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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

We publish so much of the proceedings as we have obtained information of, up to the hour of going to press. The Assembly showed much wisdom in the choice of a Moderator. In these days, it is a pleasure to find that real merit is appreciated, even in a modest man. The principal matterof business—the organization of the Assembly's of our enemy, that the undisciplined Americans COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONS—was prompt- would never stand the bayonets of the British ly brought before the body in a definite and manageable shape, by the report of the Committee appointed for this purpose last year. It was made the order of the day for Monday afternoon last. try. These prayer-meetings are remarkable in their character, as may be seen by the notice and shows to what religious body the country may laware, they were then most numerous and trouble look with entire certainty for sympathy and spiritual aid in this crisis. Other evidence will, doubtless, be given by the Assembly of the un- their heads. We learn that an immense massalterable fidelity of the true Presbyterianism of

THE ASSEMBLY IN PHILADELPHIA.

It is not a little remarkable that the Assembly now convened in the Seventh Church, formerly located in Ranstead Court, but now on Penn Square, should be called upon to witness and realize a practical sundering of their body by the act of Providence, as extensive as that which they accomplished by violence, in the same Seventh church. twenty-four years ago. The only way in which their ern portion of the State: church can now be saved from downright immein their ecclesiastical councils; their boundless the first to enter and would be the last to leave. concessions to the South for the sake of denominational unity; their boastings of conservatism loudly re-echoed by secular journals who admired fied the federal Constitution. The memorial stone that trait—all these have not saved them from contributed to the Washington monument, conthe deplorable fate of discovering within their no- tains an inscription certifying this fact, and add minal limits, members, officers, ministers of the ing that Delaware will be the last to abandon the gospel even, armed against each other, with the Union. This is the traditional feeling and the weapons of death; separated by the broad and sacred instinct of her people, and her governor impassable lines of rebellion and loyalty. So su- has done well in paying so much respect to it as porficial was the unity in which they gloried. And the Providence of God has brought them back to discourse on the Divine Government, delivered in the only thoroughly loyal State of the South; this church last Sabbath afternoon, need not to have gone back as far as the case of Jacob punished for his fraud upon Esau, by the fraudulent thod of dividing the church" than for this As- is in substance as follows: sembly to pass resolutions in favor of the Union | In the Federal Congress the Virginia members macy of that very flag.

thumbs and great toes; leading him to say, "As tion, and ensure her safety!" I have done, so hath God requited me."

The peaceful, harmonious, and patriotic attitude of our own church in its present councils at Syracuse, is but the legitimate result of an early and

bly, that common fame charges upon a large plained of us to the Christian Observer, or its number of Synods, and whole sections of their friends, since the day when it became necessary church, the gravest infractions of duty to the for patriots and loyal men to choose their position rightful authorities of this country, including apart from traitors. We doubt whether six rethe violation of oaths and covenant obligations, spectable men could be found-we will not say of the bearing of arms against the government, and the sixty corporators of this paper, or of the the persistent and wanton incitement of their six thousand members of our churches in this fellow citizens thereto; also, that the extent to city; but of the six hundred thousand inhabitants which these pernicious sentiments have seized of this loyal community-who would undertake upon the church in those sections, renders it such a base and shameful errand as to carry a impossible that proper discipline should be ad- complaint of a loyal, true and patriotic journal. ministered in the constitutional way; whence it to one whose partiality for traitors sticks to it like might be desirable for the Assembly itself, ra- the fatal shirt of Nessus, muzzling its Editorial ther than tolerate so great a scandal, and in pen and giving to its whole sheet the contorted order to conserve the imperilled purity and good name of the church, promptly to cut off the offending Synods, and enact that no representative from their constituent Presbyteries be altive from their constituent Presbyteries and humiliating appearance of a struggle to adapt the topic of the sectory of the topic of the second article. That famous country is no longer the topic of the second article. That famous country is no longer the topic of the second article. That famous country is no longer the topic of the second article. That famous country is no longer the topic of the second article. That famous country is no longer the topic of the second article. That famous country is no longer the topic of the second article. That famous country is no longer the topic of the second article. The topic of the second article. The topic of the second article. The topic of the second article taking the oath of allegiance to our Government. This might seem a little revolutionary; but the place in which the body is now meeting, never peace well made without a mighty war preto say nothing of the extraordinary exigencies | ceding, and always the sword in hand is the best of the case, the enormity of the offences, and the pen to write the conditions of peace. - Buckhurst brazen boldness of the offenders, would mate. to Queen Elizabeth.

rially aid the successors of the men of '37 and '38 in overcoming any constitutional scruples they might cherish on the subject. Certainly, the excision of the rebellious Synods of '61 would be a far clearer vindication of the loyalty of the church to the Government, than the excision of the Four Synods in '37 was of loyalty to the Confession of Faith.

LITTLE DELAWARE.

The "Diamond State" covered herself with lustre in the times of the Revolution. Her single regiment, officered by Presbyterian Elders,-onof whom, Col. John Haslett, fell at the battle of Princeton, and for a long time slept in the burialground of the First Church in this city-bore an honorable part in some of the most memorable and bloody struggles of that period, and received the name of "the gallant Delaware Regiment" from its uniform bravery; it never turned its back upon the foe. It more than once disproved the vaunt veterans. More than one-seventh of the entire population of the state bore arms during the

We are glad to see that the attitude of this We are glad to notice that our Assembly is spend- State in the present struggle, is such as will still ing a great deal of time in praying for the coun- further vindicate her claim to the proud title she already bears. There were traitors and tories within her borders, as everywhere else, during the which we publish. The example is encouraging, Revolution; but even in the region where, in Desome, it would seem there will be no chance for their ignoble successors in these times to lift up meeting was recently held in Georgetown, Sussex this country to the principles of '76, and of 1818. Co., the southernmost of the State, to set forth the attachment of the people, without distinction of party, to our Federal Union. A patriotic letter to that meeting, from the pen of the Hon. John W. Houston, formerly member of Congress, now of Milford, and connected with one of the oldest Presbyterian families of the State, has appeared in the Delaware Journal and Statesman, from

For my own part, gentlemen, I have no hesi tation in saying, Go no where. Stay at home in diate disruption, is by such humiliating concessions the Union where you are till the crack of doom, to the dictation of rebels in arms against the go- or until it goes to pieces, if go to pieces it must vernment, as will crush them under the weight of and we are left standing solitary and alone with the loyal public opinion of the North, and so work our feet planted firmly on the rock of the Consti tution and with dying grasp still hugging to our in another, and perhaps slower way, their overthrow. Whichever course they take, their glory versed in sense at least, as the last survivor of as a great, imposing, national church, is departed. that once glorious confederation of American Their great artificial scheme of suppressing opinion | States, which it has long been our boast, we were

which we make the following extract, to show the

spirit which animates the true men of the south

These concluding words refer to the fact that Delaware was the first State which formally ratithis Seventh Church to reveal it to them. The all parts of the State, and the proud distinction vonerable Dr. Plumer, in his able and impressive belongs to the Diamond commonwealth of being

Faithful found

Among the faithless-faithful only she. The honorable contrast will be sure to mark all substitution of Leah for Rachel, to illustrate the her history. Beside proud, imbecile, shuffling, pregnant remark that the divine retribution often demoralized Virginia, her diminutive proportions overtakes us in the very form of our own sins. will be forgotten. We are reminded by the re-The most forcible illustration was around him-in lative attitude of these two States, of an incident the presence of but little over a score of Southern of Revolutionary times, given in the "Lives of o mmissioners in that Assembly—in the ignoble the Signers" under the sketch of the life of Cassar avowal of one of their journals, the North Caroli- Rodney, who was one of the three Signers of the na Presbyterian, that "there can be no surer me. Declaration of Independence from Delaware. It

and the Constitution-in the resistance of these were accustomed to vaunt the resources of their own few Southern commissioners, aided by such men | State at the expense of the others, and to indulge as Dr. Hodge, to any, the least, approach to an themselves in high-wrought eulogies and gratuexpression of loyalty, sought by Dr. Spring and a lations, which sometimes nettled the representahundred others. He might have drawn other very tives of other States, who styled this spirit of selfrecent illustrations from the enthusiasm of Prince- laudation among the Virginians, "dominionism." ton students for the Star Spangled Banner reviled But when the enemy actually approached their by the Old School papers in the South-in the borders, the change in the style of their remarks recent manly resignation of Dr. Geo. Junkin from | was as obvious as it was mortifying. They inthe Presidency of Washington College, Virginia, troduced a demand for supplies of arms, troops, rather than teach under a rebel banner, and the and assistance of every kind, declaring their State military rage of President Atkinson and Dr. Dab- to be destitute in every particular! When their ney, of the same State and the same church, speaker sat down, a moment of surprised silence thrusting themselves forward to the command of ensued. It was broken by the shrill voice and companies, eager to shed their blood for the supre- the tall figure of Rodney. In a style of sarcastic raillery, peculiar to himself, he deplored the me-It is a sad, and yet wholesome spectacle. Per- lancholy and prostrate condition of his neighhaps Dr. Plumer and his associates are learning bour—the extensive and hitherto powerful State some new lessons in theology, even,—to use ano- of Virginia. "But," said he, raising his voice. ther of his illustrations in the same magnificent "let her be of good cheer; she has a friend in sermon-as Adonibezek did after losing his own need; Delaware will take her under its protec-

THE NAMES NOT FORTH-COMING.

We have in vain called on the Christian Obfaithful adherence to Scriptural principles, and to server to produce the name of a single minister of the genuine spirit of Presbyterianism, at all ha- our Synod, or of a respectable layman of our zards. Our church members are not in arms church in this vicinity, as sustaining it in its preagainst each other, but are inflamed with a una- sent attitude towards the Government. It claims nimous and ardent mutual affection, and an un- to be loyal: if the claim is good, there need be no bounded devotion to that which it has ever been hesitancy in producing the names; their absence the glory of Presbyterianism to uphold, at any is ominous. Bluster and asseveration will not and every cost-just laws and a righteous govern- make amends. Even if it were true that some ment. We would rejoice to recognise our brethren half-a-dozen of the original corporators of this of the other branch, as fairly and ecclesiastically paper had complained of us to the Observer—as upon the same high ground with ourselves. Mul. that paper, in its last issue, tried to insinuate—it titudes of them are there as individuals. We hope by no means follows that they sustain the Observer Dr. Spring will yet be able to carry the Assembly | in its present attitude. But the impression sought to be made, is false. No half-a-dozen men, in Meanwhile, we would suggest to this Assem- any way concerned with this paper, have com

A SENTIMENT FROM MOTLEY.—There was

TERIAN CHURCH.

he dispatches business with a promptitude and ease that quite refresh the members. We have "God is the refuge of his saints," quite a number of distinguished men among usas, Dr. Cox; Pastor Fisch, of Lyons, France, representing the Evangelical Union of France; Dr. making special petition for this branch of the Waldo, formerly Chaplain in Congress, and before church, and for the whole nation in its present that a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and now crisis of trouble. in the 100th year of his age; and so on. The The hymn members of the Assembly are very youthful looking men, although, here and there, a head of

snowy whiteness lifts itself among the other members, like the snow-clad pinnacles of the Alps above the surrounding forest trees, imparting beauty and glory to the scene, and lifting our thoughts Heavenward to that sublime world to which they point, and to which they are so near. This Assembly is characterized by energy, promptness, gravity, a remarkable harmony, a re-

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LETTER FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

wonderful spirit of prayer. Instead of the long and learned and sleep-inprayer-meetings, prayer-meetings for the country,

markable spirit of brotherly love, and a truly

and glorious meetings they are. evening there was another; this evening (Saturday) there is to be another. These meetings are in the large and splendid church in which the He applied the subject directly to the varied forms Assembly is holding its present sessions, (Dr. canfield's) and the building is filled to overflowing maming Ministerial Education, Church Extension, each evening, while prayers and addresses follow and Home and Foreign Missions, as forms of aceach other in quick succession, and, with each prayer and each address, the tone of feeling rises higher and yet higher, until all are bathed in an ral Assembly, and the present position of its lead-

atmosphere of light and salvation. But time presses, and I must bid you a hasty,

"THE SOLDIER'S FRIEND."

MR. EDITOR:-I have just examined a small volume with the above title, prepared by Mr Dulles, of this city, and I cannot refrain from calling the attention of Christians, who wish to do something for the spiritual interests of our volunteers, to the importance of placing this little book in their hands. Twelve dollars, I understand, will procure a hundred copies, enough to supply one company. Many have shown commendable zeal in aiding in the preparation of suitable clothing and food for those who are going at the call of sustain its Constitutional authorities in enforcing the laws of the land; and others have not been Testaments have been distributed among them, nominated. and our Episcopalian friends have freely circulated their Prayer-Book.

"The Soldier's Friend." It is of a convenient Dr. Condit was declared elected. size, and free from sectarianism. It is not de-Hovey, of New York, were appointed a committee a brief exposition of a verse of Scripture for each tiring Moderator. day of the month, thirty-one selections from the Psalms, and thirty-one hymns, with the Lord's resent them to the members of some company. who could easily make such a donation, and there are others, in larger numbers, who might send to sum, from twenty-five cents to one dollar each, for the Divine blessing to accompany its perusal, could not fail to prove an everlasting good to many. mode of commending Christ to men? L. M.

Our correspondent has made a contribution for this purpose. We shall be happy to be the me- E. Buckingham, of Iowa, were appointed tempodium for any donations for this object.]

RECENT REVIEWS.

EPISCOPAL QUARTERLY, is accounted for in the introductory remarks of the recent issue. It was form; but the plan encountered unexpected difpledges an adherence to the old form. In renew- of the morning services to be spent in devotional edly stating the principles on which the Periodical is conducted, the editors remark that they hold such as to call for congratulations at the degree of not say anything further.] prosperity it is represented as enjoying. The questions raised by the new Oxford Essayists, are handled with the thoroughness which we should expect in an evangelical organ of the Episcopal Church. Besides an article specially addressed to the object of exploring the true character of these pestiferous writings, they are alluded to in cles, and in the literary notices. What then is our surprise to find that in a notice of a recent volume, entitled "the Pulpit, and the American Revolution" the critic allows himself in such absurd language as the following: "What a mistake the Puritans made! If they had only had the sense to receive the venerable man, (the Bishop.) and grace enough to submit to his authority, from her erratic career and endless agitation." conservator of orthodoxy, especially in reference to New England, has, we should think, had its correction. Nine new members appeared and day. The grand panacea has been proved utterly were added to the list, namely: inadequate to such a result in the staid old mother country, why should it succeed any better in the What has issued from the Unitarian Cambridge of America, excelling in the intensity of its infidel tincture, the late issue of the prelatic and orthodox Oxford of England? We pause for a

MR. ZIEBER, the agent, No. 106 South Third Street, has handed us the April number of BLACKWOOD, which opens with a remarkable article on "Spontaneous Combustion of the Living Standing Committee." Body." The writer recapitulates a number of supposed instances of this phenomenon, and then proceeds to argue against the existence of any such a process. So far as he knows, no one has ever seen its commencement, and therefore, no one is competent to testify to its entire spontaneity.

Smith, D. D., A. Boardman Lambert, D. D., George N. Boardman, Luther Conklin. Elders—Hon. Israel S. Spencer, Saml. M. Blatchford, Hon. Henry D. Gook. competent to testify to its entire spontaneity. of educated Englismen towards a country which was believed to be in a semi-barbarous condition, is allowed to re-appear: you get the impression that our speech is overrun with vulgarisms, as the field of the slothful with thorns. Life in Central Africa; The World of Weimar; General Patrick Gordon, the Prussian Scot; The Punjaub in 1857, fill out the entertaining and instructive miscellany. Published by L. Scott & Co, New York

3. Polity of the Church—Ministers—Grosvenov W. Heacock, D. D., Lyman Gilbert, D. D., George Freeman, Jbel Campbell. Elders—Hon. Benjamin W. Raymond, Jacob J. Denman, M. D., Franklin Williams.

4. Foreign Missions—Ministers—John Jenkins, D. D., Gordon W. Noyes, Daniel Rice, Alexander Porter. Elders—Israel F. Terrill, Frederick Starr, Samuel N. Kinney.

The annual meeting of this body commenced on Thursday, the 16th, at 11 A. M., at the First We are now in full operation. There are about Church, Syracuse, N. Y. After the singing of 200 Ministers and Elders present. Dr. Condit, Professor at Auburn Theological Seminary, fills

"Glory be to God in the highest,"

the Moderator's chair with dignity and grace, and by the choir, Rev. Dr. Jenkins offered prayer, and read the 48th and 80th Psalms. The psalm was then sung by the congregation, and Rev. Dr. A. D. Smith, of New York city, offered, prayer,

> "Happy the church, thou sacred place," was then sung, after which the last Moderator, Rev. T. A. Mills, D. D. of Newark, N. J., preached the opening sermon, from the text, 1 Tim. iii. 14, 15-"These things I write unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly, but if I tarry long, that thou mightest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the church, which is the household of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth." The sermon was a carefully prepared and ela-

borate discussion of the theme suggested by the text, "The Church, the bousehold of the living God." The preacher clearly and strongly presented, first, the fact that it is God's institution, living and breathing only in and through Him ducing sermons of the olden time, we here have and then urged the necessity of its seeking in this age a large outpouring upon it of vital force from

Having discussed the subject thus generally, On the first evening of the Assembly, Thursday, the speaker applied it to the body before him, by there was a general prayer-meeting; on Friday urging the diligent cultivation of an active Christian life through all the church. He pointed to the danger of relying on institutions and organ-izations, instead of the active life of the Church. tive effort, all calling now for the great increase of Christian life. He sketched the results of ten years of increased effort on the part of this Geneing interests, and briefly alluding to the solemn character of the present age, when so many great events are occurring and mighty changes are in prospect over the whole world, he urged on the ody the responsibility of the charge resting on them as a Church of the living God. After the sermon, the Assembly was constituted by prayer, led by the last Moderator, after which.

motion of Dr. A. D. Smith, an adjournment was made to 3 o'clock. Notice was given that each day's session will be preceded by a prayer-meeting, and that all the sessions will be open to the public.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Mills, the Moderator of the last Assembly, took the chair, and opened the

meeting with prayer.
The names of the Commissioners were then duty to protect the Capital of the nation, and to | called and the roll corrected, after which the Assembly proceeded to the election of a Moderator. Dr. Smith, of New York, Dr. Condit, of Auburn, Dr. Nelson, of St. Louis, Dr. Kendall of unmindful of their religious welfare. Bibles and | Pittsburgh, and Dr. Jenkins, of Philadelphia, were

The first ballot resulted as follows: Smith. 62: Condit, 75; Nelson, 21; Kendall, 3; Jenkins,

Now, I think the members of our church cannot do a better work in behalf of our soldiers than to distribute among them, as widely as possible,

6. No election.

The second ballot, confined to the two highest candidates, resulted as follows: Rev. J. B. Condit, D. D., 100; Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., 68. Rev. Dr. Nelson, of St. Louis, and Rev. J. P.

signed to make the soldiers Presbyterians, but to to conduct him to the platform, where he was remake them wise unto eternal life. It consists of ceived with a few appropriate remarks, by the re-

Upon taking the chair Dr. Condit said: My Christian Friends: -I thank you for this Prayer and the Creed, and a few brief forms of act of your kindness in choosing me to fill this prayer. Every one of our Sabbath-schools might place, for which I feel myself unworthy; but I accept the trust you have committed to me. I procure a hundred copies of this little book and can only promise to give to the duties of this office my most careful attention and all my energy. There are many of the members of our church While asking your indulgence I also solicit your gospel; and of sending missionaries to the dessponsibilities, wide-reaching in their consequences, Charles S. Luther, No. 1334 Chestnut St., a small but especially this year; in view of interesting, that would constitute, in the aggregate, a suffi- your deliberation and decision, let us unite, day securing and regarding, as far as practicable cient fund to provide a large number of "The Soldier's Friend" for our volunteers. Such a book discharge of his trust, and all here united in this remuneration. They shall make the necessary distributed among our soldiers, with earnest prayer | Assembly may be enabled to fulfil their responsi- appropriations to congregations, exploring misbility in the fear of God, so that when we come Will not some of our Christian friends adopt this for that kind Providence which has directed us. May the Lord's presence be with us all!

Rev. Messrs. A. K. Strong, of Michigan, and The Second Presbyterian Church, at Cincinnati, was designated as the place for the next moneys contributed to the cause; shall disburse meeting of the Assembly, and a committee was The delay of the appearance of the PROTESTANT appointed to nominate a committee of arrange-

ments for that session. Judge Spencer, of Syracuse, from the committee designed to change to a weekly from the quarterly of arrangements, reported in regard to the hours discharge of his trusts, to such an amount as of meeting, and the Assembly decided to meet as the committee may determine. ficulties, and the present number, which is very bulky, and stands for both January and April, and evening exercises at 7½. The first half hour

Rev. Dr. Kendall, of Pittsburgh, moved the Episcopacy to be necessary to the well-being, appointment of a committee of five to report a system in Home Missions; the Presbyteries are but not to the being of the church." The articles recommendation of what action it is meet for the are clear, able, and interesting, the topics are in. Assembly to take, in view of the present state of diciously chosen, and the character of the work is the country. [Probably adopted: our reports do Adjourned.

PRAYER-MEETING.

A prayer and conference meeting was held in the evening, wi h reference to the present condi-tion of the country. Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., of New York, lead the exercises, which were par icipated in by many of the commissioners. The the introduction, in two other of the leading arti- burden of the prayer was that God would interfere and re-tore peace and unity to our distracted

The body of the spacious church was full of members of the Assembly and citizens, and the exercises were highly interesting.

The Assembly met at 9 o'clock this forenoon New England might probably have been saved and spent a half hour in devotional exercises which were very interesting and edifying. The This cant about the adaptedness of Prelacy as a appointed half hour having passed, business was resumed, and the roll was called for revision and

> Rev. Samuel En Wishard, Pres. of Schuyler. Rev. H. A. Fennel, Pres of Troy. Rev. Chas. S. Sylvester, Pres. of Columbia. Milo Tuttle, Pres. of Ottawa. J. Milton Smith, Pres. of Brooklyn. Chas. T. Wilkinson, Fox River Pres. Ziba Whittlesey, Pres. of Catskill. John C. Robb, Pres. of Pennsylvania.

Joseph A. Tyler, Pres. of Ithaca.

1. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE - Ministers - Asa D.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBY- 5. CHURCH EXTENSION-Ministers-Henry A. Nelson, D. D., J. Geddes Craighead, Augustu T. Norton, John M. Bishop. Elders—John G. Parker, Hon. Augustus P. Hascall, Jacob John-

> 6. Education—*Ministers*—Henry Smith, D.D., Joseph B. Bittinger, Nicholas W. Goertner, D. D., J. Parsons Hovey. Elders-William H Christie Ebnezer S. Padgett, James R. Sayre. 7. Publication Samuel H. Cox, D. D., Theodore L. Cuyler, George M. Maxwell, Marcus Hicks. Elders Aaron Rumsey, Richard L. Seeley, Ingham Townsend.

8. LEAVE OF ABSENCE-Ministers-Henry A. Riley, Asa Johnson, Elisha B. Sherwood, William B. Wastel. Elders-Jas. M. Haines, John J. Buckley, Elijah D. Kanouse. 9. DEVOTIONAL EXERCISE - Ministers - Ro-

bert Adair, Hiram Gregg, John W. Davis, Abraham K. Young. Elders-Hon. Israel S. Spencer, George W. Allen, William Webster 1911 10. MILEAGE—Elders—Spencer Kellogg, Ammi Pease, Jacob Aikhart.

Rev. Pastor Fisch, of Paris, was presented to the Assembly as a delegate from the Evangelical Union of that country, and an appointment was made for him to address the Assembly this afternoon.

Tellers were appointed to collect the narrative and statistical reports from Presbyteries." Rev. Dr. Canfield, announced that official eports of the Assembly would appear in two of the city papers, the Journal, an afternoon paper, and the Courier, a morning paper, each oringing the report up to the latest moment beore going to press. The Treasurer's report was read, and referred

to an auditing committee for support torder Written reports were then presented from the following delegates from this body to other ec-Rev. W. H. McCarer, delegate to the Comperland Presbyterian Church, which, met at

Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. E. F. Hatfield, D. D., delegate to the General Association of Massachusetts, meeting at Holliston Rev. Henry Little, delegate to the General

Association of New Hampshire, meeting at Rev. George A. Howard, delegate to the General Conference of Maine, meeting at Bangor. These reports were accepted and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes. Rev. T. A. Mills, D. D., Secretary of the Com-

presented the report of that Committee.

The following constitution and resolutions proposed by the committee, were ordered printed, and the whole subject was made the order of the day for 31 P. M., Monday: CONSTITUTION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE

A OF HOME MISSIONS AMINE TO NO

nittee of the last Assembly on Home Missions,

I. The General Assembly, in accordance with the obvious indications of Divine Providence, and agreeably to the Constitution of the Church. (Form of Gov., XVIII.,) assumes the responsibility of conducting the work of Home Missions within its bounds.

II. To this end, the Assembly hereby institutes a permanent committee, to be known as the PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE OF HOME Missions, to be located in the city of to consist of lifteen members, of whom not more than eight shall be ministers of the Gospel, to be arranged in the first instance into three classes, to serve one, two, and three years respectively, and their successors to serve for three years, to be appointed by the Assembly, five of them to be a quorum for ordinary business, and

etermination of their salaries. III. The committee shall elect annually a general secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers and agents as may be requisite for the successful prosecution of the work. They shall have nower to fill, until the meeting of next Assembly, their own vacancies, to appoint their own meetings, to determine the specific duties of their officers, and make their own by-laws,

a majority for the election of officers and the

subject to the revision of the Assembly IV. They shall undertake the work of aiding such congregations as are unable to support, in whole or in part, the stated preaching of the earnest, steadfast co-operation; but, in view of titute in our own land. They shall appoint the duties always devolving on this body, sacred re- missionaries; give them all needful instructions as to the place and character of their labors, taking care to appoint no one unacceptable to momentous questions that will be submitted to the Presbytery in whose bounds he is to labor: Spirit, that the Moderator may be directed in the | the selection and location of laborers, and their sionaries, and agents; and take measures to seto the conclusion of this session, we shall have cure the efficient agency of the Synods, Presbyreason to be grateful for all that has been done, and | teries, and churches, in the work of exploration in securing missionaries, and in obtaining funds for the common treasury. They shall keep a faithful record of their proceedings, and make an Annual Report of their operations to the

Assembly. V. The Treasurer shall take charge of the committee, to whom he shall make report of the state of the treasury at such times as they shall direct, and give bonds annually for the faithful

VI. As it is not the design of the General Assembly to supersede the different ecclesiastical bodies connected with it, but to give unity and efficiency to their actions, so as to bring out the full adaptation and force of the Presbyterian recommended to appoint a standing Committee of Home Missions to explore their destitutions. and to select and designate missionaries, to recommend the amount of their compensations, to secure an annual contribution to the cause from each of their churches, and furnish annually to the Permanent Committee, on or before the 15th of April, a detailed statement of the Home Missionary work within their bounds.

The Committee also recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions, for the guidance of the Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions and the Presby-

1. Resolved, That the condition of the Home Missionary work throughout the Church, at the present time, calls for a reconsideration and readjustment of many of its arrangements, so as to give it, in its new relations, the greatest sta-

bility and efficiency.

2. Resolved. That the aim should be to establish churches which have the prospect of reaching, at no distant day, a self-sustaining condition, and not such as will inevitably remain in prolonged or perpetual dependence; and that the attention of Presbyteries be directed to this point, in asking appropriations for churches already existing, and in planting others, so that the bounty of the whole church may be dispensed so as to secure the earliest and most beneficial returns. 3. Resolved. That the Presbyteries should

carefully weigh the relative claims of old organizations and of new enterprises, that one may not be sacrificed for the other; that as to the former, they should ascertain if any ought to be discontinued, if several may not be united under one missionary, what may be done to stimulate them to greater efforts for self-support, and if appropriations to decidedly unpromising ones should not be curtailed; and as to the latter, they should then only be undertaken where

bers; pecuniary ability; necessities; length of Protestants feel that our destinies and struggles facture.

time during which it has been receiving assist-ance; the prospect of its ceasing to need assistance, etc., etc. And that no church should be pect, this nation will have assumed in the general recommended for an appropriation which does not make all reasonable exertions to sustain the preaching of the gospel; make an annual contribution to the general treasury; and satisfy the Presbytery that it has complied with its

engagements to its minister. -5. Resolved, That appropriations should be made with reference to the necessities and prospects of congregations, rather than in view of the wants of missionaries; the support of the ministry being regarded chiefly as a means of building up the church.

6. Resolved. That, as the funds of the church must be limited in comparison with the very extensive field to be supplied, a careful economy should be regarded in all appropriations, and strenuous efforts should be made to increase the contributions to the general treasury, from year

7. Resolved, That in planting new churches, the unity of the body of Christ should be so recognised, that where another denomination, of like general faith and order, is in possession of a field, and is doing all that may be fairly needed to supply it with the gospel, presently or prospectively, missionaries should not be sent to that field, but to more destitute regions. 8. Resolved, That itinerating missionary la

bor should be employed wherever the wants of any particular region may demand it, and the funds at the disposal of the Committee will allow; and that great care should be taken to gather up and perpetuate the results of such tinerancies, so that the energies and means of the church may not be wasted in fruitless expe-

9. Resolved. That the Committee on Church Extension, established in 1855, having satisfactorily fulfilled its course, as a supplementary arrangement, and its separate continuance being rendered unnecessary by the establishment of the Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions, it shall be merged into that Committee. which is declared to be the legal successor to all its responsibilities, rights, and claims; and that when the Presbyterian Committee on Home Missions becomes organized; the funds, records, claims, and responsibilities of said Church Extension Committee shall be transferred to that Committee.

10. Resolved. That the Permanent Committee on Home Missions, established in 1858, be discontinued.

11. Resolved. That the General Assembly regards it of the utmost importance that a uniform Presbyterial system should be adopted as soon and as far as practicable; and it earnestly recommends all its ecclesiastical bodies acting in connection with other organizations, as soon as it can be done without sacrifice to existing interests, to conform themselves to the Assembly's

12. Resolved, That the Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions be directed to apply to the Legislature of _____ for an Act of Incornoration.

13. Resolved, That the Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions be directed to hold its first meeting in —, on the — day of and the Stated Clerk of the Assembly notify in due time, the members, of the time and place of Dr. Wallace, of Philadelphia, read the report

of the trustees of the Presbyterian House, which was referred to the Committee on Publication. The same gentleman presented the report of the Church Extension Committee. It appears was offered by Dr. Gilbert. from this that great progress has been made in the work of Home Missions in the Church. The receipts were upwards of \$21,000; the number of missionaries, 88; boxes of clothing for missionaries, 40; legacies, \$25,000. The report was referred to the Church Extension Committee. The hour of 12 having arrived, the Assembly

ook a recess till 3 P. M Both on Thursday and Friday evenings, meetings were held on the state of the country. The church, which is a very large one, was filled with members of the Assembly and citizens and ladies of Syracuse. Addresses were delivered, interspersed with singing and prayer. Among others who spoke were Dr. Cox, Pastor Fisch, Drs. Jenkins and Darling, of Philadelphia; Mr. Emerson, of Delaware, and others. Rev. Mr. Waldo, over ninety years of age, who enlisted in the Revolutionary war at sixteen years of age, made an interesting address. The spirit of patriotism mounts very high. The exercises for this (Friday) evening were concluded by singing, amidst great enthusiasm, of the Star Spangled Banner. The General Assembly are to a man in favor of the Union. Strong resolutions sustaining the govern-

The hospitality of the citizens of Syracuse towards the Assembly is unbounded. SECOND DAY--AFTERNOON SESSION. At three o'clock the Assembly was opened with

prayer by Rev. Dr. Cox. The following Commissioners were announced, and their names were added to the roll: Joseph Allison, 3d Presbytery of Philadelphia

Reuben S. Ragan, Presbytery of Green Rev. Daniel G. Mallory, 4th Presbytery of Phi-

ladelphia. On motion of Dr. A. D. Smith, 10 o'clock. Monday morning, was appointed for hearing addresses from delegates to this body from corresponding bodies. Rev. T. A. Mills, D. D., read a report of his

reception by the General Association of Connecticut, as delegate from this body. The report was accepted, and ordered to be printed with At the suggestion of Dr. Cox, ladies were in-

vited to take seats in the front wall slips on either side of the church Committees were appointed to nominate delegates to corresponding bodies and a preacher on

Home Missions in 1862. The report on statistical returns was read by Rev. A. K. Strong, for E. F. Hatfield, D. D., and H. Darling, Committee. They recommended the adoption of no new methods, but only careful and accurate compliance with the methods already indicated by the Assembly. Some discussion fol-lowed, in the course of which it was explained that new blanks for returns have been prepared

for the use of the churches in reporting to Presby-

teries. The report was accepted, adopted, and ordered printed in the minutes. The following committee was announced to report delegates to foreign bodies: Rev. Jas. Knox, Rev. Moses B. Gelston, Rev. Joseph T. Willet, Rev. Theodore S. Brown, Rev. Benjamin Graves. The following committee was announced to name a preacher on Home Missions: Rev. Theodore L.

Cuyler, Rev. Andrew J. Fennel, Rev. Oliver N. It was moved to appoint the usual days of fasting and prayer, the first Monday in January and the last Thursday in February, but objection was made to the first Monday in January, as a season, for various reasons, unfavorable for the purpose Many short speeches were made for and against the observance of the first Monday in January. The original motion prevailed.

The hour having arrived for it, Rev. Pastor Fisch, of France, was presented to the Assembly, and made a very feeling address.

He considered it a great privilege to have re mained in this country long enough to attend this General Assembly. It had been his great desire, and its accomplishment atoned to him for his stay in the country. In the name of his French brethren, he expressed the deepest sympathy for this nation in its present circumstances. French Protestants, and especially those of the Free Church. | mances—The Universities and Scientific Educalook to America, and sometimes are accused of an Americomania. At a distance the little deficiencies are lost from sight. They look at America

—The Cotton Manufacture—Maine on Ancient Law—Eton—Austria and her Reforms—Contemcies are lost from sight. They look at America across the ocean, and everything, except one thing, which he would not mention, seemed to them ad-

are theirs, and our triumph will be theirs also, and they expect that very soon, sooner than many er it took some twenty years ago.

Mr. Fisch described the progress of Protestant

ism in France. Paris, with its 1,800,000 inha bitants, is fully open to religious effort. School are numerous, and churches spring up as by enchantment. Protestants are becoming favorable known. They were once not distinguished from infidels, and he himself, after preaching in the south of France, had once been asked to visit man who he was assured was a perfect Calvinier for he believed neither in God nor Devil. It is now realized that Protestants believe in both, and that if there is hope of safety for the French ha tion, it is in evangelical religion.

Mr. Fisch hoped a deputation would be sen from this body to the French Synod meeting next year at La Force. The pastor of that church, a most excellent man, had received from the French Academy the rare distinction of the priz de vertu the prize of moral excellence, conferred on him at the instance of Mr. Remusat, one of the Cabinet Ministers of Napoleon III., an eminent Catholic

He begged the remembrance of the members of the Assembly in their prayers. France should be remembered by American Christians. The stronghold of the enemy should be aimed at. would have been wise for the enemies of this guvernment to have seized Washington while they could. France is the spiritual Washington of the great adversary. She claims aid from us. If she has not invented telegraphs, or steamboats, or railroads, she invented Presbyterianism, for John Calvin was a Frenchman.

The Moderator, taking Dr. Fisch's hand, cordially responded to his address in the following

Let me in one word, sir, respond to your language of hearty sympathy with us. For one, I am not surprised to find the French heart beating as your's does to day. I cannot forbear to allude to scenes revived in memory; one Saturday eve. ning, eighteen years ago, going to a prayer-meeting conducted by Monod, and afterwards led by a stranger going to the chapel of the beloved pastor at Lyons, where I heard a sermon from the text "Therefore being justified by faith," &c., and when he prayed for the American ministers present his voice trembled and ceased in the fulness of emotion. We rejoice in your sympathy. We have learned. "Put not your trust in princes; we trust in God, but it is grateful to have the tender of sympathizing friends, and the assurance of the prayers of our Christian brethren on the other side of the sea. We believe we shall come through this trial and that one blessing shall be the result of it, putting to the test, as it has not been for a long time, PRINCIPLE in this country, and that it will be strengthened and brought out in a vigor such as has not been seen in this country. May God's blessing go with you, my bro-

Dr. Cox, after Mr. Fisch had closed his remarks. offered a resolution of cordial sympathy for him and his fellow Christians and pastors in France, which he accompanied with a very spirited address. The resolution was unanimously adopted. The Moderator then called on Mr. Fisch to relate the conversion of a Professor of the Sorbonne, which he did in a very affecting manner, and in much extremely interesting detail. The report of the Church Erection and Church

Extension Committee was read by Rev. B. J. Wallace, and appropriately referred.

Dr. Jenkins, of Philadelphia, was appointed leader of the evening prayer-meeting, and the Assembly then took a recess till 9 A. M. Prayer

THIRD DAY-SATURDAY-MORNING SESSION. The Assembly met at nine this morning, and passed the usual half hour in devotional exercise Business being resumed, the following new Commissioners were announced:-Rev. C. B. Stevens, Presbytery of Lake Supe-

Rev. W. C. Wisner, D. D., Presbytery of Nia-Cephas Arms, Presbytery of Knox.

James A. Bell, Presbytery of Watertown. REPORT ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES. The Committee on Devotional Exercises made

report of appointments for the Sabbath and Thursday, 3 P.M.—The Communion of the Lord's Supper will be administered in this house. The Moderator of the Assembly to preside.

Rev. Dr. Jenkins, of Philadelphia, to adminis er the Sacrament. The following ruling elders to distribute the bread to the communicants: Hon. I. S. Spencer; Spencer Kelogg, Esq; Hon. D. S. Bacon; Hon. Joseph Allison; Hon. B. W. Raymond; R. L.

Seeley, Esq.

The following to distribute the cup: Smith Ostrum, Esq.; Hon. Samuel M. Blatchford: Hon. Augustus P. Hascal; L. R. Livingston, Esq.; E. D. Kanouse, Esq.; Ebenezer Randolph, Esq. The annual address of the Presbyterian Historical Society, on the "Ter Centenary of the meeting of the First General Assembly," takes place, to-day, (Thursday,) P. M., at 71 o'clock. Rev. J. Marsh, D. D., Secretary of the American Temperance Union made a brief address, and

asked the passage of the following resolution:

Whereas, In the Providence of God our be-

loved country is in a state of very unusual excitement and conflict, in which there is danger of a great increase of intemperance, Resolved, That the circumstance demands the special attention of the ministry and churches, and while we render thanks for the preparation which has been made for these days of conflict by the great temperance reformation, we do carnestly ask for extraordinary prayer and labor, that our noble young men who go in the spirit of Lexington and Bunker Hill to the defence of the Constitution and laws, may be kept from the temptations of the camp and the field, that we may come out of this war with far greater ability than we have ever possessed, to wage successful combat

with intemperance and every other moral evil which hinders the advent of the kingdom of Christ. Rev. T. L. Cuvler seconded the resolution in a few remarks.

Dr. Cox also favored it, but wished tobacco were included in the resolution, and that it were more explicit against the license system. Dr. A. D. Smith said a few words in regard to the special dangers of young men in camp.

The resolution was unanimously adopted The permanent committees on Church Erection and Publication presented their reports, which were read and referred to the appropriate standing committees of the Assembly. The reports are long and we shall present an abstract of them in our next issue.

Rev. Mr. Emerson, of Delaware, was appointed o lead the prayer meeting this evening. The special committee on the State of the Union presented a very stirring and decided report, which was read; and slight objection having . been made to some of the expressions, was recommitted for revision. The Assembly then adjourned to Monday, at

9, A. M., after prayer by the Moderator. EDITOR'S TABLE.

PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS.

From W. B. ZIEBER, of this city, we have received the April issues of the WESTMINSTER and the London QUARTERLY REVIEWS.

tion-Early Intercourse of England and Germany porary Literature.

The LONDON QUARTERLY contains: The Pearls mirable. They feel that their own destiny in and Mock Pearls of History-Euphuism-Lord France is at stake in our crisis. The Protestants Dundonald Spiritual Destitution in the Metroof France are very liberal. The Roman Catholic polis—German, Flemish and Dutch Art—African church is on the side of every kind of human Discovery—Lord Stanhope's Life of Pitt—Indian slavery of mind; so, at the present time, French Currency, Finance and Legislation-Iron Manu-