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Meligious Antelligence.

Presbyterian.

Synodical Meetiugs.—This is the period of the year when the Synods of the different Presbyterian tized in that faith. He replied, 'Baptize me in Churches are accustomed to hold their annual sessions. Some of these have already convened, and others will do so during this month.

Rahway, N.J. According to the Standard, "there are in the bounds of this Synod 197 churches, 222 the beautiful sign, and give the warrior forgiveness, Ministers, and 24,212 communicants.'

The meeting was largely attended, and quite harmonious. Resolutions were adopted on the state of as I ever saw, and his last audible words were a praythe country, declaring that the rebellion was a griever for the forgiveness of his sins. I did baptize him ous sin against God; that in the present conflict of into the faith of God and his Son Jesus Christ, and our Government with this rebellion there can be but into the holy church I received the dying confessor. two parties—the friends and the enemies of the Go- Back again, at last, and in that holy church whose vernment; and therefore all who in any way sympathise with or uphold the rebellion are involved in their hoary heads upon, humble as a child, he found the guilt of its great sin; and that the war was to be regarded in its continuance and calamitous proportions as a token of God's displeasure, as well as a rebuke to our nation's want of repentance for its corruption, pride, self-confidence, Sabbath desecration, forgetfulness of God, and oppression, especially of the colored race.

Synod directed that a memorial be sent to the President of the United States, requesting the appointment of the 3rd Thursday of December as a day of humiliation and prayer.

Mr. Rankin, from the Foreign Missionary Board, was present and stated that a debt of \$20,000 is imminent, owing to the increase of foreign exchange. The Synod of Philadelphia, of the same Church, met in Jersey Shore, Oct. 23rd.

It passed a resolution approving of Dr. Breckinridge's paper, presented in the last Assembly; and another stating that it is the solemn duty of Minisfers to pray at least once on the Sabbath in the public services of the Sanctuary, for the President of the United States, for the National Congress, for the Governors and Legislatures of the States, and for all invested with civil and military authority. that God will endue them plenteously with wisdom and grace to meet their responsibilities in promoting the interests of our beloved land.

In the narrative on the "State of Religion." among the causes of a low state of religion are mentioned the injurious effects of war, and the progress of intemperance.

The Synod of Ohio. in connection with the U. P. Church, met in Steubenville, Ohio, Oct. 7th. This is a new Synod formed out of four Presby-

teries of the 1st Synod of the West. About fifty delegates were in attendance. Reports of Presbyteries were read, and communications received from and wounded in hospitals, and in presenting their the respective Secretaries of the Boards of Home and of Foreign Missions. The report of the former was considered of an encouraging character. The Secretary of the latter Board says that "In carrying on the Foreign Missionary work of our church, this Board has in present actual service twenty-six laborers, besides a large number of native teachers, colporteurs and other assistants. The General Assembly at its last meeting appropriated \$24,200 to carry on this work; and in almost all respects, in almost all our missions, God has signally smiled on ness of its commencement and progress. It had our work."

Resolutions of a very decided character on the War. etc., were adopted. These specially recommended the duty of sustaining the late proclamation of the President.

Methodist.

Return of Bishop Simpson.—Bishop Simpson arrived at Chicago, Wednesday evening, October 15th. The Bishop returns in good health. He as we entered the place of prayer, it was manifest stopped on the route at Placerville, Carson City, that we were in the presence of earnest men. Central City, Golden City, and Seneca, at all of which places he preached. He rested also at Salt opening with singing, and reading of the Scriptures, Lake City and Denver, Colorado, where he did not and prayer. Then opportunity was offered for per-

Stevens writes to the Pittsburg Advocate an affect- of the good work of grace which the Lord had begun ing account of his escape from Charleston, Va., af- in their hearts, and some asking for the prayers of ter its capture by the rebels. He came through the | Christians, and some expressing the joy which they mountains with the army, not deeming it prudent to experienced in the confidence of their hearts that

"I left everything behind that I had except my life, my family, the clothes I had upon my back, and a small bible, hymn-book, and discipline. I took the sacramental pitcher and cups belonging to the church, and wrapped them together with a small American flag, and with no witness but the stars in the heavens, amid many tears, buried them in the earth. I then adjusted my books, and set the house in order as well as I could, and knelt down where I had often prayed, and committed all to the keeping of the good Lord. I did not, however, pray in much faith, for I was sure the rebels would confiscate and destroy it all. As I passed the church where I had tried to preach for eighteen months. I sat down upon its steps and wept. I never before knew what it was to feel perfectly cheerless, friendless, and hopeless; and yet I lost no confidence in God, nor in the justice and final success of

Southern M. E. Church Property. - Rev. J. B. Logan asks, in the Central Advocate, the question, What shall become of the Church property now held by the Methodist Episcopal Church South in case that Church is found disloyal to the Government of the United States, and her constitutional life forfeited, her property confiscated, etc? According to the act of Congress confiscating the property of rebels, the aforesaid property would, as other rebel property, be appropriated to the use of the ment will consider it equitable to appropriate to its 30,000 communicants. The two Synods are repreown use, regardless of the claims of the M. E. sented in a General Synod, which meets once in Church, property which was obtained in the manner in which this was. He suggests the following as the proper solution of the question :- In case The Heidelberg Catechism.—The Heidelberg the property of the rebel Church should be confis- Catechism, the doctrinal symbol of the German Recated, there will be found among its members hundieds that are truly Christians and loyal to the Go- direction of Frederick III., the Elector or Prince of dieds that are truly Unristians and 10yat to the Palatinate in Germany, by Ursinus and Olevia; of Boston, was captured and released upon her cap-vernment of the United States; salt enough to save the Palatinate in Germany, by Ursinus and Olevia; of Boston, was captured and released upon her cap-vernment of the United States; salt enough to save

American Presbyterian the property. And to those slavery is not an institution, that is to them above all things most sacred; but as to all Christians, it is an unholy thing to them, that which cannot be in keeping with the Gospel of Christ, therefore there is nothing to prevent a re-union in the Methodist Episcopal Church of all the loyal members who have not forfeited life and property. And in case there should be a confiscation of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. all her loyal members and property would vibrate to the Methodist Episcopal Church."-Methodist.

Re-Baptism Condemned.—The following preamble and resolutions were adopted at the late ses sion of the Rock River Conference:

"WHEREAS, In certain parts of our work, per sons who have expressed a dissatisfaction with their infant baptism, have been re-baptised by local preachers; and, whereas, this practice has been reommended by members of this conference, there-

Resolved, By the Rock River Conference in conference assembled, that we, as a Church, believe in the validity of infant baptism, and that re-baptising is not only inconsistent with our faith and practice, but contrary to the Word of God.

Episcopal.

A Strange Explanation of General Nelson's Baptism.—Rev. Mr. Talbot, the 'old friend' of Gen. Nelson, and whom, it will be recollected, he haptized within fifteen minutes of his wanton, violent curses, alluded thus confidently to the effect of the ceremony in his funeral address:

"When I was called to attend him, at his request found him rapidly passing away. I at once spoke to him, and found him conscious that he was dying, and I found that the instruction must be brief. I asked him of his belief in Christ our Savior. I exhorted him to forgive every human being against whom he had malice, and he did. I repeated the Apostle's Creed, and asked him if he would be bapthat faith, quick ! now ! for I am going !' He turned his face full upon me. I 'sprinkled the drops of the bright new birth upon the brow where clustering The Synod of New Jersey (O. S.) met recently in human honors gathered, and breathed a fervent prayer to God that his Spirit would seal to his soul rest. Conscious to the last, his repentance was as deep and fervent, his contrition as overwhelming, breast is broad enough for eighteen centuries to lay a place to die !"

> Episcopal Clergy in New Orleans.—The fol lowing is a list of Episcopal clergymen now stationed here: Rev. Dr. Leacok of Christ parish; Rev. Dr. Goodrich of St. Paul's parish; both Englishmen, and of course, in consequence of early prejudices, desiring the dissolution of the Union; Rev. Mr. Hedges, who has a son an officer in the celebrated Washington Artillery; Mr. McCoy, a native of New York; and Mr. Jessup of Jefferson City, also a native of New York. Till within a few days we had Rev. Dr. Hawley here, but being suspected of being has gone North. During the reign of secession the whole service was said, and of course the President of the rebel states was prayed for instead of him of the United States. But after Gen. Butler came here "to restore order out of chaos," evidently by a tacit agreement the service has been mutilated by omitting all before the Litany, by which means the prayer for the President is evaded. Yet these men have taken upon themselves vows, at the time of their ordination, to do their Master's work according to the canons of the Church, for which they claim apostolic succession. - Delta.

Agent for the Army and Hospitals.-The American Tract Society has expended \$40,000 in furnishing the army and navy with its publications. To systematize and facilitate their distribution, which has hitherto been done mostly by chaplains, the Rev. Andrew Culver, of Philadelphia, has been commissioned, and is devoting himself to the work in connection with ministering to the comfort of the sick wants to the public. His present address is Washington, D. C.

Religious Interest in an Hospital.—A speak er in the Fulton street meeting, in a recent address said. there was considerable religious interest in the hospital on David's Island, in the neighborhood of New York city. He gives the following account:

"There had been a rising religious interest among these men for some time past. He had been a witbeen remarkable for one thing, as a feature of it, It had been most manifestly a moving of the Holy Spirit upon the minds of these men, and no human influence. "You know," continued the speaker, there are from two thousand five hundred to three thousand men upon this island in hospital, and that this is a Government institution, and intended to be

"I was there last evening. The meeting was exceedingly solemn, and deeply affecting. As soon

"The meeting was conducted in the usual way, sons to speak who wished to do so. More than a Escape of a Methodist Minister. - Rev. H. score improved the opportunity offered, some telling Christ had been revealed as a Saviour, and that their sins have been blotted out. More than twenty persons had sought opportunity to speak and could not

> obtain it. "As a measure to allow all to express their de sires, the leader said, 'We cannot prolong this meeting, for the hour has come for closing it; and as many have tried to speak and could not, as many have asked for prayer among those who have spoken. and as many perhaps desire to ask for prayer, all who wish to be thus remembered at the throne of the

heavenly grace may rise.' "To our astonishment, more than four hundred arose. It was an affecting sight. Most of these were young men. Some had been sick and were now convalescent. Some had been wounded and were now getting well. Some came hobbling in on crutches, and some had to be brought in, being assisted by those who were able to help them.

"But in one thing all were alike. All were anxious on the subject of religion. All were concerned about their salvation.'

Miscellaneous.

Synods of the German Reformed Church The Eastern Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, embracing some 60% congregations and a communicant membership of nearly 70,000, is now holding its 116th session Church includes about 400 congregations, and over Church.—Christian Intelligencer.

and was formally adopted and published in 1563. Such was the favor with which this work was received, that in a short time it became the doctrinal symbol of the Reformed Church in Germany, Switerland, and other countries, and has remained such to the present time. The German Reformed Church in this country propose to celebrate, in an earnest above. and becoming way, in January next, 1863, the three hundredth year of the existence of this important loctrinal formula. Appropriate and deeply interesting papers have been and are still being prepared on the most important subjects connected with the character, and history, and bearings of this timehonored Catechism, such as "Frederick III., Prince of the Palatinate, under whose auspices the Catechism was prepared;" "Heidelberg and its University, with special reference to the time and the circumstances of the formation of the Heidelberg Catechism;" "Ursinus and Olevianus, the Authors of the Heidelberg Catechism;" The Theology of the Heidelberg Catechism:" "History of Catechization," and "The Heidelberg Catechism in America." There are also articles being prepared on "Zwingle and the Swiss Reformers." and on other subjects connected with the history of the German Reformed Church. Among the contributors

are Dr. Ebrard, Dr. Ullman, Dr. Krummacher, and Dr. Herzog, of Germany, and Rev. Drs. Nevin, Schaff, Bomberger, Harbaugh, and Kieffer, of our These productions will be read at the propose elebration on the 17th of January next, the exercises continuing for several days. It is expected to be an occasion of great interest, and one never to be forgotten. Among other things, it is proposed to

Domestic Mews.

raise at least \$30,000 as a ter-centenary free-will of-

fering for the further endowment of Franklin and

Marshall College.—Ibid.

Camp Philadelphia. — The rendezvous near Haddington, for the drafted militia from the Eastern counties of Pennsylvania, has been named Camp Philadelphia. About eight hundred tents of the Sibley, Wall, and common pattern, have been pitched, and there are now encamped some five thousand men from Pike, Lehigh, Bucks, Carbon, Monroe, Northampton, Montgomery and Chester counties. The fine weather has attracted a great many visitors, including the friends of the drafted men. The borders of the camp are occupied with vehicles, and there is the usual amount of business carried on in booths. The air resounds with the the field. He puts our losses very much above the notes of the drum; and altogether the camp pre-

Up to a late date but few companies had been or ganized. Colonel Todd has not pressed this matter, his instructions being to render the circumstances of the men as pleasant as possible, and, where practicable, to consult their preferences, allowing those from the same neighborhood to unite in one company, when they will be mustered into the service. After the camp has been regularly instituted, strict discipline will be enforced, a provost guard established, and the sale of injurious commodities prevented. The organization of companies has been

The New Loan.—The intimation that gained per cent. loan would be offered at less than par, is now authoritatively contradicted. It is also understood that the receipts of the deposit of gold will be discontinued, and that the whole effort of the Treasury Department will be directed to placing the fivetwenties above par as rapidly as possible. Jay Cooke, who is acting for the Government in this city, for the sale of these loans, is making good headway, the takers being daily more numerous as the fact is more generally known that no discount will be submitted to. and that the funded debt is so much less The sales of October 28th, to various parties, were about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars These bonds are now sold at their face, and bear interest, which is payable semi-annually in gold, from

The Aspect of England seems to vary withevery steamer. Mr. Gladstone has made another speech, in which he told his hearers to remember that the difficulty had arisen from slavery, which was a legacy from England to America.

Sir G. C. Lewis, the English Minister of War, has been speaking against the recognition of the South. whose independence had not yet been ac-

The London Daily News compliments Sir G. C. Lewis for his remarks against the recognition of the South, regarding them as ministerial in significance. It says they will go far to still the rising clamor of reckless and thoughtless men. It adds, "notwithstanding Mr. Gladstone's statement, the Government are of opinion that Jefferson Davis has not Island upon which is Fort Morgan, the only one of made the Southern States a nation," and, until he the rebel forts at the entrance to Mobile which is has, England will certainly not interfere.

Premium on Gold.—During the war with Napoleon, the highest premium on gold in England was 1411, and it was held at that price from Decem ber, 1812, until March, 1813. England survived that struggle, and we will survive ours, at least if the premium on gold is any indication. It was up to 36 in New York on the 17th ult., and now ranges

Movements in Northwest Arkansas. - Our army which routed the rebels on the 22d, at Maysville, is not reposing, on its laurels. In less than a week, on the 28th, Brigadier-General Herron, with the 1st Iowa Cavalry and 7th Missouri Cavalry, attacked a rebel camp, four miles east of that place. Our force was about 1,000 strong, and the rebel force 3,000, commanded by Colonel Gravens. After a sharp engagement of an hour, the enemy was completely routed, leaving all his camp equipage and a few wagons. The loss of the enemy was eight dead on the field. Our loss was five wounded, one mortally. General Herron pursued the rebels for several miles into the Boston Mountain.

Slavetrader Convicted.—Albert Horn, indicter for being engaged in the slave trade, and whose trial has been in progress in the United States Circuit Court, in New York city, was found guilty October 29. He will be sentenced in a day or two.

Naval.—Two British rebel steamers, the Anglia and Scotia, were captured on the 27th ultimo and ern masters. Throughout the entire war they have taken to Port Royal. The two steamers, with their had little to say on the guilt of secession, but much contraband cargoes are valued at one million of dollars. Another British steamer, the Minnchaho, was | feared the Government would interfere with. And run ashore and destroyed.

The British steamer Wachuta, captain Gilpir was brought into Hilton Head on the 16th of October, a prize to the gunboat Memphis, captain Watnough. She was captured after an all day's chase,

the rebel steamer Herald, from Charleston, with paigns. There will be a short Fall cam eight hundred bales of cotton, and Prof. Maury as a winter campaign, and perhaps six weeks of work

The pirate Alabama has been pursuing her destructive career. News was received at Boston Nov. 2, of the recent capture and destruction of the shin La Fayette, of New Haven; barques Lamplighter and Lauretta of Boston; and schooner Crenshaw of New York, by captain Semmes. The brig Baronda troops, and more, by volunteers; it is therefore de-

the conclusion of peace with the rebels. Captain Semmes informed the prisoners that on the 10th day of October he captured the ship Iona- us, stating that Mobile is in our possession. wanda, of and from Philadelphia for Liverpool, with assengers on board, and detained her five days, and released her for a bond of \$80,000, payable as

He also captured the ship Manchester from New York for Liverpool, and brig Dunkirk from New York for Lisbon, and burned them, putting their crews on board the Tonawanda. Gen. Mitchell's double attack on the Charleston

and Savannah Railroad, took place, as we soon heard through rebel channels, on the 22d of October, and was fully as successful as the number of men despatched would warrant 4500. Among these were included two Pennsylvania regiments, who fought with great bravery and under heavy osses. The rebels were driven from two chosen positions, across Pocotaligo river, whither our troops did not venture to follow them, as the bridge was did not venture to follow them, as the bridge was let Congregational Church, Harpersfield N. Y. destroyed. General Brannan therefore ordered a lst Congregational Church, Harpersfield N. Y. 600 retreat, which was conducted in a most orderly manual transported in a most orderly manual transpor ner; the regiments retiring in successive lines, carrying off their dead and wounded, and leaving no arms or ammunition on the field.

Another party on board of the Patroon, ascended the Coosawatchi river, and landed within two miles Mrs. Charity H. Case, Southold, L. I. of the town and railroad. Arrived there, they commenced tearing up the rails, but had scarcely engaged in the work, when a long train of cars came gaged in the work, when a long train of cars came "J. C. B." New York, City, menced tearing up the rails, but had scarcely engaged in the work, when a long train of cars came in J. C. B." New York, City, from the direction of Sayannah filled with troops. This train was fired into by our party, killing the engineer and a number of others. Several of the soldiers inmped from the cars while they were in soldiers jnmped from the cars while they were in motion, and were wounded. One was taken prisoner, thirty muskets were captured, and the colors of the Whippy Swamp Guards taken from the color-bearer, who was killed by our fire. The work of tearing up the rails was not accomplished in time to prevent the onward progress of the train, and our men afterwards completed the job, also cutting the telegraph, and bringing away a portion of the wire telegraph, and bringing away a portion of the wire the soldier in the color of the wire the color of the with them. Colonel Barton next attempted to reach M. S. Phinney, Watkins, New York,

with them. Colonel Barton next attempted to reach the railroad bridge, for the purpose of firing it, but was unable, as it was protected by a battery of three guns. Fearing that his retreat might be cut off by the enemy's cavalry, he gave the order to retire to the steamboat, which was done successfully. We captured also two caissons of ammunition and 7 prisoners in the other fight. Our losses are stated at 15 killed, 106 wounded and two missing, 75 of whom were Pennsylvanians. The correspondent of the Times says the enemy left 15 or 20 of their dead on Synod of Ohio, figures just given.

General Wool has been arresting citizens of un questioned loyalty, in Baltimore, for freely criticising his movements, which they regard as more lenient towards secessionists than they should be. The parties have since been released

Proposed Expedition to Texas. - "Occasional" writing to the Press, on General Banks' recent departure to New York city, says:

"The attention of the Government of the United States has, for a long time, been earnestly directed towards Texas, and the importance of extended mithat State has been strongly and persistently urged by several delegations of loyal Texans, under the solemn assurance that a large portion of the people credit a few weeks ago that the five-twenty year six of Texas are only waiting for an opportunity to return to their allegiance, and establish, within their boundaries, one or more free States, thus putting under progressive control and civilized cultivation the entire empire which declared its independence of Mexico nearly thirty years ago, and was sealed to the United States in 1844. To accomplish this vast design will undoubtedly be the object of the expedition under General Banks. Only two weeks ago an expedition also looking towards Texas, after first clearing the Mississippi of rebel obstructions, was entrusted to Major-General John A. McClernand. than it was represented and generally believed to be. of Illinois, who is now in the Western States earnestly engaged in its organization. The concurrent ovement on the seaboard, headed by General Banks, and looking to the same object, after having been long and favorably considered by the military

authorities, has now been formally decided upon." Such expeditions appear to us very much like trifling with the most stupendous realities. What bu siness have we to send immense armaments 2000 miles off. when 150,000 rebels are within a day's march of Pennsylvania, and Richmond, Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah, and Mobile are unsubdued East Tennessee still in the hands of rebels, and the Mississippi blockaded at Vicksburg? Unless these points are also, and first to receive attention, the other scheme is irrelevant to the great business in

Reported Army Operations in Southern Alabam.—A report comes by way of Columbus, Ga., that General Butler had landed at Pensacola, with 7000 men Pensacola lies but a few miles east of the now garrisoned; Fort Gaines, on the other side, having been some time since abandoned, as it was believed not to be tenable against an attack from light draught gunboats, which could enter the channel north of Dauphine Island, between that and the mainland. It is quite probable that Fort Morgan is to be assaulted by land as well as by water, and Pensacola would be the nearest point to occupy until the combined force is ready to commence opera

What the Rebels Think of the Proclamation .- During Stuart's late raid into Pennsylvania. Hon. A. K. McClure, of Chambersburg, entertained a large number of rebel officers and soldiers under his roof, and had a frank and protracted talk with them on the great questions of the day. They acknowledged that the South was suffering severel rom the blockade, and the stagnation of industrial interests, but expressed their stern purpose to en-dure every hardship before relinquishing their independence to return to the Union.

They confessed, also, that the Proclamation affec ted them more vitally than any movement yet made by our Government; that it threatened them with great perils, and their chief hope was that the divi-sion of Northern sentiment would make it inoperative. This last hope, says the Watchman and Reflector, may have some substantial foundation There are those at the North who have as great an antipathy to the freedom of the blacks as the Southof the constitutional rights of the South which they

now that the word has been spoken, and the President has declared freedom to all slaves in the rebel States after the first of January, they show a warmer sympathy with the rebel masters than with our

off the coast of North Carolina. In the endeavor to escape she threw overboard the greater portion of her cargo, and so strained her engines as to be unable to make steam. She is believed to have been loaded with arms and ammunition. The Wachuta is an iron steamer; built in London, and will prove a valuable and useful prize.

In Washington, the war feeling gains in strength every day. The apparent victories of the peace men in two or three States, do not have any effect here, except to increase the ardor of the friends of the Government. All loyal men feel that the war must be prosecuted with redoubled vigor. The President says openly that we must finish the Advices from Bermuda state the arrival there of the price by the publishers. Advices from Bermuda state the arrival there of rebellion with the Fall, Winter, and Spring cam- the publishers, in the Spring. The work must be finished by that time, and doubtless will be. - Corr. Congregation

> Latest.—Fuller investigation has shown that our city has filled all the President's requisition for

nus, two of the most eminent divines of the day, | tain giving a bond of \$6000, payable to Semmes on | Potomac is steadily pressing the enemy. General McClellan had possession of Snicker's Gap on the 2d. - Rumors from the Southwest have reached

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