

Presbyterian Banner.

PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1864.

WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

This institution of our Church, which has done so much for our country and also for heathen lands, closed its term for 1863-1864, last week.

These examinations were very thorough, while there was no evidence that any special preparations had been made for this event, beyond the ordinary routine of close study and careful instruction.

On Wednesday morning the address to the graduating class was delivered by Rev. W. D. HOWARD, D.D., pastor of the Second church of Pittsburgh.

Then, in accordance with a custom in this Seminary, the whole class came in front of the pulpit, and the Valedictory address was delivered by

WILLIAM M. WHITE, Allegheny City. At this point, a neat copy of the Holy Scriptures was presented to each member of the class, with a short and appropriate address by Prof. WILSON.

We feel that we would fail in our duty did we not make particular mention of the matter and the delivery of the addresses by the young men. The matter was rich, and the speaking was easy and forcible.

Diplomas were conferred upon the following young gentlemen, in addition to the speakers already mentioned: JOHN S. ATKINSON, Kildbourne, Ohio;

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES AND MINISTERS. PRESBYTERIAN. Old School.—A very precious work of grace is in progress in the Presbyterian church of Wooster, O.

Concerning this church, a minister of the New School Presbyterian church writes: "Having recently spent a few days in assisting the pastor of this venerable branch of the Church, I hope you will indulge me in a few words."

THE HASTE TO BE RICH. It is a melancholy truth that, whilst many of the noblest traits of our nature have been strikingly displayed, during the crisis through which we are passing, many of its basest characteristics also have been prominently developed.

That the love of money, whether for its own sake, or for the sake of the selfish gratifications its acquirer desires to procure, is one of the lowest and most degrading

traits of our fallen humanity, our readers do not need to be reminded.

But it appears to have been reserved for our own times to bring forth a race of men, or of beings wearing the semblance of humanity, who find it in their hearts not only to make a profit of their country's misfortunes, but even to aggravate those calamities for the sake of gain.

Almost a year ago it was announced that the frauds at that time detected in the Quartermaster's Department, amounted to twenty-five millions of dollars; and with-out voting for the truth of the statement, though we have never seen a contradiction of it, it is notorious that the frauds in army-contracts have been both frequent, in point of number, and enormous in the aggregate of their amount.

What means this startling fact? Simply that there are among our countrymen, individuals mercenary enough to supply our brave soldiers, (who are risking their lives in behalf of these very miscreants) with unwholesome food, defective clothing, imperfect equipments, and unreliable materials of war; or if there be no defect in the articles provided, are willing even whilst their Government is trembling under its load of debt, to withdraw from the national treasury, by fraudulent means, many times the value of the supplies furnished; and all this, only that their own already swollen purses may be more largely distended with ill-gotten gains.

Take another instance. A few days since, gold was quoted at 190. That is, one hundred and ninety dollars in legal tenders, for which the credit and resources of the United States were pledged, were worth on Wall Street just one hundred dollars in gold.

What means this remarkable fact? Simply, that there is a class of gamblers in stocks, and speculators in gold, who do not hesitate, by a resort to a variety of tricks, stratagems, and collusions, to depreciate the faith and credit of our common country, that, by opportune purchases and sales, their own coffers may be inflated; if they can but expand their own bloated incomes, what matters it to them that the financial credit of their country be pushed to the verge of bankruptcy.

The love of money—to what depths of infamy will not this base passion sink its miserable subject? BUNYAN'S man with the muck rake is but the representative of a numerous class, and vivid though all the linnings are of this stern patriot of the heart, his portrait here falls below the wretched reality. What multitudes there are, who sedulously raking up the dross beneath their feet, cannot behold the golden crown above them!

Truly, they that will be rich, fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in corruption and defile them.

NEWARK DAILY ADVERTISER.—The editors of the Newark (N. J.) Daily Advertiser, the leading paper in that city, and indeed in the State, have made ample arrangements to furnish full, interesting and accurate daily reports of the proceedings of the General Assembly.

Princeton Review.—This valuable quarterly has the following articles in the April number: I. The Works of PLATO. II. Latin Christianity. III. Man's Place in Nature. IV. Thoughts of MARCUS AURELIUS ANTONINUS. V. The Superintendent of Missions. VI. Governor WINTHROP. VII. ST. JEROME. With the usual Short Notices, and Literary Intelligence. Price, \$3 per annum.

The Christian Commission.—This week we publish an appeal from the Pittsburgh branch of the Christian Commission, which we trust will meet the response it merits from churches and individuals. We must not permit the Commission to be hampered for a moment, in its operations, for want of means. The highest motives impel to this Christian and humane agency.

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Rev. Dr. McPheters, who was recently suspended from his pastoral charge in St. Louis, by the Presbytery, preached last Sunday in that city to a large congregation, as the Republican says, "a most eloquent and animated discourse."

At its close he stated that when the last Presbytery dissolved the relation of pastor and people of Pine St. church he appealed to the Synod, which appeal was regularly received and placed on record, for the action of the Synod at its next meeting; that the last statement of our conference meeting of the students are now Christians."

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Extract from a letter dated Williams-town, April 2d. * * * "The report you heard about the revival here, was correct. You can imagine my surprise when I attended the first prayer-meeting, to hear those praising God, whom before I had heard blaspheming him. * * * It would do your heart good to see what I have seen within the past two weeks. The very worst fellows in College are now rejoicing in Jesus Christ. All but twelve of our class were out on the Lord's side. The last statement of our conference meeting of the students are now Christians."

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