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# American Presbyterian sea of molten matter, races of animals and plants; the introduction or substitution of entirely new Genesee Grangelist.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1860. JOHN W. MEARS, EDITOR.

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NATURAL SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE. The peculiar degree of interest just now felt by the thinking public in the subject above announced, appears in the fact that three of our leading Theological Reviews have one or more articles on the subject in their last (October) issues. The Protestant Episcopal Quarterly has an article on Hugh Miller as the representative of Popular Geology, and another on Science and the Bible. The Princeton Repertory opens with an article on the Logical Relations of Religion and Natural Science, and the Bibliotheca Sacra also opens with an article on The Religion of Geology. These are all better position to judge of the questions at issue between science and the Scriptures. The Protestant Episcopal Quarterly, after following an author (Rev. Wm. N. Pendleton) through a work entitled Science and the Bible, falls back on the

certain men said and did thus and so, upon cersical source whatever." While the article breathes in view of these conclusions, are but hypothetical solutions "for the present distress." Meanwhile the work of the interpreter is justly described as "the work of time, of life, and never, perhaps, accomplished-that of finding out what is the ex-

act, real and only explanation." The article in the Princeton Repertory is even great periods of Geology. Against the six days less friendly to natural science, and more earnest of Moses, we have not less than ten periods and thorough in its attempt to beat down its pre- of Geology. In Geology we have the igneous tensions in comparison with the Scriptures. It fluidity of the earth and introduction of numegoes farther, and puts in a plea for its darling rous groups of plants and animals, which cannot Turretine, a text-book at Princeton, in which the be paralleled in the Mosaic record; while the work motion of the earth around the sun is denied! of the second and fourth days in Moscs,---the crea-However, this diversion to cover the flank of a tion of the atmosphere and of the heavenly bodies,

friend, does not rob the argument, as a whole, of | --- are wanting in the geological table. Plants apefficiency. Its object is to show that, so far from pear in the second geological day; on the third, in natural science having any ground for exalting it- the Mosaic account; while the great development self against Scripture, it is Scripture which has of vegetable life, according to geology, was in the

forms of life among, or in place of, those previously existing: inundations. earthquakes, eruptions or slow submergence terminating the second period of life, which is followed by new and more complete forms, exactly adapted to the new circumstances. After six entire changes of life pass in review, and from twenty-five to thirty miraculous acts of creation, there comes an unusual preparation, and a species distinct and remarkable among all the rest, makes its appearance. "It is

man; a being whose physical organization is the perfected anti-type of all other animals. Man's reation, as taught by geology, rises up as a lofty monument of miraculous intervention in nature, beating back the waves of unbelief, and reflecting afar the divine wisdom and glory." The reviewer to Hume's celebrated argument against miracles, as contrary to experience, is to be found before arriving at this of geology. "Miracles are not contrary to experience, for how easy is it to read them from the leaves of nature's volume!" We believe the writers have not over-estimated the importance of this position. Since the discoveries of valuable essays, each aiding in the elucidation of geology, we are on a better vantage-ground, in the the subject treated of, and putting the reader in a argument upon miracles, than we ever have been, or probably ever could have been, with the aid of metaphysics alone.

ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE GENESIS WITH GEOLOGY. This is truly the knottiest point in the whole discussion. Three courses are before us: 1st. To historical evidences of Christianity as untouched | place all the Preadamite changes brought to light by any conclusions reached in another sphere of by geology, in or between, the 1st and 2d verses of investigation. "One who has been convinced by the 1st chapter of Genesis. 2d, To interpret the overwhelming historical evidence of the fact that ) "Days" as designed by Moses for indefinite geological periods, and thus to regard him as revealtain occasions, will be very little disturbed by re- | ing in brief, and in its true order, the entire history butting testimony from the rocks or from any phy- of the earth with all its geological periods; or, 3d, to abandon, as both the writer in the Bibliotheca a friendly spirit towards natural science, it is Sacra and President Hitchcock do, the literal inskeptical in regard to the claims of geologists and | terpretation of the 1st chapter of Genesis, and reothers, that fixed conclusions have been reached | gard the inspired writer as having selected picin their sciences, and hints that the adjustments | tures, or salient points in the Preadamite history required and conceded by interpreters of Scripture | of the earth, and as arraying them before us without strict regard to their order. Thus we would give up as unnecessary all attempts to reconcile the diversities which appear under the second view. These diversities are set forth graphically by means of a table in which the Mosaic days are arranged parallel with the "days" or

We have been amazed and mortified at the disunion clamor which has been heard all over one portion of our country within the past three weeks. That such a stir-such violent declarations and menaces should have been made with- Board in Boston, that serious embarrassment out meaning or sincerity, simply as artificial po- | was, for a time, apprehended, on account of the litical thunder, to deter men from doing what action of the General Association of Illinois, in they conceived to be their duty, would have respect to the relations of the Board to slavery. been mortifying; that it should prove to be a Now why is it that these young Associations sincere expression of feeling and purpose, in are so ambitious to be heard, so ready to critithose uttering it, would be equally mortifying cise, so prone to find fault with others? What and painful to every true Christian and every a clamor from this quarter in respect to the American citizen. Supposing it to be sincere, movements of our own church, and in respect what does it mean? What has taken place to to most of our benevolent societies? Is it on

THREATS OF DISUNION.

justify it? Has the Union become an instrument the principle that very young children are exof oppression to these persons; is it hindering pected to make a noise, and be exacting, and their prosperity and social advancement; has it | render every one in the house uncomfortable? is of opinion that no answer, entirely satisfactory, failed to carry forward the nation in the march At the very time when this "Jubilee Meeting" of civilization and progress; is it about to be of the Board was in progress in Boston, the diverted from its original intention; are unprin- | Convention of Wisconsin was holding its annual cipled and dangerous men likely to get control session in this city, (Beaver Dam, Wis.) Rev. of the government? Surely the body of the M. H. Whittlesey appeared upon the floor as

Southern people believe none of these things. | delegate from the General Association of Illi-Surely it is an artificial excitement-a furor nois. He represented that his Association was brevis-that has got the better of them, and in a prosperous condition. and had advanced that they will be thoroughly ashamed of when about 100 per cent. in respect to ministers. selfish and designing political leaders cease to churches, and membership within the past eight fan the flames of sectional jealousy. Surely | years. He also called the attention of the Conthey are not yet prepared to go out of this vention to the action of his association approving

Union, secured and hallowed, as it was, by the the "Rules" under which Alton and other Presprayers and tears and martyrdoms of the fathers. byteries have been cut off from home mission Not yet have they summed up its untold value: not yet figured up, in cold calculation, what it bodies, to secure the application of the same is all worth, and learned that all can be balanced. and more than balanced, by the privilege of possessing, enjoying and extending, undisturbed. the blessing of-SLAVERY!

We will not believe it. The demon of jea lousy and discord will have its day, and then will return the reign of sober second thought, of American common sense, of mutual forbearance, which confederated republics must learn to exercise in very large proportions. The South, we believe, are not lacking in natural shrewdness, and it would take but little of that, one would think, to see, that even for the security of "the institution," and for their own safety in the midst of it, the partial concessions made

under the Constitution, are far better than any thing they would have without it. Would the dissolution of the Union remove free soil any further from them; would it discourage and drive away the miserable John Browns scattered here and there in the North; would it increase the efficiency of the fugitive slave law; would it make the goal of the fugitive slave any more remote? Southern men, we know, are thinking of these things. While visionary and ambitions men among them may already be revolving the chances of personal advancement, under a new

with some parties as to whose ox is being gored. And inasmuch as the Congregational Churches of Illinois contribute a considerable portion of political organization, and are urging on the their missionary funds to the American Misexcited people with the most selfish purposes, sionary Association, and are rapidly multiplysensible men are using their influence that wise

For the American Presbyterian. Christ GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

After conference with members of the Synod of AND OUR MISSIONARY SOCIETIES. he United Presbyterian church, and after full It appears, from the published accounts of discussion in Synod, it was agreed that the title of the United church should be "THE CANADA the recent "Jubilee Meeting" of the American Presbyterian Church."

It was also agreed that the Union should be consummated in Montreal, in June, 1861, at the time already appointed by both Synods for next ordinary meeting.

port that they have received a request that the The following members entered their dissent attention of Synod should be directed to the from the action of the Synod in finally accepting efforts of Rev. Joseph M. Wilson to awaken the Basis of Union, and preamble, and resolving the mind of the Presbyterian Church to the to consummate the union in June next, viz.: Dr. wisdom, necessity and economy of erecting par-Willis, Messrs. Smellie, and L. McPherson, Misonages, by the offer of \$120 for the best essays nisters: and Mr. D. Frazer, Elder." on this subject.

It will be seen that the action is very nearly unanimous. It is understood that a third body, that corresponding to the Established church of Scotland, is taking some steps to unite in this movement. Thus the divided ranks of the Presbyterian church are closing up, and the church militant is presenting a broader and firmer front to the enemy.

## "ANNALS OF THE POOR." Olive Mission, 1210 Shippen St.

A year has now expired since we first began our abors among the youth of our district, and it seems proper we should communicate, to the numerous persons who have assisted us, the result of twelve months' work.

REPORT.-We believed the elevation of this people to be far more interesting to their Creator aid, and soliciting co-operation among large than it was to us, and trusting in his assistance we rented two large rooms, visited the people from "Rules" to the larger ecclesiastical bodies. door to door, and thus started a Sabbath School. And now mark: Mr Whittlesey took his seat, which at first was taught by one teacher only, but and was immediately followed by Rev. Mr. Roy, as our number increased we called in our personal Agent for the American Missionary Associafriends irrespective of denomination, and now ninetion, who sharply reliaked the A. B. C. F. M. ty-five scholars are taught by twelve teachers. for alleged complicity with slavery. He then At the expiration of three months we opened went on to give some details of the American Missionary Association, and stated that seven ings, into which we have but little trouble in or eight churches in a certain district, (the bringing quite a number of persons who seem identical field covered by Alton Presbytery,) disposed to make it their home. And for the to which Mr. Whittlesey had referred in giving last six months we have held meetings on Sunday the growth of the State Association, had been evenings which we call our lecture-this is even

organized and added to the State Association, better attended than the other. through the labors of the Missionary Society In spending five half days each week in visiting which he represented In other words, the Gethrough this population we have met with many neral Association of Illinois, employs the A. H.

M. S. to sustain its feeble churches, and do its found to be deserving poor, and have not withheld ordinary missionary work, and uses the Amethe Lord's treasure, but have given unto them rican Missionary Association for purposes of according to their need and our ability. church extension, and at the same time raises

"A Dorcas Association," has weekly held its a great out-cry, and seeks to have all our feeble meetings even during the summer; and has dischurches excluded from missionary aid, if every tributed some 215 articles of clothing two-fifthe penny of our funds does not go into the treaof them made by themselves, the others being sury of the A. H. M. S. "Oh! consistency, received through the "Annals," and other sources.

> Charities, Dorcas materials and Shoes,

as his personal conduct, by the revealed will of | Idea of "etrogression in the work of missions is | depositories of the books of the Presbyterian not to be entertained for a moment by the Publication Committee, for circulation within church; that all the answers to the church's their bounds.

her sons and her daughters to this work of God.

ON ERECTING PARSONAGES.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures re-

In the opinion of this Synod there are few

ubjects of more practical importance to the

welfare of our churches, than that which is here

brought before them, and they most earnestly

hope that his appeal will meet with a cordial

and ready response from those who have expe-rience and information on this subject.

DEATH OF REV. GEO. CHANDRER.

since the last meeting of Synod, to remove, by

death, Rev. George Chandler, of the 4th Pres-

the faithful, zealous, devoted, and highly suc-

cessful pastor of the 1st Presbyterian Church,

earnest laborer in the Lord's vineyard.

. ON OUT DOOR PREACHING.

tom of our fathers.) has been much blessed in

promoting revivals, this Synod do recommend

to the several Presbyteries to take the matter

COMMENDING PASTOR FISCHE.

Fische, to the sympathy and confidence of our

SYNOD OF IOWA.

session, from Thursday until Monday evening,

very thorough discussion of religious education.

of another year will recommend the appropria-

the college goes forward with its usual force

The report of the Committee on the Minutes

1. That the Synod enjoins upon the churches

the observance of the first Monday of January,

1861, as a day of fasting and prayer for the con-

other institutions of learning.

bution on its behalf at an early date.

version of the world, and the last Thursday of

3. That we request our several Presbyteries.

and publish their sentiments as respects our re-

4. That the request of the Assembly in re-

both for its own merits, and as being an organ

can Sunday School Union, for circulation in the

5. That, whereas, Mr. John Moore is now la

boring within our bounds as a colporteur of the

American Tract Society of Boston, Synod here-

by express to our churches and people, and to

the public generally, their confidence in the

publications of that Society, and cordially re-

bounds of the Synod.

tention of our Presbyteries and churches.

have some general interest :

practice within their several bounds.

not be in vain in the Lord.

Kensington:

Whereas it has pleased God, in his providence,

Synod adjourned to meet at Oskaloosa on prayers, and all the past results given by God, the 1st Thursday in September, 1861, at 7. demand that our church shall go forward, enlarging her contributions, and giving more of o'clock, P. M.

P. S. VAN NEST, Stated Clerk.

The N.Y. Evangelist and C. C. Herald will olease copy.]]

### AN INEVITABLE TENDENCY.

We quote the following very just and sensible emarks drawn out by the recent meeting of the American Board, in the columns of one of the leadng Baptist papers, the Examiner, of New York:

"We have always taken the Rev. Dr. Blagden astor of the Old South Church, Boston, to be a very conservative man, yet he is reported to have said, in the great jubilee meeting of the American Board, that he had long had an idea that there ought to be some way devised by which the responsibility of the missionary work should be placed on the churches, either by their becoming severally responsible for the support of particular missionaries, or by their having a voice in the deliberations of the Board. The churches now did not feel such responsibility, he said, as they bytery of Philadelphia, for more than forty years | heaped upon the Board; and he "would have each church send by special vote its delegate annually, and those delegates have a direct vote in all the proceedings, thus involving the churches

Resolved, That in the review of the life of our | in responsibility, and awakening in them a perbeloved brother, deceased, we see reason for sonal interest." It is interesting to observe how thanksgiving, that he was able so long and with such happy results, to preach the Gospel to the participation in the work of evangelization, is people of his charge. Blessed with frequent gaining ground in different evangelical denominarevivals of religion; the instrument in the contions. The American Board of Commissioners is version of hundreds of souls; revered by a large an organization acting for several denominations, multitude of the inhabitants of the district in and probably can adopt no such measure, as that which he resided, we think of him now as enjoy-ing in glory the reward of the self-denying, Missionary Board of Congregationalist-to which condition it has been tending for years. The Resolved, That while we deeply mourn the Old School Presbyterian and Dutch Reformed loss we have sustained in his death, we feel Churches, once connected with that Board, have called upon to realize anew that this life must | now missionary organizations of their own, and we soon terminate, and our work be done; and that have no other expectation than that the New our rooms on Wednesday nights for prayer meet. We should labor more diligently and with firmer School churches will follow their example. Every trust in the divine promise, that our work shall [Christian denomination will have, as we believe, its own Missionary Board, and the policy will, be to bring the missionary work as near as possible to the churches that are expected to sustain it. On receiving the reports of Presbyteries on The tendency towards this result may be cavilled the state of religion in their congregations, the at and resisted, for the time being, but nothing Synod feel grateful to the God of all grace, for is more certainly destined to triumph in the end.

## EDITOR'S TABLE.

MILLENIAL EXPERIENCE; or, God's Will Known and Done. By Rev. Almon Underwood. Boston: Henry Hoyt. 12mo. pp. 379.

The object of this volume is to show that God's will may be expected to be made known to us not only by his word and providence in a general way, but from moment to moment, by the Holy Spirit in the Christian's heart. The necessity for into consideration, and adopt such measures as this revelation is earnestly insisted on, and great to them may seem meet for the extension of the complaint is made of the church for not seeking or possessing it. "All is desolation and death" in the church. The style is loose and incorrect. We wonder that so careful a publisher as Mr. Hoyt is, should have allowed some of these inac-Resolved. That in view of the great facilities curacies to escape him. There are many good existing in France for the work of Christianizathoughts in the volume, and it is written with fertion, and considering the zeal, sacrifice, and for and good nurnose. That is the

the measure of success that appears to be at-tendant on their labors, but, perceiving among the various modes adopted for the propagation persons whom upon long acquaintance we have of truth and goodness elsewhere, that, in addition to the Sabbath services in their churches. the practice of week-day preaching in rural districts, villages and towns-sometimes in houses and sometimes altogether out-door, (according to the apostolic example and the laudable cus-

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as follows:

Assembly.

what a jewel!" It makes a great difference Our expenses in fitting up rooms, furniture,

Christmas Festival, .

furnished, directly or indirectly, the very basis and carboniferous or fourth period. According to Geoguiding lines of its inductive processes. "The great | logy, mollusks appear in the second or Silurian principle which underlies all physical theories and period, and the whole class of fishes finds its laws of nature is that the ordinary operations of greatest development in the Devonian, or third penature are uniform." But whence is the confidence riod; according to Genesis, sea-animals do not apin this uniformity? From the idea of a personal pear until the fifth day.

On the other hand, we observe some striking Deity, answers the essayist, who governs the world in infinite wisdom, goodness and power, such as coincidences. Both records "show us in early he is revealed in the Bible alone. Hence physi- times the continents beneath the ocean, and subcal science owes to the Bible the suggestion of an sequently lifted out of it. ' Birds and sea animals idea without which it cannot move a step. Ano- are introduced on the fifth day, which may reason ther idea or principle essential to the soundness ably correspond to collicit times when birds and of many of the naturalists' conclusions is that of reptiles appeared in large numbers. Land repthe adaptation of means to an end by an Intelligent | tiles and mammals do not appear till the sixth day, First Cause. That the fossil remains which play which may well be regarded as synchronous with so prominent a part in geological theories were the tertiary series, when, according to Geology, once living plants and animals, and not mere freaks they were first fully developed. Man, too, in both of nature or results of chance, depends upon the records is represented as the last animal created ; acknowledgment of this principle. How much a a coincidence of great interest."

revelation has contributed towards establishing this This whole comparison is one of the deepest inprinciple in the belief of men, needs not to be terest. Before we can proceed intelligently in the urged. The Christian religion, the reviewer con- work of reconciling the two accounts, or before we tinues, has done much for science by teaching so deliberately reject either one, we ought to be i upressively the value of truth, by maintaining clearly acquainted with the state of the question the unchangeable veracity of God, by giving us between them; and we have nowhere seen it so arguments and principles illustrative of, or easily | lucidly presented as here. Doubtless the advoreduced to, philosophical forms of statement or rea- cates of the second theory, which we have stated suning. "Before Lord Bacon wrote, Melancthon | above, would reject Dr. Hitchcock's arrangement as a philosopher, and still more thoroughly as a of the geological phenomena in some of its particulars. We do not regard it as incapable of imdivine, had taught the principles of induction." In regard to the interpretation of Scripture, the provement. Nor do we by any means accept the reviewer says that "natural philosophers have no theory of pictures or symbols which it would subright to assume as certain any interpretation of stitute for a literal interpretation of the Mosaic account of creation. Scripture which is not understood to be accept-

than Dr. Hitchcock, will be able to draw up a

table exhibiting a complete parallel between the

we should prefer to go back to the opinion of Chal-

mers, who placed the great geological revolutions

of the globe anterior to the six days' work. That

work, in his view, introduces the last and existing

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE THIRD PRES-

BYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA.

of Philadelphia, held at the Presbyterian House,

November 1st, the South-Western Presbyterian

Church, Twentieth and Fitzwater streets, lately

At a special meeting of the Third Presbytery

In view of the remarkable coincidences already able to those who fairly represent the light of the spiritual Church." On the whole, the writer pointed out between the Mosaic and the geologic concludes that science, as connected with and subrecord, on the supposition that the six days of Geordinate to the Bible, teaches much that is reliable, nesis are six great periods, we should rather hope that in process of time, the remaining discrewhile there is much of it, too, even under these pancies, or what to us appear to be such, would be favorable circumstances, that is unreliable, as its removed, and that some devout philosopher of the own daily and wonderful progress shows. future, no less devout and no less philosophical

The attempt, therefore, of science to overthrow the Scriptures is, in a measure, suicidal; for while its leading principles and methods are innate to the human mind, a point which is too little ob. two. If this hope of a reconciliation has to be served by the reviewer, they certainly owe their abandoned, rather than take the symbolical view, rise into consciousness and practical useful exercise, to the stimulus of a revived and reformed Christianity, which is perhaps the most valuable thought suggested by the article.

geological period, and describes the creation of Quite different from both of these is the article in the Bibliotheca Sacra. It is based upon the man and the flora and fauna suited to his wants. now edition of President Hitchcock's Religion of This view accords better with the practical charac-Geology, and accords fully with the spirit of that | ter of the Bible as a book concerned with man, and those circumstances of the earth's history which volume, which is a sort of proclamation of marriage between Natural Science and the Bible. At bear upon his moral character and his relations to God. Certainly we shrink from introducing symthe start we are introduced to a list, by no means bol and allegory into the interpretation of a histobrief, of principles in Geology which are "as well rical book of the Bible. settled as the theory of the earth's diurnal and

annual motions in astronomy, or the doctrine of definite proportions in chemistry." So far from natural science being dogmatical, irreligious or anti-Scriptural in its character, according to author and reviewer, it must be welcomed as one of the most powerful auxiliaries to Natural and Reyealed Theology alike. The facts of Geology irresistibly teach a beginning to the present system of connected with the Presbytery of Philadelphia. things, and hence the existence of a God. They strongly inculcate the prospective wisdom and benevolence of the Deity, especially in the stores of sented a certificate of his good standing in the coal, lime and metals laid up for man's use. They Presbytery of Philadelphia with a recommendation give evidence of the fallen condition of our world to the Third Presbytery. Agreeably to a stand-

movements of God among the nations: the dethe churches in our connection that are not the Institute for 1860 and '61, we are disposed t smallest of the tribes of Israel, and were yearly set forth in Chap. XXX. of the Confession. cay and hastening fall of old superstitions, and aided by the A. H. M. S., to take up collec- say, that this establishment is emineutly worthy very first importance. No higher service can be smallest of the tribes of israel, and were yearly growing "beautifully less." The Synod, however, gained much in the estimation of the community by remaining over Sabbath, and its ministers preaching in the various churches of the city, rendered by any science to religion than this of sionary of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. C. ARMSTRONG, the first foreign mistions at an early day for the church extension the attention of parents who desire to prepare bringing in Natural Religion as a witness to mi- reached Constantinople during the last week in 7. That the past efforts of the friends of Yel-low Spring College, at Kossuth, Iowa, have the birthest approximation afforded is the most thorough racles, which have hitherto been confined to Re- September, and after remaining in that city until vealed. Dr. Hitchcock's book teaches, that Geo. Spring, will enter upon the mission work perhaps highest appreciation of this Synod, and that and practical in its character, the rates of charges and its neighborhood. I have heard nothing but every capacity and relation, are bound to obey His and immediate labor. logy abounds with instances of intervention in the in Servia. the trustees of the college be commended to the in this Institution will be found considerably less logy abounds with instances of intervention in the regular operations of nature, bringing to pass Theological Seminary in 1859, and a missionary the warmest commendation of the preaching, will as revealed in His Word; and particularly Resolved. That the Synod have confidence in friends of education in our connection, both at than those of other establishments where a the warmest commendation of the preaching. The broader in this work, under that the American Board of Commissioners of Fo-therm all who are in any way concerned in the reign Missions, as the channel through which events which cannot be explained by natural laws. of the American Board to the Nestorians in Perhome and abroad, for pecuniary aid in the pre-thorough commercial education may be acquired. in number, we have an orthodox, talented, pious Legislative or Administrative action of the State) our churches may do their missionary work. sent exigency of the institution. 8. That it be recommended to our Presbyte-The Institute is located on the South-East corner Such, for instance, as the bringing into existence sia, died just as he reached his field of labor at is bound to regulate his official procedure, as well Resolved, That the Synod believe that the ries that they endeavor to provide for themselves of Eighth and Arch Streets. upon the earth's surface, which at first was a fiery Mount Seir, of bilious fever, on August 20th.

ing their churches through that Association. counsels may prevail. And if the prayers which we respectfully call the attention of the officers have been offered by various religious bodies at the South, are for the purpose of quieting the of the A. H. M. S. to this state of things, and turbulent feelings rife in that section, we would request that, in the equal application of the "Rules." the General Association of Illinois be far from ridiculing them, but would join ours be forthwith cut off from further missionary aid. to theirs, that the spirit of wrath, strife and iea-This Association is anxious that the "Rules" lousies may be driven out from their midst. We cannot find evidence that such a spirit is should be applied to the "larger ecclesiastical tion to support it. Conducted in this way it may bodies.". We hope there will be no further deprevailing here. There is no disunion clamor in this part of the country. Therefore special lay in applying these "Rules" to themselves. At the close of Mr. Roy's address, the Geneprayer for similar objects, would be out of place ral Convention of Wisconsin passed, without a here; but, with the view of aiding our Southern dissenting voice, a series of resolutions combrethren to calm that spirit in their own commendatory of the American Missionary Asso-

munity, every true Christian among us will cheerfully join his prayers to theirs. And it is in this view that we quote and respond to the following from the last week's Louisville Preshuterian Herald :

"Upon the course which shall be pursued by these ridiculed Christians of the South, during the next six months to come, will depend the ques tion whether we shall continue a united people If they yield to the strong current around them and go along with it, we shall be torn into fragments before another year closes. The Christian men of the South have a great work before them in keeping down agitation and calming the troubled waters. The struggle may be long and arduous. If their brethren at the North re-

in check, turbulent spirits may be quelled, and for the purpose in October. We give below the peace once more restored. But if they are ridiculed and contumely is heaped upon them, as preamble and the two most important articles of

their hands will be weakened, their hearts discouraged, and they will yield to the popular United Presbyterian Church in Canada, believing current and float along with it. That that current will be very strong, is now perfectly apparent."

For the American Presbyterian. REV. B. G. WILDER AND THE KOLAPOOR tive Synods in their name and behalf; declaring, MISSION.

It will no doubt be gratifying to the friends of missions, to learn that the REV. R. G. WILDER, prescribe the faith of the Church, or to interfere late of the Kolapoor Mission, in Western India, with her ecclesiastical action; further, that unaniwho returned about two years since in consequence of impaired health, is about to resume his in the said fourth article, and that, whatever diflabors in that important field, where he and his | ference of sentiment may arise on these subjects, devoted wife, for a period of five years, labored so | all action in reference thereto shall be regulated patiently and successfully in laying a broad foun- by, and be subject to, the recognised principles of dation for future usefulness.

It is cause of deep regret to numerous friends II. OF THE SUBORDINATE STANDARDS .- That of missions that the A. B. C. F. M. at their last the Westminster Confession of Faith, with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, are received by meeting in this city, abandoned that important this church as her subordinate standards. field, upon which so large an amount of funds, and patient and persevering toil had been ex-

It is the intention of Mr. W. to leave this

SYNOD. was taken under the watch and care of Presbytery. The Rev. James Mecaskie, their Pastor, pre-

We have received through the "Annals" \$262 61 194 A.S. commends their representative, Pastor George \$112 24

This Mission has now been carried to that point where it seems to have grown too large for us. It wants the constant attendance of a City Missionary and of course of some substantial person or associaspread to an indefinite extent. B.

THE SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA. The following are the chief items of business of interest to the churches:

The report of the Committee on the Minutes ciation, although both the State Agents of the and a large portion of the time was spent in a of the General Assembly, called the attention of the Synod to the following subjects, viz.; Our relations to Yellow Spring College were To the DAYS OF FASTING AND PRAYER recom fully considered, where it is probable the action mended by the Assembly; in reference to which the following resolutions were adopted: tion of the Parson's legacy. In the meanwhile The committee to whom the subject of special

UNION BETWEEN THE PRESBYTERIAN seasons of prayer for specific objects, was re-CHURCH OF CANADA AND THE UNI- | ferred, recommend the following action: TED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN

1. It is earnestly recommended to the churche to comply with the recommendation of the General Assembly, that the first Monday in Janu-In our last issue but one, we gave the particulars ary, 1861, be observed as a day of fasting and of a union between the two Presbyterian Synods prayer for the conversion of the world.

of Nova Scotia. Since then we have received a 2. The Synod notices with great satisfaction printed copy of the terms of union between the the cordiality with which Christian churches in above named Presbyterian bodies in Canada. as various parts of the world complied with the spond to their efforts, violent men may be kept was finally agreed to at the special meeting held recommendation of the Lodiana Mission, proposing to the whole Christian world the observance of a week's concert of prayer for the conversion of sinners. In this connection we record as a subject for joyful thanksgiving, the wonderful displays of divine grace that have been witnessed in some parts of the world, particularly in Ireland and Scotland, and the missions in the quarter where the proposition originated. Encouraged by such tokens of the Divine approbation, the Synod has seen with pleasure do hereby agree to unite on the following basis, that the British branch of the Evangelical Alli to be subscribed by the moderators of the respecance, has proposed another and similar concert of prayer throughout the Christian world, to be at the same time, that no inference from the fourth continued from Sabbath, January 7th, to Sabarticle of said basis is held to be legitimate, which bath 13th, 1861, inclusive, and the proposal is asserts that the civil magistrate has the right to jubilee year, be earnestly pressed upon the atearnestly commended to the attention of the pastors and churches of this Synod.

> 3. The Synod having had sufficient experience mity of sentiment is not required in regard to the n the past, of the Divine approbation of the measure, cordially endorses the recommendation of the General Assembly, that the last Thursday in February be observed as a concert of prayer for colleges and other institutions of learning.

### ON PUBLICATION.

churches. The Synod notes with pleasure the action of the Assembly in renewedly commending to the churches of the denomination the Assembly's Publication Committee, and in urging upon mend to our people the Lyons Female College. But whereas certain sections of the said Confesthem the contribution of \$25,000, to form a as a desirable institution for the advanced edusion of Faith, which treat of the power or duty of business capital for its work. In view of this the Civil Magistrate, have been objected to. as cation of their daughters. action of the Assembly, all the churches in conteaching principles adverse both to the right of nection with this Synod, are earnestly urged to do their part in this work, and to take up colprerogatives which Christ has vested in His lections for the Publication cause, if not during the present month, at as early a date as may 1. That no interpretation or reception of these

### of orthodox quarterlies in this country. ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

Resolved. That agreeably to the recommendation of the General Assembly, all our churches who do not receive aid through the A. H. M. S., are requested to take up a collections this liberty of conscience and right of judgment which | year for the Church Extension Committee; the peculiar state of the home mission cause having thrown upon them a very large number of churches in the west and south.

Resolved, That for the work of Home Missions in the east, the Philadelphia Home Missionary Society is commended, as heretofore, to the liberality of our churches.

advertisement of O'Donnell's Book Keeping Insti-Editor. The truth is, the small number of the order of society. Resolved. That the providence of God points Rev. A. T. Norton, Secretary of the Church Editor. The truth is, the small number of the order of the soluty. Synod made a very unfavorable impression on the community in this part of Pennsylvania. It led admit of any interference on the part of the State to the phoclamation of the Gospel; the majestic cept as demonstrated, manifold instances of the Presbytery were much gratified to find him sound tute in another column. From the numerous com-Extension Committee for the West, for his lucid miraculous interposition of Deity in the Preada- both in regard to the truth and order of our church, exposition of the character and claims of our mendatory notices of the press and the testimomite history of the earth. This is a point of the and he was unanimously received. to the conviction that we must be among the with the spiritual independence of the church, as church extension work, and we recommend "all nials of its graduates, presented in the circular of

plety of the Protestant Free Churches in that say for it. For sale by W. S. & A. Martien. land, this Synod warmly sympathizes with them in their labors and trials, and affectionately

BLIND LILIAS; or, Fellowship with God. A Tale for the Young. By a Lady. New York: Robert Carter & Brothers. 16mo. pp. 408. Beautifully Illustrated, and introduced, and recommended by Rev. C. B. Tayler.

A touching narrative, designed to illustrate the For the American Presbyterian. uses of affliction in subduing the pride and opposition of the unregenerated heart to God. Lilias The Synod of Iowa met September 27th, in the 1st Presbyterian Church of Keokuk, and struck blind by lightning, and under the influwas opened with a sermon by Rev. E. J. Gil- ence of this life long affliction, she gradually delett, D. D. The usual time in the opening velops the traits of the Christian and grows into services was occupied with devotional exercises, the Divine likeness. For sale at the Presbyterian and religious exercises were held in the evening Book Store, 1334 Chestnut Street. and on the Sabbath. It was an unusually long

THE TEMPLE OF GOD: or the Holy Catholic Church and Communion of Saints, in its Nature, Structure, and Unity. Ry Charles Pettit Mcllvaine, D. D., D. C. L.; Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Ohio. Pro-testant Episcopal Book Society in Philadelphia: No. 1224 Chestnut Street. 1860. 12mo, pp. 143.

In this little volume the truly Catholic spirit of the author displays itself without reserve. His express object is to show the nature, foundation, and materials of the one comprehensive church in which all true believers are included, as distinof the General Assembly, was adopted, and is guished from the visible church which is divided into many organizations, and includes such as are not believers within its pale. It is not a dry dissertation, but readable and interesting, as well as instructive.

February as a concert of prayer for colleges and MAY COVERLY, The Young Dressmaker. Boston: J. E. Tilton & Co. 16mo. pp. 258, with many illus-2. That we invite the serious attention of our trations.

Presbyteries to the Publication Cause, and urge A well-told story of suffering and trust, in an upon them to request their ministers to present orphan family, in narrow circumstances, whose its claims fully, and to take up a special contripiety and energy have their reward in this life. For sale by W. S. & A. Martien.

at some time previous to next May, to express WINNIE AND WALTER'S CHRISTMAS STORIES. EVENING TALES WITH THEIR FATHER ABOUT lation to the American Home Missionary So-OLD TIMES. ciety, for the consideration of our next General

STORY TELLING AT THANKSGIVING. Boston J. E. Tilton,

spect to the systematizing and reporting in full These are three very attractive and seasonable of missionary contributions, together with the books for children, full of good illustrations. For special claims of the American Board in this sale by W. S. & A. Martien.

PAMPHLETS, PERIODICALS. &C. The following resolutions were adopted, and TOM BROWN AT OXFORD; A Sequel to School Days at Rugby. By Thomas Hughes. Bost D: Ticknor & Fields. Philadelphia, for sale by J. 1. That in the judgment of this Synod, the Presbyterian Quarterly Review is an ably con- B. Lippincott & Co. ducted and eminently valuable publication; and

OUR BIBLE CLASS. A small 4 page monthly of our own church, we renewedly recommend it is issued by the Bible Class of the Manayunk to the favorable attention of our ministers and Church who, as they number one hundred and seventy persons, ranging from fourteen to fifty 2. That in the absence of any female seminary years of age, and enjoy the teachings of Rev. Mr. n. Lowa, of high order, under the direction of Culver, the energetic pastor of the church, may our denomination, this Synod especially com- be considered equal to the, by no means triffing work of publishing and editing a paper. The sheet is occupied with statistics of the class and questions upon the lessons.

3. That the American Theological Review. THE MINISTERIAL OFFICE MAGNIFIED: WHY, edited by Rev. Henry B. Smith, D. D., and AND How? A Discourse for the Times. By published at New York, deserves to be; and Rev. S. J. More, Ballymena, Ireland. Philadel hereby is commended to the favorable notice of phia, Wm. S. Young, Printer. the churches of the Synod of Iowa, as one of

the most scholarly and thoroughly evangelical THE FATHERS OF HARRISBUGH PRESBYTERY. Re-printed from the Presbyterian Quarterly Re-4. That we commend the Sunday School view. October. 1860. Philadelphia: Win. S. Times, the Youth's Gazette, and the Banner. Young, Printer. weekly and monthly, publications of the Ameri-

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY RE-VIEW, edited by David R. Kerr. October. 1800. Pittsburgh.

Contents .- The Hebrew Servant. The Bible and the School. The Eighth Psalm. Church and State. Niagara Falls. The Recent Syrian Massacres. Tractarianism Traced to its Sources. Examination of Passages of Scripture. The First Assembly. Short Notices. commend that all reasonable encouragement be

afforded to their accredited colporteurs in the be repeated without injury. I would thank you allowed, under the pretext of following the dictates by the suffering and death which have always exprosecution of their good work. isted upon it. They enlarge our views of the di- coming from other ecclesiastical bodies, he was THE attention of our readers is directed to an to correct such an impression if it exists, Mr. of conscience; to interfere with the peace and good ON FOREIGN MISSIONS. 6. That the thanks of Synod be tendered to vine plans. More than all, they compel us to ac-

A. H. M. S. were members of the convention.

CANADA.

Beaver Dam, Wis., October 8th, 1860.

OBSERVER.

sections is held by this church, which would interence of opinion which may prevail on the question J. S. C.

For the American Presbyterian.

pended.

country in a few weeks, and to hasten back by private judgment in religious matters, and to the the overland route to that deserted mission... church, it is to be understood :--In the meantime, it is expected that the friends

of Missions in this city and New York will come forward and make up the deficiency that remains fere with the fullest forbearance as to any differ-

to sustain him in that important field.

A WORD FOR THE ABSENTEES FROM

MR. EDITOR .- I fear the very pleasant meeting | which, this church holds that every person ought

of the endowment of the church by the State. 2. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is required by this church, which would accord to the State any authority to violate that

Presbyterian Church order.

are asserted in Chap. XX. sec. 2, of the Confession; and in accordance with the statements of

of our Synod in Harrisburg, this fall, may lead to be at full liberty to search the Scriptures for some of the very many absentees to think that himself, and to follow out what he conscientiously this absence was not much felt, and that it may let or hiderance; provided that no one is to be believes to be the teaching of Scripture, without

seems to be the case in certain quarters now. the Basis. "The Presbyterian Church of Canada and the that it would be for the glory of God, and for the advancement of the cause of Christ in the land, that they should be united, and form one church.