

The formal opening of the winter session of our College at Pine Hill took place on Wednesday evening, Nov. 4th by an excellent lecture from Rev. Dr. Currie.

The sympathies and prayers of our church should be heartily given to and for our college, that more men may come forward to study there and that the Holy Spirit may fit teachers and students for their great work. No long since we received a letter from a student in attendance at another celebrated college, and he thinks the teaching and training to be had at Pine Hill fully equal to that given elsewhere. This is the almost universal testimony of those who have gone abroad.

Rev. Dr. McCulloch after a successful pastorate in one congregation lacking but two years of half a century has been compelled from age and failing health to resign his charge. The Presbytery have asked that his name be retained on their roll and also that he be allowed to retire from the active work of the ministry as Pastor Emeritus.

certain sum is your fair proportion of it. The Presbytery does the same with its different congregations.

Were this not done, some might give more than their proportion, many would give less, and very likely the amount raised would be too small. The allocation is merely an effort to distribute the burden which the whole church has voluntarily assumed, as fairly as possible over the whole church.

There is nothing compulsory about it. Men may contribute or not as they choose, but every loyal christian will seek according to the ability that God has given him to do his part of the work.

At the time of the civil war in the United States twenty-five years ago, the churches as well the states separated. The union of states is almost as compact as it was before the war, but some of

the churches remain separate. The Presbyterian church, North, has more than once been making overtures to the South looking towards a joining of the old ties, but the South says, "We can do better work apart. You have a vast field in the West. We too have a great work to do. Let us labor side by side, but not one." Some idea of the immense size and rapid growth of the Presbyterian Church North may be gathered from the fact that during last year one Synod, six new Presbyteries, and 116 churches were added. There are now 25 Synods whose boundaries are for the most part the same as those of the State. There are 136 Presbyteries, and 6,093 churches. The number of churches having an addition of between 50 and 100 to their membership [during the year was upwards] of 60.

One of the Presbyteries of this church is that of Shantung, China, one of whose congregations reported an accession of 200 members last year.

A few years since, during the Zulu war we heard much of that strange people. The American Board began work there fifty years ago, so that it is now one of their oldest and strongest fields. The Board has nine missionaries there six of whom have been in the field for over thirty-six years. Great preparations are making for a Jubilee celebration there next December.

The chief way of extending our church is by mission Stations. The growth of a tree is always on the outside. A few Presbyterian families settle near each other. They are a small and weak station. Let them be supplied with ordinances and they become self sustaining congregations, in their turn helping others. The mission stations should be cared for. They are the buds. Most of them get some service from catechists during the summer, but sometimes for years they are not visited by an ordained minister, to dispense the sacraments.