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Editor

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### A NEW VOLUME.

We commence, with this number, the Eighth Volume of the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. We gratefully acknowledge the divine favor in permitting us to mark the flight of another year of its history. Amid vicissitudes fatal to not a few excellent journals, our sheet has maintained its position, continued its regular issues, with but two exceptions, and preserved its original proportions undiminished. Its value as an organ of our denomination and of wholesome opinion on questions of the day, is still appreciated, though the pressure of the times upon many of were the chief object of our interest, lay on the its friends has told somewhat upon its finances and its subscription list. With humility and four huge barracks. The barracks are erected fear, we yet venture the hope that the paper has around open quadangular spaces, perhaps one performed a work of decided usefulness in the hundred and fifty or two hundred yards square, circle of its readers. It has stood by every faith. and consist of one-story frame buildings, high ful pastor, in whose charge it has circulated as enough to admit three tiers of bunks, and wide an adjunct, in every form of labor for the good of enough for two rows of such tiers, extending his people. It has fairly represented and aided from the walls at right angles, and leaving a to develop the prevalent denominationalism. so wide passage-way or aisle, down the middle of necessary to the existence and prosperity of our the entire building. On the bunks the men church. In this city, and in its appropriate sleep by night, and may lounge if, they choose, field, it has cheered and encouraged all who by day. The immense open quadrangle is free were laboring to advance the interests of our for their perambulations. Just outside of the branch of Zion, and has contributed not a little single entrance to these barracks, is an abunto the great prosperity of the denomination in dant supply of fresh water, bronght in waterthis section. It has aided in neutralizing the boats from Brandywine Creek, and thrown by a bad effects of such treasonable papers as the powerful pump into immense vats, to which the Christian Observer and removing the stain of prisoners are allowed constant access in sight of suspicion they would have otherwise left upon the guards. As buckets and canteens are plenty, our body. It has contended for loyalty to our no one need suffer from want of this necessity. government and administration as a religious duty, and has steadily advocated the claims of prisoners, and they were eager to speak with the oppressed in our land, until it has joyfully us! Parties were busy here and there manurecognized the great progress of the national go- facturing gutta percha rings, which they had vernment towards the realization of so not le an succeeded in inlaying quite skillfully with silver. object as their complete emancipation. We claim no exemption from error-far from | These articles they sold to visitors and provided it. But casting ourselves on the forbearance of themselves with a little of Uncle Sam's currency. our friends, we claim a continuance of their pa- Their work was quite skilful nothwithstanding

REBEL PRISONERS AT FORT DELAWARE. A great multitude of rebel prisoners remain in the hands of our government, eight thousand of whom are upon the island occupied in part by Fort Delaware. These prisoners were nainly taken at and near Gettysburg, and are

literally from every part of the South, and embrace all sorts and condition of men, except officers. The officers were with them a short ime on the Island, when ugly, mutinous symptoms appeared among the men, and four hundred officers, including three chaplains, were dispatched to Johnson's Island opposite Sandusky

in Lake Erie, where they now remain. Chaplains and surgeons are now retained as prisoners of war by our government, in retaliation for similar proceedings on the part of the rebels. The Island is strictly guarded, and no one can land or make his way to different localities without a pass from high authority. Through the courtesy of Rev. Mr. Paddock, whom our government humanely employs to attend to the spiritual wants of the sick and dying rebels, we were supplied with such a talisman and visited the island last week. The rebel quarters which the northern end of the island, and consist of We were allowed to mingle freely with the Others were making fans from pine boards.

tronage and a share of their influence and exerthe dearth of tools. The prisoners surrounded us by scores, and hundreds in dense mobs, if we Financially, the position of the paper is es. paused a moment to talk. They were eager to ablished. Its debts have been paid, and, by learn the news from Charleston, from Missis-

effect. Mr. Geo. H. Stuart has also addressed | husband, Mrs. Smith left two sons in the minis them recently; Rev. Mr. Bradford of Water- try; and failed not to leave her impress for good ford, Erie Co. Pa., is laboring among them, as on the world before being summoned to leave it. agent of the Christian Commission. The chaplain of one of the North Carolina regiments | Danl. March of this city was called away from captured at Hagerstown has been retained by her long probation in the sick-room and on the Chaplain Paddock to aid him in his work, just bed of suffering. As the greatest sufferer is al. surgeons for the bodily necessities of the men. In company with Rev. James Morton of New York, we spent Sabbath before last in parted, is a sore blow to the affectionate surpreaching and exhorting among these captive vivors rebels. They gathered in great numbers within the quadrangles and joined heartily in the singing, were reverent in their demeanor and lies of our brethren. May the affections of all istened with unbroken attention to the preach- God's servants be drawn heavenward and a ing of the word. In the latter part of the day when the heat had somewhat abated, as many as two or three thousand assembled to hear the parting exortations of the New York and Philadelphia clergymen. We told them plainly who we were and how devoted to the cause they were vainly seeking to overthrow; while with all kindness and simplicity we proclaimed to them the great truths of the Gospel, and urged upon their acceptance "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.' We confess that we felt embarrassed. One can easily address a company of convicts whose crimes have been unavoidably brought home to their consciences, and can preach the gospel o a murderer under a gallows. But how preach forgiveness to men guilty in the aggregate of thousands of murders, and of most desperate attempts to destroy the life of the American Republics before they are brought to feel the guilt of these acts? We fell back upon the general principle that it is safe to preach a crucified Redeemer any where and to all sorts of hearers. As for that matter, the necessity of maintaining law and upholding good government, is a thought not at all foreign to a discussion of the relations of the atonement of the law of God. The history of the divine dealings with the race is by no means encouraging to the over with unadulterated impurities and wickedplotters of rebellion against human governnents. Its influence is in a high degree healthful and conservative. We endeavored to make our representation of it salutary to the rebels n their spiritual and temporal relations alike. Many of the prisoners took us warmly by the hand-even the stubborn ones who expect to be exchanged and renew the conflict against us. Many are professing Christians and hold prayer-meetings in the barracks.

acceptable to them and is eagerly attended. death of the estimable and widely beloved wife been encouraged and assisted in organizing An audience of two or three thousand is readily of Rev. Charles A. Smith D. D. of this city, at prayer-meetings in their own regiments, and in a An addience of two of three inductings in their own regiments, and in a procured. Rev. Dr. Brainerd, preached to them Saratoga. A family of children, will share with number of instances with the most happy and a few weeks ago, the chaplain says, with happy an afflicted brother in this loss. Besides her encouraging consequences. Would. Mr. Editor, you could be present at Again on the 26th, the invalid daughter of Rev.

as a dozen rebel surgeons are retained by our ways the object of the tenderest regard in a sun. Your correspondent seats himself upon Christian family, a departure like this, though a stone, stump, or more generally squats himlong anticipated and a blessed release to the de- self upon the ground a la Turk, a mode of sit-

We trust a gracious purpose will be manifested vates, all grown men, and squat themselves in all these providential dealings with the famiing comment on the whole passage is given, deeper spirituality pervade their example and and then, beginning at some point in the circle, teachings. a question on the passage is asked of each,

LETTER FROM CHAPLAIN STEWART. Fauquier, White Sulpher Springs, Va., August 26th, 1863. RELIGIOUS INFLUENCES IN CAMP.

God's book, need the whole Bible, and by all MR. EDITOR :--- Ever since the tocsin of actual means this should be a reference Bible. No war was sounded in the bombardment of Fort more acceptable or profitable present could be Sumpter by the rebels, your correspondent has sent by mail to a friend in camp than a small been with the army of the Potomac, endeavorreference Bible-thin, so as to be carried in the ing to perform to the officers and soldiers the side pocket of his blouse. varied offices and duties of a Gospel minister. On Saturday afternoon last I received, through His experience during these two years and four an Orderly from General Howe, our division' months have been strange, new, and wondrouscommander, a request to call sometime during ly varied; and unless an inapt and inattentive the evening at head quarters. Having no conbserver, both his knowledge and judgment ception of the business when calling, yet was I have been considerably increased. Questions most agreeably surprised on being thus accosted like the following often suggest themselves, and by our General : "Chaplain, to-morrow mornare not unfrequently made by correspondents: ing (Sab.) we are to have a special review and Are moral and religious influences in camp general inspection of the whole division in con-

decreasing? at a stand still, or are they on the increase ?" Within the circle of my own observation, the reply would be, "On the increaseslowly yet surely improving." Wickedness beyond question still fearfully

velopments of religion exist, according to the

writer's experience and judgement, only in

bors of the chaplains. Extraneous efforts and

voluntary associations, which have brought and

abounds. Many a camp seems literally to and you will lead us in prayer,-sufficient to beseethe. and fester, and ferment, to foam and boil gin with. No caviller can reasonably object to this, for the Lord knows we all need to be ness. Especially and sadly is this true among prayed for bad enough." the officers of the army, with here and there an

Accordingly, at the close of the review inhonorable exception. Their facilities, their spection, the entire division --- thirteen regimeans, and their tempations to evil habits being ments-was brought into solid mass, closely much greater than the privates. To swear like flanked by three batteries of artillery-a magpirate, drink bad whiskey like a fish does nificent sight. The soldiers all in their best atwater, and gamble like a blackleg would seem tire, with burnished, glittering armor, officers, almost necessary qualifications for advancement also, all in holiday costume-a forest of bavoto a lieutenancy. Yet with all this wickedness, nets and a sea of faces. Seated on horseback abounding blasphemy, and pressures to evil, in the centre, so as to be seen and if possible the religion of Jesus has also an existence and heard. I endeavored to raise the voice lond a place in our camps; too often, to be sure, ra- enough so as to reach over the assembled thouther in a dormant condition, yet not unfre- sands, while confessing our sins and invoking. nently showing its benign influences, and its the Lord's pardoning mercy and unmerited power successfully to grapple with any and blessings. A. M. STEWART. all forms of wickedness. These active de-

be known to the readers of the Presbyterian, we are not aware: but they were new to your correspondent, and excited so deep an interest in his mind, that he constrained thus to speak | THE YOUNG PARSON.

of them. REGIMENTAL BIBLE-CLASS. This institution was started in 1850. It is

nominally a joint stock concern; but HENRY one session of our regimental Bible-class-a FOSTER, M. D., is the controlling proprietor and large, old-fashioned Bible-class. About 3 P. aster-spirit in all. He is a regularly educated M., on Sabbath, the shade of some friendly trees is sought to shield us from a scorching August ting now felt to be quite comfortable. Around him assembles a large class, officers and priwell as medication. be entirely free and is in part so already-to witty things, "The Lutheran" of this city likewise on the ground. A chapter or two in the Bible is read verse about, a brief and runnministers, and their families, of limited means; Price, \$1.25.

and also to other followers of Christ who need going entirely around. These questions often He has bought it up to a large extent; intends Horace, Indian Prosperity, George Cruikshank, elicit others from various members, thus giving life and interest to the whole exercises. Our soldiers, who, in any measure, love to read also, for the benefit of those as above specified, III., Capt. Speke's Welcome. for whom it was founded.

The establishment has already cost some sixty or seventy thousand dollars ; will accommodate about one hundred and fifty patients; is always full, summer and winter; indeed, we vere told that sixty or seventy applications for, admission are almost constantly on hand beyond the number that can be received. The buildings are now undergoing a process of enlargement and reconstruction, so as really to double its capacity. When finished the edifice, is to pointments; bath rooms, laundry, gas, with gym-

nection with the artillery ; would it not be well, nasium and ample pleasure grounds attached, at its close, to have a brief religious service ?" the whole to cost about one hundred thousand 'Certainly, General, and exceeding glad to hear' dollars; and then to be given to those who from you the suggestion. When shall it be, need its privileges. Indeed, such are already and how ?" "I will mass the troops together so entertained from year to year to the amount of three or four thousand dollars. Clear and abundant springs both of fresh and of sulphur waters, are bubbling up on the grounds; the sulphur waters said to be similar to the White Sulpher Springs of Virginia. But

one of the finest healing influences of the place is the pure, moral and religious atmosphere which pervades it. Of course, the gay and the thoughtless are not much attracted to it; but the good love to meet there. Dr. Foster is himself an earnest Christian, much respected and beloved by all who know him. He is a working Christian; and many of his patients have been guided and comforted not a little by his indicious counsels and fervent prayers. There is also a neat chapel under the same roof, which was formally dedicated in 1856, to the worship of Almighty God, and here the great family are assembled daily for prayers, and twice on the Sabbath for preaching. And this is one of the healing influences of the place. Dr. Foster is himself a Methodist, but liberal The chapel is furnished with an organ, and with Congregational, Methodist, and Episcopal hymn meetings are also held in the same place two of the old church: or three times a week: and some of the best talent of the land is sometimes laid under contribution for literary lectures for the entertainment of the guests. The location is also pleasant; in a village of Central Railway, and in the heart of a most beautiful and fertile country, abounding in all the productions of the fruitful portion of the State. It is a great resort for clergymen from this region, and from greater distances. Although it was our privilege to pass but a few days there, and not at all as an invalid grateful for benefits received, or as a proselyte of waterfor benefits received, or as a proselyte of water-cure; we could not help becoming deeply for the time being, till a pastor shall be secured. interested in its generous founder, and, proprietor, and in its future prosperity and usefulness. GENESSEE. ADDRESS OF THE SOUTHERN CLERGY. We referred two weeks ago, in terms of surprise, to the appearance of this crafty and wicked "address" in the pages of an English missionary journal, called "The Christian Clergy of the Confederate States and the Chris. do likewise? tians of Great Britain," appears in the Weekly Review of August 15th, which treats the address and those endeavoring to give it circulation in Great Britian, with well-deserved severity and scorn. The vigorous language and earnest sympathy of the author with the cause \$25,000 towards the enterprise. These subwhich the address so scandalously misrepresents. are refreshing in an English religious journal. We shall endeavor to find room for the communication in our next issue.

Mew Lublicatious.

There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio Than are dreamed of in our philosophy."-Han Philadelphia : Smith, English & Co.12mo, pp. 384.

An advance copy of this volume has been sent us by the publisher, who will have it for physician; and does not now practice the water sale on the 15th of the month. It possesses eatment alone, but uses the known remedies many of the first elements of popularity : it is every school. The institution is designed original, witty, full of life and interest, in many tore particularly for general debility and chronic traits profoundly truthful and touching, and diseases. It is intended literally for a health calculated to encourage and forewarn the young retreat-a place of rest, a cheerful recreation as pastor, as well as rebute the troublesome classes of persons to be found in every church. The But the peculiarity is this-it is designed to story originally appeared in that repository of

BLACK WOOD'S EDINBURGH MAGAZINE, for Auits benefits, and who are not able to pay for gust contains : Visit to a Polish Camp, Caxt. them. Dr. Foster is the principal stockholder. toniana. Part XVIII., Novels, Translation of

to buy all as we told, and then put into the State and Prosperity of the Church of England, hands of Trustees, and to give his own services In the Garden, Chronicles of Carlington, Part

THE ECLECTIC MAGAZINE OF FOREIGN LITE-ARTURE for September, opens with Lyell on the Antiquity of Man, from the London Quarterly, It also contains articles on Our Modern Youth. from Fraser; The River Amazon, from the British Quarterly; Boston Public Schools, by Edward Everett; Color Blindness, &c. New York : W. H. Bidwell, 5 Beekman St.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE, for August 29th contains. Mr. Buckle in the East, from Fraser: be some two hundred and thirty feet long, five Poems for Christie, from Good Words: The stories high in the centre portion, and four Perpetual Curate, from Blackwood, with short stories in the wings; complete in all its ap- articles and Poetry. Littell, Son & Co., Boston

# Rews of our Churches.

# AV. T. Presbyterian.

A Corner-stone laid .- The corner stone of another Presbyterian church has been laid. On the 10th inst., the congregation of the Presbyterian church of Mineral Ridge came together to lay the corner-stone of their new church edifice.--In the stone was placed a list of the subscribers, the larger part of whom are Sabbath school scholars, who are made stochkolders by the payment of their mites, from a half-dime and upwards, thus enlisting them in the enterprise. The church is to be of wood 30x65 feet, to cost \$3,000. Mineral Ridge is a new place, in the coal and iron region of the Mahoning valley, with a population of 2000. Ours is the pioneer Church, in large measure founded and sustained by the efforts of Elder Warner. The Church was organized in January last with eleven members. As the fruits of a revival, nineteen more were added to its communion in April, when it was received into the Presbytery of Trumbull with thirty one communicants. There is in connection with the church a Sabbath school of over two hundred scholars .- Christian Herald.

tions are drawn.

tions in increasing our list.

PROPOSALS FOR INCREASING THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

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by carrier \$20. If the club is made up of new subscribers, paying in advance, \$5 will be paid to the person getting it up.

Any one interesting himself to keep up the club from year to year shall have his copy free. Clubs of six by mail \$10,-by carrier \$13 " " four " " 7. " "

SPECIAL TERMS TO MINISTERS AND MISSIONA-. RIES.

Ministers who receive their copies by mail will hereafter be charged \$1,50, by carrier \$2,--always in advance. Home Missionaries and appearance of the men. "There I" they say, Theological Students will be charged \$1,-by "you call us Confederates a poor-looking set I carriers \$1,50 in advance.

COPIES FOR THE ARMY AND BENEVOLENT PUR-POSES.

Copies will be furnished for the army or for general distribution on application to our office at the rate of two cents apiece; to be delivered bitter talkers, is "galvanized rebels." very exa week,s notice must be given.

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To the Sabbath School of the church sending us the largest number of new subscribers over twenty, we offer not only the cash, premium as above stated, but in addition, a library of well-

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list, a large colored \$10 map of Jerusalem. TERMS OF THE PAPER IN ADVANCE.

By mail \$2. By carrier \$2,50.

nes. 50 cents additional after three months. Advertisements, 6 cents per line for the first.; work. No greater benefit can be conferred upon 4 cents for each subsequent insertion, 40 cents the real Union men among the prisoners, than per line per quarter, 65 cents for six months, to secure them an opportunity to make this \$1.00 per annum. change.

## FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Fifty thousand dollars given by a retiring publisher in London! And for what? Here it is in a paragraph going the rounds and which has caught our eyes:

ceipt of the following, paid by him to the ille and old members of Neshaminy Church, I called upon to take part. Whoever feels in-Rev. James A. Darrah, one of the very few re- clined joins in singing, talking, or prayer-the any. It is not a grand enterprise for money The bonorary degree of LL. D. has been last. The receipts have not been printed by maining loyal ministers in Northern Missouri, in whole exercises not exceeding fifty minutes. | making, like the Astor or St. Nicholas, although fifty thousand dollars which our last General as many as fifteen or sixteen died daily." conferred upon Wm; M. Cornell, M. D., Phila the Treasurer. They appear in the Minutes Assembly resolved should be raised for our her death, loses a beloved sister. We can testi- As our singing can be distinctly heard at half it is as great a success as either of them. It is delphia, by the Western University of Pennsyl- of the Synod. PREACHING TO THE REBELS. publication enterprise. If Mr. Brown of Lonfy on acquaintance to the gentleness of her man- a mile distant, many from other regiments, and really a peculiar institution; unlike any other vaniy. The words of a stranger on almost any subdon can devote fifty thousand dollars to erecting ject interest these prisoners, shut out as they ners, and her consistent Christian deportment especially where there are no chaplains or reli- water cure or watering-place known to us. 1st Reformed Presbyterian Church, and are sure that her death is no common afflic- gious services, are wont to come and join in our Conceived, begun and continued in the spirit of New York, Foreign Missions, 1st Reformed Presbyterian Church, THE WESTMINSTER REVIEW for July, 1863. a stained glass window, can not we give as are from the world. Very few persons have \$278,24 American Edition. New York : L. Scott & Co. meetings. An acquaintance with such soldiers benevolence, it is dedicated to Christ and himuch to send the light of religion unstained, access to them. Preaching therefore is very tion to the survivors. On the 24th, the telegraph announced the has been thus made, and as a result they have poor servants. How far these facts may already New York, Domestic Missions, \$100.00 Philadelphia : W. B. Zieber. Mrs. Mary Cook, Albany, for sup-

had taken place among them since the purchase of the BANNER OF THE COVENANT, sippi, from Bragg and from Lee. Some comorgan of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, a plained to us bitterly of their rations, they were large addition has been made to its list. Some going in squads for their dinners at the timenew duties and additional expenses are involved others said they were good enough. Every in this purchase, but it contributes to the ge- variety of opinion prevailed among them upon neral prosperity of the AMERICAN PRESBYTE- the merits of the war, though we came to the RIAN. This additional income is applied chiefly conclusion that the loyally-inclined among them in securing contributions from able peus in in hesitated to express their views, perhaps fearteresting localities, at home and abroad. Ar ing what might happen upon their return South. rangements are now in progress to extend con- The stubborn rebels expressed themselves freely, siderably the circle from which these contribu. and argued persistently for their cause, refusing to admit its hopelessness, and looking forward

to the prospect of taking up arms against us once more. It was difficult to disentangle one's self from the crowd of eager talkers and listen-In place of a long list of premiums, we make ers to whom the advent of a stranger is an one comprehensive offer to all who will engage event of considerable interest. They sighed in the work of procuring new subscribers. Un- for liberty and wondered at the delay in effecting their exchange.

## "GALVANIZED" REBELS.

Not a few of the prisoners have intimated their willingness to take the oath of allegiance. and join the army of the Union. Perhaps many more would do so but for the wish and hope of seeing their families on their return to the South, after being exchanged. When our authorities are satisfied of the sincerity of the prisoner's intentions, they take him from the barracks, lead him to the water, strip off his rebel gear, and throw it forever aside, give him a thorough cleaning, and clothe him in the decent and honorable uniform of the Nation's defenders. What a change! Even his old associates notice it and cannot refrain from, expressing a certain pride in the improved Only just put us in good clothing and we make. as fine-looking soldiers as can be found." Others are bitter, dealing out curses and inventing approbrious names for their changed associates. The current name, set afloat by these to the Christian Commission, at the rate of 21 pressive, whether it refers to the change in the cents apiece; when large quantities are ordered feelings of these men as merely spasmodic and artificial. or whether it refers to their outward appearance as superficial only. Doubtless, in many cases the truth is just the reverse. The men were originally "galvanized" into the attitude of rebellion by terror, by compulsion, by the most mendacious representations. They never had any sympathy with it; and now selected, large sized, recent Sabbath School books coming to their true selves. The galvanic shock has been neutralized by Gettysburg. Six second best list, the cash premium and a library or restored patriots, volunteers out of the heart, of rebeldom, have been enlisted as cavalry men, and over one hundred as artillery, and several cases of restoration are reported every day. Rev. E. J. Way, the thoroughgoing and ardent

Union man who is chaplain to the post, is abundant in labors to accomplish this good

The arrangements for the care of the prisoners seem inadequate in view of the great number to be provided for. Immense new hospitals are just about complete and coming into use, capable of accommodating sixteen hundred patients. This will remove some unpleasant

the island: and a good degree of seriousness is still prevailing. The Christian Commission extends its kind offices to these captives, in the form of books and other reading matter, but evangelical influences are few indeed compared | connection with the continued and faithful lawith the necessities of the multitude. THE CONDITION OF THE PRISONERS.

Confinement and home-sickness make the men

tender, and ready to receive good impressions.

One of their number told us that 90 conversions

Since our visit, a communication from an the army, have certainly not been without their scaped prisoner has appeared in a Richmond happy and beneficial results; yet without the paper and has been copied into the papers of regular chaplain service to embody, to direct, the North, alleging the most scandalous ill- | and to carry on these influences, they prove, as treatment and neglect on the part of the authori- might readily be expected, very ephemeralties towards the prisoners. From observation mere skirmishing against the embattled ranks on the spot and from competent testimony we of the evil one, producing no lasting or decisive pronounce these charges utterly false. Three effect. In order to make permanent impresof the rebel surgeons retained on the island, sions on these principalities, these powers, these united a few days ago, in testifying to the good | rulers of the darkness of this world, this spiriattention bestowed on the sick among the tual wickedness in high places, the soldier of rebels; their water, as already remarked is the cross must be enlisted for the war, have cibrought from the Brandywine Creek; we vil and military as well as ecclesiastical authopassed through the barracks on one of the rity for his position in camp; and by long and warmest of our recent warm days, and found painful experience with the wiles of the devil them airy, cool, clean, and without offensive among soldiers, learn how successfully to resist smell. Their rations as described to us by an his devices. officer of the post, are coffee and soup once a day, and bread and meat twice a day. The bread and meat we saw them eating. It was ta upon which the above impressions are based, good army fare. We have no doubt they fare the leading religious exercises and influences, as well as the average of our own soldiers, to sav nothing of the unfortunate men confined and half-starved in the military prisons of the South. The deaths, until recently, averaged but of unfeigned thankfulness. but a trifle over four a day. The great heat has raised the average to seven. The chaplain flict with Sabbath day inspections, drills, and is assiduous in his attentions to the sick, being reviews, as to the most convenient and prifitaided at present by the agent of the Commission. The burial service is read over the dead. The prisoners as a body looked well; much better than those whom we saw a week after their capture at Gettysburg. In such a crowd this hour we seldom fail to have preaching, and it is impossible that all abuses and mistakes should be avoided, and doubtless the condition lar worship and always well attended." of the prisoners for the first few days, before atrangements for accommodating them could be perfected was far from agreeable ; especially most fitting appellation would be "social prayduring the extraordinary rains in July. But all military movements are unavoidably attended with hardships, and many is the time when national or rebel soldiers in the field would of Fort Delaware, so far as the question of the Peninsula, in March, 1862, these daily comfort is concerned. We are not surprised to find in the Richmond papers such reckless statements as that Fort seemingly excusable contingincies of hot, cold, Delaware presents "all the horrors of the Black rainy, or snowy weather-not even by mud,

Tole in Calcutta;" that "the treatment is so marches, fatigues, or battle-fields. Those who excessively cruel," that the men are dying by united in organizing these meetings are nearly hundreds, "twenty-five a day," that the meat is all gone-killed in battle, died in hospital, "half putrified," and the water "but little better | wounded, disabled, and discharged, yet has not than the runnings of a sewer." But what shall the number, the interest, or the profit of these we think of a journal in this city parading on dialy gatherings together decreased, but on the its bulletin board, "the horrors of Fort Dela- contrary very considerably increased. As old ware." as if these brazen falsehoods about affairs almost at own doors and capable of instant has raised up even a greater number, and some rectification, deserved by the remotest implica- of these also from the most seemingly hopeless tion to be treated as possibly true!

DEATHS IN THE FAMILIES OF THE MINISTRY.

No less than three announcements of deaths and trumpet. At service time they are gotten a very narrow circle of our ministry, and together and commence singing, when all who vithin a few days of each other have been made. desire assemble in a large circle, often several First, Rev. D. K. Turner of Hartsville, Pa., men deep, with the chaplain in the centre. My

considered equal to some of the best Union her family were well-known citizens of Haris which the exercises are voluntary, no one being This is not a gay, galloping, fashionable Yes, fifty thousand dollars for a stained glass window! The sum turned our thoughts to the deaths among the prisoners: a day. At first,

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPOND-ENT. Rochester, August 28th, 1863. A CORRECTION

DEAR EDITOR :- Your correspondent has ofare still bringing moral influences to bear upon ten admired the accuracy and neatness of the typography of your paper. How it is that mistakes do not more frequently occur is really surprising. How it is, that that which is often so hastily written should be so correctly read, and in the hurried proof-reading the misplacements of type should be so generally corrected, is really more remarkable to one who knows all about it than it could be to the uninitiated. Your last issue, however, contains one little slip which ought to be set right. The types make me say that the number of Sabbath Schools in Monroe county is "far less" this year than it was last. It should be four lessonly four, while there is, as I stated, a very, considerable increase both of teachers and scholars, and a manifest improvement in the spirit, energy, and enterprise with which the Sabbath EXPERIENCE AS CHAPLAIN OF THE 102 P. V. School work is carried on. That your readers may have some of the da-

STATE S. S TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Eighth Annual Convention of this assoespecially those in our own regiment, are here ciation has been held this week in the First given; and in this connection they will not be Presbyterian Church in Troy. The meeting looked upon as related in a spirit of boasting, ommenced its sessions at 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, and the final adjournment was After varied trials, efforts, and failures in conon Thursday evening. The following were the officers of the convention :

President-Andrew A. Smith, of Brooklyn. able hour on the Lord's day for holding public Vice-Presidents-Ralph Wells, Cornwall regimental worship, we have long since settled Rev. O. E. Daggert, D. D., Canandaigua; Hon. upon the going down of the sun, as subject to W. L. Aan Alstyne, Troy; Rev. Henry C. Pot the least inconvenience or interruption. At ter, Troy; Gabriel F. Dissoway, Staten Island; Rev. G. G. Baldwin, D. D., Troy.

may hence in truthfulness say, "We have regu-Secretaries-E. T. Huntington, State Secretary, Rochester; Prof. J. E. Gilbert. Lancas-For nearly two years past we have held a ter: Amasa R. Moore, Troy; Wm. W. Bloss, daily religious service, for which, perhaps, the Rochester; I. Newton Baker, Philadelphia.

The attendance of delegates, we are told was er meeting." Our daily hour for this is also as very large, the meeting harmonious and pleathe shades of evening draw on. These meetsant, the proceedings characterized by great inings would be considered large if transferred to terest and enthusiasm. This annual gathering the lecture-room of any large city church on the of the Sabbath School Teachers is now one of gladly have changed places with the prisoners weekly meeting for prayer. Since going on the institutions of our State. It is our Annual Congress for the little ones; and how much it meetings have been universally held in the open has to do with making right laws for our counair. and are not usually prevented by those try it would not be easy to determine. One thing we feel quite sure of is, that so far as its influence goes, it will make loyal citizens. "We will stand for the right."-This is one of our favorite Sabbath School hymns. We have before intimated that these associa-

tions of Sabbath School teachers, whether for the town, the country, or the State, are doing much toward stirring up increased zeal and energy in the Sabbath School cause. As was anmembers have faded away, God in goodness ticipated, the meeting of the State Association of last year had been felt. Its beneficent effects were manifest in the increased attendance upon and wicked to become most earnest and consistthis, the interest in it, and the favorable reports ent laborers together with God. We have hapbrought in by the delegates. We may add, alpily quite a number of good singers, with strong, so, that the presence of corresponding delegates well cultivated voices; these constitute our bell from about a dozen of the other States of the Union, and one, true and loyal, even from Virginia, added not a little to the interest of the meeting. The association is to meet next year

in BUFFALO.

#### A DAY AT CLIFTON SPRINGS.

### THE REV. G. WILSON MCPHAIL, D. D., has resigned the presidency of La Fayette College, and become associated with the Rev. Dr. Saunders as a professor in Saunders' Institute, Phi-

ladelphia. SUBSCRIBERS now receiving their bills, are eminded that with the most careful management, mistakes will occur in making out accounts. We shall gladly rectify them, whenever they are pointed out to us.

Behold therefore," says the inspired preacher, houses, &c. for the new mission. I trust that 'the goodness and severity of God."

Receipts for the Missions of the Reformed the Battlefield at Gettysburg" by J. J. M. will Church. Dr. McLeod acknowledges the re-Mrs. Turner's maiden name was Darrah; and address, yet never exceeding ten minutes, after

Lansing Mich .- The church in this capital books - A preacher is employed and paid by city of Michigan, under the care of Rev. Calvin the Doctor for each Sabbath, sometimes of one S. Armstrong, has within a few weeks sent out a denomination, and sometimes another. Prayer colony. A correspondent of the Evangelist says

This church has fully kept pace with the growth of the town having never (so I am informed by one of the elders) passed more than one or two of its bi-monthly communions without additions to its numbers, and enjoying annually more or less refreshing from the gracious Spirit about one thousand inhabitants, half way be- of life." The Sabbath school, too, in this church tween Geneva and Canandauiga, on the N.Y. is a live institution and adds greatly to the strength and vitality, a goodly number during the last Winter and Spring having been gathered into the church from its numbers, and more are soon to enter.

> The new Church he says, has flattering prospects of success.

The people are now casting about for a minister to occupy the new field-the present pastor, I

Report on Home Missions.-We have just received the annual report of our Committee, and shall notice it at length hereafter. It is undoubtedly the most important and encouraging document which has been issued in the whole history of our Church.

Publication.-We rejoice to learn that the Publication Committee have just received two Work," and designed for general circulation large subscriptions-one of \$5,000, and one of among Christian people. Our estimate of this \$1,000-towards the \$50,000 fund inaugurated article, we find, is sustained abroad as well as by the last General Assembly. Both subscripat home. A communication entitled "The tions are from this city. What other city will

> Second Church Indiananolis.- The brethren of this church have determined to erect a new edifice on the site of the one which they have occupied for more than twenty years. They have already subscriptions to the amount of scriptions they take in all cases in notes payable in Bank, so that there will be no shrinkage, or trouble and expense in collecting. We have no doubt that they will build one of the best, if not the best, church edifices in the State of Indiana.

Reformed Presbyterian. Extract from a letter of Rev. David Herron, dated Dehra, North India, June 16th. 1863. ad-

dressed to Geo. H. Stuart, Philada. "The last two months I have been intending to write you an account of our work at Dehra. but I shall have to postpone it still longer. I will say at present only that God has not left us without evidence of his presence. At the time of our last communion on the first Sabbath of Aprils I haptized 3 adults and 7 chil-OUR CORRESPONDENT "J. B." whose article dren, and admitted to the Lord's Suppor 17 on the "Knowledge of God" appears on the persons" of these, 6 were pupils of the Girls' first page, argues truly that a view of the love Boarding School. I am now about to comof God alone can produce saving repentance, mence a new Station at Rajporn, a large nabut he seems to have overlooked the importance tive town about 6 miles from Dehra. I am of holding up the divine law and divine justice looking to the friends of our work in this as a means of producing conviction of sin. country to supply us with the means to purchase

I shall soon be able to let you know that I

have been successful."

"Mr. Brown, retired from the great publishing tute of any special adaptions to hospital purhouse in London, of Longman & Co.; has given \$50,000 for a stained glass window in St. Paul's considered equal to some of the best Union s bereaved of his wife, who died August 13th. habit is each evening to discourse, preach, or A VALUABLE COMMUNICATION." Incidents of