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# American Presbyterian pointed for the exclusive benefit of the church, as was seen last Thursday? What one ever saw Genesee Grangelist. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1861.

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#### NATIONAL REGENERATION.

From such a day as last Thursday, we may venture to hope for an upward movement in the national life. It was a passage in our history which contained the elements of a favorable change : and faith in the plainest principles of Christianity must be wanting, if hope is not derived from such a general fulfilment of the conditions she prescribes for obtaining the divine favor. There is no merit in fasting, humiliation and prayer. Yet while we utterly disclaim all right to a blessing, we may sin equally in failing to discern the may overlook it when really on us. grounds of confidently expecting the divine favor, when they are present.

1. We do not believe the fast-day was a form or a sham. The people entered into it heartily. They did take an humbling view of their position before God. Boasting was laid aside. There was no disposition to criminate other parties, and so hide our own sins. Even the N. Y. Independent said:

It is easy to mistake a zeal against slavery for a self-renouncing hatred of all national sins; to narrow our vision to that form of national iniqui- the national regeneration is impracticable without ty with which personally we may have had least that enlargement and revival of the kingdom of to do; to vent against that the reproaches that Christ, to which, we hope this season of humiliashould first fall upon our own transgressions; and tion is leading us. even to make our anti-slavery zeal a self-righteous covering for personal sins. Indeed, there is sometimes an impudence of self-assertion in this way that savors far more of Pharisaism than of philanthropy. Our topics of humiliation should not be primarily the affinity which our fathers made with slavery, nor the extent to which Presidents and Cabinets, Congresses and judges, parties and trade have since sold themselves to the same alliance to do iniquity-not first, what evil has slavery | that the good qualities and the many praisebrought upon the land, but what evil have I contributed to bring upon the land, slavery included, by my sins? Jehovah has a broader indictment against us than is represented by this one count, even with all its frightful specifications. That indictment reads, "A sinful nation, a people laden Deity; they paint him as less rigorous, less ex-with iniquity, a seed of evil doers, children that act, less of a judge and sovereign, and more of are corrupters! they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger. they are gone away backward." To sum up the iniquity of this nation in one comprehensible charge it is GODLESSNESS; not atheism in the philosophical sense of denying the existence of God, but that practical atheism which ignores the law and authority of God, and the requirements of religion in both public and private affairs; -- which leaves out of view the law of God as a rule of civil fires." All this is the effort. conscious or unand social life, and the favor of God as an element conscious, of an uneasy conscience, laboring to of public prosperity.

There prevailed, we have no doubt, an unwont- casting half the guilt ou God, as the slothful oneed keen sense of ill-desert, as rendering us just- 1 pound servant in the parable did, or by men ly liable to these fearful national visitations. The | framing to themselves a moral government and judgments of the Lord were so manifestly abroad a Deity quite on a level with their own abasein the land, that the people were inclined to learn ment. They think God to be altogether such

pression of His infinite regard for the welfare of | then, to-day, will we bend in contrition, mourn His moral creatures be wanting, without a hell over our sins, and forsake them !-- over the sins His moral creatures be wanting, without a hell for those who would frustrate that regard, and of our households, of our church, of our city, of our country !--over pride, and impiety, and a more general disposition to renounce human dependence, and to realize the central truth of all genuine revivals? Not by might or by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts. The way, in our opinion, is signally and widely prewill suffer it. It is objected that unregenerate men are often, pared for the proper work of the church. Men's

minds, even among the impenitent, are softened. every virtue. They are amiable, they are culti-First principles are readily admitted and forcibly vated; they are liberal, patriotic, heroic. They felt to be true. The fallow ground of indifference adorn the family and social circle, they are pillars is broken up. The currents of feeling are running. of state; they discover, they invent; they are re-Wordly good is renewedly convicted of insufficicognised as the benefactors of their race; they are ency. And even if the destiny of the nation is wise, they are mighty, they are noble. Shall the prominent thought in all these religious exerthey too go down to the sides of the pit? Shall cises, to our minds great appliances or much skill they have their portion with the criminal, the do not seem necessary to turn them into a profane, the vile; with the fearful, the unbelieving, strictly religious and personal channel. Let us the abominable, with murderers, and whoremonboldly and hopefully undertake the work. Let gers, and sorcerers, and idolaters? us look confidently for a revived condition of the Look at those who are in arms against a free, church. Let us beware of a want of faith which

a great, and a beneficent government! Is rebellion confined to the ignorant, the vile, and the And what permanent good can we expect for our criminally inclined among them? Has amiability country without a revived church in the midst of of temper, or any combination of admirable qualiit? How shall we really get rid of the sins and ties; has any degree of social elevation, or intellicorruptions, the ambitions and oppressions, the gence, or culture, restrained them from dyeing avarice and the godlessness which gnaw at our sotheir hands deeply with the guilt of this most cial and political structure, save by the power atrocious of public crimes? And are these qualiof a revived Christianity? What, after victory, ties any excuse or palliation of their conduct? but to commence another cycle of worldly prospe-And when at length their purposes are frustrated, rity destined to end in another era of blood? No! 1 and their armed resistance to the laws defeated, and justice prepares her impartial awards, think you she will pass over the renowned, the cultivated, the reputed virtuous, and single out her vic- (

you, when her avenging sword is about to strike, that any one will venture to interpose the unsul-GOD'S TREATMENT OF REBELLION. lied character and faithfulness of the victim in Men in their natural state are fond of pic turing the God of the Bible as a hard master. His laws they regard as rigorous, and his judgments as severe. They think it unreasonable worthy acts of unconverted men, should not be allowed to weigh in the final estimate of cha-

Deity; they paint him as less rigorous. less exlent. God's punishment of the causeless uprising of Deity. "The sentiment of the sinner's heart

strange, nor revolting, that many who were admired on earth for loveliness of character, for genius, for seeming excellence in the subordinate duties of life, are likely to have their portion with a history-a redemption ! devils and lost spirits forever. In spite of all their good qualities, they were rebels in the highest of relations, and against the most sacred and

who would make hell everywhere? What is hell but the shadow of infinite love? And surely they slavery, and falsehood, and all others that rise who would frustrate infinite love deserve it, and in dark array before the eye of conscience and of God! Here plead we and humble our souls, until the Lord God shall lay his right hand upon us. and tell us that we are heard and pardoned! in the estimate of their fellow-men, adorned with He may arise, and go forth to replace the loosened foundations to bring the people back to God and the church also. Let our life be a

was adopted unanimously, all solemnly standing bold. earnest, affectionate protest against sin-In view of the present solemn crisis of our shedding healthful influence on all the departcountry ; Resolved, in order, as follows : ments of our citizenship; advocating justice, go-1. That we acknowledge the hand and th vernment, purity, freedom, union, plety; voting agency of eternal Providence, the justice as well for right men and measures; setting our forces as the mercy of the God of our fathers, in our sternly against pretence and political corruppresent affliction, peril, discipline, though our sins tion; stirring the country and the government, have deserved worse; and we would be humble as sinners at his feet; while it is our prayer, O Lord. if needs be, to an earnest, and vigorous, and unyielding patriotism and energy against the most revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the deadly and barbarous rebellion, until the wounds midst of the years make known, in wrath reof our bleeding Republic shall be healed, and member mercy.

the waves of sorrow ebb away; and the chan-2. That no power in the universe can remov nels of healthful action be re-opened; and the' our present maladies, and restore our country, demonstrate our National Union, the supremacy nation's liberty be proclaimed, and the fallen empires in bades miss the accession of another of law, the magnificence of order, the hope of nation to their shadowy realm; and the hostile, just and universal freedom, and the due stability living kingdoms be deprived of a jubilee over and expansion of our noble system of Government. our lost birthright; and God appear more glori- | with all necessary corrections and improvements; ously in history, not to destroy, but to save us! no such power is in existence-beneath the throne There is going on a mighty conflict in the of the God of heaven and earth-for our relief and world! The war which has been waged by the our success, and the hope of our posterity in fuinvisible powers swells up into our view, and its ture generations.

waves dash on mortal shores. This conflict is 3. That we cordially respond to the call of our for man; for mind; for souls; for law; for re- President, as previously and so properly recomligion; for the word of God; for the vindica-tion of Providence; for the kingly claims of the before God, confessing our sins; and as one man, tion of Providence; for the kingly claims of the before God, confessing our sins; and as one man, Messiah; and who shall not say it?--for the in humiliation, fasting, prayer, especially on the day appointed, Thursday, the twenty-sixth instant; slave 1 Can we forget, that, in the olden time, a na- deprecating his just and terrible judgments; sup-

tims among the base and ignoble throng? Think tion was visited with judgments in dreadful ac- plicating his grace; and in wrestling importunity cumulation, because its avarice, and ambition, saying, each of us, with the earnest and de and pride, and love of power would not lift the termined patriarch, I will not let thee go except yoke from Israel? Can we be deaf now to the thou bless me! so that not as a mere formality, not sound that comes to us from the mystery of as an impious ostentation, not as a spiritual hyevery other relation of life, with the hope that it Providence-"LET THE PEOPLE GO?" Is it not poerisy-all so offensive to God-but, as in sinwill avert the consequences of flagrant guilt in as easy for God to put our government, and cerity and in truth, worshipping and interceding the highest of all human relations? No, not in our nation, in the position which he has caused before God, for our beloved country, that God a single instance. No one doubts that rebels may one of our Generals to take, with regard to the our own God, may be its king, in mercy, faith-

a single instance. No one doubts that receis may act the part of kind fathers, faithful friends, and for God to dispose of *four millions* as it is of 4. That the Synod 4. That the Synod rejoice in all the true evaneven obedient citizens in the narrower relations of two thousand contrabands when his time shall gelical efforts, that are made for the means of public life; but rebellion vitiates all; nullifies the come? It is not our work. It is God's work. grace furnished to our noble soldiers, army and value of all; throws the hue of hypocrisy over all. We had the opportunity, but did not dare im- navy, in camp, in fortress, and afloat, officers and Rebellion may arise from grievous delusion and prove it. God will not offer it again. We may privates; that they may avoid the vices that pronow stand still, and gaze, and wonder, and see | voke the indignation of the Almighty; while the misconception, but even that can be no plea where our wealth absorbed, but we can do no more! especial care of their commander, to honor the the spirit of a government may be known and nor can we stop the hand of God. Thanks for day of God, which was made for man, commands read of all men as in the highest degree benevo- our impotency! Who shall say that we may our cordial and joyous approbation; while it de-

not behold another exodus of an exiled people serves the gratitude, as it encourages also the GOING HOME with spoils like those of Israel? Not strength and the prayers of the nation. We pray through parted seas, but over the broad Atlan- that those huge destroyers and mammoth vices, his creatures against his perfect government, will, tic, in the fleets of the nation, which shall have of profaneness, Sabbath-breach, intemperate drinkin like manner, be severe, impartial, and just. nothing else to do. Possibly in the navies of ing, licentiousness, gambling and other destructive It is true, but in the light of our discussion, not the world! A people returning home to settle, villanies, may be precluded and renounced; that with new thoughts and new powers, in their own God may dwell among them and insure these and ancestral wilderness; to make Africa a stupend. other victories, to our good, and his own glory, in ous cotton-field; to change the commercial cur- our restored nation.

rents of the world; to give that land of the sun 5. That the spirit of subordination to law; the constituted authority of the country; to the powers that be, and that are ordained of God: Sublime possibility! Who would not say, Amen? America and Africa FREE! Free by to pray for them; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty; that this spirit, with all its appropriate fruits, as it has been our want and our characteristic defect in

PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

SYNOD OF GENESEE.

dred and twelve in all.

This body met in the Forest Church, Middle-This body held its annual meeting at Batavia, town-the first time in that church for eight September 10th, 11th, and 12th. It is composed years-and received a hearty welcome from the of six Presbyteries, and had an attendance of sixty-nine ministers, and thirty-five ruling clders. and beautiful farming region were thrown open ing mainly dependent on the manufacture of cot. Eight ministers were also invited to sit as corresponding members, making a total of one hunto the brethren, and the ladies facilitated the business of Presbytery, by preparing bountiful meals means disheartened, and the congregations are Rev. Edwin S. Wright, D. D., was chosen for us in the lecture room of the church. Forest quite large. At a meeting recently held, the Moderator, and Rev. Levi Parsons, Jr., temporary Church has a commodious and comparatively new pastor generously offered to release them from The following action on the state of the country son of Rev. H. A. Riley, of Montrose, and a licentiate of Montrose Presbytery. It is to be hoped, that the temporary relation recently entered into years' regiments; four of them are Sabbath School permanent settlement.

The action of the Presbytery on various matters was harmonious and important. It was agreed sociates in the army. to co-operate with the Assembly's Permanent Committee of Home Missions. The following re- listed from the congregation of the Logan Square solutions on the State of the Country were unanimously agreed to. Presbytery solemnly rising: Resolved, That we deplore the existence of civil

war now raging in our land: brought upon us as it has been, by reckless and unprincipled men, whose loyalty has never been equal to their towering ambition, and we mourn over the waste and desolation that rebellion is working in a most wise and beneficent government.

Resolved, That, as we are taught in the Scriptures to fear God and be subject to civil government, we do now cherish the most ardent and unswerving attachment to our own constitutional government, especially while it is threatened by internal foes, and feel ourselves sacredly pledged to

do all in our power to sustain and perpetuate it. Resolved, That we believe every man, at this time, is either a friend or a foe to his country, that there is no such thing as neutrality, and that dis-

loyalty in covertly or openly, directly or indirectly, aiding or abetting the enemies of our government, is abhorrent and every way to be deprecated. Resolved, That while we are in favor of peace, and make it the burden of our daily prayer, we recognise fully the justice of the efforts now being made by our government to put down armed rebellion against it. We see no way to an honorable and safe peace but through war, and we enjoin it upon all our people to put forth every proper effort to sustain the executive authorities in maintaining the integrity of the government and the permanence of the republic.

Resolved, That we regard with hope the recent proclamation of the President of a day of Contents and an index. In form it is a handsome National humiliation, fasting and prayer, as 8vo. of 492 pages, printed on fine white paper, and also the order of the commanding General respecting the observance of the Christian Sabbath by the army, and we exhort all people to keep the appointed fast with all due solemnity and sincerity.

#### AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

Resolved, That Presbytery express its entire confidence in the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN, and sympathy with it as conducted by the Rev. JOHN W. MEARS, and do most cordially commend it to the families of our churches.

#### OTHER RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved. That a committee of three be apa good work, leading public sentiments and helppointed to prepare a pastoral letter setting forth the obligations of ministers, licentiates and church sessions, to the Presbytery with which wit. Yet such an article as "ENANCIPATION" church sessions, to the Presbytery with which commend itse If to the thoughtful. It calls they are connected, and admonishing for the freeing of the slaves, not as a last resort faithful observance of the same. when perhaps it would prove unavailing, but as COMMITTEE:-Rev. Messrs. Aikman and necessary at a time when there is some show of Wiswell and Elder E. T. Taylor. power to back the government in its action. The Resolved. That in order to promote the spiauthor argues that the true and only way forever ritual interests of our field, it is expedient that the Presbytery, as such, should acquaint itself to prevent all slave' insurrections, is for the gowith the condition of the churches under its vernment itself to take in hand the emancipation of charge, and systematically labor for the revival slaves. The Knickerbocker is published in New York, by J. R. Gilmore, No. 5 Beekman street. of religion among them. THE CONGREGATIONAL QUARTERLY reached Resolved, That, in imitation of Scripture the conclusion of the 3d volume, under peculiar example, we will go two and two to visit the and melancholy circumstances. One of its editors, churches in the field, and that the elders cooperate in the work; an elder accompanying Rev. Jos. S. Clark, D. D., has deceased. He was the author of a deeply interesting and valuable each pastor. series of Biographical articles, written for the Quarterly, the last of which on INCREASE MATHER Rev. Messrs. Emerson, Gaylord and Hammer were appointed a committee to arrange such a appears in the number before us. Rev. A. H. system of visitation. QUINT, another of the quarto, is in the army as The next stated meeting will be held on the chaplain of the "Massachusetts' Second." Rev. 1st Tuesday of April, 1862, in St. George's Dr. Kitchell's interesting and rather self-lauda-Church tory address on the New England Zone forms one Rev. Messrs. Emerson and Gaylord and Elof the articles. In the frequent references to our der A. M. Higgins were appointed a committee own denomination which it contains, there is a of arrangements for the meeting. more respectful and even generous spirit toward us, A cordial vote of thanks was given to the than the writer has been known to manifest hitherto. good people of Forest Church before adjourn- For example: "And so there are churches of these ing. Presbytery will meet at the call of the two orders, side by side, all over the west, with Moderator, in the intervals of the approaching few exceptions walking in fraternal concord, and observing the comities of co-ordinate Christian session of the Synod of Pennsylvania. bodies. . . It should be distinctly affirmed, that An interesting personage was present during throughout the northwest, there is between these the sessions of the Presbytery. We refer to Matwo no rupture of Christian charity, no controversy jor John Jones, a retired Delaware farmer, who, that should offend the Christian public. But they though seventy-two years old, has given proofs know themselves two beyond hope of blending, Resolved, That the recommendation of As sembly, in regard to the observance of the first of devotion to his country that should bring the and the better for having tried it. Each stands week in December as a season of special prayer, blush to the cheeks of many a young man. In on its own distinctiveness, and carries on its own for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our con the dark days of April and May, he shouldered work, in its own way." This is a very graceful gregations be heartily approved, and; That it be

would be encouraging in any kind of times-much more in such a dark day as this.

**Oct.** 3

The MANAYUNK CHURCH, as we have already had occasion to observe, is much affected by the people. The hospitable homes of this most fertile prevalent depression, the business of the place beton. Yet the people, with their pastor, are by no brick church, free from incumbrance, and is now their unfulfilled obligations to himself, but they enjoying the very acceptable services of Mr. Riley, resolved to endeavor to meet them in full, whatever might be the case in future. Forty members of this congregation are in the various three

between Mr. Riley and the church may lead to a Teachers, and thirty-five of them members of the Pastor's Bible Class. We have no doubt they will exert a very bappy influence upon their as-

We learn that a considerable number have en-Church, and eight or ten from that of the Southwest Church.

In the death of STEPHEN FARRAND, the Western Church loses one of its most intelligent and valuable members. He had a very clear perception of our denominational position and wants, and worked for us with all his heart. He long performed the duties of School Controller with great zeal and faithfulness. His loss will be deeply felt by a wide circle within and without the church

EDITOR'S TABLE.

THE MEMORIAL VOLUME OF THE AMERICAN BOARD suitably and worthily marks the first half century of its existence. It is the work of Rev. Dr. Anderson, the senior Secretary, and comprises a report of the Jubilee meeting; Dr. Hopkins' Historical Discourse delivered on that occasion, together with a very full account of the origin, the founders and constitution of the Board, its ecclesiastical relations, its most remarkable meetings, its prudential committee, its finances, agencies and relations with government; its mission in their origin and various aspects, with a view of the field and work at the close of the half century. An appendix follows, giving valuable statistics, including a full list of the missionaries and assistant missionaries sent forth by the Board. The volume is rendered very complete by a Table of very cheap at one dollar.

The volume will be found valuable both for present perusal and future reference.

By extending its circulation, the Board will be enabled to meet the cost, and the cause of Christ will be greatly promoted. Should not all pastors, and every library, be furnished with a copy? Published for the Board by the American Tract Society, Boston, N. Broughton, Jr., Depository, and for sale by Smith, English & Co., No. 23 north 6th Street, of this city.

THE KNICKERBOCKER for October, with its orange-colored face, is as usual lively, witty and healthful. On the question of the day it is doing

righteousness in earnest. The startling truth a one as themselves.

that a guilty nation was now being directly dealt | How shall we correct these grave errors? with by a just and angry God, was received with How shall the sinner be made, in spite of his the power of conviction into many minds. There own complaints and self-delusions, to feel his was a disposition to search the heart, and inquire guilt? How, convinced that his case is so desinto each one's responsibility for the faults and perate, that nothing less than Calvary's infinite vices of the nation now called to account. There and anguished sacrifice can keep him from eterwas a readiness to come back to the great truth, nal wo?

racter and award of destiny. They try to frame

to themselves a very different conception of

an amiable, indulgent parent. To some limited

extent, they take refuge in universalism, loudly

proclaiming the inconsistency of the doctrine

of eternal punishment, with the benevolence of

is that God is severe, arbitrary, and cruel, in

dooming the soul to penal and unextinguishable

lessen its load of guilt, either by dividing it and

that the divine favour is needful to a true and so- The sin of man is rebellion. It is an attitude lid career of national prosperity, and that God of rooted opposition to God's law. It consists cannot be ignored in the life of a nation with im- | in elevating self, in some shape, into the place of punity. After all, he is a Sovereign. Our affairs God in the soul, and thus overturning the divine are in the hollow of his hand. We live and pros- order of the universe. It is setting up a rival per by his sole permission. We shall be delivered interest within the rightful domain of the sufrom our present troubles, and perpetuated as a preme Deity. It is nullifying the divine pregreat and united people, only as he sovereignly rogative amid his own subjects and creatures. It is giving our influence, and joining hand to wills it.

We believe this temper of mind was wide- hand and forming treasonable combinations spread; that it was, and remains, a popular senti- with our fellow-men against the divine authoment. It is a most healthful one. An humbled rity. It is aiding to strengthen habits of people is next to a purified people. They who thought and public opinion, modes, fashions, are deeply convinced of the error of their way are and institutions antagonistic to the divine laws. already on their road to be clear of it. Those who It is helping to keep a race in insurrection, to read in the dark spectacle of national calamity the perpetuate a history of rebellion, to encourage triumphant. dire results of a careless security, as to the manage- a world in revolt.

ment of our public affairs; a prevailing apathy to Rebellion is a capital crime. It involves in every question but that of acquiring property itself the spirit of all crimes. It strikes at auwith the greatest rapidity; a lack of family disci- thority, which is the basis of all law. So far as pline, and true Christian training at home; a cold- it is successful, it overthrows government, with ness towards the cause of the oppressed, and a all its restraints and penalties against crime. readiness to saorifice or postpone their claims to 1t brings confusion, anarchy, insecurity. It the cause of party aggrandisement, or for the sake puts to flight all peace, all social order, all muof temporary quiet; those who saw in these dis- tual confidence, all prosperity, all certain hope asters, as they never saw before, the results and of the future. Society is broken up and civilipunishment of national pride, boasting, self-con- zation is thrown back. The dearest objectsfidenceand godlessness, of Sabbath-breaking, profa- even life itself-lose their value. When the nity, lust, corruption, and violence, would naturally | foundations are destroyed, what can the rightturn with greater or less determination from these | eous do? They who live in regions visited by offences. or from the indifference or toleration to- | earthquakes, scarcely suffer greater distress, or wards them. of which they had been guilty. We feel more insecure, than the unfortunate inhabihave great hopes that there was much genuine re- tants of a country whose political foundations pentance on the part of the people on that day, are liable to constant and violent vicissitudes. and though it would be idle to look for immedi- If the effect of a successful rebellion against ate startling results of the change, we believe they a human government is so ruinous to every inare preparing and will show themselves from day terest, can we imagine the consequences of the to day. breaking up of God's government over his mo-

2. Such an amount of faithful instruction, plain | ral universe. Can we picture to ourselves the pointed reproof, bold and unsparing exhibition of dismay and the despair with which all the world sin, and closeness of application, the masses of the | would look toward the abyss of chaos into which people have, perhaps, not listened to upon the everything was rushing ? Is it not unquestionable same day, since the days of the Paritan preachers. | that the welfare of every one of the inconceivable The ministry, as a class, perhaps never before had millions of God's moral creatures depends upon such a simultaneous conviction of the greatness the maintenance of this government? And and solemnity of their duties, as on that day. Fresh | does not every act of rebellion strike at the from communion with the most weighty truths, permanence of this government, and at the hapkeenly realized, their hearts stirred and aroused piness of every one of these inconceivable milto an unwonted degree, they came forth to lions? God's government is righteous, just, meet the crowds thronging to hear them and and beneficent above all other governments; it hanging upon their lips, under a new and strange is infinite in perfection. The highest perfection inspiration. Great as were the crowds, and pecu- and happiness of man, and all creatures, are liar as was the occasion, few but had strength found only and surely in conforming to it. All to meet them without faltering; few but could fall would be lost irrecoverably and forever without back upon their commissions as ambassadors of it. Hence, the heinousness of the crime of ar-Christ with unusual reliance. Vivid must have raying one's-self against it.

been the contact between truth thus uttered, and Hence, too, the justice of the most condign the quickened waiting minds of the people. We punishment against the offender. Hence, rather, may be very sure it sank deep. We may be very the feeling of impatience and indignation among sure that the Spirit of truth was in those assem- men, when a government moves slowly in the blies, writing it ineffaceably on many hearts. It | work of punishment, or exhibits a mistaken lencannot die. It must accomplish that whereunto | iency to those who so sorely have disturbed the it was sent. From its faithful ministers, by the public peace and imperilled the foundations of grace of God not wanting, in any denomination, to order. We clamor for summary and terrible venthe crisis, the nation has taken warning. geance upon those who have promoted a cause. It would have been a great mistake to leave out less rebellion within a peaceable, prosperous and the preaching. The people were ready for simple fairly-working government. We shall feel a pro-

and a hopeful day, THE FAST OF SEPTEMBER 26th 1961 upon every day topics, yet invested with the pe-culiar charm of the Parson's style of composition. and more sermons were preached from the imper- ignorance is both impolitic and unchristian. prayer and exhortation, and they flocked to those found satisfaction when sentence of the law is ex-TERIAN CHURCH EDIFICE AT YORK, PA., which fectly understood text ; "Cursed be Canaan," than The present executive officers of the Board, exercises quite as much as to the preaching. But ecuted upon them. Should our own near relatook place on the 8th day of September. It any other passage of Scripture. The slavery they are, John A. Brown, President. Frederick A. "What we are coming to," briefly, and in the IN WILMINGTON, also, the Day of Fasting and Prayer was observed with unwonted earnestness England, very conclusively shows the practicability their readiness for the humbler exercises of the day, tives be found among them, we would scarcely depreach was not like Hebrew slavery, but that Packard, Corresponding Secretary, and Editor shall appear in our next. showed their minds to be in just the state to re-showed their minds to be in just the state to re-sire to interpose in behalf of those whose course separates a man from his wife, and robs him of retary, and Secretary of Committee of Missions. and unanimity. The pastors of both the churches of reconstructing our Union. "Panic Terror," is ceive the instructions and warnings of the pulpit. has brought into needless jeopardy all that makes his offspring. Levi Knowles, Treasurer. Superintendent of It was a valuable day for the pulpit, and it will domestic relationship pleasurable or possible. BREAD. The members of the Pastors' Asso-Depositories, Alexander Kirkpatrick. ciation, the Editor of this paper and friends, be found, we believe, fruitful of rewards to all And for the offender against God's order in the PERORATION OF REV. MR. ADAMS' DISCOURSE. Address of all the officerswere presented with a loaf, each, of patent unthe Central Church ten young men have enlisted for three years. who faithfully employed that instrumentality. 3. We look for revivals among the churches. We mouth? As God in the order of that universe Sin is a greater curse than national disaster. **I122 CHESTNUT STREET.** Sin-your sin and mine !- the sins of the whole leavened bread, warm from the new bakery of | for three years. PHILADELPHIA, PA. realm-heart-sin, and wrong life-these stir up The RENTING OF PEWS in North Broad Street Church (Spring Garden Hall) has resulted in a manner to satisfy the most sanguine. Three-quarters of the sects wave taken in a make the sector wave taken in a make MR. CAMP, on Broad near Buttonwood streets." cannot but contemplate such a fast as among the has unfolded his infinite benevolence and glory THE NEW YORK TEACHER for October, con- It is healthful, nutritious, perfectly light and the world's forces and God's forces against us! very best preparation for a revival. What sin- for his creatures, can he do less than unfold in-They are the heralds of destruction, and its | tains papers of great value on various educational gle church ever saw such a general and thorough finite wrath as the doom of those who raise rebel white, and was received with much favour by train also! subjects. The present is No. 1 of volume II. It Get rid of sin, and you have no more griefs! subjects. The present is No. 1 of volume 11. It is issued by the New York State Teacher's Assoobservance among its own members, of a fast, ap- hands against it? Would not a complete ex-Get rid of sin, and nations shall not die! Here ciation at Albany, at \$1, per annum. popular. the proceeds being over \$2.500 per annum. This I thing under the sun.

respects will tell more fearfully against them judgment. Instead of calculating upon an escape, they should rather expect to be singled out as examples. At any rate, we see enough to convince us that when God announces his judgments. every mouth will be stopped and all the world become guilty before Him.

awful obligations. Their very goodness in other

### FAST DAY EFFORTS.

Below we give a brief sketch of Mr. Barnes' discourse as reported in the Press, also the fine peroration of Mr. Adams' discourse on the same

occasion : The Presbyterian church on Washington square. of which the Rev. Albert Barnes is pastor, was well filled. A great many strangers were present, attracted by the celebrity of Mr. Barnes, to hear him define his views upon the perplexing questions now agitating the public mind. In his introductory prayer he was fervent, patriotic and considerate. Our volunteers were not forgotten, and beity was besought to guide and guard them.---Our misguided countrymen were also remembered, and prayer was made that they should see the error of their way, and that truth might reign

The Reverend speaker selected no particular passage of Scripture for his theme. Like all his pulpit efforts, his address was more of a running commentary upon passages bearing upon the sub-ject under consideration. Mr. Barnes, in his remarks, spoke of the fallacy in attributing a constituency to the South ; that they did not recognise slaves or poor whites as a constituency. He then proceeded to argue how ridiculous it was in the handful of men who groped together in darkness and created this act of Secession, to say they represented a constituency.

He also dwelt with much force, upon a change growing out of the loss of relative power, and, though they have had office and control of the Government two-thirds of the period since we have existed as a nation, when a change occurred they refused to submit. Of their commercial relations he said : "They have held Conventions enough to have had a commerce, but they have none. They have never built a steam frigate .---They have no manufactories, and they have no men either to build their ships or run their manufactories, if they possessed them. Their contributions to the national treasury were small, and diminished year by year. They saw their power waning. They looked upon the great city of New York with a jealous eye. Its millions of inhabitants; its forests of masts; its industry and thrift, they attributed all to cotton; and so New York thought a twelvemonth since. They said to themselves, Cannot we keep this cotton at home? Cannot we rival in commercial greatness Boston, Philadelphia, and New York? Cannot we see the grass grow in the streets of those cities ?-Cannot we have manufactories, and produce the

same fabrics as the North ? Mistaken men ! they have made the dreadful experiment of skeeping their cotton at home, and they are reaping the advantages. Mr. Barnes spoke of the change of views that

forever free from the taint of the chattel. Their own church in 1818, while in General Assembly, drew up a resolution expressing their abhorrence and detestation of the system of slavery. This resolution was drawn up by Southern men who prayed for its abolition, and abolition was the

word used. He regretted that anti-slavery had connected itself at the North with skepticism and infidelity. But the present trouble arose from Mr.

Calhoun, who first advocated nullification. The South then became solicitous in their inquiries about the normal condition of the African. cience was brought into requisition to establish being. Ministers of the Gospel lent their aid,

THE CHRISTIAN OBSERVER. The following letter from the pen of Rev. the spirit of subordination to the best civic go-Samuel Sawyer, who may be described as "one vernment on earth, may become our own; at once who knows," is taken from the Christian Herald: our character, our duty, and our glory too.

The Christian Observer has been published for His own way, redeem our nation from the grand a series of years in the city of Philadelphia. It evil that has generated so many other evils in our claimed to be a new school Presbyterian paper. Its Editor, Rev. Dr. Converse, was born and social rights, and that prospectively for intermisocial rights, and that prospectively for intermireared in Vermont. One would suppose, coming nable ages, of our brethren of the species, four or from the Green Mountain State, that his columns | five millions of them, in the midst of us; whose would never be prostituted to any apologies for servitude and vassalage are as plainly wrong, as Slavery or Secession. The Grand Jury of Philathe ten commandments are plainly right ; knowing delphia have, however, presented the Christian that God will never authorize the continuance of Observer as a nuisance, and a recent telegram announces that the Post Master General has issued the former till he sanctions the repeal of the latter;

however it might suit the rapacity, the sordidness orders against its publication. We are not at all the short-sightedness, and in all, the shameful imsurprised at this result. piety, of rebellious men. We have known Dr. Converse a number of

years; and have been a careful reader of his ACTION ON HOME MISSIONS.

paper since 1845; have held correspondence with Resolved, That the Synod of Genesee, believing him respecting its proslavery character ; and in | that the General Assembly of our Church assumes 1 Southern State, have watched its evil tendenthe responsibility of conducting the work of Home cies and blighting influence. When the American Missions within its bounds in accordance both Presbyterian was issued, as one of the Editors of with the genius of the Church, and the obvious the Presbyterian Witness, we commended its cir- indications of Divine Providence do fully, and culation in the South. Dr. Ross wrote us that heartily endorse such action, and earnestly call the South would "stand nothing but Dr. Converse | upon the Presbyteries and churches of this Synod and the Christian Observer." Many and many a to co-operate with the General Committee in ex-

ral subject, viz. :

praver.

Holy Spirit.

the Eldership.

Christian parents.

baptized children.

ministry.

time did Dr. Converse "plan and propose" to ploration, in securing missionaries, and in obmerge the Knoxville Presbyterian Witness into taining prompt and regular contributions to the the Christian Observer, but the Editors, and cause.

many of the patrons of the Witness objected, because his paper was too pro-slavery even for the South. Every week, nearly, some inflammatory appeal to sectional feeling was made in his journal. which had a most disastrous effect upon the churches. I doubt if Lexington Presbytery would have taken its ultra slavery ground, and I question ecommended to pastors of our churches, to proeven if Dr. Ross and a few others would have pose for the consideration of their people on the seceded from our branch of the church, had it not successive days of that week, the following, or

the hand of God 1

been for the constant goading of the Christian Observer. I was a member of the Murfreesboro, Convention, called by the Southern Church, and advocated by Dr. Converse, and I was a delegate also to the "Ross Convention" at Richmond, four years ago, where I once more met Dr. Converse, anxious to be the special organ and mouth-piece of the South, and in both these bodies I had a full and fair opportunity of gauging the influence of the Christian Observer. I felt then that it was responsible for much of the intense sectional feeling of the South, and that it would succeed in effecting a division of the Church. Dr. Converse seemed delighted with the prospects of Secession, and he promised its leaders, in the presence of us all, in open Convention, much Northern sympathy. He went home to use his paper in the fulfilment of his promise. So over zealous was he in his abuse of the North, and in his defence of the South, that, at length his

long cherished plan succeeded. Rev. Andrew Blackburn had died, and the Christian Observer After renewing its recommendations of the Vestern Education Society, Synod Resolved, That we do with sincere regret recognise the reswallowed up the Presbyterian Witness. Since then the paper has, developed more and more its missness of a large portion of our churches in taking up annual collections for this important true character, until no Christian patriot could read it without grief and sorrow, mingled with 2d. While we do not excuse churches for this

indignation. Littleas I think of the ability of Dr. Converse as an Editor, now, in his old days, I believe he is responsible for the late division of our Church, and I am satisfied that the arm of rebellion will be weakened, and much "aid and comfort" taken away from the traitors of the South by the suppression of the Christian Observer. education societies.

The American Sunday School Union is pursuing its important work of gathering into Sunday-schools the multitudes of children and youth who are without other and better means of instruction. They rely wholly on the voluntary contributions of those who realize, in some de-

gree, the momentous consequences of neglecting such a work, to aid them at this juncture. The missionaries have shown a most self-denying spirit, in submitting to a necessary reduction of their compensation, while their labours are unremitted. To sustain them and furnish needy schools with a small library at the outthe doctrine that he was of an inferior order of start, requires much more than we now receive. To dismiss them and leave the little ones in

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THE FIRST WEEK IN DECEMBER.

aggressive, and missionary in their character.

pects of the Seminary generally.

(To be Continued.)

ON EDUCATION.

his musket and served in the "Clay Guards," for the defence of the Capitol. We have a portrait of the late Dr. Clark, with a sketch of heard something lately of "Sermons in Stones," his life and character. some similar order of topics relating to the gene found among the unplaced blocks contributed 1st. The nature and conditions of acceptable to the Washington monument, by States that the 6th weekly number, and the 192d octavo page, have since proved unfaithful. Major Jones bringing down the story to the debate in Congress was charged with the preparation of the block on President Buchanan's message of January 8th. 2d. Evidences of the special presence of the from Delaware, on which he had engraved, The following description of the contents of chap. 3d. Prayer for increased spiritual power in the "Delaware: first to adopt the Constitution; (a fact) will be the last to abandon the Union." tier of blocks. and in the centre of the column :

4th. Prayer for increased spiritual power in The block is conspicuously placed in the monu- January-The first bugle notes of alarm-Pro-5th. Prayer for increased spiritual power i ment, being over the main entrance in the first gress of the Revolution in South Carolina-Ad-6th. Prayer for increased spiritual power the Maine block being on one side, and that of Activity in the War Department-The Border-7th. That by the influence of the Holy Spirit, Arkansas on the other. The Major finely re- State Committee-Their Proposition-The action the churches may become more thorough, active, marked that having pledged Delaware thus to of the Committee of Thirty-three-The Fortsthe Union, he felt it incumbent on him. so far Their Cost, &c .- The morale of the Conspiracy-

CITY RELIGIOUS ITEMS.

when a time of need offered.

Since the fast appointed upon the death of remissness, we still think it largely attributable the people, as was the National Fast of Thursday. good sale. to the unsettled condition of our educational inte And for depth of feeling, for solemn earnestness rest growing out of the failure of the Assembly' former plan of education to secure for itself the cordial approbation of different portions of the church, who are at present attached to their local 3. That we have listened with pleasure and regular services of the sanctuary. The prayer gratitude to God, to statements of the Rev. F Starr, Jr., Secretary of the Western Education Society, and financial agent of Auburn Seminary. in regard to the large increase of the permanent funds of the Seminary during the past year, amounting to about \$17,000, and in regard to the increase of the number of students for the present year, and the favorable condition and proswhether it stimulated pleasure-seeking to as great THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for October, contains

We received, just before going to press, a account of the dedication of the new PRESBY-

accepting of the situation. The next number of the Quarterly, will contain

THE SOUTHERN REBELLION AND THE WAR FOR THE UNION. This valuable serial has reached V. will give a fair idea of the character of the work.

Attitude of the Northern and Border States in journment of the Convention-Affairs in Washing early in January-State of public feelingas practicable, personally to redeem his pledge Proceedings in Congress, sixth week-Speecher of Toombs, Hunter and Seward-The President's Message-Resolutions endorsing Major Anderson and sustaining the President.

Published by JAMES D. TORREY, New York. The General Agent, FREDK. GERHARD, Box 4001 New York Post Office, would be glad to employ President Harrison in 1841, twenty years ago, no competent persons to act as local travelling agents day of the kind has been so generally observed by for the work, which we think must meet with a

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE FOR SEPTEMBER, Leonard Scott & Co's., reprint, has been sent to and real heart-humiliation, we doubt whether any us by W. B. ZIEBER of this city, where it, with like appointment in this century can compare with | the leading English Reviews, may be procured. it. The churches were attended by crowds in The opening article, Scotland and her accusers, many cases exceeding those in waiting upon the handles Mr. Buckle in the most sarcastic and conclusive manner. Indeed it discloses such a depree of unfairness, such ignorance, as well as such meetings were also thronged, and a general senti- a completely atheistic spirit in the writer, that ment of dependence upon the Divine arm, and we begin to incline to the belief that too much eagerness to hear the preacher's words of admoni- notice has been taken by the cities of this bold tion, reproof, or instruction, was manifest in the Mr. Buckle, we say. A day at Antwerp, vigo serious countenances of the multitudes. The rously defends Rubens against the scornful undergre at beauty of the day was favorable to the gene- valuation of Ruskin, besides dealing some not unral turn out of the population, but we doubt derserved blows at Ruskin's high-flown obscurity.

a degree as it did church-going. The business establishments of any size were universally closed, son, (the "A. K. H. B," of Fraser's Magazine,) and the thorough fares wore a truly Sabbath aspect. "Concerning people of whom more might have It was in every respect a marked, a memorable, been made." It is full of practical good sense

had preaching services, which were largely at-tended, as were their meetings for prayer. From the Central Church ten young mon here article and armies to ruinous panics,

had taken place in the South on the subject of slavery, and related very graphically the various stages from the abolishing of the slave-trade in 1808, to the ceding of Western territory to be