

Presbyterian Banner

PITTSBURGH, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1862.

Our friends who are kindly acting as agents for the Banner, and to whom, previously to the receipt of this number, \$1.25 has been paid in advance, will regard the same as in full. Hereafter, as now stated, the price will be \$1.50 in advance.

The first of January draws near; and renews, and new subscriptions, are earnestly requested.

Church burned.—The Presbyterian church at Decatur, Ind., was destroyed by fire, on Sabbath, November 16th. The fire occurred during a sacramental service, the pastor, Rev. Thomas Elcock, officiating.

Increased editorial strength.—Rev. Isaac N. McKinney, late Professor of the Latin Language in Jefferson College, is our Junior Editor.

Some of our readers may remember that early in the Banner's history we spoke of seeking, in due time, an augmented editorial efficiency, by either a transfer of the paper, or obtaining a coadjutor who might be our junior in years.

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THANKSGIVING SERMONS—CLERICAL INFLUENCE.

On Thanksgiving day it is usual for evangelical ministers to invite their congregations to assemble for worship; and the sermon is much occupied in noting the bounties of Providence. It is also made an occasion for discussing social subjects, and for uttering patriotic sentiments more freely than most people consider to be becoming on the Sabbath.

We see in the New-York Times, copious notes of a large number of sermons, delivered by ministers of that city. The Philadelphia Press, in like manner, devotes many columns to the circulation of the excellent sentiments uttered there, from Christian pulpits.

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Response to the Synod of Pittsburgh.—Rev. Dr. JEFFERY, Stated Clerk of the Synod of Pittsburgh, communicated to President LINCOLN the action of the Synod of Pittsburgh on the state of the country. The following is the President's reply:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Washington, } "November 22, 1862." } "REV. WM. JEFFERY:—Dear Sir—

an instructed, by the Synod of Pittsburgh, to acknowledge your favor, enclosing Resolutions of the Synod of Pittsburgh, and to thank you, and them, for these expressions of patriotic zeal.

Your obedient servant, "JOHN G. NICOLAY," "Private Secretary."

Rev. R. L. STANTON'S Post Office address is changed from Chillicothe, Ohio, to Danville, Ky.

Rev. H. G. HINSDALE was lately installed as associate pastor with Dr. Hewitt over the Presbyterian church at Bridgeport, Conn.

Rev. SAMUEL D. BOWKER has resigned the pastorate of the Congregational church in Winthrop, Me.

THE ANDOVER CONFERENCE held its fourth semi-annual meeting on the 12th inst., with the Evangelical Church in North Andover.

THE MINUTES of the Convention of Vermont, for 1862, contain the following statistics respecting the Congregational Church in this State.

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November 27th, by Rev. W. F. Hamilton, Mr. JACOB S. HAYDEN, of Sierra County, Cal., to Miss ELIZABETH A. SMITH, of Fayette Co., Pa.

Obituary

(ANNOUNCEMENTS, GRATIS; ADDITIONAL REMARKS, FIVE CENTS A LINE, NEWS BEING RECALCULATED.)

DIED.—In the hospital, before Richmond, on the 7th of June, JOSEPH WOOD STEWART, of Butler County, Pa., aged 23 years.

DIED.—October 6th, NANCY JANE, aged 6 years, 8 months, and 23 days; and October 8th, MARY ELIZABETH, aged 12 years, 3 months, and 6 days; children of Peter and Rebecca King.

DIED.—November 23d, at Mt. Pleasant Hospital, near Washington City, of typhoid fever, JOHN C., eldest son of Rev. Samuel M., and Nancy G. McClung, in the 19th year of his age.

DIED.—In Edenboro', Pa., of disease of the heart, on the 17th of October, Mrs. CARISA W., wife of Mr. Augustus Culbertson, in the 60th year of her age.

DIED.—Near Slate Lick, Pa., on Sabbath evening, October 26th, after a long illness, Mrs. NANCY, wife of John Boyd, Esq., aged 61 years and 6 months.

DIED.—In Darlington, Wis., on Thursday, the 28th of August, last, Mr. HUDSON R. WILLIAMS, aged 65 years.

Mr. W. was a Baling Elder in the Presbyterian church of Great Island, Presbytery of Northumberland, Pa. He was born in Bellefonte, June 19th, 1809; and was brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, when about twenty-three years of age.

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Foreign News

Intervention in our national affairs is postponed, as we noted last week, if not abandoned. The proposition of France is in these words, sustained by some argument:

"The Emperor has, therefore, thought that the occasion has presented itself of offering to the belligerents the support of the good offices of the Maritime Powers; and His Majesty has charged me to make the proposition of this Government to her Britannic Majesty, as well as to the Court of Russia."

Russia replies in substance as follows: "After recalling the constant efforts of Russia in favor of conciliation, Prince Gortschakoff says that it is requisite to all things to avoid the appearance of any pressure whatsoever, capable of chilling public opinion in America, or of exercising the susceptibility of that nation."

Great Britain answers: "Her Majesty's Government have, however, not been informed up to the present time, that the Russian Government support the proposition that Government may support the efforts of England and France to attain the end proposed."

Her Majesty's Government will communicate to that of France any intelligence they may receive from Washington or Richmond, bearing on this important subject.

Married

At the Huron House, New Brighton, Pa., on Wednesday evening, November 26th, by Rev. Alexander Clark, Mr. J. H. MILES to Miss HANNAH STUBBS, both of Wayne County, Ohio.

November 18th, by Rev. Dr. Maclean, President of Princeton College, at the residence of MACLEAN, of Allegheny City, to MARY L. SIBBY, of Princeton, N. J.

On the 6th of November, at Haro's Hotel, Mr. C. MATHER to Miss RACHEL STEWART, both of Cadror, Robinson, Tn., Washington County, Pa.

At Jacksonville, Centre County, Pa., Nov. 28th, by Rev. J. A. Patterson, Mr. H. CRANFORD to Miss HELEN MAR SHRYER, all of Jackson County, Pa.