

Presbyterian Banner.

PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9, 1863.

END OF A VOLUME.

This number closes another volume of the PRESBYTERIAN BANNER. For eleven years we have now devoted ourselves...

The President's Letter.—In our News Department we give a letter of President Lincoln to a Union Convention in Springfield, Ill.

It is a praiseworthy feature in the President's letter, that it is free from political partisanship. His manifest determination is to maintain the Union...

HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

It may be interesting to our readers to know whence the funds for Domestic Missions are derived, and where they are expended for labor.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE CONTRIBUTING SYNODS:

Table with columns: Synod Name, Amt Given, Amt Drawn, Net Cont'n. Lists various synods like Albany, New York, New Jersey, etc.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE AID-RECEIVING SYNODS:

Table with columns: Synod Name, Amt Given, Amt Drawn, Net Aid. Lists synods like Middle, Sandusky, Northern Indiana, etc.

EDUCATION.

We ask attention to twelve counsels given to candidates for the ministry. The first is: "Never forget that you are a candidate for the holy ministry, the highest office upon earth."

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The accounts from most of our Missions are more than usually cheering. A few converts have been received—Indians, Chinese, Siamese, East-Indians, and Africans.

PUBLICATION.

The Board have added several new publications to their Catalogue. They will now send any book by mail, post-paid, on receiving the Catalogue price.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

LAST BILLS.—The receipts of the American Congregational Union for May were \$907.91, of which \$410 came from Massachusetts.

ECOLESIASTICAL.

Rev. JOHN KELLEY, late of Chlandersville, Ohio, has been installed pastor of the church in M'Connellsville, O.

Rev. F. R. WORTHING, has been called to Portage, Wisconsin.

Rev. D. S. GAZDARY has resigned his charge at Galena, Ill.

Mr. J. E. KENNEY, of the Presbytery of Donegal, has been invited to the church in Huntington Valley, Second Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Mr. JOHN W. ALLEN is called to the church at Van Wert, Ohio.

Rev. S. P. KINKADE's Post-Office address is changed from Fotsville, to Callensburg, Pa.

SOCIAL CONDITION OF ENGLAND.

The condition of the people of countries differing in climate, fruitfulness, natural productions, form of government, religion, &c., is a most interesting subject of study.

For the most part, the social condition of a country is a growth—a growth of generations. There are particular epochs commemorating visible changes of great notoriety; but the advance to those epochs was a growth.

We have before us a book on the Social Condition of England. It is, mainly, selections from the work of JOSEPH KAY, Esq., (English), published in London in 1850, entitled "Social Condition and Education of the People of Europe."

Of the latter and very small class, just alluded to, is Mr. KAY. His commendations of the social condition of the poorer classes on the Continent, we have not before us; as the American editor presents to us only what Mr. KAY says of England.

"Some eighteen months passed in England, Scotland, and Ireland, during which time I visited all the great working centres, as well as many of the principal agricultural counties, convinced me that the great culture, refinement, and education of the higher classes of society were purchased at the cost of the utter degradation and brutality of the lower orders."

Again: "Our country is now rich in respectable citizens whose parents were part and parcel of Great Britain's brutality." And again: "The mass of brutality in our seaboard cities is an imported article."

A writer who can apply such epithets to human beings, and especially to civilized and Christian people, will never conceal his name. We wish we could speak of him as an "imported article." Perhaps he really is such.

Details of Mr. KAY's work we cannot pretend to give to any great extent. We but allude to a few things. Her unjust encroachments we have twice repelled, by arms; and we may again be driven to the same painful necessity in the defence of our rights.

"If we regard England as a 'neighbor,' let us 'love' her; if, as the 'mother' country, let us 'honor' her; if, as a rival, let us emulate and excel her. If upon the poor of England as an evidence of an unhappy social condition. The annual expenditure under the poor law is between £4,000,000 and £5,000,000, and besides this, immense sums are given away by unions and charitable associations. This, however, is no certain evidence of either extreme poverty or discomfort. The fact that in the United States tens of millions of dollars are expended by charitable institutions, and tens of millions appropriated to sustain free schools, is no good proof against the excellence of our social condition. In Europe, mostly, the children are left uneducated; and on the Continent, most of those persons whom the English make comfortable by their poor law system, are left to beg or starve."

Mr. KAY thus concludes his remarks: "Here, with our vast accumulated masses; with a population increasing by one thousand per diem; with an expenditure on alms-pensioners, which in the days of our prosperity amounts to £5,000,000 per annum, with a terrible deficiency in the number of our churches and of our clergy; with the most demoralizing publications spread through the cottages of our operatives; with democratic ideas of the wildest kind; and a knowledge of the power of union daily gaining ground among them—here, too, where the poor have no stake whatever in the country; where there are no small properties; where the most frightful discrepancy exists between the rich and the poor."

"THE SOCIAL CONDITION AND EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE IN ENGLAND." By Joseph Kay, Esq., M. A., of Trinity College, Cambridge. 12mo., pp. 328. New-York: Harper & Brothers. For sale by R. S. Davis, Pittsburgh.

THE SOUTHERN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Through the kindness of Chaplain SHRYVE, the Presbyterian has received a copy of a Richmond journal, from which it gives some items of the doings of the late Southern General Assembly (Old School).

The Assembly's meeting was held in May, in Columbia, S. C. It accepted a charter granted by the Legislature of the State of Tennessee, March 10th, 1863. Under this charter, Trustees were elected to take charge of the property which had belonged to the whole Presbyterian Church, and to receive and hold any other property which may be acquired.

The Theological Seminary at Columbia was transferred by the Synods to which it belonged, to the General Assembly. It was stated that the Seminary's property amounted to \$277,940.81.

The Report on Foreign Missions says: "Lively gratitude to the Head of the Church is due, that while it has pleased Him, in His inscrutable wisdom, to allow our communication with foreign nations to be, in a great measure, prevented by enemies of our country, it has pleased Him to per-

mit us to do something for the Indians on our Western border." No statement is given of the number of missionaries employed, nor of the funds and labors.

Domestic Missions elicit but little interest, beyond lamentations over difficulties and hindrances. Funds are diminished, and the churches are weakened by the absence of their male members, in the war.

"Education for the ministry seems to have been suspended. The funds of the Committee have been invested in 'Confederate notes' and collections from the churches are urged, because 'the demand will be very great at no distant day.'"

The Committee on Publication have issued twenty-six books and tracts, and their total receipts were \$11,707.59. Two thousand dollars worth of the books of our Board were held by a Mr. KEITH, for a fortnight, at the time of the outbreak of the rebellion. These the Trustees take the pleasure of giving; Mr. K. their bond to await a legal decision as to the title.

"The subject of a union with the United Synod, the Associate Reformed Synod, and the Independent Presbyterian Church, was discussed, and some preliminary measures adopted. Such a union ought to be consummated."

The report on Slavery recommends some important improvements. It was referred to a special committee, to report next year. We hope that by the time said report is to be presented, the condition of those who are now slaves will be advanced immeasurably beyond what the Assembly contemplates. The Lord prosper the Assembly so far as it is in the right, and forgive its wrong, and make it a blessing."

Our "down-East" friends seem to have been peculiarly quiet during the last week. We have scarcely an item of news, of a religious character; and not much of any kind, except what relates to party politics.

Boston has long considered itself the Athens of America. It felt itself to be unrivalled in literature, and its title to the claim has been pretty generally accorded. As an evidence of its self-sustaining power, we see it stated that it has almost entirely ceased its subscription to foreign journals.

Rev. Dr. MESSIS, who brought over the petition from the four thousand English clergymen, and who protracted his visit to this country, has been speaking in Boston and Portland, and well received. The response of the American clergy to the above petition, has met with much favor in England.

Rev. L. C. LOCKWOOD, has undertaken a tour in a colony of Congregationalists to settle in the State of Delaware, now virtually free. The Pilgrim stock has ever shown tendencies to diffusion. It has contributed largely to furnish the West with seeds of population and enterprise, to scatter over its broad expanses. And the same process is to be initiated in the South.

A HARMONIOUS meeting of the Association of New-Hampshire was held for three days, commencing August 25th. The controversy relative to the Chales-ton Council, and Mr. Beecher's opinions, continues.

THE RECEIPTS OF THE AMERICAN BOARD FOR JULY WERE \$27,705.64. The entire receipts from September 1st to August 31st were \$333,445.75.

EASTERN SUMMARY.

Our "down-East" friends seem to have been peculiarly quiet during the last week. We have scarcely an item of news, of a religious character; and not much of any kind, except what relates to party politics.

Boston has long considered itself the Athens of America. It felt itself to be unrivalled in literature, and its title to the claim has been pretty generally accorded. As an evidence of its self-sustaining power, we see it stated that it has almost entirely ceased its subscription to foreign journals.

Rev. Dr. MESSIS, who brought over the petition from the four thousand English clergymen, and who protracted his visit to this country, has been speaking in Boston and Portland, and well received. The response of the American clergy to the above petition, has met with much favor in England.

Rev. L. C. LOCKWOOD, has undertaken a tour in a colony of Congregationalists to settle in the State of Delaware, now virtually free. The Pilgrim stock has ever shown tendencies to diffusion. It has contributed largely to furnish the West with seeds of population and enterprise, to scatter over its broad expanses. And the same process is to be initiated in the South.

A HARMONIOUS meeting of the Association of New-Hampshire was held for three days, commencing August 25th. The controversy relative to the Chales-ton Council, and Mr. Beecher's opinions, continues.

THE RECEIPTS OF THE AMERICAN BOARD FOR JULY WERE \$27,705.64. The entire receipts from September 1st to August 31st were \$333,445.75.

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, on 20th Street, shared so largely in the fortune of the drawing, that much attention was excited. At one stage of the process, so rapidly did the names of the students follow each other, that it became the universal belief that the Seminary would be nearly depopulated.

Another feature about the draft, or rather the riots which interrupted the draft, is the bringing out of the value of husbands. This species of property seems to be highly appreciated in the Commercial Metropolis. Several females have sent in claims to the Comptroller for the loss of husbands killed during the unhappy event. The estimates

of the value of the deceased vary greatly, ranging from ten thousand to as low as two thousand dollars. We suppose that the estimates might still be greatly modified. Some husbands are worth absolutely nothing, while others are invaluable. Of the righteousness of a claim to compensation, we have no doubt; but if it shall be adjudged good in law, in what a predicament does it place Dr. Cheever and Co., who maintain that it is not possible for one human being to have property in another human being? What? One man worth two thousand dollars, and another ten thousand dollars; and to be sued for and recovered in court, just as those same ladies would recover the property or money value of their destroyed houses and furniture! This must go far toward justifying the Southern master's claim to a property right in his man-servant and maid-servants, on the principles of American jurisprudence.

Rev. D. SHEDD, of the Brick church, in addition to the recent call to a Professorship in the Union Theological Seminary, has received a pressing invitation to become the President of the College of California.

THERE has been, for the past few months, a great degree of religious interest in the State of New-York. In Rochester, about 900 on one Sabbath united with the various churches. In Utica 600 conversions are reported. In Auburn over 100 united with the churches at the last communion, and a large number are expected to unite at the next.

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CONVENTION of the Diocese of Western New-York, held at Rochester last week, passed a resolution in favor of raising a general fund to pay the commutations of the Episcopal clergy in the diocese who may be drafted.

TAX REV. JOHN H. MORRISON, D. D., the veteran missionary of the Presbyterian Board in Northern India, who was elected Moderator of the Penra Assembly, has just sailed on his return to his field of labor. Rev. Alexander Henry, late of Louisville, Ky., accompanies him.

Rev. J. L. LYON, missionary of the American Board at Sidon, Syria, has returned to this country for the benefit of his health, landing in New-York with his family, by the City of Washington, on the 26th ult.

MR. JABEZ HALLOCK, father of Major-General Halleck, is still living at the advanced age of 103 years, at Waterville, N. Y.

HON. LUTHER BRADISH, one of the most distinguished citizens of New-York, died on Sunday, at the Ocean House, at Newport, R. I., in the eightieth year of his age.

MONEY MATTERS IN NEW-YORK are more cheerful. Gold has gone up to 132 per cent. This was occasioned partly by a visit of Secretary Chase. He wanted funds, and obtained a promise of the Banks to advance him \$35,000,000, to be repaid, next month, in the forthcoming United States interest-bearing long tender notes. The Secretary expects to get \$15,000,000 additional, in Boston and other places.

PHILADELPHIA.

MINISTERS are returning to their churches, after their Summer vacation. Peace prevails in Zion, and her children are edified.

THE THIRD Presbytery of Philadelphia, at a pro-nata meeting held at the Presbyterian Church of Centerville, Crawford county, Pa., on the 24th inst., according to the request of the Rev. John Jenkins, D. D., for a dissolution of the pastoral relation which has existed between himself and the Calvary church for nearly ten years, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of London, England. An appropriate and fraternal Minute was adopted by Presbytery.

THE FORTS below the city, which had long been mere leafing places, are now scenes of activity. Fort Delaware is a sight to behold, with its large military force, and its ten thousand rebel prisoners. Fort Mifflin is a very different place from what it was three years ago. United States engineers have put it in splendid condition. It is now a military post worthy of some confidence.

THE NAVY YARD is alive with laborers—building ships, repairing ships, and increasing the means of business.

UNITED STATES CHRISTIAN COMMISSION. The Army Committee of the Christian Commission during the following reports of its operations during the month of August:

Commissions to act as delegates have been given to Rev. William Dalsell, Hanover, Ohio; Rev. S. Seigrist, Jr., Adamsville, Ohio; Thompson R. Ewing, Indiana County, Pa.; Wallace Radcliff, Pittsburgh; E. S. Jeffers, Harrisburg, making fifty delegates sent to the army since April 1st.

The letters and reports from our delegates demonstrate the necessity and efficiency of the Christian Commission. Rev. Robert McQuay, of Mercer, says: "Never have there been so many doors of usefulness opened to philanthropists and earnest Christians as at the present. The opportunities now afforded to such to alleviate the sufferings in our own land, and to bring the weary and heavy laden to Christ, are such as have not been enjoyed in the past—nor shall such be had in the future. From the various camps and hospitals in our land, there come to every lover of humanity and of God, more than a Macedonian cry to come over and help us. In response to this call, let earnest, faithful and intelligent Christian men come to this work—and such only—men who are willing to endure hardships for the sake of Christ, or for the salvation of man. Let pleasure-seekers, and those who are incited by mere curiosity, remain at home, and let those who have a heart to compassionate the sufferings, and a mind to work for the good of the soldier. Such men may be the saviors of our country in the army, and in the realization of this, will enjoy much pleasure."

And in response to this cry, they who cannot come in person should seek to encourage and cheer the soldier by those manifestations of regard and sympathy for him in his privations and dangers."

The Field Agents in different parts of the armies are asking for earnest, active, faithful ministers. Men of experience in their calling, possessing good bodily health, as well as sound judgment, to labor as delegates in brigades that are destitute of Chaplains."

We would suggest that each Grand Presbytery or Conference appoint one minister

to represent it in the army, making provision for the supply of his pulpit and the comfort of his family, and let him remain at his post at least three months to cheer and save choice young men.

We thankfully acknowledge the following contributions (omitted in our last report) for religious reading matter, through the publication Societies of the Churches:

Table of contributions from various churches and societies, including Presbyterian church, Baptist church, U. P. church, etc., with amounts listed.

The following articles have been forwarded to the hospitals and camps of our armies, during the past month:

463 shirts, 285 pairs drawers, 265 pillows, 175 pillow cases, 192 towels, 141 pads and slings, 87 sheets, 68 pairs socks, 214 housewives, 41 pairs slippers, 82 dressing gowns, 368 handkerchiefs, 124 dozens crackers, 56 bushels potatoes, 50 dozen eggs, 705 cans of fruit, 1,825 pounds dried fruit, 1,217 books, 94,600 pages papers and tracts, 411 testaments, 365 hymn books, 286 bandages, 29 pounds of lint, 67 arm slings, 6 reams writing paper, 1,500 envelopes, 18 pounds farina, 27 pounds corn-starch, 21 pounds soap, 265 pounds butter.

The work of the Commission is enlarging, and the demands upon our means constantly increasing. The calls for publications, especially, are very urgent, and with the continued increase of the work there comes a continued demand for supplies, which we earnestly desire to meet.

Let all stores be sent to Wm. F. Weigh, No. 75 Smith Street, and all such contributions to Jos. Albee, Treasurer, No. 71 Wood Street.

ROBERT MCKNIGHT, W. P. WEIGH, R. C. TOTTER, JOS. ALBEE, J. R. MCGEE, Executive Com.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 1, 1863.

PRESBYTERIAL NOTICES.

THE PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE will meet pro-nata, at Connellville, on Wednesday, the 16th day of September next, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of ordaining George F. Wall as an Evangelist, prior to his entering upon a Foreign Mission.

In compliance with the request of the constitutional number of Ministers and Ruling Elders. JOHN MCCLINTOCK, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE will hold its next stated meeting at Brownsville, on the First Tuesday of October next, at 2 o'clock P. M. By order of Presbytery. JOHN MCCLINTOCK, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON will hold its next stated meeting at New Cumberland, on the First Tuesday (8th day) of October next, at 2 o'clock P. M. ALEX. MCARDRELL, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF BLAIRSVILLE will meet, according to adjournment, at New Salem, on the First Tuesday of October next, at 2 o'clock P. M. JAMES DAVIS, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE will meet in Beallville, on the First Tuesday of October, at 11 o'clock A. M. J. G. GRAHAM, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF HOCKING will meet (D. V.) in Athens, on Tuesday, September 22d, at 7 o'clock P. M. A full attendance is desired. By order of Presbytery. H. H. KIRBY, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF ROCK RIVER will meet at Centerville, on Monday, October 12th, at 7 o'clock P. M. The assessment for the Contingent Fund will be called for. S. T. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF PALESTINE will hold its regular Fall meeting at Kansas, Ill., on Friday, the 9th of October, at 7 o'clock P. M. Sessional Records will be called for. A. MCARDRELL, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF SALTSBURG stands adjourned to meet at Rural Village, on the First Tuesday (5th day) of October next, at 2 o'clock P. M. W. W. WOODRUM, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF SANGAMON will meet at Centre on Tuesday, September 29th, 1863, at 7 P. M. G. W. F. BIRCH, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF KASKASKIA stands adjourned to meet in the Weyland church, October 9th, 1863, at 11 o'clock P. M. ALFRED N. DENNY, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY CITY will hold its next stated meeting at Bridgewater, commencing on the Third Tuesday of September, at 11 o'clock A. M. WILLIAM ANNAN, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF BEAVER will meet at the church of Beaver Falls, on the Fourth Wednesday of September, at 11 o'clock A. M. D. C. REED, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF BLOOMINGTON will meet at Onango, Ill., on Tuesday, September 22d, at 7 o'clock P. M. R. C. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF CLARION will meet at Gettysburg on Tuesday, September 15th, at 11 o'clock A. M. J. H. SHEPARD, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF FLORIDA will hold its next stated meeting in the Presbyterian church of Princeton, on the Third Tuesday of September, at 7 o'clock P. M. ROBERT JOHNSTON, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF ZANESVILLE will meet, as adjourned, at the church of Bristol, Morgan County, Ohio, on the Third Tuesday (15th) of September, at 7 o'clock P. M. W. M. FERGUSON, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW LISBON will meet, D. V., in the church of Gettysville, on the last Tuesday of September, at 7 o'clock P. M. ROBERT HAYS, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF ERIB will meet at Mercer, on the Fourth Tuesday of September next, at 2 o'clock P. M. S. J. BARTON, Stated Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER will meet in Ipara, Fulton County, Ill., on Tuesday, September 22d, 1863, at 7 o'clock P. M. T. S. VAILL, Stated Clerk.

SYNDICAL.

THE SYND OF ILLINOIS stands adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian church of Bloomington, on the Second Wednesday of October, at 7 o'clock P. M. ROBERT JOHNSTON, Stated Clerk.

THE SYND OF IOWA will hold its next stated meeting at Iowa City, on Thursday, September 10th, at 7 o'clock P. M. A. E. TAYLOR, Stated Clerk.

THE SYND OF ALLEGHENY will meet in the First Presbyterian church of Allegheny, on the Fourth Thursday of September, (24th inst.) at 7 o'clock P. M. S. J. BARTON, Stated Clerk.

THE SYND OF SOUTHERN IOWA will hold its next stated meeting at Des Moines City, on the last Thursday in September, (24th day) at 7 o'clock P. M. S. C. MCUNE, Stated Clerk.

THE SYND OF CHICAGO will meet in the Presbyterian church of Macomb, Ill., on the Third Thursday (16th day) of October next, at 8 o'clock P. M. The Presbyteries are reminded that they are to send up to Synod a full list of the names of the Ruling Elders of all the churches within their bounds, with their Post-Office address, in order that they may be inserted in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Synod. I. N. CANDEE, Stated Clerk.