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NEW YEAR'S MEETINGS .-- PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY.

In view of the momentous issues now pending in our National affairs, the undersigned recommend the observance of the first day of January, as a day of united and fervent prayer to Almighty ings for the purpose, at 10 o'clock, A.M., and 3 in the miracles, inspiration, and mysterious docner Broad and Arch streets.

Albert Barnes, Thomas Brainerd, E. E. Adams, Daniel March, John W. Mears, T. W. J. Wylie, Francis Church, Charles Cook, Wm. C. Robin-D. Pation, A. G. McAuley, James Cunningham, David Steele, Geo. C. Arnold, A. Atwood, Joseph Seiss, Robert Beatty, James Hogg, A.S. McMurray, Geo. Gordon, Thomas Wattson, James M. Burd, John C. Davis, Standish F. Hassell, Wm. S. Pierce, John Gulliver, Alex. them to pass. Whilldin, J. C. Chance, L. C. Lockwood.

EVENING MEETINGS. A similar meeting will be held in the evening Church, Broad below Spruce streets, (Dr. Wylie's,) where addresses may be expected. Also a Watch-night Service will be held in Green Hill Church, commencing at 101 o'clock, P.M.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

THE Day of Prayer, for the Conversion of the World, appointed by our General Assembly, will church, at 101 o'clock, A.M.

Union Meetings of the various denominations, will be held daily at Sansom street church, as regulated by law. usual at noon.

Also, at the following churches every after-Friday, at the Washington Square church, (Mr. 15th and Chestnut streets.

The topics suggested by the Committee of ices, are as follows:

tion of the Spirit and Prayer. Individuals, etc.

rity, and for our Nation's Redemption.

WEDNESDAY, Jan'y. 7.-Increased Holines in the Children of God and their closer union-God's overruling providence in behalf of the

Kingdom of Christ. then Nations, etc.

: FRIDAY, Jan'y. 9 .- Increase of the number, own Word and upon His own Day.

SATURDAY, Jan'y. 10 .- Thanksgiving for all

and glory of the Church—Her danger from false fires upon her altars—Her safety in watchfulness and prayer.

PRAYER FOR THE OPPRESSED.

not expected to allude to slavery! vouchsafed to this nation can make it such.

REV. Mn. ADAMS' First Article on Preaching is in hand, and would have appeared in the present issue, but for the need of more careful proof-reading than it could in that case have received. It will appear in our next issue.

perimental knowledge to the humbling of a soul. the Presbyterian Bookstore.

PRAYER A POWER More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,

If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer Both for themselves and those that call them For so the whole round earth is every way Bound by gold chains about the feet of God."

Ir is undoubtedly true that the prevailing opinions about prayer are vague. Its efficacy, and the entire course of its operations, are referred to a sphere too remote to be judged of by the rules of this. There is a feeling of uncertainty about it, almost as if the issues of prayer were arbitrary. The faith we are expected to exercise in prayer is supposed to exclude reason God, and invite a general participation in meet- or to supersede its exercise were much as faith

o'clock, P.M., in the First Baptist Church, cor- trines of revelation is supposed to exclude it. Now we say, prayer is a power like other powers. Richard Newton, John A. Vaughan, J. Gor- It is adapted to accomplish certain ends. It is don Maxswell, Jonathan Edwards, Alfred Nevin; one of a system of instrumentalities and means appointed of God, It is a cause and must produce effects. It has its law. We believe it is son, J. Wheaton Smith, J. Hyatt Smith, R. as unerring and regular as gravitation itself. Jeffrey, Daniel C. Eddy, W. S. Hall, W. Ster-God has ordained it as one of the moving powers, rett, J. Walker Jackson, J. F. Chaplain, Wm. of the world. It has its part to play, its sphere to fill in accomplishing the destiny of man, and the triumph of Christ's Kingdom. These results are unattainable without prayer, and no other instrumentality can take its place in bringing

Even if we regard the effects of prayer as of the nature of a miracle, the argument is unaltered. A miracle is not necessarily a violation of law. at 7.0'clock, in the 1st Reformed Presbyterian | It belongs to a system of things which doubtless has its laws, though they are beyond our discovery. The miracles form, with nature, a complete, harmonious, well-organized system. Miracles, says principal Tulloch, "are the expression of a Higher Law, working out its wise ends among the lower and ordinary sequences of life and history." There is, we believe, an ordained constitution of things, in which prayer and miracles alike have their place assigned, as far removed be observed next Monday by the assembled from arbitrariness as any of the great arrangechurches of our denomination at Clinton street ments of nature on which we instinctively rely. They belong to the economy of grace, it is true, but that, as well as the economy of nature, is

If prayer were a power not regulated by law, it could not be relied upon. And because it is noon, commencing at 34 o'clock :- Monday, Jan. | viewed as something separated from law, vague uary 5, at the West Spruce street church, corner and almost arbitrary in its operations, the faith 17th and Spruce; Tuesday, at the M. E. church. of petitioners is weak, and less use is made of 8th above Race; Wednesday, at the Baptist this mode of effort. The large promises made to church, Spruce above Fourth; Thursday, at the prayer are as often mysterious and unsatisfactory German Reformed church, Race below Fourth; as they are precious to the Christian. "The thoughtful Christian, when in his daily reading Barnes'); Saturday, at the Epiphany, corner of of the Scriptures he meets with any of those wonderful promises made to helieving prayer, Evangelical ministers in this city, for these serve words mean?" He seems transported by them to a region supernatural, where none of his ex-SUNDAY, Jan'y. 4, Sermons.—The Dispensa- perience in this world and none of the principles by which he judges of mundane powers and MONDAY, Jan'y. 5.—Humiliation and Confesthings can come into play. Yet are they not slop of Sins of the Nation of the Church of intended to set before us in characters of divine light and unchangeableness this very fact of law Tuesday, Jan'y, 6 Prayer for All in Autho- in connection with prayer? Do they not assure and reassure us of the certainty of its operation? Are they not like the pledge to Noah on emerging from the ark, that seed-time and harvest. and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, should not cease? Does not God THURSDAY, Jan'y. 8.—Revival in the Ancient | pledge his faithfulness and truth to uphold this law? Churches Conversion of the Jews of the Hea | Surely, we need to take this simple natural view of prayer. We need soberly to believe that when we pray we are as much and as truly acat home and abroad, of those proclaiming the complishing something as when we use any other everlasting Gospel-God's blessing upon His instrumentality. We must reck on prayer among the agents to be employed in gaining our end as much as muscular force, ingenuity, argument, blessings—The universal outpouring of God's money, or power of any kind. It is as great a piece of neglect to omit prayer in building a SUNDAY, Jan'y. 11,—Sermons.—The dignity house, as to use defective material or to employ poor workmen; just as unwise to omit it in providing for the safety of an army, as to put drowsy or traitorous men on the outposts.

In all this we refer of course to true, genuine,

believing prayer. The mere cold form of prayer,

the infrequent, brief, burried petition, the ejacu-WE look in vain among the specifications of lation extorted by sudden peril from lips that the London Committee of the Evangelical Alli- had been accustomed perhaps to cursing and to ance, in their late call for a week of united lying the seemingly carnest cries that sometimes prayer, for any allusion to the oppressed races of go up from hearts which still regard iniquity. mankind, whose case is just now so interesting these are not powers, any more than counterfeits to every Christian and every true friend of man, are money. On the other hand, true prayer is God, in his Providence, is pressing their condi- not only a power among powers: it is the greattion upon public attention. An unholy and des est power that man can wield. It is "a transcenperate war is being waged for the avowed pur dent power, accomplishing what no other power pose of perpetuating their enslavement. Our can overruling all other agencies, and rendering own country is passing through a tremendous them subservient to its own wonderful agency." crisis simply because the people have refused any True prayer reaches the ear of God and renlists longer to allow the national government to be the arm of omnipotence in its cause. True the mere tool of the oppressors of the black race. prayer has the royal promise: "All things what All Christendom is agitated by the strife and by soever ye shall ask in prayer ye shall receive." the questions it has raised. We have now to No power has such guaranties of efficiency exdecide whether Christian civilization can accept pressed in such absolute unqualified terms; no among its settled institutions the system of chat other power of man is associated with the exertel slavery, as hitherto known in this country, cise of divine power. Hence men should be soor whether, in its onward progress, it will cast licitous not only to have true prayer among the aside, as utterly incompatible with its own spirit, agencies which they use in accomplishing their this "paradox in the moral system," this "gross ends, but they should make prayer the very violation of the most precious and sacred rights chief, as the most effective of all. They should of human nature," this "blot on our holy relig- pray first; they should be most anxious that ion." This, we say, is the question pressing their prayers are genuine; even the procuring upon us, and which will be decided according as of good materials and good workmen, needful as this war issues. And we confess our surprise it is, should not seem as important as the offering on being summoned by the Christians of once of good prayers. Nay, we believe at the end it anti-slavery England to spend a whole week in will appear, that only they who have prayed have prayer, at such a time, in all of which we are accomplished anything. The achievements of the unbeliever and the prayerless may appear We trust the week of prayer will be gladdened stupendous in some instances, but we think thev. by the announcement, that our worthy Chief will be found hollow cheats and impositions. Magistrate has proved firm in the most Christian while the real work, the true success of the policy of his late emancipation proclamation, and world, will be found to have been accomplished that we shall be able to give fervent thanks that by the prayerful. There is but one kingdom the new year has been made a year of Jubilee to that shall not be moved; nothing is truly efficient millions in our land, so far as the power divinely which is wasted upon the transient interests and glories of the world; only those efforts truly succeed which go to build up the kingdom of right-Does the Independent mean to teach that lost eousness—the kingdom of Christ on earth. The souls may be restored in eternity to the favors of true prayer is the outpouring of a soul in the God and happiness? Certainly, this is the fullest sympathy with that kingdom; he who whole drift of John G. Whittier's poem-"The truly prays, lives and labors for its extension Cry of a Lost Soul,"—which appears in the first and triumph; all his acts have a bearing upon page in last week's issue, without any word of this result—are embodied prayers, crying Thy kingdom come! True prayer is nothing short of a life of aspirations and longings for this great object. And in such lives the real energy and

NOONDAY, A LIFE SKETCH, by the author of "Climbing the Mountain," from the press of Henry Hoyt, will be sure to command readers As the sun is necessary to the world, so is ex- among the young. 16mo.; pp. 225. For sale at

efficiency of the Church and of the world will be

found to have existed in a second are to the

MR. BRACE'S "FOSSIL MAN."

In the Atlantic Monthly for December, Mr. Secretary of the New York Children's Aid Somemissaries, of the Evidone, wearing her live preserved. ciety, and genial traveler among the Homes of ery, are rushing her to ruin. "No coercion," Germany and Hungary, one of those practical seems to be the mot characters that yet show a visionary and unsetthe side now and then, brings together the scattered and dubious rays of evidence (as he reof honesty, they were departing to leave. It is ness is in heaven and his record is on high." tered and dubious rays of evidence (as no reof honesty, they were proparing to leave. It is
gards it) furnished by geology to the existence
of a Pre-Adamic man. He boldly heads his arof a Pre-Adami of a Pre-Adamic man. He bottly have not contained and his wire trish. All Covenanters, Blood of ticle "The Fossil Man," and fills a number of Church of England, though many of them seem which I am not ashamed, and which I have not pages with subtle reasoning on the subject. It to give satisfaction to the evangelical portion of disgraced, though born in Baltimore. pages with subtle reasoning on the subject to give same pages with subtle reasoning on the subject to give same pages with subtle reasoning on the subject the Church. Bishop Colenso not long ago

My heart my brethren is as your heart, and shout the Fossil Man. But the question some shocked the moral sense of the great mass of this simple gift which I commit to you may add a Hercules, why not show us his foot, or at least his diocese. He was rever, to our knowledge, these many years. Fraternally, his foot mark? Show us a single one of his made to account for this lovering of the terms. his foot-mark? Show us a single one of his two-hundred and forty bones from which an expert anatomist could infer the man. If you would sustain a charge of murder you must produce the body of the murdered man, or evidence that it has been seen. Before that is done you may utter a great many curious and plausible surmises, but the question arises, has there been any murder at all? When you can answer that any murder at all? When you can answer that the court will be ready to proceed with question the court will be ready to proceed with man institutions,—with High Church folhe inquiry.

or any part of him, and cannot do it. He has and a general state of half-reformation from Pomerely produced new instances of remains found pery,—she must not be abandoned to make room n caves above or near the surface of the earth; for a nobler and true ecclesiastical structure. Murder will out," and so would "the Fossil It may be that n Man" have done, if there were any such, in so national church burst, but that England, as a long a period of geological investigation. The whole, has reached her culminating point, and whole geological series of strata, has been more is on the brink of a animals and plants from the most stupendous to England, on the que the most delicate have been discovered and gle and the persev classed. The bony or woody structures of these which that opinion objects are not a whit more durable often far rial aid publicly redered ess so, than is the frame work of the human bellion, in the large body. There is abundant reason for expecting known ship-yards of to find human remains rather than those of con- tual rebuke from the temporary animals and plants, if such co-exist- ry, and political anarchy. ence did take place in geological periods.

"No inhabitant of the land," says Sir Charles | lish conscience is hopeless Lyell, "exposes himself to so many dangers on a great revolution must t the waters as man, whether in a savage or civil- true Christian principle of ized state; and there is no animal, therefore, the governing power, or has any appreciable in meaning and intent, the recommendations of the whose skeleton is so liable to become imbedded fluence on its policy n lacustrine or submarine deposits; nor can it view of December 6 be said that his remains are more perishable than same effect in the following those of other animals: for in ancient fields of has, we fear, been battle, as Cuvier has observed, the bones of men ward; the moral se have suffered as little decomposition as those of coming blunted a horses which were buried in the same grave. hatred with which But even if the more solid parts of our species tion of slavery was had disappeared, the impression of their form died into wide-su would have remained engraven on the rocks, as holders." and the soft integuments of many animals."

A few days ago, we were shown a fragment of metamorphic lime-stone,* or coarse marble, just as it was taken from a quarry near Chestnut Hill. Upon the smooth translucent surface afforded by 15, by the presentation the cleavage, there were traced as with consummate art, the most delicate vegetable forms, in deep black. The finest sea-mosses which the Tract Society.* in the shop windows of artisans, could not ex Presbyterian church in Antica, founded in Pheeters and his wife leave the State of Missouri ceed it in delicacy. Scattered at short distances 1694, by Rev. Figures Makening in Accomac within ten days after the service of this order, in the shop windows of artisans, could not ex from the main stem, were detached, blossom-like, county, Virginia. The identity of the material objects, not half-an-inch in diameter. No detail in the cane is beyond impeachment, as it passed permeables of Indianapolis, and west of permeables of the material in the cane is beyond impeachment, as it passed permeables of Indianapolis, and west of Indianapolis, and west of Indianapolis, and west of Indianapolis, and Indianapolis, an could be imagined more perfect, than that of this plant and its fallen blossoms. And there it had known individual, before reaching Rev. Dr. lain unharmed for ages, outlasting the fiery for. Smith. On receiving the cane. Rev. Mr. ces that had transformed the ancient limestone Barnes, Pastor of the First Church in this into marble. And have such trifles been so city, was inclined to question the claim of scrupulously guarded from the most remote and the Accomac Church to an antiquity superior to as a human finger mark has been preserved or not lesson our gratitude to Dr. Smith. His gift Pine streets, be placed under the control of three witnessed to us by the Testimony of Rocks? Is there no foot-print of man to place beside the footmarks of gigantic birds and reptiles? Is there no delicate tracing, upon strata which are almost alive with animal records, of the Creator's most elaborate work—the human frame, its hand, its skull? Then there was no man to leave his remains to mingle with those of primeval monsters. The improbabilities are so great as to overwhelm utterly the paltry scraps of "evidence" extracted from the flints of the Somme Valley and the skeletons found in caves and on the and the skeletons found in caves and on the affection on the part of Dr. Singh to his brethren surface of the ground. You may find as good in Philadelphia. It was iven to this association in Philadelphia. It was iven to this association and the same who undertook to answer the Rev. Indian burial place, or ancient battle-field. The Fossil Man is a myth. Only those, who delight more line the "mysterious and subtile pleasure" of his esteem. We value as coming from such a there is in gropping back through the twilight of burner bietwer (2), there is no ground back through the twilight of burner bietwer (2), there is no ground as good in Philadelphia. It was iven to his association and the same who undertook to answer the Rev. Dr. Breckingidge, in the last Old School Assembly, when the Dr. charged disloyalty on some of the pastors of the Old School churches here—for there is in ground back through the twilight of burner bietwer (2), there is more than he whom our community look through the twilight of burner bietwer (2), there is no and the same who undertook to answer the Rev. Dr. Breckingidge, in the last Old School Assembly, when the Dr. charged disloyalty on some of the pastors of the Old School churches here—for the in ground provided the plant of the pastors of the Old School churches here. human history (?)" than in walking in the clear pretending to great learning light of reason and of revealed truth, will be as ties which attract fashinable growds, has suseager and enthusiastic about it as Mr. Brace appears to be: stained for 25 years, a full, living church, in the midst of all the countereting influences of the

*Can now be seen at Rev. Dr. Brainerd's.

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are anything but encouraging. Were we to quote an zeal by supposing such a gift would be acceptable acceptable acceptable and a gift would be acceptable as their last regular meeting. language used by British critics of our own af- table to us. language used by British critics of our own affairs since the outbreak of the rebellion; we would say so the bubble of a National Church has birst. It seems that the church is, by its Constitution, well-nigh powerless to rid itself of the extremely radical and infidel herestes that have arisen in its bosom. The very foundations of Scripture on which it rests may be subverted, and we salve after todious delays can a deputiful to see a substitution of the part of the give, but as directly in the part of the give, but as directly in the part of the give, but as directly in that the excitements of the age have so sumulated his system that he does not need a case; that he is come as furnishing proof that they have a better police in Washington that they have a better and yet only after tedious delays, can a doubtful is safe now to move about its streets without a verdict be gained by the church from the au- cane. thorities, against such of its own members as are guilty of the attempt. And the higher the poguilty of the attempt. And the higher the po- Rev. Mr. Barnes, to be retained sition and the more pernicious the influence of successors in the these anostates, the mure difficult is it to reach them by disciplinary process. A Bishop (Coleson) has written an outrageous critical treatise on parts of the Old Testament which he reduces to the level of a mere fable, and enough time is likely to be consumed in deciding the question whether he can be tried at all, to cite, try and promptly depose, in the courts of any evangelical church, all the open heretics and apostates that have appeared since the Reformation. The Andrew Culver will and your A CANE which I does not necessarily involve this; and we think church of England is in such a false and helpless have owned for more than twenty years, and our readers were long ago informed that the Detion or subversion. The tide of a false and reck.

The wood out of with the dane was made was some sensitiveness upon a movement so unevankeeps her in the midst of the swelling and devouring waves. We can think of nothing so much resembling her position as that of our own nation in the anti-coercion period of Mr. Buchanan's Administration. According to the product of chanan's Administration. According to the profound opinions of that sage officer, this puissant nation was under some horrid spell of impotency, and must needs suffer itself incontinently to per-

dish at the summons of

lies and formalities, and Broad Church indiffer-Mr. Brace has not produced "the Fossil Man," entism, and lying subscriptions and perversions, only has the bubble of a

ions involved in our strug-ance and earnestness with held the immense matehe Kingdom, without effecaged, would seem e country becomes nguage: "Society

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CANE Pastors' Associ_ THE usual routin ation was pleasantly on Monday Dec Rev. John C. Si through Rev. A. Calver, Age of the American reader has seen in diminutive ornamental work the pulpit of what was believed to be the oldest inconceivable geological eras, while not so much that claimed by his own. This however should books and papers, at the corner of Eleventh and

capital, in the midst of politicians whom he has never irritated, but by smaight forward integrity and evangelical piety has secured the respect of

First Church. th the following

CITY,

To the Pastore

Our friend and brot r in the ministry, Rev.

revolutionary minority. | see it, and have pleasure in sending it to you, as ish at the summer of the motto in that doleful "the genuine article," and because of the facts era. And the same hightmare of impotency possessing interest enough in our Presbyterian In the Atlantic Monthly for December, and the same for England, while hearts to give it some place in which it may be

I confess to some weakness in this thing as my there too. Traitors are father was from the same country (North of Ireencouraged and even coaxed by high officials, land) as McKemie himself. Though unknown

how will recur; Where is he? Who has ever Christian people, by of cally tolerating polygamy strength and interest to those ministerial and seen him? Why not produce him? If he was among the Zulu converts within the bounds of fraternal ties by which we have been bound, lo!

JOHN C. SMITH, Pastor, 4th Pres. Church. EXPULSION OF AN OLD SCHOOL MINISTER

FROM ST. LOUIS. REV. SAMUEL B. McPHEETERS, pastor of the Pine street (O.S.) Presbyterian Church, of St. Louis, one of the largest and most influential in the city, has, with his wife, been ordered by

OFFICE OF PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL,

General Curtis to leave the State. The order is

DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSOURI, St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 19, 1862. Whereas on account of unmistakeable evidence of sympathy with the rebellion on the part of Rev. Samuel B. McPheeters, pastor of the Pine Street Church, certain loyal members of his congregation, about six months since, urged him to avow planelioly decadence. The his sentiments openly, and to take a stand in faor less investigated, vast orders and groups of low state of opinion among the leading classes in vor of the Government, which he has refused to do, and has also published and circulated two letters within the last two weeks, in which he not only refuses to avow himself a friend of the Government: but also refuses to declare whether he o a most wicked re- is in favor of the success of the authorities of the estal ishments and best nation in their efforts to put down a cruel and desolating rebellion, and has failed to remove a nent; piracy, slave-desires the success of the rebel cause; and whereus liberally encouras, the said McPhoeters, acting with others of ither that the Eng- the same denomination, has used all the influence lemoralized, or that, of his ministerial character to prevent the body e place before the of the church with which he is connected from declaring or manifesting its loyalty to the Government and has refused to observe, in their obvious ondon Weekly Re. President of the United States to the various inting as something to the churches, and has allowed the influence of his wife, his brothers, and his intimate associates to seduce him from an open and manly support of time going back the Government into active sympathy with the community is be- rebellion, whereby the influence of his ministerial d. The burning position has greatly encouraged the enemies of the institu overthrow, and is still exerting an injurious influence, especially among the youth and other members of his congregation, leading them to believe that he sympathizes with the rebels, and hostility to the Government and to become active rebels; and whereas, in all his course of unfriend liness to the Government, and sympathy with, and favor to, rebels, the said McPheeters has been stimulated and encouraged, if not led on, by to the body, by his wife, who openly avows herself a rebel; of Washington, whereby the said McPheeters and his wife have forfeited their right to the protection and favor of the Government in their present position, and have become promoters of rebellion and civil disford. Therefore, it is ordered that the said Mo-

> books, records and papers belonging to that It is farther ordered, that the church edifice. loyal members of Pine street church, namely.

and that said McPheeters cease from this date to

exercise the functions of his office within the

State of Missouri, and that he deliver to the

Clerk of the Session of Pine Street Church all

iustness. He is a prominent Old School man, to those quali- of the F. F.'s of Virginia.

> "When will we be done with ministerial and ecular traitors is the San Saturation of the Contract and the contract of the

with maintees ade at his way MISSIONARIES COMMISSIONED.

On applications received from the churches they serve, the following ministers, of whom nine This gift illustrates the giver skildelity to our were in commission last year, were commissioned

Rev. Courtny Smith, Grand Rapids, Michigan. "A. D. Moore, Dauphin, Pa.

Israel Brundage, Prompton, Pa. David A. Abbey, Apalachin, New York. William Ellers, Burr Oak, Mich.

Edgar W. Clark, Milton, New York. J. L. Landis, Abington, Pa. "" E. F. Waldo, Jefferson, W. T.

E. D. Holt, Chatfield, Minn. "T. H. Tatlow, Newark, Mo. ". J. Pierpont, Murphy's, Cal. " Marcus Hicks, Mankato, Minn.

William Drummond, Portland, Wis. "Chas. H. Thompson, Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE Baptist Examiner, thinks it uncandid in us to say that the Bible Union which is getting un the Immersionist version of the Scriptures is of the Baptist denomination." We did not mean to charge the movement upon the denomination as such; the use of the preposition "of" condition, that it needs yet to be decided wheth: which I send to you, be disposed of as you nomination, as such, refused to sanction the loss criticism is rising all around her; it is even presented to me by a rother in the ministry of gelical and divisory in its tendency. "Tis true, now at her throat and an imaginary of gelical and divisory in its tendency." now at her throat, and an imaginary necessity our church, and who as at that time preaching 'tis pity'; pity 'tis 'tis true,' nevertheless, that it

OUR HOME MISSIONARY WORK.

ted the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Albany on the first Sabbath in December, and preached croak in his discourse. And he said our missionaries on the frontier and in the new settlements were not comple ning men, were cheerful, sustained by faith, and laboring in hope, though sharing in the privations and self-denials incious times." (Dan. 9. 25.)

No collection was taken. His remarks reeived a cordial indorsement from the pastor, Dr. Seelye, and on Monday Mr. Stowe called on to the Treasurer of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, in New York

The collection was not pressed at all, especially as this church makes contributions, in fixed sums, at every monthly concert. These monthly collections go to the Presbytery's Treasury, out of which the home wants in the Presbytery are first met. Then, too, the Sabbath school is a missionary association, contributing from \$200. to \$400 a year. This, the school appropriate of the American people and government during themselves directly to the support, mainly, of a Sabbath School Missionary at the West. This brings the little ones of the flock—the future hope of the church—into direct communication

and sympathy with a great missionary work. One thing more was done. Mr. Stowe gave some information about the present condition of the West, and mentioned a devoted home misionary who, when slavery ruled Missouri, was driven from that State with his wife and three little ones, with the loss of much of his goods. and was now laboring as presbyterial missionary in southern Illinois. Whereupon, our ladies thought they must do something too, in a direct way. But all are too much engaged in working for the soldiers to make up articles. So they, by themselves, gathered up some \$60 or \$70 in bed-blanket; and others, smaller articles. To (unasked) put in remnants of goods—making t does the people to act directly and in concert. fro, as it could by no other means. Cold metal Boston: Ticknor & Fields.

Albany, December 13, 1862.

Mew Publications.

GRAVER THOUGHTS OF A COUNTRY PARSON; volume uniform with "Recreations of a Country Parson," by the same author, and containing to 1500 names, about as many as the gazetteer some portion of the material to which the wrinoons and many evenings; in country and in tage in the Tract Society's list of more nutown: which has been carried to church on Sun merous references to passages of scripture. For days in his pocket; and which has been spoken sale by H. N. Thissell, 929 Chestnut Street. from the pulpit to the congregations given to his care." Is not this a most elegant circumlocution for "Sermons"? Sermons, by Rev. A. K. H. ers, by Dr. J. B. Waterbury. Boyd, of the Free Church Scotland? This did in their line, and would never have availed. man and pastor. by themselves, to introduce the author to a wide circle of readers. Nevertheless, they are good contains a good list of discussions on political and readable, and though failing to grasp the topics, a continuation of "Was he successful?" moral natures of men with a strong hand, they a paper on the Huguenots, by Mr. Disosway; will be found profitable. Boston: Ticknor & an article of considerable ability and science, Fields. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. from the pen of a Private in the 20th Ohio Ar-

Those who read that deeply earnest and spi tillery, on "American Destiny," &c. New York: ritual work—the Patience of Hope—will welcome the companion book by the same author: A PRESENT HEAVEN, which has just appeared. MARCHMONT'S LEGACY, a story from "Temple Perhaps the keynote of the volume is given in Bar" Magazine. the inquiry made on page 6: "Is the Gospel of Redemption thus accepted among us, not simply believed as a fact, but believed in as A POWER. an efficacy, a virtue?" The topics discussed are: The Gospel received partially,-historicalis an admirable book of devotional reading for

the thoughtful, aspiring Christian. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippin-OUR COMPANIONS IN GLORY, by Rev. J. M.

Killen, is a thorough, scriptural view of the

facts connected with the social condition of the Christian in the next world. The topics are: The Vision of God; Personal Intercourse with and observations of a practical character, so as portance. to form a valuable treatise. Considering the grand

Another book on Heaven-poetry this time LYRA CELESTIS, HYMNS ON HEAVEN, selected pation. by A. T. Thompson, D.D., a choice collection of On the water we have to chronicle the overpoetry on this most poetic and inspiring of topics, place, in our judgment, in such a volume; but York.

I for all that, the volume is a real treasure to the Christian, and many of its noble sentiments will REV. A. M. STOWE, of Canandaigna, local stir his soul and promote heavenly-mindedness in agent of the Committee on Home Missions, vis- him. The large, clear types recommend the volume to the aged, who will also especially relish its sentiments. Crown 8vo.; marbled edges; on the subject in the morning. There was not pp. 382. Boston: Gould & Lincoln. Philadelphia: Smith, English & Co.

Ticknor's Blue and Gold Series of Poets is still increasing in numbers and value. The last issue embraces the poems of ADELAIDE ANNE dent to such fields especially in these "troub- PROCTER. Miss Procter is known as a highlygifted authoress, whose verses glow with the intense fires of poetic feeling, and flow along in clear words and easy rhythm. Her Romish faith appears in a number of idolatrous phrases; the people, so far as he could and received their but much of the poetry is of a high order. The offerings amounting to \$550, which he remitted Cradle Song of the Poor is, we believe, among the best known of her pieces. For sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

MAGAZINES, PAMPHLETS, ETC.

THE UNION AND THE WAR. A thanksgiving sermon, by Dr. Shedd, Associate Pastor of the Brick Church." New York. This production ably argues the merits of the loyal cause, and, while omitting mention of the President's Proclamation, speaks of "the judgment and attitude this civil war, respecting the system of slavery, as a reason for thanksgiving to God." Dr. Spring, the other pastor, was announced not long ago as participating in a movement of the clergy of New York, designed to strengthen the purpose of the President as expressed in his Proclamation of September 22d. It is truly encouraging to find such a weight of influence thrown upon the right side in the midst of so much defection and incertainty.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for January conains a fine list of articles of which the able and severe critique of Henry Buckle is the most valuable. Mr. Buckle is declared to have failed as a thinker. "He has taken his initial hint from Auguste Comte and the Positive Philosophy money with which they bought materials; and -a mud mountain; considerably heaped up, but to this, one added a blanket shawl; another, a a very poor Pisgah; a mountain in a pit, whose second-hand cloth cloak for a lady; another, a top does not rise to an equality with the broad common levels." The article is vigorously writthis, a clothing-merchant asked the privilege of ten and does excellent service to the cause of a adding a cloth coat and pants and silk vest. An spiritual philosophy.—Mrs. Stowe's reply to the other merchant put in spices; and others anti-slavery remonstrance of half a million English women, sent to her eight years ago, is a quite a respectable box for that missionary and document for the times. The "Atlantic" is his family. And not the least thing is the good compelled to raise its price to \$3.00 per annum for all single subscriptions, the publishers pre-And thus, too, knowledge literally runs to and paying the postage. It is worth the money.

is good, is indispensable to the treasury; but BIBLE ATLAS AND GAZETTEER. The Amerthe work of woman's hand and these offerings of ican Tract Society has just issued a very handthe children are more precious-more blessed in some volume, or atlas of maps, with explanatory notes, Gazetteer of Scripture-geographical names with figures indicating the maps on which the places are to be found, Synopsis of Robinson's Harmony of the Gospels, Chronological Index to the Bible, Tabular View of the Prophets, Patriarchs, Times and Festivals, Weights, Measures, Money, &c., constituting a Bible-student's complete vade-mecum. The Gazetteer is especially in Kitto's "Scripture Lands," with the advan-

The Tract Society has also issued "The Soldier from Home." a capital tract, in flexible cov-

Dr. Dewitt's Anniversary Sermon.—We is what they really are; and while they contain, have received with great pleasure a copy of the many pleasing and delicate turns of thought and anniversary sermon of the venerable senior pasexpression, and while they must be interesting tor of Harrisburgh Church, preached on his as coming from such a source, they cannot be seventieth birthday, and in the forty-fourth year said to be by any means on a par with the lighter of his ministry in that Congregation. It is rich productions of the author. They can scarcely in interesting reminiscences and in the ripe exbecome distinguished as sermons, as those essays | perience of the aged, though vigorous, Christian

THE CONTINENTAL MONTHLY for January John F. Trow.

From T. B. Peterson we have received JOHN

NEWS OF TUESDAY.

GEN. BANKS arrived at New Orleans, December 14th, where he supersedes Gen. Butler. The change has been effected with great cordiality ly, prophetically, implicitly. These points between the two officers. Five thousand of are handled with a refreshing and contagious Banks' men were immediately dispatched up the earnestness, with a strength and grasp of thought Mississippi Reports reached Memphis last which reveal a mind of no ordinary powers. It | Monday, December 29th, — confirmed by the Vicksburg Whig of the 18th,-that the combined naval and land forces had captured Port Hudson and were but twelve miles below Vicksburg. This needs further confirmation.

Gen. Grant, by the severing of his lines of communication from Columbus, has been compelled to fall back to Holly Springs.

New Madrid, Mo, was evacuated December 27th of This is probably on account of the near Christ; Society of the Redeemed; Our Children approach of large rebel forces. Morgan the guwho are in Heaven; The Companionship of An- erilla chief has been very active and daring; he gels; the Cherubim; the Ministry of Heaven. captured a force of 600 U.S. troops at Mul-A great body of facts is here gathered from draugh's Hill, Ky., December 28th, and is re-Scripture and from contemporary records, and ported to have destroyed tressle-work, on the carefully wrought in with doctrinal statements Louisville and Nashville Railroad, of great im-

Per contra, we have the report from Louisand inspiring nature of the subject, and remem- ville, December 29th, midnight, that Knoxville, bering other treatises, written on the subject, we E. Tennessee has been captured by our forces, should call the style somewhat dry. We have that Rosecrans has driven the rebels into Murno taste for such discussions as those in which freesborough, and that Harlan's U. S. brigade is the author gives over the deceased infants of in the rear of Morgan's retreating forces. Gens. unbelievers, as it were, to "uncovenanted mer- Blunt and Herron have made a forced march to cies." The exterior of the book is a marvel of Van Buren, Arkansas, which they took Decemtypographical beauty. With bevelled edges; ber 28th; after two or three encounters with the illustrations of the Cherubim, &c.; 354 pages. enemy, with three steamers, over 100 prisoners, Randelph, N. Y. For sale by Presbyterian corn, camp equipage, etc. A most daring and brilliant exploit.—The Missouri legislature organized December 29th, is decidedly for emanci-

drawn from every variety of sources in every age Steamers, without treasure as it happened, by and language of Christendom. It is systemati- that product of English art and English capital, cally arranged under such heads as: Where is the pirate Alabama. This took place, December heaven? What is heaven? &c. Under the latter 7th, off Cape Maysi, the east Cape of Cuba. The head we have the subdivisions—1. The Better money (\$9.500,) and arms on board were taken, Country; 2. The Holy City; 3. The Place of and the vessel was released upon the captain Reunion; 4. Our Rest. We cannot say that the giving a bond for \$228,000, payable after peace pieces are uniformly of a character to deserve is declared. The Ariel has arrived in New