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THE FIGHT AGAINST SIN.

or parried, or neutralized by superior skill or sa- enemy. It was to a very large and encouraging traitorous allies in our own camp, when we are Let us, as wise and carnest combatants, practice uncertain of the faithfulness of our own pro- and recommend it with all our power. fessed adherents, and when we have but recently disayowed an ancient allegiance, and still wear all is unbelief. This is the one to which the upon our necks the traces of the yoke, and still teachings and exhortations of the apostle to the bear a nature habituated to slavish submission. then the struggle, from a merely human point of sufficiently to Jesus. He has endured the cross. view, would seem to be well nigh hopeless. If He has fought the battle. In person he has maintained at all, it could only be with the met the great enemy, and has repulsed him. His straining of every nerve, with the exercise of dying declaration was "It is finished." In that

and a never slumbering, untiring vigilance.

a contest, a strife, an agony. Not merely the took up the conflict and won it gloriously for his natures without and around us take an active hold; therefore his own arm brought salvation; part. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood. He came from Edom, with dved garments from but against principalities, against powers, against Bozrah, glorious in his apparel, travelling in the the rulers of the darkness of this world, against greatness of his strength, speaking in righteousspiritual wickedness in high places. Be sober, be ness, mighty to save. He is the captain of our vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a salvation. Our great business is to trust in him. roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may This our highest strategy—to have no strategy devour. The Saviour, and Paul, and Luther, to disavow our own strength-to accept and apand Bunyan knew, and every Christian in his propriate his work—to take refuge in him as our measure knows, the fearful reality and tension of rock in all assaults of the foe. Thus we shall the struggle, the resources and subtlety of the most effectually triumph over our enemy, by enemy-he knows the indecision and fatal trea- making our own the grand exploits of him who chery of his own heart, the uncertain issue, the ascended up on high, leading captivity captive humiliating defeat, the suspense, nay, even the and giving gifts unto men. Nay, when the awful though temporary despair of various stages | enemy employs his most dreadful enginery—triof the life-long conflict.

How shall the Christian carry it on? he should be untiring and unresting, earnest, loved us. energetic and vigorous, adding to his faith, soldierly virtue; that above all he should be prayerful, trusting not in his own strength-all this is plain. More particularly he should

1. Examine himself. He should know the nature of the enemy within him, where he is Only an utterly ignorant or utterly reckless first such information as he may of his position, force and arms. It is particular sins of which ry of that engagement, and Mr. Benton, like the we are guilty, and against which we have to connature it assumes different forms and phases, desistance. Vagueness and earnestness are incomthe poor widow at the temple-treasury, the burngiven tests and patterns, and thus learn in what good trait we are wanting, in what evil one we go beyond. Thus discriminating, we shall work in-We shall discover especially our besetting sinenemy may take us at a disadvantage. Upon this we should lay out our strength. The enemy's demonstrations upon this point, we should especially labor to meet and to foil.

2. Just here is the place for the exercise of strategy. We should take peculiar measures for overcoming this besetting sin. It is the key of the moral position. It is the central point around which gather the entire forces of evil in the soul. Win your battle here, and you will virtually vanquish the whole of the enemy's forces, or compel their withdrawal to a remote line of operations. Be this sin what it may, lust, or pride in dress, or covetoueness, or evil curiosity, or a prating tongue, or greediness, or a hasty temper, a victory here will both break the power of sin and elevate and quicken the better nature most wonderfully in its future struggles.

8. It is often a point of strategy in contending against besetting sins and inveterate habits and practices, to go beyond the strict rule of duty, and deny ourselves in things in themselves tian Advocate and Journal says that Chaplain Lenhart of the Cumberland, had been in the Naval serindifferent or harmless. The power of a vicious habit can be broken, and tone restored to a depraved system, and the moral nature be made to work healthfully only by a severe moral regimen (askesis). The enemy can be foiled only by refusing to have anything to do with those in themselves harmless channels, by which he finds access to us. The man given to profane swearing may find it needful to abstain even from ordinary conversation. The covetous man may and are set down at the right hand of God." see it to be necessary to follow the advice given to the young ruler, as the only effectual cure for the idolatrous vice which has ground itself into his nature. Innocent pleasures may be

his successful approaches must be blockaded or destroyed utterly, delightful or even useful though they may otherwise be. And the whole evangelical community, as participants in this strife, as sympathizing with the weak and struggling victims, as concerned for its own safety against the inroads of intemperance in this and coming generations, catching the spirit of Paul, flings away the sparkling cup and vows it will drink no wine while the world standeth, rather than a weak brother should be offended. The It is not alone numbers or strength that makes | temperance movement was a great and a needed an enemy terrible. These may be met, evaded, piece of strategy against a hitherto triumphant gacity. But when to strength, the enemy adds extent successful. It needs to be practised depth, skill, strategy, he becomes truly formid- now. It is not a narrow, short-sighted policy. able. When, moreover, he has spies and even It is bold, comprehensive, sagacious. Pauline.

4. "The sin which doth so easily beset us" Hebrews are mainly directed. We do not look extraordinary wisdom, with comprehensive plans, death agony he triumphed. The seed of the woman has bruised the head of the serpent. Such is the conflict with sin in our hearts. Adam miserably failed in the struggle, and in Not a mere struggle with abstract principles, but him we all suffered disastrous defeat. Christ action and reaction of diverse forces in our own people. He looked and saw there was none to natures, but a struggle in which great spiritual help; he wondered that there was none to upbulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, sword—in all these things we shall That he should make it his first business, that be more then conquerors, through him that

REV. O. N. BENTON.

But a few weeks ago we chronicled the acceptance of a chaplainey in the 51st New York Regiment by this brothor, then pastor of our church strongest, where he is entrenched, which are his in Apalachin New York. We have now the weak points, and what is the best mode of attack. | melancholy duty of repeating the announcement He should not fight as one that beats the air. of his death as given in the military despatches, in the desperate struggle which preceded the leader goes to meet his enemy, without gathering | capture of Newbern. His regiment was prominent in the struggle, the u Terings, and the glotrue man that he was, shrunk not from sharing tend. And though all sin can be traced in a in its perils. He has died the thrice noble death general way to pride and selfishness, and is op- of the faithful christian minister, the brave paposed to the one great law of love, yet in each triot and the martyr to his country. It fell to his lot under Providence to be the first sacrifice of manding different modes of treatment and of re- the kind in the war.* - The first life of a minister. acting in that capacity in the open field, sacrificed patible. We must have a well-defined aim. We in this cause, was taken from the ranks of our must acquire the highest sort of knowledge, self- church. While we feel our loss deeply, and knowledge, in order to take an efficient part in while the fountains of our sympathy are opened the conflict. We must deal with the utmost towards his bereaved relatives and friends, we plaimess with ourselves in this matter. What cannot find it in us to grieve. We do indeed are our sins? Wherein do we come short-how gain clearer views and deeper convictions of do we transgress? Let us take the word of the sacredness and solemnity of the struggle in God, the ten commandments, the two great com- which we are engaged. Over such sacrifices, mandments, the Sermon on the Mount, the we indeed feel prepared to pledge ourselves anew imitable part of the character of Christ: let us to our country's cause. Law and liberty and read our characters and examine our conduct in union are dearer watchwords since they have the light of Scripture example. Let us take the been breathed from the now cold lips of our slain faith of Abraham, the meekness of Moses. the brother in the master's service. But such deaths patience of Job, the uprightness of Daniel, the are too honorable to consort with ordinary grief. forgiving spirit of the Saviour, the liberality of They illustrate too many noble qualities of the man the minister, they leave examples too ing zeal of Paul. Ceasing to measure ourselves luminous and benign in their influence, they are by and among ourselves, let us take these divinely far rather the glory of a profession and of a neople. The death of a minister of the gospel on the battle field, where unarmed and fearless he had been passing to and fro, carrying the heaventelligently and at a definite and a real object. ly consolations of his religion to the wounded and dying,-sudden death, while engaged nnthe point where we are weakest, and where the shrinking in a perilous duty, -is a euthanasy, is enviable, even when occurring, as it did in the case of Mr. Benton, in the very prime of a use-

> Mr. Benton, as we learn from one of his fellow students, pursued his theological course at Union Seminary New York; after which he was employed in a missionary capacity by the Ameican Sunday School Union. The field of his labors was in the vicinity of Lynchburg Via., where he acquitted himself to the acceptance of all. Recently he has been pastor of the church in Apalachin in the Presbytery of Tioga N. Y., and from that charge he was called to assume the responsible position which he held in the army of our brave defenders when he fell.

> Up to the time of going to press, we have heard nothing beyond the bare announcement of his death, and should be glad to learn the particulars from any of our readers who may have become acquainted with them.

> * The case of Chaplain Lenhart of the United vice fifteen years and that the day before the disastrous engagement in which he lost his life he wrote to a friend: "It is as near myheavenly home from the old Cumberland as from any other place."
> Speaking of the two fallen chaplains Messrs. Lenhart and Benton, the same paper says: "They have gone up almost in the same chariot together; one from the salt sea wave, the other from a field o

THE OLD SCHOOL CHURCH IN KENTUCKY

The excellent service done by Rev. R. J found secret doors of entrance for sin, to the Breckenridge D. D. to the cause of our country heart long given to the pursuit of forbidden en- in Kentucky, is known and warmly appreciated joyments. Total abstinence from intoxicating by loyal people every where. True, Dr. B. for a drinks, so largely agreed upon as a duty among time was dazzled by the remarkable qualities and evangelical christians, is to be regarded in the brilliant prospects which he fondly conceived to light of a moral stratagem. No one now at- belong to his nephew the late Vice President, tempts to argue that moderate drinking is in and for a time he insisted that Kentucky should itself sinful, no more than Paul ever argued that and could take no part in the contest and should cating meat was in itself sinful. But if the vice exclude both combatants from her soil. But as of intemperance can be cured or prevented only the nephew's treasonable proclivities developed, by total abstinence in the individual, then it and as the unavoidable crisis approached in Kenmust be included as a part of his plan of opera- tucky, the Dr's. views gained decisiveness and tions against the foe; then it will be sinful not clearness, and his late essays in the Danville Reto abstain totally. The foe must be routed at view have been as sturdy and effective blows at

ter. A number of Old School ministers from most, upon a part only of the Sabbath. And is their just relations. Neither will be unduly or byterian had information some weeks ago, that strange that men deem it a matter of little moa scheme was on foot to draw away the churches | ment whether they attend regularly upon its serof Kentucky to the seceding organization of the vices? Ay, more if spiritual instruction con-Southern States. The language of the Presby- stitute the very essence of a sanctuary service terian showed that this was by no means to be if we are to go to God's house alone to be taught regarded as altogether a hopeless undertaking. divine truth-why should not a man stay away The Presbuterian Herald. hitherto the organ of from it, when at home, by his own meditations this portion of the church, denies the statement or reading, he honestly believes that that spiritof the Presbyterian but it has carried out in its ual enlightenment would best be promoted? That columns to this day the neutrality policy which God should be adored, and that this adoration

and is obliged to cry out for succor from the ed attention to worship as an element of sanctumachinations of his Kentucky brethren, to any ary service." and every quarter. It is a strange spectacle Stuart Robinson, of Danville Seminary, and one an independent Journal in Louisville Ky., with the avowed purpose of advocating the pestilent, poral matters in the church. This new paper is to bear the pretentious title of the "True Prestoy and Knox may be quited in their favor. But they were never enjoined as authoritativer and byterian." It will take a position antagonistic Dr. Darling will have none of them. He says: to the loyal action of the late General Assembly, and so far as it is patronized will, doubtless, under the very able leadership of Dr. Robinson, contribute to the further demoralization of the Old School ranks. We hope the good sense and

"We are to have, in a loval State, a religious spiritual and temporal order' to discuss the tem- ears of that God unto whom our prayers come poral ad libitum.

"We suggest that the first number of Dr. Robinson's new weekly journal shall give several ly parent is to the clipped and broken language forms which may be used with safety, without of his dear child." mixing the temporal and spiritual—in asking a a blessing be asked at meals!"

"WORSHIP."

WE have been deeply interested in the peru-It cannot be doubted that among us the sermon Darling says, " the only motive of church-going | the too prevalent choir-singing of our time. is sermon-hearing." The undue prominence character of the prayers offered, and to the inas in the indifference of the congregation towards gregations show too ready a disposition to delegate | cluding paragraph: the whole business of singing to a select paid Their external demeanor, too, while there, contrasts unfavorably with that of a Roman Catholic congregation. Of the Papal Church, Dr. D. thy foot when thou goest to the House of God.' than many other Churches that hold a more scriptural faith." And it is not only "a mistak-

tant, not to say alarming: whatever cost. The avenues by which he makes rebellion as have been administered in any quarthey avail themselves of it occasionally, or, at the of sanctuary service, will then have to each other happily prevails.

this state are also serving as chaplains in the not this the necessary result of that theory or disproportionably developed, but both in such United States army; but for the rest, a wide practice of sanctuary service which wholly ig beautiful symmetry as to make the whole appear and, as we must believe, an irreconcileable diver- nores the element of worship? If the church is but one act of grateful homage to Jehovah, just sity of sentiment prevails among brethren of the man's church, and the leading conception in the as a star, really binary, looks out upon us from Kentucky Presbyteries and Synods. The Pres- mind is the listening to a set discourse, is it the skies-one world." "WHEN the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on earth?" It seems to us that thi inquiry may be appropriately made with regard the state repudiated so overwhelmingly last sum- should have some outward expression, all men to the present attitude of the Church towards mer. We do not undertake to say whether Dr. instinctively feel. Satisfy them, then, that this the work of missions. The Son of Man has Hill, the Editor, is at heart a loyal man—it would is the great aim of sanctuary service, and they come, in the opening up of the world and the be a great misnomer to call the Herald a loyal will not so often, and for causes so trivial, desert ripening of the spiritual harvest, but how inadeit. And are not Protestant and unliturgical quate the faith and zeal with which he is met

Recent developements, we are sorry to say, churches just here in great danger of losing their In truth, the movements of Divine Providence these Kentucky Presbyterians. Dr. Breckenridge's Church nothing but a school, can all the teachers them. The cry is everywhere, enlargement Danville Review is on the point of extinction on be so eloquent, or any one always so eloquent, as new fields, more laborers, teachers, books, funds account of the odium created by its bold and to receive, on the part of voluntary pupils, con | Everywhere in the heathen world the Gospel i

It is not difficult for devout persons to realize something more than human in the aim and -the complete separation of spiritual and tem- regularly used. The great names of Calvin, Beza tianity, has lapsed into barbarism? Who know-

"Let it be distinctly understood that we have no sympathy with that class of minds among us. who are continually hankering after a ritual, and who make themselves the small imitators of other denominations than their own. No; away genuine loyalty of the larger part of the church with prayer-book and gown, rubrics and bands in the North will frown upon this venture in the Associations of the mystical Babylon still cluster direction of South Carolina logic in morals and around them. Give us a free voice and a free religion. If all feel with the Presbuter of arm, as we attempt to direct the worship of the Cincinnati our hope will be fulfilled. That pa- sanctuary. Let the full soul pour out itself in gracious expressions of its holy thoughts into the bosom of the Almighty; and if there should be journal of the Thornwell stripe. If Dr. R. is as some stops or solecisms in the fervent utterance shrewd as the father of the doctrine he espouses, of our wants, these are so far from being offenhe will be able in urging the devorce of 'the sive, that they are the most pleasing music to the To this imperfect elocution, our Heavenly Father is no otherwise affected, than an indulgent earth-

After this bold and unqualified declaration we blessing or saying grace at meals. Is eating and look with some interest to the writer's proposed drinking temporal or spiritual? We are told, improvement in our method. It is found simply Whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, in a closer adherence to our Directory, which even do all to the glory of God.' To glorify God is a casual reader may see lays great stress upon spiritual. To eat and drink are temporal. Should devotion, and warns ministers against making "their sermons so long as to interfere with o exclude the more important duties of prayer and praise." We must not become liturgical but simply more thoroughly Presbyterian. Dr. Dar ling believes it to be necessary on the part of sal of Dr. Darling's pamphlet on "Worship as an preachers, simply to give a more devotional cha-Element of Sanctuary Service," reprinted by racter, and to throw a greater degree of interest Mr. Young, from the forthcoming number of the | and e rnestness into the forms of worship already Presbyterian Quarterly Review. It ably discus- in use. Let us have objective hymns, "hymns ses the prevailing wrong tendencies in the pub- in which both writer and reader come entirely out lic services of our own and affiliating Churches, of themselves, magnify God and have their whole and points out the means for correcting them. It | souls ravished by the conception of his matchless gives utterance to a want, deeply and widely felt perfections." The congregation should join in among the devout members of these non-liturgi-cal bodies, and which occasionally drives them tion, singing such as Galvin introduced, when in away into connections where more regard is paid the use of Clement Marot's metrical version of to the devotional parts of the Sanctuary service. | the Psalms, he introduced a revolution as widespead and as important, perhaps, as that prohas attained undue prominence, and that while duced by his political and theological writings some are driven away, with many others, as Dr. and discipline,—this is what we need in place of

The prayers of the sanctuary service should be given to the sermon, or rather to the element of more largely made up of adoration; they should instruction as compared with that of worship, ap- be scriptural in language and spirit; they should pears also in the unstudied and inappropriate be made matters of study and preparation by the minister; the people must not be too indolent to creasingly subjective type of our hymns, as well take part in them by some change of posture and reverent attitude.—Commending this pamphlet. both of these parts of the service. Hymns of so seasonable, so admirable and evangelical in experience and of doctrine, rather than psalms of spirit, so thoroughly Presbyterian in tone, though adoration and praise are demanded and are mul- its proposals may be regarded by some as insuffitiplying in our collections, and even so, our con- cient, we leave it with the quotation of the con-

"In closing this article we cannot refrain from choir. The people are not scrupulous to be in inviting the special attention of our readers to a season for the opening services of the sanctuary. the line of our argument, is still worthy of a separate and distinct notice. The thought is this: All that is necessary to give to worship, as an elesays, "It must be conceded that it is seemingly ment of sanctuary service, its true importance, is at least, more obedient to that command, Keep a full and faithful development of that order which is embodied in our own Directory for Worship. We frankly confess our sympathy with those, who, upon retiring from some of our Presen notion of the peculiar sanctity of the place in byterian churches, after their Sabbath services which divine service is held" which produces are over, feel a measure of dissatisfaction. They this reverent demeanor; it is the great promi- have, indeed, been well instructed, but they have nence. too. which is given to the element of not worshipped. They have been in a school, worship in all the religious exercises of this rather than in a church. Their intellects have been fed, but their hearts have not been touched. But the evil of this want of balance in our pub- They have had nothing to do in the service. But lic services is traced by the writer to other, and what, to meet this felt want, shall they do? Go previous to, the first of April, to forward a statisless perceptible, but not less pernicious results. elsewhere? Unite themselves with some liturgi-We quote a paragraph which strikes us as impor- cal church, though her doctrines and ministerial part of a year during which they have been in ant, not to say alarming:

orders are opposed to their belief? Or, staying

"Irregularity likewise of attendance upon at home, shall they seek to graft upon the Pres-God's House, and that attendance graduated by byterian Church what is unscriptural and opposthe character of the expected discourse, is among ed both to her spirit and history? Whence this the evils that forgetfulness of worship, as an ele- lack of true worship in her services? What is ment of sanctuary service, has a tendency to pro- the cause of this deficiency, of which some com- festing itself in the different Oakland churches. duce. Some of our oldest and wisest divines plain? Is it inherent to her very structure? The Presbyterian Church, under the able and duce. Some of our oldest and wisest divines plain? 13 it innerence, or simply a defect in her adhave remarked, that there seems to be of late, later a head of anything it has denoted by the later and long start ahead of anything it has denoted by the later and long start ahead of anything it has denoted by the later and long start ahead of anything it has denoted by the later and long start ahead of anything it has denoted by the later and long start ahead of anything it has denoted by the later and long start ahead of anything it has denoted by the later and long start ahead of anything it has denoted by the later and long start ahead of anything it has denoted by the later and long start ahead of anything it has denoted by the later and long start ahead of anything it has denoted by the later and long start ahead of anything it has denoted by the later and long start ahead of anything it has denoted by the later and long start ahead of anything it has denoted by the later and long start ahead of anything it has denoted by the later and long start ahead of anything it has denoted by the later and long start ahead of anything it has denoted by the later and long start ahead of anything it has denoted by the later and long start ahead of anything it has denoted by the later and long start an even among the professed followers of Christ, a ministration? We are bold to proclaim the lat- long start ahead of anything it has done for amid the horrors of war, we have in this biofar lower sense of obligation, with reference to ter. Let every minister and layman carefully years. The church edifice, both inside and outthe attendance upon God's house, than formerly. study our Directory for Worship, and, in the ser-side, is undergoing material improvements for Many Christians now permit very trivial causes vices of God's house, faithfully carry out all its the better, and the grounds around the building to keep them from filling their place in the sanc- provisions, and every just ground for criticism in are not neglected. The congregations are in-

Two articles on the History and the Theory of Public Worship, translated from the German and of great interest, will be found in the Review, for July and December, 1857.

A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTHLY CONCERT

show no signs of improvement in the spirit of hold upon the unsanctified masses? With the are too fast for us; we cannot keep pace with powerful arguments for the cause of the Union. stant and unvaried attendance? Apart from the received, and its preaching, after no protracted The company of Old School ministers by whom direct outpouring of the Divine Spirit, we do not period, rendered fruitful. Light is breaking in it was started is broken up, and the subscription | believe that anything would be more effectual in | Micronesia; Mohammedans are exchanging the list has got out of Dr. B's reach. For once, this enlarging Sables congregations, and making Bible for the Koran; the two-leaved gates of able leader and tactician has been outgeneralled, them more uniform in sumbers, than an increas. China have yielded; a Christian king rules on the lately persecuting throne of Madagascar; Ethiopia's mysteries cleared up, behold a long injured continent stretching forth its hands unto when this Cesar of the Old School church, in a that they have worshipped, in attending the ser- God! O privileged day! the Church is opregion which but lately was a strong-hold of vices of a liturgical church; even the impenitent pressed with its opportunities; God is trying its Presbyterianism, is compelled to cry out to men and unbelieving if the natural religious suscenti- | zeal and its sincerity, by bringing upon it the of all denominations, New School among the bilities are not utterly dead, receive impressions answer to its centuries of prayer. With what rest, "Help me, Cassius, or I sink!" We say and go away awed. They have something to go trembling anxiety should we seek to rise and this in no unkind spirit; we are merely taking to church for, even if the element of instruction respond to these opportunities, to recognize our a note of an interesting and important phase of is insufficient to bring ahem. How then shall glorious day of visitation, and to meet it with a events in the other branch of the church. We we accomplish the same results under our simple full consecration of power and property to it? sincerely hope his Review will be liberally sus- forms of worship? How shall we satisfy the de- Otherwise, may not the leading part in the high tained. But to crown all, we observe that Dr. vout and impress the thoughtless with a sense of enterprise be taken away from us and given to some Christian community now scarcely known, of the originators of the Review, is about to start reference of the exercises? By introducing litur- who in future shall be summoned to carry the gical elements? So, not a few have argued. In Gospel over the earth, when our Christian the earlier history of the Church, both in Gene- temples are in ruins, and our civilization, unsupbut hereabouts defunct, heresy of Dr. Thornwell va and Scotland, they were frequently and even ported by an active, self-denying, pure Chris

PHILADELPHIA EDUCATION SOCIETY.

THE annual meeting of this Society was held n the Presbyterian House, on Tuesday, 25th of

In the absence of the President, Mr. Joseph H. Dulles was called to the chair, and the Rev. Robert Adair was appointed clerk. The meeting was opened with prayer. The minutes of he last annual meeting were read and approved. From the annual report of the Directors, pre sented and read by the Corresponding Secre tary, the Rev. Charles Brown, it was shown that notwithstanding the embarrassed condition of the country, the Society had made fair progress in its work of educating young men for the ministry. Fifty-six candidates had received aid during the whole, or part of the last year. These were pursuing their studies in various instituions, and distributed in four Theological Seminaries, twelve colleges, and six academies. Four candidates had completed their course of study since the last meeting, and are now usefully engaged in the work of the ministry. Several others will be licensed to preach within a few

months hence. The numerous demands for money, growing out of the necessities of the war, rendered it difficult to obtain the usual amount of funds for educational purposes, and yet, excepting a par tial reduction which occurred in the appropriations of one of the quarters, the Society was enabled to meet all its liabilities for the year.

By the treasurer's report it was seen that the eccipts for the year, from all sources, were \$4580-14; the expenditures for all purposes \$4327 18

An abstract of the annual report was ordered o be published, which will soon be issued. The following officers were unanimously elect ed for the ensuing year:

PRESIDENT. Ambrose White. VICE-PRESIDENTS. John A. Brown, Hon. William Darling. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY. Rev. Charles Brown. William Purves. AUDITOR. Clem Tingley. Rev. Thos. Brainerd, D.D. Joseph H. Dulles.

" John Jenkins, D.D. Benedict D. Stewart " David Malin, D.D. A. S. Naudain. " Robert Adair. Alexander Whilldin " Thos. J. Shepherd. John Sparhawk. " John Patton, D.D. J. S. Kneedler. " J. Helffenstein, DD. Wm. E. Tenbrook. " Edward B. Bruen. H. J. Williams, Esc " E. E. Adams. George W. Simons. " J. G. Butler. James S. Earle. B. H. Perkins, Esq.

Alexander Fullerton Arch'd M'Elroy. Adjourned with prayer. HOME MISSIONS.

1-To Presbyteries. It is desirable that Presbyteries which have feeble congregations receiving or liable to need aid from the "Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions," should appoint a Standing Committee on Home Missions, and forward their names to the Assembly's Committee, at No. 150 Nassau street, New York.

2-To Missionaries. All Missionaries under appointment of the Committee, are requested, as instructed by the

terms of their commissions, on, or immediately tical report for the year preceding, or for the commission, to the General Secretary, at the H. KENDALL, same place. General Secretary Home Mission Committee.

A SPIRIT of new life and enterprise is manituary. They regard church-going rather as a this particular will, we are sure, be removed. creasing, and a unity of spirit and action, always

HOME MISSIONS

sions, selected chiefly from the communications made to them by the Missionaries. We shall expect to be the medium of such communications to our readers, at least once a month. Those already furnished, have been of a deeply interesting and encouraging character and well calculated to rouse and quicken the denomination in the great work of evangelization which it has most appropriately undertaken. Our brethren in the missionary field are becoming more and more fully and happily convinced that they are cared for, that their work is appreciated and their trials made matters of sympathy and prayer by the denomination. They will be sustained. One hundred and thirty-five missionaries are now on the list of the committee, and we are informed that at its last meeting every application, which appeared worthy, was favourably acted upon. It is expected that by the meeting of our Assembly publisher, (late Rudd & Carleton) New York next month there will be one hundred and fifty It is a very clear and sensible discussion, designmissionaries receiving aid through the committee. The churches, too, are entering with some proper zeal into the work, and by degrees are approaching the measure of its demands. There can be no doubt that they were ripe for the change made last year. The harmony and steadiness with which our affairs are moving in this signed for older children and youth, and opens department proves it. Feeble churches look up very well. 18mo, pp. 277, illustrated. For sale to our committee as the organ of a united, liberal by C. S. Luther. and enterprising denomination, with hope. Meantime, it should be understood that the constant demands made upon the committee, call for constant supplies from the churches and it is hoped they will be prompt and liberal in forwarding | Prof. Hickok, of Union College, opens in an their contributions

Our Church News.

Church, which promises to be one of the most | Swedenborg on the Divine Human,—exposes prominent in the city, was organized at Dod- faithfully the gross errors and the pernicious and worth's Hall, corner of Fifth Avenue and twen- immoral tendencies of the system which goes by tv-first sts., on Friday evening, March 21st. Dr. the name of this arch-heretic. The Perpetual Prentiss, brother of Sargeant S. Prentiss, former- Observance of the Sabbath is mainly a favorable ly pastor of the Mercer-Street Church, and wide- review of Dr. Hessey's Bampton Lectures on the ly known in the denomination, is to be the pas- Sabbath. The Origin of Idolatry, the Roman tor. Drs. Skinner and Smith, of the Union The- Question, etc., make up the list of Essays, Theoological Seminary, have been very active in es- logical and Literary Intelligence, and Reviews tablishing this nucleus of what is designed to be of books are valuable. From the former departa large up-town church. It begins with eighty- ment we learn that the British and Foreign three members .- The Methodist.

ready a Sabbath school of 200 scholars, and con- street, New York. gregations fill the present house of worship. it is expected a larger house will soon be requi- with bright and apposite illustrations drawn from red.—Chrisian Herald.

New Publications.

Messrs. Brown & Taggart, of Boston, have resumed the publication of their very fine library edition of the WORKS OF LORD BACON. Volume third has been laid on our table, which constitutes the eighth of the present issue, and leaves seven to be supplied as yet. These will be issued regularly hereafter at the rate of one a month. The present volume comprises several books De Augmentis Scientiarum, Historia Ventorum, and the curious work, Historia Vites et Mortis. We have already pointed out the peculiar excellencies of this edition of the great English philosopher's works. Its completeness. its systematic arrangement, the careful annotations and introductions which explain without burdening the text, leave nothing to be desired in these respects; while the faultless exterior of often made by pseudo-reformers, to draw a broad the American reprint, is a credit to the publishers and their co-laborers in and about Boston. The famous Riverside Press of H. O. Houghton the great disparagement, not to say utter repusupplies the type. We cannot but believe that diation of the former. The Editor's Table is a service of the highest order is done to the cause thickly spiced with jokes depending for their of true philosophy and Christianity, in this age humor on profanity of expression. We regret of pantheistic speculation and of atheistic ten- to pronounce these unfavorable judgments on a dencies in natural science, by the issue, in such an attractive form, of these great monuments of sober, practical and profound Christian thought. As such, we rejoice to hear of their wide circulation, and hope it may largely increase. For sale in this city by Joseph Buck, No. 43 North

title of Rev. Dr. Wylie's discourse delivered in with the best to be found in other quarters. The the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of this | Editor's Table for this month is sparkling with city, the Sabbath following Washington's birth- gems of every size and quality. Boston: J. R. day. It is a very simple, but apparently ex- Gilmore; Philadelphia: T. B. Callender. haustive, presentation, of the evidence to prove the true evangelical piety and belief, of the ho- as attractive as usual, with a very fine portrait of nored Father of his country. Who can calculate her Majesty the Queen of Prussia. Those who the influence for good upon the American people wish for the cream of the British reviews and of this lofty and almost unqualified example of magazines, regularly, promptly, and judiciously public integrity and Christian excellence, holding the foremost place in the national history?

The profits of the sale of this valuable discourse are devoted to the army committee of the Philadelphia Young Men's Christian Association. We hope it may have a wide circulation. Published by W. S. & A. Martien.

From T. O. H. P. Burnham, Boston, we have and Virginia F. Townsend. Besides lighter artwo works of fiction of unexceptionable characticles, we notice in the present number, Armeter: "The Old Lieutenant and his Son," by Norman McLeod (paper, 30 cts.); "Can Wrong be England, Battle-fields of our Fathers, "What Right?" by Mrs. S. C. Hall (paper 38 cents.) Came Afterwards," by the editor. T. S. Arthur The same publisher announces the issue of a & Co., 323 Walnut street. \$2 a year. very important series of works, viz: Translations and new editions of the Sacred Books of all Nations. Sale's Koran has already appeared, and table, and welcome. Rev. Wm. M. Thayer is will be followed by the Zendavesta, the Vedas, the editor; D. W. Childs & Co., Boston, pubthe Edda, etc. The Koran is published at the lishers. To be most cordially recommended to low price of \$1, and sent by mail, postage pre- all Christian families.

done another good service to the cause of piety the ablest of English articles on our crisis, that by her late work, The Life of Arthur Van- from the Wesleyan London Review of last Oc-DELEUR, of the Royal Artillery. Besides the in- tober. It is one of the exceedingly few, too, graphy the life of one who, by the grace of God, was a christian from the cradle to the grave; one whose path of light, trodden at first by infant on the 22d of February, to which is added Washfeet, became with few interruptions, brighter and ington's Farewell Address. brighter unto the perfect day. 12mo, pp. 303, THE NATIONAL PREACHER for April contains privilege than a duty, and are quite satisfied if Worship and instruction, the two great elements essential to the highest order of success, most illustrated. New York: R. Carter & Brothers. | Sermons by Drs. Pond and Hawes. That of the Philadelphia : C. S. Luther.

Messrs. Rudd & Carleton, New York, have issued a BOOK ABOUT DOCTORS, being a copious WE have welcomed to our columns the recent collection of anecdotes, covering nearly 500 larm contributions of our Committee on Home Misduodecimo pages, and presenting the craft in every imaginable attitude of interest to the public. Such a work, even if clumsily done could not fail to be entertaining; this work is really valuable for the very considerable amount of curious information about medicine and practice in past generations which it conveys, besides the constant entertainment its portraits and anecdotes furnish to the reader. It is an English work, and its sketches appear to be drawn exclusively from the lives of British physicians. in cluding quacks, pretenders of various sortsmale and female, and apothecaries. The field is broad enough. For sale in this city by Messre W. S. & A. Martien.

A POPULAR TREATISE ON DEAFNESS its causes and prevention, by Drs. Lighthill, with illustrations, has just been issued by Carleton ed apparently to recommend the authors' treat ment of ear diseases by chemical vapors. 12ma pp. 133. For sale by W. S. & A. Martien.

DAYBREAK, or Right Struggling and Trium. phant. This is the title of an English story, republished by R. Carter & Brothers. It is do

MAGAZINES AND PAMPHLETS. THE AMERICAN THEOLOGICAL REVIEW for April, maintains its high and scholarly repute article on the Pantheistic Aspect of Modern Phi. losophy. His own peculiar view is introduced as meeting the demands of faith and philosophy alike-" a truly rational Psychology, in which i the only door of escape from Pantheism and a A NEW CHURCH IN NEW YORK .- A new philosophical entrance upon a pure Theism." Evangelical Quarterly Review of January last REV. A. L. BROOKS, late of Indianapolis and in quoting Dr. Stearns' article on the Moral Asformer pastor of the 3d Presbyterian Church, pects of the Present Struggle, from the Ameri-Chicago, has accepted the unanimous call of the | can, says, apologetically, that it merely wishes to Edwards church of Chicago, and entered upon show how the American Secession is viewed and his labors on Sabbath, the 16th ult. The Ed- explained by an intelligent Northern writer wards church is located on the "West Side," in With such caution and reserve do some of the that part of the city least occupied by evangelical | best men in Great Britain talk about our present churches, and is surrounded by a population of condition. The American Theological Review some 20,000 who need the Gospel. There is al- is published by Mr. W. H. Bidwell, 5 Beekman

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for April, opens The prospects for usefulness before this church, with "A Letter to a Young Contributor," full with their new pastor, are very encouraging, and of sound advice to literary aspirants, sparkling a fertile and well-stored mind. Prof. Agassiz's paper on Methods of Study in Natural Science is of great value and interest. .. The soundness of this truly great naturalist's views on such questions as those mooted in Darwin's late work on Species, is worthy of note. We give an extract in another page. We are pleased to find it the purpose of the proprietors to pursue the same path which has been lately followed, through which the Atlantic has attained to such general acceptance. More than 10,000 copies have been added to its circulation since the beginning of the year. Boston: Ticknor & Fields.

We are pained to find that our monthlies cannot dispense with an occasional sneer at evangelical religion. The KNICKERBOCKER for April opens with the continuation of a series of articles bearing the somewhat affected title of "Sunshine in Thought;" their style is strained, and in the present issue, there is a repetition of the attempt distinction between Christianity as at present taught, and the teachings of Christ bimself, to magazine otherwise valuable and attractive to the reader. New York. J. R. Gilmore.

THE CONTINENTAL MONTHLY is earning a high position in our periodical literature. Such papers as the historical resume on the War in Missouri in the April number, that on the Huquenot Families in America. Among the Pines, WASHINGTON A CHRISTIAN.—This is the and others that might be named, are on a par

THE ECLECTIC for April presents a list quite selected, can have their wish gratified at very reasonable rates, besides enjoying sundry extras in the form of valuable portraits, etc., by subscribing for the Eclectic Magazine. W. H. Bidwell, No. 5 Beekman street, New York.

ARTHUR'S HOME MAGAZINE is a Philadelphia "institution" ably edited by T. S. Arthur nian Marriage Customs, Kings and Queens of

THAYER'S HOME MONTHLY having failed to reach us for a couple of months, is again on our

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE for this week contains The author of Memorials of Hedley Vicars has a most choice miscellany, opening with one of

> THE PULPIT AND ROSTRUM, No. 29, for April 15, contains Mr. Bancroft's admirable oration

latter is on Decay of Power in the Pulpit.