

Presbyterian Banner.

PITTSBURGH, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1861.

Having purchased for our office the "Banner" of the Rev. Dr. Archibald and Dr. P. H. ...

Presbytery will please notice the change in the time of meeting.

The Western Theological Seminary has received thirty-nine New Students, this term.

Rev. Wm. J. Hoge, D.D.—It is rumored that Dr. Hoge, formerly associate pastor with Rev. Dr. Sparks, of New York, died lately, at Richmond, Va., of typhoid fever.

Rev. Henry Kendall, D. D.—This brother, who is now pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church (New School), in this city, has been elected General Secretary of the New School Board of Domestic Missions, located in the city of New York.

Synod of Allegheny.—The meeting of this body at Newcastle, next week, will be a favorable opportunity for forwarding money and subscriptions for the Banner.

Wonderfully Careful about Technical Points.—About as shallow a pretence for a dishonest and dishonest proceeding as we have seen for some time, is found in the following:

The only Church in our country which distributes funds Northward from a Southern centre, is, we think, the Cumberland Presbyterian. Its Board of Missions, however, have come to the conclusion not to pay its missionaries in the North, having taken the following action:—The State of Tennessee, in which the Board is located as a corporate body, is now a member of the Confederate States of America, and, as such, at war with the United States of America; therefore, according to the law of nations, it would be illegal to make remittances to missionaries in the bounds of the States that are at war with the Confederate States.

OUR JOURNAL.—THE TENTH VOLUME of the PRESBYTERIAN BANNER commences with the present number. We give hearty thanks to him who prompted us to continue it, and has strengthened us to continue it, and has given it favor in the eyes of his people.

Our work is cooperative. It was not entered upon for ease, popularity, or earthly gain. It was intended to aid pastors in the feeding of their flocks. The paper has been made of such a character, and put on such terms, that pastors can say to their people, here is a weekly journal adapted to your wants. It will inform you on all matters which your families most need to know.

We put our paper at such a cost to us and so cheap to our subscribers, as to make the cooperation of pastors an indispensable. We make ourselves dependent upon our brethren. We cannot afford to pay for agencies, nor to give premiums nor can we live on a small subscription list, nor on large collections.

ENGLISH BISHOPS.—We feel, as the friends of a man's salvation, and of the glory of Christ, a great interest in the appointments by which vacancies in the English Dioceses are filled.

Whether we value these good appointments to Lord Palmerston's wise policy, or to the Queen's devotedness to the spiritual interests of her people, we still recognize as indications of the Divine favor, Jesus Christ has "much people" in the English Church, and he takes care that they shall be both called and nurtured.

CONFESSION, CONTRITION, HUMILIATION.

Pardon and a restoration to favor are the end aimed at, by the transgressor who is properly rational. It is so with the individual, and should be so with the nation. The Christian man, when smitten of God, looks anxiously for manifestations of renewed favor; and the Christian people, under affliction, should anticipate, with no less desire, a return of the tokens of the Divine pleasure.

It is with the wicked, or with wickedness, that God becomes angry. If he ever frowns upon his children and smites them, as he sometimes does, it is because they are found in the ways of transgressors. They have not only trespassed, but they have cherished their sin.

At the points where our troops are gathered, preparation is being made most industriously for a coming battle. It is felt to be of the utmost importance that every man and every thing, shall be ready, fully ready, since great consequences will follow the expected event.

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THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, of which the Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., is now pastor, is one of much historical interest. It was formed as one of the results of Mr. Whitefield's labors during one of his early visits to this country; and the church edifice, a large structure, was erected as long ago as 1756.

THE REV. JOHN G. PALMER, formerly a Unitarian minister, in his history of New England, gives the following brief and vivid description of the Puritan Sabbath of former times:

IN OLD TIMES in New-England, the Sabbath commenced on Saturday at sunset. The congregation was usually called to gather by the blowing of a bell, or church bells being rung enough to have a bell. Services usually began at nine o'clock, and occupied six or eight hours, with one hour for dinner, which was always a cold collation, no cooking being allowed.

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PHILADELPHIA.

THIS CITY is receiving a large share of the Government contracts, and the papers speak of the unmistakable indications of a revival of business.

TWO GRAIN ELEVATORS will soon be erected in Philadelphia, and two have been already erected. Those now in operation are stationary machines, but the new one will be floating elevators, mounted on strong rafts, built for the purpose, and employed, like stationary ones, in transshipping grain from canal boats to other craft.

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PERSONAL.

At last, Mr. McEllen has found time to make a speech to his soldiers on the Potomac. His incessant labor and untiring activity, he spends for one-half minute, long enough to make a speech to the soldiers, four or five times a day.

Mr. Browning, the greatest modern poet of England, whose recent death in France has been widely mourned, and whose last reference to the United States is, "you, transition-time, your crisis; you will come out of the fire purified, blameless, having had the angel of a great sea-walking with you in the furnace."

It is rumored in Ohio that Bishop Purcell (Catholic) has issued an encyclical letter to the members of his Diocese, dissuading them from engaging in the war, and urging to endeavors for peace. He is reported to say: "You have nothing here at stake. Ask only for peace. The important thing is to aid your people, who is in the greatest distress. It is very doubtful if the patriotic Irish will listen to such traitorous counsels, and the statement does not accord with another, that the Catholic priests of Chicago have advised their hearers to join Fremont."

Mr. Emerson, the clerk of the House of Representatives, has returned to Washington, from his tour in the West. He succeeded in getting possession of his children in West Tennessee, through the cooperation of his personal friends there.

Non Amos Kendall is leaving his farm there from his country seat, and preparing to take up his residence in Trenton, New Jersey. Mr. Kendall is writing the history of his life and times, and expects quick publication.

It is said that Mr. Isaac Taylor, who has organized, in the North British Review, the "Essay and Reviews," is engaged in developing the "Practical Christianity," which will be shortly published. Mr. Taylor's volume will be better than his review, which was written in his worst style, and was unusually cloudy, involved, and obscure. Far less cleverly, on this side of the water, have handled the English exegesis with infinitely more skill and execution.

Mr. J. Virginia Smith, a lady of decidedly high talents and reputation, has written a "History of the American Revolution," and is preparing to publish it. Her intention to go through the principal cities in the South, she proceeds to be appropriated to the cause of Winter clothing for the Confederate soldiers in Missouri!

Mr. Honner, of the Ledger, says the New York correspondent of the Boston Herald never does things by halves. It is a rare treat of hearing Mr. B.

HEALTH OF SOLDIERS.

MESSRS. D. APPLETON & Co. have just issued "First Lessons in Greek," by Jacob Morris Whitton.

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