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For the American Presbyterian.

Kansas demands of the church an anti-slavery creed and practice, firm, consistent, not violent and denunciatory, because such a spirit defeats its own object. Now, in such a field as Kansas-settling more rapidly, and destined to become, from its central position, from the mildness and salubrity of its climate, the fertility of its soil, and its vast capabilities, a leading State in the Westour church has a work to do, high responsibilities to meet. Has she met these responsibilities? Has she done, and is she doing the work for which she is so well fitted, and which the Great Head of the church demands at her hands? The follow-

Up to a recent date, only a little more than a year since, there was connected with our branch of the church but one small organization, and only one ordained minister in the Territory. We have now, in Eastern Kansas, which embraces more than two-thirds of the entire population of the Territory, but one lone, solitary laborer, with a parish of some 10 or 12 counties to ride over. Within these bounds there is a demand-a present, urgent demand-for at least 8 or 10 active, devoted men to cultivate fields, and to take charge of, and build up churches already organized. And yet where are the men? This inquiry has been made again and again, and yet, in response, no one rises up with the reply: "Here am I; send me."

increasing we say every day, and extending all over Kansas, and yet,"we again ask, and let the inquiry be borne to the East, and the West, anywhere, to all our seminaries of learning, and wherever Christ's ambassadors are to be found, where are the men in whom the missionary spirit lies so intensely, that they shall be compelled to do this work? It is certainly well for Kansas that other religious denominations are not obliged to confess to such delinquencies; that they have come in, and, in fact, done our work and taken

before them, erect and firm, on an anti-slavery basis ; not alone, because we can refer to resolutions condemning slavery, passed in a better age of the church, and there remaining unrepealed, but practically obsolete: but certainly for the better reason, that slavery, by the living moral power of our church, has been driven from our borders, never, as we trust, to return again. Now this element in our church adapts it to the public sentiment of Kansas.

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ing statement will show:

There is, beside this, a vast missionary field, our men, as, uncared for by us, they had a right PASTORS AND PREACHERS.

in charge of a congregation is comparatively more important than pulpit duties. In the early period of disseminating the truths In the early period of disseminating the truths

of Christianity, this was not so. Oral instruction most prominent of his order of and arduous dinties. He atwas then mainly depended on, and the only means | tended him, as the only one who seemed qualified. by which the masses could have access to the to be the companion of Israel's chosen leader, truths of philosophy or religion; hence the saying when he ascended Mount Sinal to receive the of St. Paul-"How shall they hear without a tables of the law from the hands of God. He also preacher?"

Apostle consider it, that Christ should in some

way be preached, that even when objectionable "Notwithstanding every way, whether in pretence for an important sphere in the church of God. or in truth, Christ is preached, and I herein do Thus trained and qualified to become the sucrejoice, yea, and I will rejoice." We see here cessor of the illustrious leader of the Israelites, none of that modern dainty fastidiousness about he was chosen by God bimself to fill that high none of that modern dainty fastidiousness about preachers which is the bane of the Church. Pretty time before Moses left, the world. As the demen in "leather and prunella" were not then of parture of Moses drew near, these servants of the so high account when the great preacher of the Lord were summoned to the Tabernacle, where age was "in bodily presence weak, and in speech the divine presence appeared to them in the pillar contemptible." But the fact is, too much stress of cloud, and Joshua received this charge: "Be is now placed upon a talent for preaching, and too thee. little importance is attached to the pastoral duties of the clergy, and as a consequence, a majority of Joshua became the governor and guide of his our young licentiates destroy themselves in trying, countrymen. His very name, the import of which by superhuman exertions, to meet the demand of

sometimes three acceptable sermons in each week | leader; -a task which, in truth, is beyond the ken of any human intellect for any long period, unless, like a certain good Elder, he preach the same discourse in substance from innumerable texts.

"Much study is a weariness; so said The sage of sages, and the aching eye, The pallid cheek, the trembling frame, the head Throbbing with thought, and torn with agony, Attest the truth."

the best ten years of life in preparation, are pre-, and employed their otherwise unused

The providence of God is sedom more con-The extracts in this paper of the 29th ult., spicuous than in the preparation of individuals taken from the March No. of the Atlantic Monthly, afford suggestions which I wish to present. The "religious want" of every small community is, at least, a pastor. The qualifications for an excellent pastor may be possessed by one who cannot become even a preacher of mediocrity. In this affluent age of religious reading of every description, from the Sabbath School library to instructions of another ings of the Israelites, as God manifested himself the Sabbath School library to instructions of every to them in mercies and judgments, and find them kind in newspapers, the pastoral duty of ministers full of instruction to one who sees in each event

proved himself faithful when he saw the idolatry of the people in the worship of the golden call. The ear was the only avenue through which He returned, a favorable report of the promised they could be reached; and so important did the land, to which he was sent as one to survey their future residence. Ever having received lessons of practical wis

and unqualified preachers were employed, he says, of Moses, he was constantly forming his character dom from the providence of God and from the lips strong, and of good courage, and I will be with

When the Lord had removed Moses by death, is, "he shall save," seemed to indicate his character, and invite the confidence of all. Every a people (having "itching ears") for two and eye was now turned to him as God's chosen

The hosts of Israel still among near the promised land, were impatient to enter upon the possession of their inheritance, and their hopes were soon realized, for Joshua received the divine mandate from God to proceed : "Now, therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, thou and all this people, into the land which I give thee. Be thou strong in the Lord, and observe all the law which I command thee.'

This is why one half our clergy, after spending rule the heart, that in all confersation and conduct, both private and official, they shall be the sole | human spirit; but it does not follow that these It was this that payed ture speaks of the lower animals as "the beasts that people the assurance that they should succeed in their great and important work. Joshua's exgoeth upwards, and returns to God who gave it, the spirit of a beast goeth downwards. It may be that anatomy might never be able to prove such a distinction between the two patures-it is enough in his church on earth. Our Lord himself took upon him the form of a servant: then God highly chalted him. Even Christ must become man, before he was seated at that it does not disprove it, and; therefore, Scripture testimony is sufficient for our purpose. Taking for granted, then, that there is an im mortal spirit distinct and separable from the body, we next inquire what light anatomy throws on truth that those who have learned to obey, are their connection and action one upon the other. prepared to rule; that if we would have our chil-On examining the human body, we find a canal rugging through the back bone, filled, with ner, yous matter, which reaches to the brain at the top, True success in life is the result of implicit and sends out, at different places, through its enobedience to Christ's commands, exhibited in plans tire length, cords and filaments which branch out; formed for promoting the glory of God and the like the ramifications of a tree, over the whole hody : welfare, temporal and spiritual, of our fellow-men. this is called the cerebro-spinal system. It has also

JOSHUA, OR THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD (1 whoever neglects, or turns away, from it, wilfully | ance with law; Such a mind was Hume's. There | first by vegetation, then by animal life and at leaves the first points of Christian labor, and makes a vital mistake as to where God would have him commence his work.

And yet, as I have said, many do thus overlook the duty and importance of this work. The simple duties of the Christian life are, in their view. irksome and forbidding. You can interest them easily in some plan of benevolence. If a missionary is to be sent to some distant heathen nation, they cheerfully assist in his support. If Hindoo or Chinese families are to be furnished with religious instruction, the work

engages their warmest interest. But, for some reason, many fail to realize the fact that the place of their greatest influence and success must be at home. Of course, other things are not to be neglected-no person is to confine his attention to his own family, and forget the wants of a perishing world: but the first place to show

Hôme Monthly, And Buchter out

"THE STARS AND THE ANGELS."

This is the title of a new work just issued b dartiens, of this city, which we noticed last week t will attract attention, and open a new vein o thought and speculation. We extract below the two chapters on the "Nervous System," and "Physiology of the Spirit."

THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

The light which Scripture sheds on the natural and elasticity)-are all of them different modes or history of the human race may be still further increased by an examination of the structure of the human body. It is a well-established doctrine of Scripture, that the body is animated by an intelligent and immortal spirit, that feels and acts by means of its material mechanism, without being itself material. We also learn from Scripture that at death the spirit is not destroyed with the body, but only separated from it, and is capable of net, or into momentum by the electro-magneti maintaining an independent existence; so that in its disembodied state it possesses a measure of conscionsness and intelligence sufficient to preserve its identity of person. It may be desirable, but certainly it is not nefriction

essary, that we should be able to prove a doctrine by means of two distinct processes; and therefore, dthough our researches in anatomy might never conductius to the necessary conclusion, that there is an immortal spirit resident in every human body, it is sufficient that such a conclusion is warranted by Scripture, and is, at the same time, quite consistent with all the teachings of natural science. It may be that this admission would also involve From a perusal of the history of Joshua, we the probability that every animate object; however learn that God's word and providence must so low in the scale of creation, has some immaterial

substance connected with it, corresponding to the shua and his substances are inimortal: on the contrary, Scripwithout communicating motion to the rock which

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can be little doubt that in his celebrated argument | last received its full development as spirit-enerhe drew his inspiration from a deep-seated and gy?

instinctive conviction of the inviolability of the There still remains the question, what relation physical laws; and that, when he elaborated it does spirit-energy bear to spirit-substance? a into a logical shape, this was the last, and to his question to which we possess no materials to own mind, perhaps the least satisfactory form into provide a direct answer, We have indeed anawhich be could put it. If Hume had received the logies of vegetation and animal life, but these definition of a miracle as "the act of a superhu- cast rather an inquiring than an explanatory man agent acting according to law," his logic and light upon the subject. That there is something his instinct would alike have been satisfied. His in the plant more than its mere matter, that first only difficulty would have been the question of the converts and then wields the force which it apexistence or non-existence of, any superhuman propriates, there can be no doubt; but what agent; but in the settlement of this question logic that something may be is the mystery-a mysand instinct would have had no jurisdiction. tery perhaps reserved for the studies of a future It is the duty of science to recover from the doexistence, when we shall know even as we are

mains of mystery to the domain of law all the known. phenomena of nature, and although its pastachieve-The subject will again occupy our attention ments have been almost entirely confined to things when we come to speak of the soul, or Psyche outward and visible, we are warranted in believing (which is distinct from the Pneuma.) In the that the phenomena of life and intelligence are not meantime, we shall endeavor to collect and arrange what information we possess, regarding To say that spiritual phenomena emerge accord. the functions and phenomena of spirit, as record-

ing to law, is to assert that there is a physiology ed in the historical narratives of Scripture. of the spirit; and although it has not as yet been formally admitted into the list of sciences, it is by no means unlikely that we have already broken the and grang to show

DR. STOCKTON.

ground upon the subject, in the recent discoveries Our readers will be interested in the following of the convertibility and indestructibility of "force" raphic accounts of Mr. Stockton's preaching to -doctrines most valuable, not so much on account longressmen: of their own importance, as because of their being

The House hall was crowded yesterday with a very large audience, who came out to hear a ser-What is meant by the convertibility of force is this-light, heat, electricity, magnetism, and mo-mentum (possibly also chemical affinity, gravitation non from the new House chaplain, Rev. Thomas H. Stockton. His discourse was a very interesting and eloquent one. Twenty-five years ago Mr. forms of one essential "force." This force can assume any of these forms, and change from one to another without losing its identity. For exam-ple, if we have it in the form of heat, we may Stockton was chaplain to the Senate, and his allusions to the prominent Congressmen of that day were full of pathos. The chaplain was himself a picture-tall, slim, and with long and thick hair of snowy whiteness falling down upon his change it into light by concentration, or into moshoulders, he brought to mind the patriarchs of mentum by the steam-engine. If we have it in the Old Testament. He has been very ill of late, the form of electricity, we may change it into light and was too weak to stand, so he sat while deliverby the electric spark, or into heat by the attenuaing his sermon; yet, in spite of this fact, it was ted wire, or into magnetism by the artificial magone of the most touching, eloquent and impressive engine. If we have it in the form of momentum, ermons I ever heard. A remarkable feature of was its bold defence of "the higher law."we may change it into light by percussion, or into Raising his voice to its shrillest tones, the old electricity by the electric machine, or into heat by nan said: "No man, who is not an unblushing nfidel, will deride the higher law!" It was a What is meant by the indestructibility of force is. that, as it cannot be generated from any source. novel thing for a Congress chaplain to have the ourage to even utter the phrase "the higher law," so neither can it be spent, lost, or destroyed. For est members of Congress might take offence. example, if it exist in the form of momentum, it

Another account.

can never stop unless it be changed into some of its other forms, such as heat or electricity. If The House Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Stockton of one elastic ball be struck by another of equal Philadelphia, (Methodist,) preached his first disweight, it will fly off in the same direction, and course to-day in the Representatives' Hall. The with the same velocity, after having received its audience was large, and remarkably attentive .-momentum. The other ball, which communicated His text was-"Heaven and earth shall pass the impulse, will be at the same instant put to away, but my words shall not pass away." rest. But, suppose that a leaden ball is shot preacher is in feeble health, and was therefore against a rock, and is thus arrested in its course obliged to sit while speaking. His first conclu-

With thy thin and loy fingers, Thou dost loose the silver cord. Heeding not my silent anguish, Nor the prayer to my dear Lord.

Poetry.

THE VOICE OF SPRING.

BY JAMES RISTINE.

That calls the flowers from their tomb.

The blue-bird sings on yonder sprig,

Just budding into vernal bloom,

For when the silvery voice is heard,

And sings the happy woodland bird,

Then from the oozy hill-side near,

The tender flowers deign to peep,

That gathered in the hour of sleep.

Fresh glory from the summer skies.

Sweet scent shall hallowing hover o'er-

Thy bloom, and to the heaven rise.

And then perchance some seraph blest

And sigh that thou art doomed to rest,

But ah! how many a pensive eye

And turned a grateful look on high,

To Him, the all-creating power.

And then perchance that flower's scent,

And sleep soothed not his aching head.

Of those who linger round thy throne.

Breathe on 1 fair flower, thy sweet perfume,

And teach the hearts of those below,

Like thee in prayer to waft their bloom,

Where endless summer sheds her glow

DEATH THE KING OF TERRORS.

JOB XVIII. 14.

Oftentimes, O Death, thou enterest

The dear home I love so well.

Treasures, which I would not sell

Noiselessly thou takest from me.

Like a thief at night thou comest,

When I do not look for thee;

When, all bless'd in my poss

No dark future can I see.

Has wafted to the sick man's bed,

Asking of thee, thou gracious One,

The joy that makes the soul rejoice,

Whose feeble life was nearly spent.

Then he has lifted up his voice,

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Where rudely blows the blast of care.

Has caught the beauty of that flower.

Shall breathe thy perfumed incense there,

But when the genial sun shall pour

Fresh blossoms shower on the trees,

Borne thither on the southern breeze.

Gemmed with the morning's glittering tear,

The trumpet tone, the magic lay,

How I tremble when thou takest, 'Mid the chill, and damps of night, Those I have most fondly cherished Hiding them from my sad sight.

Ah. I fear thee, cruel angel! Standing by the gloomy side Of that deep, mysterious river, Which receives life's ebbing tide.

Whilst I tremble, still I linger Where the friends I love have pass'd, Walk'd in faith thine angry waters, Reach'd their Home, their Heaven at last.

March 3d, 1860.

Correspondence.

For the American Presbyterlan. THE CLAIMS OF KANSAS.

The opening of every new territory imposes a high responsibility upon the Church, and one she should be prepared promptly and fully to meet. On the constant expansion of our population-in the filling up of the almost innumerable boundaries of our country's area, it is important, above all things, that the church, with her ministry, and ordinances, and especially with her living piety burning on her altars, should go with the people. If the love of gain, or motives of ambition, or any other motives, prove sufficiently influential to induce men to leave their homes, and seek to improve their condition in new settlements, the love of Christ in the hearts of God's people should be no less operative. Here, then, is a duty devolving upon the whole church-to go with the people,-whether to the fields of commerce, or to the fields of agriculture, or to the shops of manufacture. The church must not be behind, but with the people, and prepare to do her work, and meet, as God would have her, her responsibilities. As the cloud and pillar by day, and the fiery column by night, followed the Israelites in all their journeyings through the wilderness, in ancient times, so the church, as a Divine presence and power, by her ordinances, and by the living fire of our burning piety and zeal, is to be found going over every hill-side and valley, and climbing mountain-top, where motives of gain, or ambition, impel men to go. We say here is a duty, than which none is more imperative, and none more important, devolving upon the whole church. The missionary work in the new settlements has ever

brethren, our Congregational brethren, and the Methodist church, and the Baptist church, are all well manned and equipped, and laboring earnestly and successfully in the cultivation of this new field. And the past winter has witnessed much religious interest, and, in some instances, a large increase of their membership. We make out a strong case against ourselves in these statements, and yet we anything to warrant it, that we have less of a missionary spirit than other Christian sects; that we feel our obligations to our church, to our country, and to our God less deeply. We make no such concessions, we say, because we feel that truth does not demand it. There are two reasons which. if they fail to satisfy, will at least account for what we have already stated. One is, we have less men unemployed in our church, than any other leading denomination. Our men are all at work, busy in the cultivation of other fields. When this new demand, so suddenly made, for a little army to march forth, and occupy this frontier settlement, was made, we had no men that we could spare. They were pre-engaged, and the policy of our church would not permit us to call out of the

ranks of private members, a ministry uneducated, and untrained, and unused, if not unfitted for the work. There has been another reason. As we had not the men on the ground to do the work, we have failed to know the wants of the field. We have had no watchmen on their walls, and therefore no cry has gone out proclaiming our wants, and calling for men.

The writer of this article has written many private letters, but it is slow work, and accomplishes but little. We ask the aid of that mighty voice that can speak to our entire land, and make itself auywhere audible, so that the plea of ignorance can no longer be made. We desire, above all things, that the wants of Kansas should be known to our people, and that we should be prepared to. do what God would have us, to give to her that greatest of all blessings, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By delay we have lost much, and, we fear, sinned much. Shall we delay longer? Rather ought not our past remissness to stimulate us, not simply to endeavor to retrieve our losses, but to advance in the employ of redoubled zeal and activity the cause of our blessed Master.

Olathe, K. T., March 21, 1860.

LEGISLATURE OF IOWA

A long and stormy session of our General Asbeen regarded as the most responsible, and the sembly of Iowa is drawing to a close. I say, most important work of the church. The neces- stormy session, meaning thereby, that there has sity for such a work has originated all our societies been much political excitement, in perfect good for Home Missions. And we hazard nothing in keeping with our national Congress. A requisisaying, that the missionary spirit, in its purity tion from Governor Letcher of Virginia for Barclay

maturely laid upon the shelf. Clearly the wrong energies with which to do it. Our old school kind of labor is required of them, much of which is thrown away upon the public, for truly we are ample will be followed by all children who are surfeited with sermons. Permit me to suggest a trained in the way they should go, and like him remedy:-Let the plan be everywhere adopted, to they may be chosen by God to fill places of honor ask but one sermon a week of the settled pastor. It is all any man can prepare as it ought to be prepared. It is all the people really want. Ask nine-tenths of a church-going people to give a the right hand of God as Mediator, giving us the synopsis of the afternoon's discourse ; they will not are unwilling that the inference should be made, be able, in most instances, to tell you the first simply because we do not believe there is really thing preached about. Is this mexplicable? By Suffer little children to complete me. no means. When a person has taken a hearty repast at 12 o'clock, can he sit down and dine again at 2? Verily not: and this is in accordance with the laws of mind. The intellect may become cloved with mental food as the stomach does with too much nourishment, although the aliment may be in itself wholesome. As a substitute for the present onerous task of writing two or three indifferent discourses a week, let the minister become a true pastor of his flock, and spend much more of his time in visiting and becoming acquainted with the "inner life" (as the phrase now in his family?" And I fully believe that many is) of his people; let him become intimately ac- whom the Church and the world regard as sincere quainted with every child and every other inmate of the families of his parish. He can in no other way become a "living epistle" to his congregation. The family physician has a great advantage in becoming familiar with the individual idiosyncrasy ing to lose their respect and confidence. The deof his employers. As clinical experience is the sheet anchor of success to him, so, it may be said, the physician to the soul acquires a tact by sitting Men, when thus thrown but into the world, are frequently in a familiar way at the family fireside, not only exposed to great temptations, but are the lack of which no pulpit performance can compensate. This is the "religious want of the age," which has been getting more and more neglected, until the clergy have lost much of their power to and presents us just as we are, with our natural

the people, and, instead of being looked up to as of old and, even within the recollection of the writer, as the oracle and ensample to the flock, it may be said, I fear,

"Some ne'er advance a judgment of their own; But catch the spreading notion of the town."

A minister cannot become acquainted with his people by a friendly greeting or a shake of the hand as he passes from the pulpit down the aisle. He must commune face to face with them at their homes-not with a few families who pay the greatest salary, or wield the most influence, but he must go into the by-ways, and amongst the poor, and show himself a true shepherd of the flock, and strive to "bring them in." The say- uniform and even-tempered are rve their resenting that "famillarity breeds contempt," never ap ments, hard speeches, ill temper, for the family plies to a faithful minister of the gospel. All this requires time, and time well spent, even as a change in the present habits of our clergy, the members of a family will sometimes manifest powers of body and mind would be better balanced. and health preserved, their influence increased.

RELIGION AT HOME. BY REV. L. A. FIELD.

Every Christian will acknowledge that there are peculiar difficulties in living a consistent life at nome. It is one of the severest tests which can be applied to a man, to ask, "Is he a Christian receives intelligence of what is taking place with-Christians, give the least evidence of their piety out; because by means of them the sensations of at home of any place on earth. When abroad heat and cold, resistance and pain, are experienced. they are under some measure of restraint. The | It is the same kind of nerves that communicate eyes of the world are upon them. They have a with the eye, and the ear, although they do not character to maintain among men, and are unwillpass through the back-bone. The optic nerve passes directly from the brain into the back of the sire for the approbation of others is a powerful eye-ball, and spreads itself over the whole of what restraint or stimulant, as the case may demand, is called the retina, to receive the light that passes and exerts a great influence on the forms of piety. through the pupil. "The second or anterior column of nerves which are contained in the hollow tube of the back-bone, also surrounded with checks, which keep them on is of a totally different nature: these do not convey intelligence to the spirit, but they convey ener-

the watch against being overcome. The case now is different at home. The freedom of family intercourse removes these restraints, do good. They have literally changed places with tempers and infirmities. We do not always stand there as we do in society, holding our faults and weaknesses under control; checking any signs of ill temper; guarding our speech by the rules of refined and friendly conversation. And the consequence is, that things are said and done which never would have been said and done in more deliberate moments, and under the eyes of those who are comparatively strangers. We all know

that in the arrangement, plans, and intercourse of Supposing, then, that we cut across the first of families, there is more or less of friction; more these columns, the immediate consequence is, that or less of irritation, and of conflicting views and sensation in all the parts beneath the section stops. opinions. At such times a person is thrown off They may be cut, bruised; or burned without prohis guard and manifests signs of petulance, and ducing pain or any sensation whatever; and yet, perhaps gives way to feelings which do not become while the motor column continues whole and healthy, the power of the body remains as before. him as a man, much less as a Christian. And strange as it may seem, apart from experience, yet It is like the cutting of the telegraphic wires, by so it is in a painful number of instances-those which communication is interrupted. often, who are regarded in society as remarkably

If, instead of cutting the first; we cut across th second column of nervous matter, a very different result is experienced. Sensation continues in its circle. Here they throw off their reserve, and usual manner, but voluntary motion is now imposforget their gentleness. The studied forms of sible; the limbs are paralyzed, and hang loose upon politeness are now laid aside. The restraints of the body, because the spirit has ceased to have wholesome relaxation from study. By such a society are felt no longer. And the Christian any control over, or communication with the mus-

outwards.

phases of character and life which will not attract. Here, then, we have a view of the residence o

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gy from the spirit to the muscles, in order to pro-

luce action; they are called the motor or moving

We may regard these two columns as like the

double line of rails on a railway; one line of rails

carrying the trains in one direction, the other car-

rying them back in the opposite direction : the

column of the sensitive nerves carrying despatches

upwards and inwards-the column of the motor

nerves carrying the despatches downwards and

nerves, and it is by their means that the spirit is

able to set the body in action.

in an emphatic negative. suspend the laws of His administration, the act what manner and on what evidence, the Governor Whether Kansas can prefer a stronger claim shall bereafter surrender fugitives from justice. steady warmth of the sun is more effectual than ence? Do we not expect that our wishes and the Creator. ances in the vegetative cell of the red snow plant, a family remains which is not agonized for the upon our church than any other, is not important Our Legislature has been divided on the question the sudden and erratic movements of the electric our words will be most regarded in those places Even miracles are according to law, and until to determine. But one thing appears to us very of liquor laws,-the House of Representatives fluid. Lest it be thought that this is written by where we are most loved and respected? Do we adopt this view of them we never can finally certain, that no church is better fitted than ours, going for the restoration of the clause in our proa clergyman wishing to shirk labor, I subscribe not these very ties which bind families together, set aside Hume's argument against them. Belief for the field. None in its government-its past hibitory law, repealed last session, whereby wine, become so many channels which God has opened | in law is an instinct of our nature, but it is stronger myself J. B. SMITH, M. D. history--its spirit--is better suited to the charac- beer, and eider, from grain or fruit, grown in this for our mutual influence, and deepening of those in some men than in others. In some it is so Ogden, Monroe Co., N. Y., April 2, 1860. ter of its people. None occupies a higher vantage State, were made free: but the Senate refused to good impressions which must be made, if made weak as to seek an explanation of all extraordinary at all, in early life? Yes, if the family is what phenomena in the sovereign will of the Deity; in ground, in fact, than ourselves, especially to those pass the bill, and substituted a severe license law. others it is so strong as to assert the infinite, eter-nal, and unchangeable justice of God's physical it should be-if the different members are orwho have toiled, and suffered, to make Kansas in And there the matter is likely to end. dered and trained as God designed they should Of all the divine communications that seems be—there is no place where Christian influence laws. They are quite prepared to admit the good-will be so great. It enters into the very con-ness, mercy, and justice of God, but they feel that these must act, not in violation of, but in accordall time the home of the free. Our church, in its S. S. H. most profitable and pleasing which we read last. past history, and in its present position, stands Des Molnes, Iows, March 28th, 1880. upon the nervous system; has been elaborated; -Boston Is dascript.

on was powerfully it strikes, the force is not destroyed-it is con- character of the Word of Christ, or the Bible .-verted into heat, and the amount of heat produced He assumed its superiority over all earthly things, will be an exact equivalent of the force expended | and at this point arose from his seat, and, with in producing it. wonderful impressiveness, pronounced the words

less within the pale of its dominion.

the avenue to an entirely new field of research.

There is yet one other quality of force which we of the text, as the spiritual representative this must notice, and that is, its capability of being | day of the American people, addressing the people stored up in a latent or quiescent state. For ex- through their various representatives. A large ample, steam and water contain latent force, and majority of the members were present. The this latent force may be developed as an active speaker then resumed his scat, and, for the first force by the steam becoming water, and the water time in his discourse, touched upon political topics, becoming ice. Electricity also may store up force or the "Higher law." He assumed the infinite in a latent state by decomposing water. It then superiority of the Bible over our Constitution and resides in the oxygen and hydrogen of which the all earthly laws, and that all provisions or customs water was composed, under the form of chemical conflicting with this "Higher Law" were without attinity, and is developed in the form of light and effect and void. In this portion of his address heat when they are again united in combustion But this is not all: the forces which exhibit been found that this nervous matter consists of action in living organisms. There is, therefore, two distinct columns, different from one another. another convertibility of which force is capable, and performing totally different functions. One by which light, heat, and electricity can be conof these columns (the posterior) consists entirely verted into another, or living force, possessing of sensory nerves, by means of which the spirit perfectly different properties, and in the producreceives impressions of things without; the other consists of motor nerves, by which the spirit is able to set the body in motion, by energizing the muscles. It is by means of the former of these, light, heat, and electricity may be converted inspread over the whole body, that the spirit within

siology of spirit; and if the original force of

tion of a new one.

he evinced the most spirit and energy. One or two persons, evidently offended, left the Hall, but themselves in the phenomena of inorganic matter his doctrines were couched in such inoffensive are found to be related to the forces which are in language and earnestness of belief, that it would be exceedingly difficult to gather offence from them. Several Southern gentlemen, well known for their radical South-side views, paid marked attention to this part of the discourse. His closing appeal to the people of America, to secure tion of which the original force disappears. the great necessity of the age-thorough religious This is proved by the fact that the new force views and habits-was eloquent beyond description. may be reconverted into the old; that is to say, He enumerated a number of the lights of the nation, who were great men twenty-six years ago, to living force, and living force may be reconwhen he first assumed the duties of Chaplain in

verted into light, heat, and electricity. the U.S. Congress. As he spoke of Webster, The ascent which thus takes place in the trans- Clay, Calhoun, Benton, Adams, Choate, and others, lation of inorganic into organic force does not and paid to them his tribute of respect and end in its vegetable form. The force peculiar memory, the tears rolling down his withered, to vegetable life undergoes a still further trans- sunken cheeks, I saw women, children and strong lation into the force peculiar to animal life, and men, how down and weep, throughout the congrevet the same law operates; there is no generagation. The whole discourse was eloquent, severe tion of force, and there is no destruction of it. to some degree, but earnest and sincere. All the forces in operation in an animal body

Mr. Stockton is according to his own statement were originally light, heat, and electricity, but 51 years of age. He was first elected Chaplain t was necessary that they should undergo an at the age of 25, once subsequently, and now for ntermediate change by means of the vegetable the third time. He looks, a man of 70 years .--kingdom, in order to render them accessible to His locks are very long and silvery white, his complexion pale, cheeks and eyes sunken. and animal life, because animal life is unable to draw its supplies of vital energy directly from the inforehead massive. He stoops a little, and moves organic kingdom. Vegetables can live on light and speaks with slow and measured firmness.and heat-animals require the intermediate ac- As I returned home I heard very many exclaim, tion of vegetable life to make these forces avail-"Why we have elected an abolitionist for a Chap-This is true, though most of those who Jain !' able for their support.

voted for him did not know it at the time. But So far as we have gone, we are guided by he will never be such offensively. observation and experiment: another step in the same direction leads us directly to the phy-

VENICE.

light and heat ascend by translation, first into the vegetable kingdom, and after that, by a If a spark of that old chivalric fire which in second translation, into the animal kingdom, we the Middle Ages so often converted the soldier have strong reason to conclude that the forces into a knight and the knight into a disinterested of spirit life are only a third translation of the hero, and so led men to do battle for the oppressed original force, and not the generation or crea--if an inkling of this sacred feeling and force survived in our busy, commercial, luxurious, and ego-It has long been an interesting question among tistic age, -the spot towards which such champions scientific men, whether light be a material subof humanity would hasten, would be Venice. The stance, or no substance at all, all its phenomena scorpion of Austrian tyranny driven out of Lombeing capable of explanation on the hypothesis bardy,-powerless in the States of the Church, that it is nothing more than the effect of vibra- and threatened in Hungary,---concentrates her tions, or modulations, communicated to a medispite and cruelty upon Venice. Every week um supposed to exist throughout, the universe. scores of the best citizens of that glorious old May it not be that neither of these views is the city are transplanted in chains to distant northern true one, but that God has created another kind fortresses for the identical crime that made the of substance, altogether different from matter, of British government in 1776 set a price upon the which light, heat, and electricity are some of the heads of Samuel Adams and John Hancock.

forms-a substance which is as varied and inva-The wrongs of the outraged people of Venice riable in its properties, and as indestructible in its essence as matter itself?

but ever repel, the unconverted from the cross o the human spirit, with all its furniture and conve-It is difficult, indeed, for us to conceive of way, Shakspeare, and Byron, and Rogers, Cooper, and intensity, is the best possible gauge of the Coppoch, a citizen of Iowa, as connected with the Christ. niences provided. By means of the brain and the and the "religious wants of the age" much better orce being an actual substance distinct from and Ruskin,-that Venice so admirably self Yet every Christian believes that the family purity and piety of the church. A. church de- | Harper's Ferry Affair, being denied on the ground spinal cord, the spirit becomes embodied and premet. That "the harvest is plenteous and the lamatter; and were it not for its indestructibility, governed during her brief interval of freedom circle, when arranged and ordered as it should ficient in this one element, is deficient in all others of informality, has increased the agitation of parsent to our observation, and is able to hold conborers few," is as true now as at any former pe- be, is the place of the purest and strongest afand still more for its being found to exist in a under the provisional auspices of the noble Manin that makes the church aggressive upon the world, ty feeling here, already excited by Governor Kirkverse with external nature. Without such an riod. fections which the world ever knows. The love latent or quiescent state, it would not be necessary and his patriotic comrades,--that Venice, ever the apparatus its communications would be stopped, or gives her power anywhere for good. With wood's allusion to the Harper's Ferry matter. that we should; but our studies in nature are mart of commerce-the seat of the most famous Let it be borne in mind that the majority of of parents and children, husbands and wives, and, being practically absent, would be an agent these general remarks, to which all are ready to The young man Coppoch, of Quaker descent, is these laborers must and will continue to be, from which spring up and flourish around the firecontinuelly bringing us into contact with new press in Europe-whose architecture and paintings. brothers and sisters, and all the endearing ties mysterious and unknown. subscribe, we might inquire, Has the church done represented as on a decline with consumption, the the nature of the case, men of medium ability, side, make a well-ordered household the sphere conceptions, the unexpected nature of which delight and instruct to-day as they did centuries her duty-met, as her great Head would have her, son of an aged widow, and so appeals strongly to fills us at first with curious surprise, but this, ago. Her outraged people now dwell there in though it is to be hoped of good hearts. Then of the best affections and widest sympathies. after a more mature experience, ripens into re- nute suspense, under the perpetual espionage of All God's works are according to law-it is His her responsibilities to Kansas? It might be ar- the sympathies of our citizens, who generally let the kind of labor be properly adjusted to the All other bonds are weak in comparison with verential admiration. The nature of spirit-phe- Austrian soldiers, whom, to avoid, they quit the method; and the more we think of it, the more rogant and presumptuous for any one denomination | would rejoice to find the vengeance of the sovereign nomena, also, would lead us to anticipate some cafe, cross the piazza, cease talking with a friend. real "religious wants of the age." These are those which bind together the members of an do we see its necessity as a covenant between God to answer for another, but each may and ought to State of Virginia satisfied with the past victims "met," not "by enticing words of man's wisdom," affectionate family. It is so arranged, that and creation. Without law there could be no insuch discovery as this; and whether it be or A word, a look, a peculiarity of costume, a volume be able to furnish their own individual answer. of death, one of which was a son of this aged these should not be ties of interest merely, of a dependent action among the creatures, far less could nor by "able doctrinal discourses," but by a much worldly and politic nature, but such as spring there be responsibility. It is God who makes the not the substance of which spirit is composed or newspaper in their hands, a letter taken by To the inquiry, Has our branch of the Presbyterian widow. Still, it would seem that this is not the (supposing it to have a substantive existence,) it them from the Post Office,-the slightest cause, more faithful and rational discharge of those pas- out of the very constitution of man, and root gunpowder explode in the assassin's pistol, and the cannot differ very widely in its attributes from is enough to excite the suspicion of the vigilant Church met her responsibilities in supplying the case, since a new requisition, in due form, has been toral duties which men of heart-felt piety and themselves in the essential elements of his betoral duties which men or near-new provy and ing. mere common-place talents can perform with an Now, if this be the case—if home is the those which we have described as belonging to myrmidous of Austria, and lead to arrest, long poison operate in the body of his victim. If He religious demands of Kansas? we, as an humble received, it is reported, and granted by our Execuforce." In its ascent from its inorganic forms and secret imprisonment, confiscation and death! did not do so-if He introduced His own moral laborer in her ranks, should be compelled to put tive. Our new code, just adopted, prescribes in nere common-place energy will so as the genial and du-rable than pulpit eloquence, as the genial and du-place where a Christian can have greater influ-would be the act no longer of the creature but of into organic life, where it assumes a quasi or- Venitia is becoming depopulated; gloom and perceptions and sovereign will so as to modify or ganic character (beginning with its perform- fear hang like a cloud over her palaces; scarcely and rising upwards into the vital forces of the fate of a loved son, brother, husband, or father. animal economy,) we discover a line, which, It is a spectacle to move the heart of the civilized though we fail to trace it, seems to point signi- world-to justify the intervention of a crusade. ficantly to the nature and powers of the human If Napoleon had but driven the Austrians, as he spirit. It resembles spirit, in being correlative promised, from Venitia-if he would but now to matter without being matter itself, and in insist upon reform and mercy-the world would being void of those two great characteristic pro- applaud and sustain him. The condition of Venice perties of matter, gravitation and impenetrability; and if force be not only incapable of being baffled despotism of the vilest tyranny in Europe destroyed, but also incapable of being generated, finds unrestrained scope in this defenceless State; may we not conclude that the physical energy while the public mind of England and France, as possessed by the human spirit, and exercised well as Italy, is intent upon the Papal problem.