Presbyterian Banner.

PITTSBURGH, SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1860

Colporage.—See advertisement, and get supplies from the excellent stock at the Presbyterian Book Rooms.

Irish Missions.—The undersigned acknowledges the receipt of *Two Dollars* for the benefit of Irish Missions, from Rev. WM. EWING, of Canonsburg.

JOHN DOUGLAS.

Blairsville Female Seminary.—The Catalogue for 1860, shows an attendance of seventy-seven young ladies. Rev. SAMUEL H. SHEPLEY and MRS. SHEPLEY are assisted by six young ladies, in the department of instruction.

Sunny Side Seminary is located at Newburg, Pa., and is conducted by MRS. C. L. WILLIAMS, with several assistants. A Catalogue, just issued, indicates prosperity, and pleasing prospects.

Rev. Samuel C. Baldridge, M.D., died at Friendsville, Ill., on the 29th of February, ult., about the eightieth year of his age. He was a native of North Carolina, was converted early in life, and licensed by the Presbytery of Abington. In 1830, he was enfeebled by paralysis, since which time he had been able to do but little service in the pulpit. Previously he had been a diligent laborer.

Transfer of Ecclesiastical Relations—The St. Louis *Presbyterian* informs its readers, that, "At the last session of the Presbytery of Missouri, the churches of Glagow, Keytsville, and Brunswick were received from the New School Presbytery, and Rev. S. J. M. BEBEE, Rev. C. D. SIMPSON, ministers, and Mr. J. S. VINCENT, licentiate, after examination, were enrolled as members of Presbytery, they having presented letters of dismission from the Presbytery of Lexington."

HUMANE.

It is proposed to establish, in one of the Western Cities, a school for engineers, on the same principle that navigation and steamship management are taught in the Massachusetts and Maryland Nautical Schools. The interests of humanity, as well as of trade, demand such an institution. The wonder is, that one was not established long ago. The Western waters employ such vast numbers of steamboat Captains, Mates, and Engineers, that well-trained young men could hardly fail of obtaining profitable employment.

DANVILLE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Seventh Annual Catalogue of this Institution has been issued. It presents to us the names of fifty-two young men, candidates for the Gospel ministry. They are from eighteen States and one Territory, and from seventeen literary institutions. Kentucky furnishes nineteen of the students, Maryland six, and Ohio five. Dr. WM. L. BRECKINRIDGE, elected by the last Assembly to the Chair of Church Government and Pastoral Theology, having declined the position, there were but three Professors during the year. These divided the duties of the fourth, so as to make all the departments of instruction complete. The growth and vigor of this school are highly gratifying.

WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, will meet in the Seminary Hall on Wednesday, April 18th, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The examination will commence on Monday, April 16th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Committee of Examination are Rev. THOMAS CRAIG, D.D., JAMES ALEXANDER, D. D., JAMES I. BROWNSON, D. D., and Messrs. F. G. BAILEY and JAMES SCHOONMAKER.

On Tuesday evening, the 17th, an Address will be given before the "Society of Inquiry," by Rev. MOSES D. HOGE, D.D., of Richmond, Va.

On Wednesday evening, 18th, Addresses by the Graduating Class; and Farewell Address to them by a member of the Faculty.

W. B. MCILVAINE, Sec'y.

PENNIES.

We have often felt deeply pained on seeing children spend their pennies for candies and trifles. They are cultivating a depraved appetite, and forming habits of self-indulgence which it will be afterwards difficult to restrain, and which will be sore temptations. We can hardly avoid anticipating evil for that child whom we see frequently furnished with small coin, and spending them thus in a pernicious indulgence. Better by far to withhold the money; but better still to give it, teaching the child, uniformly and undeviatingly, to bestow it for some purpose of charity. The *Expositor* gives us a case strongly illustrative of the evil of the practise to which we allude:

"Not long since, a Christian lady, of most lovely character, called upon me. Her whole heart, as manifested by years of intimate acquaintance, seemed bound up in making her son what he should be, and especially that God would early 'mark him with his grace.' She was in deep distress of mind. Her dear boy had been again and again detected in stealing little sums of money. She wept and prayed with him, and 'spared not the rod.' She had kept temptation from him, by carefully guarding her own purse, and not leaving money about. She had hoped that he was broken of the habit; but, poor woman, how anguished was her heart, as she told me, this morning he has stolen a piece of money from a neighboring house!

"The result of that long interview was, that that dear woman went home broken-hearted, and fully satisfied that by her misguided indulgence *the fault was her own.* She had been in the habit of giving her child pennies; he of spending them to gratify appetite. It grew upon him, and thus was he ripening for temporal and eternal ruin. She knew where He dwelt who 'binds up the broken hearted.' He 'ever liveth' with the 'Great Physician.' To him she went and was healed. She applied his remedies; she began in earnest to teach that son 'by precept and example,' self-denial, the true use of money. She found 'honey at the end of the rod.'

"I could adduce other and thrilling instances of the insane practice so common, even among Christian parents, to which I have called attention; but let this suffice."

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE NORTH-WEST.

The Inaugural Addresses at the opening of this Seminary, at Chicago, Ill., Oct. 26, 1859, have been published in a neat pamphlet, of ninety-three 8vo., pages. The Addresses by the Professors are preceded by the Charge of the Directors, through their President, Rev. SAMUEL T. WILSON. The occasion seems to have been one of deep interest to the persons who participated, and especially to the Professors, Directors, and those friends who have labored for years, and sometimes almost against hope, in the enterprise.

It is a singularity, well worthy of note, that a full corps of Professors were here inducted at once. All our other Seminaries began more feebly. Princeton, for a number of years, had but two Professors. Allegheny did not obtain her fourth for near thirty years after her inception. Danville still has but three. But Chicago comes out in full vigor, as to her Faculty, on the first day of her organization. Her endowment also is large—not adequate to her wants, on the scale on which she is projected, but so large that she is authorized to start with great vigor. The enterprise which commences the work so hopefully, we cannot but trust, will carry on the endowment to a speedy completion.

In the number of pupils, Chicago is not so much in advance of her sisters, in their junior days. But twelve or thirteen have been in attendance. In this respect, she may be destined to a period of minority; but we cannot think that her growth will be otherwise than rapid. There is a large country around her, demanding a great number of ministers. The multitude of churches in the ten Synods of the North-West, furnish candidates for the ministry, in rapidly-increasing numbers. To these, Chicago presents glowing attractions, in her spirit, her Professors, her accommodations, and her location. True, we are not of those who regarded Chicago, for location, as a first choice. But she has been chosen by the proper authority. The Seminary there is now a fixture; and it becomes good Presbyterians, one and all, to say, Amen; and to contribute their proper proportion of influence to its advancement. The Lord bless it, and make it a blessing.

The Charge, by Mr. WILSON, is solemn and appropriate. He alludes feelingly to the amazing magnitude of the work, the responsibility, the difficulties, and the means of meeting all these, so as to triumph. In the Lord have we strength.

To present even an analysis of the Addresses of the four Professors, would require much space and time. Suffice it to say that they are appropriate. They indicate qualifications, a spirit, purpose, and plan from which great things are to be confidently expected.

The work is issued by our enterprising friend, JOSEPH M. WILSON, of Philadelphia. It contains lithographs of the Professors, and of the liberal benefactor of the Seminary, CYRUS H. MCCORMICK. In such matters we do not profess to have the finest taste, nor the best judgment; but we feel strongly inclined to enter our protest against the publishing of *such* likenesses as some of these are. When we contemplate good men, loved and honored, we like to do so through an attractive medium. We hence express our desire to publishers, that they will either leave us to our own imaginings, to conceive the beauty of an admired character, or otherwise that they will give us a likeness in the first style of modern art. After this criticism, we advise our readers to send for the book, and to make themselves acquainted with its contents.

Clark's School Visitor is, hereafter, to be published in Philadelphia. We are sorry to part a near neighborhood with the gentlemanly editors and publishers; but we rejoice in the growing prosperity and enlarging field of usefulness, of this excellent journal.

REVIVALS.

Central Church, Allegheny.—On last Sabbath *ten* persons were added to the communion on examination, and three on certificate. Two months ago, five were added. There is a hopeful interest manifest.

Lake Presbytery.—Rev. J. C. BROWN, writes:

"It may be a matter of interest to send you a word in relation to the good work in Lake Presbytery, since December. At Christmas we ordained and installed Rev. J. L. LOWE, over the Crown Point and Salem churches. The Spirit of God came down during the meeting of Presbytery, and upwards of twenty cherished hope in Christ, at Crown Point. I have just spent nearly a week with that brother in his other charge, (Salem,) where there is a blessed work; between twenty and thirty have found peace in believing. In my own charge in this village, (Valparaiso,) we have just received twenty-five. And at a communion held at Wheler, in a part of this congregation, seven miles distant, on the 9th inst., we received eighteen. Of these, thirty-five were on examination, and eight on certificate."

Rockland, Venango County, Pa.—The following from this congregation, will be read with interest:

"Good news is always welcome, and to the devoted follower of Christ, no news is more cheering, than to hear of sinners returning from the error of their ways to God. The congregation of Rockland, in Clarion Presbytery, has lately enjoyed a most precious visitation of the Spirit of God. Preaching was commenced in this congregation on the 5th of March, and continued two weeks. The religious exercises were characterized by deep solemnity and strict attention. During the meeting, the anxiety of some twenty-five persons, with reference to their soul's salvation, was evinced by their remaining after the congregation was dismissed, to converse personally about their eternal welfare.

"Of this number, eighteen came forward and asked to be admitted as members of the church of God. On the third Sabbath of March, these persons sat down for the *first* time, at the Lord's table, and thus publicly acknowledged Jesus as their Redeemer. It was a solemn and interesting sight to see the old woman of sixty years, with the girl of thirteen, for the *first time*, acknowledging the dying love of Jesus: Truly, 'God is no respecter of persons.'"

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Long Island Church, Pa.—The pastor of this church, Rev. M. L. WORTMAN, writes:

"At a recent communion in the Presbyterian church of this place, twenty-five persons were received, on profession of their faith. The occasion was one of great interest. God's people have been refreshed and quickened; and now it is gratifying to see the professed followers of the Saviour, with few exceptions, all coming up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, anxious to do something for Jesus. In view of the blessed work in this church, also in that of Highland, (a notice of which appeared in the *Banner*, of February 25th,) we can truly say, the time to favor Zion here, has at length come. Fifty-seven persons, of ages varying from thirteen to sixty-five, have been added to these two churches, on the occasions to which allusion has been made. God's promises are sure. Those who weary not in well-doing, shall reap in due season, if they faint not."

EASTERN SUMMARY.

BOSTON AND NEW-ENGLAND.

The NEW APPOINTMENT AT HARVARD has been confirmed by the Board of Overseers, and it is supposed that Dr. Peabody will accept without delay, the "Plummer Professorship of Christian Morals." The haste with which the whole affair has been managed, has excited much surprise, and no little comment in many quarters. The effect has been to convince observant minds that Unitarianism is determined to keep possession of this ancient seat of learning, founded by the liberality of those whose faith its present occupants despise, and to make it, as far as possible, strictly denominational for the exclusive benefit of Unitarians. The defection of Rev. Messrs. Coolidge and Huntington, has caused an alarm that will probably result in an effort to control the University by means of an Unitarian influence more intense than ever before manifested. Pretty strong intimations are now thrown out that the Legislature will be called upon to exercise the same right with regard to the appointment of Trustees that it does with respect to the Overseers. For it was conceded some time ago that the Legislature had the right to change or re-construct the Board of Trustees at pleasure. The whole proceedings in the late election have awakened a strong determination, on the part of all the evangelical denominations, to resist any further encroachments in the University by Unitarianism.

CAMBRIDGE was originally called Newton or New Town. In the preface to Harris's "Epitaphs from the Old Burying Ground in Cambridge," we have the following quaint and characteristic account of the first church organization:

"The settlement of this town, originally called Newton or the Newtown, was begun in 1631. In 1632 was built 'the first house for public worship at Newton, with a bell upon it,' and on the 11th of October, 1633, Rev. Thomas Hooker was ordained pastor, and Mr. Samuel Stone, teacher. Early in the year 1636, Mr. Hooker and his congregation removed to Hartford, Conn. 'These people and church of *Christ* being thus departed from Newtown, the godly people, who came in their roomes, gathered the eleventh church of *Christ*, and called to the office of a pastor, that gracious, sweet, heavenly-minded, and soul-ravishing minister, Mr. *Thomas Shepheard.*' Thus, on the 1st of February, 1636, was formed the first permanent church at Newton."

This Rev. Thomas *Shephard* (as the name is now written,) was one of the most godly men with which the American Church has ever been blessed. In 1827, this ancient church was divided, the majority having become Unitarian; the minority, under the lead of the Rev. Abiel Holmes, D.D., of blessed memory, father of Oliver Wendell Holmes, the poet and "Autocrat," was compelled to leave and seek a new and humble location for the time. But at length, those who were thus exiled from the house where their fathers worshipped, and around which so many holy memories of the past clustered, have become a strong and powerful people. Their present pastor is the Rev. John Albro, D. D. The pastor of the Unitarian portion is the Rev. Wm. Newell, D. D. Some may think it strange that Dr. Holmes, the "Autocrat of the Breakfast Trable," the son of a clergyman so thoroughly evangelical, should seem to have repudiated altogether the faith of that father. But it is to be kept in mind that his mother was avowedly and intensely Unitarian, and brought her son up to her own way of thinking, with the most ceaseless assiduity.

THE OLD CHURCHES AND GRAVEYARDS of Boston are rich in the recollections of the past. But few intelligent travellers visit the New England metropolis, without directing their steps to some of these, and without spending hours, if time allows, in reading the inscriptions of the olden time upon the decaying stones that mark the resting place of the dead. The following is from the *Boston Transcript*:

"King's chapel, in this city, is the church in which the first organ ever heard in public worship in New England, was set up in 1714. The organist came out from England with the instrument, as no person here was found competent to assume its charge. The first organ built in this country was made by Mr. Edward Bromfield, of Boston, who died August 18th, 1756. The fact is stated on his tomb-stone in the burial ground of the King's chapel."

The JOURNEYMEN SHOEMAKERS have already lost more in the time consumed by the "Strike," to say nothing of other expenses, than the increase of wages asked for, would amount to in a whole year. And still the employers decline to enter into an engagement binding them to a continuance of the increased rates. The truth is, the business has been overdone, and other employment must be sought by multitudes, before there can be any great improvement in the wages of those who still continue to labor at this trade.

THE STATE OF MAINE is more largely agricultural, and its farms are worth more, notwithstanding the great length of the Winters, and the shortness of the Summers, than is generally supposed, as is evident from the following statistics:

"Out of one hundred and sixty-two thousand males in Maine above fifteen years of age, seventy-seven thousand are employed in agricultural pursuits, and they pay more than sixty per cent. of the taxes. The farms of Maine are worth $64,000,000."

The REV. C. T. MILLS, formerly a missionary of the American Board in India, has accepted the Presidency of Oahu College, in the Sandwich Islands; and Gen. Williams, of Norwich, Connecticut, and Major Williams, of New London, and Judge Williams, of Hartford, have contributed $1,000 each, toward its endowment.

After all the hubbub made by the *Congregationalist* about the statements made by OUR CORRESPONDENT, concerning the late installation of Mr. Parker, at Hartford, and notwithstanding the disclaimer of Drs. Joel Hawes and Samuel Spring, there is too much reason to fear, that the report was, in the main, correct, as will be evident from communications in other journals. The correspondent was present and took notes of the examination, the correctness of which have been verified by others present, and the force of which it will be difficult to turn aside. To publish such things is not pleasing, but as faithful chroniclers of the occurrences of the day, the indications of error, wherever found, must be noted. To do less than this, would be disloyalty to the King and Head of the Church.

NEW-YORK.

The MONEY MARKET is unusually well supplied, and no difficulty is experienced in obtaining loans on good paper at very moderate rates. Contrary to what is usual, money is actually seeking borrowers.

In the meantime it is openly said that large sums are sent to Albany, and large sums spent on members of the Common Council, for the purpose of securing legislation with regard to railways, and other things, for the interest of individuals and companies, that could not be secured in any other way. It is a sad day when the venal character of legislators and public officers can be so publicly proclaimed, without being met by the least attempt at denial or extenuation.

The effort made at Albany to effect a change in the charter of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES, such as the American Bible Society, and the American Tract Society, so as to allow voting for Directors, Officers, &c., by proxy, has been successful in the Senate, but may possibly be defeated in the House. The effect of this measure would be, to give a most favorable opportunity to those anxious for any particular measure, or opposed to any particular set of men, to accomplish their purpose, in a secret and unsuspected way, without doing it openly and honestly before all men, and to change what has met with the acquiescence of the most liberal benefactors, and most devoted friends of these Societies for years. It is legislation not asked for by those principally concerned, but by those who wish to make these Societies subservient to their own purposes.

The CENTRAL PARK promises to be a *great* ornament to the city, but according to present appearances the good people of New York will have to pay a *great* bill for it. The original cost of the ground, including the State property within its limits, was nearly $5,275,000. Now, it is proposed to make an addition on the North side that will cost another $1,000,000, making a total of $6,275,000. The expenditure originally intended for its improvement was $1,118,418; to which were added for "Contingencies" (!) $311,582, making an amount of $1,500,000, which was to complete the Park. Now a bill is before the Legislature asking for $2,500,000 more to complete the work, and an additional $2,500,000 from which to raise a revenue for keeping it in repairs. Here is a grand total of $12,775,000. And persons capable of forming a pretty accurate estimate of such things, assert that an additional $5,000,000 will be necessary before the work is entirely finished; thus the entire sum required will amount to $18,000,000. This undertaking is certainly an immense political whirlpool for engulfing the people's money.

On the morning of last Sabbath week, GEORGE WOOD, Esq., one of the most distinguished lawyers, not only of New-York, but of the United States, departed this life. He was a native of New-Jersey, where he practised law for many years with great success, but for a quarter of a century he had been a resident of New-York, where he was engaged in most of the large chancery suits that came before the Courts. He was not a pleasing speaker, but his knowledge of law, the clearness of his perceptions, and the correctness of his judgment, were unsurpassed. He was the advocate of the New School, in opposition to Mr. Preston, of South Carolina, for the Old School, in the great Presbyterian Church case, and made the very best that could be made of the case committed to him:

It is said that on one occasion, when he was retained against Mr. Webster in a cause before the Supreme Court at Washington, a Southern gentleman associated with Mr. Webster in the case, asked him who that sleepy-looking man was on the other side. "Why," answered the great expounder, that is George Wood, of New York; and if he is asleep, I advise you, by all means, not to wake him up."

It was our good fortune to be at Washington City in the beginning of the year 1847, and to see arrayed before the Supreme Court, in a suit involving great principles, Wood, of New York, and John Davis, of Massachusetts, against Daniel Webster and Rufus Choate. The contest was one in which only intellectual giants were engaged. Members of both Houses of Congress crowded the Court room, day after day, to witness the encounters of such great minds. But in men of this stamp the country is poorer today; it cannot present such an array of legal ability in the persons of any four men in the land.

The *Evening Post* gives the following statement of the present condition of the ASTOR LIBRARY:

The whole number of volumes now in the library is very nearly one hundred and ten thousand, of which, about sixty thousand belong to the literary department. The library is well attended. On the average two hundred and ten volumes are in use every day, beside those used by parties admitted to the alcoves to pursue their investigations on any particular subject. The amount expended for new books during the past year has been $13,898. The total value of the library and buildings is estimated at nearly $650,000.

DR. ABEL STEVENS, editor of the *Christian Advocate and Journal*, after twenty years' experience of editorial life, gives the following probabilities in regard to communications being read, that should be always borne in mind by those who undertake to write for newspapers. Correspondents, whose two, three and four column articles are slumbering in our pigeon-holes, will please accept it as a full explanation of their non-appearance:

"A communication which is a fourth of a column long, is read by most readers, unless its subject is manifestly repulsive; over half a column long, is read by half our readers; a column long, by a third of them; a two column article, by not one-tenth; a three or four column one, by nobody whatever, except the wearied editor and his proof-reader, and the few who may have a personal or very special concern in the article."

The business men of the FULTON STREET PRAYER-MEETING have issued cards containing the following form of self-dedication to the service of the Lord:

I take God the Father to be my God. (1. Thess. i: 9.)
I take God the Son to be my Saviour. (Acts v: 31.)
I take God the Holy Ghost to be my Sanctifier. (1. Peter i: 2.)
I take the Word of God to be my rule. (2. Tim. iii: 16, 17.)
I take the people of God to be my people. (Ruth i: 16, 17.)
I likewise dedicate my whole self to the Lord. (Rom. xiv: 7, 8.)
And I do this deliberately, (Joshua xxiv: 15,)
Sincerely, (2. Cor. i: 12,) Freely, (Ps. cx: 3,)
AND FOREVER. (Rom. viii: 35—39.)

The RELIGIOUS ANNIVERSARIES will take place this year about the middle of April, which will be two weeks earlier than in former years.

A correspondent of the *Sunday School Times* mentions the REPORT that the Rev. Samuel D. Alexander had been called to be pastor of the church of which his deceased brother, Rev. J. W. Alexander, D.D., was formerly pastor.

PHILADELPHIA.

The TRADE SALE OF BOOKS has been a decided success. At the same time business in other departments is very encouraging. The arrivals at the hotels are still increasing, and the sale of Philadelphia manufactured articles is immense.

MESSRS. SMITH, ENGLISH & CO., the agents of Messrs. T. & T. Clark, of Edinburgh, introduced, a few years ago, to American readers, the faithful translation of that valuable work, "Bengel's Gnomon of the New Testament," from the press of those eminent Edinburgh publishers. This work was received with great and merited favor. Now, however, another publishing house in this city has announced a new and expurgated edition of Bengel, edited by Charlton T. Lewis, Professor of Mathematics in the University of Troy. This is but very little else than a reprint of the translation of the Messrs. Clark, while the editor has most unwarrantably undertaken to suppress all that he, in his consummate wisdom, supposes it "*impossible Bengel should write if alive now.*" This is certainly a bold liberty to take with the works of any man, and should be frowned upon. However, Messrs. Smith, English & Co. offer the original, complete, and unaltered edition, in five volumes, 8vo., for $5.00 net, and by mail, postage pre-paid, at $6.50. Here is an opportunity for ministers and others to become possessed of an exceedingly valuable book at a low rate. But in obtaining this work of any dealer, be certain to get the Edinburgh edition, and let *the expurgated* one be discarded.

MR. WALDRON I. CHEYNEY, Treasurer of the American Sunday School Union, and Superintendent of its Depositories, has resigned his place, to take effect on the 2d day of April. Mr. Cheyney has done immense service in extricating the Sunday School Union from the difficulties which occurred in 1857, and in introducing the present pecuniary system under which its operations are carried on so sucessfully.

The REV. C. P. KRAUTH, D. D., late of Pittsburgh, was installed pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church, on last Thursday evening.

The PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has by a vote, of one hundred and thirty nays, against forty-eight yeas, declined to memorialize the General Conference in favor of introducing the Lay delegate system. Dr. Durbin spoke warmly in its favor, but was outvoted.

MRS. MARTHA HENRY, wife of the Rev. John Chambers, of the Independent Presbyterian church, of this city, died on the 16th inst., greatly lamented. She was the daughter of the late Alexander Henry, Esq., an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, and President of the American Sunday School Union. For many years she taught a Bible class composed of young ladies, which at the time of her death, numbered seventy members. Her funeral was attended by thousands.

REV. DR. DUFF writes to George H. Stuart, Esq., that meetings for prayer, in Calcutta, were crowded, in which were signal indications of a glorious revival. The convictions awakened in many minds were overpowering. Persons smitten down by the power of the Spirit, as in Ireland, were carried from the meetings.

The College of New Jersey.—The annual catalogue of this venerable institution, located at Princeton, New Jersey, gives the following summary of the names now on its register—Seniors, eighty-eight; Juniors, ninety-two; Sophomores, eighty-one; Freshmen, fifty-one. Total, three hundred and twelve.

ECCLESIASTICAL.

Rev. W. L. BRECKINRIDGE, D.D., at "Oakland College," Miss. *Both* words are embraced in the name of the Post Office.

Rev. G. H. ROBERTSON, of West Hebron, New York, has received and accepted a unanimous call from the Park church, Troy, New York.

Rev. ROBERT GAMBLE has received and accepted a unanimous call from the Union church, Philadelphia.

Rev. S. C. ALEXANDER has accepted a call from the Black River Chapel church, North Carolina. His Post Office address is Black River Chapel, North Carolina.

Rev. PHILO CALHOUN'S Post Office address is changed from Selma, Ala., to Thibodeaux, La.

Rev. R. E. SHERRILL having accepted an invitation to labor in the chuach of Camden, Miss., requests his correspondents to address him at that place.

Rev. T. B. VAN EMAN'S Post Office address is changed from Bentleysville, Pa., to Cookstown, Pa.

Rev. JOSEPH BROWN'S Post Office address is changed from Thomasville, to Bainbridge, Ga.

Rev. MORRIS C. SUTPHEN, of Princeton, New Jersey, has accepted a call to the Spring Garden church, Philadelphia, to become co-pastor with Rev. Dr. JOHN MCDOWELL.

Rev. HENRY C. ALEXANDER, son of the late JAMES W. ALEXANDER, D.D., has been appointed Associate Professor of Logic and Belles Lettres, in the College of New Jersey.

Rev. JAMES STRATTON has accepted the call to Jackson, La., and has removed thither.

Rev. D. R. TODD, of Litchfield, Illinois, has taken charge of the church in Xenia, Clay County, Illinois, and has removed thither.

Rev. Dr. J. F. MCLAREN, of the Presbytery of Allegheny City, has declined the call given him by the church of Lewistown, in the Presbytery of Peoria, Ill.

Rev. R. W. HENRY, of Chicago, Ill, has received a unanimous call to become co-pastor with the Rev. Dr. MCELROY, of the Scotch Church, West Fourteenth Street, New York.

Christian Liberality.—Mr. J. H. BROWN, who supports fifty-two young Baptist theological students at Howard College, Ala., at an annual cost of $13,000, has recently endowed a theological chair in that college, by a contribution of $25,000.—*Presbyterian Witness.*

For the Presbyterian Banner.

New England Correspondence.

THE PASTORAL UNION OF CONNECTICUT, &C.

My attention has recently been called to a point in my last communication to you, and an explanation given which I transmit to you with sincere gratification. It was stated in that communication that at the last anniversary of the Seminary at East Windsor, an Old School Presbyterian minister was rejected, and a New School Presbyterian minister elected by the Pastoral Union; and the inference was drawn that this indicated not so much the ecclesiastical as the doctrinal sentiments of the Union. I had my information directly from a member of the Union, who was present at the meeting. The statement is, I believe, true; but the explanation is this: The election of the New School minister took place first, and it was not fully understood that he was a Presbyterian. If this had been known, as I now understand the matter, he would probably have been rejected too. With this explanation, of course the inference falls to the ground.

We are truly glad this is so. For however we may regret their feeling in reference to Presbyterianism, as long as their Theological Seminary shall maintain and teach the faith once delivered to the saints, it has a claim upon the sympathies and prayers of all of every name, who love the truth as it is in Jesus. And just now it seems more than ever apparent that if the truth be not maintained here, there is, to human view, little prospect of its being maintained anywhere in

NEW-ENGLAND.

For the Presbyterian Banner.

Acknowledgment.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Permit me through your excellent journal, to acknowledge the reception of a box of clothing, which was sent me and my family by the members of the Sewing Society, of the Central church, of Allegheny City. This token of respect and kindness to us, not only reached its proper destination in safety, but awakened in our breasts a deep and abiding feeling of unfeigned gratitude to those whose hearts and hands have been thus engaged in ministering to our comfort and encouragement in our work of love. And that the King and Head of the Church, may richly reward them, both in a temporal and spiritual point of view, for this their very generous and timely favor conferred upon us, is our earnest and sincere prayer.

FRANCIS B. DINSMORE.

Morning Sun, Iowa.

For the Presbyterian Banner.

The Presbytery of Iowa.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Permit me to say through your paper, that according to adjournment, the Presbytery of Iowa met in West Point, on the 6th inst.; that the attendance was full, and the sessions pleasant.

Owing to the fact that, in order to form another Presbytery within the bounds of this Synod, our Presbytery has been confined to *four* counties, we feared a little that on meeting for the first time under the new arrangement, we should feel that it had become a "day of small things" with us. But in this we were pleasantly disappointed. We missed, it is true, some familiar faces, yet were permitted to feel that we were still a goodly number, and besides, *compact* and harmonious. We were permitted too, to hear reports of prosperity in a number of our churches; also of a good degree of *hopefulness* in relation to the future.

Presbytery ordained F. H. W. Breuchart, a licentiate under our care, to the full work of the ministry. This brother is a *German*, and labors among a large body of his countrymen in Lee County. His field is one of considerable promise, and Presbytery appointed a Committee for the purpose of organizing a church at one of his places of preaching.

The Presbyterians—Old School and New—of Fort Madison—for a year past *Independent*—were received by Presbytery under the title of the "*Union Presbyterian Church.*" This Church is now one of our strongest, and forms a very pleasant charge.

Salmon Cowles, Minister, and Col. Wm. Patterson, Elder, were appointed Commissioners to our next General Assembly.

A. C. MCCLELLAND, Stated Clerk.

Dr. William L. Breckinridge.—We learn through a private letter from the Rev. Dr. WILLIAM L. BRECKINRIDGE that he is to remove, within two weeks, to Oakland College, Mississippi, from which we conclude that he accepts the Presidency of that Institution; where, we trust, he may do a most valuable work.—*Presbyterian.*

PERSONAL.

William H. Bissell, Governor of Illinois, died on Sunday afternoon, at Springfield, his official residence. By his death, Lieutenant-Governor, John Wood, of Alton, becomes acting Governor.

Governor Stewart has vetoed the bill expelling free negroes from Missouri. This is substantially the same bill that was vetoed by the Governor at the last session of the Missouri Legislature.

The widow of the late Rev. Robert Hall, died at her residence, near Bristol, England, on the 15th ult., at the advanced age of seventy-four.

Lord Brougham has introduced a bill in the English Parliament to exempt prisoners from the necessity of pleading guilty or not guilty to indictments.

The Abolitionists Down upon Seward.—Wm. Lloyd Garrison, and other abolitionists, denounce Seward's late Washington speech for its moderation, and declare it "destitute of moral feeling and purpose; no pulsation of life, no throbbings of humanity." Of course, the philosophy of the speech must be as distasteful to the radical fanatics of the North as to the fire-eaters of the South.

Mr. Edmund Ruffin, of Virginia, has procured fifteen of Capt. Brown's pikes, and proposes to send one to each of the fifteen slave States. Each pike is to bear this inscription: "Sample of the favors designed for us, by our Northern brethren. 'Out of this nettle, Danger, we pluck the flower Safety.'"

Andrew Jackson writes to the Governor of Tennessee, to say that it was the dying request of his father that his remains and those of his wife should be permitted to rest in peace at the Hermitage. Mr. Jackson therefore protests against the act of the Legislature for their removal.

The report of Rev. Mr. Harris's abandonment of "spiritualism" is said by London papers to be incorrect. He denounces its "abuses" only.

Recently Dr. George B. Winship, of Boston, lifted eleven hundred and thirty-six pounds, and is quite sanguine that within twenty days he will be able to raise with ease, twelve hundred pounds.

Dr. Scudder states that the Hindoo Holy Books date back fourteen hundred years before Christ. The immensity of Hindoo compilations on almost every subject, is enormous. They write with stenographic rapidity.

An Elegant and Complete Edition of the works of Kepler is now in course of publication at Frankfort. It will consist of sixteen volumes 8vo., two of which have been issued.

Garabaldi on Popery.—Garabaldi lately, in a reply to the students of the University of Pavia, thus spoke of the cause of his country's ruin: "In the midst of Italy, at its very heart, there is a cancer called Popery—an imposture called Popery. Yes, young men, we still have a formidable enemy, the more formidable because it exists among the ignorant classes, where it rules by falsehood! because it is sacrilegiously covered with the cloak of religion. Its smile is the smile of Satan. This enemy, young men, is the priest! the priest with few exceptions."

Free Negroes in Charleston.—A recent letter from Charleston to the *Spirit of the Times*, says: The most notable feature in the list of taxpayers of Charleston is the tax on property paid by "persons of color." The number of colored persons taxed is three hundred and fifty-five, and of these, three hundred and four are owners of real estate, while two hundred and twenty-six of them own real estate to the amount of $1,000 or more—some of them nearly $50,000 worth; the entire amount owned by the two hundred and twenty-six above referred to amounts $717,495! In addition to this, I may as well inform you that the three hundred and fifty-five "persons of color" who are *free*, own two hundred and seventy-seven slaves.

Galileo.—In 1682, Galileo, then a youth of eighteen, was seated in church, when the lamps suspended from the roof were replenished by the sacristan, who, in doing so, caused them to oscilate from side to side, as they had done hundreds of times before when similarly disturbed. He watched the lamps, and thought he perceived that, while the oscillations were diminishing, they still occupied the same time. The idea thus suggested never departed from his mind; and, fifty years afterwards, he constructed the first pendulum, and thus gave to the world one of the most important instruments for the measurement of time. Afterward, when living at Venice, it was reported to him, one day, that the children of a poor spectacle-maker, while playing with two glasses, had observed, as they expressed it, that things were brought nearer by looking through them in a certain position. Everybody said, "How curious!" but Galileo seized the idea, and invented the first telescope.

Mr. Brownson is warning his Catholic brethren in his *Review*, that "the Church" must decline in this country, and dwindle into insignificance, unless it can attain a greater intellectual power. He says that the Church is not growing by conversions half as rapidly as it is diminishing by perverts; that it cannot hope to maintain its ground by immigration from abroad; and that very soon some of its great cathedrals will be without congregations. He says the Catholics must humble the Protestant pride of intellect in this country, by proving themselves superior. And of this he sees but little present hope, as the intellectuality of the Catholics of America is now so near zero, that, among all their hundreds of thousands, no work of any merit from the best Papal pens can command more than two thousand or two thousand five hundred sales of copies.

At Aintab, in Turkey, there is a Sabbath School, which numbers nine hundred members, and on some Sabbaths has had an attendance of over a thousand. There are three departments; children and youth able to read the Bible, numbering about four hundred and fifty; adults who cannot read, about one hundred and fifty; little children who cannot read, and are taught as in infant classes in this country, four hundred and eighteen, and would have been more if there had been room for them. Their singing attracts hundreds of people who never before heard a Protestant sermon, some of them Mohammedans and their children. The Armenians have started a school by way of counteraction, but have not succeeded in retaining their followers. Christian hymns are sung everywhere, in common schools, in the streets, and in families where they were never before heard. "Out of the mouths of babes," &c.

PRESBYTERIAL NOTICES.

The PRESBYTERY OF OHIO will meet at Lebanon, on the Fourth Tuesday of April, (24th) at 11 o'clock A. M.
Pastors, Stated Supplies, and Sessions of vacant churches will present the reports required by Presbytery.
W. B. MCILVAINE, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON will hold its next stated meeting in the church of Phillipsburg, N. J., commencing on the Fourth Tuesday (24th) of April, at 11 o'clock A. M.
The sessions will be opened with a sermon by the Moderator, or Prof. Cattell. The Sessional Narratives must be sent at least ten days previous to the day of meeting, to Rev. W. H. Kirk, Belvidere, and the Statistical Reports returned to the Stated Clerk within the same time. The payment of one per cent. upon the salary paid by each church, will be called for at the assessment, for the Commissioners' Fund.
F. KNIGHTON, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF WOOSTER will meet in the church of Wayne, on the Third Tuesday (17th) of April next, at 11 o'clock A. M.
The Commissioners' Fund to the General Assembly will be called for, at the rate of four cents per member, in each church.
R. C. COLMERY, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF LAKE will meet at South Bend, Indiana, on Friday, the 6th of April, at 7 o'clock P. M.
J. C. BROWN, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON will meet at Wellsburg, Va., on the Third Tuesday of April, (the 17th) at 2 o'clock P. M.
JAMES I. BROWNSON, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF BEAVER will meet in the church of Beaver Falls, on the Third Thursday (19th day,) of April, at 11 o'clock A. M.
D. C. REED, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF BLAIRSVILLE, will meet according to adjournment in Greensburg, on the Second Tuesday of April, at 2 o'clock P. M.
JAMES DAVIS, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS will hold its next stated meeting at Clarinda, Page County, Iowa, on the Second Friday of April, at 7 o'clock P. M.
D. L. HUGHES, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN RESERVE meets in Tiffin, the Third Tuesday of April (17th) at 2 o'clock P. M. Opened with a sermon by Rev. F. T. Brown.
FREDERICK T. BROWN, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF SALTSBURG will meet at Boiling Spring church, on the Fourth Tuesday of April, at 2 o'clock P. M.
W. W. WOODEND, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY will meet at Butler, on Tuesday, the 10th of April, at 11 o'clock A.M.

The PRESBYTERY OF ERIE will meet at Greenfield church, on the Second Tuesday of April, (10th,) at 2 o'clock P. M.
S. J. M. EATON, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF BLOOMINGTON stands adjourned to meet at Clinton, Ill., on Tuesday, April 10th, at 7 o'clock P