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the papers of our subscribers, and shall continue The churches of Sardis and Laodicea were in danto do so until all are made acquainted with the ger of utter rejection for their continued coldness. state of their accounts. We earnestly request a And the entire Book of the Hebrews may be prompt attention to these bills.

the work with the same earnestness?

TO-DAY.

American Presbuterian |yea, if any word seems to come near them unto their disquietment, they are apt to think it was spoken out of spite and ill will toward them: they approve of themselves in their present cou-The peril to our own souls, and the injury to

the cause of Christ, arising from the state of declension, should set us most earnestly to work in escaping from it. That it is perilous, no reader WE ARE NOW sending out bills enclosed in of the New Testament can, for a moment, doubt.

viewed as a fearful warning to those who suffer NEW SUBSCRIBERS from the city, are coming, themselves to be drawn away from the life of in. in encouraging numbers. One pastor has faith into the observance of mere forms, either by handed us thirteen new names within a week, the delusion of false doctrine, or the fears of perand is aiming at fifty, or even more with good | secution. The backslider is represented as near prospect of success. Will not others engage in the verge of irrecoverable apostacy. If any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure

in him. Does any one ask, whether the true

Christian is hereby to be understood, as ever It is meet that the nation should fast. The really in danger of apostacy? We answer, the greatest of all calamities that can befall a nation | epistle is designedly so worded, as to be in the has come upon us. Treason in all places, high highest degree alarming to those, who, instead and low, has been allowed to run on unchecked, of going on to perfection, need to lay again and until it became bold, united, armed, and boast- again the foundation of repentance from dead ful; civil war is upon us, and our border in Mis- works, and who forsake the assembling of themsouri, in Maryland, and in Virginia, is red with selves together. and give evidence in general of a fraternal blood poured from a myriad wounds. declining state of piety. And he who, for a sin-Our constitutional existence, the hallowed memo- gle moment, would seek to excuse or shelter himself ries of our history, our position as a ruling power | in a season of declension, behind the doctrine of among the nations, and indeed the security and the saint's perseverance, may well question wheprogress of free principles and of a Scriptural po- ther he is a saint at all. That precious doctrine licy in the world are imperilled. Such an up- is not meant as a premium to idleness, but as a rising against law and social order, at once so comfort to the tried and the tempted in their accauseless and so vast, and involving in it so many tive struggle with the evil principle within. And deluded good men, has, we believe, never before after all, the great peril of this state of decay conbeen put upon record. The very incredulity of sists in the possible condition of unchanged alienthe government and the people as to the possible ation from God, which may be behind it. Is it a development of the conspiracy to such gigantic decay of spirituality, or a revelation of its utter proportions, gave the coveted opportunity to nur- absence from the deceived soul? In such a state, ture and consolidate it to such vast strength, that | may we not justly doubt whether we are, or ever its suppression by the whole power of this great | were, Christians at all, save in name? How can nation, has become almost doubtful. Humiliation we ever know, or satisfy ourselves, in such a state, and defeat, on a great scale, as well as victory, that we are Christians? Hence, in any light we have met us in our conflict. And even if we had choose to consider it, the state of spiritual declenmet with uniform success, the fact that such a sion is one full of the most threatening omens and rebellion exists, would be ample cause for the ob- possibilities. Warnings and threatenings against servance of a day of National Fasting and Prayer. | it abound in the Scriptures; and the deep lamen-That in this age, and among us, should arise tations of the pious, when roused to a sense of it,

such a storm of anarchical opposition against the are frequently found in the sacred page. The injury which the cause of Christ suffers from freest of human governments in its regular constitutional operation; that there should be no spiritual decay is great. It far surpasses any injubetter pretext for it than the probable future re- | ry inflicted on it by the world and the devil, in perstriction of the growth of the system of American secution, in armed opposition, and in infidel scorn slavery; that there has not been found among us, and conspiracy. The Christian church flourished the wisdom, the ability, the energy, the self-sacri- and grew under the persecuting emperors of Rome; fice necessary to put it down promptly and for- but when Christianity was finally accepted as the ever; that such a sadly blotted page will have to roligion of the state, the decay of spirituality go into history from the American chronicles of which followed, crippled its usefulness, and pre-'60 and '61, is abundant matter, if ever matter | pared the way for the construction of that grand | can be given, for a national fast. We can scarcely scheme of formalism and hierarchy, which has overrate the solemnity of the occasion. Never been successfully palmed upon millions of the did nation need more to get very near to the face | race, as the true church, to the destruction of of Deity in the way of humiliation and repentance, many souls. Behold the decayed churches of than we do, at this marked and extraordinary Asia Minor, and of the East; the spiritless ritual the pastor, or, in his absence, by an elder, and let epoch. Never was He nearer to any, in the way of the Greek church; the cold and still semi-raof judgment. We see his signs. We are close to | tionalist State church of Germany! Look at the the great loom of his providence, and can detect | barren site of the denounced churches of the Rethe patterns of history in their very formation. velation! See, how painfully modern missions The air is thick with those changes which be- must again go over the ground trodden by the token a great onward movement of the kingdom of | feet of the Redeemer and his apostles-the scene Christ, in the overthrow of its enemies, and the of the earliest triumphs of our religion ! How it removal of that which now letteth out of the way, must set up its standard anew in Syrian Antioch, which the Lord shall consume with the spirit of where the disciples were first called Christians; his mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of see how a decayed spirituality in the greatest statechurch in orthodox Christendom has invited an his coming. We therefore sincerely hope that the people unwonted development of formalism and ritualare observing the day in good earnest. Called ism on the one hand, and a most presumptuous upon by Congress, by the President, by the Go. attack upon the essential doctrines and foundavernor of the State, and the authorities of our tions of Christianity on the other, and stands imcity, and of our church, and still more by the pro- potent to clear itself of either. And what other vidence of God, it is to be devoutly hoped that this | cause is there of the slow, century-progress of nation is making a demonstration of loyalty to | Christianity in the world, when its very spirit is God, like that, in unanimity and in fervor, which | heaven-like, intensely progressive and expansive, it has made to the country. We have poured save that the ministry and the rank and file of forth our soldiers by hundreds of thousands; we the people are so prone to fall into a state of spiritare subscribing to the national loan as fast as the | ual decay, and so content to live and walk theregovernment needs to spend the money; we are ob- in? literating party lines in one universal demonstra- Oh! brethren, were we but up and doing .-tion of patriotism; but above all, let us bow, this were we but witnessing and cross-bearing for the day, as one people in awful stillness and cessation | Master's cause, -were we but humbling ourselves from work or pleasure before the Lord of Hosts, for our sins, and stirring up ourselves to take hold recognising his authority, acknowledging his jus- upon God in prayer,-were we but making relitice in our affliction, confessing and forsaking our gion our business, instead of postponing it at every sins, and casting our cause upon him as our sole worldly demand,-were we, and all Christian people, alive unto God, what work that the church strength and reliance. It will be seen by a notice in another column | could be called upon to do, would be too hard for extracted from the Bulletin, that the Christian her? How long would it be before the hands of of America will have the sympathy and co-opera- her enterprises that hang down would be lifted tion of their brethren in France and Switzerland, up, and the feeble knees strengthened, and a on this solemn occasion. This is a most touching straight path made for her feet to the conquest and encouraging expression of Christian regard, of every part of the world? and will be most gratefully received. It cannot but strengthen us in the earnestness and importu-

the dry detail of the forms of order in the working THE NEW YORK OBSERVER ON THE LETTERS FROM THE SEAT OF WAR NATIONAL CRISIS.

of our system, there is need, as far as possible, of the introduction of those great enterprises of the church, which take hold of the heart, and are "Honour to whom honour !" We are rejoiced to find that the "Conservative" religious paper of vitally allied with the progress of the kingdom of the land par excellence, is coming up to the position which we, for months past, have felt it our

11. Again, such attention on the part of our Presbyteries and Synods, to the great causes of duty to take on the subject of the present rethe church, is the true method of keeping up and bellion. In a circular which has been recently ncreasing their efficiency. Let the subject of issued from the "Observer" office, the proprietors Foreign Missions come up in each Presbytery and thus announce the principles which will hereafter Synod once a year-let an hour be given to the mark the conduct of their journal. hearing of a brief report, and a manuscript letter

"Believing secession to be rebellion, and when from a missionary belonging to the body-let the attempted as in this case without adequate reasons, remainder of the hour be given to a free converto be the highest crime, we hold, That the war was forced upon us by the unsation on the general subject, as to the best method of keeping alive missionary interest, the conduct-

ing of the monthly concert, the raising of funds, justifiable rebellion of the seceding States. That the Government as the ordinance of God, tc., and who does not see that every minister and must put down rebellion and uphold the Constitu-

elder present will return to his church with new tion in its integrity. That every citizen is bound to support the Go-vernment under which he lives, in the struggle zeal for the cause? So let an hour in like manner be given to Home Missions, to the Publication Committee, to Education for the Ministry, and these great enterprises will all feel the quickto re-establish its authority over the whole coun-

ening impulse. III. This action contemplates the healthful That the CONSTITUTION of the United States development of our Presbyterian system. One is the supreme law of the Government as well as grand object of our union in Presbyteries and of the people; that the war should be prosecuted from this city, and intersects the former at Hudgrand object of our amon in resolutions and by heavier of a solution by prosented Synods is, that we may engage in common ef-forts for the advancement of religion. The great enterprises of the church have a claim to be arrested, and peace concluded, just so soon as the people now in revolt, will lay down their arms, he constant attention of these bodies. and submit to the Constitution and laws of the

peace, brotherly love. UNION.

MINNESOTA."

Much that has been done by agents and secretaries in promoting and superintending the misland. With these views we endeavor to inculcate sionary and other general causes of the church those sentiments of brotherly love and Christian properly belongs to our Presbyteries and Synods, principle, which ought to govern nations and inand should be regarded as their legitimate work. dividuals, in war as well as in peace, earnestly According to the above resolutions each memberof the Synodical Committee becomes properly the desiring a speedy deliverance from the present de-agent of the cause of Foreign Missions in his own plorable calamities, and a return to the days of Presbytery. Thus we have the healthful working | union and brotherhood, when we were one people. | the enemy from Northern Missouri, into a cul de of our system and the economizing of expenses for | If the doctrine of secession is tolerated, all government, national, state, and municipal, is destroyed.

our societies. IV. This action will, we trust, secure what we and submission to law is left to the caprice of have long felt-the need of direct correspondence every community and individual." with our missionaries. That there may be a lively missionary interest at home, the church must feel who have been disposed to question the conservaitself thoroughly identified with the brethren abroad. The work is one, whether we support it

by our prayers and contributions at home or go as never contended; less than this we will never acmessengers of the churches to labor in heathen lands. We must feel this. And nothing more rable "Conservative" contemporary. We will aids in cherishing this common interest than letters from brethren abroad, and especially brethren who have gone from amongst us, and also are members of our ecclesiastical bodies. Almost every Synod, and a large number of our Presbyteries, have on their minutes men in the foreign field. Now, what we need are letters from these

brethren addressed annually to the bodies with which they are connected. The Missionary Herald can contain but a small part of the correspondence of so large a number of laborers, and even if it could publish all, the advantage of a fresh manuscript letter coming each year to the Presbytery and Synod from one of its own members, can be appreciated at once. Our missionary

brethren may thus be our most efficient agents in duties of his position in the army. Without keeping up the missionary spirit and securing the needed funds. And while we would urge our brethren abroad to let us hear from them, we credit on his profession by his energy, his inwould have our Synodical and Presbyterial comdefatigable attention to the wants of his men. mittees reciprocate in this matter, by communicating annually to them our sympathy and interest and his brave bearing in every scene of danger. in their work. Washington, August 14th, 1861. V. If this action of our Synods is properly

carried out, we shall secure the co-operation of each church in the Presbytery, no matter how

IV. St. Louis, Missouri, September 17th, 1861. The most wicked and abominable exhibition of essionism which has yet been seen in this

State, and which shows itself to be "from beneath," has taken place in Northern Missouri. . This part of the land has been supposed to be superior in many espects to that south of the Missouri river. Bu whether it is from the contrast with the free bor der states on its three sides, or whether malignant emissaries from the remote South have instigated it, I know not; but the fact is that the most atrocious deeds have been committed there

IN THE WEST.

of late. The railroad burnings exceed anything of Sepoy vengeance in enormity. Repeatedly shote have been fired from thickets through cars supposed to contain troops, especially on the road

from Hannibal to St. Joseph; and sometimes large numbers of these. The same has occurred on the North Missouri Rail-Road, which leads son, mid-way across the State. To such length have matters gone, that tons of mail matter for California have accumulated at different points on the road from Hannibal to St. Juseph,--which is the "Overland" and only "mail route" now to the West coast. and which it will require weeks o move forward to its destination. At the present moment large bodies of our troops are holding possession of these railroads, and the adjacent country, and preparing to drive

suc-"into a bag" as those who were to the manner born express it,-near Lexington, on the Missouri river. Here, 17,000 of the enemy are This extract we submit to those of our friends at this time beleaguering a little band of our men in that country-seat. But they in turn will soon tism of our course. For more than this we have find themselves beset by Lane on the West. Pone on the North, Hunter on the East, and a strong cept. So we shall shake hands with our veneforce from Rolla on the South. A prospect of

battle appears there now, which will probably end work together in the truly religious labour of the campaign in Missouri. And it will not avail the enemy to run; for he will only run into harm's seeking to restore to our country righteousness, The principal events of the past week have

been the inauguration of Camp Benton, four CHAPLAIN NEILL OF THE "FIRST miles to the north-west of the city, the military arrest of Frank Blair, and the attempt on the We clip the following letter from a recent

issue of the St. Paul's Press. It is from the part of the government at Washington to mopen of a Mr. Craffut, who was in the midst of dify and nullify General Fremont's policy as the scenes which he describes. It gives us plea- to "freeing the slaves of rebels," which has well sure to present an additional testimony to the been called "the first effective blow aimed at

faithfulness of this man of God to the arduous the heart of the rebellion." "Camp Benton" is well worth a visit, being in any instance over-stepping the proprieties of the largest in America. Seeing the probable his sacred office, he has reflected the highest need of a vast force centring here, Gen. Fremont took early measures to provide for them comfortable quarters, and a school for practice. At the location of these Barracks, was the only eligible spot for such a purpose in all this

There is one man who it seems to me has not neighborhood, which is elsewhere so broken been awarded the honor which he won in that into hill and jungle. terrible battle, and that almost equally terrible The camp consists of long lines of rough retreat. I mean our good Chaplain Neill. I board-honses-cheaper and better than tentsknow the negligence has not troubled him, but dining sheds, and cooking booths running paralthe people of Minnesota have a right to know lel, and extending into almost interminable more of his services. According to the testimony of all the men who saw him-and it con- vistas along the sides of the plain. Corn-fields firms my own observation-he was every where have been cleared, and rolled level, fences represent where he could render any assistance moved, and a grand campus martius has thus to the sick or prostrated, the wounded or dying. been prepared for all sorts of military evolu-He went repeatedly to the hospitals from the tions, and drill of an army of 50,000 men. Warear of our regiment, and from various parts of the field, wherever a strigken soldier would apter has been brought in pipes, and a thorough peal for aid, and there comfort the wounded. system of drainage and sewerage has been estaand soothe and administer consolation to the blished. All arms of the service are encamped dying. I saw him the last time that day at the door of Sudley's Church Hospital-that reek. here : infantry, cavalry, artillery, of which some ing tabernacle, whose blood strewn picture I six thousand were reviewed on the 17th inst., shall always so vividly remember. He was en- at the raising of the national standard over the tering, bearing one end of a freighted litter. General's Quarters. while I was passing out at the request of the The arrest of Col Frank P. Blair is supposed gallant Captain Acker, to<sup>3</sup>procure an ambulance to be of more interest to himself than any one for him. He was lying in a corner of the room, his eye as large as an egg, and beside him was else here or elsewhere. He has been a man of a brave and yet bleeding member of the Irish influence in this State, and was regarded as a 69th, whose leg had been shot away at the good Union man. But he is considered too thigh. I managed to get an ambulance to the much of a partisan, and like all great men, is door, but before I could notify my charge within, a squad of violent men had taken it for their headstrong and selfish. But he "has waked own purposes. It was mainly through the de- up the wrong passenger," in resisting the autermined efforts of Chaplain Neill, who came thority, or trying to diminish the popularity out soon after, that an ambulance was finallyand influence of Major General Fremont, whom procured and protected for Captain A. and the entire West almost idolize: i. e. the Free other wounded Minnesotians. I met the Chaplain at one o'clock at night, again, at Centre-States and Union men everywhere. ville. He looked like all the rest, in fact, care-The proclamation declaring slaves of rebels worn and foot-sore, and I invited him to get up free men, has worked up unbounded enthusibehind me on the quadruped which I had found asm. Even the secessionists felt that this was without sadddle or bridle in an adjacent field, right. And they were beginning to trim their and, with the aid of a good friend in company sails to the breeze, when President Lincoln's "D," appropriated. This was not a "secession horse," as has been asserted, and as I then supmodification of the same appeared, and has posed, but at daylight I discovered "U.S restored all things in statu quo. This is a step branded on his hips-and, of course, returned in the wrong direction. The "only effective blow," has been thus paralyzed--the arm of the inflictor of it has been stayed! Whether this has been because of jealousies in the Cabinet, or from fear of Gen. Fremont's potent influence, in dictating a peace by speedily prosecuting the ome out of them." Whether the *tertium quid* is to be composed of which was not general. I tried to convince war to its consummation. I cannot undertake to say. It is a Bull Run "defeat" here in the if he could get one to ride, and quoted the nu-West to the cause of the Government; and all merous examples around. He confessed the right-minded persons, of all former parties, exclaim against it. It is a common remark here must walk at their head and encourage them to that "they are at play in Washington, while keep up; if they see me walking they will per- | we are in earnest." severe." He got off, and in five minutes a

It is enough to say here, that no false impres-All the pews in the KENSINGTON CHURCH (Rev. W. T. Eva,) have for some time been rented, sion has been made in regard to the religious character of the General. He has made no formal pro- and a large number of applications are standing.

fession of his obedience to the gospel, but my conviction is that he regards himself, and is happy to be known by others, as a friend and follower of

Jesus. The country is deeply interested at this time n knowing who the men are, and what kind men they are, that have charge of its affairs. It est position in our armies, is one who fears God, him. I am very respectfully yours, &c.,

M. L. P. THOMPSON. Cincinnati, Sep. 17th, 1861. [The extract from the Montreal Witness, on our fourth page, was in type before the reception of the above letter.]

CITY RELIGIOUS ITEMS. Our churches have all resumed their regular services with the usual congregations. If we are not mistaken, there is an increased seriousness and readiness to hear, as might be expected in men mitting this sin, the Lord hath many times given who realize that they are passing through a so- the victory to a few. And let soldiers, and all lemn and unprecedented crisis in history, and of us know that the very nick of time that God witnessing the judgments of God in our land. hath promised us help, is when we see no help in And we believe our pastors are responding to this sentiment, instructing the people in the peculiar of us know that we now have a promise of God's duties of the times, and drawing out their lessons | help which we had not when we were stronger; in the light of the Word. There is also a mani- and therefore let us pray more confidently. And fest increase of fraternal feeling among us: a sen- let soldiers and all of us know that if we obtain timent of union, and identity of interests, stronger even than has hitherto prevailed among the brethren of our church in this city, which is aptly illustrated and enforced by numerous pag-

acting already to practical advantage. In some respects the pressure of the times is felt as a hinderance to our enterprises, but we are happy to say that the NORTH BROAD STREET CHURCH, while brought to maturity just as the storm of war over- and conflict for our glorious Union. The portrait took us, is by no means disheartened or in any peril of abandonment. The congregation is rallying around the pastor in as goodly numbers as ever; and the commodious Commissioners'. Hall, Thir-

teenth and Spring Garden Sts., has been fitted up with pews, in the expectation that it will be occupied by the people, until a more favorable moment for building appears. They still hold the lot, corner of Broad and Green streets. Rev. Mr. ADAMS, | leading foreign journals upon the great questions the pastor, has recently returned from a visit to his now agitating the political world in both hemirelatives in New England.

relieve the Board of a large part of his salary, Road, within a couple of hours' distance of the other choice selections from All the Year Round, city, where he still has his office. He is very Chambers' Journal, Saturday Review, Spectator, usefully and successfully engaged in getting up a and London Review. Poetry and short articles church in the vicinity of his new residence. Al- make a desirable variety. though he has been on the ground only a few

EDITOR'S TABLE.

Sept. 26

The headings to the various sections of CROM-WELL'S BIBLE, lately re-published by the Tract Society in New York, when connected together are a sermon in themselves. Look at them: "A soldier must not do wickedly; must be valiant for God's cause; must not rely on his own wisdom. is no small comfort to be assured that the indivi- his own strength or any provision for war; must dual who now occupies in point of fact, the high- | put his confidence in God's wisdom and strength : must pray before he goes to fight; must consider and believe God's gracious promises; must not and does not count it a vain thing to pray unto fear his enemies; must love his enemies as they are his enemies, and hate them as they are God's enemies : must cry unto God in his heart in the very instant of battle; must consider that sometimes God's people have the worst in battles, as well as God's enemies; that though God's people have the worst, yet it cometh of the Lord : for the iniquities of God's people, they are sometimes de-livered into the hands of their enemies; therefore, both soldiers and all God's people upon such oc-casions, must search out their sins, especially whether we have not put too little confidence in the arm of the Lord, and too much in the arm of flesh, and that to prevent this sin, and for the comman: wherefore if our forces be weakened, and the enemy strengthened, then let soldiers and all any victory over our enemies, it is our duty to give all the glory to God."

Each one on this very rich list of themes, is sages of Scripture, showing what a treasure house of consolation and instruction the soldier may find in the word of God.

HARPER'S WEEKLY is publishing valuable maps of various parts of the country and localities wisely deferring the purpose to build, which was now passing into history as the scenes of strategy of Gen. McClellan in the number for last week. is a great achievement. The editorials are vigorous, and in the very fore front of public sentiment

Our readers who desire fancy union envelopes, can always find an abundant supply, in great variety and CHEAP, at MAGEE'S, 316 Chestnut St. LITTELL'S LIVING AGE comprises the cream and essence of the best foreign periodical literature, and keeps an eye upon the utterances of spheres. Its issues being weekly, every topic is resh. The work of selection is carefully done, The energetic Secretary of the American Board, and the result is a reliable representation of cur-Rev. JOHN MCLEOD, has made arrangements to rent foreign literature. We cordially recommend it to our readers. No. 904, September 28th, conand has located himself on the Pennsylvania Rail tains the fine article of the Quarterly Review,

MRS. SOUTHWORTH'S fertile pen has produced a new work of fiction entitled THE GIPSEY'S weeks, he has already gathered a large and inte- PROPHECY. It was written in England, where resting congregation; a lot for a church edifice the anthoress is now residing for the health of has been presented to them; nearly the entire her only daughter. It is drawn from scenes in amount necessary, contributed or subscribed, and actual life, and describes them as observed by the writer herself. Published by MESSRS. T. B. THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY and the KNICKERment to the vicinity. This is truly building the BOCKER, for October, are on our table. We crave our readers' patience in deferring a fuller The first church, Rev. Mr. BARNES, was opened | notice of them for the present. We have also tober-a complete and indispensable manual for every traveller.

nity of our approaches to the throne of grace.

We venture to anticipate great blessings for At the instance of the indefatigable Secretary of our country in this appointment. May it not the American Board for this district, Rev. John be a turning point in our history from the practi- M'Leod, several of the Western Synods, last fall, cal neglect of God which has characterized us as a nation, to a devout and sincere recognition of the principles of the Gospel in all our public affairs ? | missions, as carried on through the agency of the Let us pray in faith, that it may be even so.

took action looking to the more direct and active connexion of those bodies with the work of foreign American Board. The Synod of Indiana adopted the following:

SYNODICAL ACTION ON FOREIGN MIS-

SIONS

Resolved. That a Committee of four, one from

SPIRITUAL DECAY.

each Presbytery, be annually appointed to super-The individual Christian and the individual intend and have special care of the cause of Fochurch may suffer declension, even when the reign Missions in this Synod, and to report to the same annually on this subject, presenting all such great general movement of the kingdom of Christ information and matter of interest as in their is clearly onward. Nay, the true Christian, who judgment will stimulate and develop the spirit of on the whole is making real progress, may suffer issions, giving the number of men we have emoccasional sad relapses, and even remain for long ployed in this work, and corresponding with them, the success of the cause in which we co-operate periods in a cold and profitless condition. It is with others, and report fully all collections, and to be feared there are few Christians, who have all delinquencies, throughout each Presbytery. not considerable experience in this matter of spi-The Synod of Wabash followed, with resolutions ritual decay. There are few who have not had of like import, as follows: just ground of complaint against themselves at

Resolved, 1. That a Committee of four, one from some time, nay perhaps often and often, on this each Presbytery, be annually appointed to superinscore. They have found their hearts growing tend and have special charge over the cause of Fo-

and unalarmed. It has taken the perilous form of spiritual slumber. They have a name to live,

our churches, but at the muster for active duty In an article addressed to the Christian Herald are the elements of a prosperous, influential, and useful. NEWBERRY has resigned his charge, as pastor of variations. they are not to be found. Perhaps, like the shortly after, the Secretary expresses his satisfac- able denominational journal, in whose managemonsition to observe the day was made in a Olivet Church. Mr. Newberry, after a tour among ter published in a French journal, written by I regret the publicity which has been given to church of Laodicea, they delude themselves with tion in this action of the Synods as follows. We ment the interests of Christ's cause, and of our WE HAVE RECEIVED from our correspondent this subject, mainly because I think it must be his friends in New York and elsewhere, has again Count Agénor de Gasparin, author of the excel a sense of security; nay, even think themselves commend it to the consideration of Synods now church will be faithfully and efficiently representat Fuh Chau a copy of the supplement to the annoying to General McClellan; but also because spiritually rich and increased in goods, while they about to convene, in this part of the field. ed. It has our best wishes for success. China Mail, Hongkong, June 20th, containing I cannot help feeling that if I were fairly responare wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, "Now we confess to a feeling of much satisfaction the journal of a missionary tour along the East sible for it. I should be liable, most justly, to the and naked. "Hence it is," says Owen, "that we in this Synodical action respecting this great cause, SYNOD OF GENESEE. Biver of Canton Province, undertaken in the censures which in certain quarters, I understand but who, with their excellent pastor, are doing have so little success for the most part, in calling and for several reasons, which we will briefly We have received full reports of the proceed persons to look after a removal and recovery of state. month of May, by Rev. J. LEGGE, D. D. It is have been expressed. their best to carry on their enterprise in the face persons to look after a removal and recovery of their decays; they acknowledge no such thing in themselves,—such calls may belong unto others; state is necessarily more or less of Several typographical errors slipped into the ings of the Synod of Genesee, which shall have a deeply interesting in its political, geographical, I have not hesitated since the publication has of present difficulties. We hope and believe they hymn for the Fast Day, published in our last. will have a continuance of sympathy and aid from [ Third line, fourth verse, read "wrath" for "arm; the brethren in the other churches. fourth line, fifth verse, read "here" for "near."

small or feeble. Let the subject of Foreign Missions be annually presented to every church by the contribution be taken up if it amount to no more than a very few dollars from the entire body. This would be a recognition of the obligation No church, however few in numbers, can afford to be out of sympathy in this work which Christ has committed to all his people. We need the prayers of Christians in the small churches. but they cannot pray unless they give. We need men from these small churches for missionaries, (and some of the smallest churches in the land have contributed some of the most efficient men now in the foreign field,) but we cannot expect this unless the missionary spirit is kept up. These Christiaus in our feeble churches as much need the expansive influence of this work on their hearts as those in our larger churches. And then, too, the sum of the contributions of many small churches greatly helps the treasury of the

Board.-The many little contributions of the children built and fitted out the "Morning Star." Let us, then, as a Christian denomination, begin this second half century of our history with fresh zeal and consecration to the work. Let us endeavor to place in the hands of the Board which we have chosen as our representatives to conduct this work, and who have so faithfully discharged the sacred trust committed to them, larger resources both of men and means, and let our united prayer continually ascend, "that God's way may be known in the earth, his saving health to

all nations.' THE NEW "TERTIUM QUID." The Presbyterian Herald in Louisville, Ky., is

evidently much exercised at the indications of union among Presbyterians in the North, now happily so prevalent. In a late issue it says : "The attempt at such a union, if it is ever made

in earnest, will, in all probability, result in a him to the custody of his owner. With very tertium quid, which will be "neither fish, flesh, little urging, the Chaplain put his foot in the nor fowl, nor good red herring." There will be hand of a friend, and leaped upon the back of three and it may be four churches instead of two our patient Rosinante. He had not been seated as now. This, however, is a day of revolutions, two minutes when he began to grow uneasy of and no man can predict with certainty what is to the privilege he was taking above the privates, come out of them.

any churches beyond the sacred limits of the soil him of the propriety of an officer riding a horse of Kentucky-a state likely to become famous for her persistent attempts to maintain a position of relief and rest it gave him, "but," said he, a third and disinterested party in the dire struggle "these men are prostrated and disheartened; I for national existence now going on,-is a question of interest. From the far South, we can gain no

information. But close by our side, a favourable utterance is heard in the columns of our contemporary, the Presbyterian. It quotes the action of the Presbytery of Louisville, given in our last the captured horse performed a varied service

particularly the last resolution as follows : "The Presbytery, believing that the kingdom

of Christ is not to be limited by civil bounds, will cordially unite with all true and conservative men in our beloved Church, North or South, in defending and preserving the purity, unity, and pros-perity of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.'

The Presbyterian adds: To this last resolution we most heartily subscribe,

Amen.

The Presbyterian Recorder, the very promising

cold; the warmth of their first love dying out; | reign Missions in this Synod, and to report to the organ of our Chicago brethren, which, but for the We are pleased to see this gentleman in the that puzzles me. public, and of old Pine street, with our prayers. their interest in prayer, their spiritual appetite, Synod, annually on this subject all such informaopening of its career in the most unpropitious city supplying some of our vacant churches. and relish for the word diminishing; their active tion as is adapted to stimulate the missionary I regret exceedingly that a newspaper notoriety God give them grace to play the man, and shield times, would doubtless have long and worthily | He was formerly a lawyer at York, Pa., and | them from rebel weapons! efforts for the conversion of souls, and their selfshould have been given to this subject. The represented the wants and views of the church in | in this city, where he was elected a member of | facts in the case were once mentioned by me in a 2. That it be the duty of the members of this Dr. Brainerd's members are also largely con- a French gentleman of this city: denying zeal and liberality for the cause of Christ Committee to have the care of this great inthe great north west, has united with the Chris- the Legislature. He narrowly escaped being meeting of some of our city pastors, where it is "Our Christian brethren in France and Switzercerned in the Volunteer Refreshment Saloon, nensing: or, the decay has stolen upon them so si- terest in their respective Presbyteries, espetian Herald, the organ of our church in Cincinna- | elected to Congress, in Delaware, by the state | generally supposed that confidential communicawhich is a truly Philadelphia institution, and has lently, and has eaten so deeply into their sensibi- cially to secure, if possible, the taking of colti. The Herald and Recorder is under the uni- of parties. Becoming, as he trusts, a Chris- tions may be made with safety. Three days later (to use their own language) proclamation of Prelities, that they are unconscious of its existence lections in every church, and to report fully the done our soldiers as much good as a victory, dent Lincoln, appointing the last Thursday of ted editorial control of the two brethren, who tian, he was licensed this Spring by the Pres- a very original version of them appeared in one of collections and delinquencies throughout each Rev. Dr. DARLING is now residing in German- September as a day of fasting, humiliation and formerly occupied the position separately: Rev. bytery of Wilmington, and is dedicating his cul- our daily journals, in the correspondence from Presbytery. The Synod of Cincinnati adopted resolutions town, and is able to take exercise in light garden prayer, have decided to set apart the same day for Clement E. Babb, at Cincinnati, and Rev. Yates | tivated and matured powers to the work of the Columbus, since which time it has freely circulawork. We are glad to hear that there are indica- the same object. but they are dead! They count on the rolls of similar to these of the Synod of Wabash. tions of improvement in his case. Rev. E. D. "It is proof of their deep symper-Hickey, at Chicago. In this union, doubtless, ministry. We trust that he will be eminently ted over the country, with liberal additions and

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suggested that I could walk some, too, so I rode LETTER FROM REV. DR. THOMPSON. enough to renew my strength somewhat, and EDITOR OF THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.-DEAR SIR:-The brief article in your columns for the rest of the night among the sick, weak, ast week, in relation to the report of a certain re-It required more courage and fortitude to markable interview, said to have taken place some "keep moving" in that dreadful march, than to time ago, in my study, between General McClellan fight the battle of the day before. During much and me, contradicting a contradiction of it, and of the distance. Parson Neill walked beside amaffirming that, in a sermon which I recently bulances, to defend them against being overwhelmed by the rush of exhausted men, and preached in Troy, I avowed myself to be the Dr. frequently he had to resort to rough measures Thompson with whom that interview was had, to protect the wounded occupants. All honor and corroborated the report of it, is false. It is to him-chiefly because he asks for none of it,

> directly to General McClellan is not true. Can you tell me from what source the news-

the plans drawn for a very neat stone building, the writer nersen. Fuonsneu by me PETERSON & BRO., 306 Chestnut St. which, as seen from the railroad, will be an ornawalls in troublous times.

as usual on the first Sabbath in the month. The received DINSMORE'S RAILBOAD GUIDE for Ocexcellent pastor has divided his vacation between the surf at Atlantic City, and his suburban resi-

dence in West Philadelphia. His grounds, in the latter place, afford him opportunity for a kind of bodily exercise, which the apostle (who labored with his own hands) did not mean to include among such as he declared profit little. Certainly, it seems largely profitable to the health of the pastor of the First Church. In his regular course of sermons on theology, he has reached " the Sacraments," and is now discussing that important subject with the acumen, the clearness, and the efforts in the pulpit. The course of Mr. Barnes ing of fervent supplications to Almighty God, for

in his pulpit efforts, though systematic, is not unyielding. When any topic out of the line of his regular course seems specially deserving of notice, or has for any reason awakened a sufficient degree nor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do of interest in his mind, he lays aside the regular order that on the day named therein the public topic, until that is disposed of, and thus breaks offices shall be closed, and I earnestly recomin upon a series which might prove monotonous; mend to the people to suspend on that day, in the ordinary avocations and to close their places of nevertheless he comes back to the grand themes business and to humble themselves before the of theology, as the staple of his preaching. It Almighty with earnest prayers that He will favorawas Wordsworth, the poet, who systematized all his bly with mercy look upon this people. efforts, and sought to make his whole life a unit.

Each particular effusion of his pen, having, to his the entire structure of his poetical existence-just | and of the Commonwealth the eighty fifth. as each nave, pillar and ornament in a cathedral, belongs to a system, and goes to complete a grand and beautiful structure. Something of this might well JOINT ACTION OF THE PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNcharacterize and give an elevated aim to the otherwise fragmentary work of the preacher. Mr.

Barnes is announced as a member of the sanitary commission recently appointed by the government for this city.

years. It is known, we believe, that the pastor's nation for the post in Washington. We are glad that the patrice is points of the formers old shurshing

a toilet article, manufactured by her daughter's ployment, on that day, to the end that an entire own hands. The company gave her three cheers, and she deserved them! Another young man, the only son of his mother-and she a widow.-was made First Lieutenant of a cavalry company now lower upon us may be removed, and that his against his will, he preferring a lower position as gracious blessings may again be showered upon this more suited to his abilities. Let us not forget to

follow these brave and modest soldiers of the re-

THE FAST DAY.

PROCLAMATION OF GOV. CURTIN. Pennsylvania ss. A. G. Curtin, L. S.

In the name, and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Andrew G. Curtin, Governor of said Commonwealth, a proelamation ----

Whereas, the President of the United States of America, has, by Proclamation, appointed Thursday, 26th day of September current, as a day of public humiliation, prayer and fasting, to be observed by the people of the United instructiveness which characterize his doctrinal States, with religious solemnities, and the offerthe safety and welfare of these States, his blessing on their arms, and a speedy restoration of peace.---

Now, therefore, I, Andrew G. Curtin, Govermend to the people to suspend on that day their

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at Harrisburgh, this nineteenth day Each particular effusion of his pen, having, to his of September, in the year of our Lord one mind, a place in the great whole, and going to form thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, (1861,)

By order of the Governor. ELI SLIFER, Secretary of the Commonwealth

CILS. SEPT. 19TH.

Whereas, The President of the United State n accordance with the request of both houses o Congress, has appointed the last Thursday of this month, the 26th instant, as a day of public humiliation, prayer and fasting, for all the people of the About fifteen of the young men in PINE ST. nation to observe and keep, according to their se-CHURCH and congregation have enlisted for three veral creeds and modes of worship, and with all religious solemnity; And Whereas, It is becoming that the authori-

son, a youth of high promise-a graduate of Yale ties of the City of Philadelphia should contribute College, holds the office of surgeon in the volun- | their example and influence in strengthening this teer army, having passed a most creditable exami- solemn injunction of the Executive of the nation

that the patriotic repute of the famous old church, is of the City of Philadelphia, That the usual meeting thus likely to be kept green, for generations to come. of Councils happening on the day so designated be Two of the volunteers just referred to, are twins; dispensed with, that the several offices and esta they are in Harlan's cavalry: one a captain, and blishments of labor of all the Departments of the the other a second lieutenant, in company E. On | City Corporation be kept closed on that occasion, the eve of their departure, the mother presented of our community to abstain from opening their each of the ninety odd men in the company, with stores, offices, factories, and other places of ensuspension of business of every kind shall obtain, and thus afford all the opportunity and privilege of joining in the imploring of Almighty God that his severe and just wrath and chastisement which hitherto highly-favored but now sorrow-stricken land.

> THE AMERICAN FAST IN EUROPE. It will gratify all loyal Americans to receive the intelligence conveyed in the following extract from a note to the editor of the "Bulletin" from

land, after baving read the beautiful and touching

"It is proof of their deep sympathy in the great returned to the city. THE S. W. CHURCH, Rev. James McCaskie's is, made up largely of a people whose resources are much affected in these times,

and will very likely repudiate it if he has a true that I preached not long since in Troy, but chance. He is the right man in the right place, that I alluded on that occasion, directly or in-

papers get their intelligence? This is a matter

and all the regiment respect and love him. WILLIAM R. MORRIS, ESQ.

wounded soldier took his place. His example

and wonnded.

and sincerely hope that all the people will say

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