## American Presbyterian and Genesee Evangelist.

Smerican Presbyterian theless, rules derived from all past experience in preaching cannot be neglected with impunity. GENESEE EVANGELIST. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1861. in homiletics.

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attention to the late action of the Synod in regard to supporting the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. out this action, and a few Churches have quite fulfilled the portion of the work expected of them. Others are diligently at work, and will may be at work, though as yet having reported

nothing. Let it be borne in mind that the present season of early winter is, on the whole, the most favorable of the year for such efforts, and it is earnestly hoped that it will not be suffered to serted that the prosperity of the AMERICAN PRESEVTERIAN will be largely affected by the action of the Churches during the ensuing four

anything but difficult. Specimen copies of the paper will be furnished at 21 cents each, including postage.

THE TRUE IDEA OF PREACHING.

IF we consider the object, we shall learn mor easily the idea, of the high calling of the preacher. We hold that object to be not simply to excite the religious susceptibilities of men, nor yet only to teach them the truth; not to entertain a pleased audience with a lavish display of the treasures of genius and intellect in handling the truths and narrations of Holy Writ, nor to address their understanding with massive systems of argumenta tion ; it is not found in raised omotions, nor the gratified taste, nor the exalted sympathy, nor yet the enlightened understandings of the people. It looks further; it aims at character; it seeks to produce changes which go forth in action. The aim of the preacher is conviction : he desires

to secure in his hearers an intelligent conviction of the truth-or a conviction of the truth as it is, not the cause of the increased pro-slavery sentileading to action. In other words, he aims to ment of the South. "The truth is," said the

We fear there is as much of indolence as of zeal and enthusiasm in the clamor that is sometimes raised against them. Certainly any careful inquiry into the true idea of preaching is an inquiry

But there are three very simple results to be gained in accomplishing the great end of preaching. Let the hearer's attention be secured, let his understanding be enlightened, and above all, let his moral nature be roused to a sense of the reality and personal bearing of the great truths of the Gospel, and the work is done. The true end of preaching is gained. And for this object, we

need in the preacher simplicity and perspicuity Encouraging progress has been made in carrying of style, a thorough acquaintance with the Scriptures, and a mind itself aroused, a moral nature in quick sympathy with the truth, a conviction of the reality and the weight of the truth he utters, and of his high commission to declare it, ere long reach the same result. Others, still characterizing his style, giving shape to his sermons, animating his countenance, forming his gestures.

The true idea of preaching is that which combines in itself these three qualities, as adapted to produce an intelligent conviction of the truth in the hearer. We must possess (1) sufficient skill pass by without a thorough canvass of every con- as sneakers-sufficient power of self-adaptation to gregation in our bounds. It may safely be as- the circumstances and character of our audience -to gain and keep their attention, (2) sufficient acquaintance with the truth worthily and clearly to set it forth : and (3) sufficient fervor of conviction in ourselves to kindle a sympathetic glow in or five weeks. With a general co-operation, the the bosom of the hearer, and to startle him from work of raising the one thousand subscribers, of his moral slumbers to a purpose to forsake his which seven hundred are still wanting, will be sins, or if he has already done so, then to rouse him more effectually to struggle after holiness and the realization of the kingdom of truth upon earth. It is then, a purpose which we wish to see determined upon, in saint and sinner. We accomplish nothing so long as, directly or indi-

rectly we fail to approximate this end. Men are to be brought to act better. Society is to be improved. The visible kingdom of God upon earth is to be strengthened, beautified, and extended. The living temple is to be built up, stone upon stone, of precious and lively materials upon Christ as the Rock.

### THE THANKSGIVING SERMONS AGAIN.

Nor a few of the preachers on that occasion expressed themselves freely upon the relations of the war to emancipation.

REV. J. WHEATON SMITH, D. D., Of the First Baptist Church of this city, con sidered the progress of opinion on this topic a matter of thanksgiving. The abolitionists are speaker, "that we of the North, in our hasty

ment, to proceed in a circle and end where it raphic train in glad and beautiful procession to question of what is called the right of secession. began-with all the causes, latent, but vital, that chant the songs of freedom and of hope for the I know no government which has ever existed in would inevitably, in a few years, renew the race, the other will marshal his grim hosts and the world, which could possibly have admitted the scourge the hapless millions in chains with lashes right of secession from its own allegiance. There struggle

of society and of national life are prepared for ing centuries the hills and the valleys of this fair sometimes dredged up from the bottom of the or society and or national me are prepared heritage will echo the wail of stricken ones under sea, and which performs the most extraordinary this grand decisive work of God for and index for the index of the oppressor. What I now and unaccountable acts of suicide and selftion of humanity: II not prepared, we have only speak in theory will have sadly passed into veri-destruction. It is a peculiar kind of starfish paration, and wait patiently God's day, and God's table history."

process." REV. G. F. WISWELL, OF WILMINGTON.

The most outspoken of all the utterances of the day, however, so far as they have come under our notice, is that of the Pastor of the Central Church, Wilmington. As Hanover St. Church was closed in the absence of the Pastor, a large number of the people of that charge, and, indeed, of various denominations, comprising many

well representing the character of the place, were proval by the congregation. It is reprinted from the Delaware State Journal, which speaks of it in the most exalted terms, as " boldly grappling with the great question that now lies half oncealed beneath the surface and is the main cause of our present national troubles." This reception gives the sentiments of the dis-

passages frem the third and fourth heads : "III. We must take higher ground on the subject of Liberty .- Long has this country been called the asylum of the oppressed, and the home of

Liberty. We have proudly boasted of it. It has formed the staple of all our vain-glorious exultation and national pride. Yet with all this. our

claimed this as the "Land of the free, And the home of the brave."

These things, my friends, are by no means congruous or beautiful :---they are not calculated to country's future. "No one now thinks of denying that this very

subject of human slavery is vitally associated with

"But this cannot be, if, indeed, the elements of scorpions, while in the gloomy roll of linger- is a curious animal in Lochfyne, which I have

#### APPEAL OF THE PUBLICATION COM-MITTEE

This interesting, though somewhat painful, document, will doubtless be read with attention, and must excite the sympathy of our people.-The sources of benevolence are not so much dried called the right of secession. up, nor is the interest of our people so inextrica-

bly involved in other branches of effort, as to deter of the prominent citizens of Wilmington, and them from responding to the appeal of two of our most honored brethren, lay and clerical, in istence is one of these." [Cheers.] present, yet we are informed, that the discourse | behalf of this meritorious but struggling cause. was received with evident and unanimous ap- Surely, it is high time it had its turn with our additional light as to the temper of the British churches generally: the outlay required is now Cabinet :--- "Mr. Lavard, under-Secretary of but moderate, and the return which may be expected in the conferring of a public character upon our church, in furnishing her with literary and theological accoutrements, in promoting an intelligent doctrinal sympathy among its members and in bringing out the latent talent of the course peculiar significance. We quote some church for every kind of religious writing will be great and speedy. We trust the little which the smallest church can do for this cause will not

## TO THE SESSIONS OF OUR OHUROHES.

DEAR BRETHREN:-We address you on beha N. L. Rice's late publication, Our Country and almost entire national history has been a standing of the Publication Gommittee of our General the Church. the American Presbyterian makes inconsistency; for on this very soil has been Assembly. With the origin of the Committee. the following deliverance:--growing up a system of human vassalage more the reasons for its organization, the uses it is in-"We shall begin to believe that the leading grievous and gigantic than has obtained in any tended to subserve, and with something of what ninds of the 'Old-school' branch of the Presbyother portion of the world for centuries. While it has already accomplished, we presume you are terian Church are thoroughly and incurably inother nations have been, one by one, knocking already acquainted. Whatever may be the case fected by their long subserviency to Southern off the shackles and unloosing the chains, we with the members of our churches generally. you dictation, and incapacitated utterly from renderhave seen millions brought under the oppressor's who are office-bearers, know how important this ng sincere and earnest support to their country yoke, and the unnatural institution daily becom- work has been considered by our General Assemn its hour of need." It is but a few weeks since ing stronger. We have connived at the inhuman | bly, by Synods and Presbyteries. Many times the American Presbyterian professed its willingtraffic in human chattels, and the slave auction- has it been commended to the favor and support ness to re-unite with those whom it now accuses eer's hammer has mingled the sound of its strokes of our churches; and, among intelligent Chrisof unworthy "subserviency to Southern dictawith the eloquent notes of the orator, as under tians, it is regarded as of vital importance to the tion." and insincerity in their "support of their the very dome of our nation's Capitol he has pro- maintenance of of sound doctride, to the advance country." Can it really want to be in commuof true piety and to the growth and prosperity of nion with those against whom it brings such foul our denomination. It is not strange, perhaps, charges?"-Presbyterian, Philad., (O. S.) that it has not vet enlisted the sympathies and The Church Journal of New York, says :-hearty co-operation of the members of our churches We have been specially pleased with the two so fully as of Assemblies and Synods. The cause sermons by the Rev. Dr. N. L. Rice. entitled give us very bright and encouraging hopes of our has no romance about it. It appeals mainly to Our Country and the Church. Dr. Rice is an enlightened judgment and Christian principle. Old School Presbyterian divine, and by "the If neglected by those who are in the Sessions of Church" he means the general body of evangethe churches, it must languish and prove a failure. lical denominations in the country. For sub-Brethren. have you no responsibility in regard stance these two sermons have our heartiest apto it? Obeying the instructions given by the proval-an approval much stronger than any we churches, as represented in the General Assemcould honestly give to many published by our bly, and relying upon assurances of sympathy own clergy. The general drift is precisely the words; in other respects the connection is more and support given by Synods and Presbyteries. same that we have advocated in these columns evident. This institution has fostered a radically | the Committee have gone into the work and produring the past summer. We cannot refuse oursecuted it as earnestly as they could. What selves the satisfaction of making a few extracts." they have accomplished is not all that could be We leave these two journals, solitary and desired; but enough has been done to show that alone, to fraternize on the subject of Dr. Rice's there is abundant encouragement to go forward sermon. We believe they have not even the and property; of the value of human life; of the in the work. Of this you will be convinced if New York Observer with them.

2. That a collection for Home Missions should be taken up in each of our churches in this State, on the plan recommended, at least once a year.

3. That the Home Missionary Committee in New York be requested to appoint Rev. W. W. Brier district agent for Home Missions on the Pacific Coast. On Education for the Ministry, a Committee

The following, from late foreign advices, gives

down of Democratic institutions."

was appointed consisting of two from each Preswhich, when brought up from the bottom of the bytery. A Committee of five was appointed upwater, and when any attempt is made to take hold of it, immediately throws off all its arms, its on a Female College, and a Committee of three very centre breaks up, and nothing remains of on collegiate education in general. one of the most beautiful forms in nature, but a

Resolved, That a Committee of three, to rethousand wriggling fragments. Such, undoubtport at next meeting, be appointed with powers edly, would have been the fate of the American of inquiry in respect to the Pacific, to consult Union, if its government had admitted what is with its editors and trustees, and endeavor to secure those modifications and improvements which "Gentlemen, I think we ought to admit in shall make it a paper which shall fully meet the fairness to the Americans, that there are some religious wants of our churches. things worth fighting for, and that national ex-

The Moderator appointed Rev. E. B. Walsworth, J. H. Brodt, W. W. Brier as such Committee.

The Committee on the State of the Union submitted the following :

State for Foreign Affairs, in a speech before his In view of the present distracted state of our constituents, alluded at some length to the Amecountry, this Synod regards it as not inconsistent rican question, and defended the policy of the with the standards of our church which declare British Government. He regretted that policy that we are to "conclude or handle nothing but had been misinterpreted in America, and broadly that which is ecclesiastical, and are not to interasserted that the English people sympathised deeply with the American people. He believed monwealth," to express and put on record the the time would come when the policy of England following: would be justly appreciated. He denied that

1st. Resolved, That in the judgment of this events in America are any proof of the breaking Synod, the union of these States as consummated by our Fathers, in 1789, has been the great cause under God of all that civil and religious free-NOT READY FOR UNION.-Referring to Dr. dom, of that security at home and protection abroad, and of all that national greatness and prosperity which we have hitherto enjoyed. 2d. Resolved. That while we gratefully ac knowledge the unbounded goodness of God toward us in all our past history as a nation, we humbly confess that these calamities have come upon us as a divine retribution for our sins, and that it is the duty of all Christians to pray earnaltar that the people may be brought to such repentance and reformation of heart and life, and that God in his sovereign mercy may work out for us a speedy deliverance, and that we perish

> not from among the nations of the earth. 3d. Resolved, That it is the solemn conviction of this Synod that the present Administration in its endeavors by all constitutional means to defend and perpetuate the union of these States, is entitled to the sympathy and support of all Christians and law-abiding citizens. On motion, Rev. J. W. Brier of the Univer-

sal Church of Christ, was invited to sit as corresponding member. Books to the value of \$92,61 had been deposit-

New Qublications.

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PROF. HENRY B. SMITH, D. D. of Union Theological Seminary is constantly laying the theological public under new obligations by the

issue of standard works original and translated in the various branches of Church history and Dogmatics. Messrs. J. B. LIPPINCOTT & Co., of this city have sent us vol. IV of his edition of GIESELER'S CHURCH HISTORY. The original work has certain marked peculiarities, among which is a condensed and precise brevity in the text, with a storing away of more recondite mat. ters, citations from authorities &c., in extended foot notes, which follow the entire text like a Commentary, but which are not at all necessary to a correct view of the course of the history.-Thus the work becomes valuable not only to the student and the man of leisure, but also to the general reader. The volume covers the period of the Great Reformation down to the peace of Westphalia, and is thus a great addition to the desiderata of our English History. NEAN-DER'S history was left incomplete before the

author reached that period, and no history of the Reformation in our language introduces us to the sources, as this of Gieseler. Prof. Smith's work consists in the revision of the Edinburg edition to page 122, and the translation and ed iting of the remaining four or five hundred pages meddle with civil affairs which concern the com- of the volume. Some of the notes are translated in a condensed form, otherwise the volume is a faithful version of the German original, Svo., pp

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of the Gospel. admissions of the propriety of the system, by our

We think this statement substantially covers | patient forbearance in the presence of its friends, the ground. Without stopping to argue that it | and our open advocacy of its claims, are answer is so, we observe that in order to an intelligent able mainly for the evil." The speaker here called attention to the speech conviction of the truth, a number of conditions most exist in the hearer's mind. His attention of Mr. Everett, of Mass., delivered on the 9th of must be secured, his prejudices must be over- March, 1826, in the House of Representatives at come, his reason must be convinced, his sympa- Washington; a speech in which this distinguishthies must be enlisted, his conscience must be ed orator defended slavery upon principle and reached and aroused. Neither of these alone is Scripture. He was replied to by Mr. Mitchell, sufficient. but some are more needful than others. of Tennessee, who said, "Sir, I do not go the Preaching which does not accomplish the first | length of the gentleman from Massachusetts and the last results named, is utterly in vain. I am one of those whom these poor wretches And here we may see wherein much of the preach- | call master; I do not task them; I feed and ing of the present day is day is defective. It clothe them well, but yet, alas! sir, they are possesses one or more of the characteristics need- | slaves, and slavery is a curse in any shape.'

ful to produce conviction, but is wanting in John Randolph also said, in reply, "Sir, I envy others, and they essential to such a result. It neither the head nor the heart of that man from wins attention-rivets it. It charms the fancy. the North who rises here to defend slavery upon It touches the sensibilities. Nay, it even pro- principle." duces conviction on some outlying moral ques- Mr. Everett now stands an ardent and elo

tion, but not a conviction of the truth in its full, quent defender of freedom. But when we reevangelical sense. Sometimes it carries with it, member how recently in the debate in the Senby the irresistible force of the argument, the ate, on the repeal of the Missouri Compromise entire assent of the understanding, but after all he left the petition of three thousand clergymen leaves the man unaffected :

Sometimes it is the occasion of unwonted popu- had made for thirty years before. larity; crowds follow it; the community is full of the rumor and sensation of it; it breaks in upon There is no evidence that men are convinced. effectual preaching of our times can be regarded tion. Certainly, the preaching of our Saviour point verily we may sing of judgment. preaching. Good preaching will create a sensadid-the preaching of Peter, and the apostles tide of time for a twelvemonth, and revoke the generally, did. The preaching of Chrysostom, judgments which have passed upon us, he should of Vincent Ferrara, of Farel and Luther and Knox, of Whitefield and Edwards, and Wesley to do it. Yet there are two dangers to which and David Brainard and Judsen, created pro- this rapid change in public sentiment exposes us. found sensations wherever it was heard. And One is, that these old admirers of Southern in preaching unaccompanied with considerable sen-stitutions, in the zeal of their new conversion, sation does not fulfil our idea of what it should may go too fast, and rashly lose the benefits of be. But the preaching of those men did more all. The other is best illustrated by a simple than this. It reached the motive powers of the anecdote. A sick, and, as was thought, a dying hearers. It converted their souls and led them man, sent for a neighbor with whom he was at into new lives. It founded and enlarged the variance. After a scene of reconciliation, as his kingdom of Christ upon earth. It produced con- neighbor was about to depart, he called him back, viction, and thus accomplished the object and with the remark, "Now, sir, mind, if I get well,

realized the true idea of preaching. There can be no doubt that the true idea of preaching includes the use of every appli ance and every device of style of voice and the Gospel in the consciences of the hearers. | gation is prepared to sustain him : The science of Homiletics is nothing more than a systematic view of such appliances and way in which thousands of slaves have gained devices. So far as it is a true science, its prin- their liberty, and been brought into relations to ciples are based upon the laws of the human our army, thus learning how to be free! We mind, and its canons cannot be broken or ignored thank God for the elevated sentiment of our without going aside from the true idea of preach- whole population in the loyal States with regard ing. Learning the science of homileties is, in to the question of emancipation. We are not fact, learning the methods of access to the motive abolitionists as that term is generally understood. powers of the hearers, as these have been elimi- We do not advocate a sudden, unprovisional. nated and classified for the student by a long universal release of the slave population; we do

of Massachusetts to be defended by Mr. Hous "Plays round the head, but reaches not the heart." | ton, of Texas, we may safely assert that he has made more progress in a twelve month than he

Nor is Mr. Everett an exception. Merchants many congregations; yet it is without fruits. vied with each other in their gratuitous homage Perhaps no one of the characteristics of the in- the advanced claims and arrogant pretensions of Southern slaveholders. But all is now changed as exactly at variance with the true idea of Public sentiment is fast being purified. At this

all this goes for nothing."

#### DISCOURSE OF REV. E. E. ADAMS.

We give another quotation from Mr. Adams' of gesture which are fitted to lodge the truth of discourse in which we believe his entire congre-

"We thank God for the peaceful and harmless

course of criticism of the best models of preach. not advocate the arming of them against their ing. The clamor against the study of homiletics masters-we would deem it inexpedient and bar-

the present war for the Union. It stands related. as cause to effect; in many ways the connection is so subtle, and of such protracted and insidious growth that it cannot be described or defined in different system of education in the States where it has held sway; hence a generation has come forward with radically and essentially different views of government; of the rights of persons claims of society and public justice, and all the you examine the testimony of our ecclesiastical natural relations of man to man. Here is a samnle of the views of government into which they have been educated in the South :----

" 'All government begins by usurpation, and is continued by force. Nature puts the ruling elements uppermost and the masses below and subiect to these elements. Less than this is not government. The right to govern resides in a very small minority, the duty to obev is inherent in the great mass of mankind. '-(De Bow.) "This is the education of slavery and it requires

no comment. By this same educational system, statesmen have been trained to rule or ruin.-The effect of this system has been equally disastrous to morals and manners, as we are at last beginning to see.

"I venture to declare that under the influence of no other institution or system could such an unhallowed, barbarous raid against good government ever have sprung up. Well did Mr. Jefferson put it-the effect of slavery is to 'destroy the love of country.' The Hon. Mr. Spratt of South Carolina, in writing to Mr. Preston of the same State, then a member of the Montgomery Convention, declares: 'The South is now forming a Slave Republic. This is perhaps not generally admitted. But the real contest is between the two forms of society, which have become established, the one at the South and the other at the North.'

"IV. We must at once proceed to put away from dress you. It is our desire not that any be burus the causes of our troubles and remove the sources of danger.

"Says Lord Bacon, 'Concerning the materials of seditions, it is a thing well to be considered, for the surest way to prevent seditions (if the times do bear it) is to take away the matter of them; for if there be fuel prepared it is hard to tell whence the spark shall come that shall set it on fire.' These are surely words of far reaching wisdom upon which we may profitably reflect at the present time. You must all agree with me that whatever imperils the existence of this nation. ought to be put away from us. If there is a 'wedge of gold' or goodly 'Babylonish garment' that renders us obnoxious to the displeas-

delay.

ure of heaven, it ought to be produced at every sacrifice. The instinct of self-preservation is the highest of all our natural gifts, and this requires that we look this matter fairly in the face and like wise men and patriots act in time. "Chief among all the direct and collateral emphatic and friendly declarations, it should be

causes of our present troubles, and chief among understood that the Duke, their author, is one of all the sources of danger, in the future, is this the most rising of the young statesmen of Great wicked system of chattel slavery. And in this Britain, being a member of the cabinet, at the opinion I believe you will all substantially agree. age of about thirty-five. He is also an elder in I cannot in a single discourse give all my reasons the Kirk of Scotland, and has long been known

bodies. The cause is now in a position, if sustained, to serve efficiently our denomination, and through it the cause of Christ But we are burdened with the pecuniary responsibilities of the undertaking-responsibilities which we have assumed at the instance of our tisement brethren, and in confident expectation of their support. The expected support has not been extended to us. At the present moment, owing

partly to the pressure of the times, we are painfully straitened. We can do nothing else than appeal to the churches through you. . We have no collecting agency. We must (and we wish to)

depend on you. Do you ask "what we would have you do?" We reply that we would urge you to place the cause of Publication in the list of causes to be The Presbytery of San Francisco at the meeting commended to the benevolence of your church, and to take care that it be presented to the people, and their contributions be invited once portions ;

every year. We trust that the fact that we have WHEREAS, Our General Assembly at its last no collecting agents, need not prevent this. meeting assumed the responsibility of conduct-We disclaim all desire to dictate. We appeal ing the work of Home Missions within its bounds, only to your judgment and convictions of duty. instituted a Permanent Committee on Home But, will you allow us to ask whether a sum Missions. and recommended to Presbyteries to equal to at least ten cents for each member reappoint standing Committees to act in correspondported by your body to the General Assembly. ence with the Assembly's Committee; Therecannot be secured in your church this year, for fore. the publication and circulation of tracts and

Resolved, 1. That the Presbytery of San Franbooks by the committee, which is your servant cisco, in conformity with the recommendation. for Christ's sake-and by whose request we adappoint such Standing Committee. Resolved, 2. That it be recommended to the dened, but that all co-operate, as each is able. churches in connection with this Presbytery to This will ensure unfailing success. contribute annually to the funds of the Assem-

We call your attention to the fact that onebly's Home Missionary Treasury through the half the amount of your collection can be drawn Presbytery's Committee on Home Missions. Resolved, 4. That in conforming to the plan of missionary work adopted by our church at

and Green Streets.

Our Church Rews.

large, we desire to take occasion to express our full satisfaction with the manner in which the same work has been heretofore prosecuted in California by the American Home Missionary Society, and our unalloyed pleasure in the relations of co-operation and confidence which have always existed between the Congregational bodies in this State and ourselves ; so that in our common relation to the Parent society, and to all our religious enterprises, we have been substantially one organization, engaged in undivided work.---Particularly as the oldest ecclesiastical body of the State, whose members first formed with the pioneer ministers of the Congregational church, the ties here recognized, may we be permitted to rejoice in the recollection of these bonds of unity. Resolved, 5. That, looking towards the future, we comply with the plan now incumbent on us with the more cordiality since in the whole tenor, and in all the proposed details of its working, especially as they are indicated by the Assemder," while it requires separate action in those missions, it leaves us at full liberty to cherish the

ed with Mr. Beach, of which \$24 49 worth had been sold: that \$100 20 had been expended for publication, and \$75 00 assessed on the churches, had been paid in.

MARYSVILLE.—The Presbyterian Church in Marysville will be supplied till March 1st, by Rev. J. H. Brodt. Letters have been sent East for a pastor. We learn that Rev. Mr. McCall of Central New York has been thus addressed. Mr. Brodt has until recently been pastor of the Congregational Church, Petaluma. • • REV. J. McLAUGHLIN .- The Red Bluff Inde-

Mr. J. BUFFINGTON, of this city, recently pendent says: Mr. McLaughlin preached in the built an organ for the German Reformed Church, Court-house, to larger audiences than we have of Lebanon, Penna., which we learn has given seen assembled there in some time. He is a great satisfaction. Having dealt with Mr. B., young man, lately ordained as a minister of the we can commend him to our friends. See adver-Presbyterian church and bids fair to make his mark on the Pacific coast.

THE CONCERT in aid of the Choir of North Broad Street Church takes place to-night (Thurs-DIBECTORY OF PRESBYTERIAN MINISday) at Handel and Havdn Hall, corner Eighth TERS AND OHUBOHES OF PHILADELPHIA

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND RESIDENCES AND CHURCHES LOCATIONS. 11632 Mt. Vernon st. Adams, E. E. . CALIFORNIA.—Action on Home Missions.-N. Broad street Church. Sp. Garden & 13th sts. 1708 Filbert street. Adair. Rohert of Nov. 1, passed a series of resolutions on the Barnes, Albert. . . 255 S. Eighth street. above subject, of which we give the essential Wash. Sq., cor. 7th. 1st Church 634 Pine street. Brainerd, T., D.D. 3d Church Fourth & Pine streets. Brown, Charles Spruce ab 40th, W.P. Presbyterian House. Sec. Phila. Ed. Soc . 1531 Chestnut street. Bruen, Edward B. Burdett, M. Darby. 2d Church, Darby. Darby. Chestnut ab 40th,WI Butler, James G. Walnut st. Church, W.P. Walnut, ab 39th. Freen lane, Manayunk Culver, Andrew -. Manayunk Church Manavunk. Darling, Henry, D.D. Germantown 10th below Spruce. **Clinton street Church** Davis, James M. 20 North Tenth. 1st Church, Darby. Darby. Dulles, John W. Chestnut ab 40th.WP. Sec. Pres. Pub. Com. Presbyterian House. Eva, Wm. T. . . . Market House Square. Helffenstein, J'b., D.D. Germantown Mkt House Sq. Church Germantown. Jenkins, John, D. D. 1814 Pine street. Calvary Church Locust ab 15th. Johnston, Thos. S. vcamore & 36th WI Mantua Church, W. P 6th & Bridge, W. P. Malin, David, D. D. 1614 Chestnut street Mc Caskie, James . . 425 South Twentieth Southwestern Church Fitzwater & 20th sts. McLeod, John . Reeseville. Presbyterian House. Sec. A. B. C. F. M. Mears, John W. . . 2136 Mt. Vernon st. · Ed. Am. Presbyterian Presbyterian House. Miller; Jeremiah . . 1106 Callowhill street. Phila. Sab. Asso. Vine & Franklin sts. Morris Wm. R. . . Central Church, N. L. . Coates ab Third. 1621 Summer street Patton, John, D.D. . . Logan Square Church 20th and Vine. 17th and Race sts. Reese. J. B. . . . . Lombard st. Central Ch. Lombard ab 8th st. Robbins. Frank L. Girard av. & 16th st Green Hill Church. Girard Av. ab 16th.

Shepherd, Thomas J.

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FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE.-Two editions of this story, just reprinted from the English magazine "Temple Bar," have been laid on our table. T. O. H. P. BURNHAM, of Boston, sends us one on good paper, fine type, at the reduced price of 371 cents. Messrs. T. B. PETERSON & BRO., of this city, send their very cheap edition at 25 cents. We have not read the story, and can give no opinion of its merits.

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1st Church, N. L. for this judgment. But in what I have already as possessing literary powers of a high order. 1530 Arch street. Smith, Charles A., D. D. is idle and irrational. The science, doubtless, barous-but we do hope to see the day when the said will be found reasons perhaps sufficient with Among his performances in this line is an ex-LITTELL'S LIVING AGE, for December 7th, Western Church. 7th and Filbert. like almost all sciences, is imperfect. No mere whole land shall be happily and safely rid of the bly's resolution No. 6, enjoining respect to " the all my auditory. If not you can scarcely go | tended work on Presbytery. Amid all the hos contains the Quarterly Review's article on the Smith, H. Augustus, 1530 Arch street. acquaintance with the science will make a man last fetter and the last bondman ! and we thank work of other denominations of like faith and or-South above 11th. Life and Character of Shelley, with a number of amiss of them. Now what I wish to add is this tile expressions in newspapers and reviews and Twelfth Church. 2021 Wallace street. a successful preacher; but it will be a most va- God for what he is doing in that direction, and Taylor, W. W. . . . choice miscellaneous pieces. This old established -if American slavery threatens the destruction after dinner speeches, it is well for us to remem-22d and Mt. Vernon. luable guide on the road to such a result. The for the sentiments he has inspired in the hearts of the American republic, then we must threaten ber that the authorities of England have pursued Olivet Church. . weekly admirably meets the wants of all who 250 S. Juniper st. Van Deurs, George science, rightly viewed and taught, does not lead of our officers, and for the mighty preparations it, and if the last must come down that the first a careful and moderate course, in no way calspirit and pursue the plans of co-operation to desire to "keep the run" of English periodical Tabor Mission. . . . 17th & Fitzwater sts. the student to rely with a slavish dependence which are going on in the world toward the which we have heretofore been accustomed in may flourish and grow strong, then let us seize culated to give our government any serious Wallace, Benj. J., D. D. 1431 Girard Avenue. literature, or to preserve the views of their upon itself. It does not encourage the belief great fact of universal emancipation. I believe our local work. Ed. Pres. Quar. Rev., } Presbyterian House. the glittering weapon so long laid at its root, and ground of concern. There is, however, a hearti presses on questions of international importance. that a finished sermon is all that is needful to we all thank God for this, and pray that the and Sec. H. Missions. strike the ponderous blows in quick succession ness in these remarks of the Duke's, exceeding THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA met at the Con-THE KNICKERBOCKER for December continue-Southwark First Church, German ab Third. success. "Eloquence," says Vinet, one of the dawn of promise may open into perfect day! It and down let the Upas come, though the crash of anything as yet uttered in so high a quarter : gregational Church of Sacramento, Oct. 21, 1861 the vivid sketch-" Through the Cotton States." Vacant, . . . . Walker, Richard . . acknowledged teachers of homiletics-" has the would be a sad waste of diplomacy, of wealth, of its downfall be all the louder by reason of the "In fairness to our American friends, we Rev. L. Hamilton was chosen Moderator, and and the tale of the New York business world character of business. Now business is not social sacrifice, of valuable life,-a great mockfearful hight to which it has grown. Kenderton Church. . Tioga st. above 17th. ought to admit that no more tremendous issues Rev. B. N. Seymour Stated Clerk. The follow-"Recollections of Wall Sreet," by Kimball, with learned by abstraction; commerce only under- ery of national preparation and strength,---a "Despotism ever ' lies in wait for the hazards were ever submitted to the dread arbitrament of ing report on Home Missions was adopted. its usual spicy and inimitable variety in other destands commerce; politics are learned in the strange commentary on the progress of humanity, by which liberty is surrounded.' And it is cer- war, than those which are now submitted to it 1. Resolved, That the Synod of Alta Cali-THE NATIONAL PREACHER for December, partments. New York, J. R GILMORE. management of State affairs, and life in living." | and an inscrutable mystery in the providence of tain that if Republican liberty does not hold pos- upon the American continent. I do not care fornia, approve the plan of Home Missions recontains the sermon of the Rev. Dr. Storrs jr., Of course, preaching is to be learned, not merely God, were the whole movement of the world for Dr. WADWORTH'S THANKSGIVING SERMON. session of this soil, despotism will; and if the whether, we look at it from the Northern or from commended by the General Assembly at its last before the American Board at Cleveland on the Published by request. T. B. PETERSON & in the study of the art, but in preaching. Never- justice, for freedom, and for healthful governone does not continue to lead forth her bright se the Southern point of view. Take the mere meeting. "things which are not." BROS., 306 Chestnut Street.

in tracts, almanacs, or books for distribution. If this cause is already on your list of benevolent objects-or, if it is now put upon the listplease inform us of the time fixed for its presentation to your church. This will aid us. Now, brethren, we commit the cause to you. We beg you to decide now whether it shall have your co-operation. The case does not admit of Yours, very truly, W. STRONG. ALBERT BARNES. Presbyterian House, Philadelphia, Dec. 1, 1861. THE DUKE OF ARGYLE ON AMERICA. In order to appreciate the value of the following