

Presbyterian Banner.

PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1863.

Princeton Theological Seminary numbers on its Catalogue—Resident Graduates, 3; Senior Class, 51; Middle Class, 67; Junior Class, 55; total 176 students.

Change of Rooms.—We have transferred our office from the front rooms to the rear of the Gazette Building, 84 Fifth Street.

Rev. Dr. Scott, President of Washington College, Pa., lately, in cutting straw, took the end of three of his fingers. The first and third fingers were cut off just in front of the first joint, and the second finger just back of the first joint.

Rev. Charles Webster, of Middletown Point, N. J., died on the 28th ult., in the seventy-first year of his age.

Rev. J. B. Clark, of the United Presbyterian Church, Allegheny City, now having care of a regiment in the army of the Potomac, visited his home, last week.

The Policy of Emancipation.—This is the title of a 12mo. pamphlet, of 48 pages, being letters of Hon. ROBERT DAVIS OWEN, of Indiana, to the President, the Secretary of War, and the Secretary of the Treasury.

Indiana Hospital for the Insane.—We have received the Annual Report of this Institution, for 1862. This is one of the noblest benefactions of our country.

Meeting of Allegheny Presbytery.—Having been requested in a constitutional manner, I hereby call a special meeting of the Presbytery of Allegheny, on the 20th day of January, 1863, at the church of Bull Creek, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Installation.—Rev. HERRICK JOHNSON was installed in the Third Presbyterian church (N. S.) of this city on the evening of the 10th inst. The sermon was preached by Rev. M. S. P. THOMPSON, D. D., of Cincinnati; charge to the pastor by Rev. HENRY KENDALL, D. D., late of Pittsburgh; and to the people by Rev. S. M. STARKES, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

FEED THE HUNGRY.

On Friday last, the new and splendid ship, George Grinnold, laden with provisions for the destitute operatives of Lancashire, England, was towed down New York Bay, and on Saturday morning set sail for her destination.

The cargo of the Grinnold consisted of 13,326 barrels of flour, 315 boxes of bread, 50 barrels of pork, 187 bags of corn, 125 barrels of bread, 50 barrels of beans, 102 barrels of bacon, 3 tierces of rice, 2 bags of rice.

The ship's departure was the occasion of a very interesting gathering together, on her deck, of New-York philanthropists—missionaries, magistrates, clergymen, ladies.

PROGRESS OF THE GOSPEL.

We have full faith in the declaration of Holy Scripture, that the knowledge of the Lord shall fill and cover the earth.

Gospel light, as many think, travels slowly. We wonder at the obstacles to its progress, obstacles raised by men to whom it would bring salvation.

A commencement of Gospel labors, with some success and much promise, has been made in most of the Kingdoms of the earth.

The British Provinces of North America we need not dwell upon. There, as with us, Protestantism is in the ascendant, and the means of grace are richly enjoyed.

MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA. We ought to pray that the designs of the Emperor of France upon Mexico may be defeated.

Under the government of MOSQUERA, we are quite sure that the United States of Central America will be fully open to the Truth.

SOUTH AMERICA. In the States of Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay, there is no Protestant Mission yet established.

THE WEST INDIES. In the Spanish Islands little or nothing is doing, or can be done, just now to introduce the Gospel—Cuba, Porto Rico, and the other Spanish possessions in that quarter, being hermetically sealed, so to speak, against the Bible.

EUROPE. We quit now the New World, to take a brief survey of the Old. We begin with the British Isles, about which we have only to say that while the Truth gains ground steadily in England and Scotland, its advance in Ireland is more rapid.

Christianity is invading Africa as it never did before. In Egypt the American and German Missionaries are doing a good work, especially in resuscitating the Truth among the Coptic Christians.

THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW. We are under obligations to the publishers, Crosby & Nichols, Boston, for the articles of the January number of this valuable quarterly.

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ASIA.

The light of Christianity is penetrating Asia on all sides. The Gospel is making rapid progress among the old and decayed churches of Turkey, Northern Persia, and Syria; whilst its prospects in India, with its more than one hundred and fifty millions of souls, are truly encouraging.

AUSTRALIA. In the Continent of Australia—the sixth of the Continents of our globe—Christianity is making wonderful progress, especially in the southern portions of it and in the adjoining Island of Tasmania.

THE PENN CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA. This has, from its organization, been one of the feeble churches. When the congregation was yet small, it fell into the mistake, quite too common, of erecting a large building and incurring a heavy debt.

After the decease of Mr. LADD, the congregation obtained Rev. Dr. MUSGRAVE, as a stated supply. Dr. M. is known to be one of the best preachers and pastors in our communion.

NEW-ENGLAND. You have seen accounts of the battle, and the casualties attending it, and the failure of our army to dislodge the enemy from his strong entrenchments; and of our return to this side of the Rappahannock; and the probability that now the troops will go into Winter quarters, &c.

NEW-YORK. Rev. Dr. ADAMS, of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian church, opened, on the 4th inst., a series of doctrinal discourses to which we lately alluded.

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AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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FROM A CHAPLAIN IN THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC. Rev. ADAM TORRENCE, well known to many of our readers as being one of the most devoted of Christian ministers, is chaplain to a regiment of the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps.

AT TREMONT TEMPLE, a meeting was held, continuing through the day and evening. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. KIRK, Dr. J. P. Smith, and others.

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PRESBYTERIAN NOTICES.

THE PRESBYTERY OF WINNEBAGO will meet in the Presbyterian church at Neenah, Wis., on the 14th of January, at 7 o'clock P. M. H. M. ROBERTSON, Stated Clerk.