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THE UNION PRAYER-MEETING of our churches will be held on Tuesday next at 4 o'cleck P.M., in the Western church, Corner of 17th and Fil-

THE DAILY UNION PRAYER-MEETING is held from 12 to 1 o'clock, in the hall, No. 611 Chestnut street, ever the Commonwealth Insurance

THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY SERMON of Rev. E. E. Adams, pastor of N. Broad st. Church has has just been issued with a portrait of Mr. A. A valuable way-mark in the history of an important church enterprise.

We are gratified to find that Rev. A. T. Norton has been encouraged to re-issue his "PRES-BYTERY REPORTER." Several new denominational periodicals having sprung up in the North West, there would seem to be a demand for an organ of our Church in that section. Mr. Norton is at Alton, Ill., where the Reporter is published. Rev. H. H. Kellogg, of Chicago, cooperates with him in the editorial work. It is issued Monthly in pamphlet form. Price \$1.00.

THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND THEOwhich we shall notice more at length in our next.

The Publication Committee have just issued several new tracts as: THE PRISONER FREE. THE FAITHFUL MOTHER.—IS THE YOUNG MAN SAFE ?- RENEWED DAY BY DAY. These are of the second series. They have also published "A | find to do must be done with our might; for

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As it is very desirable that some approximation to the number which will be required, be sorbed in the minor matters of doctrine, polity reached at an early day, it is hoped that sub- and forms, and divided among themselves. The scriptions will be sent at once to our office.

A limited space will be allotted to advertisements, at fifty cents a line for the entire edition, or \$37.50 per column of fifteen inches; \$20 for opening of the Celestial Empire, and interweaves a half column, \$12 for a quarter column. Address, American Presbyterian, 1334 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

## THE BEST GREETING.

We all desire that the Assembly about to meet in our ctiv should receive a cordial and pleasant greeting. Hospitality they will have we know. Spirit. Nothing would make the true servants posed of to prepare for another, he acts with desence were most numerous and powerful. We ness principles into our religion. all the wheels of Church enterprise that hung life and all life's opportunities for good. lifeless or dragged along with a weary motion

churches of this city in their prayers. Ask for to answer him? Shall it be written of you that nothing less than that the Assembly shall meet you perished not from want of disposition or amid glorious and widespread outpourings of the opportunity, but from want of promptness? Spirit upon the churches of this community.

dignified in character. Perhaps its greatest ser- your best purposes unavailing. vice will be that of helping the student to acquire facility in turning his stores of knowledge FANNY AIKEN; OR, THE VILLAGE HOME is of illustrations within the readers reach. 12 mo. rural population of England. A delightful story pp. 360. Published and for sale by Smith En- for eight year old children. For sale at the glish and Co. Philadelphia.

## PROMPTITUDE IN MORAL AND SPIRITUAL | A FEW WORDS MORE ON HOME MISSIONS.

In worldly matters, the value of promptness is universally recognized. It is an indispensable quality to the business man. The success of great ventures depends upon its exercise. It is appreciating and seizing upon the opportunity for success at the moment it is offered. It is fulfilling duty the moment conscience recognizes its practicability. It is the foe of sluggishness and procrastination. It is the finer form of the moral sense. It is the expression of fidelity and devotion to his interests which the master rejoices to see in the employe. It is the proof of that self-consecration which the Saviour approves in his followers and the workers in his vine-

The world is not so much in need of good intentions as it is of promptness in the execution of them. Its condition is so imperfect, not because good men are few, but because so many good men fail in this high virtue of promptness fail in readiness to seize the occasion for good The righteous cause languishes, not because fleets and armies and armaments and the sinews of war and the disposition of the people are wanting, but because men are in power who fail to discern and to seize upon the fitting occasion for their use; who use armies, in numbers, in spirit, and in perfection of equipments, unparilleled in modern warfare, but who waver at the critical moment and who suffer the providential offer of victory to pass from their reach. The outnumbered and panic-struck army is ruined, not because reinforcements are unprovided, but because the precious moment in which their presence would turn the scale of victory is lost LOGICAL REVIEW for April has promptly ap by the supine and vacillating commander. The peared with an unusually rich table of contents, destiny of empires, the welfare of millions unborn, the very progress of humanity depends upon the existence and exercise of this quality in the critical moments of history.

We are creatures of a day. The good we do must be done now. Whatsoever our hands Word to the Soldier" by a Lady; in 32 mo. size. there is no device nor work in the grave to which we hasten. The night cometh when no man can work. Soon the tongues that can warn and admonish and persuade will be speechless. Soon the hand that can dispense liberality will be laid During the approaching Sessions of the Gene- stiff at our sides, be coffined and consigned to ral Assembly in this city, we propose to issue decay. Far-reaching plans; deliberate and slowfrom this office a daily paper, containing PHONO-GRAPHIC REPORTS of all the proceedings, with death. We passing creatures must seize the death. We, passing creatures, must seize the present occasion. For those, too, whom we would benefit, are mortal. The child, whom we The DAILY AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN will expect bye and bye to see a true Christian, may be nearly half the size of the weekly; it will be die to-morrow. The unconverted friend whom season vanishes in a moment out of our sight. Generations go down to the pit for want of the The price for a single copy will be FIVE gospel, while we are elaborating in seclusion our guishes, the community sinks in spiritual death, while the professed friends of religion are abenemy is diligent, decided, astute, while we

trifle. Rome promptly seizes upon the first her diplomacy with that of the French Government; while Protestant England and America leave their missionaries to any chance recognition which may follow in the wake of commer-

Life is full of opportunities for good; the activity and readiness of the prompt Christian creates them, or comes in as an important element in hastening and ripening them. The Loyalty to the Church and profound interest in prompt man's discernment grows keen. He sees all its schemes for extending Christ's Kingdom the favorable combination of circumstances in they will assuredly meet. Readiness to co-operate which to act upon the individual sinner's mind. in every wise plan to promote the prosperity of or the state of affairs which demand special laour Zion, they may confidently expect. No one bors on the part of the Church and the miniswill come to our city in any doubt of the thorough try. He feels the same stirrings of spirit as levalty to the Government of all its Evangelical the active business man does, in view of an oppeople and most of its non-evangelical. But the portunity to secure an important transaction. best greeting we could give to a council of the Knowing that the favorable moment is transient. Church of Jesus Christ would be one coming that hundreds of anxious competitors are on the from churches quickened by the breath of his look out, and that one transaction must be disof Christ feel more completely at home than to cision and energy. We talk much of carrying find themselves just where the Master's work our religion into our business. It were well, inwas going on and where the evidences of his pre- | deed, if we carried some of our commonest busi-

are preparing for the meeting of the Assembly | And why does the impenitent sinner perish? in various ways, and it would seem from indica- Not so much from positive disbelief and oppositions of the Spirit's presence in a number of our tion to religion; not because he has no wish and churches, that God was intimating his willing no purpose to be saved; not because he steels ness to give us this most important element of his bosom against all appeals. The hardened depreparation, if we will but seek it in faith and spiser of God and religion is rare. Few in a earnestness. Shall we not cherish these most Christian land but have been awakened, and happy indications and refuse to admit the neces- have thought and felt deeply. Few but of them sity for their withdrawal? May we not come bold- it might at some point of their lives be truthfully ly before God and plead the interest of the whole said : Ye are not far from the kingdom of body as an uncommon and a cogent reason for a heaven. Opportunities of salvation have been continuance and multiplication of these gracious abundant. There has been with almost every though partial influences? Surely with this one one a favorable combination of circumstances argument we may fill our mouths, and with this when, with singular emphasis and agreement, one expectation we may open them wide for the the conscience, the Holy Spirit and the Provipromised blessing. For a greater blessing upon dence of God said Now. But the sinner, touchthe whole church could scarcely be wished than ed, anxious, yearning for heavenly hopes and to have its highest council meet and transact its peace of mind failed in promptitude of action. business in a thoroughly revived community. He wavered, trifled, delayed. He treated his Each member of the Assembly would carry back | soul's interest as no business-man would have to his home a soul asame with holy zeal, and treated a passing opportunity to make a few hundreds of responsive fires would doubtless be dollars. He sought not the Lord while he might lit up all around the horizon of our beloved be found, and called not upon him when he was Church. Liberal things would be devised and near. He heeded not the transient nature of

Reader! are you passing through such opporwould feel the impulse of a new and strong mo- tunities without appreciation of their briefness and their value? Is Christ knocking at the We ask brethren abroad to remember the door of your heart while you sluggishly refuse Fellow-servants of Christ in the pastoral office : Are you on the alert to discern the aroused state of your flock and to make immediate and effec-"BIBLE ILLUSTRATIONS, being a store house tive use of their quickened spiritual recepof Similes, Allegories and Anecdotes, selected tivity, to redouble your prayers and labors and from 'Spencer's Things New and Old;' with an to pour in the truth, fresh and impassioned and introduction by Rev. Richard Newton D. D." mighty, from your own quickened soul? If not, Ministers and teachers who are called on to ex- may not the fearful word in Ezekiel 3, 17: 18 pound and enforce Scripture truth will find in become true of you? Beware how with the this volume a pleasing and valuable aid. The best of intentions, you delay; the times, the passages are brief, the points made are just and whole state of the case demands promptness, ere important, the allusions are fresh and simple yet death and the world and the arch-enemy make

to use and in thus originating new and ever another of Carters' well selected "Fireside Lifresh illustrations in the exact line of his own brary." It is a simple and touching tale of thoughts-which are almost the only truly natu- youthful trust, dutifulness and zeal under the ral ones. A copious Index puts the whole store difficulties of poverty such as abound among the Tresbyterian Book Store.

The Home Mission Committee asked the last General Assembly if they might expect from the Churches during the year \$55,000 for Home Missionary operations. In reply the Assembly promised to use its "best endeavors as Pastors and Elders, to secure for the use of the Committee, if need be, \$75,000."

The following reasons show the urgent necesity for keeping the promise:

1. It is our duty to give the Gospel to all men. Therefore every sentiment of piety and patriotism equires that we should give it to the millions that re, and that are to be, in our country.

2. Our feeble churches cannot be left unaided without peril to their existence. Without the preaching of the Gospel, public worship will be abandoned, Sabbath schools disbanded, foundations for good will be broken up forever. 3. Many of our feeble churches are in the Valley of the Mississippi, and dependent on that river and its tributaries for pecuniary prosperity. The war has crippled these churches very

and middle-aged persons. Elders, deacons, Sunday school superintendents, and teachers, in great numbers, have gone into the army, leaving scarcely any able-bodied or middle-aged persons to uphold religious institutions in their absence. strange thing perhaps—but they have each so location, in its prospective future. They need help from their brethren.

5. We are sadly in debt to our Missionaries The applications for aid crowd upon us to such an extent that prompt payment to our Missionries, on which their comfort, reputation, and sefulness depend, is impossible.

6. If one part of our citizens go into the army s it not the duty of the remainder to bear their hare of the expenses, and furnish their brethren every facility for success? Ought not all our churches then to join in the support of Home Missionaries? And yet there are Hundreds of

feeble churches and their suffering pastors are the Mosaic record: as if in ten chapters it were any direction from the village, one comes almost calling to them for help?

Contributions may be sent to Edward A Lambert, Esq., 119 William street, or to 150 Nassau street, New York.

H. KENDALL, General Secretary of Home Missions.

PHILADELPHIA EDUCATION SOCIETY. The 28th Annual Meeting of this Society was

March 25th.

with prayer.

Rev. E. B. Bruen for publication. The report shows there were twenty five can- use of the multiplication table now.

n Academies,—and two private Students. education on the part of its friends, but from the a time when all were believed. fact that the Society now confines its appropria-

ent, to serve in the United States army: tion, whose policy, some suppose, will better ad- author of this? But I promised to be brief. vance the educational interests of our denomina-

tion than the plans heretofore pursued. Within about twenty months, nine candidates. recently under the care of the Society, were li-

enses, \$464.10; invested tunds, \$3300.00.

urging upon them an increase of their contributions for the coming year. The following officers were elected for the en-

President-Mr. AMBROSE WHITE.

Vice Presidents-Mr. John A. Brown, and HON. WM. DARLING.

Treasurer-Mr. WM. PURVES.

Auditor-Mr. CLEM. TINGLEY. Directors:-Revs. Thos. Brainerd, D.D., John Jenkins, D.D., David Malin, D.D., Robt. Adair. Thos. J. Shepherd, John Patton, D.D., J. Helf- will do best to set the table, and put on the table- on the American side, or, what were far better fenstein, D.D., Edward B. Bruen, E. E. Adams, cloth, and arrange plates, with knives and forks. perhaps, the Eric Canal from near the outlet of J. G. Butler, Samuel H. Perkins Esq., Messrs. roy, A. S. Naudain, Alex. Whilldin, Henry J. method, as if it were best in all cases—in fact cable. For the twenty miles to Sodus Bay, the Chance, Hon. Joseph Allison, Samuel Work, tains? The Methodists have tried extemporism

The American Sunday School Union has just published a beautiful little library of six volumes and in a neat case, called THE CHILDREN OF the rebellion is to be overcome—that it is getting surrounding hills. Ithaca is sixty miles from BLACKBERRY HOLLOW SERIES. The children weak in the knees, and must come down. We Lake Ontario, and can be strongly-fortified and are represented under different aspects and cir- have only to hold on, squeeze them up a little defended, if necessary. It is even now connect-New Bonnet, Little Lights, White Frock, Tom possible, and keep out supplies, and time will do by a branch canal frem its outlet. It is near the Lane's Cent, Little Brown House, Red Shoes. it. As for fighting in the field we must expect a great coal and iron deposits of Pennsylvania. It Price for the Series \$1,00. Very cheap indeed. various fortune; but we can hold them, and flesh has fine timber not far distant. Its boat yards Depository 1122, Chestnut St.

LETTER FROM OHICAGO.

As I read your paper from week to week, I often feel moved to drop you a line or two, upon some topic therein suggested; but I have been for a long time let, in this purpose, by a cause which I could not well disregard-having in truth, no surplus vitality to expend on other than imperative duties. A little less than a year ago, God led me into deep water, and has been taking me out of it by an upward slope, which, though now nearly dry, is still at times a little wet. But if we never had any trials how would we know whether we had any patience, or any faith, or in fact any anything which we ought to have? Those who go through trials, led by God's hand, know how good God is; and they not conly know, but have the knowledge stamped into their being, so that they are not so ready to forget it. It is a thing which our carnal nature does not love to realize, that uninterrupted prosperity is not the best thing for us, in a world like this. with a being like ours. If such an one as Paul was so often put under the harrow,-tribulum, what can, or ought smaller disciples to expect, other or 4. These churches are mostly made up of young easier, in the way of experience God's felt goodness in our trials is the best goodness we know. and happy is he who so finds it. Two, Books.

decidedly, yet differently, impressed me, that I cannot help speaking of it. Yet I promise brevity, for I remember how tedious is reading upon | by a journey of almost two months that they both books and pictures; and I always dread a letter from a Beecher, for fear I shall be obliged | They built cances and traversed portions of two to go into a lot of stuff about some picture, hung rivers in the route; and for the last thirty miles up somewhere, possibly in England or Rome. But my two books-standing now side by side on my table, are, Hopkins' Moral Science, and Bishon Colenso. Have you read, or tried to read, or | the island of Ithaca, in the Ionian sea, was once begun to try to read, this latter tome? I have the home of Ulysses of Homeric memory, so this sorrow for you, if you have. I can only get on a village, in the classic conceit of Col. De Witt, our churches that have given nothing to this tew pages at a time with him; and I always feel the founder, was called by that name. sause since the last meeting of the Assembly. as if I were taking a walk with the Father of Lies But this is not an island. The village is le The yearly receipts will fall far short of \$55,000, whenever I read even a short passage. Yet the cated mostly on a low, level and almost marshy unless these delinquent churches make a prompt Bishop seems as honest as a cow on a Brussels plain. It is surrounded on all sides. (except a and resolute effort to make up the deficiency. carpet, snuffing about with objurgatory lowings, narrow opening both north and south), with high But five weeks remain before the account will be because she cannot get sustenance from the vil- and precipitous hills, from which several streams lose coatings thereof. It is nothing but Ration- come pouring down, through narrow and deeply 7. Will any of the Pastors or the Elders be alism taking to figures. The Bishop must cipher; shaded ravines, over ledges of rocks. forming ontent to let a whole year pass without having and he cannot cipher it out! Alas, for him. He some of the most beautiful cascades upon which called for a collection for this great cause, while stumbles over the brevity and incompleteness of the eye ever rested. Sallying forth in almost to be expected that a fully explained story would at once upon this wild and romantic scenery; all 8. Besides, nothing prevents the rapid ex- be given, of all that happened in eighteen hun- beautiful even in its bare and wintry aspects. It tension of our work into new fields opening before dred years! On his principles, every book in was easy to see how much more beautiful. vea is continually in the new States and Territories | the Scriptures, new as well as old, is to be discre- | even enchanting, much of this scenery must but the lack of funds. Shall we confess that we dited. Who will believe, for instance, that a be when clothed in its Summer grandeur. are unable to do our share of the work of Home star an actual star-led the magi from the East, What a place, we thought, for healthful recrea-Evangelization, or shall we confess that we are un- while the record says the star was in the East, tion; for horseback rides, and evening rambles willing? If neither, our delinquent pastors, el- to Jerusalem? and that then it turned a corner at What a place for the dwellers in great cities, to ders, and churches must come to the rescue right angles, and led them to Bethlehem! Is come to in the long, weary months of summer!

And then, who can credit the veracityas an actual occurrence"-of that flight into Egypt? As if a young mother like Mary could wicked place. Here the Rev. William Wisner make such a journey, with so young a child, and was settled in 1816, as Pastor of the Presbyteby night too, to so distant a country, across that rian church, the first religious society formed same "terrible wilderness"! How did she go? the account does not say. Did she ride or walk? tended his ministry; how a large church was What did she eat on the way? It is three hun- soon gathered, and a surprising improvement in dred miles in a straight line, and would take her the manners and morals of the place was maniheld at the Presbyterian House, on Wednesday, three weeks or a month to go. I look on the fest, is well known in all this region. Here he map, and see it marked "deserts of moving sand" | spent the dew of his youth; and after some The Chair was occupied by Mr. Ambrose |-for half or more of the way. Now could one changes, here he now lives in a green old age, White, the President, and Rev. J. G. Butler, beast carry food enough for two all that journey? was appointed Clerk. The exercises were opened and what did the beast eat? Did he carry his own fodder? Ah bishop you see the difficulties The Annual Report from the Directors was multiply the more we cipher; you may believe presented, and assigned to the Secretary and the all this, but you must allow me to shake my

didates for the ministry, connected with the So- But it was not left to our day to discover that ciety during the last year; of whom, ten were in a man cannot believe that which he does not wish Theological Seminaries,—ten in Colleges,—three to. A man only wants enough of the dont-likeit to stumble over every pebble in the Bible. Mothe last annual meeting, has not occurred from a Matthew and Paulare all unreliable—" as his-

But that other book-The Moral Science. tions to those connected with the Churches on do not know if others think as I do, but it is the its own financial field, and that some of its can- book of modern days, for me. It goes to the didates have suspended their studies, for the pre- pivots-it concerns the hinges-it takes the tree by the butt. I liave five hundred volumes or so It should also be noticed, that the Society is which I could well spare for this little volume gradually arranging its affairs to accommodate of 304 pages—cost one dollar. If accuracy is the Assembly's Permanent Committee on Educa- power, have we any living writer superior to the

The Extempore Question. Are not the papers discussing the matter of extempore preaching a little more than usual? You pay your respects to it with frequency, and censed, or ordained, to preached the Gospel; all the Evangelist pulls it weekly, this way and that, whom are usefully engaged in important fields of Mr. Adams says he has heard more good written than extempore sermons. Good for Mr. Adams! By the Treasurer's report we learn that the So have I. Who has not that has sufficient receipts for the year, from all sources, amount-opportunity to hear both? I have listened for thy citizens, the project is not chimerical. ed to \$3513.24: the expenditures, for all pur- years to extempore preaching, but I cannot reposes, \$3049.14; in the treasury, for current ex- collect more than three or four good written ones. I have volumes that I have not heard. You The Rev. J. G. Butler, and Messrs. John A published the crudities of Dr. Begg on this matter; why not give airing to the "Country Parcommittee to prepare and issue an address to the son," on the same subject, in his introduction to Churches, heretofore contributing to this Society, | "Graver Thoughts"? His testimony is fresh

at least, and shows the drift in Scotland now. My belief is, that when you banish written sermons, you sink the power of the pulpit ten degrees, with educated minds. True, for miscassional harrangues, for week-night lectures, for missionary information, for the platform, the from the reach of an enemy, and yet within easy Corresponding Secretary - REV. CHARLES extempore method is best, and ought to be adhered to; coarse ears, undisciplined minds, chil- ters. We understand, that the subject of chardren, are so best reached. "Milk" can be fed tering a company for building such a canal is with a spoon, or drank from a bowl standing, or now before the Legislature of this State. you come to the cooking of "strong meats," you must indeed be constructed around Niagara Falls. Don't you think so? Then why need to be this Lake must be enlarged westward to Buffalo. Joseph H. Dulles, B. D. Stewart, Archd. McEl- bothered with this talk about the extempore And all this is thought to be eminently practi-Williams, Esq. Messrs. James L. Earle, J. C. the only right way, as Dr. Begg, et ejus, main- channel is almost cut already by the hand of na-Benj. Kendall, John B. Stevenson, Isaac Ash- to their hearts' content, but are now using the manuscript; at least with their educated men. How comes it?

What's o'clock of the war? Here about we handsome cloth binding, with illustrations, feel that we have got them. It is our belief that and blood cannot endure a continuous holding. are already furnishing canal loats and Lake

Our city grows as it never did before, and business is unusually prosperous. The kingdom of God makes progress also in various ways. We have suffered somewhat from sickness, worse than is usual during the winter, due as we suppose to the open mild season; but the city is now healthy, and as the high water has given our river a good washing, and the continuous North winds have kept the lake in salutary as well as saltatory motion, we hope for a continu-

ance of health. As I write, a bevy of prisoners go past my vindow-two thousand or so-towards Dixie; exchanged, as I suppose. They are many times better clad and healthier than when they came here. Their behavior is unexceptionable. I feel sad for the poor fellows. Though they go home, they go to conscription and starvation. Well it is their look out. They had best be quiet, and they will yet think so, God save the old United Commonwealth! Yours,

### FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

A DAY AT ITHACA.

Dear Editor. If I merely tell you that this is a beautiful place, it is saying but little. You want to know much more. It is a peculiar place I have just been reading two books-not a and exceedingly interesting in its history, in its

> Ithaca was settled in 1789, by three families from Kingston, on the North River; and it was removed themselves from that locality to this. cut their own road through the forest, which accounts for the time consumed. Ithaca was once embraced in the township Ulysses; and as

It may be known to some of the readers of the Presbyterian that Ithaca was once a very How faithfully he labored; what blessings atrespected and beloved by all.

Ithaca now claims a population of 6000; large, thriving busy village; indicating in the order of its streets, in the appearance of its public and private buildings, and the hum of its inhead, and look as wise as I can! We see the dustry, the presence of a people of much enterprise and true cultivation. Fortunately, we thought, that enterprise does not run to extravagance in the erection of private dwellings. The houses are neat, commodious, evidently comfortable; but not built for show; not built This reduction in the number of students since | ses and Joshua, and David and Ezekiel, and | as though the owners were intent on putting all their money into houses and grounds, leaving decline of interest on the subject of ministerial torical accounts"! I cannot find there was ever nothing to supply the daily wants of life. We know some towns where this extravagance does prevail. We hardly know a greater folly. The Public school and academy of Ithaca

have a high reputation. About a thousand children and youth are enjoying their privileges. But we hurry on to mention another matter of peculiar and prospective interest. Your readers will be surprised, perhaps, to learn that this enterprising people propose to make their village a seaport town. Not that they intend exactly to draw it up out of its snug little nest in the valley, and over the hills to old ocean's shore: but something even better than that; a sea port. and yet inland, sheltered, safe, a rendezvous for ships and gunboats, a city of ship yards and docks, of military stores and supplies, a regular naval depot for our Lake defense. And if we may trust the representations of some of its wor-

The village is situated at the head of Cayuga Lake, which is forty miles long, and some two, three or five miles wide, lying north and south. The outlet of this lake is only some twenty miles from Sodus Bay, or Lake Ontario, which furnishes one of the largest and finest harbors of all the northern Lakes for commerce, or for the safe anchorage of fleets and navies. The project is to build a ship canal from the outlet of this Lake to Sodus Bay, and then to make this quiet little village a great busy city, where ships and sionary work, for schoolhouse preaching, for oc- gunboats shall be built, where military stores shall be accumulated and safely lodged, far away access to the great northern chain of inland wa-

taken in more primitive ways still. But when In order to reach Lake Erie another canal ture, though the outlet of the Lake and the marshes beyond. It is estimated that such a canal may be constructed, capable of floating vessels of a thousand tons burden, at an expense

of one million of dollars. Let it be added, the Cayuga Lake is deep, but | while I receive no higher salary as teacher, than cumstances as the titles of the volumes show; closer, keep them well in the smallest territory ed with the Eric Canal and with Seneca Lake

Cleveland to New York, and some of them have Tenessee." done good service, as transports, on the York and James Rivers, during the war.

Who will dare to say that our Ithaca friends are altogether wild and chimerical in their projects? Don't the reader see how safely a thousand gunboats, more or less, or small ships of war, could here be built, fitted, rigged, manned manœuvered, and held in readiness, in case of war, with great Britain?-and how, like an eagle from his eyry in the rock, they could sweep down upon our Northern Lakes, at the shortest possible notice?—and how they could sweep back again to their safe inland retreat in case of necessity?-and how when some are knocked to ness for any emergency?—and how these ample ship yards could furnish any number of Lake or river crafts desired in any part of the land?and how a great many other things might come

It is true, that our Ithaca friends, " having an eye to the main chance," would expect their town thus to become one of great importance. Its population would be rapidly increased. Its six thousand would soon become sixty. All the surrounding hills would be dotted over with beautiful residences, and pretty villas. Its numerous rapid, roaring streams would be made to drive a thousand trip hammers, and bellows, and lathes, and other instruments of mechanism. Real estate would go up like a balloon. Landholders and artizans would be rich. Merchants and traders would find a market for their silks and satins. Milliners and mantuamakers would do a smashing business,

But what other little town would not do the nvading Lion of England.

We have one little slight misgiving about this whole scheme, which after all may not be worth entioning; but still we give it. They tell some parvelous stories about this little inland lake. t evidently has a character and a reputation of olv as in the Summer.

e do not pretend to account for them.

ous origin. But it would be quite distressing for all the people of this great prosperous city to wake up some bright morning and find themselves buried like Pompeii and Herculaneum. But we do not really anticipate any such terrible disaster. . We prefer to look upon the bright side, even though it may be only a picture.

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