## American Prosbyterian

GENESEE EVANGELIST.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 1862,

JOHN W. MEARS,

CORRESPONDENCE IN COLUMBUS.

Columbus, May 27. Bro. Mears: - I stopped here yesterday to look in upon the Old School Assembly, who are very nicely accommodated in the Representatives' Hall, in the State Capitol. They are very comfortably fixed, the Moderator perched in the Speaker's chair, and the members each with his desk and stationery before him, and they have certainly one advantage which would have been most welcome to us in Cincinnati-a room in which speakers can be distinctly heard. Unquestionably to us, who have so long been accustomed to associate the spiritual Assembly with the temple, and the parliament house with Cæsar, there is an out of place look in the whole affair. Still these associations are but the offspring of usage, and not necessarily inveterate. and, on the whole, it was not a bad idea of the Assembly to seize upon the comfort of this arrangement when it was offered.

noon and evening sessions. The time was chiefly spent in finishing up the matter of Dr. Breckinridge's offer of resignation as Professor of Theology in the Danville Seminary, the said resignation being offered in view of the charges of Stuart Robinson and Mr. Hoyt, that by mingling in politics (i. e., making himelf active, with the pen and on the platform, in sustaining the cause of the country against the rebellion) he had rendered himself unacceptable as a teacher of divinity. Of course, the design of the offer of resignation was to test the temper of the Assembly. Several resolutions from the report of a committee to whom the subject had been referred, were voted upon, seriatim. There was but little discussion—that having been spent by the parties the resolutions was one declaring that the discharge of his duty as a citizen and a patriot is not incongruous with the duties of a theological professor: and another—the decisive one—that as Dr. B. had done nothing to forfeit the confidence of the Assembly in his fitness for the professorship, his resignation would not be accepted. The resolutions, one by one, and afterwards the whelming vote, a few scattering nays merely serving to expose the weakness of the opposi-

This, I understand, closed up the list of matters on which a stormy time was expected before the meeting of the Assembly. I believe I told you, in my last, that Dr. Breckinridge's patriotic paper on the State of the country had been previously adopted by a vote of 199 to 22. Yesterday leave was given to members who were absent on the taking of that question, to record their votes. A few ayes were handed in; no efforts. That which was once a question, is now navs. In the closing prayer of last evening's a fact. We are to have a Press of our own, session, offered by Dr. Hodge, devout thanksgiving was offered for the calmness with which all these exciting issues had been met, for the free- Christ through the church of our choice and dom from asperity with which the debates had love. This was a question; it is a question no been conducted, and for the almost entire una- longer; it is a fact, nimity in the result—a thanksgiving in which I trust we all unite with them-

our Assembly, and also that of the United Pres- times, and of the wants of the Church. byterian Church, to open a fraternal correspondence with them. The proposal is that this Assembly and ours should each appoint annually of time. Its friends, who have sustained the en-"Commissioners." -one clerical and one from the eldership—to attend the meeting of the other as representatives; the same also with the other Assembly named.

I know not why the term "Commissioner" is used instead of Delegate, by which these representatives from foreign bodies are usually designated. It would seem to imply an organic meman organic union; and this inference is favored by the unusual provision for a representation of both branches of the ecclesiastical power. Still: I presume nothing of that kind is intended, es-

The vote was taken on the report without debate. The affirmative came out all over the house, more loud and full than you often hear in it had broken loose from the trammels of an unan ecclesiastical meeting. On the other side, not a voice was heard, and the Moderator, with action, should refuse to employ such an agency great emphasis, pronounced the report mani- as the Press. That bugbear has lost its terrors. mously adopted. It was made his duty to trans- We now move forward symmetrically in missions, mit the proposition to the respective Assemblies.

Several brethren from the Cincinnati Assembly. besides your correspondent, were in the Press. May God give us the courage, the faith. house—among them Dr. McLain, J. H. Noble, the zeal, the self-denial needful to carry forward President Cowles, Dr. S. H. Hall, Mr. Stone, labors so glorious for Christ and the world. May Hon. Wm. H. Brown, Hon. G. W. Seward, and the life of the Spirit be in all our works? others. We received many hearty congratulations, and there was warm shaking of hands with such members as we happened to be acquainted with. When it is remembered that this is an Assembly in which such men as George Junkin, Dr. Robert J. Breckinridge and Dr. G. W. Musgrave sit as leading members, we must feel that the sky brightens over the eastern hills, and the morning cometh. We cannot, however, ignore the fact that this is probably one of the fruits of our self-girding policy for the last few years. Under the favor of God we have made ourselves worth seeking. We shall find our truest outward strength, and our highest influence as a church, in going on in the same line of policy unto perfection. At the same time, it undoubt-

Notice.—Philadelphia Fourth Presbytery .—

RARE LONGEVITY.

MR. EDITOR :- I was greatly impressed in reading the following obituary in the last Inde-

Brainerd-On Sunday, the 18th instant, at Haddam, Ct., Mrs. Lucy Brainerd, aged 102 years and 5 months. Born just before the close Editor, of the reign of George II, she was nearly 17 years old when the Declaration of Independence was signed, and her recollections of the events. hardships and sufferings of the great war were clear and extended. For nearly seventy years she had been a member of the Congregation church in Haddam, and during that long period it may be truly said she "walked with God." Except in cases of sickness, her daily practice of reading in her closet a given number of chapters of the Bible was not violated, down to the day of her death; that was sudden and peaceful.

It may be proper to add to the above, a few particulars of one who so outlived her generation. She was married to the writer's uncle in 1790. and left a widow in 1815. The mother of five children, she saw them intelligent; respectable, mostly pious, and all affectionate to

Of her numerous grandchildren, now widely scattered, we know of no one who is not a member of the Christian church, and of high moral

One is Cephas Brainerd, Esq., of New York city, well known as a Christian and a patriot. Another is the wife of a clergyman in our church. You will be more interested to know what they They have all clung to that good old Calvinistic are about. My stay was only through the after- theology, and that form of worship in which for seven generations in this land, fathers and children have served Christ. %

Mrs. Brainerd, or "Aunt Lucy," as we all called her, was of a slender form, light and easy carriage, quick apprehension and sensibility, always warm-hearted and hopeful, "given to hospitality" and greatly attached to her kindred, even-tempered and eminently pious. Even at ninety years of age, her sylph-like form, as it glided about the house, left no impression of age or weakness. If I add to this, that she loved young persons and enjoyed their merriment and set them always an abundant table, all will believe she was a great favorite with all the younger scious of the family. As my father was but four years her senior, she was able to tell me of his and other members before the reference. Among youth, and scenes occurring ninety years ago. At my final interview with her last autumn,

and kinsulan, the Rev. John Brainerd, who has now been dead eighty years work and drawns It is pleasant to say that her long life was spent among those who appreciated and loved her: that the smiles of Providence, were strown brightly on her path, and that a great circle of report as a whole, were adopted by an over- kindred will, long as life lasts, bless her memory. She outlived her generation, but not her amiabi

she gave me her impressions of her cotemporary

THOMAS BRAINERD.

lity nor the affection of her friends. Heaven is

her proper home.

PUBLICATION IN THE ASSEMBLY. THE gentlemen, clerical and lav, who have so nobly and perseveringly stood by our Publication cause through its days of feebleness, may congratulate themselves upon the success of their under the control of our Assembly, to exert its influence for the extension of the kingdom of

Not that our Publication cause is firmly established and well endowed. It is not. Its means. The closing proceedings of yesterday's session are small. Its capital is totally insufficient for were had on the report of a committee (the ve; the work to be done. Its results are, and of nenerable Dr. Tustia chairman,) on proposals to cessity must be, far below the demands of the

But its success is assured. The tokens are certain. The accomplishment is only a question terprise in its infancy, who have without flinching. (even if at times impatient of the delay) awaited the progress of conviction in the denomination, may now congratulate themselves and the Church upon the coming of a brighter day. In the late General Assembly, at Cincinnati,

the "Publication cause" was a prominent subject. Indeed, it had more time allowed for its bership, with the right of voting, which is really discussion than any one of the many interesting and important topics before the Assembly, In place of the blank silence, and the indifferent unanimity which "resolved" with no idea of responsibility, the Publication cause was discussed pecially as it would contravene our constitution, as a serious reality. It was recognized as one of and that the distinction is rather complimentary the great works of the church. How it could -a sort of brevet, in view of the superior regard | be most wisely used; what should be the range which bodies of the Presbyterian family should of its publications; on what business basis it entertain for each other. The Congregational should operate; were felt to be real questions. Associations have no ability to respond in terms Whilst just enough unbelief, or prejudice, with to the title of Commissioner, and they have no regard to the whole scheme, was uttered to give element to exchange for the visit of a ruling life to the discussion. We hall with satisfaction these evidences of an advancing public sentiment. It would be strange indeed if a body so intelligent and so well informed as ours, when once reasonable dread of anything like denominational in training men for the ministry, in aiding feebles communities to build churches, in the use of the

> In the discussion of the Report on Publication, a query was started as to the range of the Committee's issues. It was thought by some that the General Assembly of 1857 had erred in enlarging the basis of its publications. It was in that year resolved "That the Publication Committee be encouraged to publish not only such works as may present the peculiarities of our branch of the Christian Church in doctrine and practice, but, from time to time, such works of an evangelical character as may be profitable to the Church at large."

The question was asked. "Will not the churches more fully sustain the Committee in publishing only the distinctive doctrines, the peedly shows that our O. S. brethren have shared culiarities of our branch of the church, than in with ourselves in the real baptism of love of the circulating a literature evangelical and catholic. THIRD, as well as denominational?" We have no hesitation in saying that they will not. It is only since the basis of the Committee was enlarged, Statistical reports from the African 2d, Alexan- that it has done anything at all. A publication dria 1st, Philadelphia N. L. Central, Cedarville, of mere "peculiarities" will not, cannot, com-Southwark 1st, Allentown 1st, and Beverly, have not been forwarded to Stated Clerk of byterianism is blue, they do not want indigo by Presbytery. They must be forwarded at once, or they cannot be inserted in Minutes of Assembly the bucketful, but a broad current of truth, embly. T. J. Shepherd, Stated Clerk, bracing and tinted by those doctrines which we led June, 1862. believe the Scriptures to teach. We must have sions be instructed to confer with the American ed, he did not know but an elopement might

not one. That it was anti-catholic and anti-cha-treasury. Adonted. ritable, to publish and propagate our own views.

and books.

RIAN CHURCH.

NINTH AND LAST DAY SATURDAY, May 24.

touben Morning session of the hark then listened to a short but interesting address both at home and abroad, we couse the to the by Rev. Dr. Campbell, Secretary of the Americal can and Foreign Christian Union

in Sweden, eleven in Italy—an American chapel taken in each congregation for the same, as eain Paris, and one in Florence, besides aiding sential to the vigorous and just working over the our brethren in France in sustaining one hun- entire field. lred and seventy laborers in preaching the Gos-

There are about ninety millions of Protestints in the world. The Committee on Bills and Overtures recom-

First: That the Standing Committee on Church Extension be directed to consider the tion or otherwise. Adopted.

Second: That the only proper method of dissolving the relation between a Presbytery and the further jurisdiction of the Presbytery; and ing of the plan in all its practical workings. the latter to make such a record of its withdrawal as the character of the withdrawing Church the following the state of the torne equires. Adopted ashion all gu societ

will of the Rev. Wm. Hanford, in accordance duties of his office. Adopted. with the request of the executors of the said will.

o i traft from I will be in refrende now Fourth: That the testimony of all witnesses in all cases of judicial process by Church sessions should be engrossed on the book of per- lution was passed requiring the different Perma process of discipline of the book of permanent records. The end to be secured by such record is indicated in our book of Discipline chapter iv., section 23, where it is required that everything having an influence on the judgment. of the Court must be exhibited on the record. Files are liable to be separated from the book of Missions, reported that they had carefully exampermanent-records, and nothing but what is ex- ined the same, and found it, in every particular, hibited on the record may be taken into consideration in reviewing the proceedings in a Superior Court. Adopted, after considerable discussion.

Fifth: That a record once approved by ligher Court cannot be altered or amended by lower one. If there be an error in the record the remedy is to be sought by an application to the highest judiciary that has indorsed such mis

Sixth : That chapter xiv. section 4 and 5 be so interpreted as to authorize Presbyteries eithor to require of candidates for license, a "Latin Exe gesis on some common head in Divinity," or to test his knowledge of the Latin language, by requiring him to read and explain a paper of passages from some Latin author. For this purpose, Presbyteries shall be required to employ, when practicable the institutes, or other writings of John Calvin. Not acted upon.

James B. Shaw, D. D., submitted the followt horeway over the great call till a SSP "Resolved." That the Assembly has heard with interest the statements which have been made by Rev. Dr. Cowles, President of the Elmira Female College, concerning the founding, character, success and prospects of that institution, which is now intimately related to our Church,

The Assembly with pleasure recognizes the liberality of Simeon Benjamin, Esq., an elder A. Brown, M. W. Baldwin, Thomas Brainerd, S. of the First Presbyterian Church in Elmira, who H. Perkins, E. E. Adams at 10 8100 914 20 has generously donated the sum of \$25,000 for the endowment of the college, and with a full conviction of the great value of such superior S. Robinson and Elders John H. Sprague and Christian institusions for the education of the Hon. Ed. A. Lambert, daughters of the Church, and as a means of invaluable influence upon these young women who union of the two bodies (New and Old.) as it have had no religious training at home, they was understood that a delegate from the Assemcordially commend this college to the prayers bly at Columbus was in the house. Antion 2001 and beneficence of all friends of a thorough

Christian education to several faller of ve Dr. Shaw said that the resolution deserved the favorable consideration of the Assembly, parti- Alta Californa, and the only commissioner from cularly since the generous donor, Simeon Benja-that State, said that he had been sent one thoumin, has not only given his money to this insti- sand and two hundred miles for this sole pur tution, but has subscribed \$10,000 to the Au- pose of effecting, if possible, a union with the disburn Thelogical Seminary, and also \$10,000 to severed schools

Hamilton College.

The resolution was unanimously adopted. Mr. W. A. Booth presented the following:

Hesolved, That the Committee of Home Mis-

an agency not only for distinctive truth, but for | Home Missionary Society, to arrange with them take place. This pleasantry had the happyercatholic truth The two must go hand in hand, to secure for Presbyterian Churches the use of fect of puting the Assembly in an excellent hudissevered by no unscriptural surgery. Our legacies and other funds from Presbyterian sour- mor, and other speakers followed, all expressing heresy has been in the idea that they two were ces, that from time to time shall come into their no unwillingness touching the "reunion," but

We must do our share in giving the world gospel Assembly to an error which had been entered upanimously adopted. It should be observed light; in its evangelical spirit and truth, whilst into the report of the Committee on Foreign here that no communication had been received ve also instruct our people, remove objections Missions, and which had been reiterated by from the Assembly at Columbus, nor none anand correct mistakes, by more distinctive tracts speakers upon the floor. It was this that 840 nounced ... Thus the matter of the reunion of the churches of this Assembly, or more, had contri- new and old bodies remains for another year. The desire for more light on the part of some, buted nothing toward Foreign Missions for the The business of the Assembly having been all as to this and other points, led to the appoint last year. The error had arisen from the fact disposed of, and the hour for the final adjournment of a committee of seven to examine the that gentlemen had referred to the minutes of ment drawing near, the Assembly passed a vote matter, and report to the next Assembly. This the Assembly, and supposed, because they were, of thanks to the railroad companies who brought will bring the Publication cause again promi- not reported upon the minutes as giving, they them here; to the kind citizens of Cincinnati, nently before the body, and make it a special gave, nothing, The speaker inquired if the who have so hospitably entertained them; to the topic for consideration at the next, Assembly, church of Rev. Dr. Beman, in Troy, gave no Trustees and congregation of the Second Presmeeting in Philadelphia. In the meanwhile the thing toward Foreign Missions, nor any of the byterian Church, whose edifice they have used; cause is made, with Home and Foreign missions, Presbytery of Troy & Rev. Dr. Hatfield, the to Mrs. Dr. Taylor, for her magnificent contriand Education, one of the four "leading objects" Stated, Clerk, replied that there was no report butions of flowers, and to the different officers to be brought before our shurches each year last year from that Presbytery. This was just and committees of the Assembly We trust that it will have its place, and the com- the point to which he wished to direct the attenmittee find substantial tokens of the interest so tion of the Assembly. There were 350 churches the Assembly, informed Dr. Thompson of the widely expressed in its advancement and use-not reported, and beside these the Presbytery of action taken. Dr. Thompson responded in a fulness.

Our heading of "Publication in the Assembly." Wabash and Schuyler also, and that of the Dis-Closed with prayer, and adjourned. would not be fulfilled in detail, should we omit trict of Columbia, consisting of ten churches, in allusion to the sermon on this subject by the some of which certainly gave to Foreign Mis-

Rev. Charles Hawley. D.D., of Auburn. It was sions, but were nevertheless under this ban of the an admirable performance, and should be printed 850. The speaker hoped that this error would for the benefit of those who could not hear it be corrected extensively. The Moderator coin-We trust that our Publication Committee will cided with the Speaker, and stated that it was an important correction. The Special Committee to whom was referred

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTE. the report of the Standing Committee on Education, submitted the following resolutions: Resolved, That as the Ministry is appointed

by Christ the chief instrumentality in advancing las, Sam. McAfee. and perpetuating the interests of His Kingdom on earth, the General Assembly do recognize the The Assembly met at 81 o'clock, Rev. Dr. solemn responsibility of the Church, to seek by Duffield, Moderator, presiding. An hour was prayer and enlarged liberally, such an increase spent in devotional excercises. The Minutes and continued succession of able and faithful having been read all approved, the Committee ministers as shall keep pace with the growth of on Leave of Absence reported the names of our country, the advance of National prosperity, those to whom leave had been granted the day, the progress of popular education and especially pefore some sixteen in all. The Assembly the rapidly widening fields of Missionary labor

2d. That it should be the purpose of the Church to render the education fund adequate At the present time the Society has twenty- to the wants of the cause; and that the Assemone missionaries in the United States. They bly regard the faithful observance of article 5th. have four missionaries in South America, one of the plan which recommends a collection to be

> 3d. That to secure impartial and united action throughout the church, it is necessary that all contributions should be disbursed from the general treasury, under the Assembly's rules, and where, in any case, additional provision may be from political considerations, absent themselves diminish the General Fund.

4th. That as the whole responsibility of selecpropriety of the Assembly adopting some per- ting and recommending candidates for pecuniary lity nor from any just cause whatever. That abmanent system by which vacant churches and aid devolves upon the Presbyteries they be enanemployed ministers may be brought to the joined to a strict observance of the first of the knowledge of each other, and report by resolu- Assembly's rules prescribing the qualifications of such candidates. The cold in the formula to a

5th. That the Assembly commends the Educa tional Manual, published under the direction of a church, desiring to become an independent the Permanent Committee, as containing the rebody, is for such church to withdraw, declining quisite information to an intelligent understand. The report was unanimously adopted Also.

Resolved. That the thanks of the Assembly be Third: That the stated clerk be, and he tendered J. W. Benedict, Esq. Treasurer of the ercby is authorized to join in execution of the Church Erection Fund, and of the Permanent deed, or make a separate one, if more desirable. Committee on Education, for the gratuitous and for the real estate specifically set forth in the faithful manner in which he has discharged the

> Adjourned more suppressed with the there is AFTERNOON SESSION.

nent Committees to furnish abstracts of their reports to members of the Assembly. The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions to whom was referred for examination the Report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign

a correct one, and they recommended its adopion.

A. motion to adopt being made, Dr. Duffield called a substitute to the Chair, and moved to tery of sitting together in the house of God, strike out the last part of the report, where it red and around the communion board, and comme commends that no further action be taken rela- morating the death of our blessed Saviour; and

and South America or broads soir two bear ed was then unanimously adopted.

The eight annual report of the Trustees of the Presbyterian House was read and adopted.

whom was referred the subject of bringing, the as he manifestly was to leave us, the ruined con-Whildin and Hon. Edward A. Lambert

were elected a sow will appropriately eds data Trustees of Church Erection Fund Samuel T. Spear, Edwin F. Hatfield and S. H. Thayer. knows what is to be the end of these things. The

Auditing Committee on the Report of Church by being committed to the care of the Synod of Education Fund—F. How, J. H. Sprague and J. J. Joy a suit grant of failing to the span of the Presbyterian House John

> Committee on Church Erection (?)-Rev. J. B. Shaw. D. D.: Jonathan E. Stearns, D. D.; Chas.

These resolutions were published in our issue of last week! was much like the means a wall Rev. Laurentine Hamilton, from the Synod of

In California; he stated the two schools were desperately enamored of each other, and he came like a dutiful child to ask the consent of the

adhering to the decision expressed in the resolu-Rev. H. S. Osborn, called the attention of the tions referred to: Upon motion, then they were

The Moderator then arose, and on behalf of

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN MISSOURI.

THE Presbytery of Northern Missouri met at La Grange on Friday, May 2d. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. L. Jones, Ministers present at the Presbytery, Rev. W. W. Whipple, Rev. Jas. A. Darrah, Rev. T. H. Tatlow; Rev. J. L. Jones and Rev. James J. Wilson. Elders present H. J. Mann, A. J. Dal.

as, Sam. McAree. On Saturday evening Rev. T., H. Tatlow reached on the "Bible method of Revolution." from Rom. 13: 1-6; proving clearly that the present rebellion in our land is monstrously wicked; and directly contrary to the plain teaching of the word of Godress of discounting

Rev. T. H. Tatlow and Elder J. C. Agnew were elected commissioners to the next General Assembly, and Rev. J. A. Darrah and Elder J. C. McAfee alternates.

The Presbytery adopted the report of the committee on Home Missions, recommending that an earnest appeal to the churches in behalf of Missouri and of the few remaining churches of our denomination here, be made through the press, setting forth the imperative necessity of improv-ing the present critical and eventful season to, establish throughout the State congregations of Presbyterians and an able and efficient ministry.

of our denomination or destroy and leaves The committee on "Bills and Overtures" reported in relation to the case of persons who, lows: Those who do at the present time thus absent themselves, do so neither from any disabisentees may be divided into two classes.

1. Those who absent themselves because they are actively engaged in rebellion against the civil; authorities under which we live, viz. the Government of the United States.

2. Those who so deeply sympathize with the rebellion that they become dissatisfied with our public services, wherein we pray for our rulers and set forth those Scriptures which enjoin obedience to the same of the calling isomer and

The committee, therefore, respectfully recommend that as the first class are acting directly contrary to the Scriptures, Rom. 13: 1-5, 1 Pet 2:13:14 and to the Confession of Faith, chap. ex. sec. iv., they be regularly disciplined and excommunicated from the church; and as the second class are acting contrary to the Scriptures, 1 Tim. 2: 1, 2, 1 Pet. 2: 17, Rom. 13:6, 7, Tit. 3: 1, Heb. 10: 25; and to the Confession of Met at 3 o'clock and opened with prayer. The Faith, chap. axiii, sec. iv, they be consured or minutes having been read and approved, a reso- suspended, as the session shall decide, by due This report was adopted by the Presbytery.

ADDITIONAL FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

LA GRANGE, Mo., May 7th, 1862. Editor of the American Presbytenian :- DEAR Sin :-Northern Missouri Presbytery closed its semi-annual meeting, at this place, on last Sabbath evening: It was a goodly season to the members of the church, to the loyal ones at least. We had the blessed privilege of once more meeting with the ministers and elders of our Presbytive to the Missionary Cause in Mexico, Central our hearts were, rejoiced while we held sweet communion together. But our pleasure was not This motion prevailed. The report as amend- without a mixture of sorrow, and I may say grief. Our beloved pastor, Rev. W. Whipple asked and obtained from Presbytery a release from the pastoral relation with the La Grange church. As The special committee on Sabbath Schools, to reluctant as the church was to give him up, and schools in more immediate connection with the dition of our country in consequence of the re-Assembly, and of reporting a plan to produce achellion, rendered us utterly unable to sustain curate statistics from them, submitted a resolution, and compelled us to yield to inexorable netion to refer the matter to a special committee of cessity; and consent to give him up. And for five. This resolution was adopted, and the fol the same reasons and under similar circumstances. lowing named gentlemen were appointed : Rev. did the Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relation Joel Parker, D.D.; Rev. James W. McLane, D., between the Rev. J. L. Jones and the New Pro-D. Bey. Thomas Brainerd, D.D., Alexander, vidence church. Thus has this Pesbytery lost two out of the five officiating ministers within its The following committees for the coming year; bounds. They have gone to Illinois—the latter, to Rushville, the former to Greggville. Our

> evel edi-inglad A. Church Member HOME MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS. On applications made from the churches they

erve, the following ministers were commissioned

churches are in a sad case. The Lord only

future of our church in this State is very dark.

by the Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions. at their last meeting rom way it Rev. Hollis Reed, Cranesville, New Jersey. "John B. Logan, Kirklin, Indiana.

" Cyrus Hudson; Ellsworth, New York." "E. P. Adams, Rockville, Ohio."
R. R. Salter, LaSalle, Michigan

Joel Campbell, Lafayette, New Jersey.
"J. H. Dillingham, Manitowoc, Wis. ".. A. L. Brooks, Chicago, Illinois. William Fuller, Sturgis, Michigan. ". W. V. Couch, Ellicottville, New York. N. Leighton, Newfoundland, New Jersey.

" Ransom Hawley, Putnamville, Indiana." J. I. Ostrom, New Windsor, New York. James Brownlee, Auburn, Kansas. " C. F. Beach, Hyde Park, Illinois.

George D. Young, Camanche, Iowa.

Samuel Fleming, Morenoi, Michigan;

W. H. Babbitt, Hoboken, New Jersey. James C. Eghert, West Hoboken, N. J.

"Alex. Porter Girard, Pennsylvania comb

"Joseph Vance, Belle Valley, Penna

AN APPEAL FOR SUNDAY SOHOOL BOOKS. CEDAR SPRINGS, MICHIGAN. May 13, 1862.

We live in a region which has been settled would be constrained to admit, that our application for a Library, was backed by strong consideration, why it should be granted.

Leaving and are THE AMERICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION, Philadelphia, May 24, 1862. Mr. Editor. Appeals for aid similar to the a bove reach us almost every day. Our means of giving are now exhausted. We feel that these calls ought to be responded to. Will not the Christian people of Philadelphia, come forward and help us to supply them? Tanabana saa

Very Respectfully yours, A. Code velecus ( .M. A. Wurts. d) arenno eld hill on Secretary of Missions.

VALUABLE PRIZES

Are constantly reported as captured, at variou points by the blockading squadron. We read of the steamships Bermuda, Circassia; (1000 horse power, 800 tons burthen, entirely new. captured while trying to run into Charleston, May 25th, with a cargo of brandy, wines, saltpetre, &c., worth \$500,000,) the Swan, (captured the same day, while running out with 1000 bales of cotton and 800 barrels of rosin,) the Cambria, captured while trying to rune into Charleston harbor, on the 27th, loaded with heavy cloth, saltpetre, rifles and an assorted cargo;) the Patras, (captured off Charleston harbor, May 26th.) with a cargo of powder, rifles and quinine, worth Bat, as they were to 500,008

## "MUSIC RECEIVED."

FROM O. Ditson, Boston, we have received a number of new Songs and Instrumental Pieces. Co. 'The Negro Boatman's Song" is Whittier's famous African lyric of Freedom. "O Praise and series of stories (which, by the rapidity of their Tanks, set to a very appropriate melody as a appearance, remind us by no means of the censong and chorus. Other pieces are Polish song, tury-plant, whose name is found in the nom de O Leave me not"; "There's Music in thy plume of the author) have just been published by Heart, Lassie ?; "Ah, they Meant but to De R. Carter & Bros., They are THE LOST JEWEL, ceive me "! "Farewell"; Canticles the CVIII MY NEIGHBOR'S SHOES, THE BLACK CLIFF, Psalm: Chant du Berger; Cujus Animan; Bat- The GOLDEN CHAIN. The last two are also tle of Winchester; Neversink Mountain Polka: published in one volume, constituting a series on

## Our Church News!

IOWA FALLS. Dear Presbuterian: Mercy rops demand grateful acknowledgment, as really as the showers of blessing. And such mercy drops have fallen upon us here in these far-off restern wilds, and in connection with our April, quarterly communion season; which ded to the beautifully written ballad of London life among nightly, and part of the time daily continuance, the pious poor, 78,000 copies of which have of prayer-meetings, and to the hopeful convers been sold in London. Messrs. Carters have pubsion of from eight to ten souls! Also the ment lished it, in connection with other stories in bers of our little church and of the other churches verse, for the young, illustrated in beautiful in our village, were very much quickened and en. style. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Book Store. couraged , and still more, some of those who had. ong been engaged in an effort to crush out our little church, were constrained to come and meet the auspices of the Continental Club." It is and worship with us, and to labor with us to ad- about equal to the specimens of machine "Se vance the cause of our common Saviour. This sesh" poetry that find their way North by vais the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our rious channels. eyes. Control W. Jones. Iowa Falls, Iowa, April 18, 1862.

An Interesting Anniversary.—The Sabbath school connected with the Buttonwood St. Church, Rev. Thomas J. Shepherd, pastor, located in Buttonwood street below Sixth. celebrated their forty-seventh anniversary on a recent Sabbath. It was a very interesting occasion. They were addressed by Rev. Mr. Swift, a Sab-Rev. Daniel March, of this city. The Sabbath school proper, under the care of A. M. Warth nan and H. B. Lincoln, numbers 220 scholars and 35 teachers. The infant school, under the eare of the Misses, Patterson, numbers 161 scholars. The contributions from the school to various objects in the past year have been \$328. The mission school, located in Duncan street, under the care of Mr. Henry Shepherd, is one of great interest. The male teachers are mostly from a Young Men's Bible class connected with the parent school. The singing was good. One of the interesting features on this occasion was the presentation of Bibles to the scholars. who had committed to memory the Shorter Catechism, and the presentation of a copy of Dr. Scott's Commentary on the Scriptures, to the Superintendent.) add arval fiska

## New Lublications.

LECTURES ON THE HISTORY OF THE EAST-

ERN CHURCH, by Arthur P. Stanley, the biographer of Arnold and author of "Sinai and Palestine," is a valuable and in many respects needed contribution to Ecclesiastical History. The tyle is clear, the views taken independent, and he era treated of embraces some of the leading characters and incidents of ecclesiastical and secular history. Constantine, Athanasius and Peter the Great, with the stirring events of their lives, pass before us in a deeply instructive and interesting form. The introduction embraces three lectures on the province, the study and the advantages of ecclesiastical history. A chronological table, index and map of the Eastern churches render the work complete. It must take its place as standard in its department. It is, in- Mr. Peterson's character, with which our readers leed, gratifying to English-speaking theologians to see works multiplying in our own clear mother tongue of a character like this, fit to take the place of translations of heavy and involved treatises, the work of continental recluses and think-ers, in whom the speculative element is excess year. ers, in whom the speculative element is excessively developed. Something more in this direction is yet to be done, however, before the Anglo-Saxon mind can cast loose from tutelage us as the best number yet issued of this valuable to the great learning of Neander, Gieseler, Kurtz, periodical.

cc. but the era is approaching in church his dory, as it is in exegesis. Chas. Scribner, of New York, has issued the work in admirable style, as to paper, typography, &c. 8vo., pp. 551 THE CLOSER WALK; OB, THE BELIEVER'S of country, requiring great labor to subdue its SANCTIFICATION, is the title of a 16mo. volume sturdy forests and raise the crops necessary to of 226 pages, by Rev. Henry Darling, D.D. It ustain us ... Many of usatill live under that ched handles its important theme in the most simple roofs, the rudest of all structures. But we and unpretending manner. There are no starthave over twenty children in our School District. ling novelties in the treatment, but rerspienwe have a large comfortable School House, and ously, affectionately and scripturally the doctrine we have a community resolved to have a good is elucidated, and the duty of growth in grace ommon School and on last Sabbath we started enforced and facilitated by appropriate argu-Sabbath School; Now, to get a Library is a ments and counsels. Nor does the book lack the eatimatter. le How shall we do it? I ventured charm of originality. Numerous and apt illusencourage them to expect that The American trations gem its pages, and a chief attraction is Sunday School Union, would send us a \$10 Li- the unction of a devout spirit which appears in rary. I am sure if those who have the disposal every page, and which will make every Chrisof the question, could but look in upon us, and tian prize the volume, and render it profitable to ee us as we are, struggling with the difficulties the reader. We commend it to all who feel any of a new and heavily timbered country, they hungering or thirsting after righteousness, as sound, instructive and delightful companion in

the spiritual life. Philadelphia: J B. Lippin

cott & Co., and the Presbyterian Publication

Committee.

Peter Bayne, already well and favorably known as an essayist in the apologetic department of theology, has struck a new vein in his recent little work. THE TESTIMONY OF CHRIST TO CHRISTIANITY. This puts the subject of the evidences in a novel aspect. It is like the unexpected stroke of a shrewd lawyer in bringing a party to the witness-box to testify on his own cause. A large part of the work is employed upon the question of miracles, and Hume's dilemma is accepted and made the basis of the author's argument, to wit: "If the falsehood of the testimony would be more miraculous than the event related, then, and not till then, can the witness pretend to claim my belief." The falsehood of the testimony would be more miraculous than the event says Mr. Bayne. The character of Christ, his sufferings and death, are also presented as parts of the argument, which is close, condensed and vigorous, and the work must be accepted as one of real value. Boston: Gould & Lincoln. Philadelphia: Smith, English & Co. : I6mo., pp. 200.

CHRIST'S WORK OF REFORM is a sound and scriptural statement of the true basis and method of reform by the Gospel. Its style, however, will scarcely commend it to the general reader, being very dry. Had it been written by a minis ter, it would undoubtedly have been set down as a volume of sermons hidden under a general title. It is by a layman. Boston: Crocker & Brewster. Philadelphia: Smith, English &

A. L. O. E. STORIES. Four more of these the parables. The plots are ingenious and the lessons inculcated most practical and important: but we doubt whether the crowding of such highwrought fancies as some of them contain upon the young especially through the Sabbath School library, can have a healthful tendency. 16mo. handsomely printed and illustrated. For sale at the Presbyterian House.

MOTHER'S LAST WORDS is a touching and A great waste of good printing materials is "LYRICS FOR FREEDOM;" just published, "under

OUR RAG, is a poem, by T. H. Underwood in three cantos, deserving of note for its intensity of feeling and expression and for no small degree of success in versification. It is a fearful and moving, but not a coarse, story of oppression, lust, cruelty and revenge in the life of a slave. wound up with the tragic end of death at the stake, inflicted by a mob. The flag of the Union is interwoven curiously, and not very creditably. bath school missionary from the West, and the with the story. New York: Carleton, publisher. Philadelphia : J. B. Lippincott & Co.

> REVIEWS, MAGAZINES, PAMPHLETS It is refreshing to meet with a British Review which is not disfigured with prejudiced and even hostile views of our own, country, and animated by the very spirit of the rebellion. Such is the LONDON QUARTERLY for April, the reprint of which, by La Scott & Co., has just reached us through W.B. Zieber, of this city. The list embraces articles of great value and interest, such as Hymnology; State and Prospects of Turkey; Training of the Clergy; Life of Turner; The Eastern Archipelago; Stanhope's Life of Pitt; The Merrimac and the Monitor.

> THE WESTMINSTER, for April, is without its usual Anti-Christian "leader," though the old virulent tone is heard plainly enough in its book

> BLACKWOOD has a straightforward Secession article, based upon Spence's "American Union." THE NATIONAL PREACHER, for May, has a sermon on Elijah, by Rev. F. W. Flint, and on Comfort to the Sorrowing, by Rev. James G. Craighead. The Prayer-meeting department is full and varied. W. H. Bidwell. No. 5 Beek-

THE NEW YORK TEACHER, for May and June, 1862, is issued as a double number.

man street, N. Y. Price, \$1 per annum.

IN MEMORIAM, a sermon preached in the Green Hill Church, occasioned by the death of Lawrence Peterson, by Rev. Frank L. Robbins. Pastor of the church. This is a truly beautiful and chaste tribute to the memory of an honored friend and parishioner, and a good man. The appendix contains the articles from the Evming Bulletin and from our own columns, upon

are familiar. T. B. Peterson & Brothers. THE REPORT OF THE SANITARY COMMISSION presents facts of immense value on the condition