

## THE STANDARD.

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Letters from two very highly esteemed clerical men in Kentucky, have recently been received, with much emphasis a transfer of The Standard to Lexington or Louisville.

It is matter of extreme regret that we cannot, consistently, with our private views of duty, reciprocally, accede to the proposition of Kentucky, in sustaining our paper depends on such a transfer.

Without calling in question the motives in which the proposition originated, we feel confident, that the brethren are under a misapprehension on the subject. The object is—

to make a simultaneous and powerful effort, throughout the whole of this region, to rally the church, and concentrate their patronage on one

idea is a noble one, and entitled to the most sound prayerful consideration. But are not others mistaken in supposing that Louisville, Lexington are the only points at which such a union of effort could be hoped for?

is the territory which is to be benefited by effort! Obviously the States of Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois, Tennessee and the like supplied by the "American Presbytery" which we are all disposed to regard as a part in our work. Then we need only set our eye to the map of our country, to be assured, that no part of Kentucky has equal a central position, with Hanover.

It may be urged, that the location of a place is much to do in this matter as its character is probably true. And yet, it is true, that Kentucky is a "Kentucky of a place,"—of a Kentuckian, there may be other preferable even to Kentucky, in the estimation of those who are not Kentuckians. By this we mean no injurious comparison. The

sovereign, is simply this—with all that is due to the soil and climate of Kentucky, and all that is sound and amiable in the character of its inhabitants, Presbyterianism has never flourished here. It has always exhibited the sickly hue of an exotic, and its religious periodical languished. The names of some half a dozen have sunk into a premature grave, given in evidence of this fact.

There is another difficulty. The subscription of the Standard contains near 100 thousand, and of these only about 100 from Kentucky. Now would it be decorous for the paper, without consulting their patrons to transfer to another State?

It is also to misapprehend the motives of the proprietors of the Standard. The

"elevation of Oxford College" over the two sister institutions Oxford and Danville, is a motive, we are told to say, which never had a place in the breast of the proprietors. Nor do we see how such a result could be expected. Cherishing no other

feelings towards those institutions than respect and

friendly emulation, we shall continue to give

nothing to any thing that falls under our eye,

but may be calculated to promote their interests,

and frequently the interest of sound learning.

Let us confess that we feel a deep interest in

the Standard. We have sustained a heavy

loss in establishing it here; but there is now a fair

prospect that it will more than sustain itself, by

giving employment to a considerable number

of our citizens, who would be thrown out of em-

ployment if it were removed; to say nothing of the

loss of breaking the contract with the pub-

lishers, and the loss which they must necessarily

sustain. As to families of communication, there

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