



ness on the business principles usually recognized amongst business men. After a few more remarks he said he would add no more at present.

T. C. Henry (ruling elder) moved that this matter be recommitted to the Committee, and that Dr. Masgrave and Dr. Edwards be directed to appear before that Committee and substantiate these charges. He had heard that two years ago similar inquests had been made from the same quarter. He begged to say that he was not a member of this Board—had no interest in this matter.

rate of about 6 per cent, and now amount to about \$242,000, as will be seen by the paper which he held in his hand. He did not believe that it should be allowed to increase ad aeternum. But the time had not come for arresting it. When the increase is in any one year too great, it is diminished (by an order of the Assembly) by a diminution of the price of the books. About the house in Chestnut street, of which so much had been said, it was by specific donations from gentlemen in Philadelphia and New York. If that house should be sold, the proceeds must be applied to the same purposes for which they were at first given.

members intended to withdraw from its management, and resign at the annual meeting on the sixth of June.

is a sufficient reply also, to the second article of this protest. Having established no new term of membership, this Assembly is not liable to the charge of having departed from the old paths.

authorities, will snap it asunder, as so much rotten pack-thread.

3. While conceding to all others the fullest freedom to select their own mode of giving expression to whatever views they may entertain, we will venture, in the exercise of the same right, to express the opinion that the judicatories of our church are the appointed and the best channels through which its course of action should run.

of the Presbyterian church in the South. In this condition of things, what is to be done? That there is a momentous crisis upon us is very plain.

Vertical text on the left margin, possibly a name or date.

CAMP NEAR STAUNTON.

CAMP NEAR STAUNTON, VA. 20th Regiment, June 13th, 1861. Dear Friend,—As writing and mail facilities are few, I have concluded to drop you a short letter every week; and as nearly every family represented in it is a subscriber, our friends will thus be acquainted with our movements.

A Suggestion to the Virginia Bible Society.

A benevolent and patriotic lady having recently sent to Richmond for several dozen New Testaments, to be presented to members of a volunteer Company about to leave, received in reply, that no Testaments were to be had for less than forty cents a piece.

MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS.

A Resignation—Rev. James H. McNeill, for the last ten years Secretary of the American Bible Society, has resigned his office, and announced his purpose to return to the South immediately.

MANASSAS JUNCTION.

MANASSAS JUNCTION, June 13th, in Camp. The Jewish historians relate, that in the great war by which the Maccabees delivered Judah from the yoke of Syrian despotism, they at first interpreted the Sabbath law so strictly, that when attacked by their enemies on that day, they would not resist.

COMMUNICATIONS.

KAZAWHA C. H., VA., June 11th, '61. As it so happened that I was the only minister in the last General Assembly, from any of the Atlantic States South of Maryland, it is incumbent on me, as I suppose, to say something to the churches in the Southern States about some of the proceedings of that body.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

We continue this week the publication of such portions of the proceedings and debates as we have been able to obtain. Up to this date we have failed in every effort to procure more than the first and second numbers of the reports in the Philadelphia Presbyterian, nor have any numbers of the New York Observer come to hand.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1861.

Day of Fasting and Prayer.

From all the information received, this solemn day has been kept with great unanimity and devoutness throughout our Confederacy.

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