

Poetry.

THE WORLD HARVEST.

They are sowing their seed in the daylight fair, They are sowing their seed in the moonlight's glare, They are sowing their seed in the soft twilight, They are sowing their seed in the solemn night, They are sowing their seed in the harvest time, What shall their harvest be!

THE PRESBYTERY OF ERIE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Belle Valley, Pa., June 27th, 1861. REV. JOHN W. MEARS, EDITOR AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. Dear Brother:—By an order of the Presbytery of Erie at its late sessions in Edinboro', I respectfully request of you the publication of the following extract from its minutes.

SLAVERY AMONG THE ANTS.

We copy the following interesting account of what very closely resembles the institution of human slavery among ants, from the July number of the Student and Schoolmate, an excellent little monthly for young persons, published by Galen James and Co., Boston. If any one desires to see what can be made of this curious practice by the defenders of slavery among men, we can refer to Dr. Seabury's recent book, American Slavery Justified, pp. 113, 120, &c.

INFLUENCE OF FAMILY WORSHIP ON CHILDREN.

BY J. W. ALEXANDER. There are many readers of this article who, like the author, can go back to no period of recollection in which the worship of God was not daily observed under the parental roof; and they will agree in testifying that this is among the chief blessings for which they have to thank an over-gracious Providence.

DR. WILLIAM ADAMS' ADDRESS.

AT BOSTON, BEFORE THE NEW-ENGLAND BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.—AN EXTRACT. SPECIAL occasions demand special religious exertions. As we were never before passing through such a crisis of affairs as the present, so never were there so many judgements to a wise and faithful Christian congregation.

RETRACEMENT.

The prospects of the country counsel retrenchment. The stagnation of business, the prospective increase of taxation, and the voluntary contributions for the soldiers and their families will render it necessary for most persons to reduce their wants and expenses.

THE CONSPIRACY.

At any rate the loyalty of the Free States has proved more intense and passionate than it had ever been supposed to be before.

Correspondence.

THOUGHTS FOR THE PRAYER MEETING.

The soul that prays should not feel heaven. It is easy to be quiet and calm in voice and feeling, and have the semblance of peace where exists no holy quiet. How peacefully the dead lie, where the moon, on a winter's night, shows you cold tombs!

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REMINISCENCE OF THE LATE REV. JAMES ZATTERSON.

As the "memory of the just is blessed," I send you the following incident, which was told me a few weeks since by a mother in Israel, who was a witness of the scene.

SINGULARITY OF A HINDOO CONVERT.

The Rev. H. Wilkinson, late of Orissa, of the General Baptist Missionary Society, in the course of an interesting speech, related the following narrative:—I was in the tent of a British officer, who said to me, "I believe your coming to India as a regular soldier, was a mistake."

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