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It is our purpose to increase the value of our paper in various ways at as early a date as our so far as they had come to our knowledge through means will allow. Its prosperity is, we believe, the St. Louis (Old School) paper. Since then, a greater than at any previous time in its history, neat pamphlet has appeared in St. Louis, giving and it is in constant receipt of evidences of the the particulars of the Presbytery's action with the high favor in which it is held; yet it greatly needs | speech of Dr. Nelson, the Moderator, a copy of the further co-operation of its friends in the en- which is before us. The facts of the case, as al largement of its circulation. If each one of our present subscribers would procure us a single additional name, or if each one of the ministerial brethren to whom our paper goes would procure tions would prove beneficial, if not absolutely ne us four or five new names, we would be at once cessary to its existence, passed over from the St prepared for the improvements we are contem- | Louis Presbytery to the Old School body some plating.

## THE CONTEST OVER.

The quadrennial conflict in the political world, is over, and the nation's choice of chief magistrate is made. We are glad that the people themselves have decided the election. Whatever disquieting effects it may have on the South, as now settled, if by the failure of the people to decide, it had gone into the House of Representatives, the confusion would have been more general, and the feeling more intense. The whole question is now simplified, and suspense is at an end, both in the North and the South, and all can form their plans at once, in view of definite, 1 of the Church to record the fact. that the Church well ascertained facts.

A great national question, which hitherto has been in doubt, is settled. In the struggle between liberty and oppression, which the advancing spirit of the age, in the Church and the ral Assembly. State, has brought upon us, and upon which most evangelical churches, including our own, have laid down their emphatic testimony, our country, after a brief period of uncertainty, has taken its position in a clear and emphatic manner. It has done so deliberately. It has refused any longer to postpone a decision. It has acted in full view of the consequences, menaces and denunciations of the most violent policy. character. The position of the United States of America on the great question of the 19th century, is taken. It is for freedom. While the great world is going forward, while clearer be ready to unite his influence with that of the views of truth and duty, are spreading abroad over the earth, our country is not to be left behind. There will still be slavery in its borders. There will be no unrighteous crusades against it, and no cruel and useless incitements to insurrection under it. There will be no change in law or administration to excuse or facilitate such things; neither is there any nian conserved declared sentiment of the nation is against it as after the action of the Cleveland Assembly, inan aggressive, expansive and dominant institution. Administrations, men, parties, as such, are nothing to us; we care not which or who hold the reins of power; we have but moderate | and its existing relations; shows that he had before confidence in them as representatives of the given what was, in effect, a casting vote at a critiprinciples by the force of which they are carried | cal meeting; and then, seizing upon the fact. that into power. But, indifferent as we are as to both Mr. Porter and the Church go into the Old the men, we cannot behold, unmoved, the spectacle of a great nation recording its testimony on such a scale, and in such an enthusiastic manner, for the right. The contest is over, and the disturbing anxiety that preceded it, is removed from our minds. It is to be presumed that we are pre pared now to direct those minds more effectively to other affairs, including the spiritual. As the glimpse of the fragments of the Presbyterian Conneglected duties of business, so the neglected duties, public and private, of religion, will be resumed. Our young men will close their club rooms, and restore some of the time borrowed by them from the prayer meeting and the lecture, back to these services with interest. Their zeal for a worldly object, will give them a basis of comparison by which to judge of the proper degree of zeal for the Master. The fatigue they have cheerfully endured, the expense and inconvenience they have borne for political ends, will help them to compute the degree of self-denial they should undergo in the Master's service. The importance of impressing and winning over, the masses, to their party, will be a lesson to them, and to all, in choosing the field of labor for the advancement of Christianity among men. The bold and aggressive means used; the indifference as to the outward circumstances of a meeting; the earnest, vigorous, and direct appeals of the speakers, full of and his well-known adhesion to the principles and the subject; the perseverance, the untiring policy of our Church, and his able advocacy of energy, the wakening up of the resources of the | them, constitute no obstacle to his reception. whole inner man, and the becoming all things | They are 'ready to receive' any minister of to all men. such as were seen in this, and may be seen in every political campaign, will instruct both layman and minister in campaigning, as is right. We are ready to receive any ministhey are now doubtless, afresh, preparing to do. against the power of ungodliness. Let us of good standing in any of their Presbyteries. now hope and labor for a signal blessing from God. Let us see to it that, by divine have always been ready for an honorable re-union grace, our church is found a large participant of the two bodies, and have made repeated overin the spiritual movements of the age. Let the tures for such re-union, but have always been word be "onward."

American Presbyterian we did not say so, that he lacked that power both moral and intellectual which is essential to an enduring popularity and success; and now our worst fears are confirmed. We see by the above extract how great a wrong is inflicted upon the church by the introduction into its pulpits of meu on the grounds merely of piety and popular gifts. Men ought to be well trained in Theology and Hermeneutics, and their training should be proved, before holy hands are laid upon them. How otherwise can they be expected to fulfil the command implied in that apostolic caution to Timothy, "Let

> oo man despise thy youth." The "Plymouth Brethren," as we understand ignore the existence of an ordained ministry as an integral part of Christ's constituted church Hence the dispensation of immersion in this instance by a layman!

## THE PRESBYTERY OF ST. LOUIS AND THE DISMISSAL OF REV. J. J. PORTER.

In our issue of the 25th of October, we pr sented to our readers the facts of the above case ready stated are, that the Union Church, of which Mr. Porter was pastor, finding itself in a very discouraging state, and believing a change of rela time since, leaving the pastor in his old relations; and now, on the 8th of October, the pastor makes application to the St. Louis Presbytery to be transferred in the same manner. The Presbytery granted his request with regret, but unanimously, and added the following resolutions, which disclose the

gist of the matter :---3. Resolved. That we receive with satisfaction his assurance, that his request for dismission has not resulted from any change of sentiment on his part, but solely from the fact. that the church of which he is pastor has, contrary to his preferences, withdrawn from this Presbytery, and become con nected with the other.

4. Resolved. That we deem it just in our branch whose action thus deprives us of a valued member of our body, has published the declaration, that its withdrawal from us was not on account of any dissatisfaction with "the measures or policy" of this Presbytery, or of our Synod, or of our Gene

5. Resolved, That these occurrences add to the already abundant proofs of the deep injustice of that arbitrary act of exclusion which occasioned the separate existence of the Constitutional (commonly called New School) Presbyterian Church, and of the attitude of the Old School Church in persistently refusing every proposal for honorable upion with our body, while they are ready to receive any of our ministers and churches who will consent to leave us, although still public

manner, to draw a parallel between the history of | Presbytery. The sketch of Dr. Cathcart, and the other documents incorporated into this arthe Presbyterian Church in this country and that of Great Britain and her revolted American colotery Intelligence concludes the number. nies. The two Protestant countries are doubtless

more powerful for good in the world, than one alone would have been, and the recent visit of the Prince of Wales to our shores and the kind welcome he received from us, furnish an illustrious example of the possibility of laying aside serious enmities and jealousies, even though separation be an estab-

"Just so," says Dr. Nelson, "the church whose rulers-the rulers then of a party and not of a church-would have ignominiously deposed our Albert Barnes from the ministry, even while he lives, hears it proclaimed in her highest judicatory, that no better commentary on the Scriptures for the instruction of her children, is within the reach of her ministry, than those which Albert Barnes has written; and, on the other hand, the works of her most honored ministers are found in as high estimation in all our church, as diligently and appreciatively studied by our people and our ministry, as by their own."

lished fact.

We are sorry that our brethren in Missouri, in their present weak and critical condition, have met with a loss which they regard as considerable: vet we do not suppose it will seriously affect the hopeful movement recently begun in their Synod, which now is in declared organic union with our body. We do not believe that there is the slightest ground for the impression sought to be made by the Presbyterian of our Union when it says of Mr. Porter, "He has, indeed, co-operated with his brethren in St. Louis to save the New School of ganization in this State, and shared in their disappointment at the result-seen the four Presbyteries reduced to two remnants-the Synod destroyed." This is, certainly, a specimen of very reckless writing. There still remain three Pres-

byteries and a regularly organized Synod: containing, even after Mr. Porter's withdrawal, (his church does not appear in our last minutes,) nineteen ministers and twenty-two churches, and we believe our brethren there are farther now from above principle was one of the leading issues between

giving up than ever. a Since writing the above we have received the byterian Church. Did we think we should live to Presbyterian of our Union of last week. which see the day when the principle, practically ignored

evinces the degree of importance attached to this with us, should be espoused and acted upon by the pamphlet by giving it a column of editorial and | ancient Presbytery of Philadelphia itself? It is The following occurs in the article of the correspondent. He is trying to show that our branch of | tions, and we learn that the Presbytery of Philathe Church was not so very badly off after the delphia is divided by the line of Market St., with division as is commonly supposed. He says :---The Old School had Princeton and Allegheny North or the South of that line to make their own Seminaries, and generously gave their New School brethren Lane Seminary, near Cincinnati.

"Generously gave" up Lane Seminary ! Where has the correspondent been studying the history of the case? Or whence has a new meaning been derived for the word *generous* insomuch that it

vain appealed to the courts to recognise as his?

We call the attention of our readers to the festicle, are full of interest. Theological and Li- tival and fair to be held in aid of this Church, in the lecture room of the building on Tioga St. west of Broad, on the 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d and 23d of the month. Access may be had to the THE GERMAN REFORMED AND THE locality by procuring exchange tickets on the 8th

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN PENNand 15th St. cars for Tioga St. We hope the SYLVANIA. energetic and persevering ladies in this important The following paragraph which we find going enterprise will receive all due encouragement from the rounds is undoubtedly very incorrect: their friends in the city.

"Pennsylvania is the stronghold of the German Reformed Church, and it is a fact not gene-rally known, that there are more German Reformed churches in this State, than of Presbyterian, (Old School and New,) Episcopal, Dutch Reformed, and one or two other denominations all church has reached one hundred. The pastor put together; or the communion is as strong here as the Congregationalists in Massachusetts. The Rev. Mr. Adams, is preaching on the ten com denomination is also pretty strong in Maryland mandments in course; the fifth commandment was and Ohio, and has a large number of churches in Virginia, New York, and in several of the Westthe topic on last Sabbath morning. The plan adopted for the new church edifice is very beautiern States. The body embraces 366 ministers, ful. The style is Gothic, with a single lofty tower 1050 congregations, and 87,176 members." Now we have taken the pains to look over the and spire; the lecture room will occupy the first

minutes of our own and the other branch of story of the building.

the Presbyterian Church, and we find that the combined strength of these two bodies in Penn-LETTER FROM SYRIA. sylvania is just about eighty thousand, with six Mr. Geo. W. Mears has placed the following hundred and thirty odd churches. If the Gerletter at our disposal which, as Secretary of the man Reformed Church, with a total of but 87, S. S. Missionary Society of the Western Church, 176 members, and 1050 congregations, is pretty he has just received from Mt. Lebanon. strong in two other States, and has a large num-Bhamdun. Mt. Lebanon, Sept. 15, 1860. ber of churches in we know not how many other DEARLY BELOVED BROTHER IN CHRIST:

States, the unavoidable inference is that the case, Your highly acceptable and much desired letin comparison with the Presbyterian and other ter of July 28th was received the 13th instant. denominations, it it or the too strongly put. The Editor of the presbyterian Quarterly and replenished our hearts with joy, love, and praise to our Redeemer, and your Redeemer, Review. in the last issue, estimates the Presbytefor your continued friendship and corresponrian Church membership in Pennsylvania at one dence. I thank you for it, and for the AMERIhundred and twenty thousand, in which the several smaller bodies, Reformed, United, &c., are included. We should judge this to be correct.

## ELECTIVE AFFINITY.

Surely the times are greatly changed since the to my address. If our heart and pen fail sufficiently to remunerate, the Lord himself has promised to reward all this kindness and unexpected the "Old" and "New School" parties in the Presbenefit.

I am happy to learn that our letters are so kindly received. You are welcome to make of them whatever use you please for the one aim, the a column of correspondence with promise of more. even so. The quarter of a century has scarcely advancement of the cause and kingdom of our cept in extraordinary cases, but we must raise up great Redeemer. And if the Lord will, it will be rolled around since those debates and denunciahere from amid the churches, all that is necessary my happiness also to prepare a series of letters for their perpetuity and growth. from Syria for your brother's excellent periodical.

KENDERTON CHURCH.

NORTH BROAD STREET CHURCH.

We are gratified to learn that the number of

amilies recognised as in parochial relations to this

Turkey."

Ever your brother,

REVIVAL IN THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

FORMATION OF A PRESBYTERY.

Letter from Rev. W. P. Alexander to a friend

After a prosperous voyage, I reached Honolulu

We resolved, therefore, to address ourselves to

dated Waluku, Maui, August 24th, 1860.

WILLIAM A. BENTON.

For the American Presbyterian.

THE MISSIONARIES REMAIN AT THEIR POST. permission to the churchessituated one square to the We are infinitely indebted to you for all your election between the two new Presbyteries. This nterest, sympathies in, and prayers for us and is an important concession, of which at least five our brethren during the late terrible events in churches of course do not ordinarily worship tochurches may avail themselves: those of Mr. Mount Lebanon, and at Hasbeiya and Damascus. gether, and if we were to organize churches, so Shields, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Crowell, Dr. Ed-In my communication of June 6th. you were inthat each separate church might ordinarily meet wards, and one, we think, in West Philadelphia. formed of our position, and the identification of All of which, as connected with the internal our residence, and American citizenship at Bhammay properly be applied to the conduct of the affairs of another church, would be none of our dun, with the preservation and tranquillity of this nonsuited plaintiff renouncing a claim which he had business, if it did not furnish a new illustration of obscure village; obscure, I mean, in a political

the responsibility is with the Minister of the agencies in carrying forward the cause of true piety in the world; and that we most deeply and United States. The editor says: "The Embassy at Constantinople should be in cordially sympathize with those who are called to competent hands." "American residents in the conduct religious journals, occupying, as we beinterior of Turkey complain that the Embassy lieve they do, positions of grave and solemn does not give them adequate protection and re- | trust.

Resolved, That we hold it to be the duty of dress." "We are of opinion that the time has fully come for a more decided American policy in every Christian family and individual, having the means, to read the religious newspapers and other religious journals, whereby to inform themselves Now I am persuaded that no Embassy at Conof the movements of the Church, and the progress stantinople has been more successful than that of

the United States. Our noble representative has of events in the Christian world. Resolved. That while we commend to the ampla twice visited our mountain, and his efficient propatronage of our Churches and people, all such tection, above that of the Sultan himself, has papers and periodicals as are conducted in accord guarded his fellow-countrymen, and under God ance with the principles of the foregoing report made them dwell quietly on this mountain, while we call special attention to such as are published our brother missionary of England has been killed within the bounds of our own denomination. are in the streets of Damascus. And if, indeed, "the in true sympathy with our own branch of the time has fully come for a more decided American Church, and are striving to advance its interests policy in Turkey." I beg to suggest for the consideration of the American people that our wor-AT HARRISBURG, OCTOBER 22D, 1860. thy Ambassador at Constantinople, and our Con-

Resolved that Synod has heard with pleasure sul at Beirut may be continued at their places. of the accession of Rev. John W. Mears, to the During a second Presidential term their influence Editorial department of the AMERICAN PRESBYand efficiency in office will be more than doubled. TERIAN. I wish this suggestion to come into public notice.

Nov. 15,

Resolved that Synod has entire confidence in the AMERICAN PRESEVTERIAN as a religious paper, advocating the principles and tending to promote the welfare of our denomination, and would cordially recommend it to the patronage of our churches.

> For the American Presbyterian. A FEW WORDS.

To the Pastors and Elders, on the Collection for Publication :---

in May, in season to attend the annual meeting Permit us, Messrs. Editors, to say a few words to our honored pastors and elders, on the present of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association. We position of the Assembly's Publication cause.

had a very interesting and harmonious meeting. The action of the General Asembly in resolving Many items of serious importance came before us for consideration: the mission to the Marquesas upon the raising of \$25,000 as a working capital Islands, and the mission to Micronesia. and the for its Publication Committee was cheering. It Morning Star, that takes new forces and supplies started in the right place, our highest representato them. But no subject engaged our attention tive judicatory, and was in the right direction. more deeply than the measures we must adopt to The sum named, though small compared with perpetuate the institutions of the Gospel, planted | that thought needful in other denominations for by our instrumentality here in the Sandwich the establishment of a religious publishing estab-Islands. The Board tell us they do not hereafter | lishment, was wisely fixed. It is not so large as expect to supply our places from the United States | to be a bug-bear, nor is it too small to ensure the as they shall be thinned by removals or death, ex- living and working of the institution.

The Synods have held their meetings. There also our brethren have cheered the Committee. From one and another and another, from New York to Iowa and California, comes the report this work in earnest. Many of our churches that the "Subject of Publication" was taken up comprise a population scattered along a coast. and acted upon. The strong and hearty recomfrom fifteen to one hundred miles in extent: such | mendations for the suitable endowments of the committee, and for the establishment of local depositories to facilitate the circulation of their publications, have encouraged the committee and together, we would need a large battalion of native | strengthened their hearts.

Thus far, all is as it should be. The subject pastors. As we now do our work, the white pastor does not see the majority of his flock, more has come down with very proper endorsement to than once in three months, yet they need more the Church. But here, if it stops, there will be a

CAN PRESBYTERIAN of May 3, 10, 17, received at the same time. I am surprised, and gratified withal, to find therein extracts from our correspondence. My special thanks to your brother for placing my name on his list, and mailing his valuable paper

## REV. H. GRATTAN GUINNESS.

BAPTISM OF THE REV. H. G. GUINNESS .- The from our body, as proof of their injustice in first nine months' delay in reaching his field, as it Bath England, (Chronicle) says that this gentleare the End of Controversy upon these points France has sent so large a military force to termi-The Committee were Rev. G. F. Wiswell, exscinding and then continuing to repel our body would not be prudent to arrive there with his faman, who has been an Independent, and who has They do, indeed, "speak for themselves." nate: and that the Christian religion on one side, Conway P. Wing, D. D., John McLeod, Thomas mily ofter the hot season has fairly set in. been recently preaching in the various dissenting itself." THE FATHERS OF THE HARRISBURGH PRESBYand the Druse religion on the other, should be Street: and Ruling Elders, Hon. W. Strong, chapels in that city, has been, previous to joining Dr. Nelson speaks in high terms of the Old The same society has just voted \$25 to our TERY. "Honor to whom honor." Such in brought before the civil tribunal of a Mohammeof attention. Charles S. Wurts, and J. Marshall Paul, M. D. the Plymouth Brethren, baptized at Somerset CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE for the Western School Church. He says :--stances of adherence to the cause of the exscinded street Chapel, Bath, in the presence of a large dan judge, who is called from a civil process to The following was also adopted. "I call her a great, a noble, and a soundly Or-Field. This makes \$100 that they have paid in concourse of persous. After singing and prayer, Synods as those of Rev. Mr. Kennedy and Dr. pronounce the illegality and unmitigated barba-Whereas the Synod has appointed a Committee since the establishment of the Committee. Why the Rev. gentleman gave his reasons for being thodox Church; meaning all that those words pro-Cathcart, men of Scotch-Irish extraction, whose rism of war. God will make war a reproach forof seven on the "Religious Press," therefore baptized, and what he considered to be the Scrip- perly convey, and with hearty emphasis. I mean cannot all our Sabbath Schools do likewise? This prejudices might naturally have been expected tural view of the subject. Prayer having been ever. Resolved that all existing recommendations of is but a small school, and their donations come in all that, 'ipsissimis verbis.' But great and noble to run in an opposite direction, and who were HE AMERICAN LEGATION AND small amounts, each Sabbath from each scholar churches, as well as great and noble nations, do | left almost alone in their section of country, tacle containing the water, and was baptized by DENT." and teacher, and in three years past they have sometimes mar their histories with very unworthy deserve to be chronicled and held in grate-Lord Congleton, one of the Plymouth Brethren, raised over \$600 for missionary purposes. I am sorry to learn from the Independent, New after which other addresses followed, and the actions." ful remembrance. It was Mr. Kennedy, who, York, of the 19th of July, that the editor, as well proceedings closed with singing and prayer. AT GREEN HILL, OCTOBER 21st, 1858. While the speaker does not venture to predict though placed on the committee of prosecution. as some missionary correspondent from the Ori-We have read the above extract with grief, OLIVET CHURCH. an ultimate re-union, he does express his convic- to the amazement of all and the consternation though not with surprise. When this young and tion that a mutual and honorable recognition will obent, complains of a want of sympathy in the Ame-The exterior of this church is undergoing a of some, threw himself before Dr. Duffield when popular minister was with us in Philadelphia a year tain between the two bodies. It may be Providence rican Legation at Constantinaple for Americans on trial before the Presbytery of Carlisle, and thorough renovation, which, when completed, will solutions were the result: ago, we thought there was indication of self-reli- has gracious purposes to accomplish "which would resident in the Turkish empire. The article purrender it a very pleasing and attractive object to secured him from censure. Dr. Cathcart is bet-Resolved, That we regard the sphere and influance and want of balance which would ultimately not be as well fulfilled by one Presbyterian Church ter known to the majority of our readers as, for the eye. The neighborhood is filling up with asports to be a censure of Mr. Brown, but of course interfere with his usefulness. We feared, though as by two." He then proceeds, in an eloquent a long time, the Nestor of the Harrisburgh tonishing rapidity. The congregations are good. ence of the periodical religious press with increased interest, as holding rank among the chief man's Society. \* Will appear in our next.

which many regarded as direful, and in spite of avowing their adhesion to our principles and Resolved. That in dismissing our brother in

such circumstances, we console ourselves with the assurance that, in the other body, he will be an able and faithful witness in our behalf, and will many already there, who know and feel, and would gladly remedy, the injustice to which that body is a continual, living protest.

worthy of notice. It reviews the history of the Synod of Missouri from the time of Mr. Porter's installation by the St. Louis Presbytery to the present: shows what a prominant and mostly part Mr. Porter took in the discussions which arose volving the very existence of the Synod; fixes Mr. Porter's position as an intelligent, decided, and efficient advocate for the maintenance of the Synod School body, avowedly with their convictions unchanged, it pins the Old School to the wall in the most complete and triumphant manner. No won-

der the Presbyterian of our Union, the Old School paper at St. Louis, is uncomfortable under it, and dislikes the "raking up the ashes of old controversies between the two branches of the Presbyterian Church." It is afraid it may catch a stitution which still lie unconsumed among those ashes. We think Dr. Nelson did perfectly right under the circumstances, and we hope the action of Presbytery and Dr. Nelson's speech, will go over the length and breadth of the Church. This is the simple fact: that an individual minister and an individual church are received from our own into the Old School body while protesting their adherence to their old principles; and yet, the body as a whole, to whose principles they adhere, and which has nothing distinctive but those principles, is repudiated by the Old School-is not recognised as a Presbyterian Church-has, in fact, in its former advances towards communion, been repulsed in such an overbearing, unchristian manner, that the merest self-respect compels it utterly to cease from such advances; or, as Dr. Nelson well puts the case :---

"Their Presbytery of St. Louis is about to receive the brother whom we are about to dismiss good character and repute with us, who is will ing to leave us. I do not complain of this. It ter from them who brings regular credentials What, then, is the difference? It is this: We haughtily repulsed. It is consistent for us to welcome members honorably dismissed from a body with which we are ready for honorable union; and I allege their equal readiness to receive members

Generously gave! Reluctantly yielded, rather, because compelled, time and again, by the stern mandate of the law to relinquish their grasp. Need we enter upon the serious consideration of an article which is written with so gross an ignorance, or so evident a disregard, of palpable division, and of which the Presbyterian church facts?

The address of Dr. Nelson which follows is THE PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY RE-VIEW.

The October number of the Quarterly has come to hand, bearing some traces of the "peread it with interest, and can say, without he-

sitation, that it is a number which fully maintains the high character of the Review. "ARABIA" brings to view a race of men, and a quarter of the world, peculiarly interesting at his family, on the 2d inst. After arranging the the present time, and dwells upon the history, language, and manners of the descendants of Ishmael in such a manner, as to exhibit the evening and, with several of the neighboring striking falfilment of the angel's prophecy to pastors of different denominations, sat down with Hagar, more than 3,500 years ago.

"RUSSIA" continues and concludes an essay has not only studied various second-hand enliven his sketches. It embodies a great amount people." and variety of information upon the remarkable history of the nation, its succession of rulers, governments, populations and classes, serfs and serf-emancipation, literature, religion, and po-

litical position. This single article is worth the whole price of the Review. Schleiermacher-second article. The personal character of this prince of German thinkers in the sphere of theology, has lately been brought to light by the publication of his letters. His strong practical tendencies, passion for teaching, and bold and burning patriotism during the dark days of the French supremacy over the fatherland, are brought to view in this

article. These are new and unsuspected traits of character in one who has been regarded, even in his own country, too exclusively as a dialectician. Whoever wishes to look into the heart and inner life of Schleiermacher will be gratified with the perusal of this and the preceding article on the subject.

DUTIES OF OUR LAYMEN, by a Layman. Of this article we have already had occasion to speak in terms of commendation, besides making extracts for our columns. We cordially welcome articles of this stamp and spirit in our periodicals, and trust this one may be the means of calling out, what a correspondent of the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN well describes as the great amount of "unemployed talent in the el-

dership." THE NEW RULE OF THE A. H. M. S., is resume of pretty much all that can be said upon the question of the day in our church. The discussion is thorough, its tone is manly and dignified, things are called by their right names, and the array of facts given in the appendix, to prove that the Rule is new, and that the Congregationalists have violated it with impunity.

the untenable and impracticable nature of the and worldly point of view. From this position we positions upon which the necessity of the exscind- could not retire without taking all its inhabitants ding acts was asserted. It becomes more and with us, and relinquishing their dwellings to plunmore evident, as time rolls on, that doctrines, der and destruction, and other villages and hammodes of thought, and principles of action, about lets of this neighborhood to the same end which much stir was, made at the time of the Our good consul, and missionary brethren at

Beirut warned us of our imminent danger, and was to divest herself as foreign to her nature, are once and again urged their official and fraternal inherent and congenial to both the branches in warnings upon our earnest consideration, but we which she is divided, and may be expected to show

could not retire. For twenty-five days the smoke themselves in both, as circumstances are more or and flames of this terrible conflagration continuless favorable to their appearance. ally ascended on all sides of Bhamdun, as one

LEV. WILLIAM T. MOHMEND THE FIRST CHURCH. BASINGTON.

Sidon, from Sidon to Damascus, and from Damascus to Baalbec, over an area of a thousand square We are gratified to learn that the newly elected miles. The Druses were our friends, and feared pastor of this flourishing church, was warmly and respected us. Our humble, defenceless abode greeted upon arriving in this city, together with was directly under the shadow of the Almighty. A thousand fell at our side, and ten thousand at house for the comfort of Mr. Eva and his family, our right hand, but it did not come nigh our a large number of the congregation met in the home. Only with our eyes have we seen the reward of the wicked.

the pastor's family to a sumptuous supper, and then and there, in behalf of the people, presented written con amore and graphically, by one who them with a store of "good things." The evening this day to appear at a convention in Beirut with passed away most pleasantly, and we shall ever sources, but who can bring the valuable and be happy to know that the future will only add to interesting element of personal observation to the already earnest affection between pastor and

## On the 4th inst., Rev. Mr. Eva preached his opening sermon from Romans xii. 29.

The Fourth Presbytery of Philadelphia have Commissioners from England, France, Prussia, appointed to morrow evening, the 16th inst., for the installing services, when the Moderator, Rev. C. with Fund Pasha of the Ottoman government to Conkling, will preside; Rev. Dr. Brainerd, preach | render justice to all parties. This Pasha has just the sermon: Rev. Andrew G. Carothers, U. S. returned from Damascus, where he has taken sig-Consul. of Washington, D. C. (his alternate, Rev. | nal vengeance upon other pashas, commanders of T. J. Shepherd,) give charge to the pastor, and soldiers, governors of provinces, and hundreds, Rev. G. Duffield, Jr., the charge to the congrega- | not to say thousands implicated in destroying the tion. Our church at Kensington has always been | Christian quarters, and sought to restore order among the largest in numbers in our body, and and security. we trust that in the new relations formed, the

same spirit of union and love that prevailed under their late beloved and venerated Chandler, may ever continue to the praise and glory of the Master.

### WALNUT STREET CHURCH, WEST PHI-LADELPHIA.

The beautiful and much needed edifice of this flourishing church, under the care of Rev. J. G. Butler, is now completed, and will be dedicated to the service of Almighty God this (Thursday) evening, at 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> o'clock.

## THE S. S. MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE WESTERN CHURCH.

Rev. R. G. WILDER presented the cause of his nission at Kolapoor, India, to the Western Church (Dr. Smith's) on Sabbath morning last. After service a card was handed in from a gentleman,

pledging himself to \$25 a year for the next five years. The Sabbath School Missionary Soceity held a meeting and voted unanimonsly \$50 annually for five years, and there are other subscriptions being handed in. We learn that one month's delay now to Brother Wilder, will cause eight or

of the churches in their respective fields. We, of Mani and Molokai, met at Lahaina last week.

There were present, Messrs. D. Baldwin, J. F. Payne, S. C. Bishop, A. O. Forbes, and W. P. village after another was taken and burned, and this scourge of God extended from Brumana to two days in session.

In this field there are now five pastors from the United States, and we need ten more to enable us to man it fully. We examined and licensed two candidates for the gospel ministry, during our meeting. We now have six licentiates under our And now the Druses are looking to us for advice and protection. The Sheikhs are summoned whom we have great confidence.

We have organized ourselves into a Presbytery, the Christians for a thorough investigation of the to be called, "The Presbytery of Mani and Molocauses, events, and guilt of this war. I can but kai." We do not, however, expect to connect advise them to comply with this legal summons. ourselves with either the Old or the New School and if they have done anything worthy of death, General Assembly. Until we have time to draw they should not refuse to dic. If they do not apup a system of church government, we have rebear, in compliance with this order, they are outsolved to take the book of Discipline of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, as our ge-

neral guide. We expect to meet quarterly, the Austria, and Russia are appointed to co-operate elder from each church. We shall have our lieast end of this island, two days' journey from any

of our stations, and administered the Lord's Sup-Thursday, Sept. 27 .--- I owe you an apology per there. I am to go thither, next October. when I shall take with me, Messrs. Monase and Kuaumana whom we licensed last week, and locate them in that field.

The state of my field had not been improved by my long absence. Stupidity and deadness pervade the church. A few, however, are awake, and mourn over the desolations. Oh! for a visitation from on high. Pray specially for us when you meet in concert at the Bible House. We are cheered, too, amid our gloom, by reports from there seems to be a shaking, and a turning to the will ere long be poured out upon us. while the

ACTION OF THE SYNOD OF PENNSYL

VANIA ON THE RELIGIOUS PRESS. At the meeting at Westchester, Oct 21st, 1857. Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to report on the subject of the "Religious Press," and that the committee be instructed to report at the next meeting of Synod.

pastoral care. To inquire minutely into the des- painful break in the electric current. titute places, and means of supply throughout our tions" comfort the committee but do not pay bills large field, was too large a job to be undertaken to carry on the good work of diffusing the reliby our Association at our annual meetings. We gious literature which we deem ourselves called therefore recommended that the pastors on the upon to give to our people and the world. Shall larger islands, take measures to form local eccle- it stop here? Are the committee to be sustained siastical organizations, to assume the special care by these comfortable resolutions only. or shall they have the material aid which is fore-shadowed in resolutions?

Already have some of the churches answered this question, and forwarded their contributions; Alexander. Sickness in his family prevented C. | and even where the annual collection had been B. Andrews from meeting with us. We spent previously made. Others have appointed a day for taking up their special contribution, and will see that it is done.

But, are there not many churches in which nothing definite has yet been determined upon! And may we not respectfully urge such charities to do their part toward making this effort a united care, four of whom have been licensed for several and successful one? . That which the Publication years. We adjourned to meet again on the 13th Cause has most to dread is inaction. If all will of October next, at Honolulu, for the purpose of do, (and do promptly,) what they honestly think ordaining Nuiku, who, for four years past, has they can and should do, (no more,) a new impulse been laboring there as a licensed preacher, and in will be given to the work, and new progress will be made. The advance of the cause has been very marked, both in favor externally and in enlargement within. The times demand a forward movement. It rests with the individual churches to supply the means for this movement. The churches will act when the sessions bring the matter to their attention. Is it unreasonable to ask that they will do this?

J. W. D.

THE DENOMINATIONAL PRAYEB-MEETING .-Presbytery, consisting of the pastors and one ruling This meeting was resumed on Tuesday afternoon last in the First Church. We go to press centiates meet with us, and exhibit essays, ser- too early to be able to give a report of it, but we mons, &c., previously assigned, and thus we hope are sure our people are gratified to have again an to train them for their work, and hope when we opportunity for weekly reunion in these social serare called from our posts, that they will be pre- vices. May the Spirit of the Lord lead us in pared to carry on the work. Last June, brother them, and may a great blessing attend them in Payne visited the destitute field in Hona, on the every congregation in which they are held.

> SE GEORGE D. PRENTICE, Esq., of the Louis ville Journal, expects to lecture at National Hall, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 20th, on the "Polices and Politicians of the United States." An in teresting lecture may be expected.

CARLYLE'S ESSAYS .- The American edition of Carlyle's Essays, published by Brown & Taggard of Boston, has pleased even the crusty author. In a private letter to the editor of the edition. Carlyle writes :-- "It is one of the prettiest books Kaneohe and Honolulu, on Oahu. Among the imaginable, printed with beautiful accuracy and most hopeless and abandoned people in the islands. | taste; beautiful paper; careful index; nothing deficient, nothing superfluous; perfectly got up Lord. I trust a shower from the cloud of blessing in all respects." We understand that an edition of Macaulay's Essays, printed at the Riverside Press in a style of equal beauty and elegance, is soon to be published.

> A number of our readers will be interested luring the present cold weather with our list of COAL ADVERTISEMENTS in another column. It

will be seen that Mr. Edmonds on Market Street and Mr. Hess on Broad Street, supply ministers, churches, and charitable institutions, at reduced rates. The cards of Messrs. Rothermel & Co. Neill & Co., and Arthur & Brothers, are worthy

The Grace Darling Family have again performed a humane act. On the evening of Tuesday, the 8th of Oct., the sloop Trio, Anderson, of Arbroach, (coal) for Leith, left Shields with a fair wind, and weekly Religious periodicals be suspended until was overtaken by the gale on Wednesday morning, off North Sunderland; got as far as Skate Roads, the report of said Committee at the next meeting of Synod. lust. The master and crew had great difficulty in The report of the Committee above referred to, was received and acted on, and the following re-and two nephews of that heroine, Grace Darlingthe father now being in his seventy-fifth year, fifty of which he has been in the light-house service—and after being kindly treated by them, they were landed next day at North Sunderland, whence they were forwarded to Arbroath by the Shipwrecked Fisher-

ther's paper, if he wishes to publish it.\* If it appears to be too earnest special pleading, for

semi-barbarous people, in mitigation of the ferocious atrocities which have been committed by them, allow me this apology that it is the simple eloquence of truth.

LORD DUFFERIN'S INVESTIGATION.

It is a remarkable circumstance that the Turkish government has sent so distinguished a civil officer as Fuad Pasha to decide by the law this great Syrian question of a government which

for these twelve days' delay. On Monday of last week I was called to Beirut, and had an interview with Lord Dufferin, H. B. M. Commissioner, who brought me a letter of introduction from Hon. J. Williams, our worthy Ambassador at Constantinople. He comes on the mission from the English

government to investigate the nature and facts of the late war, and I did not return to Bhamdun till Saturday, P. M., and our mail is once in a fortnight. Lord D. has requested from me a 'carefully digested summary of the evidences (if any) which can be adduced to prove the provocaions received by the Druses from the Christians." the substance of which I enclose for your pro-

laws, and sin lieth at the door.