

Presbyterian Banner.

PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1864.

A TIME OF REVIVAL.

It is not at all uncommon for us, in our shortsightedness, to fail to notice and appreciate great blessings bestowed upon us which were long and earnestly desired.

But how signally has our want of faith been rebuked? Notwithstanding all the unfavorable influences, we do not believe that any year since the memorable 1857, in this country, has witnessed so many conversions to God as have taken place within the last twelve months.

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WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON CITY, APRIL 16, 1864.

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ing as loan agents not issued from the Treasury at Washington until March 26th. The Banks did not generally begin to receive subscriptions until one week later, and in distant parts of the country have yet hardly begun to work, but the subscriptions reported by mail to the Treasury up to April 22d, amount to over \$33,000,000, and the sum actually subscribed but not yet reported at that date, is much greater.

We feel that we are doing a kindness to our men of money, many of whom are among our readers, in again asking their attention to this loan.

The three Banks designated as the agencies for the sale of the Bonds in Western Pennsylvania are, the First National Bank of Allegheny, and the First and Third National Banks of Pittsburgh.

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of the subscribers to this paper in the loyal States, would be a curiosity. Report of the Proceedings of the General Assembly.—Rev. J. H. BATAUD, who proposes to publish a full daily report of the proceedings of the next General Assembly, informs us that owing to the fact that the postage law, as it now stands, will require him to pre-pay the postage, it will be necessary for him to increase the price to 75 cents for single subscribers.

The Home and Foreign Record, for May, gives the following contributions to the different Boards of our Church for March: Domestic Missions, \$18,032.76; Education, \$5,273.53; Foreign Missions, \$26,481.09; Publication, \$1,088.43; Church Extension, \$3,249.29; Disabled Ministers, \$1,094.63.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES AND MINISTERS. PRESBYTERIAN. Old School.—Mr. Cyrus H. Dunlap, a graduate of the last Class in the Western Theological Seminary, was ordained and installed pastor of the North Presbyterian church of Allegheny, on the evening of Tuesday, the 26th ult.

The following additional Commissioners to the General Assembly are reported: Presbytery of Erie, Rev. J. V. Reynolds, D.D., and Elder S. R. Mason. Neweastle, Rev. R. P. Dubois, and John H. Johns; and Elders C. C. Brokaw, and Andrew L. Muir.

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Resolved, That a certified copy of these resolutions be put into the hands of our Commissioners to the General Assembly, to be by them brought before that body so as to secure action thereon.

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Rev. Jacob K. Winters was dismissed from the Presbytery of Palmyra, at its late meeting, in accordance with his own request, to connect with the Presbytery of Northern Missouri, (New School).

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age. What a sermon on early conversion. What an encouragement to parents and Sunday School teachers! At a late meeting of the Official members of the various Methodist churches in Chicago, the following resolutions were passed: Resolved, That the delegates from this city to the next General Methodist Episcopal Conference be instructed to invite the General Conference to hold its sittings for 1868 in Chicago.

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Canton, Ningpo, Shanghai, Tunchow, San Francisco, Iowa, Chippewa—in some cases one, two or three; in other cases, eighteen, nineteen, thirty. In no former year has there been so great an interest in the conversion of souls into God.

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