# American Presbyterian and Genesee Evangelist.

great show at the beginning, they point to the great number of their converts, but these having no divine foundation, soon become tired of the voke imposed upon them from without, and relapse into beathenism, unless the prospect of secular gain attaches them to the foreign priest. which my Father in heaven has not planted, shall be rooted out;" this is the principle by which all missionary work at home and abroad must be judged.

106

GENESEE EVANGELIST. THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1863.

OUR STATE THE THEATRE OF WAR.

## JOHN W. MEARS, - - Editor

Ar the present writing it appears that the rewar from their own territory to loval soil. Des. ed upon. peration has doubtless made them bold to this pitch of recklessness. Their cause can be saved only by venturing it all in such a movement as this. Up along the fertile and beautiful valley

State likely to be crossed by the invader. population ought to have been organized as tion on this topic. minute men; how our Government should have possessed a reserve force for just such emergencies as this; how martial law ought to have been declared and enforced as soon as practicable after the defeat of Chancellorsville, in all the border regions; how it should have been proclaimed in our State at least two weeks ago; how a sterner attitude on the part of the authorities, and the presence of such a man as General Butler in some commanding position under the Government might have saved us from such disgrace and peril, we will not now pause to expatiate upon. Let all now unite and energetically respond to the summons which the present exigency makes upon us and all will yet be well. Yes! been a happy circumstance for the country that rebel insolence sought a field for its exercise in our own commonwealth. A hundred thousand brave men can and should be in the field to meet and chastise him, ere these lines have

### NEW MAP OF PALESTINE,

reached the majority of our readers' eyes.

IT is known to our readers that the Rev. Dr. Coleman and the Rev. Henry S. Osborn have Holy Land and Syria.

From the ability of the distinguished co-laborers and especially from their own personal and order. examinations of the land, the expectation was incleed, that enters into the production of a reli- ones. able and elegant map, it is beyond all praise. Another question mooted in the preceding too highly of its scientific value.

scription price is TEN DOLLARS, if subscribed for subject. They have all found it safest and subscribe at once, sending their names to Rev. Dr. Coleman, Easton, Pennsylvania, or to R. L. Philadelphia.

# A CARD.

[We are happy to give place to the subjoined Card of thanks by an honored missionary of our Church in the West, a member of the Assembly which lately met in this city and the guest of one of our Christian families.

The gift of a musical instrument to a feeble Congregation is not more grateful to those who receive it than creditable to those who make it. We are specially pleased to mention that to Mr. Spruce, the committee purchasing the Instrument are indebted for a liberal reduction of price. We pray that donors and receivers may be alike duty as a Church demanded action.

DEAR SIR-Allow me, through your paper, attendance on the General Assemby in your city; -- and especially to express my gratitude to investment for permanent influence for generathe son and daughter of the late, lamented Dr. tions to come. Ezra Stiles Ely, through whose kind and persevering efforts the principal part of the money was raised for this purpose. That God may reward them for their kindness, is the earnest prayer of their ever obliged friend.

One hundred of our city clergy in a body the Christian Commission offered their services to the Mayor of the city, on Monday last.

GEO. R. CARROLL.

#### THE LATE ASSEMBLY.

ITS ACTION ON PUBLICATION.

IT was the peculiar happiness of the late General Assembly to have excelled at once in spirit and in action. The spirit of love had in its discussions the fullest sway, whilst earnest and decided action crowned the discussions with fruit. The Assembly was earnest in the pursuit of its special duties and catholic in its grasp of the extended hand of other bodies of Christians. A practical illustration was given of the fact, that we American Presbyterian may with zeal carry on good works denominational ly with no loss of that Christian fraternity which embraces all who love our Lord Jesus Christ. In no respect was the action of the Assembly

more decided and comprehensive than in that on the cause of Publication. A final decision was made as to the principles upon which this important branch of missionary and evangelical work should be conducted, and as to the methods by which our contributions to religious literature should be produced, and the raising of a suffibels have succeeded in transferring the seat of cient sum to carry out these decisions was resolv-

The Assembly gave its time to the discussions needful, patiently not only, but cheerfully and heartily. The report of the Permanent Committee, read by the Secretary, Mr. Dulles, that of of the Cumberland, their unimpeded army of the Assembly's Committee read by Dr. Fowler cavalry, infantry, and artillery has rolled, sweep- and embracing a special report of the Permanent ing over fair fields, flourishing towns, prosperous | Committee, and that of the committee of seven apcommunities and parishes, blotting out familiar pointed by the last Assembly and read by Dr. localities, homes of brethren, friends and co- Beman, were all listened to with attention. They presbyters one by one from our view, destroying presented full and thorough discussions of our public works and doing incalculable damage to whole policy on this subject. Having received our State, until its Capitol is threatened, its the approbation of the Assembly, (without dischief artery of intercommunication is jeopardized | sent.) these documents have become the settled and the river defence of the Eastern part of the policy of the Church, and will guide our committee in the prosecution of the trust committed It is too late to complain of what might have to their hands. As it is more than probable been but has not been done. How all our people that some of our readers have not carefully noought to have been drilling for the past two ticed all the reports of the Assembly's doings, years; how the able-bodied men of our border | we will briefly recall the main points of the ac-

As to the absolute necessity of our using the press as a religious body, all were agreed. That it would do for a denomination of Christians such as ours, in such a land as this, where every man must be ready to give a reason of the hope that is in him, to ignore the use of the printed page none maintained. But a question had been raised as to the scope which should be allowed to our publications. The General Assembly originally appointed a "Doctrinal Tract Committee" to prepare tracts in defence of our peculiar views as a denomination, and to meet misstatements widely circulated as to our doctrinal belief. This "Doctrinal Tract Committee," at a later day, was transformed into the "Presbyterian Publicaif we do but a fair proportion of our duty as tion Committee" and its functions made to cover citizens and patriots, it will turn out to have the issue of books of an evangelical and religious question raised was whether it would not be best to confine our committee to the issue of works strictly denominational. In the answer to this question there was the fullest concurrence on the part of each of the committees, represented in the three reports read to the Assembly. They united in maintaining on grounds of duty, policy and economy, that we must not confine ourselves to denominational publications—that we been some time engaged in the preparation of a must include in our work the full scope of the new geographical and historical map of the religious press, embracing our peculiar views but not restricting ourselves to the mere utterance of such peculiar and distinctive points of faith

Whilst the explanation and defence of our general that this new map would be far in doctrinal positions, our church government and advance of anything we have hitherto had, a polity form a vital and necessary part of our noble illustration of American scholarship and publication work, it was decided that our work an important aid to Biblical study. The map is did not and must not end here. We must give now passing through the press. We write this the truth by the printed page as fully and as notice with one of its ten sections lying before practically as by the voice of the preacher, the us, and with delighted conviction that its pro- Sabbath School teacher and the private Chrismise is more than fulfilled. In comprehensive. | tian. Evangelical and practical works are to be ness, accuracy, clearness, beauty, everything, published by our committee as well as doctrinal

By the simple device of difference in the size of Assembly was, whether the Church could be letters, the names of places are instantly recog- saved the trouble of raising a capital for this nized as those that figure in Biblical history, or work by operating through the agency of private as those that appear in ecclesiastical history, or publishers. This question was fully considered as those that have reached prominence in and decided in the negative. The facts and Modern times; by the equally simple device of arguments were all against this suggestion. The color, scriptural battle-fields, and the sites of legitimate end of business is money making. Crusader struggles are seen at a glace. We haven The aim of the Assembly is to do good. It is been particularly pleased with its admirable and quite right for the Church, in an effort to do good exact delineations of the Agricultural, Floral, through the press, to publish what will yield Volcanic and Geological features of Palestine. little if any profit, and to make investments We believe this is the first attempt to picture to | whose pecuniary returns will be small or slow. the eyes of untravelled students the soils and The Church aims to do good at assmall a cost as cereals, the trees and flowers, the hills and val- may be, but at any rate to do good. Business lies, the deposits of shells and the formations firms cannot act on this principle. Then, too, of rocks in the Holy Land, and we cannot speak the Church is a permanent body; private firms are constantly changing. The pecuniary affairs We commend the map most heartily to scho- of a religious body cannot be safely linked to lars and to all students of sciptures. It should those of a business firm, liable to change or dishave a prominent place in every minister's study solution at any moment. The experience of all and in every Sabbath school room. The sub- of our sister denominations concurs on this before the 1st July. We advise our friends to cheapest in the long run to keep the control of their work in their own hands. The methods already adopted by the Publication Barnes, Map-publisher, No. 27 South 6th Street, | Committee were fully endorsed, and their zeal and devotion warmly commended.

The Assembly having thus decided upon principles and methods, advanced to what Dr. Be. man designated as the all important question of " Ways and Means." and did all that an Assembly can do-RESOLVED. But, there was in the manner of resolving an evident intent that the resolutions should be carried into effect. The determination reached to make a prompt and vigorous effort to raise \$50,000 for this cause was a determination based upon patient and thorough consideration resulting in conviction. James Bellak, Music Dealer, Fifth street near It was not only seen, it was felt that it would not do for us longer to dally with the subject. that our honor as a denomination as well as our

We trust that our Publication Committee will take this work in hand immediately, and that to express my most hearty thanks to kind friends our men and women of piety and intelligence for the presentation of a Melodeon, during my will be prepared to meet the call of duty. It is not a contribution for a transient good, but an

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

From Rev. Wm. B. Evans, Washington, D. C. for Presb. Pub. Com. From Cent. Church, Wilmington. ton, for distributing the paper through

25 00.

REV. DR. DUFFIELD ON THE 'FOSSIL MAN.'

DETROIT, June 22, 1863. Mr. Editor-I have been pleased that you ocasionally apprise your readers, by extracts from foreign periodicals, of matters of scientific interest, which have a bearing upon Bible history, or estimony, as relating to matters either very re- rassiers of the Abbeville gravel pits." ent or thousands of years before the Adamite

the tests of sound reasoning?

eaders to some remarks or extracts from Eng- nological epochs of pre-adamite creations. lish papers, relative to the discovery, in the gravel beds near Abbeville, of a so-called "fossil" numan jaw. which M. Boucher de Perthes is But to call it science is preposterous. Even the said to have obtained from the "black seam" flinty gravel. It would be far more gratifying abusive gazette, the Loudon Times, after all said o have had a full and faithful statement of the and done, confess themselves bewildered, se that facts, and of the evidence establishing the time. place, circumstances, and condition of the disco- the ignorant terrasiers that have contounded the this, we trust, has before it a career of great useand independent thinker, without the facts, or have been surpassed by a committee of anthropo- best results. the phenomena of the case, together with the logists enacting a practical joke "!!! But here vidence establishing them? Let the reported is a problem remaining to be solved by the sober liscovery be tried, as any other report would be, anthropological philosophers. We give it in the y submitting it to the laws of evidence. If the writer's own language. "The selection (of the lleged discovery is an imposition, let it be proved so. If genuine, let the evidence of the same e stated. The analytical chemist appeals to vell known and fixed laws, and makes known his process of analysis by which he proves the article to be either genuine or adulterated, so is to apprise learned anthropologists and physic ences to it elsewhere. It is proper that the that every one can judge. No geologist can ists, who claim to be able, by inspection, "Council" to meet in Pittsburg on the Fourth rightfully claim to have brought his science to to determine truth, that to carry conviction into proximo should also be informed of the ground dertake by analysis, much less by inspection, to must be much less loose in their use of language, on the subject of which they are to treat; determine the date, ancient or recent, of the and much more accurate in their logic, than they and by multiplying copies in advance delegates laugh at the credulity of those that frame and of History and the Mosaic Geology. hose that receive the conflicting or discordant hypotheses of modern geologists.

What then, we ask, is the value of the letails as given in the London Times, relaive to this fossil human jaw? Dr. Falconer gives the result of his examination. First, M. de Perthes found the jaw in keeping with at the same time found "a flint hatchet covered with black matrix,"—" extracted from the same spot." Now we want to know a great deal more not that it cannot be had, but it is not reported ous churches stand as follows: in the article in your columns. The second step | Central, Presb. Rev. Mr. Ellinwood, Pastor, 156, in the process of the examination of the reported henomena, as given in the article, is that "two practised experts, Mr. John Evans and Mr. Prestwitch." Englishmen versus Frenchmen, proceeded to Abbeville, and immediately had their suspicions excited. Here our plain, common sense Asbury Meth. Church demands, of what were they experts? This is a matter of much importance; expert chemists, expert geologists, expert lawyers, expert anatomists, expert anthropologists, or expert anything? The article says not! Not a particle of nformation as to any claim they may possess to be regarded as authority, is given. Such looseless or arrogance of pretension, we say not which, is offensive. There is as much quackery and shallow ostentatious display of shreds of learning among professed experts as a class, as there is in any other. Intelligent readers will not be imposed upon by the ipse dixit of a selfstyled expert, or the recommendation of those that know as little or less than the expert himself. A true expert will always unfold the full eason of the judgment he pronounces. If he cannot or will not do it he is but a quack.

The article on which we are commenting says, these "practised experts" (already named) pronounced the flint hatchets to be "modern fabrications"-one only had been noticed as having been extracted; but four days later three were got out of the "black seam gravel," having every appearance of reliability." By whom were they produced? "On severely testing them on my return to London," says the expert, "they all proved to be spurious:"-how tested and proved, we are not told; but must take the ipse dixit of the expert. The Terassiers, or terdo the Arabs in Egypt with the "antiques"

ly seen in conjunction in the jaws of European against God, and against their own souls. nations." The technical details are omitted by

consultation and ignorant of the conclusion "ar- | glory of the Church, at least for a limited region, tine and fresh looking. There was an end of tion is with them. the case." This has more show of rational eviserve to illustrate any of the great truths of Re- dence than anything else stated. Yet this is velation. Especially has it been gratifying to not conclusive. For if toads and frogs, as they Japan, has been here, and given his course of notice that you keep your eye on the discussions tell in Western New York, have been taken out lectures on that country, and excited a good dewhich have been going on in foreign journals, of the rock where workmen were quarrying, and in reference to "fossil man." That there ever actually moved and lived and hopped about a at its height, and had made his arrangements in was such a thing, or that it should ever be found short season, the apparent freshness, etc., above advance to proceed with his lectures at that time, has been stoutly denied by some geologists. But stated, would not have been, logically speaking, but when he saw how the public mind was occusince some such evidence has been produced, a sufficient ground on which to pronounce authoothers have found it convenient to assign to ritatively and finally, the conclusions as given: man a position of great antiquity, and claim the viz., "First, the flint hatchets were pronounced existence of pre-Adamite humanity! The Bible by highly competent experts, (Evans and Prestis judged by many to be of far less authority witch) to be spurious; second, the reputed fos- while at the same time his unwillingness to come than their geology. What with them is called sil was proven to be recent; third, the reputed in at such a time with anything which should its "principles," must not for a moment be dis- fossil jaw showed no character different from divert public attention from the one great matter puted. The history of Moses must give way to those that may be met with in the contents of a then in hand was highly appreciated by all true the testimony of the rocks; and when the rocks London church-yard. The inference I draw," testify in confirmation of Moses' history, ingenu- says the writer, "from these facts is, that a very ity and sophistry are employed to interpret its clever imposition has been practised by the ter-

Now. Mr. Editor, we do not mean to deny that period! It is but a just demand, however, that the imposition was played off by these workmen. hese savants should have some consistency. No on some of the wise and learned philosophers. intelligent man, much more a believer in the Bible, Nor do we care to speculate about the antiquity will pay any respect to their conflicting author- of the genus man among the animals or fossils, ity. If there are sects among them, which, we or the value of the testimony of the rocks. But ask, is to be regarded as the simon pure? Who what we mean is, that their testimony to be at s the High Priest to interpret their oracles? all valid and conclusive with us, must be pro-At any rate, may we not demand of them all duced in a much more logical and convincing ogical consistency, and require them to submit to manner than as above, or than we have ever yet seen it by Smyth, Lyell or any other geologist, In your last number you have directed your who has undertaken to talk to us about the chro-

The whole affair is really a good joke; and had it been given as such, it would be of value. experts, and the writer in that unreliable and jaw) was probably accidental; but it is not a little singular that a jaw, containing so many peculiarities, should have been hit upon by uninstructed workmen." Ha! ha! ha!

erfect accuracy, that he may at once un. the minds of plain, common sense readers, they assumed by the Reformed Presbyterian Church phenomena of fossiliferous rock. Till he has often are, especially when they undertake, as can be able to put the record in the hands of lone this, the man of plain, common sense will sometimes it is done, to set at naught the Mosaic others.

GEORGE DUFFIELD.

### FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT. ROCHESTER, June 27, 1863.

Dear Editor:—In a former letter we spoke of the matrix, and also a single detached human the large number to be received to the churches nolar, corresponding exactly in appearance to of Rochester on the first Sabbath of June. We he matrix. His companion, M. Oswald Dunpre, had not then the exact figures, but put it in round numbers at five hundred. Upon returning from a brief absence, and making further inquiry, we find that our estimate was considera- sustain; and about this matter, and would like to put these bly below the facts of the case; and we are quite witnesses to a close cross-examination, as to many sure that many of our readers will be glad to the authority of God in the Federal Constituparticular details before taking it for granted have us recur to the subject again, and give the All this sort of testimony is wanting. We say fuller details. The numbers received to the vari-

> Third "Rev. Dr. Hall's St. Peters\* Rev. Mr. Yeomans' Plymouth, Congregational

And there still remain one Presbyterian, three Methodist, and four Episcopal churches from whom we have no report. They have doubtless all received some accessions, as the proper fruit of the of Divine Revelation great work of grace which this city has enjoyed. Some of the above number were received by letters from other churches; but most of them came for the first time to the Lord's table. Many revival in this city was very much confined to children. This was by no means the case. The following tabular arrangement, relating to those received at the Central church alone, Rev. Mr. Ellinwood's, will be interesting to many of your

Received upon Profession Bantized when received From the Bible classes and Sunday school 100, Average age of those rec'd by Profession ys. 201 Persons from 9 to 12 years of age "13" 20 """
"21" 30 "" "

Males 32, Females 104. We get these interesting items from the book race-workers, we are told, found it very soon a of a model clerk of session. We have never seen the respectful request that they will take order profitable business to multiply their number. So a book more neatly or perfectly kept. The on the subject. thoughtful may learn something by consulting they offer for sale to travellers. But the coun- these statistics, thus conveniently arranged. See, terfeits do not prove there never was a genuine | f.st, how the value of the Sunday school is vinantique. This sort of reasoningdoes not satisfy dicated; the great bulk of the converts having with such Christian statesmen, and other indivius; nor will it any intelligent, independent in- received their training within its blessed pre- duals of influence, as they may find disposed to furvestigator. The high Priests of Science need to cincts. See also how much more encouragement ther this dutiful and momentous object. be reminded, and "experts," too, that their dog- we have to labor for the conversion of the young The Committee of Synod are Rev. Dr. M'Lecd. matic utterances will not and ought not to be than for those who have grown old in sin; the Dr. T. W. J. Wylie, Rev. W. Sterrett, Dr. Douglarger proportion of the converts being between las. Dr. Wilson, Rev. W. Morrison, and W. S. But all this is merely incidental. As for the the ages of thirteen and twenty; the next larger Braton. alleged fossil jaw itself; the statement affirms between twenty and thirty. How little hope for that the specimen presented "peculiarities rare- those who pass the prime of life, still fighting But of those who have received Christ in their the writer. The only fact of real value and per- youth what may we not expect, in the way of tution closed week before last. The Board of nency given to the reader is, that the bone was high attainment in holiness, and great accom-"not infiltrated with metallic matter." Does plishment in usefulness. They come into the Rev. Thomas Allen, Missouri. that mean mineral matter, and that the flint or Church at a most interesting time. Every thing Henry Barnard, LL.D., Conn. silex only covered the surface of the bony mat- invites to high endeavor. We can not doubt that Gen. Samuel W. Bostwick, Ohio. ter? Here again we have a specimen of the looseness of language in which even savants express themselves. As to the result arrived at. Invites to night endeavor. We can not doubt that future ministers and missionaries and eminent future ministers and missionaries and eminent laymen are among these young converts. How fearful the responsibility of those Christians who fearful the responsibility of the responsibility The London experts, with the assistance of great are living around them, and by whose type of Hon. Owen Favill, Iowa. names, having F.R.S. appended, after learned piety so large a part of the future strength and Hon. G. H. Goodenow, Maine.

rived at in Paris," proceeded "to saw up the is to be molded. They will be good ministers, detached molar found at Moulin-Quiquon, which devoted missionaries, and "pillars of the churchproved to be quite recent." The account says, es," if the former members of these churches "The section was white, glistening, full of gela- choose to have it so. The solution of the ques-

#### MACGOWAN'S LECTURES.

Dr. Macgowan, the returned missionary from gree of interest. He came when the revival was pied, with true Christian courtesy and consideration he withdrew his advertisements and postponed his course. We are quite sure he must have found it for his own advantage to do so, friends of Zion.

Our city has been somewhat stirred, and much amused also, by a grand Dress Reform Convention, composed of female men and strong minded women. Curiosity drew together considerable crowds of people at some of the meetings,-as much, we judge, to see the odd array of bloomer

DRESS CONVENTION.

costumers, as to hear the female orators split their precious throats. But they have comeand gone; and we shall hear no more of them until-the next time. As to any practical impression made upon the public mind, or any real good accomplished, by this heroic display of pantalet female eloquence, we think that the last infant that uttered its feeble cry in the night air has done more for the world's welfare than this motley gathering.

#### Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION.

More to our mind is the recent formation of a Young Men's Christian Association in this city. We only wonder that there has not long been a we cannot but award the premium of praise to strong and efficient one in operation here. But ery of the alleged parts. What are the disputes philosophers with an imposition "so cunningly fulness. It begins its operations at a time auspiof theoretic geologists worth, to a plain reader clever," as the writer admits "that it could not cious, and under influences most favorable to the

#### ACTION OF THE REF. PRESB. SYNOD, ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Be pleased, Mr. Editor, to print the document herewith sent. It is attracting some attention. and is called for as alluded to in Dr. Wylie's noble speech before the General Assembly in Our object, Mr. Editor, in the above remarks. Philadelphia, and by many who have seen refer-

### GOD ACKNOWLEDGED.

WHEREAS, There is a God revealed to man in Holy Scripture as the Creator, Preserver, Releemer, and Moral Governor of the world; and WHEREAS, Nations, as well as individuals. re the creatures of his power, the dependents of is Providence, and the subjects of his authori-

WHEREAS, Civil Government is an ordinance of God, deriving its ultimate sanctions from his appointment and permission; and WHEREAS. It is the duty of all men to ac-

knowledge the true God in all the relations they WHEREAS. There is no specific mention of tion of the United States of America, the funda-

WHEREAS. That Constitution and the Government which it organizes and defines are now un-dergoing the trial of a defensive civil war against a rebellion of a large portion of its own citizens and for its own national existence; and

WHEREAS, The exigencies of the war have military, subordinate and supreme, to formal recognitions of the being, providence and grace of God and of Jesus Christ his Son, to an extent 30, and with a distinctness such as the country has never witnessed before—therefore,

> Resolved, (1). That in the judgment of this Synod the time is come for the proposal of such amendments to the Federal Constitution, in the way provided by itself, as will supply the omission above referred to and secure a distinct recognition of the being and supremacy of the God

Resolved (2), That in the judgment of Synod the amendments or additions to be made to the National Constitution should provide not only for a recognition of the existence and authority of God, but also of the mediatorial supremacy of of them were young persons; but not all. An Jesus Christ his Son, "the Prince of the kings impression may exist on some minds that the of the earth and the Governor among the na-

> Resolved (3). That as several articles of the Federal Constitution have been and are construed in defence of slavery, Synod do earnestly ask the appropriate authorities to effect such change in them as will remove all ambiguity of phraseology on this subject, and make the Constitution, as its framers designed it to be, and as it really is in spirit, a document on the side of justice and

Resolved (4), That Synod will petition to Congress of the United States, at its next meeting, to take measures for proposing and securing the amendments referred to, according to the due

Resolved (5), That Synod will transmit a copy of such action as they may themselves adopt to the several religious bodies of the country, with Resolved (6), That a Committee be appointed.

composed of a member from each of the Presbyteries in Synod, to whom this matter shall be referred, and whose duty it shall be to correspond

# WEST POINT MILITARY ACADEMY.

The annual examination of this National Insti-

Prof. O. P. Hubbard, LL.D., New Hampshire. Prof. J. W. Jackson, New York. Dr. Edward Maynard, D. C. Rev. Dr. C. S. Munsell, Ill. Rev. B. G. Northrup, Mass. Hon. Henry S. Randall, LL.D., N. Y. Major Gen. W. H. Russell, Conn. William A. Rust, M. D. Maine.

Prof. Albert Smith, M. D., New Hampshire. It will be perceived that this list comprepublic education. They devoted themselves to heir duties at West Point, with singular industry and purity of purpose and will make some ecommendations which we trust will be salutary. They will suggest that the Institution be filled up by the appointments of nearly 200 new caets—that the system of competitive examinaion of candidates be adopted, that more time be given to moral instruction, and that a religious ervice, as in other colleges, be held every mornthe Institution.

We are sorry to see that the Christian ntelligencer is scandalized at our supposition that there is a liberal party in the Reformed Dutch Church. We supposed that the Editor of the Intelligencer himself sympathized with those in his church who believe in outspoken loyalty, who advocate the most vigorous measures or putting down the rebellion, who denounce American Slavery, who regard it as proper for every church organization to put its decided iberal views than they certainly then entertained and avowed? If the entire Reformed Dutch Church has become liberal we shall be most happy to learn and chronicle the fact.

# Mews of our Churches.

#### Presbyterian.

of Christians and therefore they deem it desira- its support. Messiah reigns. ble to have a National Council, formed of denominations holding the fundamental principles of the Gospel, to meet annually, to devise the best plans of harmonious action in bringing the power of the drawn up in battle array, to meet successfully the united hosts of the enemy. Such action is not designed to interfere with any denomination n their peculiar work. We invite other Christian bodies to take this matter into considera-

THE PRESBYTERY OF CLEVELAND .- Atadjourned meetings held June 10th, this body installed Rev. W. C. Turner pastor of the Church of Newourg, and Rev. John Monteith, Jr., pastor of the Euclid St. Church Cleveland. The corresondent of the Herald says of Cleveland Presoytery: All our congregations are increasing. In some of the churches the accommodations are becoming too narrow for the worshippers. The city is rapidly growing, and with the aseast in things external.

RETIREMENT OF REV. DR. BEMAN-Succesor Ordained and Installed.—After a ministry of 0 years and a career of great usefulness and nonor in the Master's service, this venerable man has retired from the pastoral office and from his position as pastor of the First Church of our churches to abstain from all participation in Troy, N. Y. The secular paper of Troy, June and encouragement thereto by word or deed, as

A most interesting and impressive ceremony ook place at the First Presbyterian Church, last evening. It was the retirement of Rev. Dr. Beman from the pastorate of the church, and the instalment of Rev. Mr. Vincent to fill the vacancy. During the afternoon the Presbytery were nation as pastor of Pine Street church, St. Louis. engaged examining the candidate. Rev. Mr. Vincent, and in the evening the installation and large audience. Rev. Dr. Hickok, of Union Sabbath evening, June 21. The Moderator, College, preached an able sermon, in the course of the Presbytery, Rev. M. B. Grier, presided, bute to the late and venerable pastor, Dr. Be-Rev. Mr. Crowell preached the sermon; the Rev. man. His text was from Romans xi. 13 The Mr. Rice delivered the charge to the pastor; and Moderator, Rev. Dr. Haines, propounded the the Rev. Mr. Breed, the charge to the people. was made by Rev. Mr. Noble, of Schaghticoke. with the laying on of hands by the Presbytery. The right hand of fellowship having been given. Rev. Mr. Vincent was declared duly elected Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Troy. Rev. Mr. Fennel, of Glenn's Falls, gave the charge to the Pastor. Dr. Beman gave the flict in the world. The war which has been charge to the people. He alluded in a feeling waged by the invisible powers swells up into our manner to the official relation with them this view, and its waves dash on mortal shores. This day dissolved, closing a ministry of just forty conflict is for man,—for mind,—for souls,—for years to that Church and people. Though his law, for religion, for the word of God, for official relation ceased, and he should not here- the vindication of Providence,—for the kingly after intermeddle in the management of Church claims of the Messiah,—and, who shall not say

advice when asked; but his sympathy and prayers they should have without asking. During his ministry 1,840 members had been received as communicants of the Church, and from the number 26 young men had gone forth to the Gospel ministry. The long catalogue of the dead he would not mention. Immortality can alone give true value to the work of the pastor. The choir then sang a voluntary, " How Beautinended a large proportion of men engaged in ful upon the Mountains," and the new Pastor closed the exercises with the benediction.

HOME MISSIONS.—In the discussion on this subject at the late meeting of Delaware Presbytery, the fact was elicited that over \$30,000 had been contributed during the past year to the American Home Missionary Society by Presbyterian Churches, none of which had been bestowed upon our churches and ministers.

CHAPLAINCY OF REV. DR. HEACOCK.—Rev. ing. On the whole the Board of Visitors will Dr. Heacock is to leave for the Headquarters of give high commendation of the condition of the 74th Regiment, N. Y. N. G., of which regiment he is chaplain, on Monday next. It is a matter of real congratulation among all the members of the regiment, that he consents to make the sacrifice necessary for his new work in the camp and field. His powerful influence growing out of his extensive acquaintance with the regiment, will be invaluable. During his absence his pulpit will be filled by temporary supplies. Our readers may expect to hear from him frequently. - Buffalo Advocate, June 25th.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENT.—The Presbytcrian church in Milford, Delaware, Rev. J. G. Hamner. opinions on these great moral questions on re- paster, has lately undergone repairs which preord, and who cherish catholic and kindly sen- sent a decided improvement. A substantial fence timents towards other denominations and en- has been placed around the entire property, endeavour to draw more closely the bond of closing some eight feet which has been sodded, union between the affiliated churches of the relieving the unfinished appearance of many Reformed faith. Are we mistaken in this opinion years. The entire inside wood-work has been of the Intelligencer? Or does that paper wish us lately grained in oak,—giving the main audito regard the strong minority of last year, as ence-room a rich and beautiful appearance. The having experienced a sudden conversion to more outside wood work has also been retouched. The ladies have carpeted the pulpit and aisles.

#### Reformed Presbyterian.

" FOR CHRIST'S CROWN AND COVENANT." THIS was the motto on the flag of the old True Blues of other times. It needs to be still kent before the eye. The present age needs its inspiration. Our country's salvation depends upon her believing and acting upon the senti-RIPLEY PRESBYTERY.—At the meeting of ment of surpassing power which it expresses. this body held April 14th: Rev. A. T. Rankin | The Reformed Presbyterian Church must not vas dismissed to unite with the Presbytery of permit it to be lost sight of amidst the confusion Indianapolis: Rev. A. Thompson to unite with of the present times. Her General Synod did the Presbytery of Logansport; and Rev. R. Mu- honor to herself when at the last meeting, she therford to unite with the Presbytery of Wa- inaugurated a movement to propose an amendbash. Among the resolutions on the state of the ment to the National Constitution recognizing by country, we find the following: 5th. That dis- formal act, God and his Christ. It is not the oyalty to the government, as it tends to anarchy, God of the deist, the Jew, or the politician that obbery and murder, is one of the highest crimes she asks may be acknowledged, but the God of against God and man; consequently, that a class the Bible. He points to Jesus Christ His Son. of men in the free States, who sympathize with and demands the crown of the nations for His the rebels of the South, oppose the administra- head. "Kiss the Son," is the respectful detion, and aim to sustain the slave system, which mand of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of has caused the murder of hundreds of thousands the other tribes of Israel, and of this Republic of the most brave and noble men of the nation, now rocked to its centre by the storm of war. and has brought upon the whole country the The council of churches is soon to meet in Pittsmost terrible calamities, are among the most de-burgh. The delegates for the Reformed Presprayed, dangerous, and abominably, wicked men | byterian Church have their instructions. Let existing on the earth.—The committee on the them ask for the recognition of Messiah's Headsubject of a "General National Evangelical ship over the nation. They can take no lower Council" made the following report, which was ground. If this is not now attainable we can adopted: "The Ripley Presbytery having taken afford to wait. In view of all this we rejoice in into consideration the necessity of reforming the the intimation that the "Banner of the Covenation, and bringing it, so far as practicable, in- nant." our own excellent paper which is equal to to conformity to the principles of the Gospel of any before the religious public is still to live. Christ, feel that it is highly important to have the | The Providence of God is taking care of it. The entire strength of all evengelical denominations old flag shall still fly. Let the church rally to

AFFECTING SERVICE.—On a recent Sabbath afternoon, Rev. Dr. McLeod, of New York, administered the ordinance of baptism to three children of one of our volunteers who recently fell upon of such a Council are obvious. 1st. It will tend the field of battle in Virginia, in his own church to promote Christian union. 2d. Since in union in 12th street. The widowed mother, still in there is strength, the common cause of Christ youth, had made a profession of religion since would be greatly advanced. 3d. In no other way children, two boys and a girl who received the name of "Hope," her own composed yet distressed demeanor, and the allusions to the death of the absent parent, which were made by the pastor, all conspired to make the scene very impressive. Many were melted into tears, and no doubt many a prayer was offered for peace to our country on the basis of truth and righteousness.

# Other Branches.

DEATH OF DR. YEOMANS.—We are in receipt says the Presbyterian, of the sad intelligence that this eminent divine departed this life on the 22d of June, at the place of his residence in Danville, Pennsylvania. The Rev. Dr. J. W. Yeomans was the pastor of the Mahoning Church, in Danville, where he had ministered acceptably pect of general enterprise and activity, there for a number of years. He was well known as a are corresponding tokens of religious activity, at scholar of strong logical and metaphysical mind. and no one could be long in his company without discovering his acute power of analysis.

ST. LOUIS PRESBYTERY, O. S.—This body took action recently for the first time against the rebellion. It was unanimously voted that Presbytery earnestly entreat and warn all members of such participation, countenance or encouragement involves sin against God, and will expose those engaged therein to the penalties of ecclesiastical discipline.

Rev. Dr. McPheeters has tendered his resig-

Installations. - The Rev. Wm. McElwee ordination exercises took place in presence of a rerian Church, in the city of Philadelphia on was installed pastor of the Fifteenth Presbyte-The Rev. C. Huntington was installed paster of the Presbyterian church of Dover, Delaware, by the Presbytery of Lewes, on Monday

affairs, yet he should ever be ready to give his it? FOR THE SLAVE! -E. E. Adams.