10	American Presbyterian and Genesee Gvangelist.	Sept. 19,
American Presbyterian PEACE of mind.	petually sways it to his own glorious and holy ing priority of other good causes, should not be would, we doubt not, draw after it signal proofs refused, or ignored. The circulation of the Com- of the divine favor and acceptance. While there	DOOKS. Weigning one and a half ounces. urm
pearl of great price, the treasure hid in a fi	d, cause should be presented as one of the regularly of the day, on the whole, we incline to the belief,	dially in favor, though the Presbyter may not see Library" of 25 volumes, at \$1.50 to be had
Benesee Guangelist. for which a man might well and joyfully give he has, in exchange. The times in which	So we delight to call ourselves. In a passive love to man	at a cost of 50 per company. This is regard
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1861. live seem unfavorable to its existence, in	y sense there is much truth in the term. We are In this connexion we would notice and com- day which would bring out a spirit of martyrdom	and frequently changing their location. Six
JOHN W. MEARS, EDITOR. JOHN W. MEARS, EDITOR. Iarge measure. Many sigh and long for que the set to set to and fro with every configuration of the set to set to and the set to set to and the set to set	t, cence to the teachings and principles of Chris-	GENERAL LYON. little book of texts of Scripture, suited to t
ing aspect of the questions now pending. T	in thanksgiving and joy.	Lyon and Leonidas are not unlike in sound, changes of a soldier's life, known as "Cromwell nor, perhaps, in original derivation. If we have Soldier's Pocket Bible."
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. dence that they should live to witness s	h are administered on the New Testament. The As a topic of humination and fasting lext week,	yet had a Leonidas in our struggle, it was General their feith and surveys from the another the
Whereas, A joint committee of both Houses of Con- scenes of strife and carnage. Or, if they t	Christian Sabbath is a dies non-outside in the eve religious and the better classes of the community, THE CINCINNATI "PRESEYTER" ON	Lyon; and the Kansas, lowa, and Missouri regi- this book.
and requested him to recommend a day of public hu-	of the law and the Christian people, not the to take an active part in the struggle before us.	Western Thermonyles. Lyon felt that the enemy tiful addition of it, 32mo. size, in flexible ele
miliation, prayer, and fasting, to be observed by the ing events and the calculation of probability	s, Jews, are protected from disturbance in their pestly, but few of us enlist. We do not, as a branches of our Church is becoming very inte	must be met at Springfield-with the disparity of binding, just suited for the pocket. Let eve
and the offering of fervent supplications to Almighty that they are the prey of a consuming resol	have nersuits on that day. Christian ministers mass, crines are mary spint in this momentum.	I vorces, ne iere it was a fortorn hope, permaps and
blessing on their arms, and a speedy restoration to is common-it is not unnatural-but, to	are employed as chaplains in the military and budget. Trumbers from our characters, it is fide, own paper, we now have the utterance of the	upon a close view of the enemy, it is said he ex- INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE.
peace; and whereas, it is fit and becoming in all true Christian, it is as unnecessary as it is in	there prectices that is rather the exception	
supreme government of God-to bow in humble sub- world's mind Christians should and they	than the rule. Requiring mails to be despatched best part of the community. The contrary seems School "	ful moral effect upon the enemy before the south-
mission to His chastisements-to confess and deplore possess their souls in patience. They h	e and carried on the Saboath, invading the bound bellion against one of the best of human govern- principles.	west was abandoned and the path to Jefferson [ Hev. AND DEAL DIA.
the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and usine it, times and again, and encumsual	legislation and the like, are felt by all to be ments, strangely enough, finds an abundance of	arch traitor Lackson and his manuding grow To issued in April last, a number of young n
don of their past offences, and for a blessing upon are involved. The followers of Christ have	t contrary to the spirit of our institutions. Les, and seminaries, and the highest circles of the its persistent attempts to be disagreeably per	accomplish these ends, he freely, and, it is said, formed ourselves into a company for home defer
their present and prospective actions; and whereas, only been cool and brave in the field of bat	below raging as an onis is, now much more is southern people. The good there are largely en- sonal, yet, on the whole, the deliverance is very	
when our beloved country, once, by the blessing of but have preserved their peace of mind as God, united, prosperous, and happy, is now afflicted the storm of death-dealing missiles. They h	of Christian, as a nation! To say nothing listed for the worst of states - while to sustain means what is desirable in the article is by	hotter and bloodier contest than Manassas; and Convinced that our country needed more vol
with factions and civil war, it is peculiarly fit for us gone to the stake with serene joy. The remo	of the godlessness, the unbelief, the profani- try the Sabhath breaking of yest masses of the strange degree of slackbess. We are satisfied to and courtesy-but there is enough in it to show	the sequel showed him to have been correct in his teers, our company a few days since, concluded
in sorrowful remembrance of our own faults and	population the law and the practice of our 'send away in the defence of the government, which and an out of the be some family bles	army, the invaders have almost ceased to exist gone into active service) and offer for the war.
crimes, as a nation, and as individuals, to number ought not to be necessary to our peace as Ch	constituted authorities, in the State and nation, in the world men who in the majority of in. Our readers will not wonder that the Presby	under the tremendous shock of that encounter. taching ourselves to some regiment now in
area that are man be snored further nunishment.   UBDS. IVBY, WOULD IT NOT DE & COMESSION II	t are lar beining what they should be. I have no intense soul-pervading apprecia- ter is angry with the honest though severe articl	They have become a roving body of free-booters. The Missourians are spitefully ravaging their own Feeling that a religious company would find
though most justly deserved; that our arms may be blessed and made effectual for re-establishment of insufficient to maintain our peace of mind,	bounds of a due tolerance in religious matters. tion of the interest at stake. And yet it is that in the Quarterly, when we state that it still	State. Hardee and M'Cullough are slowly with much more pleasant to be in a Christian regime
law, order, and peace throughout our country, and cept in a tolerably comfortable state of affai	? Let us, indeed, have the utmost liberality al-	drawing into Arkansas. The progress of rebellion and satisfied that such a regiment could easily
that the inestimable boon of civil and religious liberty, earned under His guidance and blessing, by the la- calmness be likely to appear, in exact prop	thigh-spirited men-the elite of the South-who were about equally anti-slavery. No one can	in the State is at an end. The brave Lyon died as we might imagine, too soon, but manifestly not dersigned beg leave to ask if you would be will
bors and sufferings of our fathers, may be restored	doctrine. But must a scrupulous sense of the form so large a part of the rebel army. Even as wonder that an eator who can believe such	in vain. His kingly name will be linked forever to assume such a charge.
in all its original excellency; Inerefore 1, Abranan Lincoln. President of the United States, do appoint with its hollow pretences of good? And as	e rights of conscience the our bands in regard to durance, and by the general completeness of all and animus of the Quarterly and American	whit the redemption of Missouri from rebel ty-
the last Thursday in September next, as a day of analis of time grow more perpresed, and pr	Mormonism? Can we claim to be a Christian our arrangements, prevail. But Cromwell made Presoylerian. It is remarkable, rather, that h	And now that the brave warrior is laid to his though a Christian minister, and actively
the nation, and I do earnestly recommend to the the Christian see in all a clearer and clea	r nation, while admitting to political equality such and the cavaliers of his day, with any hope of disposed to rejoice in this, rather than to fin	rest, his will reveals a most touching proof of the ployed in appropriate work, yet not laboring
people, and especially to all ministers and teachers prospect of his Master's Second Coming, wh	h an instance of gross relapse towards Paganism : success, was an army of Bible-reading and praying fault with him, that, as to our position in Phi	depth of his patriotic devotion. He had already the pastoral office, no congregation would be given his life, and it seems trivial to mention any prived of its spiritual guide.
milies to observe and keep that day, according to there are signs in the sun and in the moon	ble iniquity, when we have, by the divine good-) men. And we are quite sure that such an army ladelphia, he sees men "as trees walking."	other gift, as if it might come into comparison Ready and willing to aid in this movement
their several creeds, and modes of worship, in all hu- in the stars; when upon the earth there is	- ness, concluded the struggle in which we are forthcoming, if the churches should take hold, that we may differ from them, but that we may	with that. But this selfish and calculating age the extent of our power, may we not request y
that the united prayer of the nation may ascend to these of hattons with berpherity, the sea	d now engaged.	
the Throne of Grace, and bring down plentiful bless- ings upon our country.	terance in State papers to very devout and credit- enlistment of volunteers from Christian congrega- path, but that is his business, not ours. In	too little attention to his exposed and weak con-
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand which are coming on the earth; what, amid	able sentiments. Yet there is, almost invariably, paratively bloodless work of the insurrection. Cer. but where he is. Listen to the Presbyter:	dition at Springfield, and so made the perilling GEO. W. GRICE. WILLIAM IVINS
and caused the great seal of the United States to be this wide-spread confusion, is to be the attit affixed, this 12th day of August, A. D., 1861, and of of the Christian? When these things be	ances which could identify them with Christia-	Bey, BENJ, J. WATLACE, D. D.
the Independence of the United States of America to come to pass, then look up and lift up w	r nity. The Delty is irequently and devoluty	death, the entire private fortune of the General.
the eighty-sixth. By the President, ABRAHAM LINCOLN. Cod in Christ reigns over our world It	recognised, but when is the second per- son in the Godhead mentioned or alluded white population not quite one-fourth of our own, minority of the (original) Church, of soun	d He bestowed it freely on the Government, which he knew was half to blame for the exigencies of the GENTLEMEN - I have received your hind a

WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

CITY SUBSCRIPTIONS. The subscriptions of a large number of our friends in this city are now due, and our collector has commenced his calls. To those who have already responded, we tender our grateful acknowledgments. Uthers, as they are called on, will please make prompt payment of the small sum due,-small from each individual, but in the aggregate a very serious matter to us. Attention to this notice on the part of those whose hills are now falling due, both in the city and country, would place our paper beyond the reach of those contingencies which of late have threatened its existence.

of the grass of the field with flowers, and the phers; about as well informed of Christ's existnumbering of hairs on our heads, its affairs are ence as was Socrates, or the Athenian worshipunder his survey. The heathen are his inheripers, whom Paul found dedicating altars to the tance, and the uttermost parts of the earth a unknown God? Christians, and no mention of possession. When men rage against law and Christ? A Christian government whose State threaten to overthrow the very foundations of papers, with all their religious allusions, might government, when they involve a peaceful Chrishave been dictated by infidels who were only not tian country in the horrors of civil war for the Atheists? gratification of ambition, and for the upholding We believe we are witnessing an improvement of a vast system of social wrong, when they in this respect. The recent proclamation of the threaten to turn back the centuries in their President, calling for a national fast, and that of progress, and to bring to naught the great ex-General McClellan requiring the observance of periment of self-government, inaugurated at such the Sabbath in the army, breathe a true spirit of a cost by our forefathers, shall we believe that Christianity. We scarcely see how one, not a Christhey are in the smallest degree thwarting the tian himself, could have composed such a paper purposes of the Almighty? Shall we believe as the President's proclamation. Yet, even in this that a single life is lost, or a single soul sighs itadmirable document, we have a mere allusion to self away on the battle-field, or that a single the connexion of Christ with the hearing of prayer ball or bullet speeds on its course, out of conin the phrase, "throne of grace." As a Redeemnexion with the great lines of his everlasting er and Refuge of a sin-stricken people, we hear decrees? Shall we allow ourselves to believe nothing of him. that the issues now shaping themselves were So in General McClellan's order in regard to unforeseen to Omniscience, and that he will hold the Sabbath, which was as cordially welcomed by aloof, while might or chance leads them to conthe country as the news of a victory, while we clusions to be graven broadly upon the pages will be held in the following churches, services, of history? If not, then how complete is the fully and gladly recognise its Christian inspiration so to speak, we cannot help noticing the absence ground of our peace of mind 1 The plans of of any name, but "Creator" and "God." Will the infinitely Wise, are being carried into execuit be argued that such a style of speaking will be tion by these collisions and strifes of men. The without offence to the great mass, while dissent Smith and Jenkins, Rev. Messrs. Brown and clouds we so much dread are freighted with mercy. and opposition might arise in the minds of many Behind the frowning providence the smiling at the mention of the Redeemer's name? Yet if face of Deity is hidden. It is his choice to ours is a Christian country, what need of such remove in a mysterious way; or rather our shortserve? Are we not deceiving ourselves, after all, sightedness naturally enough makes his way in making this claim? Are sincere Christians, mysterious to us. in official stations, subject to an unconscious pres-But, more than this, the Christian has a persure, arising from the manifest and wide-spread sonal friend in this all-wise and almighty Ruler. absence of Christianity among the people, which re-Peace should, indeed, overspread his soul, when strains them from bringing forward its distinctive he reflects that it is to his own Saviour the features and language in their occasional appeals reins of empire have been committed. The same to the religious sentiment of the nation? If not, Being who gave such marvellous proofs of love it is high time a style of address suitable to pofor him: who, to save him, took on him the lished heathens was abolished, and a distinct relikeness of sinful flesh, and became obedient cognition made on every suitable occasion of the unto death-the death of the cross, is now gofact that we have a religious character, as well as verning the world, and making all events work Turkey. for the illustration and fulfilment of his plan of If we are a Christian nation, there is one thing redemption. We need not dread the thunderwe ought to, and can, do. Nay, it is perhaps, bolt wielded by the hand of a friend so mighty. the neglect to do it, that at this late day, leaves so wise and so near. Though he slay me, yet it doubtful what our religious status as a nation, will I trust in him. Calmly can we trace his is. We should teach our children. in the common footsteps, and follow the path of his flaming arschools, the first principles of our religion. Among rows in the sky; they go charged with the high heathen nations, the indoctrination of the young command: Touch not mine anointed, and do in the religious belief of the nation, often conmy prophets no harm. We see his judgments stitutes the principal portion of their training. abroad in the land, and are not confounded. Can we, as a people, claim to hold any religion The sense of his redeeming love shed abroad in which we care about, and yet neglect to commend our hearts, disarms them of their terrors. it to our children, as of least equal importance The Christian is complete in Christ. In with any branch of knowledge we prescribe for Christ is all riches, all health, all wisdom and their study? Are we a Christian nation, and do we suffer anything to avail as an excuse for the State omitting to Christianize her children? We know that a thousand difficulties may be suggested, but they should be overcome. A system of truth, very general indeed, but valuable and Christian in its character, could be devised which would meet the views of nineteen-twentieths of our population, and it should be thrown into a catechetical form, and made part of the instruction of our common schools, as much so as

to? How rarely does anything escape our small, a very small part of his vast dominion. officials which would indicate them to be any-Even to the watching of sparrows, the clothing thing more than Deists, rationalists, philoso-

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE OBSERV-ANCE OF THE NATIONAL FAST DAY. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 1861.

It is recommended by the Pastors' Association that each of our churches hold a public service, according to the provisions of our Directory for Public Worship, Chap. XIV., 6, at 11 o'clock, A. M., preceded by a prayer-meeting at some convenient hour.

In the afternoon, Union Prayer-Meetings in each case, to commence at 4 o'clock, P. M.:

I. At Dr. Brainerd's Church, (Rev. J. McLeod to preside.) Speakers-Rev. Drs. Mears.

II. At Clinton Street Church, (Rev. E. E. Adams to preside.) Speakers-Rev. Mr. Barnes, Drs. Malin and Wallace, and Mr. Bruen. III. At Buttonwood Street Church, (the pas-

tor, Rev. T. J. Shepherd, to preside.) Speakers-Rev. Messrs. Adair, Miller, Davis, and Robbins.

It is also recommended that prayer-meetings be held in the evening in all the churches.

## RECEIPTS OF THE AMERICAN BOARD. GOOD NEWS.

We are rejoiced to learn that the receipts of the American Board for August have reached the sum of \$45.000. The amount usually received for that month has been from \$10,000 to \$12,000. Two legacies, amounting to \$17,000. have been received, and are included in the sum stated above. The financial year has closed and the debt will not be over \$40,000. This is much less than was expected, and we are very much gratified to find the sum so small-It was feared, two months ago, that it would reach the sum of \$70,000. The meeting of the Board will be held in Cleveland, October 1st.

## A FEARFUL JUDGMENT.

There is nothing more terrible than the signal reproofs often administered by Providence to the knowledge, all glory and all joy. Christ is all. lovers of pleasure in the midst of their unhallowed | In Christ-that is, so far as Christ sees to be revels. A party of sight-seers, who were spending | needful and consistent with his true intereststhe hours close on the dawning of last Sabbath the Christian has everything: the world, life, morning in one of the Theatres of our city, and death, things present or things to come; all are who were expecting soon to be entertained by the his. So far as these are withheld from him, he loose shows of the ballet, were appalled by the spec- may feel that as surely as Christ reigns, they are tacle of one of the dancers, rushing prematurely purposely and wisely withheld, and that eternity upon the stage, her flimsy garment all in a flame. will show it. If, in the convulsions of the times, And as the anditors, notified of the suspension of any of them are snatched away or seriously imthe performance on account of the accident, were perilled, he may recognise the same intelligent, leaving the scene lately so gay, what a deep and loving purpose devising his good. Meanwhile dreadful tragedy was being acted out in earnest no power, no change can rob him of his Sabehind those scenes! The flames spreading from vionr. Who shall separate him from the love

grammar and geography. The State owes it to her children, or she owes it to truth to give up the name of Christian. Quere: Is not God now punishing us for the ab-

OUR PUBLICATION CAUSE.

given in our advertising columns, that our Publication Committee have not had their work paralyzed by the pressure of the times. Whilst the

they are clear of the responsibility of this state of are one by one removed out of the way, and things. We do not regard them as altogether they deplore any thing that is calculated to clear. They have a high duty yet to perform. widen the breach."

thousands, as great as that of the Constitution and 1 Next, that "the New School body has cut

the laws. It is a shame, that at this late date we loose from independency and voluntary associa-

are, to so large an extent, on the defensive merely tions to as great extent as the Old School."

as in April, in sight of the Capitol. Christian "Good men in both Churches rejoice in the

ministers and people should see to it that, as such, fact that the causes which have kept them apart

in this contest, and that a rebel flag is flying again, Then utters his opinion as to "the situation."

We want a regiment-nay a brigade-of believing, To which we respond cordially. Nobody praying men in the army of the republic. We agrees with this more heartily than all Philawant such a body of men to give morale to the delphia, at least on our side of the house. The army: men who, without recklessness or mere ani article in the Quarterly, to which the Presbyter mal courage, can calmly face death, borne up by objects, was written in order that the terrible the loftiest views of the cause in which they are lessons of a quarter of a century might not be enlisted, as well as by the Christian's hope of the forgotten. God teaches in history. The Quarfuture. We want men who can exercise the most terly desires earnestly that the Presbyterian implicit confidence in the divine protection amid Church should be re-united, but so re-united every possible peril, who with God for their friend, that the passions of men may never again be and Christ for their Saviour, have no enemy in able to cause a violation of our Constitution, the universe to fear. Such men are not likely to or to bring the tremendous power of our united give way to panic, and, when their characters are Church to sustain oppression. It perceived known, will prove a powerful barrier to its appear- that re-union is probable. It rejoiced in it, but

ance and spread among others. Such men, by it conceived that this was just the time to lay their cheerful and prompt obedience to orders, broad and deep foundations of principle whereon will be an example of soldierly discipline to the to build an edifice of re-union, that would not army. From the regularity of their habits, their | give away like a pile of sand, but stand forever, temperance and morality, they will always be likely like a rock. It was necessary that its article emto be in a high state of health and efficiency. balming those principles should be so written Possibly, on that very account, they would be se- as to be read. An impression was intended lected for more dangerous service, and might thus to be made that should not easily be effaced. run some special risks; but take them through The personalities of the Presbuter are of no the war, and it will doubtless be found, that their consequence. The editor of the Presbyterian coolness, intelligence, good discipline, and good Quarterly, it may be proper simply to say, is perhabits would bring them off with less loss than | feetly well known in all this part of the country, that suffered by the reckless, the profane, the in- to be one of the warmest friends of the re-union temperate, and the ignerant soldiery, who consti- of the Presbyterian church to be found in it. He tute the mass of almost every army. has been such for many years, and is prepared for

We are pleased to learn that a movement is on every sacrifice that this union may be effected on foot, in this city, to form an "ironsides" regiment. principles that will last until the millenvium. We hope it will receive a great impulse, and issue | That he was opposed to the action of the Assem in one or more brigades of Christian soldiers, as it bly at Cleveland, is a mistake. Though anxious ought to. As may be seen in our columns, the to save the Southern brethren to our church, it brethren who have the matter in hand, naturally | was because of their attachment to the Constituenough. endeavored to obtain for their chief officer, tion in trying times, not because of their proone who combined with the advantages of a tho- slavery, with which he never had any sympathy.

rough military education, the high character of a and because he carnestly desired a national, and minister of the gospel. It is a source of no little not a sectional church. He went cordially for the gratification to the friends and co-laborers of Dr. paper that was adopted. In the drafting of this

Wallace in our church, that the first choice of these | paper a modification was secured by Pennsylvania Christian soldiers for a leader in this holy and influence, so vital to them that the vote of most. glorious undertaking, fell upon him. Nor is it at least, of that delegation turned on it. This surprising to us that Dr. Wallace, after mature course was adopted for two reasons. 1. The consideration, has felt it his duty to decline the Southern brethren voted for an ultra abolition paoffer. The high ground which he takes in regard per as a piece of finesse. This absolved all Northto the position of the ministry does him honor. | ern moderate men from any further obligation to In a few instances, ministers of the gospel in the stand by them. 2. The paper as thus modified North have thought differently, and, as in the was so drawn as to prevent any division of our cases of Col. Perry, of Naw York, and Col. M'Carter, | church at the North ; and strong anti-slavery men. recently commissioned in this state, have received perceiving that no principle was sacrificed by it positions at the head of regiments; we will not agreed to it to save the Northern church entire. call in question the estimate which these brave | Our readers will see, therefore, how childish is the men put upon their vocation as ministers ; but we attempt to represent Pennsylvanians as forced into are glad to be spared here that indiscriminate rush a measure, which was in fact a compromise to

of ministers into the ranks even as privates, which | which they agreed in a body, being consulted be has prevailed all over the South, and which has fore the vote was taken. resulted in placing a bishop of the Episcopal The Presbyter proceeds :--- "If nine-tenths of

Church at the head of one of the grand divisions each branch of the church were to be put together of the rebel army. in one communion, after the Southern General But Dr. Wallace is clear, as we all are, upon Assembly is formed, they would constitute a body the entire propriety of Christians entering actively as homogeneous and sound as either branch of the into the conflict. His heart is in the work. He church is, or can be, while apart." To which we has a son in the advance---in the fore-front of the say, Amen! And a large part of the other tenth, grand army of the Potomac; and he would rejoice | we think, might come along.

to see him and his compatriots in arms sustained Finally, the Presbyler says :--- "It is the duty by a line of Christian soldiers, gathering from of all good Presbyterians to frown upon all efforts every denomination in the North, setting up their to alienate from each other brethren of a common

ing down with stern and determined front upon and the Christian Herald, of this city, [Cincin Fresbyterian Church, cover more than three cause.

element from one to another until the clothing of treme changes of worldly affairs, and in the difficulties entailed upon an enterprise of this ceived just too late for this week's issue. It honor of God as well as of your country. than to confess our grievous short-comings in this | decided ground for the distinctive peculiarities of thirteen or fourteen was on fire! From two o'clock breaking up of the established institutions of nature, by such a state of affairs as the present, work hitherto, and to stir up our congregations the church, are free from malevolent spirit, and will appear in our next In thus most regretfully declining your until nine, last Sabbath evening, no less than six men, to destroy the Christian's peace of mind? are great and peculiar, it still lives and acts. The everywhere to a vigorous, united and simultaneous publish nothing that is adapted to keep the permit me again to express my gratitude to you of them died most miserable deaths; the remainder There is, indeed, much to interest him, much to Committee expect, with such a measure of support effort to amend them? Let us remember that the churches apart. The same may be said of the WHAT WILL IT COST? and the gentlemen associated with you, and my it is hoped will recover. What a sudden plunge call out his energies, and his active, zealous as they may fairly look for, to weather the storm acceptable fast described by the inspired writer, Standard, of Philadelphia, the Banner, of Pitts-What will it cost to furnish a company of one ardent desire that this noble example set to the hundred soldiers with religious reading? This Church may be fully successful. from gayety into horror? What a warning to and whole-souled participation. He may deem and be ready for brighter skies and smoother seas. is one which not only leads to, but consists in, burgh, and the Presbyter, which reach as many question is so often asked that it is deemed wise the eighteen hundred pleasure-seekers, who all, it his clear duty to mingle personally in the They hope that the fact that pastors are not visited self-denying works of the highest practical value. readers in our church." Very truly and respectfully yours, to answer it through the press. by the mercy of God, escaped without a panic, and deadly fray. But his peace of mind need not, by collecting agents, will not prevent the recep- The offering to our country and to our Lord of a We have omitted in this last extract the charge BENJAMIN J. WALLACE. Books, averaging six ounces in weight and 12 without disaster! Will they heed it? cents each; for example the "Camp Library" of meanwhile, be disturbed. Living and mingling tion of contributions. We certainly think that regiment of Christians, as the result of one day of contained in it against the Quarterly, and only JAS. B. RODGERS, ESQ., and others. "Out of respect for the dead" the perform-in the world, he sees it from its spiritual side, this would be a poor reason for withholding aid. humiliation in this city, would be the best possible wish to say that this proposition has our hearty the American Tract Society, which contain 25 "Out of response of the single night; now all and rises above it in sympathy and communion The modest appeal which they make for a place proof that we are in earnest in responding to the call concurrence. Both the American Presbyterian, choice volumes, can be had at the depository, 929 Chestnut street, for \$3. [Persons desiring information concerning this with Him who gives it its ordinances. and per- in the benevolence of the church, without claim- of our Chief Magistrate appointing the day, and though the Presbyter is not very courteous in the is going on as usual again. This will furnish a valuable stock of reading, regiment, can find it by calling at our office.

their pretence of patriotism, and as a proof that probably imagine. My ancestry, on both sides, our matter-of-fact age can parallel the very romance of love of country

for living for the Government; the grave of the war.

death.

ATTEMPTED UNION OF PRESBYTE- My heart goes with you, and I can scarcely hold RIANS. In another part of our paper, the reader will flattering offer.

situation which hurried him on to battle and to to which you, very properly, wish an answer,

Our latter-day patriots expect to be rewarded neloy of a Christian regiment to serve during the

man who laid his life and his fortune literally on The offer affects me more than I can say-more

his country's altar, will ever stand as a rebuke to than you and the gentlemen associated with you

find an account of the recent unsuccessful attempt to unite the two Presbyterian Synods of New regiment. The plan is a most noble one, and Brunswick into one body. The numerous colo- must be carried out. Oliver Cromwell said, that nies of Great Britain have furnished an extensive nothing could conquer men who had the high field for the exhibition of the disadvantages of principles of honor of the English cavaliers, but excessive subdivision among the various branch- a higher principle still. "Accordingly," he says, es of the evangelical church, as well as opportu- "I raised such men as had the fear of God before nities for the operation of the spirit of union. In them, and made some conscience of what they Victoria. New South Wales, the union between did. And from that day forward they never were various organizations of the Presbyterian body, beaten; but wherever they were engaged against has been complete and exhaustive, with individual the enemy, they beat continually." exceptions scarcely worth naming. In Canada I am heart and soul in this war, and I long to and in Nova Scotia, the bodies representing the see the Church of Christ taking the lead in it as United Presbyterian, and the Free Churches of they ought. Every thing that I hold dear in Scotland, have recently united and formed a cor- Church and State, is at stake in this conflict. dial union. In each of these two cases, however, | My life or death is not to be named or thought of the colonial off-shoots of the Established Church in such a peril. Whatever I can do, belongs to of Scotland, have stood aloof. Not discouraged, God and my country now and always. My conhowever, by this unfriendly attitude, the Synod stitution, though not very strong, is elastic, and of the Free Church in New Brunswick recently might strengthen by active exercise.

made overtures for union to the Synod of the Established Church in that province. The issue, as will be seen, was not only unfavourable, but litary commands, on both sides, in this war, and cold and discouraging. The disposition seems to I have thought the matter carefully over in regard be wanting in the representatives of the Kirk. to my own duty as one educated at the expense "The Free Church went out from us; if they of the Government. desire union, let them come back to us," is the My views of the ministry are the highest ever haughty and repellant tone of some of the speak- held by any part of the Church. A true minister ers. Others, and the greater number, spoke more is called directly by our Lord Jesus Christ to serve kindly, but it appears to have been the unanimous Him in His Kingdom. That Kingdom is not of sentiment, that the time for union had not yet this world. A minister sacrifices all worldly aiws

The Free Church have displayed a noble and my commission in the army, for ordination in the magnanimous spirit in these transactions. They ministry of the Gospel. I should certainly dehave scarcely been met in the same spirit by the cline any political office in the gift of the Ameri-Synod of the Kirk, a fact which the Christian can people, if any such could, by any possibility, public will put upon record, and a greater than be offered me, and this could hardly be more the Christian public too. The name and privilege strange to me than that a quiet person like myof a State recognition were allowed great weight self should be offered the command of a regiment. in the deliberation and decision. The union was Indeed, it is this strange offer, so utterly unsought, indefinitely postponed. But the force of Chris- that disturbs me, lest it should be a providential tian opinion in the colonies, and the pressure of call that I were refusing. If I were more disintheir circumstances must, we think, bring these clined to take this position, it would disturb me fragments, whose separate existence out of the more than it does. In resisting my own tastes mother country has so little significance, together, and inclinations, I gather conviction that I am and that before many years. The course of things right. in the various branches of the Presbyterian Church, tends manifestly and strongly to union. We ac- take the sword, while it urges Christian people cept it as a providential indication of the greatest to fight on numerous occasions. The tribe of Levi

SYNOD OF GENEVA. PROPOSAL TO DEFER THE MEETING.

world.

M. Goldsmith, Stated Clerk, desire notice to be build the Temple because he was a man of blood given that they believe a postponement of the Yet military leaders, both under the old and new stated meeting of the Synod of Geveva will be dispensations, were highly honored. agreeable to the wishes and judgment of all the Church history confirms my view. It has been members, in order to give opportunity for the deemed unseemly in every age, for ministers to observance of the NATIONAL FAST; and pro- take military command. The exceptions are so pose that at the time and place of the meeting | rare as to confirm the rule. here be simply a formal organization and adof Geneva will be sufficient.

wildly to and fro with burning dresses, and bodies | rock, looking for his not very remote and most LETTERS from the seat of war in the West. three full battalions. I trust you will spare no The third of this series of letters has been re- labor to make yourselves fully efficient for the blackened in the flames, communicating the mad glorious appearing, what is there in the most ex-Can our approaching fast be put to better use fourths of the ground of the church, while taking

were fighting men, and on my father's side we are of the old Scottish Covenanter stock. Educated at West Point, I love everything military. myself back from at once accepting your most

without delay, containing the offer of the colo-

But this is by no means all. It is a Christian

The difficulty centres almost entirely in my profession. I know well that ministers have mi-

and dignities. So I understood it when I resigned

The Bible, throughout, forbids ministers to importance to the cause of Christ, and to the never fought, though the Jews were among the most warlike of nations. Aaron never fought, not Samuel, nor Elijah, nor Isaiah. Saul was severely punished for offering sacrifice, and Hophni and Phinehas, when they carried the ark unnecessarily Rev. W. N. McHay Moderator, and Rev. B. to battle, perished. David was not allowed to

If I were a layman, I think that nothing but one to another, created an ungovernable panic of Christ? What convulsion of the times can journment to such time and place as may here- absolute physical inability could hold me back. sence of Christianity from our national character? among over twenty of the unfortunate creatures | shake his faithfulness, or diminish his affection. after be designated in the papers. In this case | If I can do anything for your plan, in any way, 1 connected with the dancing part of the establish- or deprive him of one ray of his glory, or vitibanner in the name of the Lord, stretching out faith, a common constitution, and a common name. the attendance of a few members in the vicinity shall be most happy. God will guide you to a ment. Some jumped from a height of two stories ate his all-sufficiency and perfect adaptedness to their wings to the breadth of the land, and sweep- And we are glad to say that the N. Y. Evangelist, into Sansom street; others sprang down from the wants of fallen man? Clothed in his righ-Our readers will be pleased with the evidence leader, and he will give you favor, I doubt not point to point on the stage, while others ran teousness, reposing on his covenant as on a with His Church. Do not stop until you have the armed champions of the rebellious and unholy nati] which, as weekly journals of the New School