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To OUR FRIENDS AND SUBSCRIBERS :- For the many indications of regard we are receiving in word and act, we return our grateful acknowledgments. Some of our subscribers exhibit a kind and thorough appreciation of the embarrassments which we, in common with many others, are suffering in this season of commercial depression. A few are paying far in advance of their dues. Some are laboring successfully to enlarge our list. The pastor of one of our feeblest city churches, depart, for this is not your rest." has recently given us fifteen new names. A home missionary in the far West, has formed a club of Others have seted for us with similar zeal and success. But many of our subscribers are in arrears, and many, doubtless, able and willing to sent to remind them of their duty, and to secure its performance. As our terms are in advance, the whole subscription for the year is due, as soon as the year commences. Shall we not have a prompt and abundant response to this call during the coming week? Send, if possible, notes of banks in the middle States; or gold dollars pasted fast, or better still, a check or draft which would secure us against the losses we frequently suffer. But if either of these methods is impracticable, send us money current in your own neighborhood and at our risk.

We give the following as a single instance of

"Allow me to express my gratification with your editorials concerning the state of our country. Your views of government responsibilities meet my hearty concurrence. It is refreshing to finely with those of the -----.

#### CHRISTIAN SELF-CULTURE.

Whatever may be the theories of men, the idea prosperous growth, if denied careful nurture, or gan of hearing is cultivated as a compensation for left to subsist upon impulse alone. To contem- the melancholy absence of sight. devoutly the perfect example presented in the excellent of earth our delight, will doubtless we never give our inward selves a thought. But this kind of inward growth is not what it is infor our physical natures, or for a tree or plant, but Several thousand dollars have, in this way, been not for the conscious, reflective agent man, and presented as a free gift to the graduates. especially the aroused Christian man. It is not the kind that will bring us to the stature of perfect men in Christ Josus. The Christian is expected to advance by conscious and diligent selfculture. More than once, in the New Testament, he is charged to examine himself. The Psalmist calls upon God to aid him in this work of searching and of self-knowing. Job prays: Make me to know my transgression and my sin. There are special sins and sorts of sins, "presumptuous," "besetting," which must be specifically known and struggled against by the steadily advancing a work which comes next to the Bible in impor-Christian.

The Christian character is indeed a growth, proceeding from the communicated life of Christ by the Spirit. It is not the hewing out of a well-proportioned statue from motionless stone. It is not inward adjustment to a lifeless and formal code of medical attendance. Blind children in indigent laws. It is not the letter, which killeth, but the spirit, which giveth life. Yet neither is it an unconscious life of mere impulse, or converted instinct, so to speak. It is reasoning, intelligent, thoughtful, conversant with itself. The Christian aims Franklin Peale, Esq., or to Wm. Chapin, princito know himself first, and better than he knows pal of the Institution. It is situated at the corner

An important part of self-culture, is to notice and improve the Providence of God, in its bearings on our characters. The Christian engaged in the training of his nature, should be aware that the events of his life are controlled and arranged with a wise and and benevolent reference to his Presbytery of Chemung. Five brethren were growth in grace. They are held out to him as elected ruling elders, and were duly ordained to helps and guides in the work of self-culture. He must observe their character, must scan their teachings, must learn their moral bearings upon himself, and reap their intended fruits. The ders was delivered by Rev. A. W. Cowles, D. D., Christian must not allow himself to be carried away by an unreasoning excitement, when peculiar experiences of joy or sorrow, of good or evil, befall him. Trying circumstances must not be al. | ant to previous notice. Rev. D. Murdoch, D. D., lowed merely to vex his mind or crush his spirit; prosperity must not merely elate him; he must not merely display a blind curiosity or a partisan interest in public affairs. He must pause and inquire; What relation have these things to the sys- | tains 145 names, 116 being heads of families. tem of divine training under which I live? What trait of my character are they fitted to develope and cultivate? What advancement in holiness are they an opportunity for securing? Against what besetting sin, what cherished evil habit, what wrong principle of action, may I consider them as | your readers, as an evidence of progress, to know

Times of commercial depression ought not to be viewed by the Christian simply as disasters. for pushing forward the work of self-culture in which he is engaged. As laid on him by Provible and added no little to the interest of the services of the ser dence, he ought to accept it manfully, and improve of the services. it. Thus, even through the darkest hours of world- The church at Fairton has now an addition of ly trial, a gleam of divine light may be seen twenty-six feet in length, giving ten new news shining. Thus good, the highest good, may be across the whole length, and will now seat about extracted from the screet ills of life. Thus even one hundred and fifty persons more than before. the love of heaven may be multiplied by a right It is now a very neat and attractive building. The and intelligent endurance of the sorrows of the enlargement and beautifying of this place of pub- been gathered into the Christian visible kingdom, a few of our visits. present state of being.

their harps, and crowding the shores of the glassy sea. Hear their one, united testimony. It is that but for their trials they would never have been there. \* \* \* So he brought them to the desired haven! Sol It was by a way not of their own choosing. So! It was through winds and waves, and buffeting elements; -the ship tacking about; -neither sun nor stars for many days appeared, and no small tempest lay upon them. They love now to trace all the mystic wanderings in that untoward voyage—the deep

calling to the deep—the wave responding to wave. They love to think, It was thus He brought me. There was a time when I was prone to question His wisdom-to arraign his faithfulness; but now could not have wanted one thorn, one bitter drop, one tear.'" And again: "Let all God's dealings serve to quicken me in my way. Let every affliction it may please him to send, be as the moving pillar-cloud of old, beckoning me to move my tent onwards, saying, 'Arise, ye, and

Nothing that happens under an economy of grace, should be regarded as purely calamitous; and as far from calamitous should we regard every event, or series of events, which is intended as an adjunct in the high and noble work of Christian pay, are in need only of a suggestion like the pre-self-culture. Rather let us search for, and gladly apply its lessons, and rejoice that, at whatever cost to other interests, the welfare of the soul, as the paramount concern, is promoted. It is a cheering thought that, whatever else happens, we may be daily growing in grace.

#### PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND. The twenty-eighth annual report of this valua-

ble institution, has been laid on our table. Philadelphia is justly celebrated for the number and character of its eleemosynary institutions, bu among them all, that for the instruction of the many kind letters and intimations we are receiving. | blind, holds, and long has held, a place second to It is from a pastor in New York State. And we none. New Jersey and Delaware are connected may add, judging from the stability of our sub- with Pennsylvania in its support, and the pupils scription list in the southern part of our field, our are mainly, though not exclusively, from these sentiments are to a great degree acceptable there States. The number of pupils is one hundred and sixty-five, thirty-two of whom contribute the whole

or a part of their support. One death only, has

occurred during the year. Eight hours a day are devoted to school studies music and work; four evenings a week to hearing It is enough to relieve us now, as that prayer did, read such manly utterances, they contrast very reading and a lecture. A ten minutes' recess occurs at the end of every hour. Contentment and good health are the result of this regular mingling of occupation and relaxation. The blind, of all others, need to be kept employed. An efficient of an unconscious development and progress in orchestra of thirty instruments, is sustained, under character is not countenanced by Scripture. Not the direction of Mr. E. Pfeiffer; a chorus of forty even after the true germ of a holy life has been voices, with a large church organ, a small organ, implanted in the soul, will it enjoy a healthy and, and fourteen pianos, show how faithfully the or-

Musical exercises are publicly held every Christ, to become conversant, by daily use, with Wednesday afternoon at a small charge; and we same Divine aid which sustained him, and in the buy it?" Thank you; but surely books of a more the law of God and with the pure teachings of advise all our readers; who have not done so, to inspired men, to place one's self under the "drop- avail themselves of the opportunity to enjoy an pings of the sanctuary," to make the saints and hour of delightful entertainment, to acquaint themselves with the management of this noble inact favorably on our Christian characters, even if stitution, and to contribute to the fund, which is raised by the proceeds of this exhibition, and expended in furnishing each pupil, as he graduates, tended a Christian should experience. It may do with an outfit of from fifty to a hundred dollars.

The work department seems to be carefully managed, and yields a considerable income. The value of manufactured work for the year of ten months, is \$12.717. The amount realized from sales, according to the Treasurer's report, is \$9.

It is announced that a dictionary of the English language, in raised type, has been completed in three large volumes, on the basis of Worcester's. This institution has thus the distinguished honor of having issued the first Dictionary for the blind, tance. There are two blind mutes among the pupils, who give encouraging signs of progress, under the excellent training they receive.

The terms of pay pupils are two hundred dollars a year, which includes board, tuition, and circumstances, from the states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, are provided for by those States respectively, for the term of five or eight years. Application should be made to of Twentieth and Race streets.

For the American Presbyterian. NEW CHURCH AT ELMIRA, N. Y. The Second Presbyterian Church of Elmira was organized on the 8th inst., by a committee of the the office to which they had been chosen. In connection with the exercises, a sermon was preached by Rev. C. C. Carr; a charge to the eland an address to the congregation by Rev. S. M. Day. After the organization of the church was concluded, an election of Pastor was held pursuwas unanimously chosen.

Another correspondent informs us that-On the Sabbath following the new church held its first communion. The roll of membership con-

For the American Presbyterian. DEDICATION AT FAIRTON, N. J. MESSRS. EDITORS:-It was an event of special interest to us in this region, and it may interest

of the dedication of the church at Fairton, N. J. The day fixed was Saturday, the 2d inst. It proved to be very stormy, yet there was a very He should not allow himself to brood over his good attendance, and the occasion was one that losses, or even blindly or uncomplainingly submit | will long be cherished in the remembrance of all to them, as if that was his whole duty. He should who were present. The services were opened with make them the occasion of searching his heart, of a select piece by the choir, under the charge of testing his spirit of self-consecration, of bringing Mr. Daniel Williams, formerly of your city. The into more vigorous practical exercise his depen- Rev. James Boggs, pastor of the church, preached dence on God, of cultivating a firm and self-sacri- a very excellent and appropriate discourse, from floing adherence to high principle, as well as de- the first part of the 1st verse of the 127th Psalm. veloping his energies and inward resources. In Except the Lord build the house, they labor in short, he may and should feel that a disaster to vain that build it." The pastor was assisted in his worldly estate is one of the incidents of his the other portions of the service by Rev. Robert training for heaven; a highly favorable opportunity Thorne and Rev. Charles F. Diver, of Cedarville.

lie worship does great credit to the church and by its instrumentality, and the Spirit's converting We have the pleasure again of announcing

Lord take up his abode there, heaven will rejoice This is great encouragement to all laborers in hand clothing; and 75 cents, from "several memand earth be glad.

#### GOD RECOGNISED.

Whatever may be said of the omission of the name of God from the Constitution—and it is sad and surprising—there are two men filling, or chosen to fill high places in the government, who have given most gratifying and encouraging evidence of a regard for the God of the Christian, and of dependence on his strength, in great and trying When Maj. Robt. Anderson had performed that

bold, masterly and patriotic act that thrilled the whole country, and that compelled the ill-concealed traitors about the government to throw off disguise and fly from the capitol; before the Star Spangled Banner, that should wave over his small, beleaguered band, was flung to the breeze, he summoned a man of God into the midst of the company, and holding the ends of the cord in his hands, he reverently knelt down. "The officers, soldiers, and men clustered around, many of them on their knees, all deeply impressed with the solemnity of the scene. The chaplain made an earnest prayer, such an appeal for support, encouragement and mercy, as one would make who felt that man's extremity was God's opportunity.' As the earnest, solemn words of the speaker ceased, and the men responded amen, with a fervency that perhaps they had never before experienced, Major Anderson drew the Star Spangled Banner up to the staff." The other and more illustrious instance is the

one in whom of all others we could wish as Christians, and as patriots, to see this regard for the Deity exhibited, -in the President elect. It was Major Anderson's bravery, rather than this appro priate and touching act of worship, that thrilled all hearts; but the President elect has won for himself the sympathy of every Christian, and has given to the country a most timely example of dependence on the divine arm, by publicly, humbly and with deep emotion, avowing his dependence upon it at the outstart, and by asking his fellow citizens at Springfield, as a parting request, to remember him in their prayers. Since the prayer of Washington at Valley Forge, American history has furnished no parallel to this remarkable event. of half our fears for our country. We give Mr. Lincoln's speech as reported:

"My FRIENDS:-No one, not in my position, can appreciate the sadness I feel at this parting. To this people I owe all that I am. Here I have ived more than a quarter of a century; here my children were born, and here one of them lies buried. I know not how soon I shall see you again. A duty devolves upon me which is, perhaps, greater than that which has devolved upon any bribes to ignorance, or unboly temptations to folly. other man since the days of Washington. He | Can you sell such books as these?' we asked. never would have succeeded except for the aid of | Constantly; we can sell nothing else.' What, Divine Providence, upon which he at all times re- have you nothing for the million? Certainly; lied. I feel that I cannot succeed without the here is Logic for the Million, price 6s.; will you same Almighty Being I place my reliance for sup- | chatty character- Chatty? oh, yes. Coleridge's port. I hope you, my friends, will all pray that Table Talk is a standard dish here, and never may receive that Divine assistance without wants purchasers." which I cannot succeed, but with which success is certain. Again, I bid you all an affectionate farewell." [Loud applause, and cries of "We

will pray for you."] Towards the conclusion of his remarks, it is said that himself and audience were moved to tears. His exhortations to pray elicited choked exclamations of "We will do it, we will do it."

# DEATH OF A COLORED AMERICAN STU-

DENT IN EDINBURGH. The Caledonian Mercury of Edinburgh, Dec. 22, 1860, notices the untimely death of Mr. J. respondent, that he had graduated with honor at the Lombard Street Colored High School in this indebted for whatever capacity he showed for intellectual improvement, to other than African blood, and it was certainly to be desired that a caanother illustration thus been given of the susceptibility of his race to a high degree of mental cul-

"We regret," says the Mercury, "to announce the death of Mr. J. Ewing Glasgow, of consumpseveral sessions had attended the University here, rious classes. Mr. Glasgow was a young man of great promise and good talents, of amiable manners and studious habits, and was greatly esteemed by all who knew him. He was a member of the newly-formed United Presbyterian Church, and by all the members of that young congregation was much beloved and respected, and is now very deeply regretted."

# PRAYER FOR COLLEGES.

The Annual Concert of Prayer, recommended by the General Assembly, for colleges, theological seminaries, and other institutions of learning, will be held on Thursday, the 28th inst., in Calvary Presbyterian Church (Rev. Dr. Jenkins',) at 11 o'clock, A. M.; and in the Clinton Street Presbyterian Church (Rev. Dr. Darling's,) at 4 o'clock,

The membes of our various congregations are espectfully invited to attend. Feb. 9th, 1861.

REVIVALS. We call attention to the cheering accounts from various parts of our Church, found under the head of Religious Intelligence, in another column. It is a long time since we have been privileged to spread before our readers so much revival intelligence, from our own Church, in a single paper. And we sincerely hope it may prove but the beginning of a period of general refreshing in our midst. It will be seen that some of the churches thus blessed are among the feeblest of the flock. Let feeble churches everywhere take courage, and seek, in a true revival of religion, the best means of strengthening themselves within and without. We hope correspondents in our own field,

who may be similarly favored, will transmit early accounts of the Divine dealings with them. CHURCH EXTENSION.—Besides the amounts heretofore acknowledged, the following sums have been contributed for the same object-to be expended on Missouri:-\$400 from the 3d Church.

## TABOR MISSION.

"Go ur," says Mac Duff, in Grapes of Eshcol, "to congregation, and must be a source of very grati-influence seems scarcely ever to be withdrawn. On the receipt, and to express our thanks for, the

God's vineyard, but especially to such as have bers of a family." the religious interests of the masses of our city at heart, and who have embarked largely, as the brethren of Calvary Church have, in the work of home evangelization.

### RAILROAD LITERATURE.

It has long been a scandal to the management of our Railroads that they have so freely lent themselves to the work of supplying the travelling pub- a careful collection of facts, by one of the Secrelie with trashy and even obscene literature. are glad to see that a reform in this respect has commenced in such a quarter and under such auspices that there is great probability of its becoming general. "The American Railway Union" is the title of an organization which has sprung up at Chicago, one of the greatest railroad centres in

The objects of it are to obtain, as far as possible, the use of Railroad Trains and Stations, and other public conveyances; to provide a suitable secular, moral and religious literature for the same; which shall be neither sectarian nor sectional; and to employ the requisite agency for executing and superintending the work.

The Executive committee for the furtherance f these objects, has been constituted as follows: J. V. Z. Blaney, Prof. in N. W., University; W. R. Arthur, General Sup't Ill. Central R. R.; J. C. Fargo, Sp. t West Division American Express Co.; D. J. Lake, Sec'y of Committee; Rev. K. J. Stewart, Sec'y Illinois Pastors' Aid Society, Chairman of Committee; Rev. Yates Hickey, Sup't American Tract Society, Northwest; Rev. Amasa

ndorses this movement. It says:

"We are assured that there is no intention or make it general as fast as possible, and to give to character. the whole country the benefit of the Moral Power of Railroads, as thus developed."

in this city are prepared to join in the movement ary work in view. The report continues:-] and only wait the expiration of present contracts. to do so. Judging from the following extract from the London Times we are far behind England in

"At the Northwestern terminus," says the vriter, "we searched in vain for trash. We asked for something highly colored. The bookseller politely presented us with the Hand-book of Painting. We shock our head and demanded a volume more intimately concerned with life and the world. We were offered 'Kosmos.' Something less universal 'said we. We were answered by 'Prescott's Mexico, 'Modern Travel,' etc. We could not get rubbish, what ever price we might offer to pay for it. There were no Eugene Sues for love or money-no cheap translations of any kind-no

## JUDGE ALLISON'S DECISION.

Intelligencer, the organ of the Reformed Dutch to give a true idea of the facts in relation to the Church in New York, thus speaks of the recent legal proceedings in the case of the first church of that denomination, in our city, and the decision of Judge Allison:

The decision of Judge Allison in the case of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Philadelphia has just been published. It is so carefully drawn, and so decisive upon essential points of fact and of law, that it is scarcely probable it would be re-Ewing Glasgow, whose bereaved parents are ac- versed even if it was carried up to the Supreme tive members of the Lombard Street Central Court; and of this, I have been credibly informed, Church, in this city. We are informed by a cor- there is no likelihood. Nothing in the half-century of the existence of the Reformed Dutch Church in this city has brought it so prominently the Lombard Street Colored High School in this before the public as this trying case. Its doctrines city, and had nearly completed a five years' course have never before been so sifted, nor its Constiin the Edinburgh University. He was but little tution and standards so much in demand, nor have active; in 7 other Colleges as healthy though moits pulpits and ecclesiastical action been so scrutinized. While the congregation in question has been sorely afflicted, the denomination has suffered no harm thereby; and we are greatly misreer so promising might have been prolonged, and taken if the standard of piety and of theology is not ultimately elevated: while the lessons of practical wisdom and of faithfulness to covenant vows cannot be overlooked. The church-edifice, which has been closed during the most of the litigation, will soon be reopened. It is hoped that measures will be adopted which may, with the blessing tion, which took place on Thursday at his lodgings, 10 Hill Place. Mr. Glasgow was a colored student, a native of Philadelphia, U.S., and for by this case in the Christian community, and its long troubled charge. The general interest awakened by this case in the Christian community, and its vital importance to our whole Church, demands and distinguished himself by taking prizes in va-

It does not diminish the value of this decision. that Judge Allison is not a Dutchman, nor a Dutch Church man. He is a valuable elder in the New School Presbyterian Church in West Philadelphia, and in his theology is said to sympathize heartily with the views of Rev. Mr. Barnes and other prominent theologians of that denomination, which are certainly not those of a definite

#### For the American Presbyterian. ANNALS OF THE POOR. OUR WANDERINGS.

The footsteps of a city missionary often lead to the abode of want and misery, sometimes, indeed, induced by crime and intemperance, but how often does he meet with that honest poverty which hangs its head and would not tell you of its wants? Indeed, we have long been convinced that careful re-visiting from door to door is the only systematic method of "dealing your bread to the hungry." The other day, after passing through a lower room up a stairway, we entered the home of one we believe to be a Christian whose room was very warm, made so, we presume, to dry the clothes which hung on lines strung across the room, and by the raised window sat a woman not yet in her fortieth year, and her little girl, both coughing. the mother most severely. During our conversation we elicited the following facts:

She makes her living by washing, and during the summer months she earned enough to support them both; but now, since the troubles in our finances, her work has diminished, until now she has but fifty cents per week, made by washing. From this small sum she must pay her rent, feed herself and daughter, and provide son sick of consumption.

bing, and, to fill up her time, at spooling; but associates, and make you better and truer to the This department of the missionary labors of and she cannot procure the yarn, and house-

fying encouragement to its pastor. If now the last Sabbath week no less than 38 souls, the fruits | following gifts to be dispensed among the poor, spiritual enlargement of Zion is advanced, and the of this mission, were added to Calvary Church. viz.: 120 bushels of coke, 3 bundles of second-

> N. B. - Persons wishing to communicate with us will please address, "B.," No. 1334 Chestnu Street.

#### For the American Presbyterian. RELIGIOUS STATISTICS OF COLLEGES AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

The following Report of the religious state of our Colleges and Seminaries has been made after taries of the Society of Inquiry connected with the Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., and is published in the hope that its statements may awaken a deeper interest in the religious welfare of our educational institutions, and furnish new motives for earnest prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon them. An effort was made to secure full returns from every College and Theological Seminary in the country; but the failure on the part of many to answer the Circular of inquiry necessarily limits this Report. It is hoped that, in years to come, a more complete exhibit of this kind may be made, that so, a deeper and more prayerful interest may be awakened in regard to the Christian welfare of that class of our young men who pass so directly from the College, through the professional school, to the chief places of influence in our land and the world.

Here follows a table exhibiting more or less fully the religious condition of the students in 39 Colleges; the number of these students having Lord, General Agent of the American Bible So- foreign fields of labor in view. All of these colleges, save one, are reported as sustaining prayer The Chicago Presbyterian Recorder cordially meetings; five of them sustain daily prayer meetings; Williams College sustains two daily prayer meetings. Nearly all of them have Religious desire to make this a Chicago institution, but to Societies in operation, principally of a missionary

A table is also given, showing the condition of 21 Theological Seminaries, which contain 1193 We have learned, that the leading companies students, 75 of whom have the Foreign Mission-From 22 of the most complete reports from Col-

> leges, the following statement is derived:-Fr. Soph. Jun. Sen. Total Per Ct.
> No. Students, 842 863 818 799 9322
> No. Ch. Mem. 346 378 383 374 1481 44.6
> For Ministry, 180 199 175 178 732 22.0
> For Missionaries, 11 11 18 25 65 01.9

Applying this average to the whole number of idents reported, we have the following figures No. Church mem., 2576. For Ministry, 1270 For Missionaries, 110. This ratio would, probably, not be sustained in a general application The proportion of theological students intending to be missionaries is probably large enough, notwithstanding the absence of complete information nasmuch as (judging from the record of our own Seminary,) about 38 out of 100 of those proposin to go abroad remain at home, on account of il health, or from other reasons. Many thus remaining at home become Home Missionaries.

From the above statement it appears that considerably less than one-half of College students

e members of churches, and that about one-half of these have the ministry in view as their work for life. In almost every College there are some pious young men who are not connected with any church, as well as many who have not yet decided upon their duty in regard to their future course. Some of the reports are, in part, conjectural, especially in regard to the lower classes; but it is A Philadelphia correspondent of the Christian thought that sufficient accuracy has been obtained several inquiries proposed. No account has been made of those intending to enter the Home Missionary field, although some of the reports have given information under this head. Preparatory, Professional (except Theological,) and other de partments, connected with Colleges and Universi ties, do not come within the plan of this Report. 11 Colleges report conversions, the interest in of them amounting to a revival. In 10, the tone of religious life and interest is represented as rising; in 13, as not specially marked, but medium. Six reports speak of the religious state of their several Colleges as low and discouraging, but make mention of "a few earnest students who faint not in prayer, hoping in the Lord." In Williams, Wake Forest, Oberlin and Rochester, the missionary spirit is characterized as deep and derate; in 6 others, as almost wholly wanting. The reports from the greater part of the Theological Seminaries speak of an elevated and earnest tone of piety. In about half of them the missionary spirit is described as decided and increasing. A few extracts and statements taken from the

answers to the circular, are added. Amherst .- "Last winter there was an unusual in terest among the Sophomores, and a few conversions. The religious state of the College is much to be lamented, for the tide of worldliness i

Beloit. - Religious interest lower than at any time since the revival of 1857; yet earnest prayers Bowdoin.- A higher tone of piety than ever

known. 10 or more conversions. Coll. of N. J.—Several conversions during the Illinois .- Interest backward; prospects, to hu-

man vision. dark. Theo. Sem. Mercersburg.—"The tone of reliious life among our students is characterized by humility, earnestness, and willingness 'to learn of the things of Jesus,' and by zealous, yet humble efforts, at following in the footsteps of our Great

Mississippi.—32 conversions. Tone of piety

Oberlin .- "Within two or three months a very extensive revival has been in progress, and is still going on with increased interest. Every one in the community has been interested, probably, and very many have been converted. The tone of piety and that of missionary zeal are unusually Richmond.—A few conversions. Improved

Univ. Vt.-A deep interest during a good share of the past year. Some hopeful conversions.

Univ. Rochester.—Religious life markedly re

ived this collegiate year. Univ. N. C.-Considerable interest. A few (3 or 4) conversions. Univ. Mich.—An unusual degree of interes luring the latter part of the last collegiate year. few conversions. Wake Forest.—Quite a revival. Tone of reli-

gious life good. Waterville.—"Within 6 or 7 weeks God has blessed us with a shower of gracious love." Two conversions. Williams. - A few hopeful conversions. Gene-

al tone of religious life cannot be said to h

mportune God for the outpouring of His Spirit."

Many earnest requests for special prayer have ccompanied the reports. A professor in a prominent Southern Institution writes thus:desire to assure you that we appreciate the interest you take in our religious condition, and to ask the necessary clothing and comforts for a per- an interest in your prayers. Our country is distracted because our young men have not been pro-Another: Yonder, in that back second story perly seasoned with that salt whose savor is pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father

now the panic has unsettled the manufactories, have been." This department of the missionary labors of and she cannot procure the yarn, and house. We communicate these requests, adding our Calvary Church, under the ministry of Mr. Van keepers are doing their own work, so that this own, to all who love Christ and His Church, and

Deurs, has enjoyed the singular favor of God from sober, industrious, and deserving woman has especially, to those who shall remember before Deurs, has enjoyed the singular favor of God from its very commencement. A multitude of souls has no means of supporting her family. Such are on the last Thursday of February, the annual day of Fasting and Prayer for Colleges.

Union Theological Seminary. New York, January 1, 1861.

### MISSION SCHOOLS.

BY REV. R. G. WILDER.

sheets of a volume soon to be issued from the press. and well-fortified with pertinent citations from a Its object is to develop the character and results of Mission Schools in the foreign field the great and manifest blessing which has rested upon them, showing God's special favor upon them as choice and comprises all the author's improvements in and effective agencies in evangelizing the heathen. If the book is written in the earnest and vigorous style of these paragraphs, it will find readers.-

power in the world. Their results for the last fifty losophy, nor the present phases and conflicts of years put to shame alike the timid faith of the religious belief, can be thoroughly appreciated. In Church, and the scornful prediction of the infidel opposer. In properly estimating their results, we doctrines shows the immutability and progress of may not limit our vision to the civil and social be- divine truth." This first volume, reaching to A. D. nefits accruing from them. These, in comparison 1517, is published by Sheldon & Co., and is a with the spiritual results, are as time to eternity, earth to heaven. Worldly philanthropists may well rejoice in the civil and social changes effected by missions. These changes are everywhere such as to challenge their admiration and merit their co-operation in the work. But the crowning glory of missions is, that they are God's appointed agency for saving immortal souls—for despoiling Salan's kingdom and re-establishing the kingdom of Christ. And when we attempt to estimate these higher and spiritual results, we are constrained to feel that greatness and significance of the era justify and dethe triumphs of the gospel in the achievements of modern missions eclipse all that is recorded of

In confirmation of this it is sufficient to mention the more than 40,000 converts gathered into the conflicts of history. He call things by their right Christian Church within the last thirty years from names. He seeks to "reveal as minutely as posthe degraded idolaters of the Sandwich Islands, or the wonderful reformation now progressing among the Armenians of Turkey and the Nestorians of Persia, or the 50,000 converts won to from their depths; he makes history do its proper Christ by the labors of our Wesleyan brethren on work of instructing, improving and ennobling the into the mission churches, which like so many glorious lights begirt the dark continent of Africa, or the 30,000 or 40,000 natives of India who have broken the adamantine chains of Hindu idolatry and caste, and now gather with us in humble faith and love around the table of the Lord. It is well to bear on our minds and in our hearts

these triumphs of the cross in our own times. They serve to quicken our faith in the purpose and promise of God, and to fill our souls with Spirit all has been achieved. "Not unto us, not unto us, O Lord, but unto thy name be all the

But it is not enough to raise peans of thanks giving for triumphs already achieved. Before "the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ." far greater victories must be won. While we rejoice over the 30,000 native communicants who have been gathered into the Church of Christ in India, we must remember that some 200,000,000 of idolaters still remain in that land, fast bound in the cruel bondage of heathenism—that the true light which has risen upon Western Asia and a few of Ocean's Islands, while gilding the mountain tops with divine radiance, serves, at the same time, to reveal more clearly the dark regions of heathenism which still cover the slopes and fill up the valleys of islands and continents over three-fourths of our habitable globe. So that the true soldier of the cross must regard the brightest triumphs of the past and present only as a faint earnest of greater sions hitherto should only nerve the arm of the tains a great amount of valuable information, care-Church with new faith and courage for more vi- fully arranged such as Chronology for each Month: gorous campaigns, and lead her to consecrate every energy to this work intrusted to her by Divine commission, till the last dark corner of earth glow with gospel light, and the heathen be wholly given to Christ as his rightful inheritance.

### EDITOR'S TABLE.

Book publishers are not inactive. We have, this week, a goodly number of publications to notice, many of them of permanent value. Sheldon & Co. are still issuing the HISTORY OF at this office. LATIN CHRISTIANITY, by Dean Milman, which has now reached the fifth out of the eight volumes in which it is to be comprised. It opens with the struggle between King John and the Barons, which resulted in wresting the Magna Charta from the former. It describes the rise of the Waldenses. and introduces us to the celebrated founders of the great rival orders of Dominicans and Franciscans. Elaborate doctrinal disquisitions, such as constitute the staple of Neander's great work, are not Astor Bristed, with choice Poetry (not quite up to a feature of the Latin Christianity. It is full of the Knickerbocker standard;) Literary Notices: the life and interest of outward events and characters: the narrative flows right on under the skil ful arrangement of the author, and a vivid impres sion is made on the mind of the reader.

A new edition of Dr. Bushnell's Christian NURTURE, has been issued by Charles Scribner, to which we are happy to call attention. On its first appearance, some years ago, the volume was received with marked favor. It has been out of print for some time; it is now re-issued, after having considerable additional labor bestowed upon it by the author. A fundamental view of the book is, that the children of Christian parents should be expected to grow up, with proper training, to contains a number of brief articles on subjects of become Christians, without any marked transitional experiences. This view is elaborated and expanded in the author's fresh and attractive manner, making a most interesting and profitable volume for the heads of Christian families. So far as we can see, the doctrine of original sin, which the author almost in so many words avows, is not necessarily at variance with the leading idea of the book; and we must give it as our opinion that such a service is here rendered to evangelical religion, in one of its most important departments, as almost balances the mischief done by other wellknown writings of the same author. 12mo. pp. 407. For sale by E. H. Butler & Co.

A Book for Young Men, with the title-TRUE MANHOOD: its Foundation and Development, by Wm. Landels, Minister of Regent's Park, London, has been issued by Carter & Brothers, New York, | terian Church, which is certainly well supplied with and is for sale at the Presbyterian Book Store. It sound literature, the Quarterly above named being is composed, to a considerable extent, of lectures delivered in various parts of England. The tone of the book is manly and healthful, and eminently calculated to recommend true religion to the class of persons for whom it is designed. 12mo. pp. of persons for whom it is designed. 12mo. pp. 260.

The same publishers have issued Annals or THE RESCUED, by the author of Haste to the Rescue, a lady who has been long, indefatigably and successfully engaged in the noble work of evangelizing and elevating the irreligious and inebriate poor of her own country, and who is here revealed as the wife of Rev. Charles E. Wightman, who writes a brief preface to the book. It is, in fact, a powerful argument for total abstinence as the indispensable basis of every real moral and spiritual reformation, drawn from facts of the author's can be bad at fifteen cents a number, of Cassell & observation. As such, it is far more needful in Co., 37 Park Row, New York. England than here; yet the intrinsic interest of the narratives, and the necessity of some fresh kindling up of zeal in this cause in America, makes it welcome among us. 16mo. pp. 263. For sale at the Presbyterian Book Store.

Messrs. Rudd & Carleton, of New York, have | ber of schools, 11,557; of teachers, 13,003; schopublished the second series of Dr. Cumming's lars, 585,669; average cost of teaching each schodiscourses, entitled-The Great Preparation. lar per month. 56 cents; expenses of the year For our own part, we believe that the tendency of about \$2,100,000. these discourses is salutary. If, without being carried away by fear and excitement, men would indeed, live as if the consummation of all things were at hand, what manner of persons would they Rarey for numerous courtesies in connexion with be likely to be in all holy conversation and godli- his lectures upon the management and the naturo ness? What a wholesome effect would it have upon our politicians, if they realized that God of that noble animal, the horse. Our friends may might have no special reason for waiting the con- rely upon it that a great amount of valuable inforsummation of their schemes—that the second mation will be gained by attending his novel and coming of Christ might actually take place in the extraordinary exhibitions of the triumphs of skill very middle of their plans for adjusting our disturbances! Such a practical prophetic sense ought to be cultivated, and we believe Dr. Cumming, in these discourses, is contributing to form it. His general drift is good and sound, his errors and ex- amusing, and pathetie; in short, everything that For sale by Lindsay & Blakiston.

HISTORY OF DOCTRINES. The character of al. work, as the product of profound scholarship, pervaded in the main with sound and elevated views The following paragraphs are from the advance as candid in its statements, condensed in style wide range of authorities, is well known. Prof Smith's services, in the revision of the work are very great. It is based upon the fourth Cor man edition of the work, which appeared in 1857 that time, together with citations from other anthors, and references to the more recent German as well as English and American, literature, W. cordially concur with Prof. Smith when he says. Without study of the history of doctrine, neither "Modern missions have become a fact and a the history of the Church, nor the history of phi-

handsome royal octavo of 478 pages. THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED NETHERLANDS can scarcely fail to add new laurels to the fame of the author, Mr. Motley. In the two octavos now before us, issued by Messrs. Harper & Brothers the great Spanish project for subjugating England and recognising the Netherlands, as matured, at tempted, and defeated (1584-90,) is fully exhibited by the masterly pen of the historian. The mand this fulness of treatment. Mr. Motley is no cold observer, but a man who unhesitatingly espouses the right, as that which alone gives value to human affairs, and real interest to the great sible the details of this conspiracy of king and priest against the people." By this plan he not only deeply interests us, -he stirs our best feelings ning to achieve as a Christian historian of ancient classic eras, Mr. Motley is doing for modern times. The work before us is peculiarly valuable as drawn from a wide range of authentic and original documents. Mr. Motley speaks especially of heing allowed the free perusal of the whole correspondence between Philip II., his ministers and governors, relating to the affairs of the Netherands, from the epoch at which the work commences, down to that monarch's death. We are adoring gratitude to Him through whose word and gratified to learn that he contemplates writing the History of the Thirty Years' War, an undertaking which we are quite sure will, in many respects, eopardize the reputation of the distinguished German chronicler of that event. For sale by Messrs. Lindsay and Blakiston.

> We have also received, from Messrs. Harpers, mother of their beautiful and excellent series of CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS. The series now embraces:-The Children's Picture Book of Quadrupeds; Book of Birds; Table Book; and Bible Picture Book. The illustrations are all full page size, and occur on every other leaf, and are in excellent style. The letter-press is intelligible. sensible, and adapted to young readers, with whom the books will surely be great favorites. We cordially commend them to parents. For sale by Lindsay & Blakiston.

### PAMPHLETS AND MAGAZINES.

Mr. F. A. CASSEDY, of Camden, N. J., has published the Gentlemen's Chronological and Sta-Table of Valuable Inventions; Statistics of Church Accommodations; Patent Office Fees; Signers of the Declaration; Qualification of Voters in the Different States; Surviving Women of the Revolution in March, 1859; Statistics of American Journalism, &c. Turning to the day of the month in which we are writing, February 14th, we find Capt. Cook killed 1779, Lord Teignmouth died 1734, Sir Wm. Blackstone died 1780. Mr. Cassedy is a worthy young man, and we hope his literary venture may be successful. Copies for sale

The KNICKERBOCKER for March. This valuable monthly thus far admirably sustains the promise of the January number. The contents for March are tempting to readers of almost every variety of taste: Our Copper California; French Colonies in North America; Lord Bacon, by Judge Edmonds; Revelations of Wall Street, by Kimball; A New Theory of Bohemians, by Charles Editorial Gossip, &c.

The WESTMINSTER REVIEW. No. CXLVII. For January, 1861. Contents: - Ancient Danish Ballads: Alcohol,-What Becomes of it in the Living Body; Canada; Bible Infallibility; The Neapolitan and Romish Question; American Slavery and the Impending Crisis; Cavour and Garibaldi; Dante and his English Translators; Contemporary Literature. New York: L. Scott & Co. Philadelphia : W. B. Zieber.

HALL'S JOURNAL OF HEALTH for February opens with an article on Longevity Attainable, and every-day importance, handled in the author's usual direct and practical style. W. W. Hall, M. D., Editor, 42 Irving Place, New York. \$1

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY REVIEW, edited by David R. Kerr, associated with Drs. Pressly, Rodgers, and Clark. Jan., 1861. Pittsburgh, 76 Third Street. Contents:-Philosophical Theology; Forbearance; The Ruling Elder; Tractarianism traced to its Sources; The Theology of Art; Settlement of the Reformed Churches in Western Pennsylvania; Individual Effort; The Second Assembly; Short Notices. Price \$3 per

THE EVANGELICAL REPOSITORY for February. This is the monthly journal of the United Presbycretary of the Boston Tract Society, who finds it necessary to assert and defend the anti-slavery character of the society against certain doubts and questionings of the Repository!

CASSELL'S POPULAR NATURAL HISTORY has reached the 22d part, which treats, in its usual attractive manner, of sheep and goats.

CASSELL'S ILLUSTRATED FAMILY BIBLE. Parts 23 and 24 extend to Job xxxviii. Both of these finely-illustrated, instructive, and valuable works

We are indebted to Hon. John A. Small for a copy of the "Report of the Superintendent or Common Schools of Pennsylvania, for the Year ending June 4th, 1860." Totals given are: Num-

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travagances but exceptional. 16mo. pp. 323. such a genius as Gough's could make of such a subject.

Messrs. Martiens have sent us Professor Henry

THE STEREOPTICAN is again on exhibition, at
B. Smith's Edition of HAGENBACH's celebrated Tenth and Chestnut streets, every evening.