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NAILING THE FLAG TO THE MAST. RESPONSE FROM JUDGE ALLEN, OF ALBANY.

Albany, July 18th, 1861. REV. J. W. MEARS. Editor American Presbyterian, Philadelphia:-In response to your appeal, I remit \$2 in advance for next year's patriotism exhibited in a manner yet more marvelsubscription, commencing September 5th, 1861. lous than heretofore. In four or five days after Once in two weeks will be satisfactory; but, no the defeat. 100,000 new men had been accepted suspension. Gently remind us again, if need and the crv is-"Still they come!" Pennsylva-

God in his providence, as well as by his grace. is doing marvellous things for us. From the and equipped, into the field. Every precaution Chaplain in the Senate to the parish minister in the future is to be taken to strip unworthy ofin the rural districts, the heel of the slave-power ficers of their trappings, and to put none but tried is lifted from us. Our members are no longer leaving us for pro-slavery churches. And then, too, our church polity and denominational instrumentalities are all working happily among ourselves and in peace with our neighbors. It poor, are ready to bear taxes without complaint. is a more glorious day of deliverance, in both Church and State, than I had dared to hope for. Sound the loud trampet, and the brethren must see to it that every flag is nailed to the

land, so far as it is not loyal, is overpowered ;--Encouraged by the above and similar responses Kentucky is safe to the Union, and Eastern Tento our "Appeal" of a fortnight ago, we resume nessee cannot be conquered by rebel threats or the publication of our paper, and shall continue cajoling. The blockade is becoming daily more from week to week, or make occasional suspenperfect, and privateering more hazardous. Our sions exactly as our friends and subscribers crops are large, our exports enormous, and the supply us with the means for our work. So balance of trade immensely in our favor. The elethen, dear friends, if you desire the regular apments of strength are everywhere around us-out pearance of the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN you people are only the more harmonized by disaster. have the means of securing it clearly pointed, out to you.

VICTORY AND DEFEAT.

A LETTER TO THE EASY CHAIR. Monday morning of last week, the 22d of July, Since our first acquaintance, dear easy chair witnessed a nation exulting in the news of the victory of its grand army advancing upon the fo- it has never yet happened that you and I have cal point of the rebellion. Monday evening be- been so long separated; and now I must needs exheld the same people stunned, confounded to temporize the similitude of an editorial seat in this speechlessness and tears, by the news of defeat, remote region, and fancy myself again within the flight, panie, loss and shame. Instead of exulta- familiar circle of your arms, that I may perchance tion at a sense of invincible power, there shot give the editorial flow and tone to the thoughts through the national heart a pang of fear for the which present themselves for utterance. You national capital, and the national cause. The will bear with me in this enforced absence. greatest battle fought on the continent, just before which a jaded mind and a weakened body renproclaimed a victory, had gone against us. As dered necessary. Perhaps when I return vou Athens felt when the news of the defeat at Syra- will find that less of your ample accommodacuse first came with overwhelming weight upon tions is unoccupied, and that your sturdy supthe people, so, for the moment, felt the North at | ports have a weight to sustain better propor the news of her regiments decimated, her best tioned to their cheerful ability. Certainly you blood poured out in vain, her great army, sent will find in your occupant and friend—a man re forth in pride and pomp, driven back in utter freshed and renovated, and with a heart for any confusion and in senseless and irrepressible panic work that offers, and any fate that is likely to to the very intrenchments of the capital. betide. Mayhap you will not be displeased But the keen sense of disaster and defeat was with such chat as the various scenes and incinot fairly realized, before the stubborn courage of dents of my jaunt would naturally suggest. Let the nation, and its fixed purpose to conquer re- me then begin with an admiring word for the bellion, were more manifest than ever. Men, un-NEW YORK CENTRAL PARK. der the full belief that the disaster was complete, As I sauntered along Broadway, during my crowded to the recruiting-offices, determined to brief stay in the commercial metropolis, looking repair it or to die. What is our life worth, they this way and that for what might present of nodoubtless thought, without our Union and our velty, my eye rested upon an inscription on the Constitution to insure us the quiet possession and body of one of the Passenger Railway cars, To transmission to posterity of our civil rights and Central Park. I remembered I had never seen privileges? Why care to live in a State where this rising glory of New York city, so I jumped rebellion cannot be put down? If our cause is lost, we and all ours are lost also. Yet none, even in, dropped my fare into an ingeniously contrived till which was entirely beyond the reach in the darkest moment of this dark day, gave up of the driver, and rode on. The journey is long the cause of the Union as lost. It was but tem--it leads through about three miles of solid porarily imperilled at the worst. Even such a buildings, and a short ride over districts as yet shock could be endured, and every thing be saved: unoccupied, or nearly so, and we are put down nay, such a shock might well have been foreseen by infinite wisdom to be necessary for the trial and near one of the entrances to the Park. With the number of its acres or square miles, its cost development and refining of the rightcous cause; when completed, the workmen employed on it for the unfolding of its real strength, for its deliverance from embarrassments and imperfections and the like, I shall not trouble you, dear easy which could in no other way be got rid of, and chair. Rather let me say it is as charming as which would work a worse disaster in the end, if fairy land, extensive enough for every variety of prospects, with nature and art vieing and undisturbed. at the same time blending with each other in We know that ere long the horrors of the disnster were greatly reduced and modified. It had the most delightful manner,-art following, been overrated, at the first, probably not less than adorning, and, at last, in its culminating points, fourfold. A member of 14th New York regiment, | fairly triumphing over nature. Carriage-drives, who had just taken to the bereaved mother the re- bridle-paths and walks for pedestrians, sweep mains of her two twin sons, who had fullen close around and among each other, now passing by by his side in battle, assured us, in conversation. elaborate bridges of every variety of material that the sense of the magnitude of the disaster in and form, over gorges and sheets of water. now the community, seemed to increase in proportion | circling around hillsides, and now losing themto the distance he got from Washington, and that selves in the shades of the wood. The broad the soldiers themselves, as a body, did not share in walk for foot passengers alone, passes, by a it. As the week slowly rolled away, the uncer- straight course, over a wide and perfectly level tain haze in which the whole affair was enveloped, plain, beneath triple and quadruple rows of and its details vastly magnified, in like manner | elms, to the great stone terrace, upon which rolled away; and in the Washington despatch to all the taste and skill of the architects have Saturday's WORLD, our killed are set down at one been lavished, and for which the depths of the hundred and fifty, and our entire loss in killed. city treasury will have to be fathomed ere it wounded, and missing, at seven hundred! We stands forth in its complete oriental or Parisian fear this is altogether too low an estimate; yet magnificence. This broad walk, which, with there is no reason to doubt the general fact, that its rows of thrifty elms, will ere long rival the the truth is vastly better than we ventured to hope classic shades of Temple Street, in New Haven, in the depression of the first intelligence. We and this massive and elaborate terrace, with its rejoice in this more than we can tell. The load broad flights of steps and its stone platform betaken from our mind is the heaviest we have ever neath, are but introductory to the great attracfelt in regard to any temporal calamity. Yet we tion of the park-the lake. This too, is no prefer to take our stand in the thickest darkness mere uninteresting pond, but a considerable of Monday, and from that memorable point in our body of water, fed by springs, and by the overhistory to contemplate the nation's second up. flow of the Croton Reservoirs. There is great rising to enter with awful purpose upon the work variety in its form, and its borders are partly which, as yet, it had only been toying with. in surrounded by gravelled walks, and partly by ill-suppressed incredulity of its real greatness. grassy banks, and groves of trees, and bushes The blood of our brethren, crimsoning the rcbel which are tended with the care bestowed upon soil, cried out with a different tone from that of a private garden. Row-boats ply to and fro the insulted, but uninjured garrison of Sumter. from different landings, and for a trifle one is We were bound not to let that blood flow in vain, carried around the whole circumference of the Not one voice, at least none that could be heard in lake and back again, which consumes about the thunder of this second uprising, ventured to forty minutes. Swans, Chinese geese, white remonstrate against the waste of blood, and to in- ducks, &c., float calmly to and fro on the surnounced by more persons on that day, than in any near to the busy Metropolis-or, indeed, inpreceding equal portion of time. It may be said cluded within its corporate limits; and, doubtiden. Then it was that the strength of the North- of the wealthiest part of its population. ern purpose, and the power of Northern endurance We confess our delight in this place was with-

The amount of it is, that we are gathering vicory out of defeat, and that the rebels will find themselves as much mistaken, and having as little cause of joy, in the defeat of Bull Run, July 21st, as they had in the fall of Sumter, on the 13th of April. We are brought to look upon the work before us as a stern one. Congress, the President, the Cabinet, and the leading officers of the army, must test more severely the materials offered for carrying out the purpose of the nation. A high, a truly great purpose, such as is demanded of men who would be God's instruments in fixing the spot which her Councils have wisely chosen scarcely yet heard among them. Newspapers, a new epoch in history, must be cherished; and for a similar object. The banks of the Schuylkill such as went down in Philadelphia without a ill personal, and state, and party considerations above Fairmount, on both sides, including the ri- blow, under the mere crushing weight of enmust be banished in giving the highest efficiency ver itself, give a natural basis in many respects far franchised opinion, are still circulated among to every department of the government, and every excelling the inland and quieter features of the them from New York city-a city which would arm of the service. We believe this, to a very locality which the New Yorkers are turning into | lose its identity, if it did not present types of great extent, will be done, and we shall see the Central Park. There is scarcely any outlay of the worst, as well as of the very highest and heroic character, and the lofty devotion of true money which a city makes, more sure to bring a best forms' of "human" character and developprofitable return in the health and happiness of | ment. the people, and in attaching them to their place of residence, than that undergone in providing | gather their fertilizers. They require no lime them and their families with such places of re- or guano. The fish-white-fish, sharks, and nia alone put ten regiments of her reserve, armed creation near at hand.

THE SEA AIR.

men upon the field with precious lives in their

command. United States stocks are among the

very firmest on the list, and our people, rich and

and to furnish the government with all the men

and the money which are required with the utmost

freedom and promptness. Rebellion is crushed

out in Missouri and Western Virginia. Mary-

Long Island, July, 1861.

We look to God, and take courage.

Yet I was in pursuit of an influence still more reviving than the cool breeze which rustled the elm trees over my head as I sat in Central Park that evening, while troops of workmen, set free by the six o'clock signal, streamed by me. And I found it, after a few hours' ride, "on Old Long Island's sea-girt shore." It was the sea air. The half-invalid feeling which had revealed itself of late. dear easy chair, at each separate session we had together, faded out and disappeared. as I drank deeper and deeper of the reviving breath. Only the living creature which God has made and endowed with conscious powers of enjoyment, can know the luxury which ocean breezes impart, not only through the lungs, but by the whole body, which becomes one vehicle of delightful sensations, as they play around it. You, easy chair, know something of the air of the mountains and the forests in which your fibres gathered strength; so do I; but there is a full-freighted measure of balm and refreshing in the breeze that has come from converse with the crested waves and countless laughing ripples of the world-encircling ocean, that seems to partake of its own vastness, and that no landbreeze from hill-top or forest ever knew. How it has often seemed to sweep along, like the very breath of God. bearing some of his own glorious life out of heaven, to the body and the soul alike of his grateful creature. That battle Sabbath-day of strangely mingled valor and weakness, victory and defeat-was to us, in our ignorance, a day of rare beauty and peacefulomit to disclose to the easy chair-perchance stitution, ness. The purity of the air was exquisite and exhilarating to a degree beyond our power to describe. Tempered to a delicious coolness, it rolled around us in waves of delight contributing not a little to prepare us for the worship Christian friendship, by many delightful hours of the Being from whose fulness it came-one of converse, and many precious seasons at the of the least of his gifts. To the air I must add the water of the ocean, as a source of strength and healing. Tame, in- his earnest labors; nor how a later, but not less deed, is a fresh-water bath to him who has once committed his body to the buoyant waves of the briny deep, or, who has struggled amid the great waves that roll ceaselessly upon the beach. On the southern shore of Long Island, far out towards its easternmost extremity, I first met which marked the brief period of our associated that curling wave that seems especially commissioned to revive the health of the land-wearied people. THE ISLAND. The east end of Long Island is remarkable the "Sixty Ninth," remind us that we are in for the antiquity of its original settlement, and the sphere of active duty again. the abundance of the memorials of the earliest times which it contains in the shape of tombstones, ancient buildings and family names. The church of Southold, for example, -was founded two hundred years ago: among its pasbart of New York, and President Woolsey of compelled to join in the general protest against Yale College. Davenport, a name celebrated the initiation of active military movements on the of the line of which it took but few individuals amounting to a military necessity for the move-Whether the dwelling of the man of peace ever further repose would not, for aught we can see, rian Publication Committee, or Historical So- of disaster. ciety had some means of stimulating in this direction the activity of the excellent pastor killed, and his regiment severely handled. We lated and clean, and as soon as each case allowed, who now occupies that venerable seat, Rev. believe this regiment-not then under the com- surgical examination and operations were made. Epher Whitaker, who is every way competent | mand of the lamented Colonel-made itself espeto the task of a church historian on a more ex- cially conspicuous, Scotch, as it was, for a Sabtended scale. His knowledge of Suffolk County, bath parade, flag reception, speech-making, &c., in passing from one to another, as they were and the numerous points of interest to every New York city, just previous to its departure for brought in, and lain on beds, speaking kind and Presbyterian which it contains, would certainly Washington. Its loss looks very like a judg- encouraging words of sympathy, assuring the indicate the propriety of a memorial from his ment. pen, covering the facts of importance in the earliest history of every one of the Presbyterian assault in war has been successful? The days of case needed. Others came in yesterday, and a churches in that region. It would be a serious the week are not often marked by the historian, few to day. disaster if these facts, now to a great extent and it is difficult to verify or disprove the asserwithin reach, should be suffered to pass out of tion. The battle of Inkermann was commenced gaged, but more of them of course from those in the reach of human observation by those who are on Sabbath, by the assault of the Russians, and the hottest of the battle. Among these, where able to put them on record. Mr. W. has already resulted in their repulse after much severe fight- all did their duty, I may name the (Fire) Ellsmade a commencement on the Southold Church | ing. Whatever may be the fact, we are sure that | worth's Zouaves, 69th, 71st, and 79th, all of New It would give us pleasure to be the means of soldiers can be no exception to the rule, written. York. Colonel Cameron commanded the 79th encouraging him to continue and enlarge the with the finger of God on the constitution of man, (Highlander;) and was killed . He fell into the scope of his labors. East Hampton-an Old as well as in the tables of the law, requiring a se- arms of Capt. Long, a gallant active Scotchman School parish-was founded in 1649. The venth part of his time to be set apart from secular who received the Colonel's sword, and though church edifice, now standing and about to be occupations, as a condition of the highest efficienreplaced by a very elegant new structure, was cy during the remaining six. erected in 1717, and has a clock in the quaint tower, of great antiquity, with but a single hand. for indicating the hour. The soil of this part of the island is rich, and into that vast market.

trees, so close by; and, instead of a dusty road | hence, though they are intelligent, and though | cial meeting of the excursionists at 4 o'clock, in for racing nags, terminating in the vicinity of they are visited by the swift-winged couriers of the Presbyterian Church. some celebrated resort of drinkers and gamblers, the telegraph—submerged in some parts at that in your next issue, and very much oblige a sweet rural drive, kept moist with daily —and of the press, there does not beat through sprinklings, winding in and out among shady the community that quick, strong pulse of symnooks and recesses, terminating upon a sheet of pathy with the nation in its troubles, that in water and giving rise to none but the most most parts of the North has thrilled and rallied wholesome sensations and emotions. One might in a mass, the insulted and jeopardized people. well wish to have a home in a city which count- Old party prejudices raukle here and there, and July 19, 1861. ed a park of these proportions and peculiarities the voice for the Constitution and the Union among its attractions. Let Philadelphia seize that shall ring like a clarion through the air, upon the great natural advantages presented by from the pulpit, the forum and the press, is

pecuniary liabilities which we, as a nation, shall incur as a consequence of the present war, but there is another obligation now falling upon us, which no accumulation of figures, and no processes of arithmetic can represent to our understandings. It is the debt we are contracting to the memories of the brave men who are nobly, unselfishly, patriotically sacrificing their lives in the defence of every thing which we hold dear. What gratitude does the nation owe to those who in From these waters, these thrifty farmers, too, her behalf, and at her call, have freely and even eagerly, thrown themselves as a living rampart before her capitol; have marched upon hidden instingrays which they haul from the shore by the cartload, and the ribbon-like sea-weed which trenchments bristling with rifled cannon and thronged with fierce and well armed opponents, is left by the receding tide, on miles upon miles of the beach, furnish the soil with elements have charged again and again over their own which no profound chemistry is needed to prove dead, to and beyond the very ramparts of the foe. of the highest value. The shores of Peconic Bay mindless of the awful storm of missiles hurling are lined with oil factories, which, by a process in the air and cleaving them down upon the right invented in France, fre engaged in converting hand and the left."

Your friends,

P. B. SIMMONS

F. B. ATMORE,

THOMAS TOLMAN,

and others.

A NATION'S DEBT.

these white-fish into-oil, and it is said to be a Rich already are the brief memories of our highly lucrative business, the oil being servicecountry's past. Deep is the debt incurred to paable for lubricating purposes, and, to some de- triot blood shed in our wars of independence. gree, for mixing paints. The refuse of the fish From year to year, we have striven to express our is sold for manure, and is very suitable for that sense of it, and to hand down to coming generapurpose: the oil which it has lost not being of tions in speeches, in sermons, in poetry, in history, by sculptured shaft, by "storied urn and anv value as a fertilizer. As I turn away, dear easy chair, from this animated bust," a lively remembrance of the land, around which the sea coils its embrace so self-sacrifice, the bravery, the heroism of those closely, and into which it has cleft such deep who have made our country's history famous. channels, I feel that in the season in which I en- Precious to us are the names of those battle-fields joyed its welcome, it is a goodly land and well on land and on sea, which have been crimsoned with fayored. The view which I had of the southern the life blood of our country's defenders. We fork of the Island, from the top of Hampton are now actually living amid such scenes, witness-Church, embracing the vast and boundless At- ing outbreakings of the like patriotic ardor, hearlantic on the south; and the Sound with the ing of the same heroic deeds, coming under a new shores of Connecticut on the north, while the national indebtedness. Honor, all honor to these rich fields and wooded ridges filled the nearer brave men of every nation of Europe, as well as landscape, and the glorious ocean breath and native to our own soil, who have counted not the splendor of the early summer morning, their lives dear unto them in comparison with the sanctity of our Constitution, and the perpetuity bathed the whole scene. will not soon die out of my memory. The "long roll" of the ocean is of our Union. Let us teach their names, and still in my charmed ears. I shall remember the hold up the example of their patriotism to our bright bay on which our pleasure boat danced children. Let us cherish the memory of their or swing to and fro on the heaving tide, and deeds as among our choicest earthly recollections. Shelter Island" that lay sweetly nestled be As a nation, let us cultivate towards these heroes tween the approaching shores. Nor let me of the greatest of our wars-the war of the Con-

A grateful mind, others may not care to know it-how, in the Which owing, owes not, but still pays, at once hospitable home of Rev. Epher Whitaker, the Indebted and discharged. present pastor of Southold Church, I renewed

Some new Pericles must arise to embalm their

HAMILTON COLLEGE.

"To every thing," says the good Book, "there May we ask you to give us a favorable notice is a season." Whether there is any very necessary connexion between the summer months and GEORGE H. STUART,) college commencements; between the verdure, beauty, and promise of this "season," and the Com.

beauty of youth, intellectual efflorescence on the college stage, and the promise of future useful-It may be somewhat difficult to calculate the the analogous law will hold good in the intellectual world.

Hamilton College has just held its fiftieth anniversary. Next year will be its semi-centennial, when it is proposed to add to its order of exercises something commemorative of the event. This year the exercises were as follows :- Sabbath afternoon President Fisher preached his annual address to the Senior class. (The Baccalaureate sermon proper was preached by the pastor of the college at the close of the Senior studies four

fect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he | Wis. being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." His subject was law and liberty. 1. The true idea

of liberty, that of Christian development, was distinguished from metaphysical and legal or civil liberty. 2. The law of liberty was shown to consist with limitations and conditions. On this point the nature of man-his elements, reason, appetite, passion, will, and conscience were referred to. Conscience must have the supremacy. His relations also were pointed out as bearing upon the same point. (a) His relations to God; hence the inference, God is the source of law, | lup, Clinton, N. Y. and his law is perfect and obligatory. (b.) Man's relations to his fellow-man. (c.) His relations to physical creation. 3. Obedience to law is followed with blessing,-(a.) Naturally, from cause and man shall be blessed in his deed." The applica- fair that the next class will number 50. tion of the subject was made to the present condition of the country. This is but a brief outline

of an able discourse. The Society of Christian Research was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Dagget, of Canandaigua. He took for his text 1 Cor. xv. 14: "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain. and your faith is also vain." His subject was Christian Doctrines, or the objective truths of Christianity the only basis of Christian unity. The following truths were noticed in their order:-1. The resurrection of Christ. 2. His prophetic office. 3. His Messiahship. 4. His Kingship. 5. His dispensation of the Holy Spirit. 6. His Judgeship, or judicial character. 7. His disposal of the present and final destinies

The church of Port Henry, under the care of of his people. 8. The resurrection in its relations to all the supernatural facts of the New Testament. They stand or fall together. Two lessons were derived from the discussion. First, the objective truths of the New Testament even where Congregational elements exist. The the only basis of Christian unity. Secondly, The operation of the Congregational form of discipline. Christian religion excludes all other systems. in the mixed state of society here, has not been The discourse was able and convincing. Monday evening was devoted to prize speaking by the three under-graduate classes with the fol- trol, such as Presbyterianism affords. S. S. H. Elizabethtown, N. Y., July 15, 1861. lowing result:-

The Degrees conferred in course were as fol lows :---

Aug.

Bachelor of Laws .- Norman Malcolm M'Queen, Eaton, N. Y. George Washington Robbins. Clarksburgh, N. J.

Bachelor of Arts.-Horace Porter Bigelow, Waterville: Thomas William Chesebrough, Syracuse: Albert Lucas Childs, Waterloo; Charles M. ness in the completion of quadrennial studies, I Davis, Sennett; Joseph Harvey Durkee, Augusta: will not pretend to decide: But as the declaration James Sandford Greves, Milwaukie, Wis.; John of old was that "While the earth remaineth seed- Clinton Higby, Prattsburgh; Harrison Hovt. time and harvest shall not cease," so I suppose La Fayette; John Davies Jones, Utica; David Litchard Kiehle, Dansville; William H. Harrison Miller, Clinton; George Jay North, Waterloo; John George Osborne, Verona; Charles Henry Roys, Lyons; George Hills Starr, Rochester: Francis Asbury Torrey, U. S. Army; William

Walcott Wetmore, Whitesboro'; Isaac Newton Wilcoxen, Seneca Falls; Frank B. Willard, Troy; Abel Sweet Wood, Whitestown; Aaron M. Woodhull, Madison.

Master of Arts.-Willis Judson Beecher, Whitesboro'; Ansel Judd Northrup, Canastota; weeks ago.) President Fisher chose for his text James Ausburn Towner, New York city; Harry James i. 25 : "But whose looketh into the per- Allen Grant, Utica; Moseley Morris, Nashota.

> The following is a list of the Honorary Degrees conferred :---

Doctor of Laws -- Hon. James A. Hamilton. New York: Hon. Joseph Smith Bosworth, New York, (Alumnus class of 1826;) Prof. Oliver Payson Hubbard, M. D., of Dartmouth College. Doctor of Divinity .- Rev. Charles Hawley, Auburn: Rev. Alfred Newton, Norwalk, Ohio; Rev. Robert Everett, Remsen, N. Y.

Master of Arts .- Prof. Henry W. Dwight, Owasco Lake; Prof. Rodney G. Kimball, State Normal School, Albany; Dr. John Chester Gal-

Bachelor of Arts.-Galen Hamilton Osborne. Oswego: Goerge W. Reynolds, Franklin, N. Y. Thus passed one of the most delightful of old Hamilton's commencements. Already over 20 effect. (b.) By direct rewards of heaven. "This students have been examined, and the prospect is Yours truly; C-----.

Clinton, July 19th, 1861. Ash

PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN.

At a late meeting of the Presbytery of Champlain in Port Henry, Essex Co., N. Y., action was taken endorsing the Assembly's separation from the American Home Missionary Society, so far as to appoint a Standing Committee of Presbytery on Home Missions, but leaving the churches, (some of which are on the accommodation Plan of Union,) free to contribute whichever way they please. They did this, after full debate, and the hearing of the A. H. M. Society's Agent for this District.

Rev. C. Ransom, is a new and prosperous organization. And there are other congregations in the county that incline to the Presbyterian order, very happy of late, which may have directed many minds to a more strict order of ministerial con-

for us to be tried, and, by the grace of God, we much shade as one of the young elms already ED. AMERICAN BRESBETERIAN Dear Sir: were not found wanting. We were not disheart. had begun to shed, (and it was considerable) The waters around the island, including the The debts of the Young Meu's Christian Assot. ened, nor divided, nor demoralized. Concealed and took second thought over the matter, I was bay, the sound and the ocean, abound in fish of ciation have become so pressing, that the Board been graciously sustained, and will be, come what traitors among us had even less opportunity to constrained to feel-may, I needed no measure every variety, which the inhabitants are skilled of. Managers are forced to an unusual method of may, for I know that all things work TOGETHER in frequencies and congress, which had lost one of its members as a prisoner, resumed its sittings with Roman calmass: listened, unmoved as here in all this great outlay of monoy, in the approbation, and will be 17. Oration:-National Songs. Abel S. Wood: government crippled and overthrown. "The covenant is ordered in all things, and Woodhull! with Roman calmness; listened, unmoved as here, in all this great outlay of money; in thus furand ocean pouring out their various tributes accompanied by, most, of the following gentlemen ; sure," and in these bonds, I am always, yours, tofore, to the harangues of rebel sympathizers in nisbing, as a counterpart and a counteractive totore, to the harangues of rebel sympathizers in nishing, as a counterpart and a counteractive at their doors; a more independent community, is chambers, and only voted its war measures with to the cares and wastings of Broadway with its and less liable to suffer from the great convol. Rev. Messrs. Kennard, Chambers, J. Hyatt Smith, and less liable to suffer from the great convol. Rev. Messrs. Kennard, Chambers, J. Hyatt Smith, Bev. Messrs. Kennard, Chambers, J. Hyatt Smith, Bev. Messrs. Kennard, Chambers, J. Hyatt Smith, S. P. thenor wit of stilling John, C. Smith, or rod will ab Pastor 4th Presbyterian Church in increased chergy, though the rebel pickets were cobble stone pavement, and its double line of sions which agitate the nation, than almost any Itensen, we do not have the usual sea-side trips, not very much beyond cannon range of the ca- lofty warehouses, another Broadway of smooth other section of country. Their position tends in that we shall be surrounded by just such comme and men. In the stinder in administration of a star form turf, with a double and a triple line of elm to isolate them from their fellow-citizens; and pany as would be congenial. There will be a so-

and reinvigorated the ties of a long standing

family altar, in the prayer-meeting, and in the sanctuary, which is thronged with the fruits of congenial, intimacy with the former pastor of the same church, the now widely known and honored pastor of the Central Church, Wilmingsion. ton, was strengthened by many an interchange of sympathy and many an enlivening incident

pursuit of health and of recreation. Farewell to Long Island! The streets of New York city thronged to utter impassibility by her patriotic people waiting the return of

A SABBATH ASSAULT.

surgeons, they expressed their apprehension, that We are not among those disposed to carp at the a few hours might make a great change. In this government, or to pick flaws in a policy which, as tors, were direct lineal ancestors of Bishop Ho- a whole, is so wise and so vigorous; but we are apprehension our citizens generally shared, in the church, and on the street. Almost every one I saw seemed impressed, and oppressed by some undein the revival of Whitefield's time, was another | Lord's day. There: may have been reasons | fined influence.

to stretch over the first century and a half of ment on the morning of that day of rest-the 21st us, and about 10 o'clock, some unreliable account its history. Among the old documents of the of July-but we doubt it. On the contrary, it of success. These were during the night contratown is one providing for a fortification of the would seem that the week had been one of severe dicted, but when the morning came, sad tidings were. pastor's house, as a means of protection against fatigue to our untried volunteers. They had published, and the true hearted were perplexed, the Indians. A recent examination of the house fought a battle and met with severe loss. They but not in despair, cast down, but not destroyed shows that the needfal change in the upper had marched thirty miles, through a deserted Monday morning a heavy rain set in, and poured part of the structure for the accommodation of country, and under excessive heats. The enemy down all day. I went on my daily visit to the a small piece of artillery, was actually made. was but imperfectly comprehended. and a day's hospital. As I came near, I saw "ambulances' and other vehicles before the gate. I found in became the centre of conflict does not appear. have resulted in any thing but advantage to our side, quite a number from the battle field, while A history of this ancient church and town-for forces. The result, indeed, might have been un- from the street, the wounded were being borne, in a long period the two would be identical-would | changed; but the apprehension that we had per- as the wagons and carriages came up to the hospital, be a valuable addition to our ecclesiastical li- haps offended the God of the Sabbath would not some slightly, others severely. These all received terature; and we could wish that our Presbyte- have mingled a new drop of bitterness in the cup every necessary attention, from the attendants, and the surgeons of the institution. They were

placed in comfortable beds, in rooms well venti-Col. Cameron, of the N. Y. Seventy-ninth, was Such a scene as I witnessed for hours, few o my brethren have ever seen. I was busily engaged wounded soldier that he was with friends, and The statement has been made that no Sabbath that he would receive all the kind care that his

The wounded are from all the Regiments endesperately wounded himself, brought it with him to the hospital. I saw the Captain on Monday

We have received the following communication

deeds in the sublime periods of his own imperishable rhetoric; some bard to immortalize their achievements in strains which an Achilles may sing, some historian to chronicle with merited grandeur of style, the toils and sufferings undergone in defending and perpetuating the last and highest results of human progress, against the desperate assaults of treason, anarchy, and oppres-

with booked in THE WOUNDED IN WASHINGTON. Prize. Washington City, July 26, 1861.

LETTER FROM REV. J. C. SMITH, D. D. EDITORS AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.-Last ken, N. J., Second Prize. Sabbath (21,) was a very pleasant day and cool for. Prize. Winsor Scofield, Dewittville, Second the season. My congregations were unusually large and attentive, A. M., and P. M. In the evening Prize. Tuesday afternoon, Prof. Ellicott Evans, re-I visited the hospital, and found all things quiet and orderly, as they are every day. No new cases

cently elected to the Professorship of Law and had been brought in. In conversation with the Civil History, delivered his inaugural. He chose for his theme, Government, treating it philosophico-historically. It was both able and well delivered. Mr. George Sumner of Boston, brother of the distinguished Senator, addressed the Literary. Societies. His subject was Education; its

influences on the material interests, character, and condition of a people. This he illustrated by nu-After sun-down, rumors of a severe battle reached merous facts drawn forth from the past history and France. The discourse was quite instructive, and pleasingly delivered. Wednesday afternoon the Alumni met, and

> happy re-union in the evening, at which witty hour.

Thursday was commencement day. The following was the order of subjects and speakers :----1. High Oration .--- Influence of the Sublime in Nature upon Character. Horace P. Bigelow. 2. Oration .- Author-Borrowing. Thomas W. Chesebrough. 3. Rhetorical Oration .- The Strength of Prejudice. Albert L. Childs.

4. Oration .- The Puritan Principle in our Political History. Joseph H. Durkee. 5. Oration.-Hallowed Ground. John C. Higby.

6. Legal Oration .- The Ethics of the Legal Profession. Charles M. Davis. 7. Oration.-National Philanthropy. Harrison Hoyt.

8. Oration .- The Philosophy of Welsh Heroism. John D. Jones.

9. Classical Oration.-The Mountains of Greece. James S. Greves. *10. Oration,-The Literature of Art. John G. Osborne.

11. Oration .- Crises make Men. Charles H. Roys. 12. Scientific Oration.-The Testimony of Chemistry to the Beneficence of God. David L. Kiehle. 13. Oration.-Fear, its Cause and its Pro-

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Freshman Class.-Edgar M. Martell, Meridan, First Prize. Melville E. Dayton, Clinton, Second THE PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY RE-VIEW Sophomore Class.-Geo. W. Sheldon, West The July number of this valuable journal has Bloomfield, First Prize, Wm, H. Teel, Hobobeen placed upon our table within a few days, and will receive due notice in our next. Junior Class.-Levi D. Miller, Clinton, First

Free forth a new set water of a

EDITOR'S TABLE.

We have also received from T. B. Peterson & Co., in paper covers, GREAT EXPECTATIONS; Dickens' last serial, complete. From J. B. Lippincott & Co., A DAY'S RIDE, by Charles Lever, (Harpers, Publishers,) and THE SILENT WOMAN, by the author of King's Cope, &c., (Burnham, Publisher ; Boston.)

THE SOLDIER'S POCKET LIBRARY OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY appears to be admirably adapted to aid in the great work of evangelizing our army. It consists of 25 small volumes, in flexible covers, very clearly printed, and with and present state of Holland, Ireland, Greece, a very judicious selection of topics-some of the volumes being made up of scripture alone, as the Book of Proverbs and the Gospel of John; ano-ther, the Soldier's Text Book, being composed of

selected verses with brief comments. There is were addressed by the Hon. Thomas T. Davis, of also a choice selection of Soldier's Hymns. Other Svracuse. He announced his subject to be- volumes exhibit the experience of Christian Sol-Physical Investigation as a source of intellectual diers; as; Col. Gardiner; Corporal Murray, and the culture, and an element in the progressive eleva- Soldier; and A true story of Lucknow, some me Soldier; and A true story of Lucknow; some are tion of society. The address occupied an hour in delivery, and was received with favor. The poem Truth of Scripture; Bishop Portens' Evidences; was delivered by Mr. Thomas A. Turner, of New York City, and of the class of 1858. His musical periods were well received. There was a very Sinner's Friend; Peacel Be still; Sinner's Wel-Soldier and Jesus; Bunyan's Glad Tidings; The come to Christ ; The Commandments Explained ; and humorous speeches were made till a late Only One Way; The Church in the House, and several others. The whole are contained in a substantial paste board box, and would prove welcome and profitable to the great majority of the soldiers. One library should go with every company. Price \$2. For sale by H. A. Thissell, 929 Chestnut St.

> WILLSON'S FIFTH READER, by Harper & Bros. on the same novel plan, with the preceding four of the series, already noticed in our columns. It combines instruction in moral, religious, historical and scientific subjects, with the usual reading exerdise. In order to obviate the appearance of a task in such a method, much pains have been taken to interweave illustrations of poetry, and incidents with the more prosaic details. Elegant and accurate engravings of plants, flowers, animals, &c., are also profusely interspected, in the manner of the Harpers', the whole constituting a highly finished apparatus for, the school-room. For sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

PAMPHLETS, MAGAZINES AND BEVIEWS.

THE BOSTON REVIEW, for July, continues the battle for the stubbornest type of the Calvinistic logma. Its position on our national troubles is unreservedly Bostonian and Massachusetts-like.

morning, and reported to the Secretary, (General BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE FOR JULY, (Leosinuate that it was time to cease. The idea of face, and the whole presents a novel scene of Cameron:) that his brother's sword was with Cap-EXCURSION OF THE YOUNG MEN'S nard Scott & Co., New York; W. B. Zieber, Phicompromising with rebels was probably finally re- great beauty and of singular attractiveness so tain Long. Yesterday he called at the hospital, ladelphia,) contains Hook's Archbishops of Can-terbury; Judicia: Puzzles; The Farewell of the CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION and received it from the hand of the gallant Capthe crops are luxuriant and plentiful, as may from a Committee of the Christian Association, Seal (poetry;) Norman Sinclair, part 17; The Bock Hunter again; The Orleans Manifesto; tain, a very proper medium between the noble to have then received its death blow as a political less, ere long, to be surrounded by the dwellings be inferred from the fact that a farm of twenty which we cheerfully insert, and to which we call dead and distinguished living of a constant acres is sufficient to support a family well, and the attention of such of our readers as desire The Barbarisms of Civilization, a most readable and The wounded are doing well, and up to this 13. Oration.—Fear, its Cause and its Pro-vince. George H. Starr... its Cause and its Pro-tumorous protest against some of the inconveni-ences of our modern refinement; The Denise of the Indian Army; The Epic of the Budges, and gradually to raise its careful occupant and culti- either to aid a good cause; or to procure a day's writing, the surgeon's report that they expect them of disaster, and the extent of Northern resources out alloy; and when, dear easy chair, I set myvator to independence and wealth. The potato enjoyment, or to do both at once. The social all toslive, therease of at squareq off, reveal thrives here; especially, and the crop is pre- meeting spoken of, will take place, we suppose, were first brought to light. We were tried by de- self down somewhat wearied on one of the very These are new scenes and services for me finally, the Disruption of the Union. This last ferred by New York dealers to any that comes at Atlantic City. 1, 1740 if in ed. of liv rolla "The Master" has so ordered it, and I joyfully meet this responsibility, as I have all others, in my pastorate in this city of 22 years. So far I have been graciously sustained, and will be, come what may, for I know that all things work TOGETHER feat in as severe a manner as perhaps it is possible | comfortable seats in the broad walk, beneath so 18. Dissertation .- Poem, Home: Aaron M. THE PRINCETON REPERTORY, for July, contains, The Kingdom of Christ-an enlarged form 19. Philosophical Oration.—The Reason and the Undertanding. William W. Wetmore. 20. Oration.—Willis J. Beecher, Vernon Cen-tre. of the discourse of Dr. Yeomans, the retiring motré. 1 and is. George P. North: and is set of the set o