

Presbyterian Banner.

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YOUNG MEN! THINK OF IT.

Just at this time the various Colleges of our country are sending forth their young men, trained by careful culture on the part of their preceptors, to take upon them life's more active duties.

Amid the whirl of excitement in which we live, and which has communicated itself so largely to our Schools and Colleges, we fear that the claims of the Gospel ministry upon our pious and educated young men, will not receive that thoughtful, prayerful consideration they so prominently deserve.

Is this, indeed, true? Can there be any higher consideration than obedience to the mandate of our divine Master—the call of our sovereign? Can there be any distractions arising from the existing conflict, for which his grace will not supply a sufficient preparation or support?

But, we hear you say, some eminent ministers have entered the service of their country as soldiers: why may not we? Undoubtedly, emergencies may arise that would call you to the field.

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ing—God is pleased to save them that believe. And the rewards of the faithful minister—of him that shall save a soul from death—of him that shall turn many to righteousness, how incomparably superior to all the honors and the happiness the world can bestow.

Our readers will bear with us, whilst again we place before them, and press upon them, the urgent wants of the Christian Commission. Much has been done, but much remains to be done.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Old School.—Rev. David Waggoner was installed pastor of the Georgetown church on the 24th of June, by a committee of the Presbytery of Erie.

The death of Rev. Wm. J. Hoge, D.D., pastor of the Tabb Street church, Petersburg, Va., is announced in the Richmond papers.

A correspondent of the Presbyterian announces the death, in the hospital at Memphis, Tenn., July 10, of Rev. James W. McKean, of Hopkins, Iowa, son of Rev. J. McKean, of Scotch Grove, Iowa.

Rev. R. W. Henry, D.D., has accepted the call to the North Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, and will enter upon the duties of his charge, Sept. 1st.

The deaths of Rev. Wm. R. Sim, of the Presbytery of Saline, at Golconda, Ill.; of Rev. David E. Curtis, of the Presbytery of Potomac, at Farmington, Mo.; and of Rev. Samuel Pelton, of the Presbytery of Hudson, on the 10th inst., suddenly, from apoplexy, in his 88th year, at Monticello, N. Y., are announced.

The private library of Rev. Dr. D. X. Junkin, the accumulation of thirty years, was burned up at the fire, July 4th, which consumed the old Canal Street Presbyterian church.

United.—The Minutes of the 6th General Assembly of the U. P. Church, held at Philadelphia, in May last, have already been published in neat and convenient form, creditable alike to those engaged in its preparation and publication, taking the place of the July number of the Evangelical Repository.

Rev. J. B. Clark, D.D., of the 2d U. P. church, Allegheny, has again entered the service of his country, under the late call for 100 days' men.

At the meeting of the Synod of Iowa, July 1st, in Tipton, Ia., Rev. J. G. Schaef, charged with fraud, was deposed from the ministry, and expelled from that Ministerium.

There are three Lutheran churches in San Francisco, Cal., a German, an English, and a Swedish one. Much energy and liberality have been shown in collecting and building up these churches.

BAPTIST.

The Baptist church at Antioch, N. Y., which celebrated its fifth anniversary on Sabbath, July 8, may be regarded as a novelty in modern ecclesiastical arrangements.

Rev. Dr. Kennard, Boston, has, in forty-six years, preached 10,000 sermons, baptized 2,033 persons, married 4,089 couples, and attended 3,900 funerals.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The church in Harpswell, Maine, is built more than a hundred years ago, still standing, its frame as sound apparently as ever.

A Congregational Council in Maine having refused to install Rev. Mr. Walton over the Third Congregational Society in Portland, the Society has engaged him to preach for them for a year.

General View of the Presbyterian Church during the year ending May, 1864.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Synods in connection with the General Assembly, Ministers, and various church statistics.

The following ministers have died during the year: Joseph Sweetman, Albany; John N. Campbell, Do.

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