Amerikan Presbyterian and Genesee Evangelist.

ing. Soldiers of all grades were rising in all parts of the house, two or three at a time. There is an old gray-haired veteran of the artillery in Christ's service. This, with the wellow cord on his jacket, who wants to tell worst storms which have been so numerous durwhat the Lord has done for his soul, is of ing this winter, six hundred persons, members Brackett's Cavalry. That gentleman in the and ex-members of the Third Church, with a middle of the house, who has followed Christ few invited guests assembled in Sansom Street for eleven years, but who since the war ber Hall, to celebrate the quarter century of the exgan has followed afar off, but says by God's isting pastoral relation. It was a goodly, a cheergrace from this night forward to the end of his life, he will confess Christ in mess, and camp, and battle-field, wears the epaulettes of a field-officer. "That's Captain Cof our regiment, that's speaking now. I did not think so many of our officers would talk

religion right out like that in meeting." Bro. to chant a verse of a hymn. Three times he has been obliged to stop with the first line, so many were up to exhort, or confess, or pray. Chaplain Raymond, and Revs. Jackson, (of the U. P.) and Patterson, (of the R. P. Church) pray and exhort. But the men

It works in this way. Barracks of Comthen, boys, I think we have had far too much swearing in this company; and I move that we now stop, 'right square off'." "I second that motion," cries Mr. Rousing Swearer. "I'm going to quit for one." (Cries of "Bully for you," "Good," "Amen," "Thank ly for you," "Good," "Amen," "Thank God.") Most of the company adjourn to prayer-meeting in the camp church.

At the close of the exercises, upon invita tion to all who repented of their sins, and desired to seek grace to serve Christ, nineteen came forward, of all ages, from the boy of fifteen to the man of middle life, several and to present them faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. Several who were spoken with after the meeting, had praying parents.

After a touching commendation of their poor sick comrades of the 51st, whom they were obliged to leave behind in hospital, to the Christian sympathies of the brethren in camp, Chaplain Raymond announced meeting to-morrow evening, said, "Farewell to the rough sanctuary, for whose erection he had labored so energetically," and pronounced gled Banner was sung, Lieutenant Ivins leading, the benediction, and is ere this falls under and the whole company joining most heartily in the eye of our readers, on the road to New the chorus. -Banner of the Covenant.

American Bresbyterian GENESEE EVANGELIST.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1862.

"CHARACTERISTIC STYLE."

Not long ago, we republished in full an article from the Presbyterian on the proposed union of the two branches of the church, and pointed out what seemed to us offensive expressions, commenting briefly upon them. The Presbuterian of a fortnight ago, parades its purpose not to notice our article any further than to insinuate that it was something very dreadful, and in a style "characteristic" of our paper, and much below its own, and to attribute to us an opinion which we simply quoted from its own correspondent (whose words we also gave in full), and which we did not then, and do not now design to inculcate. Is it "characteristic" of that paper to threw out dark hints instead of stating facts clearly within reach; to quote a detached sentence, itself quoted, and impute it to another: to respond to such fair and honorable treatment as it received at our hands, by a contemptuous, unhandsome inuendo? The Presbyterian Herald of Kentucky, which has no special affection for us, has placed our article in full upon its pages, and the Standard of this city, (both papers of the other branch) even rebukes the Presbyterian for its attitude towards the American Presbytrrian in the article referred to. As to the matter of tact, we never meant to assert that docrinal differences, if they do exist, "are not worthy to be mentioned in connection with Boards and slavery." We used this language simply as restating the opinion of the Presbyterian's Ogdensburgh correspondent. "Here" said we referring to the words of the correspondent which we had just quoted, "is nothing of radical differences on cardinal doctrines, nothing about doctrines at all. If such differences exist they are not worthy," etc. "For ourselves," we continued, "we are content to place these views of the editor and correspondent in the same paper over against each other and to wait for other developments," etc. Surely, it must be a careless reading of this paragraph which takes these sentiments from the correspondent and imputes them arbitrarily (and Old School-wise) to use The Editor perhaps, wishes to forget that he had a correspondent who differed so widely from him, and who saw so little in the way of a union from which, in that article, he shrank as from an "amalgamation." These correspondents, however, seem to be helping him forward, for in response to another, who remonstrates with him in the last number for want of sympathy with the movement, he says :-- " For ourselves, we do not hesitate to say that we rejoice in every indication which foreshadows the time when this event may be happily accomplished on a solid basis, and

NOTICE.—The annual Concert of PRAYER FOR COLLEGES, and other institutions of learning, will be held to day, Thursday, in the First Presbyterian church, (Rev. Mr. Barnes') at 11 o'clock; A. M., and in the Western Presbyterian church, (Rev. Dr. Smith's) at 4 o'clock, P. M. The members of the churches in our connection in Hence there is a great shaking of hands in this city, and the public in general, are respect- our gatherings—a great deal of tarrying to infully invited to attend these meetings.

brother, long before the Lord takes him to hea-

the 28d inst., by the Fourth Presbytery; Rev. disposition to do right to all men, I claim that E. Adams preached the sermon, Rev. Dr. Pine Street Church falls below no other in this Jenkins delivered the charge to the pastor, and particular. Rev. Dr. Darling, (former pastor of the church) I sustain peculiar relations to many of this

THE QUARTER CENTURY OF OLD PINE ST.. AND ITS PASTOR DR. BRAINERD.

On Monday, the 17th inst., through one of the worst storms which have been so numerous durful, a happy company. The middle-aged and the old were there. One venerable lady in her nineties, moved, with slight assistance, among the throng, receiving many attentions and entering with zest into the enjoyments of the occasion. But youth, too, was well and abundantly repre-Moodie, who leads the meeting, that man on sented there, proving that the old stock has the floor there, with his doots drawn over his | plenty of vitality and promise for the future yet. pants, trooper fashion, can scarcely get time The character of the festival has been well hit by one of our contemporaries, the Evening Bulletin, who styles it "such a family gathering as is but seldom seen in this cold and selfish world." There was order without restraint or formality, there was true Christian cheerfulness and hilawant to hear their own officers and comrades rity; from the Pastor and the presiding officer Mr. John C. Farr, down through the whole com pany, ease and cordiality marked the manners of pany C, 58th Regiment, after supper: Private Chief Blasphemer—"Boys, I've got a motion to make, will you hear it?" (Cries of "Out with it," "Let's hear it.") "Well wanting representatives of our poble army minwanting representatives of our noble army mingling with the throng; one of the officers of the Church, Mr. Wm. Ivins, appearing in regimentals as Lieutenant in the Curtin Life Guards. And the exciting and glorious news of the fall of Fort Donelson just received, threw a peculiar and elastic element, into the grateful joy of the ccasion itself.

The summons to supper came at half past sight o'clock, on which important occasion John C. Farr, Esq., presided; the Stars and Stripes being gracefully festooned behind his seat. He weeping bitterly. They were commended to was assisted by Messrs. Alexander Whilldin, Him that is able to keep them from falling, Capt. W. Whildin, D. C. McCammon, R. J. Mercer, Saml Work, A. Getty, John Wallace, W. Taylor and B. Webb. Among the invited guests were Rev. A. Barnes, Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Rev. John Mc-Leod, Rev. Dr. Wallace, Rev. John W. Mears. Mr. H. P. M. Birkinbine and others. After the officers had been announced, grace was said by Dr. Jenkins, and the company proceeded to. discuss the good things set before them. When

> REMARKS OF DR. BRAINERD. Dr. Brainerd was first called for, and on rising was received with a perfect oration of applause which the people scarcely seemed to know how to bring to an end. When order was restored. Dr. Brainerd commenced by saying that he was

sure he had none too much modesty, but that after such a welcome he felt doubtful how to proceed The chairman, he said, was very kind in giving JOHN W. MEARS. - - Editor me an introduction to this audience. I have had a slight acquaintance with them. And I can say of my people that while I commend my min istry with a proper estimate of them, an acquaintance of 25 years has only increased them in my esteem and regard. Every sentiment of regard on your part is fully reciprocated. The present is not the time for pathos, nor for recalling those chapters of our history that so touch the heart. This is the time to take the mercies of God, and felicitate ourselves. For myself, I never supped with so many friends before, and I never expect to again. I have dined with crowds often, but

never before was able to recognize in every face

a friend. A ministry of twenty-five years is likely to develope character. When I can among you twentyfive years ago, I came relatively a young man-By your kindness and indulgence, you have made quarter of a century of my life pleasant to me. There has been almost no shade on my mind in regard to my congregation. I have never had a difficulty with them. I have never distrusted you, nor you me. In a connection which has lasted so long, such a fact marks a great deal of kindness, of conscientiousness and of self-restraint. I have had an eldership which has enjoyed my perfect confidence. Except on some rare occasions, we have never had a negative vote. When we have had differences of opinion, we have differed as gentlemen. I have uniformly been sustained by them in my labors. A great part of the peace, prosperity and unity of the church, I attribute to the eldership, some of whom are in heaven. And the trustees of Pine St. church have been conscientious, reliable and true hearted men. Though we have expended \$30,000 in repairs, Pine St. church owes no man a dollar. have been met in the congregation with a spirit of Christian activity. There was no worthy object on which I could not summon the energy of my people. And I have been able to move to outside enterprises, because they have carried the people, with them, grant he submit obserts and

We have felt the pressure of that migration to the westward and northward of our city. We have parted with many of our best members who have gone to engage in new enterprises in that direction. But those who have gone out from us, are still with us. By the blessing of our heavenly Father, our church still has numbers, unity and strength. If you will look around upon these happy groups, upon these noble young men and these blooming maidens, you will see that Old Pine St, has hope of prosperity in years yet to come at lather no it over excert

I have known some pastors who symbathized with humanity, not as God made it, but as the tailor made it. I have not been of that class. hope that it may gladden the heart of our good The people of Pine Street Church have not been what is called fashionable. They generally slept in the night and kept awake in the day-time. They have lived in houses that they owned, or the rent of which has been paid. If they walked in Chestnut street, they owned the garments and bonnets in which they were arrayed. In the vear 1857, not a single individual in the Congregation failed. We are a very unfashionable people, very! Another unfashionable feature i that we believe religion to be eminently social: quire after one another's welfare much kindly greeting and friendly feeling that has grown up REV. DANIEL MARCH was duly installed pas- in thirty years. If respectability depends on Clinton St. church, on Sabbath evening, substantial qualities, on general culture, or on a

to the people. We welcome Mr. March among assemblage. One of the pleasant things in my us, and offer our best wishes to pastor and people | quarter-century is the fact that. I have been able in their new relation. to organize so many pleasant families among you, rights of the state of the stat

How many couple have stood up to receive my blessing! Let all here present whom I have thus united, lift up their hands and lift them high so that they can be seen. (A forest of hands, male and female, twinkled in the air.) hands raised again.)

[After the merriment occasioned by this characteristic sally had subsided, the Doctor resumed:] whose wars now realise and so

I can only say, in conclusion, that I have a feeling of profound gratitude to my own congregation who have been so kind as to meet with me on this occasion. I am grateful to them for regarding the termination of my twenty five years as worthy of such a demonstration. Why, as to the news we have heard to-day, I don't, know but the capture of Fort Donelson will be remembered by the coincidence (Prolonged cheering and merriment.) But I cannot sit down without acknowledging my; obligations to tother, congregations Especially shaves I been sustained always by the weight of character excellent influence and Rind Heart of my good brother Barnes. I owe much, too, to other ministers of our church. And with the ministry of other denominations in this city, have had no discussions. The only exception to this was when my brethren of the "Old School" certainly felt deeply. Otherwise, I have lived in peace with all during my entire ministry among you. For some reason ho merit of mine—the newspaper press has always been my ally; and I take this opportunity to express my my name and character with so much kindness In conclusion, I desire to renew my covenant, entered into a quarter of a century ago with you my people, and I promise with the help of my Master to be more faithful than heretofore in the performance of my duties among you.

RÉMARKS OF MR. BARNES."

A loud call having been made for Mr. Barnes he rose and referring to Mark Antony's speech over Julius Cesar, said that while he did not come to bury Dr. Brainerd it would be more in tually sharing and feeling, their sorrows and all the order of nature for Dr. Brainerd to perform their sinless infirmities. All these ideas seem that office for him-neither had he come to praise him. Yet he said, it is not improper in the position we occupy, to refer to the manner of our intercourse. We were brought up in the same part of the country. It so happened that Dr. Brainerd came to the same town Rome and that we joined the church under the same pastor. There we both gave ourselves to the Saviour. of the ministry. Contrary to my early ambition ever a smart thing to be said, he said it before I could; or if there was a good thing to be done, he was sure to do it before I did. Yet he has been one with whom I have taken sweet counsel: He has been a faithful and true man as a personal friends and the elegantees out resists had over

You see I am not a young man now. I was young when I came here. It is a marvel, a won der to me that I ever did come; that I dared to come to this: great city, and allow myself to be out in the situation I occupy, that I dired to become the successor of that truly great man Dr. Wilson ... I have remained here till I have seen changes in every Presbyterian church, Old and New School, (unless Mr. Chambers' be excepted) in every Scotch, German Reformed, Episcopal Baptist, Moravian, and of course, Methodist church. in restrict to carew out numbers

I have lived while the ministers of all have passed away except Furness and Chambers. I look back with interest over the names of those who have passed away from this and other congregations in that period. There are Sanford and Eustis, and Scott, and Judson, and Patterson, and Gloucester; and Templeton, and Gilbert, and Ramsay, and Ely, and others, whom I can notiatathis moment recall,—they have gone to I remember that I owe not a little to Pine Street Church and its pastors. The fact that I am now a minister in the Presbyterian Church, is due to the predecessor of Dr. Brainerd. At a moment when I sat in deep distress of mind on the point and held me down Very much do I owe to Dr. Elys I cannot repay him in this world, or in the next either Soon after I came to this city, I was thrown into a flery furnace of trial ! I would have sunk again and again, but for Dr. Ely, then editor of the Philadelphian, who became my warm friend, and admitted freely to his paper, articles in my defence. He was, indeed, a strong, warm, personal friend. He made sacrifices for me-not, indeed, exclusively for me, but for the cause in which we were both engaged will He was a true friend-a life-long friend I shall remember his kindness till I lay my head in the grave. Zusinia muitsini)

This affecting to think that we are so far along in life. It is much, very much to have passed through such; an extent of clife, and to have maintained a position like this of Dr. Brainerd's under asuch circumstances One occasion of gratitude, lies in the fact that changes in the pastoral relation are so common. That a pastor after, a connection of twenty-five years, can come before an assembly like this, exhibiting so many evidences of youth and vigour, and be received with such expressions of cordiality and enthusia

ism, as you have manifested to night, is struly a matter of profound congratulation and many Mr Barnes was heard with deep and respect ful attention, and sat down amid the applause the people. Rev. Dr. Jenkins followed in most animated and genial address of congratula tion to pastor and people, which was received with evident satisfaction. Other brief addresses were delivered, one in particular by Rev. Theron S. Baldwin, Secretary of the Collegiate Education Society: who shrewdly traced at connection between this occasion, and the fall of Fort Donelson The influence which Dri Brainerd exerted, when in the great West himself, and which ho has always exerted as the active friend of education in the west, has aided to train the brave soldiers of that region, and prepare them for the great

FORGIVENESS OF SINS BY THE "SON OF Matt. 9, 2-8; Mark, 1-12; Luke 5, 17-76.

"The Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive Now let all who expect me to perform the same mity. His more common designation of Him-office for them, raise their hands! (Not affew self. "the Son of Man," seems rather to assert Our Lord was not apt to assert His own divi-His real humanity, as if this were more likely to berdoubted or; denied in the case of one doing such superhuman works, and thus demonstrating such superhuman powers.

The difficulty, in a real incarnation of Deity would seem to be, to make evident the incarnation to manifest the divine attributes without obscuring or destroying the evidence of real hu-

manity. Jesus seems to have been willing to leave the into the convictions of His disciples, without was little reason to doubt that their hearts, their Lord and my God." sanctified instincts, would lead them to the due veneration and adoration of Him.

Has it not been so? Do not we find that deen views of human guilt and fuin are ever united with high views of the character and the nature turned me out of the church—an act which I of the Redeemer? Is it not true that they who feel the need of expiation for human guilt, of real atonement for sin, do almost always regard the actual atoning Redeemer as divine?

It was however, important that the Redeemer should also be recognized by them whom He acknowledgements to the press who have treated | would save, as truly human. God; in the incar nation, came to; our race God; our Saviour; was to be made, and was made one of us. "He meant to have us feel that He is our brother. So He presents Himself, in the Gospel, as a real babe, born of woman, nursed, tended, nurtured by a human mother as a real child obedient to hu man parents—as a real man, hungering, thirsting, weary, conversing, counseling, preaching praying, journeying, sleeping, weeping, loving, groaning, in all things made like unto His brethren, capable of sharing, and feeling, and acto be condensed into His favorite designation of Himself, "the Son of Man."

By His miracle of healing the man sick of the palsy. He purposed to convince the beholders of His real and valid authority to forgive sins. He doubtless knew that to them, nightly educated in the Jewish religion, no prerogative was more clearly divine. He takes the most quiet and there we both consecrated ourselves to the work | unostentatious, and, at the same time, the most effective way of claiming this prerogative for and to the brightest dream of my life I was Himself, viz. by exercising it. He declares the brought to this city, and here, Dr. Brainerd has paralytic before Him pardoned. Naturally lough, the spectators were startled, show he has always been ahead of me. If there was It seemed to them blasphemous it would be blasphemous for any mere man thus to assume the prerogative of God.

> Jesus, however, enters into no dispute with them, but proceeds to demonstrate His actual possession of the authority He has claimed hy miraculously curing the paralytic man. Before doing so, He districtly delty the attention of the bystanders to the demonstration He is about to give, making them understand that He proposes to let them "know that He, the Son of Man hath power on earth to thrgive sins," down had

> effect of the miracle was not to convince the spectators of Jesus' divinity. "They marvelled and glorified God, who had given such power unto men." They recognized Jesus as a man, and regarded Him as proving by His miracle that He was authorized and empowered by God "to forgive sins." This is a large of its

> This was true, though not the whole truthnot the deepest truth. I think, we should learn from it or from Jesus, behavior on this occasion. not to be too impatient to have the whole truth at once received by those whose special welfare

If, for example, there are some who do not yet learn from their reading of the Bible, anything sions. beyond Jesus' humanity, let them thoroughly learn that, with all that pertains to it, and is deducible from it. If dipecially, they can be led to see that, through Him is the forgiveness of sins that He not only teaches the forgiveness of sins but has procured it has made it a pracof declaring myself no longer a member of the body, he laid his hand kindly upon my shoulder, government if they will believingly accept pargovernment if they will believingly accept pardon for themselves as the purchase of His blood, and God's gift to them through Him if they will thus humbly and teachably take Christ, and join themselves to Him, and commit themselves fully up to His influence and guidance, we may far better trust them to that influence to lead them to adoring views of Him, than to seek to produce that effect by any logical demonstrations, with which we would compel the assent of their understandings to saint out saw on In teaching children about Jesus, it does not

seem to me at all desirable to lead them into the field of controversy upon this subject or to trouble their minds with any controversial aspect of it but rather to show as vividly as possible the Son of Man actually exercising the power to forgive sips, and clearly demonstrating. His real possession of it, by putting forth visibly miraculous powers of healing, If we can lead them to behold Him, and to believe in Him as the Sa viour from sin; and humbly and gratefully, and lovingly to accept Him as their Saviour-if they shall learn (taught withe Holy Spirit) to regard themselves as rescred by His merciful, strong hand, from the power of the devil as redeemed by His precious blood, from the dreadful hell to which their sinfulness justly exposed them—this grateful, trustful affection for Jesus will be their best safeguard against hurtful speculative errors concerning His person and His offices, and the best means of leading them to full, and true; and scriptural, and sanctifying wiews, of Him: 111 -1101 Let our children our Sunday School children and our children at home be made acquainted with Jesus. Let them be made familiar with the Son of Man — familiar with the words He spake, and the actions He did Especially let us take care that they are led to contemplate Him much as the Saviour from sin, having full power to forgive sins having shown that He

Encourage them rather to accept this demon-stration of His power to vorgive sins, and when their hearts are given to Him in grateful love, and simple trust, for the forgiveness of their sins, having thus become His disciples, they will best be led on to the higher mysteries of the Christian doctrine or if they should not remain here to receive such instruction, trusting and loving the divinely revealed, and divinely at-

tested Saviour from sin. dving in immediate discipleship, they will go to receive His clearer and better teaching where He is.

And if (as I believe), there are some truly loving and trusting Him who even in mature age, have stumbled at the high mystery of His two-fold nature, and have not been able to receive it. I doubt not that having committed their doctrine of His divinity to work its own way souls to His keeping, in life, and at death, they will in the resurrection, behold Him so clearly much, or frequent, assertion of it on His part, in that glory to which He hath ascended, that If sinful men would see and appreciate the evi- like Thomas, so slow to believe, but so ready to dence of His divine mission, and would accept avow His attained conviction, they will, in the Him in the character and office of Mediator and presence of the angels, utter their first grateful Redeemer complete Saviour from sin-there salutation in Thomas's fervent words :- "My

> RELIGIOUS CONDITION OF COLLEGES. WE last week published the report of the So

ciety of Inquiry of Lane Seminary, upon the re ligious condition of the Western Colleges. We find in the New York Observer the statement of the Society of Andover Seminary, in which the condition of our Eastern Colleges, with some in the West, is presented. It will be found interesting and valuable at this time.

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From a comparison of the various reports, i appears that a good, if not a special interest, prevailed in a large majority of the colleges immediately after the last an must fast: "Have we not a right to believe that it was in answer to prayer Have we not a right to expect that God will, this year also, answer prayer? We extract from

some of the reports, as follows:-Antioch College: The students prayer meetings are well attended, and have proved a great blessing. Attendance equals about one-fourth the number of students. Before the war broke out the general tone of religious feeling and character was unusally encouraging, but has since declined somewhat.

Marietta College. A good deal of interest early in the spring, and a number of conver-

Brown University. At the breaking out of the war, there was a tender religious feeling throughout the christian part of the students: promising a revival. Daily prayer meetings were held." But the intense war excitement turned minds from religious activity, and now religious feeling is lukewarm, if not cold.

Jefferson College. A daily prayer meeting vas held by the students for two or three weeks n March and April, and during its continuance hree young men professed religion and were adled to the church. Religion now appears to be a low ebb, which is perhaps owing to the war

Dartmouth College .- The religious condition of the college during the year has been quite good as in former years. There was considera ble religious interest in the spring.

Hanover College. - The religious interest com nenced in connection with the week of praye in January, 1861, became more decided after the day of prayer for colleges, and continued till April. No special seriousness at present, but prayer meetings are held daily by the students. and good order prevails in a remarkable degree. Over twenty of the jundergraduates are in the army, six of whom are professors of religion

Mentucky, University. The general tone of reigious feeling during the year has been very encouraging. Our candidates for the Christian ministry especially seem to be deeply impressed with the worth of souls, and to have a proper realizing sense of the infinite value of the blessed

Oberlin College .- Unusual interest has iprevailed during the year. God's blessing has been upon us. Many who responded to the call of s soldiers of the cross; and the departure of the first volunteers was a season of great religiou nterest and awakening. About fifty of the col lege students who are in the army, nearly all whom are hopeful Christians, are not included i this report.

reform the valed of a secondary of a secondary of the Williams College, While we have had a year had that, power, by claiming it and working a of uncommon excitement, owing to the state of manifest and notable miracle of healing in attest the nation, and too much time has been spent in work they have just accomplished for the Re- tation of His claim! Let them be thus made to reading war papers and discussing political affairs public. The intense feelings of the people found see that God set His seal of attestation to that there has been a good degree of religious feeling public. The intense feelings of the people found yent at this mention of our glorious victory in a great and prolonged outburst of applause. A few that they must wait to see through, and be able that they must wait to see through, and be able that they must wait to see through, and be able that they must wait to see through, and be able that they must wait to see through, and be able that they must wait to see through, and be able that they must wait to see through, and be able that they must wait to see through, and be able that they must wait to see through, and be able that they must wait to see through, and be able that they must wait to see through, and be able that they must wait to see through. The had been diligently engaged in polishing their weapons, and making themselves ready for the festivities of the evening, were brought to a set of the second degree of religious feeling and influence, and a considerable body of young that they must wait to see through, and be able that they must wait to see through. close by singing, with the benediction by the pastor. Pastor spand ment at 1978 (1919) of the pastor. Pastor spand ment at 1978 (1919) of the pastor. The pastor spand ment at 1978 (1919) of the pastor. The pastor spand ment at 1978 (1919) of the pastor of the day of prayer for colleges with deep interpastor. The pastor of the day of prayer for colleges with deep interpastor. The pastor of the day of prayer for colleges with deep interpastor. The pastor of the day of prayer for colleges with deep interpastor of the day of prayer for colleges with deep interpastor. The pastor of the day of prayer for colleges with deep interpastor of the day of prayer for colleges with deep interpastor. The pastor of the day of prayer for colleges with deep interpastor of the day of prayer for colleges with deep interpastor. The pastor of the day of prayer for colleges with deep interpastor of the day of prayer for colleges with deep interpastor of the day of prayer for colleges with deep interpastor of the day of prayer for colleges with deep interpastor. [For the American Presbyterian.] GIVING TO SABBATH SCHOOLS.

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One Sabbath afternoon, last August, Ellie B. the writer's son, a lad of fifteen, had been reading the book, "Frank Harrison," and, though he never was a bad boy, the story of Frank's repentance had so moved his own penitence that he went to bed in deep, though secret trouble. His mother, after retiring, cheard Ellis sobbing, and at length called to him to ask if he was sick or why he was weeping. For some time she heard no answer, and was about to go up to his room when she heard him coming down stairs. In great agitation he rushed to her bedside, threw himself upon his mother's bosom, and weeping, told her that he was a great sinner—that he had been asking God to forgive him, and that now he felt happy in believing that his prayer was heard. He rejoiced in Jesus' love.

"I will not describe the mother's emotions. Her son had had seasons of awakening before, and sion, was examined and accepted, and took upon him the public vows of the Church. Frank Harrison, is to him the dearest of books, the next to the Bible. "As Ellie's pastor and father, I thank you again

for your donation. Be not weary in well doing, and may the Lord give you many such fruits of your benevolence and your prayers."

Our Publication Committee are happy in being made the medium of such gifts to our Sabbath schools. Many a school would rejoice at the reception of new and good books. So far as the means are furnished, our Committee will do this good work.

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY. There are except the case more the

SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS. A Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Wil nington will be held at the Presbyterian church. in Middletown, on Wednesday, March 5th, prox. at 111 o'clock, A. M., to receive and act upon I. An application from Mr. J. Riley, to be taken under the care of this Presbytery, and II. A joint request of Mr. Riley and the Church in Middletown, that the Presbytery or-

dain, and, if the way be prepared, instal him

pastor of said church.

WILLIAM AIKMAN. Moderator.

STATED MEETING IN APRIL. Programme of Exercises - Opening Sermon on Tuesday Evening, at 7 o'clock, by William Aikman. Wednesday, 101 o'clock A. M., Addresses on the Duties of the Eldership, by Messrs. Mears, Foot, and Wiswell; 3 P. M., Addresses on the Importance of Systematic Beneficence, by Messrs. Hamner, Gaylord, and Hendricks; 7 P. M. Sermon on the Doctrine of the Inspiration of the Scriptures. Thursday, 101 A. M., Free Conversation on the State of Religion; 3 P. M., How is the Sabbath to be Sanctified? Addresses by Messrs. Aikman, Foot, and Riley ; 7 P. M., Sermon, subject-Religion the Life of God in the Soul; by Rev. G. F. Wiswell.

PROGRESS OF OUR ARMIES IN THE WEST

On the 20th, General Halleck telegraphed to General McClellan that General Curtis had taken Bentonville, Arkangas, with a considerable quantity of baggage. Bentonville is the county seat of Benton county, in the northwestern corner of the State. Commodore Foote is still on the alert. notwithstanding his wounds. On the 21st, he proceeded to Clarksville, on the Cumberland river, above Fort Donelson, with two gunboats and took possession, no resistance being offered General Mitchell, with fifty thousand men, at accounts, was thirty miles on his way to Nashville from Bowling Green. This is half way. It is believed that by this time he has occupied that city. On the 22d, it was also known at Louisville that Cumberland Gap, in Eastern Kentucky, on the southern border, was inspossession of our forces, and a remaining lo topining on the last him to raceh ACCESSIONS.

On Sabbath, the 16th inst, a delightful and happy communion season was enjoyed by the Springfield Church, located at Flourtown. On that occasion, seven persons entered into full communion with the church on profession of their faith in Christ. Three from other churches were received shortly before. At Jeffersonville. also, two persons were recently added to the church on profession of their faith. Making in all, twelve persons added to the charge under military, religious, and secular. Boston: J. R. the care of A. J. Snyder, its present pastor. Gilmore. Phila, at Callendar's and Winch's. Seven of the above persons are heads of families. Truly the Lord has visited those dittle branches with the dews of heavenly grace. They have enjoyed refreshing seasons from the presence of ment of E. O. Thompson in another column. the Lord, and have reason to thank God and Mr. Thompson has every faculty to satisfy, and take courage take courage, new hoor move it now seeds boi) every disposition to please his customers. It is now to make the courage of the most of most of

A GREAT AFFLICTION.

Our esteem brother, Rev. Dr. Wallace, has met ONE of our good friends, a zealous Sabbath with an affliction of uncommon severity in the school man, has sent us fifty dollars from the loss of his son, the late Lieutenant Wallace, of Sabbath school of which he is the Superintend- the Eighteenth United States Infantry. It is ent to be used in aiding needy schools in connect but a few months since Dr. Wallace was permittion with our churches. In making the remit- ted to see his son raised to this elevation, and to tance, he says: indulge all the hopes of a fond father and a pa-"We make this gift in view of the claims of triot, as to his future career, in the service of his the Publication Committee as a Sabbath School country. . But ere he had opportunity to srike a Agency for our denomination. The quite libe- blow, or to take any active part in the great ral as well as excellent contributions which you events now transpiring, and weave his name into have already made to our Sabbath school literatheir records, the brave youth is overtaken by ture and apparatus, as well as your gifts to needy wasting sickness, which runs its course so rapidly schools entitle you to a share of the benevolence that his anxious father hastened in vain to his of our Sabbath schools generally. We trust you bedside; death had already done his work-ere are destined to enlarge this department of your his arrival. The sad event, took, place on the work more and more, until it shall fill the pro- twentieth instant. The body of Lieutenant Walportions of a thorough denominational Sabbath lace was brought to this city, and, interred with school instrumentality. Meanwhile, to any mea- appropriate services from Green Hill church, on sure of this result, the Sabbath schools of our Monday afternoon. A dozen or more of the widely extended Church would do well, I think, clergy of our church were present. Messrs. W. W. Taylor, Barnes, Brainerd and Robbins, conducted the services. The remarks of Dr. Brain-The following letter from one of our ministers | erd whose only son is in the service of his counin Illinois; shows, in a gratifying manner, that try, were peculiarly appropriate and consoling. A this mode of benevolnce is blessed with happy detachment of the Curtin Light Guards, with a results. The letter is addressed to a School in fine band, escorted the corpse to the place of Philadelphia, by which a library had been sent interment in Laurel Hill every mark of respect to the deceased and of interest in the afflicit is a great pleasure to me to be able to ted family being thus afforded. We tender them thank you and your Sabbath school with all pos- our heartfelt sympathies and prayers in this their hour of trial.

DEATH IN THE WHITE HOUSE

WILLIE LINCOLN, the beloved son of the President, eleven years old, a Sabbath School scholar and a promising boy, died in Washington in the midst of the national rejoicings at the success of our arms, on the 20th instant. As a very proper expression of sympathy, there was no illumination in Washington on the 22d.

Mew Publications.

THE SUPERNATURAL IN RELATION TO THE NATURAL, is the title of a new work by McCosh. epublished in New York, by R. Carter & Bros., and for sale in Philadelphia, by Messrs. W. S. & A. Martien. Quoting the profound remark of Leibnitz, that the "last of heresies may be, I do not say Atheism, but Naturalism publicly professed." the author proceeds to disentangle from confusion the great problem of nature and the supernatural, and "to throw what light he can" on the relation in which these spheres of truth stand one to the other, to man and to God. Reference is frequently had to the recent Oxford we feared that, like those, this would also prove Essays and Reviews. It is the design of the wriunsubstantial. But when the next communion sea- ter not merely to answer their arguments, but to son approached, Ellie offered himself to the ses- aid in settling at least one of the questions they have raised, upon a broad and permanent basis. Two papers of interest and value, on the "Oxford Essays," and on "Bunsen," form the appendix. A disciple of Chalmers, and inheritng some of his rich, fervid and oratorical manner, McCosh has pursued a wide range of studies, and gathers his illustrations from every field of truth. He is, perhaps, the most interesting and readable writer on abstruce subjects, of the day. Of course, his last book will be read. 12mo. pp. 369. Large type. halika is

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A VAST amount of information is briefly given n Stevens' History of Methodism, which no Christian man of any religious denomination will find uninteresting or unprofitable, but which must commend itself to all as ably exhibiting one of the most remarkable religious movements of the Christian Era. The Third Volume has just been issued by Messrs. Carleton & Porter, of New York, and is for sale by Messrs. Higgins & Perkenpine, of this city. It embraces the period from the death of Wesley to the year 1839, and concludes the work. A very full index of the three volumes is given. 12mo., pp. 524.

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PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS.

HARPER'S WEEKLY continues to be a faithful and entertaining chronicle and representative of current events. Its editorials are written with signal ability and in a healthful elevated tone, and its illustrations, maps, bird's-eye views, etc., are an invaluable aid in tracing the movements of our army and havy. They parameter had his

THE CONGREGATIONAL QUARTERLY for January, besides a valuable miscellany, including a biographical article by Prof. Park, contains the tatistics of Congregationalism for the year. Of course, it is Congregational; and the statistician cannot deny himself the satisfaction of an annual rap at the New York churches, "some Independent some connected with Presbytery," which neglectito report: themselves: yet it is an admirable journal, with a real flavor of Puritanism about it, and as cheap as it is good—cheaper in fact \$1 a year. Boston: Messrs Dexter, Quint & Langworthy, Editors.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY, for February and March: These numbers amply spstain the very high repute of this journal; Agassiz, Whittier, Russell Lowell, Mrs. Stowe, and we know not how many other able pens are regularly employed in its pages Mr. Everett contributes paper on Taxation, to the number for March. We give some extracts on our fourth page. Boston: Ticknor & Fields.

THE CONTINENTAL MONTHLY, for March, was early laid upon our table. It is filled with an