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FORM OF REPORT.

Our Publication Committee have issued a neat and concise form for the Report of a Church Ses- slay the people; the former being destroyed, how sion to its Presbytery. The Clerks of Presbyte- can the latter hope to withstand? The report is, ries will appreciate this form. The tables for con- that they treat their prisoners well, and after they tributions embrace the different committees and have kept them for a time, give them their choice societies to which our churches usually give, under to go or stay. The report of their discipline is the headings contained in the Minutes of the General Assembly. Its general use by sessions would facilitate the labors of the Clerks of Presbyteries and add to the precision of the Minutes of our General Assembly. The price of the form.

CORRECTION.

The wrong initials were accidentally appended last number. They should have been, C. A. C.

#### LEGISLATURE OF IOWA.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 3, 1860. The anticipations expressed in my last letter from this point have been confirmed, upon the adjournment of the Legislature to-day, sine die, after a session of seventy-eight days, the longest known in our history. Besides the civil and criminal practice act, of which I wrote in my years ago. He adds all the decisions of our Supreme Courts on the Code and Statutes as revised, with notes and references to the sources of the principles embodied in both the Code and Statutes, as found in other States in America and Europe. For a young man, he is, perhaps, the greatest adept in legal lore, at least for his

years, in our State. But to return. As I anticipated, the subject of temperance legislation has slept, after the cider, and by the other branch of the Assembly rate. a very stringent license law, there being no ground of compromise, especially in view of an exciting political campaign and a presidential

much good to our population by the introducin their beauty and fidelity. Never was there to this Mesopotamia of America. S. S. H.

# Religious Intelligence.

THE BASLE MISSIONARY INSTITUTION .- The following sketch of this Institution, by Rev. Mr. Spittler, of Basle, will be read, we are sure, with

feet from the level of the sea, there stood an old church in an almost ruinous state, and as often as certain persons went up to this place they felt to the government of Basle that this church might | The newspaper presents us with a record of the fulbe set apart and might be used for missionary pur- filment: the Bible contains the prediction. Conposes. The application was granted, and from templating the one, we gain a better understanding that time till the present day, now nineteen years, of the meaning of the other. this church has been employed for the purpose of training students for missionary labors in distant

parts of the world. How they Study and how they Labor.—The peculiarity of the institution is this: that, during neral Assembly to adopt said Formula.

cal education—but they pursue manual labor ac-American Aresbyterian cording to their ability. They are taught different trades, such as carpenters, tailors, or shoemakers. trades, such as carpenters, tailors, or shoemakers. They also perform every domestic duty. They wash their own clothes, they bake their own bread, and they cook their own food. The institution is surrounded by a considerable number of fields, which are farmed by the students; and besides, as many of the students as possible are employed in the occupation of colporteurs.

Where they have gone to, and what they do .-Some of these have gone to Russia, scattering the Scriptural truth under the influence of Russian princes and nobles; others have gone to Austria; some are to be found among the German families of Texas; and even in Buenos Ayres and Patagonia, they have found a field for their work. Six of our brethren are laboring, under God's mercy, in Palestine, and others are endeavoring to extend his kingdom on the west coast of Africa, while six of our brethren are scattered throughout India and the Gold Coast; and the London Society has one t Salem, and others in different lands. Our principal source of employment is Palestine, but our eyes are generally directed to the east country of Africa. At Jerusalem we have a house which we have hired for six or seven years, and this is occupied by four or five of our brethren, who are either tradesmen or merchants. These brethren have shops in which they transact business as well as attend to the work of the mission; and while we send them such articles as we think they can dispose of, they, in return, send us wine, fruit, and other things, the proceeds of all of which go to the support of the cause in which we are all engaged. While they attend to the trades in which they are employed, the work of education still goes on, and they make use of every opportunity to converse with the Turks, and to circulate Bibles and tracts among them. The bishop of Jerusalem has taken great interest in these labors, and one of the best fruits of what has been done is this, that at Mount Zion six of these students were about being dedicated to the spread of the Gospel in Abyssinia; perhaps the first men who ever left that sacred spot upon such a holy mission.

RELIGION IN FLORENCE.—One year ago, it was difficult to introduce a few Bibles into Florence, and dangerous to keep them in your enew the premiums offered last year for new house; and while it was permitted to foreigners to hold religious services in their own lengues. and for their own countrymen, it was utterly Any clergyman of our denomination who will and strictly forbidden to attempt in any way. end us two new subscribers, with payment for a either by books or by teaching, to disseminate year in advance, shall receive his own paper FREE; Bible truth amongst Italians. And now what a change. With due regard to maintaining order, and not creating any public disturbance, the Gospel may be taught and the Bible distri-PRESBYTERIAN and GENESEE EVANGELIST to do buted just as freely, not only in the city of Florence, but in all Tuscany, and indeed in all Censomething to increase its circulation and consequeut usefulness, we offer to any person sending tral Italy, as it can be in New York or Scotland.

THE NANKIN REBELS.—The following is inteesting and striking:-Khun Hian, an evangelist connected with the Free church mission at Swatow, has been imprisoned at Ta Poo with some of the insurgents, and gathered some interesting information from wenty dollars shall receive from the author a them regarding the Taepingwang party, or Nankin rebels. Their copy of the Decalogue, which he saw, is identical with ours—the phraseology being slightly different. It is prefaced by a prayer for the Spirit's assistance, and terminated by a doxology to the Trinity, all perfectly orthodox. They have at present four kings, that of Nankin being the chief. In the course of this year they made an inroad on Ta Poo and Hong Sun, and at the latter place broke down all the images. It seems to be their practice first to kill the gods, and then

It would be presumptuous, as well as foolish, at present to say what may be the future history of China. In regard to the insurgents, so little is known of them that it would be difficult to form a decided opinion; but we may safely say, that a body of men, comprising millions of people, whose religion is opposition to every form of idolatry, Papal as well as Pagan, and who make the Scrip tures of the Old and New Testaments the standard of their teaching, and whose own compositions; o the Sunday School Dedication Hymn, in our whether prayers or hymns, contain so much saving truth, and who for years have maintained their place in the heart of the Chinese empire, and seem now more consolidated than ever, we may safely say that such a body of men have a very important part to play in the purposes of Him whose kingdom is to fill the whole earth. Were the way opened up to them, one might regard

very favourable; their numbers seem to be great.

Fourth Presbytery of New York.—This Presbytery, at its session on the 2d inst,, elected the fullast, our General Assembly has provided for the lowing Commissioners to the General Assembly printing of the Revised Statutes of Iowa, under Rev. Henry M. Field, and Rev. J. P. Hovey, princithe supervision of C. Ben. Darwin, Esq., one of pals; and Rev. Gurdon W. Noyes, and Rev. John the codifying commissioners appointed two Spalding, alternates. Elders, B. M. Hartley, and T. H. Bartholomew, principals; and S. M. Blatchford, and A. N. Brown, alternates.

them, humanly speaking, as in a state of prepara-

tion for the immediate reception of divine truth.

H. & F. Record of Free Church of Scotland.

Rochester Presbytery.—The Commissioners to the General Assembly from Rochester Presbytery are Alfred North and Nathan Bosworth, ministers, and David Dickey and David Fancher, elders.

Rev. T. L. Cuyler, of N. Y., has resigned the pas torate of the Market street Reformed Dutch church, and accepted the call of the Park Presbyterian passage by the House of the bill restoring to church, corner of De Kalb and Carlton Avenue, the ban of our prohibitory law wine, beer, and Brooklyn. He enters at once upon his new pasto

Wilmington Presbytery.—The session of this body held last week in Delaware City Church, was among the most agreeable, profitable, and harmonious that had ever been held. Only three of the Our Lieutenant Governor, Hon. Nicholas J. | clerical members were absent, though a number of Rusch, of Davenport, has been appointed to the churches failed to send elders. Rev. G. F. Wiswell office of Commissioner of Immigration, to re- was elected Moderator and Rev. Wm. Aikman. side eight months of the year in New York, and Clerk. Topics of great practical importance, sugdirect emigration into Iowa. I do not predict gested by the Committee of Arrangements, were ably discussed, such as: How to increase the effectiveness of the Ministry; The duty of Presbyteries to tion of foreigners by emigration schemes. But their vacant churches; The true mode of preaching our Solons have judged otherwise, as we have with particular reference to expository and extemporate so many broad acres lying out doors, just as preaching. In these discussions nearly all the breththe Creator, the fire, and flood have left them, ren took an earnest and animated part, contributing to enlarge each other's views and to interest, and, it a better time for native-born citizens to resort is hoped, to profit the assembled congregations. Among so much that was excellent, it is almost invidious to make a selection, but we cannot refrain from mentioning Bro. Aikman's address on the adrantages of expository preaching, as peculiarly happy. He alluded to the position sometimes taken that a Scriptural method of preaching is incompatible with any direct reference on the part of the preacher to social questions and social abuses. The Bible, he said, was itself full of such references, and was a book manifestly designed for community as well as for the individual. Taking it for a guide, we should In the neighborhood of Basle, about five miles be safe in preaching plainly on such topics. The from that town, upon a hill about fifteen hundred Bible preacher would find a proper use of newspapers and the current literature of the day, a real help to him in his work. He referred to Jonathan Edwards, the author of the History of the Rodempgrieved in their hearts that such a lovely place, and such a beautifully-situated church, should be so utterly useless. And they desired and prayed per of his day, unfolding it with trembling eagerness to the Lord that this place might, if possible, be dedicated to the service of Christ; and, in the was moving in the world. The course of things in years 1839 and 1840, an application was made | the world is the fulfilment of the Divine purposes.

> ACTS OF THE PRESBYTERY .- In regard to the formula for admitting church members, it was resolved. that the Presbytery deem it inexpedient for the Ge-

Hopper alternate Commissioners to the next General | filled to their utmost capacity there would not be

Rev. John W. Mears asked and obtained leave than 200,000 hearers, or one-third of the whole po from Presbytery to withdraw his acceptance of the pulation, thus leaving a vast multitude without church Wilson's Vindication of his New History of the call of the Milford Church placed in his hands by accommodations. There are included in this num-Presbytery, the Church having signified their con- ber about 75,000 children, between the ages of five

Resolved, That since Bro. Mears sees his way population between the ages of five and fifteen years." clear to leave the pastoral office, we are gratified to hear of his connection with the AMERICAN PRESBY-

The next place of meeting is Hanover street of signatures." church, Wilmington. Time, the fourth Tuesday of September, at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Wm. Aikman, H. J. Gaylord, and J. W

each member early notice of the part assigned him. Rev. D. H. Emerson and Geo. F. Wiswell are a Female College. committee to write a circular letter to the sessions. of the churches, urging upon them the duty of being represented on the floor of Presbytery.

people of Delaware City, the Presbytery adjourned ceived from the island. with the usual religious exercises. THE NARRATIVE speaks of the churches generall as in a prosperous condition, though but two-the

After passing a hearty vote of thanks to the good

quence, in mutual good understanding and har and slavery.

Third Presbytery of New York.—The semiannual session of the Third Presbytery of New York the Mercer street Presbyterian church. Rev. Walter Clarke, D. D., was elected Moderator, and Revs.

The following candidates, students of the Union Theological Seminary, were examined and licensed by the Presbytery, viz.: Alonzo D. Moore, Hiram D. Wrage, George B. Newcomb, D. Stewart Dodge, John S. Whitman, J. Allen Maxwell, Alfred S. Collins, and Arthur T. Pierson.

The following persons were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly: Rev. Walter Clarke. D.D., Rev. Edwin P. Hatfield, D.D., and Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer, principals; and Rev. John J. Owen, D.D., Rev. Wm. H. Babbitt, and Rev. Dwight M. Seward, alternates. The lay delegates are elders W. H. Christy, Charles A. Davidson, and John G. Parker, principals; Charles L. Doe, H. C. Littell, and Wm. C. Harp, alternates.

Hamilton College.—Anson G. Chester, Esq., late editor of the Syracuse Journal, has received official meeting of the Union Literary Society of Hamilton College, to be held on the 17th of July, 1860. Ed-

mitted to membership in this church on last Sabbath: fourteen of them on profession. A large proportion of them were from the Sabbath School and are in early life.

part. Dr. Snaw preached in the morning, and gave eified. an interesting history of the origin and growth of the The exercises in the Sabbath School were also

deeply interesting. In addition to the large number of teachers and scholars, many of the congregation met with the School to engage in and witness these closing exercises, which consisted mainly of brief addresses from those who have been for many years identified with it. At the close, the following lines, written for the occasion, were sung:

We pause here to-day, 'mid sweet memories of old, Our glad happy hearts recollections unfold: In storm and in sunshine through many a year. We've brought heartfelt praises, and chanted them here

Home, Home, sweet, sweet Home; The heart says good-by, as we leave our "sweet Home." The years, with their treasures, have glided away, But though now we're leaving these dear sacred walls, A sound of sweet comfort invitingly falls. Home, Home, sweet, sweet Home;

When earth's joys are ended, earth's partings are o'er. Oh! fairer and brighter, than these homes can be, Is the heaven the redeemed of Jesus shall see. Home, Home, sweet, sweet Home: Ten thousand glad voices shall welcome us home.

In the afternoon the Lord's Supper was administered—the house being again crowded—and fiftyone were received into the church.

Yesterday the work of demolishing the old structure

be rented at nine o'clock this morning.

ting the city, of which it will be an ornament.

rian church writes us:-"Perhaps your readers would of upwards of two hundred noblemen, members of like to hear something from the far West. Last Sab. Parliament, clergymen, ministers, and gentlemen of son, and eleven persons joined our little church on Palmerston to urge him strenuously to oppose any out here about the 1st of January last, in connexion disapproval of a former motion to the same effect. with a series of evening prayer-meetings which we held for several weeks. These were the only special means we used, except morning inquiry meetings and private labor with individuals. Others will probably unite with us at our next communion season. Also, as a result of special meetings held by me at Point Pleasant, the prospective county seat of this county, in the month of February last, a Presbyterian Church of twenty-five members has been gathered

Presbytery of Niagara.—Our Presbytery have both day and night.

How they Study and how they Labor.—The peculiarity of the institution is this: that, during the three years of training, the students do not only study—do not merely aspire after a theological of the Presoytery deem to merely aspire after a theological that the Presoytery deem to merely aspire after a theological that the Presoytery deem to merely aspire after a theological that the Presoytery deem to merely aspire after a three are not more than 75,000 members, or consolidated that there are not more than 75,000 members, or consolidated that there are not more than 75,000 members, or consolidated that there are not more than 75,000 members, or consolidated that there are not more than 75,000 members, or consolidated that there are not more than 75,000 members, or consolidated that the presoylery deem to merely aspire after a three presoylery deem to merely aspire that the Presoylery deem to mean the presoylery d

accommodations in all the church edifices for more

currence in this request. Whereupon Presbytery and fifteen years, who do not even attend the Sabbath Schools. The Methodist Episcopal Church has Resolved, That Presbytery regrets the removal of within the limits of this city about 15,000, or one Bro. Mears from the important field of Milford and fifth of the entire Protestant church membership of Mispillion churches, believing, as we do, that his ministry has been eminently successful during the years he has spent there.

The city, and has, also, in its fifty-four principal and twenty-two mission Sabbath Schools, an aggregate of 16,500 children, or nearly one ministry of the entire had advanced him a bonus of \$50,000 on his copy-

Sympathy with the Pope.—The Giornale di TERIAN. In these new relations he carries with him Roma says:—"Within the last few weeks various parts of the years 1851, '52, '53 and '54; a volume our entire confidence and best wishes for his suc- addresses from Germany have been presented to the Holy Father, in the name of the Catholics of that Resolved, That the religious newspapers circu- country. Among those sent from Bavaria, the adlating in our families and congregations should be dress from the archdiocese of Munich has 80,000 the late Mr. Prescott with many misgivings as to the effective auxiliaries to pastors in training the people signatures; that from the diocese of Wurzburg, to correct views of doctrine and duty, and to an in- 50,400; from the diocese of Passan, 35,019; and telligent, honest and earnest attachment to our from the diocese of Spire, 20,000." The address from branch of the Church, and we believe Bro. Mears, in the archdiocese of Cologne was signed by 165,000, his position as editor, is admirably qualified for such and that from Breslau by 107,000. The Bishop of Culm, in Eastern Prussia, has also sent two volumes

Mr. Matthew Vassar has determined to establish and endow an institution for the education of Mears are a Committee of Arrangements for this young women in a course of study similar to that meeting, to puppare an order of exercises and give each member early notice of the part assigned him.

> Madagascar .- To meet the anxique inquiries and stimulate the fervent prayers of many thousands in our Churches, we give an abstract of the leading particulars contained in the latest intelligence re-

The laws of Madagascar, that is, the decrees of the queen, directed against all professors of Christianity, remain unrelaxed in their severity, and multitudes Central Wilmington, and St. George's, report revi-both of men and women, who have been convicted vals. It describes the churches as growing in de of believing the truths and practising the duties of nominational feeling, and, as a necessary consel the Gospel, are now suffering poverty, imprisonment,

But, while the condition of these sufferers should awaken our tenderest sympathy, it is gratifying to learn that for some months past these oppressive was commenced on Monday, the second instant, at and sanguinary laws have not been put in force as regards new victims. A kind and powerful influence has been, through the merciful providence of God, C. C. Wallace and E. W. French, temporary Secre- exerted on behalf of his suffering gaints, and the effort has happily been successful to the extent now

> For the present, however, access to the island on the part of any Christian missionary, or indeed of any foreigner, is strictly prohibited and communi-cation with the suffering Charles is all but im-

But notwithstanding the long continued and accumulated afflictions they have endured, and the constant dangers to which they are still exposed, believers continue to increase, and the Churches of Madagascar are multiplied; and this applies not writes-"With such loose and contradictory data only to the capital but to different parts of the undescring the name of calculation." "One has to

only means of alleviation and assistance Christians witness—is anything but an exact science, with these ancient chroniclers."—[Prescott's Conquest, Vol. I.; Notes 28, 29.

Madagascar, is earnest, persevering prayer.

Of the battle with the Tabascans—"There is more

It has appeared to a number of their friends, that, besides bearing them in faith and prayer before the from one to thirty thousand! In this monstrous di mercy seat on other occasions, concert in prayer at | cordance, the common disposition to exaggerate may some special season, either privately, socially, or some special season, either privately, socially, or smallest number." [Prescott's Conquest, Vol. I. more publicly, as may be deemed best, might tend 263. Note 27 of the same page speaks of the "ex win P. Whipple, of Boston, is to deliver the oration.

to keep alive affectionate sympathy with them, and excite to earnest pleading with the Lord on their behalf. The evening of Thursday in each week, between the contain from wenty to thirty thousand inhabitants.

This is the most moderate computation, and not imtween the hours of seven and eight/o'clock, has been selected for prayer for the Mulagasy Christians, who, by the Saviour's grace, have borne their severe and Rochester.—Farewell Services in the Brick his great name. All friends of resions, who are Church.—The Democrat says, that divine services interested for these afflicted brethren, are earnestly were held in the Brick Church on Sunday, April 1st, | invited to unite, if practicable, in special prayer for for the last time. The house was crowded in every them during some portion of the period above spe-

> Moral Influence of the Revival.-A Cavan correspondent of the Belfast Banner says:-"Last week, in our County Prison here, out of upwards of fifty prisoners, some of whom stand charged with very serious offences, not a single one belongs to the Protestant community of any denomination."

## Mews of the Week.

afternoon, we have European advices to the 25th ult., three days later than the accounts brought by the Kangaroo. The news is interesting. Victor Emanuel were leaving Lombardy, and the Sardinian forces were evacuating Savoy. Nothing a importance had transpired in the British Parliament. The funds had advanced both in Paris and London.

The substitute for the bill abolishing capital punish ment in the State of New York, has passed both oranches of the Legislature, and now awaits the action of the Governor.

The substitute is not exactly what the friends o the original bill desired; although the clause therein deferring execution for a year after sentence, is considered a great point gained.

Additional accounts from Vera Cruz, brought by the United States ship Savannah, which left that commenced. The removal of the basement floor port on the 26th ultimo, have been received. Miraproved the truth of Dr. Shaw's remark, that it could mon commenced withdrawing his forces from before not be made dry. It was muddy, wet and foul, and Vera Cruz on the morning of the 21st, and was reit is no wonder that so many have dreaded to go there | treating towards the capital. It is stated that the liberals in Vera Cruz were so nearly out of ammu-The Society will, for the current year, occupy the nition that Miramon would probably have captured Washington Street Church, the slips of which will the city had he kept up the siege a short time longer. On the evening of the 23d the steamer Indianola In a few days the Old Brick will disappear, and brought to anchor off the city a barque which it had hundreds who have for so many years been accus- captured southward, in the neighborhood of Alvarado. tomed to see it, will miss it in their daily walks. But The barque bore Spanish colors, and professed to be the energy with which the new enterprise has been bound to Galveston, Texas. The captain gave as an undertaken will soon replace it with an edifice better excuse for being found so near the Mexican coast adapted to the wants of the Society, and more befit that his compass was disordered.

A proposition having been brought forward in Parliament to open the British Museum to the pub-Iowa Falls, Iowa.—The pastor of the Presbyte- lic on Sundays, an influential deputation, composed both, (the 25th of March,) was our communion sea- various Protestant denominations, waited upon Lord magazine. I had paid a heavy bill of postage profession of their faith in Christ, as a part of the such endeavor. The House of Commons have al-

year 1859, to thirty evangelical and benevolent organizations, including Bible Societies, missionary societies, etc., amount to four millions two hundred a portion of the amount subscribed by the Christian public of Great Britain for evangelical and benevolent purposes. But even this portion averages upthere, and of the most substantial portion af the ward of eighty thousand dollars per day, and nearly five hundred dollars an hour, throughout the year-

The almost total cessation of fremen's riots in late meeting of the Philadelphia Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, in this city, the following statistics were given: "It is a fact proved by the statistics were given: "It is a fact proved by the are present. There is less stiffness and formality the pross of this country has been received with more favor, or elicited higher encomiums abroad than this favor, or elicited higher encomiums abroad than this meetings often as many as ninety of the city pastors are present. There is less stiffness and formality statistics of the religious denominations of this city, than in the prayer-meetings in New England, and

## Miscellaneous Ttems.

Conquest of Mexico.

DANSVILLE, N. Y., MARCH, 1860. To the Editors of the Boston Post:-Absence in Western Kansas and severe illness have, with other and caricature of my history in the Atlantic Monthly when published by the late firm of Phillips, Sampson & Co., a publishing house that had heavy investments in the works of the late Mr. Prescott, and that rights (see Prescott's published letter to the Har-

In 1856, Harper & Brothers published a volum that sold to the extent of 5000 copies and still continues to sell, though it directly impeaches Mr. Prescott' manner of its reception. To my surprise it received the following commendatory notice, which he authorized me to publish; though he must have known that an extensive sale of that volume would destroy public confidence in his histories: as they all reste on a common foundation-Spanish books written by permission during the era of despotism in tha ountry. Here it is:-

My Dear Sir: - I am very much obliged to you for your new work on Mexico and its Religion. In an unpretending form it contains a good deal of matter quite original. That portion of the work relating to the exaggerations of the early conquerors, is particularly deserving of attention by the students of our early North American annals. You have dealt with a bold hand, stripping off the fine robe of romance, and in some cases, indeed, the flesh beneath it—reducing it to an unsightly skeleton. The skeleton, however, may be nearer the truth; but yet it will be hard to prove it. There does not appear to be much consistency in the various testimony of the old chro-niclers. Your strong ground, therefore, must con-sist in the contradiction afforded by present appearances to the statements of the conquerors. However, this is a subject which I shall examine more at leisure—having been able, from pressing occupations of late, to take only a superficial glance at your

Repeating my thanks for your favor, I remain Very sincerely yours,
WM. H. PRESCOTT. To R. A. Wilson, Esq., Rochester, N. Y. Stranger than this, Mr. Prescott has most tho

seen by the following slip which a friend has put into my hands since my history was published. Mr. rescott savs:recise numeration, it will be as safe to substitute

multitude, 'a great force,' trusting the amount to the reader's own imagination." Vol. II. page 433 Of the losses consequent upon the retreat from lexico-after speaking of the "greatest discrepancy in "numerical estimates," he says: "Bernal Diaz does not take the trouble to agree with himself. After stating that the rear on which the loss fellheaviest, consisted of 120 men, he adds, in the same

paragraph, that 150 of these were slain, which number swells to 200 in a few lines further. Falstoff's men in buckram!" Vol. II: page 376-7, and note Of the numbers of victims of human sacrifice, he read but a little way to find out that the science of In the review of these facts, it is evident that the numbers at least where the party was not an eye-

discrepancy as to the number of the slain-varying lead us to look for truth in the neighborhood of the

contain from twenty to thirty thousand inhabitants. probable." [Vol. I., p. 343.] In the note, (17) same page, he says—"Torquemada hesitates between twenty, fifty, and one hundred and fifty thousand each of which he names at different times!" Citing Herrem and Bornal Diaz, he says—"The former historian states the number of Indian allies who followed Cortez, at eighty thousand; the latter at ten thousand, Quien Sabe?" (Who knows?) Vol.

II., p. 460. Note 20. Of the army of the Tlascalans-"To the astonished eyes of Cortez they appeared a hundred thousand men, while no account estimates them at less than nustered 80,000. Bernal Diaz says more than 40,000 But Herrera and Torquemada reduce them to 30,000. One might as well reckon the leaves of a forest, as the numbers of a confused throng of barbarians. As this was one of the several armies kept on foot by the Tlascalans, the smallest amount is probably too large. The whole population of the State, according to Clavigere, who would not be likely to underrate it did not exceed half a million at the time of the invaion." [Prescott's Conquest, Vol. I., p. 427.]

"The extent of Montezuma's conquests—a debatable ground for the historian." [Vol. I., p. 417. Note 10.] "The larger, and a priori less probable number." Vol. I., 435, note. "Through the magninumber." Vol. I., 435, note. "Through the magnifying lens of Cortez they (the Tlascalans) appeared to be 150,000 men." Vol. I., 438, note. "Camarge adds, more than a hundred thousand men flocked had accepted the annexation of Tuscany to Sardinia, out to receive the Spaniards, a thing that appears and signed a decree to that effect. The French army impossible! It does indeed!" Vol. I., 472, note. He neers at the 100,000 men who went out from Tlas cala with Cortez. Vol. II., 11, note 17. He rejects the 50,000 cances at Mexico, mentioned by Herrera, and writes "swarms of canoes," instead. Vol. II 70. He hesitates to adopt 40,000 as the population of

Mexico, although that number is "the most modest computation." Vol. II., p. 139.

Of the Totonacs: "The cacique added that the Totonac territory contained about thirty towns and villages, which could muster a hundred thousand

Of the reputed number of victims of human sacri fices: "However loose this arithmetic may be, the general fact is appalling." [Vol. I., p. 358, note 5. Of Cortez and Bernal Diaz: "Both these actors in the drama show too obvious a desire to magnify their own prowess, by exaggerating the number of their much confidence in their estimates." Vol. I., p. 392

"The Tlascalan Territory was fifty miles in circumference, ten long, from east to west, and four broad, from north to south. 'Conquisto de Mejico lib. 3, chap. 3.' It must have made a queer figure in geometry!" Vol. I., p. 418, note 11.
Of the reputed results of the battle of Tlascala: The official returns of the old Castilian crusaders, whether in the Old World or the New, are scarcely more trustworthy than a French Imperial bulletin in our day." Vol. I., p. 432, note 32. Of course Mr. Wilson and his friends are too gen-erous to demolish Mr. Prescott with his own amount-

Messrs. Phillips & Sampson were as guiltless of this uncalled for assault on me as the lamented Prescott himself; for they were both dead, I understand, when it was written. But persons of less discreti who were represented in that firm by "and Co., thought it was necessary to crush me in order to save themselves. Hence they resorted to such a criticism as perhaps never before appeared in a respectable -on a parcel from the city of Mexico, on Mr. Pres cott's account, and refused to allow him to refund any part of it; but I afterwards requested the loan benefits it has derived from the revival which broke ready given strong and decisive expression to the of two books, that had once been offered me for a dollar each. But they never came. This request to horrow is introduced into the criticism, and also my The contributions in Great Britain, during the publishers' circulars, which I never saw till printed are charged upon me. A jest is pointed at my dedi cation simply by changing a period into a comma a the end of the second line, and changing the order of the words that follow; so, too, throughout the and forty-eight thousand four hundred and forty-five criticism sentences are garbled, passages are misdollars. These thirty societies, however, represent but | quoted, &c., &c., because I had shown Mr. Prescott's authorities in their true character-historico-reli

Mr. Prescott's Place Filled.—The American public will be gratified with the announcement that John Lothrop Motley, author of the History of the Dutch Republic, has been elected Corresponding appointed as commissioners to the General Assembly, Rev. A. M'Coll, and J. T. Coit, his alternate. Elders field Republican shows that religion in Philadelphia is not only "brotherly," but influential on the masses:

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Dutch Republic, has been decode of the french Institute, in the place of the lamented Prescott. In philosophical analysis, in is not only "brotherly," but influential on the masses: search, Motley stands in the front rank of living his-Philadelphia, for the last eighteen menths, is attri- torians, and perhaps no work which has issued from Religious Statistics of Philadelphia.—At the buted to the salutary effects of the deep religious in the press of this country has been received with more

Peaches.—There is a fair prospect throughout ascertain, of an abundant and full harvest of this de-licious fruit the coming season.

#### NOTICES.

The General Assembly.—The Commission ers appointed to meet in General Assembly in Pittsburgh are requested to send their names to Rev. H.
Kendall, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements,
who will forward to them due notice of the places of
residence of the families that will entertain them during
the session of the Assembly; that they may be at no loss
where to go when they reach the city.

The Presbytery of Niagara will meet s Knowlesville the first Tuesday [1st inst.] of May, 4 o'clock, r. m. Church records will then be called for. For special reasons a full meeting is desired. Knowlesville, April 6th, 1860.

The Union Prayer Meeting of our Churches will be held in Buttonwood Street Church, o Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock.

Notice.—The Seventeenth Anniver-sary of the Spting Garden Female Bible Society will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Spring Garden St. above Thirteenth, on Monday evening the 16th inst.

The Presbytery of Genesee stands adjourned to meet at Byron, on the 4th Tuesday, the 24th of April next, at 4 o'clock, p. m. The churches will remember that the time for presen The churches will remember that the time for presentation of church records was changed at the last meeting of Presbytery, from the 4th Tuesday of October to the 4th Tuesday of April, and send up their records and statistical reports to this meeting that our report to General Assembly may be as complete as possible.

G. S. Corwin, Stated Clerk. Elba, March 31, 1860.

Auburn Theological Seminary.—The anniversary exercises will commence on Friday, 27th inst., at 9 o'clock, A. M., with the examination of the

Monday evening will be speaking by representa On Monday evening will be speaking by representatives of the various societies.

Tuesday, 1st May, at 9 a. m., the Boards meet; 2 r. m.,
Sermon before the Alumni by Rev. W. E. Knox. In
the evening, Address to the Rhetorical Society by Rev.
Asa D. Smith, D. D.
Wednesday, at 9 a. m., Annual Meeting of the Westare Education Society in the Change Atlantage. ern Education Society in the Chapel. At 2 P. M., speaking by members of the Graduating Class, and Farewell Address to the class by Rev. Dr. Hall.

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Samuel M. Hopkins, Clerk.

Iowa City Presbytery.—The Semi-Annua Meeting of Iowa City Presbytery will be held at Clinton on the third Thursday of April, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.
Statistics and apportionments of the churches will be called for.

Samuel Storms Howe, Stated Clerk. Iowa City, Iowa, March 28, 1560.

The Annual Meeting of the Philadeiphia Home Missionary Society will be held the 4th Tuesday of April, (24th inst.,) in the Presbyterian House, at 4 o'clock, P. M. The Reports of the Executive Committee and the Treasurer will be laid before the meeting, and the officers elected for the ensuing year. Every contributor is a member of the society, and is respectfully invited to attend and take part in the deliberations

ROBERT ADAIR, Secretary. Presbytery of the District of Columbia.—The regular Spring meeting of the Presbytery of the District of Columbia will be held in the Sixth Church,

Washington City, the third Tuesday [the 17th] of April, at 7½ o'clock, r. m. W. M. Lain, ... Stated Clerk. Notice.—The Presbytery of Keokuk will meet i Keokuk on the 2d Thursday (12th) of April, 1860, at 7 o'clock, P. M. G. C. BEAMAN, STATED CLERK

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