## American Presbyterian and Genesee Evangelist.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1860.

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THE SEBMON .- We have deviated somewhat from the usual course of this paper in publishing a sermon entire. We have done so with entire confidence that the sermon selected will more than justify-will rather make welcome the deviation. It has been preached by Mr. Adams in several different pulpits in our city, and repeated requests have been made for its publication. See fourth page.

ERRATA .- Our attention, in the last number. having been drawn almost exclusively to the report of the Jubilee of the American Board, at least one or two very marked errors in the editorial department escaped our notice. As our proof-reading is generally quite correct, and as we cannot learn that any harm was done by the errors, we trust our readers will accept this as an apology for them

THE SLAVE TRADE AND THE P. E. DIO-CESAN CONVENTION OF NEW YORK.

pal Church have proved unfortunate in their ischurchmen, turning their backs upon the imperious and apparently unscrupulous WHITEHOUSE at Ohicago, and the parliamentary skirmishing and abrupt ajournment by which MR. JAY and his friends were denied a hearing on the slave trade at New York. The facts of the latter case are these. Early in the meeting of the Convention held in New York City two weeks ago, Mr. John Jay offered a Preamble and regolutions, setting We profoundly pity the joylessness of their conforth the fact of the re-establishment and increase of the slave trade in the city of New York, claimthe Bishop to write a pastoral letter upon the subject, the clergy to preach, and the laity to use their influence to stay the traffic. Mr. Jay was proceeding to address the convention, when the question was raised whether the house would entertain the motion, and in the midst of his speech the whole matter was laid upon the table. Subsequently the motion was renewed in another form, i. e., in its as that which arises in beholding evidences of bearings upon the missions of the Episcopal Church the prosperity of our own Zion-in detecting the in Western Africa, when it was again laid on the proofs of Divine favor upon her, and in pertable by a vote of 98 to 13. The third attempt was made by Mr. James B. Silkman, of Westchester county, who was not even allowed to read his resolutions. The president of the convention, after some hesitation, decided it to be in order for him to read them, but an appeal was taken, and while the appeal was yet undecided, in the midst of great confusion, and a cross-fire of argument between the Chair and several delegates, on points is that, ever since the establishment of our paper of order, Dr. Vinton moved that the Convention adjourn sine dis. after reading the minutes, and } the usual devotional exercises, which was carried. The Churchman says: "The minutes, however, were in a crude state : the Journal had not been ordered to be printed, and no provision had been made for the missionary deficiency of \$3,000. Notwithstanding this, the rough sketch of the minutes was read, the Journal ordered to be printed, and some arrangements will, doubtless, be made for the mission aries." We regard this result as unfortunate in many ways. It is a mere postponement of a subject which, troublesome as it may be, we opine will have to be fairly met sooner or later, in this, as well as in other ecclesiastical organizations. It tends to place the leading diocese of the Episcopal Church of this country in, what we would fain believe to be, a false position. It tends to form and establish an erroneous and exceedingly injurious opinion of the purposes of church organizations, and of the relations of the church to the sooial and business arrangements of men. It leaves a great and growing evil, already enjoying a large degree of immunity from the just censures of religious men, unrebuked of a body of Christians the community, perhaps the most deeply implicated of any in the civilized world, in the mercantile and marine ventures of the traffic. The defence put forth for this summary refusal to entertain the subject has not escaped us, neither the applause with which the determination of the convention to maintain its "conservative" character has been received in some quarters. This matter of the slave trade, it is said, is "Congressional business," whereas the convention is purely an ecclesiastical body. This is the strong point of the defence. This in substance was the strong any specific church movement was not, and and oft-repeated remonstrance made against the discussion of the slavery question in our own General Assembly. This is the result to which Dr. Thornwell's resolution, passed by the other Assembly in 1859, to the effect that the church is they would lay off the garment of a church ponot concerned with the merely moral and secular lity which hung but loosely upon them, and anbearings of things, would lead. It is a position swer the appeals of the Presbyterian Church for utterly untenable with us, and at variance with aid to her own enterprises, with a prompt and the established usage of the Presbyterian Church, final farewell to her councils. But how diffeand ought to be so in every organization designed rent are the facts! The tone of the Central to advance the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom in the world. What are men to think of the at Cincinnati and Cleveland, has gradually church with her exalted claims as a benevolent agency, if she stands by in silence while vice, and representing the spirit and character of our wrong, and outrage increase with rapid strides, and multiply their hydra heads in the field of her labours, and the minds and consciences of men are growing insensible to their heinousness; if her highest representative bodies, meeting in the verv emporium of an abominable traffic, reject repeatedly, with contempt, and with parliamentary violence, any proposal to bear testimony against the evil; if she pleads pressure of ecclesiastical business convention routine, that mere tinkering at on the once uppropitious soil of the Western the wheels of the machinery, the tithing, as we might sav. of mint, anise and cummin, while justice and mercy, as wronged and outraged suppli-

representative bodies, towards great crimes and, American Presbyterian evils in society, is certainly deplorable. An organization whose very principles justify, and even demand, that any fair attempt to procure a testimony against vice and error in the community should be resisted and frustrated in the most summary manner, may be ecclesiastical, may be most venerable with churchly associations, but it would be a fair question whether it were Christian, or, indeed, whether it were humane. We believe a necessity is on the church to define its position towards the great evils of slavery and the slave rade. We believe a reasonable, clear, and scrip-

tural antagonism towards these evils may be taken by our church courts without fanaticism or the peril of fanaticism. We believe this satisfactory and safe position will be reached sooner by entertaining the question as in the course of Providence it is brought within our range, than by violently repelling and postponing it. We are sorry therefore that the convention, meeting in New York, has ignored the question in the most palpable and easily-managed form in which it could have come before it.

LOVE FOR OUR CHURCH.

It is with sincere grief that we see evidence from time to time, that there are those, nominally connected with our church, who are not in sympathy with it—who show no signs of gratification at its prosperity, and who industriously expatiate upon its supposed errors and delinquencies, and labor to put its past history and present condition in the most unfavorable light. Those who enjoy the happy lot of belonging to a church like ours, ought to know The recent diocesan conventions of the Episco- and appreciate their privilege. And though we confess to a feeling of indignation at times sues. There is, however, no connection between at their blindness, our predominant feeling is ) of. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall the causes of the indignant tumult of honest that of pity. We pity them the absence of a noble glow of enthusiasm, such as may well arise in contemplating the honorable position of our church as the inheritor and representative of American Presbyterianism. We are sorry they cannot enjoy a thrill of satisfaction at the growing strength and recovering prosperity of a church which, for manly adherence to principle, has suffered on the right hand and on the left. nexion with a church in which such an animating, hopeful, healthful spirit is breathing. ing it as the legitimate business of the convention | We sincerely wish they could taste it, instead to take cognizance of the fact, and calling upon of cowering in one corner, like sulky children looking gloomily on, and trying to persuade themselves that what they see is not true-that they, the gloomy few, are all right, while the hopeful, active and harmonious many are all wrong. For our part, we know of no joy, besides that of direct communion with the Saviour, so pure, so unalloyed, and so happy in its effects,

to prevail was like that expressed by the apost have seldom heard, than those which were of. the prevait was like that expressed of the apost like bottom hourd, man those which were of thes on the mount: 'Lord, it is good for us to be fered in that dismal locality; and when we labor tles on the mount: 'Lord, It is good for us to be and pray as they do there, there must be fruit. present as a bond of union and sympathy be-tween the churches. There is something repulsive, cold, and selfish in the idea of standing to be undergoing a complete metamorphosis, isolated and alone from every body else in the and in a short time, from present appearances, world. It has always seemed to us that our the character of it will be entirely changed." system of church polity is peculiarly sociable, O that all the dark places of the earth were and well adapted to keep the churches pure in visited in a similar manner! and very soon doctrine and active in well-doing. By a free

would we witness similar results. conversation always had on the state of religion, the members of the body become acquainted BOSTON HOSPITALITY. with the points of interest as well as those of Though taxed to the utmost, was nevertheless, with the assistance of the various villages

discouragement; so that when they come together in their devotional exercises they can pray around, adequate to so great an emergency. intelligently that each one may be strengthened for the conflict with the principalities and pow-The doors swung easily on their hinges, and ers. It is not uncommon to hear elders exwere widely open; the tables were extended to press great satisfaction in these meetings, and their utmost capacity, and every place that we have never yet heard one complain of time could possibly be converted into a "prophet's spent as so much lost, in going up to our ecclechamber" was made to do its full duty. The siastical gatherings. The doctrine and polity of the Presbyterian Church are, we think, growscenes at the family altar are not the least of ing in favour among the people, because better our pleasant remembrances. understood. The churches where we meet turn out, of late, in greater numbers to take part in PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT MEETING.

the exercises of the Presbytery; and the brethren not only come up themselves more promptly, but, in some cases, bring their wives

This is a cheering word from the Western Reserve. These brethren of Maumee Presbytery seem to have experienced a goodly measure of that holy joy and delight which springs from

a well-grounded affection for their own branch of the church. Indications of a similar sort are occurring in New York. We welcome them. wherever they occur, as long delayed omens of good. Thou, O Lord, shalt arise and have mercy on Zion: for the time to favor her, yea the set time is come. For thy servants take -pleasure in her stones and favor the dust there-

prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces.

> EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE. Boston, Oct. 5th. 1860 (Concluded.)

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS. This also was a pleasant feature in the Ju bilee. Pastor Fisch, of the Evangelical Society

We wish our space allowed us to speak as fully of Paris, who spoke so well in English that we of this noble work as its merits demand, and as can well believe him to be no ordinary speaker in French; Rev. Dr. Warren, of the Baptist our inclinations would lead us to do. Its plan Missionary Union, acknowledging the American among Church Histories is somewhat peculiar; indeed, it avoids the title of Church History, not Board as the parent of the Union; the address only perhaps, because it traverses but a specific of Chancellor Ferris, of the Foreign Missionarv portion of the field, but because the vigour of its Society of the Dutch Reformed Church, a denomination so recently in connection with the style, the breadth of its handling, and the conse-Board: and then the reply of Pres. Hopkins cutive flow of its narrative, would not suggest to these brethren-this was a portion of the themselves to the reader under that rather pon-1 Meeker, of which he signified his acceptance, and Jubilee that could not well have been dispensed | derous title. For our Church Histories, it must with. Something would have been wanting. in | be confessed, are generally overdone with arrangethe play of kindly feeling, that we should have ment. The scientific skeleton stares at you in the missed exceedingly. As it was, it allowed those multiplied divisions and subdivisions, sections, feelings of Christian union to come out, without | chapters, paragraphs, foot notes, indexes, &c. ; flesh

ARRANGEMENT FOR THE SYNOD. Unfortunately, our editorial on the Synod ppeared just one week too soon. We hope, owever, the error had the effect of calling attention not only earlier, but more generally to the subject. We have reason to believe that special efforts will be made on the part of many of the brethren in this part of the Synod to be present.

The table of the Pennsylvania Rail Road gives us the following hours of starting from the Passenger Depot, S. E. corner of 11th and Market Streets:

> Mail train leaves Philadelphia at 7 30, A. M Fast line "11 50, Express train 10 45, P. M. Book of Records. There are also two accommodation trains,

which leave at 2 and 4 o'clock. P. M. Returnng, the trains leave Harrisburgh at 1.15 and 5.15, A. M., and I, P. M. Accommodation trains at 6.50, A. M., and 3.50, P. M.

By the courtesy of the Rail Road Company, those in attendance on the meeting of Synod The committee found no difficulty at once in will be passed over the road, to and from Phifixing upon Cleveland as the place of next ladelphia, at one fare. In order to secure this, meeting, a place whose hospitality will always the brethren, on paying their fare at 11th and be remembered by at least one member of the Market Streets, will ask for "Excursion tickets

committee with no little gratitude. The choice to Harrisburgh, for the meeting of the Presbyterian Synod."

"Hard task to choose where all alike are fair !" but at length the lot fell upon the Rev. The brethren at Harrisburgh particu-Dr. Storrs, of Brecklyn, L. L. as principal, arly desire that the ministers and elders who with Rev. Dr. Smith. of Cincinnati, alternate. are going to the Synod, will forward their names Though a year in advance, we bespeak a full by mail at once, that preparation may be made attendance at Cleveland. Let brethren who or their reception. Address Rev. T. H. Ro read this make up their minds, God willing, to binson. It is, on every account, very desirable be there, and make their arrangements accordthat there should be a full meeting of Synod ingly. It is not lost time to whet the scythe, and we hope that brethren will make a slight and as "iron sharpeneth iron, so does a man sacrifice to accomplish it.

the Walnut Street Church, West Philadelphia commencing Tuesday, October 2d. The sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. J. M. Davis, or Isaiah 26: 3, contained touching allusions to the dying experience of the sainted woman from whom the speaker has but recently been separated. Rev. M. Burdett was chosen moderator. Rev . O. Blythe was received as a member from the Indianapolis Presbytery, and Rev. D. C. Meeker from that of Rockaway. Mr. Anthony Simons, a member of Dr. Jenkins' church, was received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

Nantmeal was placed in the hands of Rev. D. C. a committee was appointed to instal him on the 18th instanto-day. a second contraction of

presenting any marked features, was universally favorable. Three churches are in building or about

It was denied in a succeeding number made a remark to this effect:—The New school papers. It was denied in a succeeding number Presbyterian Church, said he, is too much like an by M. Bore, the leading French Jesuit in Conindulgent and inconsiderate parent, who, when he cannot vouch for the truth of the story itselfhad any sugar plums to give to his children, always but I know that the great French schools here and gave them through the hands of their uncles and in Smyrna have been suddenly closed --which is aunties; but the switch must needs be used by in itself a strong proof that this story is true. himself. So with our Church. All the aid for The reason given is, that the Jesuits were deeply our churches passes through the A.H. M. Society, Lebanon. while they receive nothing at our hands, but

**T. T.** 

Edinburgh, Sept. 22d, 1860.

discipline and exhortations to duty.

that he is even now with us.

Dear Brethren :

Newark, Missouri, October 4th, 1860.

THE PROTESTANT INSTITUTE OF

SCOTLAND.

LETTER FROM THE REV. DR. BEGG, EDINBURGH

to the editors of the American Presbyterian.

## EDITOR'S TABLE.

Oct. 18.

Now, added Dr. Nelson, give me a sugar plum THE BEAUTIFUL CITY AND THE KING OF GLORY by Hon. Woodbury Davis, of Portland, Me. Philada. Lindsay & Blakiston, 12mo. pp. 267, 75 cents. This is a cursory history of the plan of Re. to take to those our brethren who are to form that new Presbytery. For I have no doubt that when the organization shall take place, it will be highly demption, concluding with the author's views of acceptable to them to find that this Synod has the personal coming and reign of Christ at the sent to them a "sugar plum" in the shape of a new end. It originated in the Bible class instructions. given by the writer, who, as a layman, seems somewhat timorous about "entering the field of another The suggestion was wonderfully gratifying to us rofession." He has, however, produced a book all. The hat passed around, and there was enough which those who differ from him in his views of collected to buy two "sugar plums;" one for the the millenium, must pronounce a highly creditable performance, pleasingly written, and adorned with new Presbytery, and one for the Presbytery of many gems of poetry, but little known to the public. The author has studied Mr. Barnes' ex-Kansas. And with such evidences of unity and brotherly kindness we separated to take our cellent commentary on Isaiah very faithfully.

respective places in the vineyard of our Lord and THE FIVE SENSES; or Gateways to Knowledge, by Master. We trust that He also met with us, and George Wilson, M. D., Regius Professor in the Uni-versity of Edinburgh, &c. Philada., Lindsay and Blakiston. 16mo. pp. 139, 50 cts.

Here is another of those charming books which how the animating effects of the modern study of natural science upon thoughtful and susceptible minds. The five senses are contemplated in a va. riety of aspects, picturesque, novel, and instructive. Their scriptural, and religious bearings, too, are revealed in a captivating manner. Few books of its size will be found to contain so much profitable reading, in a style so attractive and easy.

May I beg that you will kindly insert the enclosed documents in your Journal. We are espe-CURIOSITIES OF NATURAL HISTORY. Second cially anxious to reach the scattered children of series, by Francis F. Buckland, M. A. New York: Rudd & Carleton. 12mo. pp. 441. Philadelphia: For sale by T.B. Peterson & Bros., 306 Chestnut st. The author of this very entertaining volume is Scotland, and such as trace their spiritual descent to our land, in America, and we do not know in what other way to accomplish our object. The people of Scotland are engaged at present in an the son of the celebrated geologist Dr. Buckland, important work, that of erecting a great Protes- author of the Bridgewater Treatise, and other tant Institute, as a worthy monument to John distinguished works in physical science. Its four Knox and the Reformers of 1560. We have just divisions-"A Geological Auction," "The Game-celebrated at Edinburgh the Tricentenary of the keeper's Museum;" "In Memoriam," "A Hunt National Abolition of Popery with great enthusi- on the Sea Shore," touch upon a great variety of asm. Another important historical period is just subjects, personal and scientific, interspersed with before us, on the 20th of December next, when narratives and episodes as the discursive fancy of the first General Assembly of Scotland was held, the author dictated, but all of them interesting, the precious germ out of which almost all the and conveying information valuable to any one Presbyterian Churches in Great Britain, Ireland seeking information or amusement among the and America have since sprung. We propose to facts of physical science, and that includes about hold public worship and thanksgiving on that day; every body now-a-days. we earnestly trust that our brethren, in distant

SCHOOL AND FAMILY SERIES OF READERS, by ands will join with us. We propose also to make Marcius Willson, author of Primary History, &c. Primer, and 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th Readers. New York: collection on that day for the Protestant Insti-Harper & Bros. For sale by Alex. Clark. 411 Walnut tute of Scotland, as a suitable token of gratitude; street. Philada. and we are anxious that our friends in other

This beautiful and unique series of readers is lands, whom the Lord has prospered with worldly means, should join their contributions with ours. well worthy the attention of parents and teacher. The attractiveness of their exteriors in paper, Scotland needs their help at the present moment. typography, and exquisiteness, and profuseness o for a great struggle to destroy the Reformation in Illustrations, great as it is, is not the chief feature. Great Britain has begun, supported by grants from They are based upon the principle of combining valuable and systematic instruction in various the Popish propaganda, the Pusevism of England, and even by large grants from the British treasu-ry. There is, on the other hand, great apathy and branches of science, with lessons in the art of reading itself. Thus Scripture history, natural division amongst ourselves; but we look forward history, physiology, botany, natural philosophy, to the Protestant Institute as a tower and centre of strength, a great means under God of arousing &c., are successively introduced in familiar terms, and concentrating the nobler spirit of other and and, with the aid of the illustrations, fixed in the better days. A large sum, however, is still neces- reader's memory, while the interest of the reader being thus maintained, a natural tone of voic The contributions of our brethren from all lands and manner of reading, may more readily be se-Mr. Alexander Clark, 411 Walnut street, is the agent, where any information in regard to the series, (which is yet incomplete) may be obtained, and the book may be ordered.

P. S. We greatly regret that we were obliged THIRD PRESBYTERY. to leave the closing meeting before hearing the The Stated Meeting of this body was held speech of Dr. Stone, of Park St. Church, which we have since heard, from competent judges, MILMAN'S HISTORY OF LATIN CHRIS-

A unanimous call from the Church of West

The state of religion in the churches, without to be built, and West Chester Church will be en-

that our labor is not in vain in the Lord; while, on the contrary, to hide these evidences, dishonors the Head of the Church from whom they come, and tends to weaken the hands of those who are laboring in His vineyard. Perhaps there is a personal feeling mingling with the gratification which we, as editors of the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN, feel. The fact in Philadelphia, i.e., since 1856, the Synod of Pennsylvania has been on the advance, having gained five ministers, nine candidates, and 1801 church members; while previously, and in the

absence of such an organ, it had been fluctuating, with a decline, from 1846, when it reached its highest point, (this year excepted,) of 1224 members.

In other words, the gain of the last four years has been more than sufficient to balance the losses of the previous ten years. This coincidence may, indeed, impart a peculiar zest to our feelings, but whatever bearing the facts have upon us, they

are not the less a proper cause of gratification to every member of the church, and none but such as are really not at home with us will find them unpalatable; none but those who really wish our church injury will labor to hide or fal. sify them.

While we are compelled to believe that there are such persons in connexion with us their numbers are few and their influence is declining. On the other hand, love for our church is a growing, deepening sentiment on every hand. Our firm, scriptural position on questions of representing much of the wealth and influence of doctrine and morals, removed from ultraists on either side, sympathizing with the spirit of freedom which is stirring in the church and the world, while refusing to follow the excesses of

many of its advocates, freely lending the influence of the church to every righteous cause .this position of our church, we say, is every day becoming better understood and appreciated. We can point to no better evidences of these facts than the altered tone of our Ohio brethren. including, especially, those of the Western Reserve. The time was when their sympathy in could not be calculated upon. Their attachment to the Congregationalists, and to voluntary methods of benevolence, was so rooted. that, rather than give them up, it was supposed Christian Herald, the organ of these brethren changed, until it may now be regarded as fairly church. In the discussion arising from the report of the Assembly's Commission on the A. H. M. S., it has given no uncertain sound : in the choice which has to be made by Western Presbyterians, it displays no hesitation. Even the Cleveland editor, although blaming both Presbyterians and Congregationalists in the impending separation, consents to it with a grace that shows a decided growth of church feeling

Reserve. Congregationalists themselves are surprised at the change. A correspondent of their Chicago organ, H. C. J., in a communiants, knock in vain at her doors for recognition? | cation now before us, expresses himself as moved

clesiastical" to admit them, they have recourse to result of several causes: Meetings in our country. Some of the petitions the many friends of the Missionary Ship. They son remarked :-- Mr. Moderator, Bro. J. C. Beach made payable to James Moir Porteous, Secretary of the Protestant Institute of Scotland, 6 York "But especially the altered tone of our west-(of the Presbytery of Kansas,) and myself have cation Committee, 1334 Chestnut Street Place, or to Peter Robertson, Esquin Treasurer, infidels, and radicals, and church-slanderers for here offered, touching our "peculiar institution," will be pleased, to find so beautiful and instruc-64. THE DUTIES OF OUR LAYMEN. By a RUING ern New School paper, the Central Christian been appointed to go up into the regions of Grand Branch Commercial Bank, South Bridge Street, would have sounded very strangely in Sansom tive a history of the vessel. The price is sixty what the church will not grant them? Herald, which has been, up to a recent date, ELDER: Reprinted from the Presbyterian Quarterly Review, October, 1860. Philadelphia: W. S. Young, St., and perhaps would not have been alto- cents. And his D has it . T man River, in the North Western part of the State, Edinburgh. gwaraelle mereddo nod? "I tawr a We are not familiar with the constitutional rules a consistent advocate of co-operation, and which and there organize a new Presbytery. I wish, gether for edification, especially one to this and precedents of Episcopal conventions. We do now seems to have faced right about, inclines effect, by an old man: "O, Lord, destroy the AID FOR SYRIA .- The New York Treasurer Mr. Moderator, and brethren of the Synod, that Printer. 8vo. pp. 22. dinib shoul and di THE CONGREGATIONAL QUARTERLY, Oct., 1860. not know whether such a complete divorce be- us to speak." THE JESUITS IN TURKEY. Conducted under the sanction of the Cong. Library Conducted under the sanction of the Cong. Library Association, and American Cong. Union. By J. S. CLARK, D. D., M. H. DEXTER, A. H. QUINT, and I. P. LANGWORTHY. Boston and New York. With a the law Port. With a tween church and society as this action implies, Maumee Presbytery, belonging to the Synod selfishness of man, and the depravity of man, of the Syrian Fund has received and forwarded when I go, I may take with me a "sugar plum" The correspondent of the New York World in and then this will cease, too !" The third day, about \$17,000, and the Boston Treasurer has for the brethren there. Let me explain. During is contemplated in them. We cannot easily be of the Western Reserve, held its fall session on Constantineple writes, as follows it fait card and we went in search of Father Mason's prayer received over \$2,000. Much more will proba- the sessions of the General Assembly in St. Louis, led to believe that it is. The condition of a the 4th of September, and it is thus reported finely engraved Portrait of the late Professor Bennet ""It is currently reported here that all the Jemeeting, down in the "Black Sea," which is bly be received at Boston, as the churches in in 1855, our relations to the A. H. M. Society church in which everything is arranged to obstruct of by one of the members of the same journal : suits in Turkey have been ordered by the French government to leave the country. This statement has been published in one of the Constantinople basis and the statement of the constantinople The LUTHERAN ALMANAC for 1861. Baltimore The LUTHERAN ALMANAC for 1861. Baltimore and the statement of the constantinople the constantinople the constantinople the the free expression of opinion and the taking of a decided, unequivocal stand on the part of her the million of the bear of th during which discussion the late Dr. A. Bullard

which, in these days, true Christian-fellowship and life are wanting to give harmonious prop does not seem to be complete. SPIRIT OF THE MEETING.

We should say that it was very decidedly an aggressive spirit. In view of what has been British Historiography. Dean Milman has been church. done during the last fifty years, of what is now true to his expressed aim: "to give with as much doing, in the Providence of God-Brahminism, life and reality as I have been able the result, not

Islamism, Popery, Idolatry, everywhere tottering to their fall-in view of the favorable indications of a return to temporal prosperity to our country, and the fact that God has recently pleasure. been pouring out so largely of his Holy Spirit the general sentiment seemed to be, to "length-

en the cords, and strengthen the stakes !" "Instead of talking of retrenchment," said the missionary from Constantinople, in reference to his own particular field, "we should either increase our expenditures from year to year, or abandon the work altogether." And just so all seemed to think and feel in reference to the field that

was the world! The closing vote of the meeting for increased benevolence and increased expenditure, was given con amore.

> RELATION OF THE BOARD TO OUR OWN DENOMINATION.

plete library. From all that we have seen and heard at the meeting, we believe that both on the part of secretaries, and of all the leading friends of the Board, there is the most sincere desire for con-The Evangelist says: tinued fellowship and co-operation with our body. It has been an "era of good feeling" all around. All the time that we have been here we have felt ourselves delightfully oblivious that any such thing as the "Albany Convention" had ever existed, and certainly our Congregational brethren seemed to have forgotten all about it also. When, therefore, tion, opening before every thoughtful hearer the Dr. Brainerd stated, that "so far as advised. our church did not desire any other channel of missionary labor than through this Board and people for the work of spreading truth and salvation through the world." he sermon will be published.

would not for fifty years to come;" and then Dr. Beman, the "old" man eloquent," in his speech on Thursday evening, said substantially the same thing, we believe that of all the other ministers of our church who were present, there was scarcely one who did not respond with a hearty AMEN. The time may come, and probably will come, when a division of labor will be called for, because of the abundance of her

work (the yoke break "because of the anointing,") but when it does come, let it be an amicable division, something like that which has taken place between the Board and the Reformed Dutch Church, in an equally kind spirit, to be followed with equally desirable results. "The single condition," said Mr. Dodge, "on which our church is willing to remain and cooperate with the American Board, is Progress !" and so said we all. With "Progress" as our watchword, progress in our domestic policy,

progress in the foreign field, the Fathers may die in peace, and leave the sacred compact still to be cherished by their sons. EPISODES. The first day we found ourselves, at 9 oclock, P. M. in the rooms of the Boston Young Men's

Christian Association, at a nightly prayer meeting, held for the especial benefit of sailors, and others who may be induced to attend. As the

Ship will be read with eagerness by many who result of this effort, more than fifty have been contributed their dimes and cents to the purhopefully converted; and with the earnestness chase and outfit of the little vessels. It has and zeal there manifested, we see no reason been prepared by Mrs. Jane S. Warren and why this meeting should not be as prosperous published by the American Tract Society, of too many evidences of it occurred during the late in the future as the past. The next day we Boston, in flue style, and with many illustra-

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larged. The various benevolent enterprizes of the and beauty to the whole. In the work before us denomination were warmly commended to the symwe seem to escape from the formal and hypersystematic style of the Germans and their imita- pathy of the churches. The next stated meeting tors, into the steadier, common sense methods of will be held in Mantua, in Rev. T. S. Johnson's

NEWARK, N. J.

Our Churches in this city have "a goodly he the process of inquiry." If it is a style less ritage," and are doing a great work. They are adopted to the class room, it is one from which eight in number; and embrace a large proportion the mature and cultivated may derive far higher of the wealth and culture of the place. Some of their houses of worship-at least six of them-are The first volume of the American reprint of large, costly, convenient, and withal splendid this great work has been issued in excellent style specimens of architecture. The noble old First by Sheldon and Company, New York. It is a Church, is almost without a peer; and, as a buildlarge thick 12mo. of 554 pages, printed on fine. ing in the purely Gothic style, it would be hard white paper, at the famous Riverside press of H. to find in this country anything more perfect and O. Houghton, whose work, in this, as in every inbeautiful than the High St. Church. Its "situastance, which has come under our notice, is worthy tion" too, on the height, overlooking the city, of all praise. In size, and style of binding, it is and bay, and surrounding country for miles away, a companion to the WORKS OF LORD BACON, which is indeed "beautiful." Messrs. BROWN & TAGGARD are issuing. Both

There is a large German population in this city. works can be procured in this city of S. M'HENRY. Lately a most commodious and substantial edifice Agent, No. 406 Walnut street. We can hardly for the accommodation of a portion of this class, see how either could be dispensed with in any comthe prosperous Church and congregation under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Guenther, has been erected at a cost of \$12,000, contributed most of it, by our churches. This work has been done The Annual Sermon of President Fisher, bethrough the indefatigable exertions of the Rev. fore the American Board, is highly commended. Dr. Poor. Other projects are on foot for the enlargement and extension of our work--such as the "The sermon, though nearly two hours long, organization of another German Church in a difheld the andience to the very close, the interest rising evidently as the preacher advanced in his ferent part of the city,-and the erection of a new house of worship for the Sixth Church, Rev. Mr. Eva's, a thing much needed, and destined to be "The Annual Sermon, Tuesday evening, by accomplished.

President Fisher, was a magnificent introduc-In the late account given in this paper of the roceedings of the Presbytery of Newark, one imgrandeur of God's providence, which has so sigportant item was omitted. The subject of educanally chosen, formed, and trained the American tion for the ministry was presented by the Assembly's agent, Rev. Dr. Mills. In the discussion which followed, the encouraging fact was elicited that more than \$2000 had been contributed by the churches during the past year for this object alone. The agent proposed to Presbytery The North Carolina Presbyterian claims for the "Brick Church," New York, (Dr. Spring's,) to sustain 12 students during this current year ; the largest membership of any Presbyterian and in response, strong hope was given that 20 Church in the country. Its numbers last spring would be sustained.

## . ECCLESIASTICAL "SUGAR PLUMS."

the Rip Van Winkle influence when he uttered MR. EDITOR.-The Synod of Missouri lives that assertion. The minutes of our last Assemand by God's blessing is growing, and is yet to bly give 994 as the membership of the Seventh grow. There has evidently been, for some years Church, New York, T. Ralston Smith's and past, a silent, and yet active-power at work in this 810 as the membership of the First Church, State, whereby invisible and great changes are Kensington, in this city. We doubt not some coming to pass. It is not too much to say, that of the thronged Scotch-Irish Churches of our our Synod now is carried into the current of that cities could produce a roll even more extensive same power, and in some measure is shaped by it. than these. Other large churches in our con-"And now may Israel say, If it had not been the nexion are, Rev. Dr. Burchard's, 13th Street, Lord who was on our side, then the waters had New York, 719 members; Dr. Shaw's, of Rooverwhelmed us." God has dealt with us as we chester, 697; Mr. Seelye's, of Albany, 673; Dr. would not have dealt with ourselves. The position which we hold, is not the one which we have chosen, but the one which God has given us. Ask us why we stand thus, and we can only say, We cannot do otherwise; God is using us for

> not have fellowship with us, " have gone out from us," (yet God has remained,) and now we are a true and tried band, held by the cord of real Christian brotherhood. This we cannot doubt; meeting of Synod, at La Grange; one of which is

sary to establish the Institute free from debt. will be most welcome, and as Scotland seldom cured. makes a formal appeal, we trust that this one. made in such interesting circumstances, will be

ordially and liberally responded to. I am, &c., JAMES BEGG, CONVENER.

TRICENTENARY OF THE REFORMATION AND PRO TESTANT INSTITUTE OF SCOTLAND.

in Scotland.

6 York Place, Edinburgh, 22d September, 1860 DEAR SIR :- Some time ago I had the honor of addressing a circular to several ministers of the Presbyterian Church, regarding the Tricentenary Commemoration of the Reformation from Popery You have doubtless heard of the very great

success with which the National Commemoration meetings were crowned in this city in August last, and I have now to solicit your interest in the final celebration of the glorious events of

It is now confidently anticipated that special services will be held in every congregation of all the branches of the Presbyterian Church throughout the world, on the 20th of December next being the Tricentenary of the day on which the first General Assembly of the Church of Scotland met. On that occasion, besides thanksgivings and confessions before God, it is hoped that the attention of the people will be specially directed to the nature and inroads of Popery. As every portion of the great Presbyterian family must trace their inheritance of blessings under God to Scotland, nothing can be more appropriate and important than their co-operation with her in the completion of that one great practical memorial of the Commemoration of 1860, viz., the establishment of the Protestant Institute of Scotland as a suitable monument of living power to the memory of our Reforming ancestors, and of scriptural Reformation.

Up till this hour no external monument of this great national deliverance, or of John Knox, its chief promoter, exists in Edinburgh, the capital f the kingdom. This year, 1860, affords an admirable opportunity of supplying this defect by the permanent establishment of this Institute as a memorial of our gratitude to God. The Institute will have two great leading objects in view: first, to train generations to come in correct views of the truth of God, in opposition to the errors of Popery; and, second, to carry the Gospel to ignorant and deluded Roman Catholics, who are found in great numbers in all our large towns. Besides what has been done already, upwards

of four thousand pounds are wanted for the building, of which the foundation-stone was laid on the 17th of August, and it would be desirable to have as much more of an endowment to carry on special missions to Romanists. This is the only practical result that has been

proposed, and I need not inform you-looking at the upparalleled exertions of Rome to regain her lost ground, and the immense sums which she is spending in Scotland for this purpose-of the vast importance of such an undertaking for the future well being of our Churches and of the world.

As every Presbyterian is interested in perpetua ting the memory of the Reformation, as well as in seeking to secure to the latest generations a continuance of the blessings which it has conferred upon Scotland, it would be a noble tribute to the memory of the great men who were honored of God in effecting the greatest spiritual triumph of modern times, if every Presbyterian congregation throughout the world were to unite with Scottish Christians in contributing on the 20th of December. so as worthily to complete this national Insti-

As Scotland has already furnished a large sur towards this object, it is needful and right that Presbyterians generally should be invited to contribute in testimony of their united gratitude to God. I trust that I may rely upon your kindness in using your influence, at the first meeting of any of your Church Courts, as well as through the press, or otherwise, that such steps may be taken as will lead to the extensive adoption of both of these suggestions.

I am, Yours faithfully,

what so that with the same

P.S.-Remittances for the Institute may be profit. By Rev. THOMAS WATSON, A. M., a Non-Con-formist divine, ejected in 1662. Presbyterian Publi-

SUNSHINE IN SICKNESS. First American, from the second London edition. Prot. Epis. Book Society in Philada. 12mo. pp. 79.

The various sources of comfort in the sick-room are here described in a manner, attractive, both to sick and well, while the sick are taught plainly that their invalid condition by no means, excuses them from the exercise of a large part of the Christian's duties, in some form or other that repining idleness not only reacts unfavorably upon their bodies, but is sinful and avoidable-a whole some lesson truly. The book is well adapted for the end prepared.

. A. BENGEL'S GNOMON of the New Testament. A New Translation. By CHARLYN, T. LEWIS, M. A., and MARVIN R. VINCENT, M. A., Professors in Troy University. Vol. I. Philadelphia: Perkenpine & Higgins. 18vo. pp. 925. Two vols. \$5.00.

This'is a great work. The Latin original was first published in Germany, in 1742, and notwithstanding the great advances made in the exege-tical and critical branches of theology, in one hundred and twenty years, it still maintains its lace, like the commentaries of Calvin, among the roductions of later times. But injustice would e done to the work before us by calling it a transation. The deficiencies and errors of Bengel in the Expository department are amended, by in-serting, in a condensed form, in brackets, some of the most valuable remarks from some of the best German commentaries, which have not been rendered accessible to the English student, as Meyer, De Wette, Lücke, Winer, as well as in some cases from translated works, and from Calvin. Quesnel. Trench, Alford, &c. In the Critical department. the New Testament text has been revised throughout on the basis of Tischendorf's last edition, Al ford's more recent labors, being, also regarded. Every variation which can be expressed in a translation has been noted, and the precise change necessary in the English version is stated. the editors claim to give us a critical English Testament, serving the purposes of the merely Eng-lish reader, as well as those of the scholar. We believe that the devout student, seeking after the mind of the Spirit in the Sacred Word, and desiring the valuable assistance of modern exceetical and critical science in their latest and completest forms in his studies, will find this work, on he whole, the best suited of any that have yet appeared for this object. It is a library, a complete xegetical apparatus in itself, and it is unmarred by the many views derogatory to the high char-acter of the Scriptures from which the works of Olshausen and Neander even are not entirely free.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES. By SANUEL SMILES, author of "Self-Help." With steel portraits. Boston: Tick-nor & Fields. For sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia. 12mo. pp. 517.

These are short sketches of the lives of indiv duals who have risen to public notice and useful and influential positions mostly from obscure be-ginnings by the force of their own unaided energy. hey are calculated, in a high degree, to encou rage the struggling under similar difficulties The American subjects are Hawthorne, Audubon, Poe and Margaret Fuller. Among others, we have Hugh Miller, Dr. Arpold, of Rugby, Kitto, James Watt, Robert Stephenson, Carlyle, Glad stone, Bulwer, Jeffrey the reviewer, &c. A highly entertaining and instructive volume, though somewhat wanting in religious tone.

THE NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL SINGING BOOK. By Professor John Bowes, Teacher of Music in the Pub lie Schools of Bhiladelphia. Philadelphia: Leary Getz & Co. ,32mo. pp. 497.

THE MOTHER-IN-LAW: a tale of Domestic Life. B Mrs. EMMA D. E. N. SOUTHWORTH. Philadelphia T. B. Peterson & Bros. 12mo. pp. 497.

THE LOST HUNTER: a tale of Early Times. By Joun T. ADAMS. New York: M. Doolady, 49 Wals-er Street. For sale by T. B. Peterson & Bros. Phi-ladelphia: 12mo. pp. 462.

What wonder if, when turned away from these to break his former silence, and say a few words JAMES BEGG, D. D., CONVENER. attended the "Old South" prayer meeting, which tions. A good supply has been procured by presented in the following incident. HOW TO READ THE BIBLE with most spiritu barricaded doors for want of the magic word "ec- on co-operation, which motion, he says, is the is, in reality, the mother of all the Daily Prayer the Presbyterian Book Store for the benefit of Near the close of the sessions, Dr. H. A. Nel-

his glory. Therefore it is, that those who could not and can-

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