

The Presbyterian Church, united in one body, would possess more intelligence, more influence, more power, than any other ecclesiastical organization in the world.

Whether such a union would better serve the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, is a question of deep and solemn interest. Could it be made apparent that such would be the case, then all should pray and labor for it as a consummation devoutly to be wished.

German Reformed.—The Mercersburg Theological Seminary has had an attendance of twenty-one students during the Seminary year just closed.

Episcopal.—Rev. J. B. Kerfoot, D.D., has been elected President of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.

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At 10 o'clock P. M., in the lecture-room of the Seminary, and students intending to take the course, ought, if possible, to be present at the opening exercises.

The rooms of the Seminary are spacious and comfortable, well furnished, and having convenient and accommodations of the very best order. A gentleman of experience, with his lady, has been engaged to take charge of the boarding department of the Seminary, and will furnish good board to the students at two dollars and fifty cents per week, all within the building.

The course of instruction, both by lecture and text book, of the three Seminary Classes, Senior, Middle and Junior, is very much the same as that given at our older Seminaries, extending through three annual Sessions, and embracing the four great departments of Didactic Theology, Biblical and Ecclesiastical History, Pastoral Theology and Church Government, and Exegesis of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures.

The Faculty, as at present constituted, are: Rev. Willis Lord, D.D., Professor of Biblical and Ecclesiastical History; also, for the present, filling the department of Didactic and Theology.

Rev. Leroy J. Halsey, D.D., Professor of Historical and Pastoral Theology and Church Government, embracing Homiletics, or the Composition and Delivery of Sermons.

Rev. Charles Elliott, D.D., Professor of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, embracing the study of the Hebrew Language, and of our churches, and in the friends of the Seminary generally, feel warranted in saying, that every worthy young man who wishes to pursue his Theological studies at this institution, shall be provided for to whatever extent may be found necessary.

Resolutions of the General Assembly. In relation to Disabled Ministers and the Needy Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers.

Resolved, 1. That the Assembly has listened with deep interest to the Report of the Trustees of the Fund for Disabled Ministers, and the Needy Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers.

Resolved, 2. That the Assembly regards the consolidation of those bodies with the Methodist Episcopal Church as a matter of still greater moment. The feeling in favor of organic union amongst those who differ in non-essentials, if differing at all, appears to be growing.

Resolved, 3. That while, in the judgment of this Assembly, the aid of the State, from legacies and other sources may in some respects be desirable, the chief dependence of this scheme of benevolence should be placed, as it is in the case of the several Boards of the Assembly, on the annual contributions made by the churches in its behalf.

Resolved, 4. That the Report be appended to the Minutes of this Assembly, and be printed by the Board of Publication, and that a copy of the same be sent to each pastor and stated supply, with a request that this important subject be laid before his congregation.

Resolved, 5. That this Assembly earnestly calls upon the churches in its connection to consider their responsibility and duty to contribute to this cause; and in view of the extreme reluctance on the part of the most needy and deserving to make application for aid, urges upon the several Presbyteries the duty of searching out those within their bounds who are in proper subjects of relief, and of making the requisite application to the Trustees in their behalf.

Resolved, 6. In consideration of the urgent wants of those needing relief, and of the increased expenses of living, the Assembly recommends that the yearly appropriation to the recipients of this fund be increased.

Resolved, 7. That the Assembly acknowledge with gratitude the kindness of those friends of the cause, by whose liberality a large proportion of the expenses of this important agency is provided for.

Resolved, 8. That the good of the community, the cause of education, the welfare of the country, and the best interests of the kingdom of Christ, imperatively demand the union of Washington and Jefferson Colleges.

Resolved, 9. That it is with profound gratification that we learn that a plan of union has been agreed upon by the officers of the colleges, depending for its consummation upon the appropriation by the Legislature of the State of a liberal portion of the funds for Agricultural Colleges and their use.

Resolved, 10. That in view of the fact just stated, we hereby respectfully and earnestly petition the Legislature of the State to appropriate for the purpose of this union, as early as possible, the sum of \$100,000, to be paid in annual installments of \$20,000 per annum, for a period of five years.

Vennel, at the west end of Linktown of Abbotshall, has departed this life. He died in the same house which he left in 1803. He was little more than one year at sea when he was impressed for the navy. He was on board the Victory when the hero of Trafalgar was mortally wounded.

At New Orleans, also, a number of Union prisoners have been received from Texas, whose names are as follows: James M. Smith, John W. Smith, and others. They were taken from the infamous brutality with which the rebels systematically treat the unfortunate Union soldiers who fall into their power.

Foreign.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Lindsay asked the Secretary of State, in connection with other European questions, to bring about a suspension of hostilities. Lord Palmerston lamented the absence of the Emperor of Austria from the Congress, and expressed his regret that he was not present there was no advantage to be gained by meddling.

In the House of Lords, Lord Campbell asked whether the treaty guaranteeing Denmark possession of Schleswig were now invalid. It was pointed out that it was impossible to do anything to restore England's influence in Europe. Lord Grosvenor said that the treaty of 1779 was annulled by the treaty of 1814.

The first sitting of the Peace Conference was held on the 29th. Count Reichenberg and Bismarck were present. Nothing was known respecting the proceedings.

The Emperor of Austria had received Count Bismarck. He will remain in Vienna, and take part in the Peace negotiations. In connection with the sittings of the Conference, a meeting of the Austrian, Prussian and Danish plenipotentiaries was held on Monday. An interchange of views took place, which may influence future actual negotiations.

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