants must be consulted.

VI. *It is a mistake* for any to think that editors can, by any possibility admit to their columns every article that is sent them. They must often decline contributions ably written, because space is demanded for something of present interest of which the Church and the world wishes to read.

VII. *It is a mistake* for one who can compose lines containing a certain number of syllables, to suppose himself a true-born poet.

VIII. *It is a mistake* to suppose that editors have much leisure, lead an easy life, or are too well paid.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

Organizations.

Two churches have recently been organized by Committees of Des Moines Presbytery; one at the thriving village of Martinsburg, Keokuk County, about midway between Ottumwa and Sigourney, where there are a score or more of Presbyterians; the other on a beautiful prairie, near the little stream called Spring Creek, eight miles from Ottumwa, and an equal distance from Martinsburg. Seven or eight families, comprising thirteen members in full communion, are identified with the promising little church of Spring Creek. Both these organizations will be in the new Presbytery of Fairfield, lately erected by the Synod of Southern Iowa.

J.M.M.

PERSONAL.

HON. J. C. BRECKINRIDGE, Vice President of the United States, has been elected Senator of the United States from Kentucky, by a majority of twenty-nine on joint ballot.

MARTIN VAN BUREN.—No ex President has ever lived in more studied retirement than Martin Van Buren. He is seldom away from his home, and never seems to covet attentions of any kind. On the 5th inst., he passed his 77th year. He is said to be writing a memoir of his times. It will, if truthful, reveal a great many curious chapters in the political history of the country.

REV. DR. COX gives his idea of the "Broad Church" as follows: "The Broad Church! Yes! Make God's Church broad enough to take in Simon Magus, and Judas, and Satan! Out upon it! *It is all pious stultiloquy—and not so pious either.*"

THE HON. THOMAS CORWIN, twenty-nine years ago, Monday, took his seat in the House of Representatives as a member from the same district now represented by him. There is not a member of the House with him who was there when he first took his seat.

DEATH OF MRS. DOANE.—Died, at Florence, Italy, on Friday, November 11th, Eliza Greene Doane, widow of the late Bishop of New Jersey. Mrs. Doane, it is stated, never recovered from the effects of the outrages of the Papal troops in the assault on Perugia, where she and her son's family were stopping a few months since, during the early part of the Italian disturbances.

REV. JAMES PEELER, of Tallahassee, Florida, has invented a plow, of which he has sold the patent rights in twelve States, realizing therefor, $251,000. He has given away of this sum $200,000 for Church purposes.

A DIGNITARY of the Spanish Church has published in the *Epoca* an appeal to the Government to establish the Papal authority, and to co-operate with France and Austria, for the subjection of heretical England.

A FRENCH SAVANT has engaged three thousand laborers for the purpose of prosecuting some contemplated extensive excavations on the sites of cities in Upper Egypt.

MR. GOWEN, the American contractor for removing the obstructions from Sebastopol harbor, has now finished his work with the outer line of sunken vessels, so that they do not obstruct navigation. The large frigate *Vladimir*, was successfully raised October 14th.

THE late Rev. Dr. J. W. Alexander, while Professor in the College of New Jersey, preached regularly to a small congregation of colored people, without compensation, for seven years. One of the most interesting features at his funeral was the gathering around the grave of those to whom he had so kindly broken the bread of life.

A BIOGRAPHICAL sketch of the life and works of Daniel Webster has been published in Russia, by Professor Ratchenovsky, of the University of Kharhoff.

JOHN B. GOUGH is lecturing with great success in Ireland.

BAYARD TAYLOR.—This famous traveler and lecturer, is receiving very severe strictures from both the secular and religious press, on account of his covert thrusts at evangelical religion in his lecture on Humboldt.

AT the great sale, in London, a few months ago, the autographs of Milton and his wife were sold to Messrs. Pennington, of Philadelphia, for a fellow-townsman of theirs who has one of the best collections in this country. The sum paid was £215. The first runs as follows:

April 26, 1669.

Recd then of Samuel Simmons five pounds being the second five pounds to be paid mentioned in the covenant. I say recd by me.

JOHN MILTON.

Witness Edmond dipton.

"Paradise Lost," published in 1667, was sold by Milton to Simmons, a bookseller, for five pounds, with a promise of five pounds more ($25) when one thousand three hundred copies should have been sold of each addition of one thousand three hundred copies respectively. Milton died in November, 1674, and his widow, who long survived him, gave a receipt for eight pounds more, dated December 21, 1680; which was one of two documents purchased for Philadelphia, which is a receipt as follows:

I do hereby acknowledge to have received of Samuel Symmonds Cittizen and Staconer of London the sum of Eight pounds which is in full payment for all my right, title or interest, which I have, or ever had in the coppy of a Poem entitled Paradise Lost, in twenty Bookes in 8vo. By John Milton, Gent: my late husband. Witness my hand this 21st day of December, 1680.

ELIZABETH MILTON.

Witness, William Yapp. Ann Yapp.

SENATOR CRITTENDEN.—Another of the ancient lights of the United States Senate is soon to go out. By the election of Mr. Breckinridge from Kentucky, John J. Crittenden, the oldest member of the Senatorial body, retires from a public service that has been most honorable to himself and most useful to the country. Mr. Crittenden is now in the seventy-fourth year of his age. He entered the Senate as early as 1817—forty-two years ago—although he then served but two years. It is a singular fact that Mr. Crittenden has never been a member of the House of Representatives. Besides his different terms in the Senate, Mr. Crittenden served the public as Governor of Kentucky, and Attorney General under President Harrison, and also under Mr. Fillmore.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

Death of a Laborer in the Vineyard.

At a time like the present, when there is great need of increased liberality, it may be interesting, not only to the family and friends, but to all who love the Saviour, and have at heart the advancement of his kingdom, to read of the life and death of an humble, yet benevolent Elder of a feeble congregation.

In Shirleysburg, Pa., on Monday morning, Dec. 5th, 1859, John Brewster died, lacking two days of being sixty-eight years of age. In early life he was more than usually careless, for one enjoying the privileges of the Christian family, and the instructions and prayers of a pious mother. After returning from service, at the call of his country, in the late war with Britain, he left Franklin County, his native place, for Ohio. He stopped near Hillsborough, and was, like Paul, arrested by the way. His host, much exercised during a religious awakening, asked him when and where he had made a profession. The answer, which he was compelled to give, "that he had never *confessed Christ*," led him to reflect on his course. The work of grace was now begun. He returned home, and united with the church of Path Valley, then under the pastoral care of the late Dr. McGinley. He removed from Path Valley to Shirleysburg, where he resided for the last twenty six years. He was elected an Elder many years ago, but refused to serve. He was again elected four years since, and was prevailed upon to receive ordination.

He was reserved and retiring in disposition, but the *power* of his faith was manifest in his *acts*. He labored for Christ, not as urged by impulses of feeling, but as he labored for himself, in a business like way. He was not to-day like "Saul among the prophets," and to-morrow like Saul searching for David. He was of a better model of Bible saints—more like Moses, or the one described by Paul, "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." Hence, when asked, once, about four years since, how much he gave annually to promote Christ's cause, he said—"In these things I do not wish 'to let my left hand know what my right hand doeth.'" But, when told the object of the inquiry, and that Christ also said, "Let your light so shine," etc, he showed a memorandum of a semi annual contribution. It amounted to $540, viz: Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, $80; Domestic Missions, $50; Education, $30; Colonization, $60; American Board, $100; A. S. S. U. $50; A. T. S. $50; A. P. S. $30; Sabbath Ass. $40; B. S $50. His alms may have varied from the above; but both before and since, they were liberal for his means. During the present pastorate, he has given $150, annually, to support the Gospel at home.

About three years ago he told the writer that he intended, being his own executor in his gifts to Christ. He said he was arranging with the Boards and Societies for $20,000, and showed a paper with the amounts and objects, of which the reader will have some idea from the above list of his semi-annual contributions. And he added, "$10,000 is enough for children, who do well, and if they use it badly, it is too much."

His last sickness continued only two weeks. He came home from Huntingdon, where duty had called him as Associate Judge, unwell, and rapidly grew worse until he died. He was patient in suffering, pleasant to his attendants, and often expressed his thankfulness for the kindness of his friends and neighbors. As he had lived, so he died, calm and dignified, showing faith in Christ, love for the Church, and desire for the salvation of his family and friends, by noble and impressive *action*. A widow, three daughters, many friends, and the Church of Christ on earth, are left to mourn their loss. But what is our loss is his eternal gain, and we have written, that others of Christ's family on earth, who have his ability, may have his mantle fall upon their hearts, to lead them to go and do likewise. He began the world with little, he *gave* and prospered, and has left to his wife and children in earthly substance, and what is better, in a good name, and in dying blessings and advice, that which should make them cherish his memory with honest pride. The Church should thank God for such a "living epistle," and for one which, though "dead yet speaketh."

G.W.S.

Ecclesiastical.

Rev. JAMES STRATTON has resigned the charge of the church of Carmel, Natchez, Miss.

Rev. T. McREA, of Jackson, La., has resigned his charge.

Rev. A. J. YEATER has been compelled to suspend preaching for a time, in consequence of a chronic affection of the throat. He has been laboring for the past six months in Montgomery County, Texas.

Rev. ROBERT BAIRD, D.D., has been appointed Corresponding Secretary and General Agent of the Southern Aid Society. He will enter upon the duties of the office in the month of January. Dr. Stiles continues in charge for the present.

Rev. THOS. D. URMSTON, who signified to his church at Van Buren, Ark, his intention to accept the call from the church at Fort Smith, has been advised by his Presbytery to remain where he is. This leaves the church at Fort Smith still vacant.

Rev. W. A. SEMPLE has resigned the charge of the Fort Smith Female Academy, into the hands of a layman, with a view to devoting himself exclusively to the work of the ministry.

Rev. A. A. E. TAYLOR was installed pastor of the church in Dubuque, on the 11th of November, by a committee of the Presbytery of Dubuque. Rev. Dr. Rice, of Chicago, preached the sermon on the occasion.

Rev. J. C. BALDWIN has received and accepted an invitation to supply the church at Clinton, Ky.

Rev. WM. ROSSER has received and accepted an invitation to supply the church of Vernon, Tenn.

Rev. W. H. HICKS has commenced labor in Knox County, Mo., as a missionary. He is supported by the late Dr. Alexander's church, in New York city.

Rev. E. W. LARKIN has removed from Henderson, Ky., to McLeod's P. O. Green county, Miss., and taken charge of the Salem High School, located there.

Rev. P. AUGUSTUS STUDDIFORD's pastoral relation to the churches of Milford and Holland, was dissolved by the Presbytery of Raritan, at its late meeting, with a view to his accepting a call from the Reformed Dutch Church, Bellville, New Jersey. Presbytery then dismissed him to the Classis of Bergen, as a Presbyter in good standing.

Mr. SAMUEL MILLER MOORE, late a licentiate of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, having accepted a call to the united churches of Pine Grove and Bald Eagle, Pennsylvania, was ordained and installed pastor of the former on the 6th inst. The Rev. John Moore preached the sermon; the Rev. G. W. Thompson, D.D., gave the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. Dr. Gibson the charge to the people, and the Rev. Mr. Hamill offered the closing prayer Drs. Linn, Gibson, and the Rev. Mr. Hamill, were appointed a committee to install Mr. Moore pastor of the Bald Eagle church, at Unionville, on the 17th of January, at 11 o'clock A.M.

Rev. GEORGE M. S. BLAUVELT was installed pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lyons Farms, New Jersey, by the Presbytery of Passaic, on the 2d ult.

Rev. W. V. FRIERSON's Post Office address is changed from Shiloh, Alabama, to Coonewar, Miss.

Rev. JUSTUS T. UMSTED having consented to supply the church of Selma, Alabama, for the Winter, correspondents will please address him at that place.

Rev. JOHN E. EDWARDS, of Virginia, has not been elected Professor of Rhetoric in the University of North Carolina, as has been stated.

Rev. EDWARD WURTS has accepted an invitation to supply the Portland Avenue church, Louisville, Ky., during the ensuing Winter.

Rev. W. S. MOORE was installed pastor of the united churches of Franklin and Ebenezer, Macon Co., N. C., on the 22d of Oct., by a Committee of Concord Presbytery.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

Acknowledgment.

The pastor of the Presbyterian church at Ottumwa, Iowa, desires to acknowledge the reception of a box of clothing, from the ladies of the Alexandria Presbyterian church, Huntingdon Co., Pa. Those kind friends are assured that their favors are highly appreciated, and will not soon be forgotten. There has not been a time for years, in which aid of this kind was more acceptable to laborers in the mission field, than at present. To many, the reception of such voluntary, unlooked for contributions, seems to be a message from the Master, saying, "Fear not;" the voice of the Good Shepherd, giving assurance that they 'shall not want.' May the kind donors be rewarded an hundred fold for their labor of love.

J.M.M.

Presbyterial Notices.

The PRESBYTERY OF BLAIRSVILLE will meet in Blairsville, on the First Tuesday of January, at 2 o'clock P. M. To be opened with a sermon by Mr. Hastings; subject, "The Witness of the Spirit;" and during the sessions of Presbytery, Mr. Carson will preach on the subject of "Christian Witnesses for Christ."

JAMES DAVIS, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF COSHOCTON will meet (special session,) at Millersburg, Ohio, at 2 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday, December 27th, 1859.

WM. E. HUNT, Moderator.

The PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY CITY will meet, agreeably to adjournment, at 10 A.M. of the First Tuesday of January, 1860, in the First Presbyterian church, Allegheny City.

W. ANNAN, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE will meet in Morristown, on the First Tuesday of January next, at 2 o'clock P. M.

JOHN MOFFAT, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF SALTSBURG will meet at Jacksonville, on the First Tuesday of January, at 2 o'clock P M. Subject of opening sermon, James 1: 18. Preacher, Rev. A. McElwain; alternate, Rev. T. S. Lemon.

W. W. WOODEND, Stated Clerk.

Literary Notices.

AN EARNEST MINISTRY THE WANT OF THE TIMES. By *John Angell James*. Pp. 288. Price 75 cents. New York: *M. W. Dodd*. Pittsburgh: For Sale at the *United Presbyterian Board of Publication Rooms*, No. 76 Third Street.

The ministerial qualification here discussed, is one which must be regarded as indispenseable. No man can either save himself or those that hear him, if destitute of this qualification. The author of this work was a man whose praise is in all the churches. After laboring for nearly sixty years in one pastorate, he was lately called away by the Master, to his rest and reward. He entered upon his ministry in Birmingham, under very discouraging circumstances. A small congregation, cold and inactive, with no other prospect before the young preacher than that, after spending a few years of trial, he should be forced to abandon the field and seek a settlement somewhere else. But not only this. He prosecuted his ministry, surrounded by a state of things most adverse to the success of the Gospel. Birmingham, from an inconsiderable inland town, grew up to be one of the most extensive and flourishing manufacturing cities in the world; and as the result of such a state of things, excessive wealth in the hands of a few, and its accompaniment, pride and luxury; on the other hand, poverty and crime, debauchery and ungodliness among the masses. And yet what was the result of John Angell James' ministry in that place? It was a decided success. He was the means of gathering around him one of the most numerous and influential congregations in Britain; and his power and influence as a Gospel minister, instead of declining, continued to increase to almost the extreme limits of old age. And what was the secret of his success? It was not brilliancy of talents or of pulpit eloquence; for nothing could be plainer, more childlike, and simple than his preaching. But it was that all important qualification which forms the subject of this book. He was in Earnest. This carried him directly into the conscience and hearts of his hearers.

Ministers of the Gospel, are you aiming at success in your ministry? Get this book and read it prayerfully. Candidates for the Gospel ministry, get this book and read it prayerfully, and learn from it what manner of man you should aim to be, if you ever expect the approbation of the Master, or to have comfort and success in doing his work. [See advertisement.]

THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS. By *Rudolf Stier*. Translated from the second revised and enlarged edition. By the *Rev. W. B. Pope*. New Edition. Pp. 478. Philadelphia: *Smith, English & Co.* New York: *Sheldon & Co.* Boston: *Gould & Lincoln*. Pitteburgh: *W. S. Rentoul*, and *John S. Davison*. 1859.

This is the second volume of the great work of Stier, of which we gave an extended notice two or three weeks ago, containing the third and fourth volumes of the previous edition. We can only re-affirm what we then said, of the high character of this learned and able Commentary on the four Gospels. No other author so thoroughly analyzes and dissects the original text, or brings out so clearly and so fully its wonderful depth and breadth of meaning. The library of no minister, Christian scholar, or intelligent and careful reader of the Bible, is complete without this work.

LETTERS OF JOHN CALVIN, compiled from the original manuscripts, and edited with Historical Notes by *Dr. Jules Bonnet*. Vol. III. Translated from the Latin and French languages, by *Marcus Robert Gilchrist*. Pp. 491. Philadelphia: *Presbyterian Board of Publication*. Pittsburgh: *Board of Colportage, St. Clair Street*.

We trust that our readers have not forgotten the account we gave some months ago of the Letters of Calvin, now in course of publication by our Board. The third volume is issued, and the fourth will soon follow. No one can fully know the kindly and pious spirit of Calvin, the value set upon his opinions, the amount of his labors, the extent of his influence, or the high and holy motives by which he was actuated, that has not carefully read and studied this correspondence. We hope these volumes will have an extensive sale.

THE PASTORAL OFFICE. By *Rev. Reuben Smith*. Pp. 105. Philadelphia; *Presbyterian Board of Publication*. Pittsburgh: *Board of Colportage*, St. Clair Street.

This is a well written little book, in which the author discusses the nature and authority of the pastoral office and pastoral qualifications, and adds an Appendix, giving the experiences and observations of a pastorate of forty years. It will be read with profit by candidates for the ministry, and those who have lately entered upon the pastoral office.

THE POOR ORPHAN'S LEGACY, Pp. 67.—This is a short collection of godly counsels and exhortations, primarily designed by the author for his own children, but was published that others might be benefited by them. The author was the Rev. John Thompson, of Donegal Presbytery, who came from Ireland to New York in 1715, and spent the latter part of his life as a missionary in Virginia, where he died. Every parent would do a good work, by placing this little volume in the hands of his children.

News Department.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK.—The number for January is out. For sale by Hunt & Miner.

BOARD OF COLPORTAGE.—This establishment on St. Clair Street, has a large and new supply of Books, for the holidays.

HARPER'S MONTHLY.—The number for January is unusually rich in matter and illustrations. This is the beginning of the twentieth volume of the most widely circulated magazine ever published. The present is a good time to subscribe. For sale by Hunt & Miner.

These gentlemen are well provided with magazines, newspapers, and writing materials for the holiday sales.

Secession of Southern Students.

The students from the Southern States in attendance at the Medical Colleges in Philadelphia, held a meeting on Tuesday, and determined to leave in a body, and go to the Southern Colleges. It is said Jefferson College will lose two hundred students, and the University one hundred.

The Eclectic Magazine.

This is to us ever welcome, in its monthly visits—welcome for the matter and the execution, the jewel and the casket. The number for January, 1860, now before us, contains two splendid steel engravings; one, the Royal Family of England, and the other, Eugenie, Empress of France, and Ladies of her Court. The reading matter is embraced in twenty-two selections from leading Foreign Reviews.

The twelve numbers of the year make three volumes, of over six hundred pages each. The price is six dollars.

Books Again.

Mr. Davison advertises another large lot of valuable, illustrated, historical, scientific, literary, juvenile, and theological works, this week. He has on hand a full supply of the publications of Appleton's, Harper's, Carter