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## HARMONY PRESBYTERY AND THE AMER-**ICAN BOARD**

As many of our Presbyteries have members in connexion with the American Board, as Foreign Mission-, aries, the subject of their relations has very naturally awakened attention. And the more especially so, as the discussions have been directed to the true principles of Ecclesiastical action in conducting Foreign Missions. But not only 'he American Board which is a close corporation, and exercises entire and supreme control over its Missionaries; but even the Boards of our own church, whose proceedings are all subject to revision by our highest Judicatory as their Agents, are regarded by many as a wide departure from the true Ecclesiastical principle; and it is contended that the remedy should be applied at once for the correction of the evil, and not suffered to increase till it shall prove incurable.

Hitherto there has been but little formal action upon the subject, except correspondence by Presbyteries with their Missionaries. In some cases, there may have been a proposition to change their relations, but we have no recollection of any to which prominence has hitherto been given; and on this point we regard Harmony Presbytery as deserving the precedence. They have appointed a Committee to institute a correspondence with the Rev. John Leighton Wilson, one of their members, who is a Missionary of the American Board in Africa; and that Commitee including the Father of Mr. Wilson, have, we understand, unanimously concurred in the letter addressed to him. It will constitute a long article, as our readers may infer from the first part of it which appears in our columns of this week.

Our own views in relation to the American Board, and the Board of our own church, have been as occasion required, freely given, and it is not necessary here to repeat them. At least we are inclined to hear in full the letter of the Committee, before we express an opinion of us practical bearing upon the cause of Foreign Missions-merely premising that we publish it as an official document—leaving its principles as a subject for after consideration.

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### Saturday Morning, July 1, 1843.

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BF Remittances for arrears to the Observer have been, of late. "like angel's visits, few and far be-tween." We mention this as one of "the signs of the times," in which we are personally interested, to a very considerable extent-and as one of the evils of Editorial life which it is in the power of thoughtful and considerate subscribers greatly to relieve. as most of our subscribers are of that classs, we may reasonably expect that, with the least possible delay, every exertion will be made on their and

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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

Arrangements have been made for the celebration of the 4th of July, in a way which seems well adapted to secure the attention, particularly of the young.

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