

Presbyterian Banner.

PITTSBURGH, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1860.

Having purchased for our office the "Banner" to use as a... our subscribers who have their papers addressed to them...

Observe Notice of the called meeting of Washington Presbytery.

Columbia Seminary.—At the late meeting of the Synod of Georgia, Professor James Woodrow was elected to fill the Perkins Professorship.

Our Neighborhood.—We commence a brief series of articles, under this title. They are the production of a wise head and an able pen.

The Presbytery of Ohio stands adjourned to meet on the fourth Tuesday, that is, Thursday being Christmas, and the notice published so short a time before the day of meeting, we fear that many seats will be vacant.

The Hon. James Veesh's Lecture "On the Scotch Irish, the Pioneers and Patrons of Western Civilization," announced for Thursday night, the 28th, is deferred on account of the dangerous illness of Mr. Veesh's mother.

Western Theological Seminary.—At the expressed desire of several members of the Board, a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary will be held in the hall of the said Seminary on Tuesday the 15th day of January next at 8 o'clock P. M.

The Late Rev. Dr. Herron.—The Rev. Dr. FAXTON preached a sermon, last Sabbath morning, in the First Presbyterian church, in which he gave an account of the principal events in the life of this venerable father. The text was 2 Kings ii: 12.

The True Witness.—Our New-Orleans contemporary appears, under date of December 1st, as a double sheet. The Witness, and the Sentinel of Memphis, were lately united, and hence the enlargement. We rejoice in this indication of prosperity.

Dr. Boardman's Sermon.—The sermon delivered by Dr. BOARDMAN on "Thanksgiving" has been published in a handsome pamphlet, from the press of J. B. LEPPINCOTT & Co.

Renewals.—A large number of our subscriptions expire at the beginning of the New Year. Our friends will confer a great favor by renewing at once, for it will save a world of trouble in keeping our mail books correct.

The Convention of Jan. 15th.—Ministers and Elders who purpose to attend this Convention, and it is hoped that they will be very numerous, will please write, without delay, to J. D. McCORD, Esq., No. 181 Wood Street.

THE CONSECRATION OF A SON. We have before us an excellent sermon, by Rev. D. KENNEDY, D. D., Troy, New York, on Psalms xxiv: 14.

THE BANNER FOR 1861. Another number will complete our work for 1860. How we have discharged our obligations is known to our readers.

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THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN ON THE CHURCH JOURNAL.

The former of these is the organ of the New School Presbyterians in Philadelphia, and the latter is the New-York exponent of High Church Episcopacy.

"We do not so much desire to flay off the skin of the Church Journal, which it has exposed to us, as to teach it, and the very narrow Church which it represents, a little plain truth.

"The Episcopal Church began under Henry VIII., A. D. 1534, or thereabouts. The Presbyterian Church, one thousand years before that, was established in the West of Scotland.

"The affection of the Journal in talking of the 'forty or fifty sects of Presbyterians,' cannot be excused even by the dense ignorance of High Church Episcopacy.

"Our object in writing, as we said, is not the merest ostentation of the Journal for its foolish gabble, but the utterance of some needed truth.

"The great Voluntary Associations were based on this grand Presbyterian idea—the destruction of all sects, by creating a Church universal that should be the fused result of the melting down of all church boundaries by universal Christian activity and love.

"There are here some important truths, very plainly uttered. And it serves as a confession that the Old School were right in their principle, that a distinctive denominationalism should not be sunk, in efforts to attain to ecclesiastical unity.

"I hope I shall be pardoned, if, in closing this sketch, I refer to a circumstance, with which my own history is quite intimately connected.

"In an appendix the author relates an anecdote relative to himself, which illustrates the importance of consecrating a child to God by his birth.

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PROVIDE FOR ALL.

There is much stirring room in the many churches in Pittsburgh and Allegheny, but still, not enough to accommodate the whole community.

"At a meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association, held lately in Allegheny City, Mr. SIMPSON, Chairman of the Committee on Open Air Preaching, stated the object of the meeting; and read a report of the doings of the Committee, in securing services regularly in the Market House, every Sabbath afternoon, and of the encouraging signs that their efforts had not without good results.

"The following resolution was adopted, viz.: Resolved, That we cordially approve of the efforts of the Young Men's Christian Association to provide open air preaching, and promise them all our aid and encouragement in the prosecution of this work.

"WASHINGTON IS ONE OF OUR PROSPEROUS inland towns. It possesses no peculiar topographical advantages; but it is healthy, and is the capital of a large and rich agricultural country.

"Last week we published the action of the South Carolina Synod, which indicated the prevalence of a commendable state of feeling toward their brethren throughout the General Assembly.

"We are requested again to call the attention of our readers to the letter published in Scotland in October, 1859, by Dr. Begg, of Scotland, in relation to the proposed observance of the Ter-Centenary of the meeting of the first General Assembly of Scotland.

"We called attention to this subject in our notice of the proceedings of the Synod of New Jersey, Sabbath, December 23d, last, and suggested that the Synod should instruct their flock relative to the Lord's gracious doings toward and by the Presbyterian Church, for the last three hundred years.—Eds.]

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THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Numerous appeals have been made to me by pious and patriotic associations and citizens, in view of the present distracted and dangerous condition of our country, to recommend that a day be set apart for fasting, praying, and prayer, throughout the Union.

"In compliance with their request, and my own sense of duty, I designate January, the Fourth day of January, 1861, for this purpose, and recommend that the People assemble on that day, according to their several forms of worship, to keep it as a solemn fast."

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ECCLIASTICAL.

Rev. G. M. SWAN'S Post Office address is changed from Brighton, Iowa, to Quincy, Iowa.

Rev. S. P. KINKAID'S Post Office address is changed from Rockland, Pa., to Portersfield, Venango Co., Pa.

Rev. W. C. MASON having taken charge of the church at Farmington, Illinois, desires to be addressed there instead of Fulton City, Illinois, as formerly.

Rev. LAVERETT GRIZZARD was dismissed from his pastoral charge of Bacon Ridge, East Springfield and Richmond, on the 14th inst., and has accepted a call from the Forks of Wheeling, in the Presbytery of Washington.

Rev. W. C. MASON has taken charge of the Presbyterian church in Farmington, Illinois.

Rev. N. C. BURT was installed in the Seventh church, Cincinnati, Dec. 11th.

Rev. L. W. CHAPMAN is supplying the churches of Newnam, and Covington, (to which he has been called). His Post Office is Fletcher, Ohio.

Rev. H. B. BURN'S Post Office address is changed from Mexico, Mo., to Floss-sault, Mo.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—The following article was handed to the Editor of The Pittsburgh Christian Advocate; but Mr. Nesbit refused to publish it. It was intended to correct a few of his misstatements of matters of fact, in relation to some incidents that occurred twenty-four years ago, and which he speaks of as positively as if he knew they were true.

"Mr. Annan and his Book." Mr. EDITOR:—In your issue of December 11, over the foregoing caption, there are several statements in which I am much more prominent than I deserve to be. Please publish the following corrections:

"I have not the slightest recollection of publishing in Mr. Baird's paper, The Christian Herald, pieces which you say, proved to be the Appendix, 'word and letter,' of the second edition of my book. Some articles were possibly published at that time, but I feel confident it was by another person, who may have used some material of mine; though of this I have not the slightest recollection.