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INTEROESSORY PRAYER.

THE duty, necessity and utility of prayer for onesself being admitted, bow is it with prayer for others? Does not the mind of the Christian sometimes labor here? Is not his faith in prayer more often or more severely tried in regard to objects and persons outside of himself, than in regard to his own interests and necessities? The pious parent or relative, pleading for a child or kinsman ; the faithful, longing believer wrestling with God for a long-deforred season of revival; the righteous soul, uttering and handing down unanswered from age to age, the weary cry of the Palmist: O let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; what are these doing? Do they not pray almost, if not altogether in vain? word or two to strengthen and encourage us in the high duty of intercessory prayer at this time may not be out of place.

1. Observe how much of it there is in the scriptures. From the plea of Abraham for the cities of the plain, to that of the Divine Saviour on the cross for his enemies, we have one instance after another from most eminent characters, and received with the most evident marks of Divine favor. Moses pleads over and over again for the children of Israel. Samuel says: "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you." Daniel leaves upon record his humble confessions and ardent petitions for his exiled people. And what was the priesthood under the old dispensation but a divinely established order of intercessors; and what their priestly functions and ceremonies but the symbols of a higher and an effectual intercession yet to come? The priesthood by no means absorbed the office of intercession-they rather set the example, and presented to Israel a religion of which intercession was one of the main elements. And the evangelical prediction of the 58d chapter of Isaiah does not cl.s. without describing the servant of Jehovah as making intercession for the transgressors.

Prominent among the duties which the Saviour enjoins and exemplifies, is, that of intercession It is to be practised even in behalf our enemies: Pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you. So He did, when under circumstances of the severest trial. He prayed earnestly also for his friends. What is more touch the honor and rectitude of England towards ing or more exalted in spirit than the intercessory America, if this unfriendly spirit were confined

PRINCETON NOW. THE January number of the Princeton Review contains an article on "England and America." The article has been issued in a pamphlet form. and has passed to a second edition. As a pamphlet it is ascribed to the editor of the Review. the Rev. Dr. Hodge. So commonly is it spoken of as his, and so constantly is it sold at the bookstores as his, that there can be no impropriety, it is presumed, in speaking of it in our columns as his, and in giving to it the importance to which

t is entitled as coming from such a source. The paper is written with the clearness of style, the strength of argument, and the consistency of opinion which characterize the productions of its distinguished author. It is an able defence of the Government of this country in its endeavor to put down the existing rebellion, and contains views which every loval American citizen will be glad to have laid before the British public. The defence of our country in the recent and present attitude of England towards us, is completc. It wholly sustains our Government, vindicates its policy alike in regard to our enemies at the South, pays a high and just compliment to Mr. Lincoln-himself supposed to be a man of very decided anti-slavery views-and states very correctly, that the whole cause of the rebellion in

our country, is slavery; and that the institution of slavery is the very foundation of the so-called Confederacy. Thus the writer says : " A rebellion designed to overthrow our Government for the avowed purpose of conserving, perpetuating, and extending the system of domestic slavery, has contrived to enlist in its support nearly a third part of the people and resources of the United States." (pp. 3.)

The article is prepared especially for the people of England, and is more particularly designed to enlighten and rebuke British Christians for the attitude which they have taken in the controversy, and in respect to their strange want of sympathy with the Northern States in attempting to maintain their own government, and to prevent the consummation of a purpose for the establishment of 'a government based avowedly on African slavery : and the article may be regarded as the manifesto of the Old School Church in the United States, or that portion of the Old School body now represented by Princeton to their British brethren. Thus the writer says: (p. 11) We have some readers in Great Britain-it is for them we write. We wish to convince them that they have been and are doing us a grievous wrong, and that they have given the whole weight of their influence to an evil cause."

In the same spirit, the writer says (p. 7) "We should not so entirely give up our confidence in prayer recorded in the 17th of John! And how to the secular press. The last hope of justice or

bellion. Within the limits of the "cotton of a race so emotional in their nature, exhorting (For the American Presbyterian.) States," not one solitary minister of the Old to all practical virtues, and inspiring the laborers FLAG PRESENTATION. TO THE WILMING-School has lifted up his voice against that rebel- with a religious zeal for faithful labor, the good

lion which is designed to "conserve, perpetuate, nurture of their children, and for clean and health-On the evening of the 22d, at the Continen and extend the system of domestic slavery," and tul habits. The benevolence of free States, now tal, a flag was presented in behalf of the donor, in all the slave States, so far as our information being directed hither, will gladly provide these. Mrs. Harrison of this city, by the hands of exextends, but one man connected with the Old The government should, however, provide for mayor Vaux, to the cadets of Colonel Hyatt's School Presbyterian Church, has dared to lift teachers specially devoted to teaching reading, Military Academy at Wilmington Delaware; nor his voice against the rebellion, or against the writing and arithmetic, say some twenty-five, for can we think, that among the many appropriate establishment of an empire in the South, de- the territory now occupied by our forces, and pri- tributes to the day, any affair was turned off in vate benevolence might even be relied on for signed to "subserve, perpetuate and extend the a more neat and satisfactory manner than this. system." That man is the Rev. Robert J. these. The presentation address was accompanied

The plan proposed is, of course, not presented Breckinridge, D. D., at first, and for years the with gallant allusion to the fair donor, and honruler of Princeton, and then its bitter antagoas an ultimate result-far from it. It contem- orable mention of the youth, to whose hands the nist-now in all the Pres. Church South, "found plates a paternal discipline for the time being, flag was committed, felicitous patriotic reference faithful among the faithless, faithful only he." intended for present use only with the prospect to the great occasion, whilst the replies, in the Our Scottish brethren, from their recollection of of better things in the future. As fast as the speech of young Bradford and the poem of Cap. him, will be able to appreciate the value of his laborers show themselves fitted for all the priviltain Porter, justly elicited frequent expressions testimony on the subject, for they retain some eges of citizens, they should be dismissed from of admiration and approbation. "Noble little recollection of their own impressions as derived the system, and allowed to follow any employ- Delaware," might be proud of these sentiments, from his visit among them, of the position of the ment they please, and where they please. They so boldly and heartily outroken from these Old School Presbyterian Church on the subject should have the power to acquire the fee simple young minds, in which all their companions parof American slavery. ticipated; nor could any one have been untouched of land, either with the proceeds of their labor or

THE FREEDMEN OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND recognitions. I shall not follow these sugges-GEORGIA.

IN regard to perhaps twenty thousand persons lately held as slaves in these two rebellious States, the question of emancipation is practically settled. They are free by the fortunes of war, but for whose condition the former occupants of and by the acts of their own fugitive masters; and only another revolution can put them back

into their former relations. The report of the Government agent at Port Royal, Mr. Edward L Pierce, has recently been given to the public; and the facts, views, and plans which it presents ing editorially upon the influence which a wise upon the past, present, and future condition of these freedmen. constitute it the most important | following appeal ;--document, probably, which has been elicited by

the war. In a political and religious sense, the should pray that our Government may be led, in | away. district opened up by our armies in these two the exercise of its powerful influence, to culti-States is missionary ground, and Mr. Pierce may vate, develop, and direct the [anti-slavery] senbe regirded as the pioneer missionary, who has timent, to encourage it all over the country. laid the result of his observations before Secreta- | While warring for the Constitution, let it be manry Chise, and has thus prepared the way for or- fully and uncompromisingly on the side of huganized effort in the future. These people, with | manity. Let it lead on the nation in this great those at Fortress Monroe, are the first fruits of opportunity to a high and honorable position on Oh! may the storm of battle ne'er invade the movement towards freedom in our land, the great question of personal liberty." which a Greater than Presidents and Cabinets, In these localities it is already made clear; we distinctly in view the great Constitutional object have to prepare and train these twenty thousand of the war-to put down rebellion-to assert our

guide in this work and as yet in our reach, is the source of authority among a free people. very full and valuable report of Mr. Pierce, from But we have been anxious that the cause of

as a reward of special merit ; and it would be well by the generous warmth of young Captain Bidto quicken their zeal for good behavior by proper dle.

By the wit and address of the Chairman warm speech was elicited from ex-governor Poltions as to the future further, contenting myself lock, and on all sides no expression was manifested but signs of unalloyed gratification.

> present, and who, from acquaintance with some of the parties, is able to trace the sentiment of freedom and patriotism manifested, to the secret influence of tamily piety, which has always spo-

IN our issue of the 23d of January, in remark-Whilst the address of Bradford is equally worthy of publication with the poem, a few lines administration could exert for good, we made the of the latter, have more readily been obtained and are inserted to wind up the notice of ar "But every Christian and friend of humanity event, that ought not, unchronicled, to pass

Where swiftly past, the wild Potomac sweeps The father of his country calmly sleeps. No sculptur'd pile, no stately shaft he needs: Enough are his immortal, god-like deeds. Although the dark and gloomy cloud of war Hangs like a pall o'er fair Virginia's shore, The silence of Mount Vernon's holy shade. Though with the dead be heap'd the battle-plain Neither in that, nor any other article, have we and Legislators, and armies is leading and guid expressed a wish that the war itself should be Although with blood the rolling waters runing. Our work opens up gradually before us. made a war of emancipation. We would keep The sacred tomb where sleeps our Washington! OUR COUNTRY'S FLAG.

"Aye, priceless gift! Our country's peerless flag freedmen for the full enjoyment and proper use | right and manifest our power to be, as a nation | Oh! may that banner in the dust ne'er drag! Our country's flag! It waves on ev'ry sea, hopeful and noble employment. And the best the majesty of the ballot-box, as, under God, the Acknowledg'd ensign of the brave and free ! Our country's flag! Oh! sacred, glorious trust Though traitors vile have trailed it in the dust, which we have made large extracts in another this rebellion—the arrogance of a defeated slave While e'er there breathes a son of freedom brave pirt of our paper. We present his plan of ope- power-should be marked and kept clearly before Our country's flag! what breast but pulsates high rations below. May the people be guided by the people; that they should learn in all the in- To see that starry banner in the sky? ever leads to death or victor

LATEST NEWS.

The Merrimac Out-Sad Havoc among Wooden Walls .-- On Saturday P. M., March 8 the iron-clad rebel steamer Merrimac moved out of Norfolk, looking like the mere roof of a house with a smoke-stack peering above it. She moved upward to Newport News, while the iron-clad boats Jamestown and Yorktown came out of the James river to assist. These boats first engaged the U.S. sloop-of-war Cumberland, a sailing vessel; and the iron prow of the Merrimac soon run her down, and she was left with her crew of several hundred men to sink, while the Merri- at Schooleraft Mich., February 19th, for the mac turned upon the frigate Congress. This purpose of ordaining Mr. Martin Post, of Logansvessel having very few men on board, and being port, Ind., a recent graduate of Lane Seminary, a sailing vessel, and hence unable either to fight as an evangelist. Sermon by Rev. Wm. S. or to get out of the way, surrendered and was Huggins, of Kalamazoo, from 2 Pet. iii: 16 .-burned. Other U.S. vessels now came up from Fortress Monroe. They appear to have been in a pit for the present year. He gives promise of strange condition of unpreparedness at the com- usefulness, and is growing in the respect and afmencement of the attack-but night came on, and the battle was suspended.

eccived from the Episcopal Church into the The same evening, at 10 o'clock, most oppor-Presbytery of Kalamazoo. tunely arrived from New York, the iron-plated The Evangelist says :-- "He has held a good steam-battery known as the Ericsson battery, and named the Monitor, which went immediately to position in the Episcopal Church, and now comes into our connection as a truly evangelical. the assistance of our vessels, and was attacked early on Sabbath morning by all three of the cultivated, and acceptable minister of the Gosrebel vessels. After a five hours' contest they | pel." were driven off, and the Merrimac towed away,

as is supposed, in a sinking condition. During a part of the fight the Merrimac and the Monitor touched each other. The Monitor is uninjured and ready at any time for action.

lizing Mountain Men," is the singular and some-The Rebel retreat continues. Leesburg was what inadequate title of Mrs. Ellen H. B. Maevacuated on Friday by the rebels and seized on the 8th by our forces. The Cockpit Point rebel son's book, in which her remarkable and successbattery on the lower Potomac was also evacuated ful enterprise among the Karens is detailed. on the 9th, and occupied by our troops the same The christianizing of a wild mountain race in day. The rebels burned the steamer Page, Burmah is one of the great wonders of modern missions, and of the progress of Christ's kingdom which has been hovering about this part of the Potomac, and the blockade of the river is re- on earth. Mrs. Mason was principally instrumental in organizing a regular system of female garded as virtually raised. General Hooker education among those people after the work of also reports that the batteries opposite his divievangelization had made considerable progress. sion have been deserted, the guns being spiked Her narrative of adventures with the natives in and abandoned. Rebel papers say that the the prosecution of this and other parts of the Bowling Green army has fallen back to Decatur, missionary work is very animated, the style is Ala., nearly two hundred miles in an air line somewhat dashy and off-hand, she breaks out behind their position five or six weeks ago. At into frequent poetical ventures, many of which that rate they will soon be driven into the Gulfhave real merit, and the whole makes a very We hope they may not be suffered to fortify readable, and in some parts, deeply impressive, themselves there. New Madrid, Mo., where the beautiful and instructive book. 12mo, pp. 480. rebels have a force of five or ten thousand men, Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Soand four gunboats, is completely invested by our ciety, No. 530 Arch street, B. Griffith, agent. forces. Forty cannon were abandoned by the rebels at Columbus.

" ETHICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL INQUIRIES, chiefly relative to subjects of popular interest; It is ascertained that the rebels have evacuated Winchester and Centreville Va., and it is believed by A. H. Dana," is a pleasing and instructive in Washington that they are evacuating Manas- volume of the fragmentary sort ; the discussions are generally brief, on such topics as Races of

Soon after the 1st of March, Fernandina, Flo- | Men, Hereditary Character, Narcotic Stimulants. Theology, War, Reason and Faith, and so on. rida, and Brunswick, Georgia, were occupied by

with indicating what is best to be done at once with a class of fellow beings now thrown on our protection, entitled to be recognized as freemen, the territory have diligently labored to unfit them. trad de Trad THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

This notice is given by a Delawarian, who was

ken nobly for a country in danger.

WASHINGTON'S TOMB.

he reveals to us a glimpse of what was doubtless kind feeling died within us when we found that his habitual practice, when he tells Simon that the leading religious papers of Great Britain were he has prayed for him that his faith fail not! equally hostile."

And what now is his occupation, exalted as he In particular, the author of the article is deis at the right hand of the Majesty on high, but sirous of instructing the Congregationalists of to fulfill, in glorious perfection, the feeble types England and the Church of Scotland in referof the ancient priesthood, a priest himself after | ence to the real attitude of affairs in this country. the order of Melchisedec, unchangeable, conse- and to convince them, in a spirit of true loyalty, Grated with the oath, ever living to make inter- of the justice of the course of the North in the cession for us? Taking pattern from him, the present war. Thus the writer says (p. 7) "Dr. Apostles, as we learn from their writings, prac- Campbell, (in the organ of the English Congretised and inculcated on their converts the duty gationalists) tells us that we are fighting for an of intercession. How cornectly and in the very abstraction, and that we are engaged in a hopespirit of his master, Paul must have wrestled less struggle to subjugate the South. The Edinwith God for the objects of his ministry! With- burg Witness, the organ of the Free Church of out ceasing making mention of the Romans al- Scotland, a body to which we are bound by the ways in his prayers; always in every prayer of most intimate ties of brotherhood, publishes and his for the beloved Philippians making request endorses slanders so atrocious as to be incredible with joy; praying always for the saints and faith- by any mind from which God had not withdrawn ful brethren at Colosse; and seeking an interest | the spirit of justice."

But two things in this article of the Princeton in their prayers with the earnestness of one who realized that there was power and value in Review were necessary to complete its force as an argument, and to make it impressive on the intercessory prayer.

2. But is such prayer involved in greater mys- minds and hearts of our English and Scottish bretery, and does it require the exercise of stronger | thren-or, rather, these two things might be faith, than prayer for ourselves? Then, the combined into one. The one relates to the abundance and the high authority of the com- former public position of the author of the article mands and examples with which it is enforced. on the main topic in the article; the other to the lead us to the suggestion that its difficulties are position of the Old School branch of the Presbysimply disciplinary. We are to practice interterian Church, and the influence of that Church cessory prayer, as a higher form of spiritual cul-) in sustaining the very institution which, in the ture. We are to welcome it for its difficulties, article, is declared to be the very foundation of rather than avoid it. We are to learn to exer- the confederacy which is sought to be reared by the rebellion. cise the higher confidence in God, and the stron-

ger faith in the promises it requires. If the For the former of these : In the last Old School answers to these prayers seem hidden and remote; General Assembly in Philadelphia, the venerable if the desired object still is withheld ; if the evil | Dr. Spring, of New York, introduced a series of we seek to have removed seems but to flourish resolutions on the state of the country, containthe more ; if the unconverted friend seems to ing, among other things, the following declaragrow more hardened as we pray, then, instead of tion :

"Resolved. That this General Assembly, in restraining our prayers, we should continue in them, walking more and more by faith and not the spirit of that Christian patriotism which the by sight, against hope believing in hope, waxing | Scriptures enjoin, and which has heretofore chastrong in faith, giving glory to God. racterised the Church, do hereby acknowledge 8. We gain largeness of heart by interces- and declare our obligations to promote and persory prayer. Even in prayer we may grow sel- petuate, as tar as in us lies, the integrity of these fish ; hence the Saviour teaches us to say " Our | United States, and to strengthen, uphold and en-Father," and carries the plural all through the course the Federal Government in the exercise model he gives us. Often we need to forget our- of all its functions under our noble Constitution : selves, and especially when we think our case at and to this Constitution, in all its provisions. rethe worst, and have fallen into a perfect bewil- quirements and principles, we pledge our undorment of doubt. At such a time, to seek and abated loyalty."--(Minutes of the General Asto dwell upon suitable objects of prayer outside sembly, pp. 329-30.)

On the adoption of this paper we find the folof us, is like emerging from a confined, dark chamber to the living freshness and glorious lowing names, among others; in the negative: prospect of the mountain's brow. The heart ex- | Kennedy, Lane, Hall, Hobge.

On pages 339-40-41, of the minutes of the pands as it takes in its brother Christians and Assembly, there is recorded a paper entitled "a its brother man, as it pleads before God the woes of a race of fellow beings, as it wrestles with him | Protest of Dr. HODGE and others," signed CHAS. for the fulfilment of his great promises to the HODGE, William Chester et al., in which, for church, and breathes forth, in varied forms, the reasons assigned, the protestants say "We regard petition "Thy kingdom come." Nay, let us not this action of the General Assembly as a great cease our intercessions! We are the salt of the national calamity, as well as the most disastrous earth in them as much as in our teaching and to the interests of our Church which has marked example. Over many a Sodom the prayers of our history." As contrasted with such a vote the righteous stay the uplifted arm of vengeance. and such a protest, it is refreshing to observe To many a prodigal son they are the single tie the position of Princeton now.

As to the other point, it will serve to enlighten which restrains him from taking the fatal plunge will speedily be made. ncne other but the house of God, and this is the again from six to eight hundred, Happy am I and the same law in less degree 'may be seen in racter, intended as helps in the conduct of a into perdition. They are inwrought with the the minds of our Anglican and Scottish brethren gate of heaven." Conviction for sin seemed to the difference between the value of a whipped to be able to add, that there are some signs of mysterious system of Providence, so that they to remark, that no class of our countrymen have THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY of the North prayer meeting. New York : W. H. Bidwell, the presence of God's Spirit. There is a tenderbe in most cases deep and pungent, and I never and jaded beast, and one well disciplined and Broad St., church, was observed by the pastor ness of feeling, a mourning over the hard heart, sway the decisions of legislatures, of courts, and | done more to sustain the system which is laid at b Beekman street. have seen brighter or happier conversions. Durkindly treated. Taking into consideration the of cabinets; stamp the policy of governments; the foundation of the new confederacy-the con-Rev. E. E. Adams, on last Sabbath, by a suitable THE STUDENT AND SCHOOLMATE for March, and fervent prayer, which seem to me, withcut ing the progress of the meeting we have receiv. cost of food and clothing, medical attendance direct the course of armies, characterize and give | federacy "designed for the overthrow of our discourse, in which he stated that there had been doubt, to betoken a reviving of God's work. The ed fifty-eight, and more than half of this num s full of interesting matter, well adapted to the and extras, supposing that the laborer would retone to civilization, and control the destiny of Government, and for the avowed purpose of consixty-five accessions to the church during the year, church is in a better state than it has been in beber are heads of families, and there were ten school folk, lively, shrewd, practical and wholequire rations of pork and beef, meal, coffee, suthe globe. It may be too much to say that if serving, perpetuating, and extending slavery," of which nine were on profession, the entire mem- fore for months. We have recently held exacases of men and their wives. This new accessome in tone. A capital aid in training the gar, molasses and tobacco, and that he would Christians cease praying for the world, it will than the Old School Presbyterian Church; and bership being one hundred and fifty-three. One minations of candidates for church membership. sion nearly doubles our church, and nearly all young, both in and out of school hours. Galen, work three hundred days in the year, he should cease to exist; but we do know that it is inter- of this, Princeton has had its full share. The thousand dollars had been contributed to benevo- Sixty-eight presented themselves, of whom nineare from the permanent, leading characters of the James & Co., 15 Cornhill, Boston. receive about forty cents a day in order to enable cession that delays the doom of the wicked world; subject has been studiously kept out of the Gelent objects outside of the church, and nearly teen were approved, and yesterday we received community. We still continue a daily prayer him to lay up thirty dollars a year, and each that if our Great Advocate should cease his gra- | neral Assembly; the newspaper press of the Old SERMON. Scripture Warrant of the Hope of meeting, which is quite fully attended, and the Eternal Life. By Rev. John C. Kidd, M. A., eight hundred in church improvements. The | them to the fellowship of the church healthy woman could do about equally well. cious work in our behalf, justice could not for a School has been practically in favor of slavery; interest is still good, and the work of conversion Joliet, Ill. annual income of the congregation is within a Mr. Pierce thinks the Government could afmoment be deferred, and a guilty race would at the most decided advocates of slavery as authofraction of three thorsand dollars, and the enter- REVIVAL IN LA SALLE, MICH .--- From a pristill goes on. Bro. Ballantine, and Dr. Jewett, ford to pay this sum without burdening the prise is entirely self-sustaining. This it will be vate note to the editor, we extract the following of Terre Haute, and our Old School and Methomuse pay the penalty of their sins. And we may rized by the Bible to be found in the whole Received since the above : treasury, though it is not expected to clear anybe'sure that the intercomory prayers of Christ's | country, have been found in the Old School, as remembered is the fact while the congregation are | cheering piece of intelligence : "We are in the dist brethren, gave me very efficient aid in SEQUEL TO TIM, THE SCISSOR'S GRINDER. thing by the system. people are a vital part of this dispensation of in the case of Dr. Palmer, Dr. Thornwell, and still occupying a hired hall. They are expecting midst of a gracious outpouring of the Spirit of preaching during the meeting, which has now Henry Hoyt, Boston. grace and of patience to a sinful world. RELIGION, EDUCATION, ULTIMATE OBJECT. to build at an early date. The congregations God; twenty four additions to our little church Mr. Vandyke; and the Southern portion of the been in Irogress over three weeks. The kind- GOLDEN CHAIN-Sabbath School Melodies. As a part of the plan proposed, missionaries are uniformly large, and the spirit of the church on the profession of the faith, at the communion Old School Presbyterian Church, almost to a est and most Christian feeling has existed among. By W. B. Bradbury. _____ will be needed to address the religious element and people is harmonious and earnest. all denominations, and all have participated with THE EARL'S HEIRS. T. B. Peterson & Bros. President Felton of Harvard College is dead. man, have gone with the secession and the rem to the second with the sheet of the formation of the provide the first state of the the second second state and A submit we are strong a

and important emergency.

MR. PIERCE'S PLAN. The better course would be to appoint superintendents for each large plantation, and one for two or three smaller combined, compensated with a good salary, say \$1000 per year, selected with reference to peculiar qualifications, and as carefully as one would choose a guardian for his chila paternal discipline; to require a proper amount of labor, cleanliness, sobriety and better habits of life, and generally to promote the moral and intellectual culture of the wards with such other citizenship. To quicken and insure the fidelity of the superintendents there should be a directorduties; and if necessary he should be aided by others in the duty of visitation. This officer should be invested with liberal powers over all services, a hold on the public confidence. Such an arrangement is submitted as preferable for the present to any cumbersome territorial govern

ment. The laborers themselves, no longer slaves of

privileges of citizens, are to be treated with sole Delaware, by the Presbytery of Wilmington, on reference to such preparation. No effort is to be the 5th instant. Rev. Wm. Aikman, Moderator spared to work upon their better nature and the of the Presbytery, preached the sermon and promotives which come from it-the love of wages, pounded the constitutional questions. Rev. H. of offspring and family, the desire of happiness, J. Gaylord delivered the charge to the candidate, and the obligations of religion. And when these and Rev. F. Hendricks the charge to the people laborers are to be assured at the outset that par-

ental and conjugal relations among them are to be protected and enforced; that children and all others desiring are to be taught; and that they will receive wages; and that a certain just measure of work, with reference to the ability to perform it, if not willingly rendered, it is to be required of all.

Notwithstanding the frequent and severe chas tisements which have been employed here in exacting labor, they have failed, and naturally enough, of their intended effects. Human beings are made up of so much more of spirit than of muscle, that compulsory labor, enforced by physical pain, will not exceed or equal in the long run voluntary labor with just inspirations

more than human wisdom in meeting this novel tense and bitter experience of a war for self-preservation, the infamous nature and tendencies of

and cultivated into a fixed national sentiment. ready at the proper moment for any constitutional and rational measures for its extinction. And The dying soldier, turns his eager eye we rejoice in the President's recent message, as proving that the great influence of the Administration-after a period of some uncertainty and dren, clothed with an idequate power to enforce seeming vaculation is to be given in this direction. It fulfills the wish we expressed in our former article, that the Administration would clearly declare itself on the side of humanity, and thus combine, strengthen, and lead on the pubinducements, if there be any, placed before the lie mind "to a high and honorable position on surerintendent as shall inspire him to constant the great question of personal liberty." We beefforts to prepare them for useful and worthy lieve the message is an answer to prayer, and as it comes manifestly from a heart and conscience in no small degree alive to the high claims of general, or governor, who shall visit the planta duty, and is solemnly, and in the name of the tions and see that they are discharging these Most High, urged upon the people, let us all combine our influence, our active exertions, and our prayers, that it may be made acceptable to the section for which it is intended ; that it may persons within his jurisdiction, so as to protect be backed by such a weight of public sentiment the blacks from each other and from white men, as to make it morally irresistible; that it may, being required in most important cases to confer under God, be the beginning of the solution of with the military authorities in punishing of- the perplexing questions with which we are surfences. His proposed duties indicate that he rounded, issuing at last, and not very far hence, should be a man of the best ability and charac- in a second and a truer proclamation of liberty ter, better if he have already, by virtue of public throughout the land to all the inhabitants thereof. The message will be found in another column.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION.

MR. ISAAC RILEY, son of the Rev. Henry A their former masters, or of the government, but Riley, of Montrose, Pa., was ordained and inas vet in large numbers unprepared for all full stalled pastor of Forest Church, Middletown

full and fail they will in some cases, we must A large and deeply interested congregation was not hesitate to resort, not to the lash-for as from | in attendance upon the services. Mr. Riley is the department of war so also from the depart- comfortably settled in the parsonage adjacent to ment of labor, it must be banished-but to the the church, and has a very fine and promising milder and more effective punishments of depri- field of labor in one of the most fertile and thriv. vation of privileges, isolation from family and so- | ing agricultural regions of the State. He has ciety, the workhouse or even the prison. The our earnest wishes for success in his labors.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHURCH, BALTIMORE.

WE are sorry to learn that the place of worship of this church has recently been seriously injured by a storm of wind and rain, which carried off the entire roof, and exposed the interior to the heavy rain- then falling. All the fixtures

of the pulpit, pews and aisles, together with the organ, were damaged, and the water soaked through into the lecture room. The roof, in falling by the side of the building, destroyed the window sashes, and altogether the church was left in a sadly dismantled state. We have not

And when that flag Columbia's freemen see, Commodore Dupont's fleet, the rebels precipi- They are the product of a mind disposed to phi-With kindling glory burns each eager eye the system of slavery; that their just and right-any indignation against it should be cherished. The victor shouts to see it proudly raised tately retreating before his terrible gunboats. Where lurid fires of death and carnage blazed Or plant it where the belching mortars glow Upon the ramparts of the vanquish'd foe. And smiles that 'neath that banner he may lie.' W. W. T.

> THE NEXT UNION PRAYER-MEETING of our Churches will be held to-day (Thursday), in the South-West Church; corner of Twentieth and Fitzwater streets.

> > MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

Progress in China .- It will be remembered that loud complaints were recently made by English missionaries, that while French Jesuits were allowed under the recent treaties to enter Pekin and pursue their labors among the natives undis turbed, Protestant missionaries were excluded by the active interposition of the British embassy itself from the capital. A change for the better has taken place, as will be seen by extracts from a letter of Dr. Lockhart, the well-known medical missionary, which we find in the last News of the Churches :

"PEKIN, Sept. 18, 1861.-I have arrived. by God's great goodness, at the end of my long journey, and am at Pekin, living in this Tartar city, at the British legation, as Mr. Bruce's guest. As soon as I got my passport, I started and in five carts journeyed the one hundred miles from Tien-tsin to Pekin; it took me two and a half days to do it. Mr. Bruce has been very kind, and promises to help me; at present I am a visitor, but I shall be very loath to go away, and shall try all plans to secure my residence here. I believe this will be accomplished, and that soon I shall be able to report that I have entered on my work in this place."

The Rev. Joseph Edkins, writing to the Pa riot, from Tien-tsin, says :--- "Dr. Lockhart, by the assistance of Mr. Bruce, has now commenced an hospital in the metrapolis itself, but some nonths must elapse before any further step can be made, so we are informed, in proceeding with missionary work in that vast and important city. We have, however, the assurance now given us that ultimately Protestant missionaries will be allowed to reside in Pekin and curry on their la. bors there with as much liberty as missionaries of the Papacy. Admiral Hope and Mr. Bruce have both expressed their opinion that by the treaty this right cannot be denied to us."

Mr. Edkins with Dr. Lockhart and others are expected to occupy the city at an early day, un der the auspices of the London Missionary So ciety.

Rev. Mr. Blodget of the A. B. C. F. M., is a Tien-tsin near Pekin. He has recently been tion in every circle. permitted to welcome four hopeful converts to Christian fellowship.

Central Turkey .- Mr. White writes from Marash. December I6: "The members of our conheard of the progress of the repairs, but presume gregation have now returned from the villages that in the hands of that energetic people they and vineyards, so that our Sabbath audience is

By advices from St. Louis, March 9, a battle was believed to be raging at New Madrid, Mo. Official information has been received of a sanguinary conflict between the U.S. and rebel forces near Sugar Creek, Ark., which resulted in the utter rout of the latter under the combined leadership of Van Dorn, McCulloch, Price, and McIntosh. Our loss is 1000 killed and wounded. Munitions of war and provisions in large quantities have been captured, and the flying enemy pursued. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES AND THE AME-

RICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION .-- Most of the

churches in our denomination contribute to the

Our Church Mews.

Our church was crowded night after night

subtle in its analyses, and well furnished with literary acquirements. They are scarcely profound or startling, yet they contain much that will repay reading, and their tendency is good. 12mo., pp. 308: New York : Charles Scribner. Philadelphia, for sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

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the utmost cordiality, and apparent sincerity,

which has added greatly to the interest and suc-

cess of the work. A correspondent of the same

paper also speaks of a revival at Delaware, Ohio.

which resulted in an accession to the church of

In the Church at Cassopolis, there has been a

work of grace in progress for some weeks. Num-

bers have been converted, and the church has

Ordination : Episcopal minister received .- A

meeting of the Presbytery of Kalamazoo was held

Mr Post is under engagement to supply the pul-

At the same meeting, Rev. George Willard was

New Publications.

"GREAT EXPECTATIONS REALIZED, or Civi-

10 members on profession.

fections of the people.

been greatly strengthened.

HENRY HOYT, No. 9 Cornhill, Boston, has published Lessons on Paul's Epistle-to the Romans, being a question-book for advanced classes, based on the commentaries of Jenks and Olshausen, with regard also paid to Stuart, Chalmers, Hodge and Barnes. Frequently where answers are given they are in the words of the commen-

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tators, Stuart being most largely quoted.

American Sunday School Union, and have a THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for March, is high interest in its prosperity. They have supcrowded with valuable reading, and maintains, posed that the Sunday School Times was an ally without the slightest diminution, its eminent poand friend of the Union, and patronise it as such. sition in periodical literature. Its spirit towards But they have been surprised in recent numbers evangelical religion is more cautious, at least, of the Times, to perceive that the editor seems than when Dr. Holmes' prose effusions burdened to give his whole influence, not to the circulation its pages-we cannot now recall a line of the Docof the Union books, but to push out the publitor's poetry which we wished struck out-and we cations of the various sectarian Boards. If the can with cordiality recommend the numbers of American Sunday School Union be not worthy the present volume to the general reader. The of confidence we ought to know it, and act acnumber for the current month contains articles cordingly. If it be worthy of confidence, we are on Free Labor in the West Indies; The Use of unwilling to see it substituted by a depository the Rifle; Methods of Study in Natural History got up on the sole responsibility of the editor of (Agassiz); Concerning the Sorrows of Childthe Sunday School Times, while our people pahood (by the Country Parson); Russell Lowell's tronise the Times as a Union periodical. We humorous poetry on Current Topics; Mr. Evewant light; otherwise we shall fear that using rett's paper on Taxation, etc. the prestige of an institution to undermine it.

may be among the " mistakes of educated men." THE BOSTON REVIEW for March contains: Christian Tolerance; English and American University Life; The Hymns of Charlotte Elliott, author of "Just As I Am;" The Recreations of a Country Parson; Two Pictures, Jewish and Revivals at Rockville, Ind. and Delaware, O.-Christian; Pascal's Thoughts and Character; Rev. J. Hawks, writes to the Herald, of a great London : Public Institutions and Social Dangers; work of grace in this Church (2nd.) of Rock- Short Sermons; Literary Notices; The Round ville. under date of February 25th as follows:- Table.

Revival in Rockville, Ind.-Editors Herald: From the article on London, we quoted the -God has visited us with a powerful effusion of very powerful, nay, startling account of the Lonthe Holy Spirit, and we feel under obligation to don Times, which we put on our first page a week give publicity to a few of the many interesting ago. By some oversight it was credited to the particulars connected with what we feel to be a Boston Monthly, instead of the Boston Review. remarkable work of grace. It seemed to burst | We are pleased to testify to the marked ability upon us with all its strength and power, at our with which this New England Old School jourregular communion meeting, with no extra effort, | nal is conducted. when the pastor was alone, and when we hardly

THE PULPIT AND THE ROSTRUM for this dared expect a blessing. The meeting Monday week, No. 28, contains Hon, Martin F. Conway's night, after our communion, was of deep solem-Speech on the War, delivered in the House of nity, and the Spirit seemed to fix its convicting Representatives December 12, 1861. This series power upon the most hardened and sceptical at of phonographic reports is already one of great the very outset, and a deep solemnity from that value, and will become every day more so, as a time settled down upon our whole community, means of preserving memorials of the course of and religion became the only theme of conversapublic opinion in our struggle. New York : E. D. Barker.

THE NATIONAL PREACHER AND PRAYERand was nearly full at every morning prayer meet-MEETING for March, contains a Sermon by Rev. ing. and all who came seemed to feel as Jacob J. F. Stearns, D. D.; subject: "The powers of expressed himself when he awoke from his darkness have their Hour;" also, an extended dream-"How dreadful is this place; this is miscellany of brief articles of a devotional cha-

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