## American Presbyterian and Genesee Evangelist.

Hundreds of the very flower of Malagasv society flock to learn whenever instruction is given. Some of the first and most influential young men in the island are studying under Mr. Ellis, and one of the highest officers in the army has just learnt his alphabet under

# GENESEE EVANGELIST.

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a series of brief articles, headed, " Escaping from

DEATH OF REV. EDWARD ROBINSON, D.D.

Our denomination, and the church at large has suffered a most serious loss in the death of Dr. Robinson, which took place in New York, on Tuesday, January 27th. He was the most distinguished living Biblical scholar out of Germany, and has always been quoted with deference by the first scholars of that country. His place will not soon be filled. The letter of our correspondent in regard to his funeral will furnish many valuable particulars of his life and char-

## JUDGE ALLISON'S CHARGE TO THE GRAND

JUDGE Allison's masterly charge to the Grand Jury on Monday last, instructing them not to notice the military arrest of the Editor of the Evening Journal, is one for which the loyal and the spiritual wants of its army or navy? He peace-loving members of the community cannot be too grateful. It completely undoes the mischief inaugurated by Judge Ludlow's hasty and reckless course which had brought us to the very verge of anarchy. Judge Allison, with the skill of a lawyer and the firmness of a patriot and a man of Christian principle, exhibits the gross errors and the pernicious tendencies of Judge Ludlow's conduct, and declares that so far as he has the power, the Court (of Quarter Sessions) shall not be used even unintentionally to precipitate a collision between the State and as the knowledge that while he is fighting our General Government.

There is not a true man in this city or State, but will sleep the sounder when he hears of this righteous decision, or who will not say in his field and in the camp. heart, God bless Judge Allison!

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHRISTIAN

COMMISSION. celebrated its first Anniversary on Thursday eve- we were prepared for it; just as there seemed to ning, January 29th, in the Academy of Music. be a preparation for the discovery and peopling The vast building was filled with a sympathising of this continent in the events just preceding it. and enthusiastic audience; and thousands ap- The bishop dwelt particularly upon the recent mission has spended in cash for Stores, Publiour navy with silver instead of copper. He cations and other expenses \$40.160.29. Value spoke of the coast-survey as preparing for the have been written for the soldiers.

terson D.D., of the Ref. Presbyterian Church, the lusion to the fact that our banner alone of all active agent for the Commission in Chicago, and | national ensigns contains a cluster of stars, hothe camps and battle-fields of the West made an ping that their obscuration would soon pass address. He spoke from a full heart, and from away. The applause when the Bishop took his sight and personal knowledge of the peculiar seat was most prolonged and enthusiastic. toils and trials of the soldier, and the fitness of The army was represented on the platform by the work accomplished by the Commission to Col. Bowman of the 84th Penn. Regt., who made meet his wants. The great importance of the a short speech, and the navy by Com. Stribling. work, he found in the fact that our army and Mr. Wm. E. Dodge of New York made a few navy were hereafter destined in his opinion to remarks, being prevented from saying what the perform no secondary part in the progress of hu- audience would have been glad to hear, from the manity. We could not hereafter as a nation lateness of the hour. He frankly said that expect to maintain the isolated position which though they were doing much for the soldiers our forefathers expected and desired for us. and sailors in New York, he felt that we in Phil-We must hereafter have a large standing army; adelphia were doing more, better, and more sysour navy, with the twenty-six iron clad vessels tematically, and he felt that he would like to built and under way, would be more powerful join us. He dwelt upon the vastness of the than the combined navies of England and France. work, and upon the impossibility of gaining an This instrumentality, which, in the speaker's adequate conception of the wants of the one view was likely to play a prominent part in the hundred thousand sick and wounded men, sons, future movements of the world, must not be cor- husbands, fathers, brothers in the hospital. He rupt, profane or ungodly, but must be leavened spoke of the heroic endurance of the soldiers in by such Christian influences as the Commission the hospitals, and said there never was such a is exerting, if we would have it fit for its high spectacle. The universal testimony is that scarcethe Commission, of the character of the army and and the dying. Shall we withhold Christian the readiness of the men to receive religious sympathy from these men? No! we will stand ment that the most popular class of books among means of consolation and comfort at our comthe soldiers, in the camps which he had visited, mand. was small hymn and prayer-books—books which throw away their cards, which they did on the Commission. instant, trampling them in the mire. Dr. P. cards, at the room of the Commission in Chica- aged in a high degree by the great popular dego, which had been exchanged for religious monstration called out on this occasion. The reading by the soldiers. One of the incidents effect of the exercises must be to give our army of the terrible battle-field of Shiloh, which he and havy a sense of moral support from the told, was so profoundly beautiful and touching, great body of the Christian public. What

SONGS IN THE NIGHT.

Among the wounded gathered up from that bloody field by the agents of the Commission, was a desperately wounded officer, shot through both thighs and past hope of recovery. After receiving his wound, he lay suffering the most excruciating pains from thirst. The night after the battle as we remember, there was a heavy American Prespection fall of rain. The wounded man's elbow had made a hollow in the ground which by and by was filled with muddy water. He endeavored to reach it and quench his burning thirst, but with all his efforts he could get no nearer than about a foot off. Never had he felt so disappointed at the loss of any earthly good. But as the storm cleared away, and the stars came out in the sky over his head, he thought of his Saviour who made those stars, who knew of this battle-field and was even then looking down upon it. He thought Slavery," by an esteemed correspondent in a that soon he would go above the stars to that Saviour; and his happiness grew so great that broke out in singing the familiar words:

#### "When I can read my title clear

And as he sung, another wounded man lying near, but hid from him by the bushes, joined in the joyful strain; and then presently in another direction another voice was heard, taking up the notes, and then another and another, until the battle-field rang with their song of praise and of hope. Heaven had come down upon that scene of horror and of woe, as it came to Paul and Silas in the Philippian dungeon.

BISHOP SIMPSON'S ADDRESS

was characterized with unwonted fervor, and vigor of manner and expression. He expatiated on the vastness of the effort to evangelize the million of men in our army and navy. The enterprise was one unparelleled in the history of any Christian nation. What other nation, he asked, has a Christian Commission to look after regarded it as a signal proof of the superiority of our voluntary institutions over any arrangement uniting Church and State. He said it was a splendid testimony to the vigor of Christianity. Infidels and communists were not found among those who visited and ministered to the spirit ual and temporal wants of the soldier; it was Christianity alone that could show such a Comsion. The moral effect of this great humane movement, the Bishob said, could not be overestimated. Nothing could so nerve the soldier battles, thousands of Christian hearts are earnestly praying for him at home, and sending ministers of mercy to his relief and comfort to the

In another part of his discourse, the speaker said that whatever might happen to our country, of one thing he felt certain; The Lord God Om-This most worthy and efficient agency for great many indications of Providence in the the spiritual and temporal relief of our soldiers events which preceded this war, and by which plied in vain for admission after tickets for the discovery of rich silver mines in Nevada Terrientire capacity of the building had been issued. tory. He was not a financier, but he ventured The chair was taken by the President, Geo. H. to say that if we ever succeeded in bringing safe-Stuart Esq., at half past seven o'clock, and the ly into port our glorious old Ship of State, the exercises were opened with singing, prayer by mountains of Nevada alone would not only fur-Rev. Dr. Newton, and reading the Scriptures by nish silver enough to pay off every soldier and llev. Dr. Kennard. An abstract of the annual sailor in the land, but enough besides to furnish seport was read by the Secretary, Rev. W. E. them, on their return, with silver arms instead Boardman, from which we learn that the Com- of iron, and, if needs be, to line every ship in of stores and publications distributed \$142.150. operations of the blockading squadron; of the Ministers and Laymen commissioned to labor on multiplication of labor saving inventions in agthe Battle-field and in camps and hospitals, 356. riculture, as enabling us to dispense with the Bibles and Testaments distributed 102.560. Sol- services of so many able-bodied men; of the diers and Sailors' Hymn Books, 130.697. Other sewing-machine which enabled one woman to do hooks and pamphlets, 150.410. Papers, 384.781. the work of ten or twenty, and so to supply our Pages of Tracts etc., 10.953.706. Temperance immense army with clothing; of the recent de-Documents, 300.000. Libraries supplied to velopement of activity among the various Chris-Hospitals etc., 23. Boxes and Barrels of Stores | tian denominations in the publishing department, and Publications distributed 3.691. Thousands by which suitable books and reading matter may of meetings have been held with and for the be supplied in abundance for our million of solsoldiers and sailors, at home, in hospitals and in diers; and finally of the great revival of 1858, camp; multitudes of voluntary helpers have which brought out our Christian laymen upon offered themselves and been associated with the the field of Christian effort, and removed sectadelegates of the commission in their work in rian feeling, so that we were prepared to unite hospitals and camp; and thousands of letters our forces, and send our laymen and ministers together upon this vast and important underta-After the reading of the report, Rev. R. Pat- king. The Bishop concluded by an eloquent al-

cluty. Speaking more definitely of the work of ly ever is a complaint heard from the wounded reading, he said, he had found to his astonish- by them. We will go and carry them every

Letters of regret for absence, and expressing had nothing in them whatever to amuse or en- deep sympathy with the cause were read from Bishtertain, or to gratify any other than a serious op McIlvaine, Col. McKean and Com. Foote. Also desire to learn the way to the Saviour. He a letter from the Am. Bible Society announcing a spoke of a dance got up by some soldiers in camp grant of \$20.000 worth of Testaments to the Comwith a corporal as fiddler, which had been turned mission, being the largest grant ever made by the into a prayer-meeting by the exertions of an Society. A letter was read from a lady of Irengent of the Commission, the Corporal consent- land who resides near Dublin, and who calls her ing with some reluctance, to play the needed place Mt. Vernon, announcing that she had colhymn tunes on his violin, and corporal and men | leeted a package of religious matter for our solagreeing, at the close, to give up gambling and diers, which was now on its way to the Christian

The friends of the Commission and of that they had a whole peach-basket full of suffering soldier may feel gratified and encourthat it deserves mention in detail. It may be amount of money was raised we do not know; regarded as remarkable instance of God giving but Mr. Stuart announced that he had just re- hamton, N. Y.

ceived one subscription of \$500, and another of \$100, and the collection baskets were very extensively patronized by the audience.

EXTENUATING HIGH CRIME.

it exhibits, and from the unpalatable, but wholewicked, which it teaches. An Almighty Being, manifestly arrayed upon the side of right, prooverwhelming majesty, sweeping away a guilty attack of inflammation of the lungs, which did its and incorrigible race with a deluge, destroying work surely and rapidly. the vile populations of Sodom and Gomorrah with his indignation against national idolatry, licentiousness, tyranny, oppression, rapacity, dishomade deep and large," and, in regard to the in the Holy Ghost. objects of his pardoning grace, expending infinite pains to remove obstacles, so that he might into favor,—such a character held up before

nsupportable corruption. While these are undoubtedly the great principles of the divine government, it is also true that room is left in the course of Providence for the exercise of faith; a quality which all men do not have. Wickedness is suffered to prosper for a minals grow arrogant and boastful. They array themselves against the truth, and make such powerful demonstrations as to confound the minds them are baffled; the arm of justice fails to reach, to crush and to punish the offenders. Crime nuts on the very airs of injured and oppressed innocence. The attempt to administer righteous punishment is decried as wicked persecution Men of shallow moral sentiments, who need con stantly to be reinforced by the visible and speedy success of the right, are confounded: while men without any conscience at all, change their idol as quickly as a native African does the fetish

which has disappointed him. ases to look upon such a crime with abhor- 2: and 1 Cor. xv: 35-58. ence, with boundless indignation, with righteous purity and efficiency.

## A "PEACE" CONGRESSMAN.

who are either now in armed opposition to the in the service of the Master. Government, or who are in avowed sympathy with He was a highly accomplished linguist; dishem. Since the former class abandoned our tinguished in Philology, Exegesis, Ethnology, equacils, their friends, who have only been too and especially in the topography of the Holy himself with deep potations, and then raved and By his able authorship he is best known. He stormed in his place in the highest council of was the founder of the Biblical Repositry and the nation like a lunatic, drawing a concealed the Biblotheca Sacra, which was the first relideadly weapon when placed under arrest? Such gious review in the English language.

pastoral charge of the Presbyterian church in sented it in a definite, accurate form.

DEATH OF REV. JOHN T. COIT. ROCHESTER, Jan. 26th, 1863.

Editor of the American Presbyterian:

One of the most grievous results of delay in that Rev. John T. Coit, the esteemed pastor of a Missionary Seminary. He was acquainted in punishing crime, is the relaxation of the public St. Peter's (O.S. Presbyterian) Church, was the highest circles of intellectual culture, but ascience towards it. Successful villainy demo- lying dangerously ill at Albion. He had been always mingled in them as an Evangelical Chriscalizes the community. The consciences of men in our streets but a few days before in apparent tian. Dr. Robinson was in society just what he need the toning up which the prompt and signal robust health. He was yet a young man, only was in the lecture room, a professed discipline administration of justice gives. Without law some thirty-five years of age, and no one seemed of Christ. and penalty faithfully enforced, their motal sense to have a better lease of long life. He had left becomes confused, they fail to discriminate, they the city only on the Saturday evening before.

become lenient to the wrong. A large part of to exchange with Rev. Mr. Niles, of Albion; but the salutary effect of the evangelical system of was not then feeling well. He entered the pultruth, results from the infinitely just God which pit, however, on Sunday morning, and attempted to discharge the Sabbath duties. He went some doctrine of the eternal punishment of the through the preliminary service and announced tion. He said the deceased, who had so lovingly his text; but as this point his strength gave way. tread the footsteps of his Saviour in the Holy He fainted and was carried to the house of a Land, now looked upon his face in heaven, and

When told that his sickness was of so critical mighty overthrow, and blasting the site with a character, he was at first surprised. He had perpetual desolation, visiting the sins of his own no idea that his end was so near. He paused eople with long-threatened judgments, marking and thought a moment, and then expressed the he whole course of history with memorials of most perfect resignation to the divine will. Calling his friends around him, he folded his hands, and engaged in prayer-"such a prayer." nesty and pride, announcing a day of final said the attending physician, "as I never heard account, when he shall come to judge the quick from mortal lips beside." He retained his conand the dead, having "Tophet ordained of old, sciousness almost to the last, full of peace and joy

It was a striking providence that he should have been taken to Albion to die. It is a little be just in justifying the sinner and receiving him less than three years since he was Pastor of the church in which he then attempted to preach his men, steadies the moral tone of the world, and last sermon, and made it so much more impreskeeps its atmosphere from falling into a state of sive than he had designed. It was in that pulpit he had preached longer than any where else; and there his ministry had been greatly blessed. He fell amongst friends, with harness on, useful

Mr. Coit was very much respected and beloved in this city, and especially prized by the time. Great crimes go unpunished. Great cri- church which he served. His loss is deeply felt. The whole-community is touched by it. His request. The remains will then be taken to Buffalo for interment in the family xault, as upon a world "lying in wickedness." But, Buffalo was his native place, and there his kin-C. P. B.

#### THE FUNERAL OBSEQUIES OF REV. PROF. ROBINSON.

son were held in the Mercer street Presbyterian | Almost without exception have Christians recog-Church, on Friday, January 30th, at 2 o'clock. nized the proclamation of emancipation as divi-The crime of seeking to break up a good and nary; the faculty of New York University and nation; and they have, with a unanimity that beneficent Government, and to whelm a happy other eminent persons were present to pay their argues hopefully for our cause, entreated the dicountry in anarchy and blood, by a causeless last tribute of respect to one who had long honconspiracy, is just as real and as infamous as ored the cause of truth and science by his acever. It is just as important that the public quirements and labors. Prayer was offered by the were bursting forth to intimidate him. conscience should be kept alive and sensible to venerable Dr. Gardner Spring. The Scriptures so great a crime as ever. Deep is the mischief were then read by Chancellor Ferris, of the New wrought, we will not now say for the good cause, York University. The selections were the 90th outling the moral character of a people when it Psalm; the ascent of Elijah to heaven, 2 Kings

The Rev. Dr. Skinner had been chosen to wrath; which sinks into that slough of apathy preach the sermon, he having been the longest and imbecility into which the "no coercion" po- associated of the members of the faculty with licy of Mr. Buchanan would have led it at first. Dr. Robinson; and from his earnest piety well Yet in the absence of more decided progress in fitted to pronounce an appropriate eulogium upon uelling and punishing the rebellion, it is to be the deceased. The text was 2 Kings 2:12. feared the public sentiment is becoming perver- "My father, my father, the Chariot of Israel ted, and the worst and most pestiferous of all and the Horsemen thereof." After some republic offences, treason, is coming to be endured marks upon the appropriateness of the lament in and regarded with leniency. It becomes every the case of Elisha, and also its fitness as applied Uhristian man and every teacher of morals and to the deceased; Dr. Skinner spoke of the cireligion to avoid and resist this tendency as he cumstances of his death. It was sudden, sooner would the contagion of the deadliest disease. It than his friends anticipated, sooner than the becomes the ministry to warn, instruct, and adhighest interests of the church appeared monish their hearers anew on this subject, and, to demand. On Tuesday he ate his dinner as by nothing they say or omit to say, in prayer, or usual; a little before 9 o'clock in the evening he preaching, or conversation, to make or to leave became unconscious, and a few minutes after loubtful their position towards an offence so rank his spirit departed to the presence of his Saviour. and so monstrous, a moral wrong so foul. If The disease was of such a character as is usually God who suffers disaster and delay to befal our lingering; but his departure was gentle, easy, arms, will but preserve our public virtue, we need unexpected. His health had been impaired for have no fear for the result. Let the ministry all a year, and he had spent the last seminary vaca-over the land but do their part, and the first of tion in Europe for the purpose of restoring his over the land but do their part, and the first of tion in Europe for the purpose of restoring his public virtues, loyalty, will be preserved in its eye sight, which had commenced to fail. He came home but little recovered, and only resumed his seminary duties for a short period. He was the son of a Congregational minister in Connecticut, who gave him excellent opportunities of MEN who clamor for peace with unsubdued acquiring an education which were well improved. anarchists, are anarchists themselves. The per- He always stood in the first rank, at the head of istent disturbers of order in our public assem- his class. He was never a pastor, for he had blies and legislative bodies, have ever been those other gifts which could be more efficiently used

wardly to follow them, or who have remained Land. He was among the first scholars of the hind to ply their traitorous schemes among us, age, his great ability was acknowledged by the te almost the only element of disorder we have | learned world; only behind Prof. Stuart in time. contend with. Has any anti-slavery Congress- He was three years Professor of Sacred Science an, or pair of Congressmen, ever assaulted with at Andover; three years Professor Extraordiffianly violence any single pro-slavery member? nary; and for twenty-six years connected with has any anti-slavery Congressman ever fired Union Theological Seminary, in New York City

was the scene in the Senate chamber on Tuesday | He then published his Greek and Hebrew of last week, in which Mr. Saulsbury, of Dela- Lexicons, which have been and are, invaluable ware, was the leading figure—a scene which has to the ministry of the United States. But his had no parallel in those halls, since the murder- greatest literary work has not yet been mentionous assault upon Mr. Sumner by ruffians of the ed, that work which is quoted and referred to same class with the Senator from Delaware. Mr. with the most unbounded respect by European Saulsbury is classed as a "peace" man and a scholars. He traveled twice through Palestine, Conservative"! In the light of such conduct and as the result of his journed, published his the people will learn what those words mean. "Biblical Researches," contained in four vols. They mean to substitute drunken brawls for ho- No one was better fitted than he for this labor; norable warfare; to fill our councils with South- the Royal Geographical Society of England has rn bullies and slave-drivers, doubly arrogant in paid a high tribute to its transcendent merit. the consciousness of having driven us to such He had in process of preparation two other pubconcessions; they mean the reign of whisky- lications, a commentary of the difficult passages rinking, pistol-carrying, duelling Congressmen; of the Bible and a Biblical Geography, which he they mean mob-law and pro-slavery terrorism longed exceedingly to complete. Dr. Robinson against free speech all over the North. These possessed not only great natural abilities, but he are the men who prate about arbitrary arrests also had unusual advantages. Long residences and suspension of habeas corpus. The most de- in Europe, one of four years and another of three, quite facetious, nay, even theatrical, his audience spotic Government under the sun is the only one besides numerous shorter visits, and intimate infit for them. Most devoutly could we wish that tercourse with the greatest living scholars, had as your correspondent has heard in a certain they were all collected together and sent to New given him access to the best results of the church on Brooklyn Heights. Let Mr. Beecher Orleans, and that General Butler was again put labors of other men. He valued the solid and console himself. The staid, conservative Roman in charge of the place for their especial benefit. the useful in learning rather than the speculative. Catholic Church allows "sensation preachers." He had a sound discriminating judgment; he Some of you, said the zealous priest, may object

value as a disciplinarian. He knew human nature, had strong common sense, and a high standard of religious character. He urged on the students unreserved self consecration, kept before DEAR Sik-This community was profoundly them the importance of the Foreign Missionary moved on Thursday last, by-the announcement work, and assisted in making of Union Seminary

At the close of the sermon, a hymn was read by the Rev. Dr. Cox. Dr. Asa D. Smith, as Chairman of the Committee of the Seminary Board, made a few remarks. He spoke of Dr. Robinson personally and officially, as his own beloved teacher, and of his value in the instituclaiming his holy law under circumstances of friend. His disease was found to be a violent he who had looked over Jerusalem as Christ did, now participated with him in the glories of the New Jerusalem. A very impressive and feeling prayer was then offered by the Rev. Dr. Smith. of the seminary. The hymn, "Asleep in Jesus." was read by the Rev. Mr. Booth.

> After the services, the body was taken to the Marble Cemetery, in Second Avenue, where it is placed temporarily. Thus has closed a remarkaoly single and useful life. If we were to epitimize Dr. Robinson's life, we should do so by the statement, unwearied labor. Appropriately was it said to-day that his teachings end not with his earthly existence; but his works, aiding in the preparation of hundreds of sermons every Sabbath. continue to teach each Sabbath the people. -Union Theological Seminary. M. P. J.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTH-WEST.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER—A ROMAN CATHOLIC REVIVAL-RALPH WALDO EMERSON'S LECTU-

-, JAN. 28th, 1863.

Editor of Am. Presbyterian:

The week of prayer, recommended by the Evangelical Alliance, was widely observed by funeral is to be attended to-morrow from St. Christians in the North-west. In many places Peter's Church, the sermon to be preached by union meetings were held. In our own city reof men. The forces of truth arrayed against Rev. Dr. Clarke, of Buffalo, by Mr. Coit's dying presentatives of five or six denominations met in solemn assembly to implore the divine blessing though special topics were appointed for the successive meetings, yet there was one burthen resting upon all hearts, that seemed to outweigh every other. Our country, our distracted, bleeding country was carried up before the God of The funeral services of Rev. Dr. Robin- our Fathers upon the arms of His people's faith. nely ordered for the salvation of our afflicted vine blessing upon the President, that he might stand firmly against the storms of passion that

> While the Christians of our city have been thus uniting in earnest prayer, our Roman Catholic brethren, not to be outdone, have also been holding a "protracted meeting." Indeed, according to their fashion, it might be called a "revival of religion." They have procured the services of a distinguished preacher of that denomination. who has been holding forth four times, daily, upon the beauties of their system of faith. Unlike other revivalists of whom history informs us, he begins to blow his trumpet in early morning. The first service is held at half past five, while yet the majority of our citizens are buried in sleep. In company with a friend, your correspondent went to hear him, not, however, before the break of day. For his text he took the words: "In hoc Signo vinces," whether for the reason that the Bible did not afford a passage suitable for his purpose your readers can decide when they learn the object of his sermon. That was to show the advantage of being invested with the Scapula of the Virgin. The Scapula of the Virgin, he informed us, had been given to some old English saint who prayed long and earnestly to the Virgin that she would give him some proof that she loved him as ardently

Scapula, and she assured him that it would invest him with a safe protection in times of great danger, and that it would support him in the hour of death. At the same time the reigning Pope received a revelation that such a gift had been conferred upon this saint, and that all who became invested with it would share in similar benefits. Many volumes had been written, so he said, to show the wonderful miracles it had wrought. He could tell them of some marvelous results that had been accomplished by it, of which he personally knew, and he would not go back beyond the period of the present war. He said that some Colonel, whose name I have forgotten, only that it commenced with a Mc, was shot through the lungs in one of the battles in Virginia. His soldiers clustered around him to help him. But he assured them that it was all up with him, that he must die. He ordered them to leave him and bestow their attentions upon those to whom their aid would be of some avail. They had no sooner left him than he bethought himself of his scapulas. With eager haste he applied it to the wound, and immediately he felt the blood flowing back into his veins, and an instantaneous cure was effected. Will you allow your correspondent to advertise the Sanitary Commission. through the columns of your paper, of this new remedy for wounds? Nay, the government may dispense with the costly aid of surgeons.

He gave another instance illustrating the advantage of the scapula. When the Lady Elgin was lost on Lake Michigan, nearly two years since, a small number were rescued from a watery grave. Some of these persons, the preacher said. had called upon him at Chicago. He was particular to enquire whether or not they were invested with the scapula, and in every instance he found this to be the fact. They had provided themselves with this sacred charm.

In urging upon his hearers the duty of becoming invested with this instrument he become responding with such demonstrations of applause REV. WM. T. Doubleday has resigned the seized the salient points of a subject and pre- that you are not good enough to be invested with the scapula. No, he urged in reply, it is meant Delhi, and removed, for the present, to Bing- In his relations to the seminary, he was not for "hard cases." But you may say you do not like only the great scholar, but he was of especial the long prayers. "The scapula prayers, you have

day, and every good Christian ought not to be

not abated one of the absurd pretensions of the

who occasionally stumbles into saying someis on a lecturing tour through the West. I keep one of his volumes in my library as a sort of inconvince them how the world of letters can be humbugged as well as these poor deluded Romanists, I get down that volume of essays. There is as great a fund of amusement in it as is to be mirers the other day if he could understand him. his moral nature!

of attending one of Emerson's lectures. There excellence. The clergyman is there because he miss such a rich feast. The lawyer and the doctor, and every man who makes any pretension found philosophy," quoting with equal readiness | hands, and all felt it "was good to be there." from Mother Gcose's Melodies, and from the Veda of the Brahmins. And his delighted hearers will cheer, and applaud, and make significant, nods at some saying of unusual brilliancy, or sit agape with astonishment at his wonderful learning. But when the "rich intellectual treat" has ended, ask the most sensible man of your acquaintance, what did the lecturer mean? and Olivet he will simply look at you with blank amaze

Really what is the difference between Father Damen and his Scapula, and Father Emerson and his charms? Do they not know what absurd pranks they are playing off on the credulous ommunity?

#### (For the American Presbyterian.) THE WEEK OF PRAYER IN WASHINGTON

The week of prayer, in accordance with the difficulties experienced by chaplains in the armymembers of the afflicted families. Yes, here was Lippincott & Co. reality. And who could not feel at such a meet-

on the part of the children of God, was one of South, during and before the outbreak of the rethe sentences of Wednesday evening's topics: bellion, under the title: My DIARY, NORTH AND Perhaps Christians of other large cities may South, T. O. H. P. Burnham, of Boston, has think that their's is the place where such distinct republished the work in handsome style. All tion is most needed; but Christians of Washing- who are curious to recall the impressions made ton feel that this is the place. It is the subject by those extraordinary, insolent letters in the of frequent remark that never were there such | Times will now be able to gratify themselves. gaiety, frivolity, indulgence in wicked amuse- For sale by W. P. Hazzard, Philadelphia, 12mo. ments, and such indifference about consequences, pp. 602. as are manifested this winter in Washington, even by many professed Christians, and many issue of the American S. S. Union. It is deothers who throw off restraints when visiting signed to teach young persons the importance of there, to a degree little suspected by friends in stability, and it is based upon and interwoven their distant homes. Praying Christians at the with incidents of the times we live in. A fresh capital are pained at this, and no wonder is it inviting book, which the young will read with that they, on this occasion, were so ardent at the avidity and profit. Depository, 1122 Chestnut throne of grace for "a more marked separation street." from the world."

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heard your old woman say were long prayers, sent at the last meeting, (Saturday,) to enjoyand you do not wish to be troubled with them." the most precious season. The rain was heavy, No, he replied, "there are only three Pater mud abundant, and numbers not large. Two or Nosters and three Ave Marias to be said each three dozen men were present, and but one lady. Either the spirit of the week there culmina-

unwilling to do this." But you may still object ted, or greater "freedom" prevailed, or the that it is necessary to fast if you are invested conviction of the pre-eminent need of greater with the scapula. No, said the preacher, "no sanctity in the observance of "the Lord's Day,fasting is required." At the close of his dis- perhaps all combined, gave this meeting an course, he informed his audience that the Pope unction long to be remembered by those present. had granted him a special dispensation to sell in Dr. Sunderland presided, with peculiar felicity. dulgences, and to bless relics and crucifixes, and Facts of thrilling interest were related by speakhe invited them all to come next Sunday and ers. One, a captain in the quarter-master's dehave their crosses blessed, and especially to be in- partment of Government, related his efforts, vested with the scapula; and particularly, he from his first entrance upon his duties, to discounsaid, he wished to see all the "hard cases." tenance profanity, and to secure an observance Your correspondent afterwards learned that the of the Lord's Day. Perhaps in no department scapulas cost twenty cents apiece. How much he of government is there less regard paid to the charged for his indulgences and his blessings he Sabbath, and nowhere are more plausible pretexts given-such as the necessities for supplies Such is the kind of entertainment our poor for man and beast, than are to be met with in deluded brethren in the Roman Catholic Church | this department. Yet it is the testimony of many are invited to at a "Mission" as the priest called who are thus deprived of their Sabbath rest, that it. The sale of indulgences was, as your corres- a vast amount of unnecessary work is required pondent supposed, a thing of the past. But of them upon this day. This captain, being thus even the intelligence of the 19th century has impressed, determined to do what lay in his power, to remedy the evil. And his representations of his success filled every one of us with Our city has also been favored with the joy. At one point alone, with which I was fapresence of the grand high priest of intel miliar, many millions' worth of property were lectual humbuggery. Ralph Waldo Emerson, loaded and unloaded, ever since the war began, without any regard whatever to the Sabbath, thing that common-sense people can understand, and a clerk employed there complained, in conversation with me, that for many months he had not been able to have one Sabbath with his famtellectual curiosity. And when I desire to give | ily. This God-fearing captain has just been asmy friends a hard nut to crack, when I wish to signed to that point, and the order was issued to keep the very next day after our meeting as the "Sabbath of the Lord." May the Lord bless this captain! and may many more be raised up like him! Other facts were stated by speakers, found in Barnum's gymnastical advertisements illustrative of the Lord's approbation upon those to please the curious. I asked one of his ad- who endeavor to promote the observance of the Sabbath. One speaker alluded to the popular Well no, he said, he could not put his thoughts belief that the Lord has been exhibiting his disinto phraseology of his own, but then it benefitted pleasure at the apparently needless movements by our armies and various other operations in There are few entertainments superior to that governmental and business circles upon the Sabbath. He called attention to a recent case. The you will find all the intellectual people, par iron-clad "Monitor" had been taken up to Washington, repaired, and launched upon the is a college-bred man and because he must not | Lord's day. Christians there were aggrieved, as they could see no special emergency for the act. Many said, "Now, watch her end." You to book learning, and every Blue Stocking know that end, and where she now is! Thus, among the spinisters are there, because it would fact after fact, and prayer after prayer was poured prove a burning disgrace not to appreciate Em- out; and when the hour-and a-half—the usual rson. And for a whole hour-and-a-half the time of the meeting, had expired, it was prolonglecturer will regale his audience with his "flash ed designedly another half hour; and when it ing wit," and "brilliant rhetoric" and "pro- finally closed, there was a general shaking of

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