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HOPEFULNESS.

The poet Montgomery said of a promising Chrishis face." Rev. David Sandeman, missionary of the Free Church of Scotland in Amoy, China, whose biography by Bonar, is one of the choice religious books of the season, is described as " cheerful, happy, full of hope, abounding in prayer, busy in preparation for future usefulness."

"Hopefulness, and therefore, of course, happy dwelt on the dark side of the cloud, but fixed on the silver lining; so much so, that one of his friends used to be reminded by his character, of Bunyan's Hopeful, and used to think that he was one whom of all others, he should like to have with him when fording the cold waters of death."

Companionship with a hopeful person-a hopeful Christian-who would not desire it? Who does not feel that the presence of such a person is a ray of sunshine through every cloud? To whom does not his word, his look, his tone impart courage; on what desponding soul does it not act as a reviving cordial; to what imperilled interest of the church does it not come to the resoue? The hopefulness of the prisoner Paul, inspired confidence and restored order to the desponding, demoralized crew of the vessel driven up and down in Adria many days, in which neither sun nor stars appeared, and at last saved every soul on board. He was doubtless one who carried victory in his face, in his tone, in his mode of action. is such men that we need at the council boards of the church, and of the nation, as well as in the private walks of the Christian life. We want the contagion of such noble natures pervading all departments of action in the church and the world. The cloudy brow, the down-cast look and ominous tones of the desponding, are also contagious, sometimes creating a panic of mistrust. Who desires, or who is benefited by the companionship of such? Who would court their influence in the management of any high enterprise? Who desires to see the ship of State in the hands of those who are ready to cry out, "All is lost" at the first serious shock of the storm, or the first approach of real peril? Men who are ready, under one or another pretext, to let down the boat into the sea and flee out of the ship, instead of boldly and preperly using the means in their hands of securing the salvation and prosperity of the whole.

DEFENCE OF SLAVERY. That the anti-slavery sentiment of our nation has been spreading with great rapidity within the last few years, is a palpable and unquestioned fact. That the opposition to slavery has been assuming a more ultra character in the same time, or that "abolitionism," so called, has been on the increase we are persuaded is not the fact. But a fair, scriptural, and just anti-slavery sentiment has been diffusing itself everywhere, and is now the declared sentiment of the nation before the world. Chiefly on grounds of expediency, as we believe, and with a view-a selfish view, perhaps-to the interest of the white race, aided and enforced by a grow-

ing conviction of the inherent wrong of the systian, who died young:-"He carried victory in | tem, the popular will has decided against the further extension of slavery within the limits of these United States. There is no disposition to interfere with it where it now exists. No such a whirlwind of public sentiment has been aroused, as to sweep away, or to assert the justice of an attempt to sweep away, the system, in opposition to the will of the sovereign States. Whether or not it

cheerfulness lightened up his soul, so that he never would be desirable to have the conscience of the North brought to that degree of sensitiveness which would make any prolonged connexion with a slaveholding section intolerable, it is very far indeed from having reached such a state. Nevertheless, the times have called out a swarm of apologists for slavery, most of whom go upon the erroneous supposition that the conscience of the Northern people is morbidly alive to the inherent wrong of slavery; and they find, in this state of things, the comprehensive solution of our present national difficulties, and believe that what is now necessary to restore peace is, to set the Northern conscience right on this subject. Whereupon. they proceed to frame and elaborate articles in defence of the inherent rightfulness, preferableness, scripturalness, and constitutionality of slavery, and push their scheme of morals and of social economy, until light and darkness are confounded; until one fairly begins to question whether life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are anything more than vanity and vexation of spirit, and whether it is not a positive misfortune that a white man, who has hard lot in life, cannot bargain away his liberty and "service for life" to some capitalist, or at least sell his sons and daughters as chattels to some one who will be bound to keep them from starving. While we read these apologies, we almost begin to wonder whether the cry "Give me liberty, or give me death!" is not an insane and idle burst of enthusiasm, and whether a man had not better weigh a little more carefully the eminent advantages of being housed and fed quite as well as his owner's geese and cattle, before he gives way to the aspirations of his immortal nature for that vague and dubious, though somewhat inspiring, object, called liberty!

> Not long ago, we read the elaborate attempt of a writer in the New American Encyclopædia to | prove that St. Bartholomew's massacre, (which is neither slave to man nor to sin." the Pope called "strages Ugonottorum,") was a We quote this passage from a more extended very trifling affair, in fact was no massacre at all; and we believe ardent Catholic lecturers still exresponsible for the horrors of the Inquisition, and mons argue for polygamy, as an institution of the God of Jacob. Certainly, we shall hold ourselves in readiness to accent one and all of these extraordinary opinions, so soon as we are convinced that the American slavery, which our Presbyterian fathers in 1818 denounced as a "blot on our holy religion," is inherently just, accordant with the benign precepts of Scripture, and sanctioned by ture's disorder. those universal and instinctive principles which we call the Laws of Nature.

in which one party bargains away his labor for

life to another party, who is bound to support him

institution into conformity with the Law of Na- | every suitable appropriation before the meeting ture? In other words, would the Law of Nature of the Assembly. justify a man in surrendering his political rights,

his status as a citizen, his domestic relationships, and probably the rights of his children after him; or would it justify another in receiving such a surrender on any consideration; and is not such a bargain, on the contrary, null and void? Certainly, there is such a thing as possessing a right, which we have no right to surrender. A man has no right to barter away his life, or a woman her chastity; neither has any one a right to traffic away absolutely and forever his power over his own actions, his liberty to do as he pleases within the limits of good citizenship, his capacity to occupy the place of head of a family, and to consign all his posterity to a similar doom; nor has any one a right to become a party to such a transaction. All laws sanctioning and perpetuating such a bargain are wrong and against nature-contra naturam, as Justinian savs.

ers, if they lived and spoke in our day. existed, and where generations and millions of hu- the North-west. man beings have been and are associated in the rela-

tions of master and slave, no violent, sudden, or sweeping change should be made, we readily admit: that individuals may, by inheritance, be in-

volved in the system through no fault of their own, and that slaveholding is not, per se, incompatible with true piety, we cheerfully allow; but we do maintain, that the holding of slaves in the spirit of the slave code, as property, with no valid claims, present or prospective, to liberty; with no indefeasible domestic rights; holding them, with the expectation of being a party to the enslaving of their children and children's children forever. and advocating the indefinite extension and perthe Law of Nature.

Augustine traces the origin of slavery to sin; therefore, is the mother of servitude, and first cause of man's subjugation to man. . . . But

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PUBLIC INSTRUCTION IN MINNESOTA We have received from Rev. Edward D. Neill his FIRST ANNUAL REPORT as State Superintendent of Public Instruction to the Le-gislature of Minnesota, for 1861. This document presents a careful review of the present condition of the educational interests of that infant State, so far as provided for by law. We former, with classic refinement, conceals behind should judge from the report, that the Superin- the scenes, the murder of an Agamemnon, or the tendent found his department in a sadly chaotic | cruel end of Medea's offspring; whilst the Turk, condition when he entered upon its duties, as with brutal fidelity, would represent on the open he recommends an immediate and thorough re- stage every harrowing detail. But, that a deep vision of the school laws, and has procured a under-current of barbarism pervades Russian infull statistical report from but a single county. stitutions, witness the Knout; Siberia; a grossly Every topic, however, of importance connected licentious aristocracy; the humiliating restrictions with the subject. is brought to the notice of the of the middle classes, and the unutterable abuses Legislature, accompanied with the sagacious of serfdom.

If any one should interpose that the Old Testa- | and practical suggestions of the author. While bargains, we answer: just as they contain laws hasty legislative action which resulted in "graft- of a Tartar Tribe," would be repeated Anno Do incompatible with the existence of the family re- of new cloth into an old garment," we are quite allies with provisions during the late war-relation; and again, that the prophets of the Old sure that his shrewdness and tact, together with ceived the cruel summons to prepare for banish-Testament inveighed earnestly against Hebrew the ample provision for school purposes made ment from the land of their fathers. Corrupt slavery, and would be called anti-slavery preach-, by his adopted State, will result in the removal of difficulties and is the advancement of sound

GIRARD COLLEGE.

The thirteenth annual report of this benevolent institution, is an interesting document, and shows clearly that it is accomplishing a great degree of good, to the bereaved class for whose benefit it was designed.

The number of orphans now in the establish ment, is three hundred and sixty-one. During the year, the department of instruction has been reorganized, so as to increase the number of pupils who receive instruction from the male teachers. and to give those who may be bound out before reaching the most advanced "form," the opportupetuation of such a system, is a sin against the nity to acquire some knowledge of the higher Law of the Old and New Testaments, and against branches, before they leave college. The system

of rewards is such as insures a premium to every pupil who will make reasonable efforts to obtain God and nature are complicated with it only as it. Only ten pupils failed to receive such a prethey are with sin in general. "For justly," says | mium-a fact creditable to pupils and officers alike. he. "was the burden of servitude laid upon the A gymnasium has been fitted up in one of the time as that just man Noah laid it, as a curse, upon as enhancing the value of their hours of recreahis offending son. So that it was guilt and not tion, and rendering them careful to avoid being pestilence, which despair hailed as a welcome corps of officers during the year.

take a man as God created him at first, and so he public funds, that six thousand dollars of the ap- for the most loathsome offal. Even after their propriated fund for the year, have been returned to arrival in Constantinople, where every means was the Councils unexpended. The Directors express adopted for their relief, we have seen them, like

For the American Presbyterian. EPITOME OF A TWENTY YEARS RE-SIDENCE IN THE EAST. CONCLUDED.

Russia possesses the telling advantage of being nore resolutely governed than Turkey. Certainly, the affectation of a more than mere surface ivilization is far better counterfeited. The dis guise of the one is too transparent to be successful; while the Argus-eye of even statesmen is skilfully dazzled by the glittering tinsel of the other. The

What reader of De Quincy could believe that ment Scriptures contain laws which sanction such we sympathize with our friend in deploring the the cruelties, so vividly delineated in the "Flight which seem to sanction divorce. We also answer, ing a mutilated fragment of the Wisconsin School mini 1859? Yet not two years ago, the entire that the servitude they contemplate is by no means | Code on the old Territorial statutes, a process | Tartar population of the Crimea-becoming obso absolute, nor is there any evidence that it was akin to that of the man who putteth a piece noxious to their masters, for having supplied the officials-for it is incredible to suppose a humane government so lost to pity-delayed promulgating That in communities where such laws have long Christian education in this nascent empire of the order, until the fields of their victims were tilled and planted; and then restricted the time of this compulsory exodus to a season when the harvests were unripe, and consequently could not be gathered. Like birds of prey, Russian speculators swooped down on these devoted exiles; and as the hour of departure drew near, purchased fields, hamlets and vast estates for a mere song. Rendering it a penal offence to transport the herds, on which this nomadic tribe almost entirely subsisted, they gave but nominal prices for cattle, which could no longer be of any use to the owners. Finally, to consummate their villany, they forced these persecuted wretches to accept, at an unmarketable value, government notes, which are outlawed and worthless when once taken out of the empire.

Mark the result-the last and crowning act of this hidden drama. The fable of Cimmerian darkness seems no longer mythical. Forty thousand Tartars-driven by a relentless despotism to endure the rigors of winter on the pitiless coasts of the Black Sea-deprived of food, of clothing and back of transgression. And therefore in all the buildings, which are favorably not only as pro-Scriptures, we never read servant, until such a moting the physical development of the boys, but to depict. Famine and exposure decimated their ranks, and thousands perished from a malignant nature that gave origin to that name. . . Sin, "kept in." There have been no changes in the friend. Cruel pangs of hunger obliterated every semblance of humanity; and regardless of endear-It is a rare instance of economy in the use of ing ties, parents and children fought like demons

of his own authority to grant a passport to any clergyman, and there was no time to apply to St. Petersburgh. Reluctant to disoblige a friend, but still more unwilling to compromise himself a loss how to act, until recollecting that the gentleman had been apprenticed to a trade, before studying theology, he was enabled to pass the latter over the frontier, under the designation of an artisan. Several American missionaries, within

the past year, have endeavored to visit Russo-Armenian provinces, and in each instance failed the illiberality of the refusal.

If our memory is not in error, during the reign of Nicholas, most-if not all-of the Bible Societies, established in the empire under the patronage of Alexander, were abolished, and a stringent ukase promulgated against the introduction of the Scriptures. The present monarch, who has signa-

of forty millions of serfs, now exhibits an unexpected liberality by annulling the restriction's upon all Bibles in a foreign language. The prohibition still extends to those in the modern Russ; and Turkey thus becomes the only inlet by which the Word of God in the vernacular can be introduced into the vast empire of its near neighbor. For the agents of the Bible Society in Constantinople take praiseworthy pains in distributing their works to Russian sailors, of whom vast numbers pass through the Bosphorus every year, and to those traders who annually cross the frontiers for purposes of traffici

Among the older missionaries and foreign residents at the Turkish metropolis, who have "perfect understanding of (these) things from the very first," the following opinion is general. That the insolent demands of Russia, which brought about the Crimean war, were instigated, not less by the ambition of wielding the enormous political power, resulting from the championship of the Christians in Turkey, than by the desire of utterly extinguishing all missionary effort, whose success had rendered her uneasy for her schemes of future aggrandizement. A hereditary ambition, whose vitality depends upon the support of an established

linked to an unscrupulous despotism, must necessarily maintain an attitude of bitter hosfility towards the more liberal tendencies of a reformed faith. Should the millions of Christians in the East-

gospel, what barrier could be more formidable against the steady, aggressive growth of that power, which has sworn to plant its standard on the walls of Constantinople, re-open the gates of St. Sophia to its ancient rites, and crush a traditionary enemy in its monstrous folds? The Bulgarians are even

colossal diplomacy.

expanded ideas of religious freedom. That pride

sternly inculcating death to the apostate.

laxed, and the Sultan not a Russian vassal.

holds of Satan sapped; that Bulgarian and Greek,

the other a reformation; finally, when he knows

that his missionaries are not only tolerated, but

CITY CHURCHES.

March 14,

The LECTURE ROOM of the S. W. Church, Was dedicated with appropriate services last Sabbath It is a very commodious apartment, and is skill with his own government, that functionary was at fully arranged for the convenience of the Sabbath School, as well as for congregational purposes About eighty dollars were realized in the college

Rev. Dr. Wallace will preach in this church next Sabbath evening.

The NORTH BROAD ST. CHURCH celebrated ; communion season last Sabbath morning, which to obtain the permission, - although our very able | was also the first anniversary of its existence as a minister, Mr. Williams, not only used every argu- church; seventeen persons were added by letter ment in his power, but strongly protested against and five on profession. The total of additions during the year is eighty-two: sixty-nine by letter, and

thirteen by profession. On Wednesday evening meeting of the congregation was held with a view to take immediate steps for building.

SPECIAL SERVICES of an interesting character are now being held in the Kensington Church. There is a very large number of cases of deep feeling in lized his humanity by advocating the emancipation the congregation, and the pastor, Rev. W. T. Eva, is greatly encouraged.

> THE PHILADELPHIA CITY TRACT SO. CIETY.

The Thirty-third Annual Report of this So. ciety shows that it has pursued its arduous and important labors with its wonted diligence and fidelity. The report complains of a degree of apathy on the subject of city tract distribution among Christians, and looks forward to the day "when the people of God will feel the importance of missions to the destitute of our large cities, just as much as to the same class in hea. then lands."

"In several instances, whole churches have gone into the work of visitation in their imme. diate neighborhood with astonishing success In this way hundreds of children have been gathered into Sabbath Schools, and many whole families induced to attend the house of God who, but for such efforts, would never have gone there."

The summary of labors in the "Tract vineyard" shows that, during ten months, 581 visitors and 3 missionaries distributed nearly a million and a half of pages of tracts; over 11,000 visits were church, and whose antecedents are inseparably made; 684 prayer-meetings held; 410 persons persuaded to attend public worship; 814 children gathered into Sabbath Schools: and 173 persons reported as hopefully converted.

S. H. Perkins, Esq., is President; Thomas A. Robinson, Secretary; D. W. Prescott, Treahitherto taught by zealous agents to look up to surer: and Rev. T. E. Dunham, General Super-Russia as a protector-embrace the truths of the | intendent, 929 Chestnut Street.

"ALMOST OR ALTOGETHER?" This is the title of a real "Tract for the Times," just issued by our Committee, from the pen of Rev. Dr. Jenkins: It is a searching and practical now shaking themselves free from the trammels of a analysis of what constitutes a true Christian, and a faithful and urgent commendation of this cha-

Christian hopefulness is the sign of a healthy nature. It is not the outgrowth of a crude and pect to satisfy the people that the Papacy is not baseless enthusiasm. Nil desperandum, is the appropriate motto of every follower of Christ, every that Rome is not a persecuting church. ' The Morlaborer in his vineyard, every participant in those enterprises by which his kingdom is to be extended over the world. Hopefulness is the temper which results from simply taking the God of the Bible at his word. Despondency is the result of unbelief. Hopefulness is, as we may say, in the very line of prophecy; it is the anticipation-the seizing before-hand-of the fulfilment. Despondency puts the day of fulfilment far off, and is not ready for it when it comes, if indeed, it does not help to defer it.

We have said that Northern sentiment has not As despair can properly result from one caladeepened, but only expanded, in opposition to mity only, the wrath of God against unpardoned slavery. We cannot but believe that the effect of sin: so, the atoning work of Christ, which pro- | such pleas, apologies, and justifications of Amerivides completely for the assunging of that wrath, | can slavery as are now current, will be, to bring and the forgiveness of that sin, and which opens | about a feeling of profound antagonism to the sysup a perfect way of reconciliation with God, brings tem, even more rapidly than Uncle Tom's Cabins, in a dispensation which is pre-eminently one of or than Southern secessions, frauds, and treasons, hope. To hope is Christian-to despair is hea- | could do. The Northern conscience, being summoned to such an extraordinary reversal of some then. It is true, that hope is a grace which needs to be of its clearest and most settled convictions. not to disciplined as well as encouraged; but desponden- say intuitions, involving the very essence of naby is no grace at all, and it needs simply to be tural right, will rebound indignantly towards the conquered and expelled. There is, doubtless, a very position of uncompromising hostility now erhope which is immature, and which would impel roneously charged upon it by these apologists. For instance, it is claimed that American slavery the Christian to unwise and impracticable undertakings for his Master. Tribulation, patience, is in entire accordance with the law of nature. and experience, go before the "hope which The relation is as normal as that of husband and maketh not ashamed." Hence we should rather wife, parent and child, master and apprentice, ruler trust in the hopeful counsels of mature Christians. and subject. Aside from the anachronism, Ame-But those characters whose outgrowth is despon- | rican slavery, it is alleged, might have been a part denov and fear, are neither desirable as compa- of the Paradisaical economy, without any inconnions, nor profitable as counsellors. gruity. It is of the nature of a contract, it is said,

THE MACHINERY OF HOME MISSIONS.

in return. The slave is not property, the master We have been interested in a couple of armerely owns his service for life. He cannot sell ticles of a suggestive character, upon this sub- the slave, he can only transfer his own right to the ject, which have lately appeared in the Chris- | slave's service for life. Under these smooth phrases, tian Herald. We think the Herald can per- the huge system of oppression embodied in the ceive from our own article of last week, on the slave-code of the South is studiously draped and subject, that a plan "in which there shall be no palliated. The State law which expressly decentral power to excite jealonsy," is what would scribes and classifies the slave as "property" is commend itself to our judgments also. Per- ignored. The right of the master to buy and sell haps we would prefer to say, a plan reached the slave without reference to his own wishes; to by a process most certain to set aside all causes | separate husband and wife, parent and child—in a of jealousy. We mean one which, in all its word, to make the family relation virtually imposstages of development, shall leave abundant sible among the slaves; the right to the children room for the play of independent action on the of his female slaves, to sell them, and will them part of presbyteries who prefer it, and which, and their progeny away forever;--how are we to in its matured and settled form, shall be the re- distinguish it from the right of property in man? sult, as far as possible, of Providential indica-The relation of master and slave, it is maintions throughout the whole Church. In a word, | tained, is an implied contract; and it is claimed just such a plan as the presbyteries are even that slavery originated in a regular mercantile now, without any concert of action, or word of transaction, in which one party bound himself to command, spontaneously and gradually adopt- another as a servant for life, on condition of re-

ceiving bodily sustenance, clothing, and habita-As to the details of the Herald's plan; dis- tion for that period. It is admitted, also, that pensing, as it seems to do, with the work of a captives taken in war were made slaves under the committee, and leaving all the work of a general laws of ancient warfare, and the predatory excurcharacter, which it contemplates, in the hands sions of modern barbarians, which give the conof a secretary alone; what is it but taking away queror absolute right to his captives. But Amefrom the Church all power to act upon the rican slavery has glided over, from the bitterness Home Missionary field as a whole? All that and absoluteness of this latter type, to that of the the secretary is to do, according to this plan, is contract. It originated in violence, but has that rather indefinite work of "stirring up" the changed imperceptibly into a just and positively presbyteries; travelling to and fro with his sta- beneficent contract. So argue its recent defendtistics, and seeking to equalize the pecuniary ers.

even protected in this vast field of promise-can sion will, as far as we can estimate them, be killed their fellow-men after they had surren- case of an English clergyman, who, being an inburdens of the separate presbyterial enterprises. How the children of captives taken in unlawful the Christian desire Turkey to become a Muscodered to the Turkish government, in cruel reta- valid, was advised by his physicians to take a trip solid reading among our young men. ARTHUR'S HOME MAGAZINE for March, by I. We submit that the Church, as a whole, should and unprovoked warfare, or rather kidnapped for about \$20.000. liation, are put to death others, in similar cir- to Odessa, but was unable to obtain the requisite vite province? The following new appointments have been be recognised as a Home Missionary organism, the express purpose of enslaving them, can be recumstances, hereafter would fear to do so wick- permission. Sir Henry Bulwer, becoming inte-In the event of the Ottoman Empire falling made by the Committee: a single, sympathizing, aggressive force, that garded as parties to an implied contract, it is cerinto the hands of a liberal Christian power, we ages and relationships are accommodated. edly. And I have no doubt some of the Chris- | rested in the matter, offered to be responsible for can extend itself into regions beyond all presby- tainly difficult to see. The simple fact is, that by Rev. W. T. Bartle, Camp Point, Ill. tians deserve to be made partners with them in the good conduct of the applicant, and begged the should beartily rejoice; but when the alternative the express laws of the State to which their pa " Joseph Lowry, Finshing, Mich terial supervision, and have a close connection, the severest punishment. It is, however, imexception to be made as a personal favor. This as such, with all the missionary laborers in rents were forcibly conveyed, the children are com-" Thomas Wright, Holley, Mich. the two evils we incline to the less. In the former, possible to say what the end will be. denses and Plenary Inspiration. was at last ungraciously accorded, but under the every part of its field. We submit that a com- pelled to remain in the status unjustly forced upon " E. B. Sherwood, Buchanan, Mich. 1 remain as ever, • above restrictions; the Russian ambassador igthere will ever be the uncompromising hostility of prehensiveness of view, such as no single pres- the parents. The State declares that the children " G. H. Miles, Cassopolis, Mich. Yours in Christian love. noring the gentleman's profession, by prefixing a a proselyting despotism. In the latter-too insigbytery can ever attain, but only the experienced of kidnapped parents shall be slaves; if a contract " Wm. Fithian, Oskaloosa, Iowa. WILLIAM A. BENTON. minds in the great centres of the Church's ac- on the part of the slave is implied in this naked plain Mr. to his name in the passport. nificant to be intolerant were it so inclined; whose " E. W. Brown, West Dresden, N. Y. religious aspirations are limited to the preservation We know of another clergyman, who received a tivity, organized into a committee, and aided fact, we cannot discern it. Our missionaries are all paid up in full. of an effete nationality-we can foresee "mony telegram, from a Russian sea-port urging him to by the advice of the separate presbyteries, is But as to the contract itself, supposing such a More appointments will be made before the We call the attention of FARMERS, GARDENERS hasten to the bedside of a dying sister. The amindispensable to a wise and efficient prosecution thing had ever taken place, or that the idea is ap- Assembly. Brethren intending collections will &c. to the advertisment of the LODI MANUFACTUbassador, although a personal friend, was unable banning." W. G. to try Stovell's Glycerine Wash. of the missionary work. plicable to American slavery, would it bring the please send them at once, as we hope to meet BING co's. Fertilizer in another column.

The character and multiplicity of the efforts now the subject again.

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of the Committee. The current year is not in- which he himself would have exercised, if he had

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Philadelphia field,

same time, as shown by the reports of the Society:

the field; all that is reported through the P. to the A. H. M. S., to which the P. H. M. S. | the Russian armies are ready to come.

Some remarks were made in the last Assem-Missionary Society so absorbing the attention of the Philadelphia field as to lead brethren there not to be so efficient in Church Extension. But it appears from the figures that they contions, and in addition, ever since the Church Extension Committee was established, an ave-Church, but in the West also for itself.

citation which we find in Dr. Seabury's late at- the earnest and praiseworthy desire, that this wolves, tearing to pieces diseased horses; and tempt to justify American slavery, and which he, amount be re-appropriated during the present year, have known them literally dispute the possession? singularly enough, regards as confirming his own to enable them to increase the number of orphans of putrid carrion with the feathered seavengers of lentless hierarchy. Such gleams of religious inviews. He proceeds to give the sense of it, in the in the institution to four hundred. They press the Bosphorus.

following language: "The relation of master and the claim of this unfortunate class of youth, and servant grows out of the wants of man, and is part | urge that "the entire machinery for a complicated of nature's order." But we submit that Augus- institution has to be provided, whether its inmates | Circassians as co-religionists-the Sultan was too tine would be much more correctly represented, are three hundred or six hundred, and the latter humane to view with indifference the sufferings and the truth more exactly told, if we should say number would not require a material increase in of the victims of a Christian government. At a that the relation of master and servant (slave) many important expenditures over that demanded great expense and the penalty of a fearful epidegrows out of the sins of man, and is part of na- for the former."

dentured pupils, so generally maintain an excelmaking to uphold the inherent rightfulness of | lent character, and reflect credit on the institution. American slavery, will justify us in alluding to in which they were educated. A large part of dation. Liberal subscriptions were raised among the Report before us, is occupied with testimonials

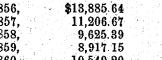
HOME MISSIONS. RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA, --- NEW APPOINT-

mittee of the General Assembly, who are con- gaged, we are led to conclude that the directors sidering the question of Home Missions, acting | have aimed to secure the most honorable and useofficially, as I understood, requested to know ful positions for their proteges which the various the amount contributed to the Church Exten- pursuits of men afford, This is a guarantee to the sion Committee from the field occupied by the dying parent, that his orphaned child, if it passes Philadelphia Home Missionary Society. The from his care to that of this institution, will not following statement has been carefully prepared only be trained and educated with care inside its from the Treasurer's book. It includes the five | walls, but will have its interests in after life provears that are complete since the establishment vided for with something of the same diligence

been permitted to live. Whole am'nt. P. H. M. S. Outside of field. Per c'nt. \$1418.72 58+ 1663.20 42 +41+ 6331.27 314 9448.92 31+

Average per cent. in five years on?

yond the Philadelphia field. The Philadelphia Home Missionary Society supplies the destitutions within that field. For this purpose the following donations have been given during the



This includes all given for Home Missions or

dependence-not vet incandescent. but enkind-

ling-could never light up the gloom of those Although sectaries --- cordially hated by the degenerate churches, should Russia succeed in Turks as idolaters, and unacknowledged even by assuming their protectorate. England, if true to her policy as well as her principles, may perchance enterprise in the East. With enlightened Turks mic at the capital, he chartered vessels to give It is a pleasing Mar, that the discharged and in- them a free passage to fertile lands, which were and Bulgarians, and re-Christianized Greeks and assigned to them; houses were constructed and government buildings vacated for their accommo-

all communities; wagons were hired to transport from masters and employers of former pupils, who | their families, and the scant remnant supplied with speak in the most gratifying terms of the morals, cattle and agricultural implements. An impartial verdict must consider this Crimean tragedy as a the application, the domestic and church-going habits of the youth in their charge. In running fair offset to the recent horrors in Lebanon; but MESSRS. EDITORS :--- A member of the Com- | over the list of employments in which they are en- | the sympathy of an enlightened public, cheerfully responsive to the sufferings of pseudo-Christian Maronites, withholds its crumbs from an obscure, semi-idolatrous Tartar tribe.

> The insinuating affectation of liberality is that which renders Russia so dangerous an enemy of Protestantism. The cool, subtle, Jesuitical intriguer is far more to be feared, than the brute force of a more impetuous adversary. Russian subjects, not members of the established church. have ostensibly a certain latitude in making converts from one another; but technical difficulties

Nothing is said of the religious instruction and ingenious obstacles are thrown in the way of communicated; but, while we deplore the sup- all proselytism to any religion, but the Greek. posed necessity of excluding clergymen from the Thus: when a Protestant College was successfully college, and so debarring the youth from all pas- educating the Armenian youth of the Georgian provinces, this liberal government could not retlemen who are severally the Head of the Board fuse its sanction to so philanthropic a measure. 203+ of Directors, and President of the institution, Outwardly prodigal of encomium, the governor abundant guarantee for the Christian purity, soundwas secretly plotting how to thwart the usefulness 40+ | ness and thoroughness of the influences brought | of this institution, without at the same time com to bear upon the hearts and consciences of the orpromising the liberal character of his government nhans. Samuel H. Petkins, Esq., is President of | With flattering regrets, the site of this College the Board, and Wm. H. Allen, LL.D., Presiding was suddenly found necessary for strategical purposes; and an equally valuable piece of land given in exchange, but attended with the trifling inconvenience of being some hundred of versts distant from this Armenian population, with impassable Bhamdun, Mount Lebanon, Friday, Jan. 18, 1861. steppes intervening. DEAR EDITOR :- The Syrian question has

Wo betide that unhappy Russian, who should made little or no progress towards a satisfacstray from the bosom of the mother-church tory settlement during the past six months. The request of the Turkish government for the True : his headless trunk would not encumber the recall of the French troops does not find an adstreets of St. Petersburgh or Moscow; nor would the olfactories of a Philo-Russian be offended by vocate in the whole endized world. But Rus-H. M. S. Some portion of it was sent direct sia says, as we hear, that if the French leave the poisonous exhalations of a body, to which a sepulchre had been denied. The erring sheep will either languish in a confinement too secluded H. E. Fuad Pasha came up into the mountain a fortnight since, The Druses are still fu- to tell any tales—be forced an unwilling conscript bly as to the claims of the Philadelphia Home gitives from their villages, reluctant to come into the army; or wander, as a marked exile. on into the hands of the government. They say | the wilds of Siberia, until he recants his errors. or that the government, on the representations of death terminates his secret sufferings.

the so-called Christians, has written 4,500 names No Catholic priest, no Protestant clergyman of the Druses implicated in the massacre at can enter South Russia, without a special permi tributed enough to supply all their own destitu- Deir el Komr. The liberation of the Druse from the court; which is obtained, not only with Sheikhs from solitary confinement at Beirut is great difficulty, but places the applicant under the a question of time. It is not probable, how- odious restriction of foregoing all actions indicarage of upwards of 40 per cent. of all that has ever many persons are apprehended, that many tive of his clerical character. The Levant Herald been raised for it, counting every thing that has will be executed. But the capital punishment -a secular paper, published in Constantinoplebeen received, not only in all other parts of the of a limited number would no doubt make a sa- in one of its last numbers, severely declaims lutary impression upon the public sentiment of against this narrow-minded policy. The indigall parties in Syria and Europe. If those who nation of the editor was aroused by the recent

superstition which has long tyrannized over them, racter to the people. There are few who will not and other Greek communities, in city and hamlet, be stirred up and profited by its appeals. are throwing off their allegiance to a proud, re-

EDITOR'S TABLE.

Messrs. Carters have just published EVENINGS WITH JOHN BUNYAN, by James Large, being the record of a series of family conversations and dis cussions on that endless source of entertainment thwart the menaces of her dreaded Asiatic rival, and instruction, the Pilgrim's Progress. The reby steadily supporting all Protestant missionary marks and explanations of the parents, the shrewd inquiries of the children, and the effect upon different members of the group, of the truths presented and expressed in this pleasing manner, al-Armenians as allies, she would require neither the together form an interesting and profitable volume. impregnable passes of the Balkan, nor the natural For sale at the Presbyterian Book Store, 1334 rampart of the Himalayas to stem the tide of a Chestnut street.

KITTY'S VICTORY AND OTHER STORIES, by the author of Cosmo's Visit to his Grandfather, from In conclusion, so far from upholding the corrupt | the same publishers, is a very treasure of choice, government of Turkey, we are willing to concede simple stories for children of seven, and therethat much of this toleration is due, rather to her abouts; on fine paper, and well illustrated. 18mo. pp. 355. For sale as above. weakness and political degeneracy, than to any

MAGAZINES AND PAMPHLETS.

which haughtily keeps aloof from the religious THE ANNUAL CATALOGUE OF THE WESTERN disputes of Christian dissidents, if unfettered. THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at Allegheny city, Pa., for 1860-61, shows this institution to be enjoying would ruthlessly drench the cimetar in the blood a degree of prosperity second to none in the country. The total number of students reported, is of that Mussulman who abjures the religion of the try. false prophet. It is the "outside pressure" of 165.

THE NEW YORK TEACHER, for March, 1861. foreign governments, not intrinsic culture, which This is an able periodical. The present number keeps this dominant passion in check; for the contains the State Superintendent's Annual Reprecepts of the Koran are explicit on this point, port, besides a valuable and interesting miscellany. Published at Albany, James Cruikshank, Resi-In one of his fables, Lucian humorously intro-

dent Editor and publisher. Price \$1 per annum. We have received a pamphlet of 6 pages, conduces a troop of monkeys, schooled by the discitaining PAPERS PRO AND CON upon the merits pline of the rod to perform a solemn pantomime. of PRESCOTT'S AND WILSON'S HISTORIES OF The gravity of demeanor, so unnatural to those MEXICO. The most interesting portion of the animals. as they strutted in the purple buskin, pamphlet are the three generous letters of Mr. Prescott to Mr. Wilson, couplimenting him upon elicited great applause from the audience; until researches, the tendency of which was to under-mine the whole fabric of his own work in the same some nuts, showered on the stage by a waggish spectator, induced a very untragical but instinc- department,

tive emulation on the part of the actors. In like We perceive that Dr. Morris, the Philadelphia manner, should the temptation present itself, we Separatist, is wielding the pen somewhat indusare not prepared to deny that the Möhammedan | triously for his peculiar views of doctrine in theofanatic, now forced to play a false character by logy, metaphysics and medicine. One of his tracts which has the external appearance of one of the the unflinching surveillance of the five powers, bulkier issues of the orthodox Nassau street estamight rehearse the vindictive cruelties, so natural blishment, but with the abstrase title of PSUKIto him when his religious passions are aroused. Kos, is designed to recommend a certain specific But the sublime Porte knows that its integrity of the Dr.'s invention, drawn from the newly discovered resources of "Composite Homeopathy depends upon a prompt recognition of religious The others which we have received are. ANASTA rights, and its policy must be ever directed tu-SIS; SACRED SCIENCE, and LAW AND GRACE. wards curbing the fanatic impulses of its priest-

From Henry Eckel, Esq., we have received a hood. There is, moreover, a great religious copy of his Address, delivered on the occasion of awakening among the followers of Mohammed, the DEDICATION OF THE NEW ODD-FELLOWS' HALL, AT MILFORD, DEL., which took place Dec whose infallibility is beginning to be questioned; and we have reason to hope for better things, Christian tone of this address, which explicitly 11th, 1860. We very much admire the frank and even were this wholesome "outside pressure" redisavows for odd-fellowship, any position advers to the supreme claims of the Christian church, and which teaches, what we fear some members of the The Christian public cannot plead ignorance; order need to know, that no mere fidelity to their it has especially been cautioned against this fatal principles as Odd-fellows, is sufficient to carry the sympathy for Russia; but the prejudice against members to heaven. The mechanical execution

Islamism is too deeply rooted to be easily eradica- of the pamphlet is uncommonly fine. THE FREE CHURCH PORTFOLIO has re-appeared ted, even by those able missionaries whose truthafter a brief suspension, in the form of a monthly ful warnings, like those of Cassandra, seem doomed pamphlet, at \$1 per annum, in advance. It is to be disregarded. Can the American Christian edited by Rev. J. C. Bigham. when his heart bounds at the cheering tidings

The sale of Motley's "HISTORY OF THE NE-THERLANDS" is something remarkable. Before from his Eastern missions; when he hears that the day of publication the Harpers had on their ancient superstitions are crumbling, and strongbooks orders for more than 5,000 copies. In one day 2,000 copies were subscribed for by booksellers Mohammedan and Armenian call cagerly for the and libraries in New York and Brooklyn. The Scriptures; that the wild nomadic Kurd, and his New York Mercantile Library purchased for cir-Nestorian victim alike demand, the one a religion. culation 250 copies. Ten years ago two or three copies of any new standard work, would have fully supplied the demands of the members. The Brooklyn Mercantile took 30 copies. These facts are a striking evidence of the growing taste for

S. Arthur and Virginia F. Townsend, contains its usual interesting miscellany, in which all tastes,

THE EVANGELICAL REPOSITORY for Mar seems to lie between the Czar and the Sultan, of a good number. Its principal articles are the Wal-THOSE LOOKING for CARPETS will do well to give our friend, Eldridge, in Strawberry St. a call We are sure they will find him satisfactory both in the quality and prices of his goods. CHAPPED HANDS, &c. Those who suffer in this things ower bad for blessing, and ower gude for way from the keen winds of March, will do well

LETTER FROM MT. LEBANON.

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is auxiliary.

The contributions this year to Church Exten-

toral care; we see in the names of the two gen-

This, of course, was given for destitution beofficer of the college.