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During the early portion of the past year every department of the Board was flourishing; but the national troubles changed the scene, and it became prudent to refrain from issuing new books and to decline the appointment of more Colporteurs, and to approve of the withdrawal of some in the service. (A complete Historical sketch of the Board of Publication from its organization will be found in *The Presbyterian Historical Almanac* for 1861, pp. 57-63.)

The Board reported the death of JOSEPH P. ENGLS, Esq., who for sixteen years held the post of Publishing Agent. In accordance with the plan of this Almanac, it is due to the Church that a tribute to his memory be recorded.

JOSEPH PATTERSON ENGLS, the son of Silas and Annie (Patterson) Engles, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., January 3, 1793. Receiving at the hands of his parents a careful training, he entered the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1811.

In 1813 he was appointed co-master of the Grammar School of that institution with Samuel B. How, D.D. (at present pastor of the R. D. Church, New Brunswick, N. J.) This relation existed for some years. In 1817 the late Samuel B. Wylie, D.D. and Mr. Engles founded an Academy under the title of the Classical Institute. Dr. Wylie withdrew, and it was under the sole charge of Mr. Engles for 28 years. It was located in Sansom St. above Eleventh, and was justly celebrated as a School of Learning.

As an eminent linguist, of varied literary acquirements, thoroughly conversant with the literature of the day, affable in his manners, and sound in his Presbyterianism, he was selected by the Board as their Publishing Agent; his election took place in Feb'y, 1845. In this new field of usefulness Mr. Engles realized the expectations of the friends of the Board. His habits of patient toil and persistent effort found ample scope in the demands now made upon him. Early and late with an untiring devotion to duty he was always at his post; and in this connection he came in direct communication with those persons employed by the Board, the Printers, Stereotypers, Bookbinders, etc. His intercourse was marked with that high-toned courtesy and consideration strongly indicative of the Christian gentleman, one of nature's noblemen, sanctified by grace.

The advance made in the operations of the Board may be inferred from the fact that in 1846, the first year of his connection with the Institution, the total number of publications were 137,750 copies. Last year they were \$10,500 copies. In 1846 the total receipts were \$29,238; last year, \$125,242.

Blessed with that inestimable treasure, a pious mother's love and tender care, he was early led to seek the Saviour, and, having made a profession of religion, he joined the Scots (or Eighth) Presbyterian Church, where he was chosen as an Elder, which connection lasted till his death.

In recording the history of his Eldership I would say that he ruled well. In all the events of a long life the spiritual element of his character was pre-eminent; it entered into his daily life and walk, it permeated all he said and did; to visit the widow and the fatherless, and keep himself unspotted from the world was his earnest desire, and fully was it realized.

He died on Sabbath night, April 14, 1861, of disease of the heart, after a short illness.

The Board passed a series of Resolutions to commemorate the event in which, "They record their grateful sense of the eminent piety and usefulness of this devoted servant of God: of his diligence, integrity, and fidelity as the Publishing Agent of this Board; of the generous efficiency with which he employed the resources of his large experience and ripe scholarship in promoting its interests; and of the signal affability and kindness which marked all his intercourse with its members, and won their personal confidence and affection;" and the General Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Assembly unites with the Board in hereby recording its sense of the loss sustained by the Church in the death of the late Joseph

P. Engles, who was for sixteen years the Publishing Agent of the Board, and in expressing its sense of the diligence, integrity, and fidelity with which he had so long served the Church in that office.

He married, January 25, 1826, Miss Harriet Paddock Allen, daughter of the late Solomon Allen, Esq., of Philadelphia. His widow and five children survive him. He was a brother of Wm. M. Engles, D.D., editor of *The Presbyterian*.

The officers of the Board are as follows :

WILLIAM E. SCHENCK, D.D., *Corresponding Secretary*, 821 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

WINTRHOP SARGENT, Esq., *Superintendent of Colportage and Business Agent*, No. 821 Chestnut St.

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### Board of Church Extension.

THE *Sixth* Annual Report is as follows :

The number of APPLICATIONS during the year was one hundred and twenty-one, asking for \$55,555 10, averaging \$459 13 each.

Besides these new applications there were on file at the beginning of the year and undisposed of, one hundred applications, asking for \$43,000, making the whole number of applications *two hundred and twenty-one*, asking for \$98,555 10.

During the year *five* applications asking for \$7,250, were declined for want of funds; and *forty-six* applications asking for \$10,725 were removed from the file because the required information had not been furnished within the two years allowed for that purpose.

There remained on file at the end of the year, April 1, 1861, and undisposed of, ninety-four applications, asking for \$36,116 75.

THE APPROPRIATIONS during the year amounted to \$26,863 91, and were made to *seventy-five* churches in fifty-four Presbyteries, as follows :

Baltimore.....	1	Council Bluffs..	1	Highland.....	3	Northumberland.	1	Sioux City.....	2
Benicia.....	1	Dane.....	2	Lewes.....	3	Ouachita.....	1	St. Clairsville....	1
Bloomington.....	1	Des Moines.....	1	Logansport.....	2	Paducah.....	1	St. Paul.....	1
California.....	1	East Hanover.....	1	Londonderry.....	2	Palmyra.....	1	Washington.....	1
Cedar.....	3	Eastern Texas..	1	Louisiana.....	1	Peoria.....	1	Western District	1
Chicago.....	3	Ebenezer.....	1	Maumee.....	1	Richland.....	1	Western Reserve.	2
Chilliothe.....	1	Fairfield.....	1	Monmouth.....	1	Rock River.....	3	Western Texas...	2
Chippewa.....	1	Florida.....	1	Nassau.....	1	Saline.....	1	West Hanover.....	1
Cincinnati.....	1	Fort Wayne.....	1	New Albany.....	1	Sangamon.....	2	Winchester.....	1
Clarion.....	2	Genesee River..	1	New Lisbon.....	1	Schuyler.....	3	Winnebago.....	1
Connecticut.....	1	Greenbrier.....	2	New York.....	1	Sidney.....	1	Presbyteries.....	54
								Churches.....	75

The appropriations withdrawn during the year were *seven*, from the following Presbyteries : Cherokee, 1; East Hanover, 1; Genesee River, 1; New Albany, 1; Richland, 1; Sioux City, 1; Winnebago, 1.

The appropriations amounting to \$26,863 91 were made to seventy-five churches, and leaving out of view "The Children's Church" of St. Anne, Illinois, the average appropriations were \$218 86.

The RECEIPTS were from Churches, Sabbath Schools, etc., \$23,317 76; miscellaneous sources, \$6,574 85; Total, \$29,892 61. Balance on hand at beginning of the year, \$15,585 71; Total resources for the year were \$45,478 32.