

Presbyterian Banner.

PITTSBURGH, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1860.

Having purchased for our office the "Right" to use the name of our subscribers...

Western Theological Seminary.—Forty-eight new students have already entered this institution the present term.

Presbyterian Narratives.—The Stated Clerk of the Presbyteries of Ohio, Redstone, Blaineville, and Salisbury, will please forward immediately the Narratives of their Presbyteries to the undersigned, Chairman of the Synod's Committee on the Narrative, at Upper St. Clair P. O., Allegheny County, Pa.

P. S.—The Narrative of Clarion Presbytery has been received.

The True Witness and Sentinel.—Under this title our contemporaries at New-Orleans and Memphis, have united. We wish the journal great success. It will be issued at the two cities, one editor residing in each.

A Secretary to be Elected.—We are informed that the Board of Education resolved, at their last stated meeting, to elect a successor to the late Dr. VAN RENSSALAER at their next meeting, on the first Friday in October, and in order to this, have issued notices to all the members.

The Educator.—The fifth number of Vol. II., of this excellent monthly, published in our city, is now on our table. "The Educator" is an Octavo of thirty-two pages. Its paper and style of execution are fully equal to the best periodical which we receive.

A Mother Pleads.—Mrs. CATHERINE NAFLER, of St. Louis, Mo., asks the benevolent to assist her in redeeming a child from bondage. The mother of Mrs. N. was a slave, and she, of course, by Southern law, was a bond woman, though she might almost pass for a white woman.

REV. J. LEROY YORK. Mr. DAVIES died in York District, S. C., on the 16th of June, in the sixty-first year of his age. He was a pupil of the Princeton Seminary, and a laborious minister.

THE BANNER—A NEW VOLUME—NEW ATTRACTION. This is the first number of a new volume; and we think our patrons will admit that every promise made at the beginning of the last volume has been more than fulfilled.

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COTTON, COLONIZATION, CHRISTIANITY.

Cotton has gotten to be one of the ruling powers. For a long time religion reigned in the civilized world—it was not evangelism, not truth in her purity, but truth and error mixed, the error being immensely prevalent.

This King's seat of empire is the United States. He came to his royal prerogatives in a republic. He has, for a score or more of years, protected this country from insult and molestation.

But if King Cotton found the first seat of his power with us, we must not hence conclude that he will abide with us forever. It may be that he will emigrate, and fix his throne elsewhere.

Now, is there any likelihood of a change in his seat of power? Is there a land more extensive than our cotton States, and where there are twenty times the number of negroes, and where there is the requisite warmth and fertility?

THOMAS CLEGG, of Manchester, England, a gentleman of intelligence and experience, stated lately at a public meeting: "During his first year's operations in getting cotton from Africa, all his efforts only produced 285 pounds, and in 1858 he got 219,618 pounds; and he saw from one of the London papers of the previous day that not less than 3,447 bales, or 417,087 pounds, were received from the West Coast during the year 1859."

There was no part of Africa of which he had heard where cotton did not grow wild; and there was no part of the world except India, perhaps, in which cotton was cultivated, where it was not sought to obtain Africans as cultivators.

And a late number of the Liberia Herald says: "The growth of cotton, one of the most invaluable products in the commerce of the world, is rapidly increasing at the Gold Coast, which, as yet, is the only part of this continent where its cultivation has attracted attention."

What changes will take place, when Liberia takes rank as a first class cotton growing country! How important that good colonists go there, and that a good government shall have its establishment there; and the Christian religion be planted and cherished there!

This thought gives vast importance to the colonization efforts of American Christians. Benevolent men have planted a colony of free colored persons in Liberia, Western Africa.

HOME VIS. CHARITY.

We have two classes of duties to perform, the one having respect to ourselves, the other to our neighbors. These seem to be antagonistic. Many esteem them to be antagonistic.

Every person should have a church—a house for God, a place where to assemble for worship, in comfort, at all seasons of the year. It should be sufficiently large for the accommodation of themselves, with a little room for strangers.

We are glad of this frank and truthful statement. Now, how is it? Are we Presbyterians? Are we a true Church of God, animated by his Spirit? Is there a life within, manifesting itself in and by our Presbyteries, pastors, and Sessions?

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A CONFESSION—ONE SECRETARY IS ENOUGH.

The Presbyterian Herald, in replying to our response to its article on Secretaryships, argues that though it is the duty of Presbyteries and churches to cultivate their own fields, and make collections to send the Gospel abroad, yet "this machinery, beautiful as it is," (and the Herald might have added, constituted, as it is, in Divine wisdom, and being Divine wisdom's only constitution in the case), "will not work of its own accord, without lagging."

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MR. JUNKIN ON CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

Messrs. Editors.—I approve your criticisms upon the sermon of Dr. JUNKIN, touching the functions of a sphere of "civil government." I heard the sermon preached, and then thought its views as the Banner styled them, "very erroneous."

While noticing this sermon, would it not be well to inquire how came to be inserted in the page, that it was published "By order of the General Assembly," when the Assembly passed no such order?

We have a letter from our good brother JUNKIN, in which he states that we have misunderstood him exceedingly. We regret that we did so, though happy to be informed of the fact.

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