American Presbyterian and Genesee Evangelist.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1862.

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ERROR CORRECTED .- Rev. Dr. Wing, of Carlyle, will deliver the Historical Discourse before the next General Assembly of our Church at CINCINNATI, and not Columbus, Ohio, as erroneously announced in our columns.

DIVINE ART IN THE FOUR GOSPELS.

Diversity in unity, marks all the divine opera tions. It is a law which extends to the world of grace as well as to the world of nature. The plan of Redemption embraced a Jewish as well as a Christian dispensation. The message of truth from heaven to man was conveyed by scores of agents. It is not therefore remarkable.-the reverse would have been—that the events of the life of the Son of God on earth are handed down to us through a fourfold medium.

Yet men have greatly perplexed themselves over this problem of the four Cospels. The ingenuity of critics has been tasked from the beginning to account for the phonomenon, to give a probable account of the origin and mutual relations of these treatises, to exhibit their parallelisms and their divergencies, and to explain or to exaggerate the latter, as well as to argue and philosophize upon the probable reasons for the fact. On the one hand, men have been struck with the identity of expressions, and almost of the other, with variations in statements of the same fact which seemed almost contradictory, and again with the widely different character of witnesses." the fourth Gospel in almost every respect from the first three. The harmonies, lives of Christ, treatises and discussion on this subject, form a vast literature of themselves, taking its rise in the earliest age of Christian literature, and never receiving larger contributions than in the active and critical age in which we live. On this field, the unbelieving scholarship and destructive criticism of modern times has made perhaps its most powerful and dangerous demonin Evangelical history, has been assailed by and rulers of the Jewish people. The testimony Lord had risen." of the four witnesses to the reality and nature of his works has been decried, has been set against placed at the commencement of Dr. Röbinson's itself, has been tortured into every form of dispa- excellent harmony, (pp. vii-xiv,) and he will see ragement. Historical character, mutual consent, how the witnesses throng around these concluddivine significance, plan, have been denied to the ing and crowning parts of our Lord's history, four Gospels; and "the counsel of God" to con- and vey to man, according to his own usual and wise the importance of the events. Outside of these method of unity in diversity, his message of portions, he will not find half a dozen instances grace has been rejected by the proud criticism in which the whole four write upon the same and unsanctified scholarship of our time, as it event. We notice only the following: The de-

"Ellicott's Life of Christ," originally delivered in the compass of a few verses. as Hulsean Lectures of 1859, at Cambridge, Engfuller manifestations of its glory and reality. Not of Nature and the Author of Revelation. that the problem of the four Gospels is fully solved yet-its concealed treasures of skill and wisdom all laid open to the understanding, or its difficulties by any means entirely removed. But we have here a diligent application of profound chiefly to scholars. and believing scholarship, of critical tact and ingenuity, and of strong, good sense, to the work of salution, revealing and laying before the general reader,* as no other word extant in our language does, the PLAN, or as we have chosen to call it, the Divine Art in the Four Gospels. repositories of truth in the world with fresh his present charge.

compare the Four Gospels to the four rivers of posed of his own and other congregations, met Eden, which, though flowing from one Paradise, in the lecture-room of his church, the New go forth to water the earth with four currents of School Presbyterian, to witness the presentation different volume and direction. Four streams of of the presents, consisting of useful and elegant sacred truth, they may all be traced to one fount- household furniture, among which were several ain, and they all bear along the same life-giving pieces of very beautifully-wrought silver plate waters, reaching different classes of minds, ex- They were presented to the Doctor in behalf of hibiting the same primal element in its differ- the congregation by the Rev. Mr. Robinson, the ent aspects, and reflecting from many different junior pastor, with some appropriate remarks, in angles the glory of the ONE PERSON that shines which Dr. Dewitt's long and successful pastorate

diverse testimony of four witnesses to the same affection, the sympathy and the confidence which great facts. Remarkable and even verbal as is his people, through the whole forty-four years of at times their agreement, the smallest suspicion his ministry, had manifested toward him. His of collusion must disappear when we remember allusion to the pious dead of his charge brought how their disagreements have perplexed their tears to many eyes. On the whole, it was not friends and comforted their enemies, and how eighteen centuries of investigation have not cleared them entirely away. Men are forward, his life, enjoys remarkable health, and continues indeed, in their attitude towards the Word of to discharge his ministerial duties with the fresh-God. Had he committed His message to a sin- ness of youth. Never was he more beloved by gle witness, we should have heard no end of com- his congregation than at present. Long may he plaint that we were called upon to receive such live to grace his pulpit and adorn his professio astounding facts as true upon such slender testi- in this community, where he is so highly appre mony. Had the four witnesses, whom he in con- ciated." descending regard has given us, agreed to the minutest details, we should have been justly suspici: of collusion; but the fact is that, as mere witnesses, they correspond in numbers and in the character of their testimony to what is most satis-

factory and conclusive to judges and jury in a Geneva Alliance meeting, in which he referred court of law. Such testimony fails to secure the to the address of Dr. Tholuck as follows: assent of men simply because they receive not the LOVE of the truth that they may be saved. Will lieve though one rose from the dead?

frequent concurrence of the first three-com- said of the incomparably more pernicious panmonly called the Synoptical Gospels-in refer- theistic rationalism, which, in the popular mind,

ence to the same specific event, it is seldom that the whole four.

"We may remember," says Ellicott, (p. 255,) how in the earliest portions of the Gospel history, the appointed witness seemed to be preeminently, though not exclusively, St. Luke, and how, in the brief narrative of the early ministry in Judea, almost our only guide was found to be in St. John. It may also be remembered, further, that of portions of our Lord's ministry in Eastern Galilee, we often had the blessing of three records. Of the ministry in Northern Galilee, we have seen that but little has been recorded by the historian-Evangelist, St. Luke; but again, that of our Lord's concluding ministry in Judea and Perea we should have known almost nothing if he had not been specially moved to record that striking series of connected events and discourses, [chaps. 9-19.]

"Thus varied would seem to be the general aspects of those parts of the inspired narrative to which we have hitherto confined our meditations. Now, however, we meet with a striking and vet not unlooked-for change. The history of the sufferings whereby mankind was redeemed must be told by no fewer in number than the holy FOUR. The fulfillment of type and shashadow, of the hopes of patriarchs, of the expectations of prophets, yea, and of the dim longings of a whole lost and sinful world, must be declared by the whole Evangelistic Company. The four streams that go forth to water the earth must here meet in a common channel; the four winds of the Spirit of Life must here be united in

"For such a dispensation of wisdom and grace," continues this truly devout student of the Word 'let us offer up our adoring thanks. Let us whole paragraphs, in three of the Gospels; on bless God for this fourfold heritage. Let us praise the Eternal Spirit that thus moved the hearts and guided the pens of these appointed

Upon the no less important facts of the resurrection and reality of Christ's subsequent appearance to his disciples—facts which guarantee to us the truth of that in which we have believed, and which contain the indispensable pledge of our own future victory over death and corruption—we are favored with a like fullness in the records: "Events of such a momentous nature. as those which followed our Lord's death and burial, were not to be told by one, but by all. strations. The very Person of Christ as set forth. If all relate how the holy body of the Lord was laid in the tomb, surely all shall relate how, on modern critics with a hostility as intense and as the third morning, the tomb was found empty, ruthless as that of the chief priests and elders and how angelical witnesses declared that the

Let any one merely glance at the synopsis was by the Pharisees and Lawyers of our Savi- parture of Jesus (from Judea) into Galilee; His public teaching in Galilee; the feeding of five The later products of science in this sphere, | thousand; the triumphant entry into Jerusalem; however, have been of a far different, nay a the conspiracy of the rulers, the supper at Bethwholly, opposite, character. Such a work as any, the treachery of Judas, all the last three

There is divine art and discrimination in th land, and lately republished in this country by distribution of testimony. It reveals a plan. It Messrs. Gould and Lincoln of Boston, marks an hints at a great and wise supervision under which era in the literature of this subject, and shows these unconscious penmen wrote. It betrays syshow, on the fields of science, too, God makes the tem in the supernatural as in the natural, and assaults of the enemies of truth an occasion for strengthens our faith in the identity of the God

> Another, and we think more interesting aspec of the subject, remains for our consideration.

REV. DR. DEWITT'S SEVENTIETH BIRTH DAY.

THE Harrisburg Telegraph, of March 14th, gays:-"We announced a short time since that Guided by this excellent treatise, we propose to Rev. Dr. Dewitt had delivered in his church, illustrate the relations of the four gospels in one | before his own congregation, and a large number or more articles, and we are persuaded that, so of citizens of other denominations, a discourse far as we succeed in our attempt, we shall do on the anniversary of his seventieth birthday, good service in investing the most important and the forty-fourth year of his pastorate over

interest, and in arming the reader against almost "His congregation, immediately after, pre any form of unbelief with which he may at this pared to surprise the Reverend Doctor with a substantial token of their affection and confidence Beautifully and instructively does Jerome Wednesday night, a very large assembly, comwas happily alluded to. . The Doctor replied in a In the Gospels we have the concurrent and vet few touching remarks, in which he alluded to the

> only a very interesting, but happy occasion. "Dr. Dewitt, now in the seventy-first year

RATIONALISM IN GERMANY.

DR. F. W. KRUMMACHER delivered a lecture n Berlin. November 29th, on the aspects of the

"In regard to our own German fatherland Dr. Tholuck, among others, stated that the any one who rejects the testimony of the Evan- vaunted modern philosophy which was spreading gelists tell us by what method of proof his unbe- at such a rate in other countries, was but the lieving mind and conscience could be reached? echo of German theories, and had there, in the May we not say of such: Neither will they be- country of its origin, long since passed its height (would God it were se!) further : that the vulgar All readers of the New Testament have no rationalism still maintained its hold upon the ticed that while the Gospels presents a continu- German people, but had been utterly vanquished ous fourfold testimony to the general fact of the on the field of philosophy, and could not show a personal existence, labors, teachings, and suffer- single representative in Germany of commanding ings of the Messiah, and that while there is a abilities, (that is true, might but as much be

And the first country of the design of want of the steeps found of

there is every reason to hope that, by degrees, THE PROPERTY AND A STATE OF THE STATE OF THE

THE SOUTHERN [SOUTH CAROLINA] PRES-

On entering Winchester, Va., recently, Quartermaster D. B. Hilt, of this city, of the Twentycommanding, fell in with a copy of the above paper for March 1, which has since reached our office. From the various items of interest in its columns, we present such as our space will allow.

The subject of a union of the Old and New School bodies of the Church South is widely dis- | fies it. cussed. The veritable Christian Observer, of this city, having at last gone to its own place, is in operation in Richmond, and of course, is largely engaged in the discussion. The Presbyterian refers to two communications in the columns of the Observer, one of which, over the signature "A. H. H. B," argues in favor of the union, on the ground that the "Old School." South, have abandoned the Church which, in 1837 enacted the violent and unconstitutional measures of the excision, and hence cannot be ignorance for their tens of thousands of volunheld responsible for those things. Upon this, the Presbyterian remarks :- " First, we do not know of a single Old School minister who has changed his views of the justness and propriety of the exscinding act of 1837; and secondly, it is out of the question that our Assembly shall be understood as ignoring its connection with and agreement in the policy of the Church in 1837 The only ground upon which any union between us and the United Synod, we should think, could be fairly made, would be that both parties should agree to differ upon that subject. If we and they are really one in doctrine and order, it seems to us they might leave to us and we might feeling in reference to those by-gone affairs."

It concludes the article as follows :- " We reiterate that we are sincerely desirous of the union together of all Presbyterians, that are really likeminded. But we apprehend that the prospects are not flattering for a reunion between the New School brethren and ourselves."

For ourselves, we opine that the Old School in the South have quite as much confidence now as formerly in the efficacy of the absorption policy. quite as much as the Pittsburg Banner has of its ministers and two hundred churches (this is the earlier period. The Examiner says: strength of the "United Synod" as acknowledg-Synod before the fruit is rine.

columns of the paper. The Thornwell scheme won by energetic oaths of our officers. There of an utter divorce between the secular and the has been a wretched plausibility that has preachspiritual in ecclesiastical matters, has nowhere met ed in favor of immoral indulgences in our army, a more complete overthrow than in the Church in that has given colareto profanity of officers in age, to be seech Him with more lively Dr. Thornwell's own State, not to mention the battle, and that has winked at drunkenness in gracious baptism of the Holy Spirit." case of Dr. Thornwell himself, who has been the camps, by questioning the military virtues of among the boldest champions of secession and water drinkers." slave extension in the South.

and melting such portions thereof as may be necessary to constitute the basis of future circulation, to provide means for the public defence." There are sundry articles on the peculiar condition of the "Confederacy" at this time, which are almost in a tone of blank but honest despair. In noticing the proclamation for a fast-day, the editor proposes to keep "a perpetual fast in heart and spirit"! The headings of other editorials are significant. "What to do with Care." "Men which are thy hand." "The Crisis." "Not my will but Thine be Done." While a correspondent writes on "The Dark Days of the War." We extract a few sentences from the first-named article:-" And at this time especially, how heavy are the cares which crowd upon our hearts! Many are troubled with care how to provide the comforts and even the necessaries of life for their families." "All true patriots are oppressed with care for our country in this hour of its danger from enemies without and from foes in the Confederacy. within." "Care! it is felt in all our hearts, it is written on our countenances. Every man of us carries a great burden of it sometimes not seen by others. But if some magic power should give a visible form and shape to the load of it borne by each one of us, what a scene would ow land present!"

On "The Crisis," the editor thus discourses presenting it first "from a human point of view." and afterwards turning in other directions for comfort. As the human point of view is the only one which to us has been in any wise doubtful, we shall content ourselves with so much of the article as refers to that. Gloomy enough to the Carolinians on the 1st of March, what must it be now after a whole month of additional reverses?-" We have reached a point in the great struggle for liberty and independence, which must fill every heart with the deepest concern. For some weeks past almost every conflict in which last stated meeting, adopted as a standing order we have been engaged has terminated in favor the appointment of committees to be charged one hundred and forty scholars of our enemies. Dranesville, Mill Spring, Ro- with the special oversight of all matters pertainduring the winter, and one hundred and sixty anoke, Fort Henry and Fort Donelson, have each in rapid succession witnessed the success of their arms. Kentucky has virtually been wrested out of our hands, whilst Tennessee, one of the strongest and most enthusiastic members of the Confederacy, is trembling in the balance. A dark and lowering cloud stretches along the whole be desirable line of our sea-coast, and threatens to burst with There scarcely seems to be any limit to the hosts for the current year. that are being marshalled for our destruction; and the appliances of warfare which they have

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degenerates speedily into materialism 1) further : us at last. They are seen, not so much in the that most of the young theologians come out of particular disasters of the past two months: the the Universities. believers; (the Prussian Uni- defeat at Dranesville, the retreat at Prestonburg, versities, assuredly: God be praised!) and that the rout of Somerset, the capture of Fort Henry and Roanoke Island, the loss of three thousand the German people too, with their deep feelings trained soldiers taken prisoners, and five hundred and their essentially religious spirit, wide and killed and wounded; not so much in these things universal as may be their present defection, will as in the general features of the situation, which return to the faith of their fathers. (We hope address themselves one to our patriot soldiers, and one to our Government

"And to take this last first: We have an unbroken series of disasters in the battles between the enemy's gunboats and our open forts. Not one solitary battery have we been able to hold against their assaults. * * * Five months ago, or nearly that, we seized Columbus. Keneighth Pennsylvania regiment, Colonel Geary tucky, in self-defence. Since that time a solid casemate fort of Tennessee limestone should have been built opposite Fort Henry. That it was not done reveals a radical defect in our system of defence, an element of parsimony that does not merely weaken, it absolutely vitiates and nulli-

> "This brings me to the second feature of the dark days; dark here, however, not with disaster and death, only with deep anxiety and suspense. The stage of national enthusiasm is ending, and the test of patriotic principle and steadfastness begins.

"The question of re-enlistment now beginning to be tested, will soon decide for us how largely we breathe this officer spirit; how far our armies are indebted to the illusions of youth and teers, and whether a sober determination to fight nation's heart."

have reached us of the Tennessee contingent of this community. Still I think these forms of the army captured at Fort Donelson, that the error are slowly losing ground. The Universal ranks of the rebel soldiery are literally "indebt- ists find it more difficult to sustain their service ed to the illusions of youth and ignorance for and keep their congregation, than they did when tens of thousands of volunteers," to say nothing of the compulsory processes and threats of drafting which have been so extensively employed. The correspondent concludes as follows:

"We have reached, then, the pinch, the very agony of our undertaking. That we will succeed leave to them, an entire liberty of thought and at last is to my mind infallibly certain. But how? children brought up as she had been. This is Through what humiliation, glories, tears of a but a sign of the silent working of the leaven of people's gratitude or anguish? with unblemish- the Gospel, which I am persuaded is going on in ed honor, or expiating some infidelity to our-selves and our God with floods of precious lives?

Some paragraphs are quoted from the Richmond Examiner which are remarkable as admitting a manifest declension in the religious tone efficacy in the North. One hundred and twenty which seemed to animate the rebellion at an

We must remark the painful evidences of the ed by the Coserver, its organ,) would not be a loss of the sense of our dependence on God as formidable object to Old School powers of deglu- the war has progressed. It did not commence tition. "The Presbyterian Church of the Con so. * * * But there has lately federacy" will not shake the dwarf tree of the been a marked relaxation of this sense of our dependence on the God of Battles. It has been

One of those fierce and diabolically slanderous We can only mention "the proclamation of denunciations of the North, which have been ne-President Davis," appointing February 28th, a cessary to keep the people of the South to the day at once of thanksgiving and humiliation. fighting temper, is quoted from the Nashville The document is published in this paper and expected to reach the subscribers only after the occasion has passed. Also, the order of the State authorities "to ascertain the amount of ed." Nashville itself, now in quiet possession, gold and silver plate belonging to the citizens [of of our armies, is the best refutation of such South Carolina] with a view of hereafter taking wholesale and scandalous lying. Men like Beauregard and Jefferson Davis may utter such falsehoods without exciting our wonder. But we cannot withhold our amazement at the profound hypocrisy of professed Christian men and ministers at the South in repeating and enlarging upon them. These men have a fearful account to answer. They have been powerful instruments in blinding and inflaming the people, and in leading them to their present and coming doom as vanquished rebels and traitors.

The news of the week" is briefly given. The evacuation of Nashville is both admitted and denied. The editor says:

have been confused and perplexed during the last week, with the unsatisfactory and contradictory rumors which have been in circulation about public events, and it is wholly impossible to say with any certainty, what is the state of affairs in some of the most important localities God will not permit our nation to go to ruin. It The latest accounts from Europe close all

prospect of any interference on the part of the destruction. If God be for us, who can be powers there with our affairs." A half a column is given to the "Institution

and Officers of the Presbyterian Church of the Confederate States of America." Instead of Boards" there are war " Executive Committees." Rev. Dr. Leyburn, late editor of the Committee of Domestic Missions at New Orleans. tion to the church the present winter, of twenty The Assembly is announced to meet at Memphis the first Thursday in May next.

There is scarcely a column of legitimate advertisements in the paper, which is very dark in appearance, though otherwise of good material.

PRESBYTERIAL COMMITTEES.

The Third Presbytery of Philadelphia at its ing to the operations of the Church in Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Publication and Edu-

These committees are directed to report at every stated meeting in April, upon all topics connected with these several departments of Christian labor which may be of interest to the Presbytery, or concerning which its action may The attention of the brethren is called to the

A. Whildin. been preparing for the last six months, are as On Home Missions.—Hev. Messrs. E. E. Ad- bracing some ten counties. My business is to formidable as the multitudes by which they are ams and John Jenkins, D. D. with Ruling Elder supply the destitute churches as far as I can, to

HOME MISSIONS:

FROM OUR PRESBYTERIAN ROOMS, 150 Nassau street, N.Y.,

A missionary from Michigan writes: "I am happy to say I have a more encouragng report to make this quarter than I have ever had before since I came to the place. There has been a precious revival here. When the year began our church numbered sixty-one members Some seventy-five, as we hope and trust, have passed from death unto life. Seventy-eight are added to our church, and more are expecting to come at'the next communion.

"I have preached for the last two weeks in a livision of my parish about four miles East, in a large school house, holding, for the most part two meetings a day, and the result has been glorious there, also. Twenty-five or thirty souls there. too, having been born again; making some hundred in all that we hope are converted to God. I am still holding meetings there, and the interest seems growing every day. The house is filled and more than filled every night, not more than two-thirds being able to get seats.

"These things are all encouraging and cheering; though physically tired and debilitated, wet love to labor where the harvest is so full. "We hope to be able to need no further aid

after this year." Another missionary from the same State peaks as follows, of

SIX MONTHS' EXPERIENCE. "My short experience in this field has divulgthis sacred war to the end has taken root in the ed difficulties, but has also encouraged me to hope. The congregation is steadily increasing We should judge from the accounts which But Universalism and Infidelity predominate in I first came to S

> To-day, one person, who has attended our meetings quite regularly of late, told me she had been brought up an infidel; but that within few months past her views had entirely changed, and that, for the world, she would not have her many hearts:

"Some who are decidedly opposed to the docthat is the question of trines I preach, attend pretty regularly on our Till it is gleriously answered, as I hope it services, and contribute a little to support the will be, the dark days of the war overshadow Gospel. They are intelligent, influential members of society, and by the grace of God, might become very useful as followers of Christ. A number of young people come out to our Sabbath evening meetings. They are attentive hearers but have not had much religious training and are as sheep without a shepherd.

"I am persuaded that there is amongst this congregation, by means of subscription and an oyster supper, have raised over \$100, which as soon as suitable weather comes, they mean to devote to re-fitting our meeting house. My con-Public matters occupy a large space in the impiously said that the battle of Belmont was gregation seem ready to pay as promptly as they can what they subscribed. When I consider how discouraging this field looked six months ago, I feel inclined to thank God and take courage, to beseech Him with more lively faith for a

[Growing congregations, attentive listeners prompt payment of the salary, repairs of church edifice, are always encouraging signs of the Spirit's presence, and oftentimes the precursors of great revivals? Our brother has much to hope for: he welcome will no tilet it wolf there

As another missionary from the same State

says:--] "Ministers in this region have a great work on their hands. I am laboring to the extent of my ability. I preach at S from two to four or five times a week, attend prayer meeting, and teach a Bible class. For a short time past I have been assisting my son here. God has blessed his labors, we hope, to the conversion of a number of interesting youth. Others are deeply affected. We hope that a good work of God's grace has begun here. I have also spent a little time at T____, assisting their newly in stalled pastor in an interesting work of grace.

"On the whole, therefore, I take courage. believe there is an unusual spirit of prayer, in this part of the State. I hear of it in various directions; and God is answering prayer. trust He will also answer prayer in S and B. Oh, what glorious opportunities have we "In common with the country at large, we for being workers together with God! He will even overrule this terrible rebellion, which is the most like that of the rebel angels in heaven, o any that has taken place on earth—He will overrule it to His own glory, the conversion o sinners, and the ushering in of the millenium has too much of the salt of the earth—too many devoted men and women in it to admit of its against us? Jesus was crucified but never conquered. All glory to his name!"

Here follows a cheering note from Illinois: "The Presbyterian church in this place had when I came to it in January, 1861, about thirty members. It has now sixty seven. We have Presbyterian of this city, is Secretary of the had a work of grace, which resulted in the addinine persons, causing seven family alters to be erected in one week. And there are some more indulging hope that will unite with the church the next communion, I presume.

> strait for a place like this, but times are too hard to build this season. "I preach twice a Sabbath, and have a prave neeting Thursday evening. Our Sabbath School during the summer. If the church continues to grow, it will be able in one year more to sustain

"Our house of worship is very small-too

A Presbyterian missionary in the same State,

On the 1st instant my report was due, but a Tawas absent from home, engaged in a protracted meeting, I could not leave; and now terrific violence on many points at the same time: names of those who constitute the committees shall have the privilege of spending but one day with my family, as I must leave again in the for the current year.

On Foreign Missions—Rev. Messrs. B. B.
Hotchkin and J. W. Dulles, with Ruling Elder is necessary. My field of labor is extensive, emformidable as the multitudes by which they are to be wielded. Looking at the conflict from a human point of view, there scarcely seems to be human point of view, there scarcely seems to be D. D., and W. E. Moore, with Ruling Elder J. mentalities as possible to build up the cause of

A number of churches before destitute, are now supplied with the ministry of the Gospel. veral new churches have been organized.

"During the last quarter I have preached most of the time three discourses on the Sabbath, and often during the week. My congregations have been good, and in some instances at their first meeting for the choice of a Presi-God has blessed his truth in the edification of dent. his children and the conversion of sinners. have just returned from assisting at a protracted meeting at F I preached every day and right to large and attentive audiences. God clothed his word with power. Christians were aroused and sinners converted. The number of inquirers increased daily."

> GOOD NEWS FROM IOWA. Wyoming, Jones County, Iowa, March 3d, 1862.

Dear Brother-Since the beginning of the last quarter the Lord has graciously visited me with ed for about five weeks. I was alone, except one hoods around him. week, when Brother Atherton, of Cedar Rapids, came and helped me. Something like twelve or fifteen were hopefully born again, and Christians Rev. W. Frear, made arrangements with R. J. were greatly revived and built up. It was truly McMonagle to occupy the pulpit. We have not a precious harvest season. I have not yet had a learned whether this is to be a permanent or communion season, and so do not know how many will join our church.

I rested for three or four days, and then com- church with great acceptance a few months, menced holding meetings at Oxford City, seven | during the absence of Mr. Frear in the East. miles south from here. God was with us there, too, and something like fifteen were, as we trust, born into the kingdom of Christ. A week ago, last Sabbath, (February 23d,) we had communion, and twelve were added on profession.

Several more will probably come in at our next communion. I organized in August last with fourteen, we now number twenty-six. I had no help there, and excessive labors have worn me fought on Sabbath, resulting in the entire defeat down somewhat, but the Lord was my help. Oh it is a blessed thing to labor for Christ. This has been a winter of hard toil, but a rich harvest has impression that our troops had left Winchester. been gathered. To Christ be all the glory. Yours, very truly,

GEO. R. CARROLL. RECENT APPOINTMENTS. Rev. Walter Mitchell, Marysville, Ohio. " Joel Campbell, Lafayette, N. J. W. Kendrick, High Point, Iowa. "E.R. Martin, Newcomb, Ills. " W. McKaig, Peoria, Ills. " G. D. E. A. Hebard, Iowa City, Iowa. " Thomas Towler, Jackson, Ohio. " Gideon H. Pond, Bloomington, Minn.

A. F. White, Carson City, Nevada Terr. " S. H. Ashmun, Rural, Wis. " Albert Worthington, Taberg, N. Y. " W. S. Post, Carbondale, Ills. " A. Johnston, Pontiac, Ills. Thompson Bird, Des Moines, Iowa.

" Edwin Allen, Parma, New York. John Fisher, Centreville, Iowa. " F. H. Adams, Constantia, N. Y. " Jno E. Baker, Arkport, N. Y. " J. A. Wood, Ohio City, Kansas. " J. J. St. John, Portland, N. Y. " Richard Hassell, Lowville, Wis. "D. E. Wells, New Philadelphia, Ohio. Louis Mills, Ionia, Mich.

Charles Parker, Irving, Kansas. J. N. Hancock, Blue Earth City, Minn. "...J. N. Coombs, Washington, D. C. " Jas. R. Dunn, Wenona, Ills.

Our Church News.

LAFAVETTE AVENUE CHURCH, formerly the Park Church, Brooklyn, under the pastoral care of Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, has just completed, and on Sabbath, March 16th, dedicated with appropriate ceremonies their new house of worship. Their old one had for some time been too small for the rapidly increasing numbers of the congregation. From the Evangelist we gather the withal instructive account of "CADET LIFE at following facts in regard to the building:

last Sabbath we should judge that nearly 3,000 sentatives May 17, 1834, on military affairs, a persons were inside the building, while probably as many went away, unable to obtain admission. At the rear of the church proper is a building three stories in height, and 34 by 95 feet in extent. The first floor is used as a chapel and the pastor's library; the second and third floors are designed for the Sabbath school, Bible classes &c.

Notwithstanding the great size and massive appearance of this church, it was not an expensive building compared with other city churches. The whole cost of the ground and edifice was not over \$60,000, of which about two-thirds have been paid. The remaining \$20,000, with ordinary prosperity, will soon be extinguished by the sale and renting of pews. From the capacious size of the church, the pews can be let at a very moderate rent, by which can be carried out a cherished design of the church and its pastor, to preach the Gospel to the poor.

Installation. Sabbath evening March 16, the Rev. John N. Coombs was installed pastor of the Western Presbyterian church, in Washington, D. C. It was a very interesting occasiond The sermon was by the Rev. Dr. Sunderland, the charge to the pastor by the Rev. Dr. J. C. Smith, and the charge to the people by the Rev. Mason Noble. Mr. Coombs is a graduate of Dickinson College, has been twelve years in the Methodist ministry, five of which have been spent in this District. The resolutions of the a monthly journal of finance, manufactures, com-Conference in parting with Mr. Coombs were of merce; railways and business matters generally, the kindest character, and Methodists that I have the only one of the kind published in this city. met here speak of him in the highest terms. The number for March has been placed on our have never known a transfer from one denomi- table, and we find it full of valuable discussions nation to another, where the feelings of all were to our business men. Whiting & Co., 712 so very kind. The church, which has seen some Chestnut street, are the publishers. Price, \$3 dark days, seems now to be very hopeful in re- per annum.

gard to the future.—Evangelist.

From the same publishers we have a capital

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of Wabash College have elected as President, and successor to the late Dr. White, Dr. Joseph F. Tuttle, of Rockaway, New Jersey, and he has signified his acceptance of the appointment. Dr. Tuttle was unanimously elected by the Board of Trustees

CALIFORNIA ITEMS .- From the Pacific of February 6th, we gather the following:-From persons residing at Red Bluff, we learn that the Presbyterian Church there, under the care of Rev. J. H. Mclaughlin, is meeting with great success in its important mission. The congrega. tions in the Court House continue to be crowd. ed, and sometimes find it difficult to be accom. modated with seats. The Sabbath school is the pride of the people. The like of it was never seen there before. The minister is liberally supported, and the people are united in him. In the outpouring of his Spirit. I commenced a addition to the labors of his immediate parish. series of meetings about Christmas, and continu- Mr. McLaughlin preaches in various neighbor-

The Presbyterian Church in Placerville have upon the resignation of their former minister temporary supply, although we presume it is to be the former. Mr. McMonagle served the

LATEST NEWS.

On the 22d and 23d of this month, Saturday and Sunday, there was skirmishing and fighting between the rebels below Winchester, Va., under Gens. Jackson, Smith, and Longstreet, and cur forces under Gen. Shields. A pitched battle was of the rebel forces.

It appears; that Gen. Jackson was under the and were advancing on the road from Strasburg. When within about a mile and a half of Winchester a skirmish occurred between the advance guard of both armies, in which Gen. Shields was wounded in the arm by the bursting of a shell. The enemy immediately commenced a retreat. but were followed by the main body of General Shields' army, and an engagement took place, commencing at half, past ten Sabbath morning. and ending in the entire defeat of the rebels at dusk. Our loss in killed and wounded amounts to about one hundred and fifty. The enemy's loss is believed to be double this. We captured large number of prisoners, some pieces of artillery, and the ground is strewn with abandoned arms. It is a singular fact that the enemy outnumbered us two to one. How did this happen? Our cavalry went in full pursuit.

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"THE 'I WILLS' OF CHRIST" is a collection of thoughts in the form of discourses on various declarations of the Saviour, by Rev. Philip Bennet Power, M. A., incumbent of Christ Church, Worthing, and author of a popular work of similar character-"The 'I wills' of the Psalms." The book, as the author himself states in the preface, might be entitled "the history of a soul exemplified in the 'I wills' of Christ." It is very largely, and we might say, tediously illustrative in character, and the style is discursive and colloquial. Many of the facts are valuable. We know not where the reader will find more copious and varied illustrations of Christian experience, and the thoughts at times are striking and suggestive. A good book to dip into, but lacking coherence and continuity. 12mo, pp. 395. New York, R. Carter & Brothers. For

sale by C. S. Luther, 1334 Chestnut street. From the press of T. O. H. P. Burnham, Boston, we have a most lively, entertaining, and West Point," which must find many readers. The building is constructed of the Belleville The topic is new and seasonable. Many will freestone, in the Romanesque style of architec- wish to learn the operations of the institution to ture. It has a front of 86 feet on Lafayette ave the graduates of which both sections of our counnue, and extends back along Oxford street 164 try looked so promptly and instinctively at the feet. The front is surmounted with two towers, outbreaking of our troubles, and whose results one of which is complete; the other will be car- are now undergoing so severe, and, in the main, ried up to its proper height hereafter. The so satisfactory a test. Our country needs no height of the structure is 76 feet. It has en- standing army. We are a military people, and, trances on either street. The interior is an ex- to meet all emergencies, need but trained leaders act reproduction of Plymouth church, which such as West Point has produced, under whom hitherto has been the largest in Brooklyn. Like the volunteer element can be drilled somewhat that, it has the organ and choir behind the pul- in time of peace; and rallied and organized in pit. It contains 300 pews, which will seat 1,800 time of war. The volume contains a descriptive persons, and in case of necessity, nearly 1,000 sketch of West Point by Benj. J. Lossing, and more can be accommodated in the aisles. On R. M. Johnson's report to the House of Reprelengthy, elaborate and important document. 16mo, pp. 367, with an engraving. For sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia.

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Washington's Farewell Address.