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WE send out with this issue, a number of bills especially to subscribers in arrears in New York State. We ask their prompt attention to these accounts. All others indebted are earnestly requested to remit the amounts due.

THE TRAOT CAUSE AT HOME.

given to the work in the army, that the wants mines of Peru. of the city population have been allowed to get influences, which go to the remotest ramificagospel to the most corrupt and dangerous orders of its population.

The true tract distributor is also a city missionary. He not only leaves a tract, but seeks to leave a good impression. He seeks to bring the neglectful to the sanctuary, and the young brief, quiet way, the Gospel. He brings the rying on the business. truth to those who will not seek it for themselves. He prevents the consciences of the irreligious from sinking into utter apathy. breaking up of communities, and crowding While he continues his rounds, they cannot of the holds with victims. Worst of all, the say: No man careth for my soul! He kindles civilized and Christianized islands, the scenes hope in the bosom of the desparing. He sheds of the Holy Spirit's power, and fond objects of a true and sufficient, if not an abundant light, upon what were else a midnight scene of error and sin, a raging ocean of corruption wrapped in unbroken darkness, where immortal souls are tossing amid rocks and shoals, and suffering shipwreck every day. An army of faithful tract distributors in a great city is a moral and scent upon the Samoan Islands, thirteen church spiritual patrol. It holds in check the forces of wickedness ever gathering among the lower In another expedition, a young man, a Church orders of a great community It reconnoiters and skirmishes, revealing the numbers and through the head. The white wretches fired character of the enemy, and preparing the way for more substantial demonstrations.

We need to know in detail the spiritual condition of the people we have to work upon. Our more public and general efforts for the spread of the gospel fail, often, from ignorance carried off were some of the most important on this point, and consequent want of adapte- men on the island—the law makers and law tion. We fight as those who beat the air. The gospel must be preached with directness most promising young men. Twenty-five and in accordance with the facts, not only of Church members, one deacon, and many canthe message but of the hearers' condition. A corps of earnest, intelligent, faithful tractvisitors is one of the very best aids to the Evangelical Churches of Sydney, in New preacher, by assisting him to a knowledge of South Wales, held a meeting to express the these facts. Pastors would study the interest strong indignation felt against these Peruvian of their congregations and of the Master's cause by being warm and active friends of the work.

souls. Reams of such printed matter, it is press such crimes and outrages against hutrue, are apparently thrown away upon the in- manity. different or the contemptuous. And it is the business of our Tract Societies to see to it that their issues do not deserve to be so treated. But give us a good tract, and the very insignificance of its appearance will be in its favor. God will honor it, as he honored the smooth stones of the brook in the hand of David. It will pierce some hard heart and lay some giant sin or temptation low.

We hope the appeal of the society for visia part in the work. It is needful as a work of be held the following Sabbath afternoon, in one exploration in the field of each, and it will be of our leading Episcopal churches by one of the found admirably adapted to train individual

DOUBT, A TRIAL,

Those who enjoy a state of mind entirely clear of doubt on the truths of religion or their own acceptance with God, are in one view much favored. But must the believer who is more or less embarrassed with doubt regard himself as peculiarly afflicted or mysteriously dealt with in comparison? Must those whose early unquestioning faith in the truth of Revelation has been disturbed by the skeptical spirit of the age, mourn over their fate as something only to be deplored and escaped from at the earliest moment? Is doubt, involunt ary doubt,

We do not think so. At least it is not the unmitigated evil some would think. It certainly plays an important part in the scheme of our probation. If virtue cannot be recognized or gain strength without temptation, so truth cannot appear true or stand out in its own native majesty until it has been tested by inquiry, by thrown in doubt, and the children are trained doubt, by opposition. Truth known only as tradition can hardly be said to be true to the individual receiving it. It is rather a prejudice than a belief. How shall it ever be cleared of that character, but through a process of doubt leading to discussion, weighing of evidence, and discovery of its real claims on our convic-

It is a very delightful thing to believe the Bible without ever inquiring into its evidences, or ever having felt it needful to make such inquiry. But is it desirable? Is it the best, most solid belief, most likely to endure the trials of our time, or to produce the sort of piety now needed? The well-known verse of the Poet:

"Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise," can be true only of the minor facts of our con dition. If a new access of real wisdom or important truth would disturb our bliss, he is a true friend who communicates it, just as much

Our doubts are intended to lead us to clearer views of truth, to the discernment of its grand proportions, of its preciousness in comparison with the miserable substitutes of error, to conunmixed evil that he considered himself much to the Marple Presb. Church, Pa. better off for having experienced them. He quotes the Latin maxim: Nihil lam certum

quam quod ex dubio certum; "Nothing is so certain as that which is ascertained through doubt." "Thus he came at length," as Tennyson says of his lost friend Hallam,

"To find a stronger faith his own." Doubting therefore, is not different from the ordinary afflictions of life, being equally designed to train us and develop our spiritual

KIDNAPPING IN THE PACIFIC.

While the slaveholders of North America are waging a wicked war to maintain their barbarous institutions, and all the great powers of the civilized world look on with ill-disguised satisfaction, and wink at the substantial aid given to the movement by their citizens, we cannot wonder at the outbreaking of the slave-We are pleased to notice the efforts of our city trade in entirely new forms and new localities. Tract Society to revive the interest of Christ- The scene of this new development of a monian people in the home work of Tract distribu- ster evil is the Polynesian Islands, and the tion. So much attention has deservedly been destination of the wretched victims is the

The first attempt was made more than a out of sight. Yet they were perhaps never | year ago upon some of the smaller islands of greater. And at no time can a great city the Tahitian group, but the French who claim safely dispense with these quiet yet searching a protectorate over them, seized one of the vessels, rescued the natives and sentenced the tons of its society, and apply the salt of the crew to 5 and 10 years of penal servitude. They have also demanded from the Peruvian government every kidnapped native with damages. But this does not stop the traffic. On the contrary, it is known that 25 vessels have been fitted out for this purpose in Callao, and it is said that a firm in Liverpool is conto the Sabbath-School. He preaches, in his nected with the Peruvian house which is car-

The business is conducted with all its horrid concomitants of violence, waylaying, shooting, pious gratification and delight are equally subject to these devastations. The labors and prayers and self-denials and martyrdoms of years, now at last beginning to bear precious fruit, are in danger of being brought to naught by these enemies of their species. In a demembers and many candidates were carried off. member, was brought home a corpse, shot upon the unarmed and unresisting natives for no other reason than that they might terrify them, and so make them an easy prey. Some of the canoes surrendered in terror-only three escaped to tell the sad tale. Among those

The ministers and members of the various slavers. They have adopted a memorial on the subject to the British Parliament, in which Let us not forget the value of the tract it- they appeal to the "traditional policy of self as an instrumentality in the work of saving Britain," as a reason for interference to sup-

didates are among the captives.

We sincerely hope the memorial may prove successful, though the attitude of the ruling classes in Great Britain at this time towards missions and on the subject of slavery is such as to hold out slender encouragment to the outraged islanders and their advocates.

"CHILDREN'S CHURCH."

We were surprised to see an announcement tors will be largely responded to. We hope with the above heading, in a recent Saturday's every church in the city will in some way take paper, intended to characterize the services to most esteemed of their clergy. We suppose it Christians in personal labors for the salvation indicates very great progress in a popular idea about the relation of children to the church. The regular services and ordinances of public worship are, according to this idea, more or less unsuitable for children. It is not to be expected that they will derive benefit from them. The obligation of parents to bring their children with them is relaxed; these divinely appointed ordinances are mainly for adults; for the children something must be devised more suitable. Parents and ministers may turn over the responsibility for the religious training of the young to these special arrangements.

> Whether the Sabbath school is called the "Children's Church," as it is by some, or whether, as by this esteemed Rector or his friends, the monthly afternoon service goes by that name, the error—the wrong impression, is the same. The regular services and ordinances of the church are wronged. The duty of the ministry to study the spiritual wants of the young in those services is practically annulled. The relation of the family to public worship is in ways of thinking unfavorable to regular habits of church-going in after life. We do not mean to object to occasional special services for the young any more than to Sabbath school training. But let us not give countenance to serious popular errors and wrong tendencies by our manner of speaking of these things. There is strictly but one church, one sort of church ordinances, provided for by inspiration, and they are for adults and children alike. When they are properly conducted, no class of

MERITED HONOR.

hearers is overlooked or unprofited.

Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., has conferred the honorary degree of Doctor in Divinity on the Rev. John M'Master, Pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Princeton, Indiana. If superior scholarship, sound theology, eminent preaching talents, and earnest patriotism, give a claim to literary honors, this has been duly won. as he who wakens us from delightful dreams to If the degree does not enhance the reputation and influence of Dr. M'Master, it will at least serve to testify the respect in which he is held.

Correction.—Mr. Editor.—Allow me to corviction of its certainty, to intelligent steadfast rect an error that occurred in your issue of belief. The saintly Baxter was afflicted with Sept. 17th. The Presbyterian Church of Manthe most radical doubts on the truth of religion, tua was credited in the contributions for Home but so far was he from regarding them as an Missions with \$42.75. It should be credited

ROBERT ADAIR, Associate Sec. Philadelphia, Sept. 28th, 1863.

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS, (0. S.) The following remarks upon the recent annual report of this Board are copied from the Presbyterian of this city, and will be regarded with interest, for various reasons, by many of our readers. We trust they may have the effect of stirring up the other branch of the church to renewed zeal in this great and necessitous field of labor. which is wide enough to task the energies of all

the followers of Christ in the land. "To those who love the Church and desire her extension and growth, it will suggest that which is saddening, or at least will fail to suggest that which is cheering. The main fact, tending to discouragement and calling for serious consideration, is that the contributions to this great cause from the churches, fell short of the preceding year by nearly fourteen thousand dollars. The causes of this large decrease are not specified in the Report, and indeed none can be specified, except a very mournful one, and that is a lack of interest in the work in the churches. In a year when money was abundant, when prosperity was the result of almost every industrial pursuit, and when the ability of the Church had not been diminished by any great onmercial embarrassments, the Presbyterian hurch has halted in the work of Domestic Missions, and lessened her contributions to the treasury of the Lord.

"It adds, also, to our persuasion that our hurch has failed to do what she ought to have one, and might have done, to find that other hurches, placed in circumstances not more favorable than our own, have far excelled her in his good work. The New-school Presbyterian hurch, with 135,894 members, has raised for Domestic Missions \$122,407,39 during the past year. The Old-school Church, reporting 227,-75 members, raised for the same purpose, during the same time, \$71,210,78. The difference scrutiny, and for immediate sefforts to remove the unfavorable disparity. We are very glad that others are carrying forward the standard of Presbyterianism, if we are failing; but our own failure is none the less sad and reprehensible."

SOMETHING MORE FROM WESTERN NEW YORK.

Rochester, September 25th, 1863.

Dear Editor:-Our city is still very sad for the death of Dr. Pease, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. qualified for the place he filled, was giving such delightful satisfaction to his own church, and exerting such a genial and excellent influence for religion throughout the community as we reflect upon it, his decease becomes more and more a public calamity; and so, we think, it is generally viewed. Fitting mention was made of the event in most of the pulpits, last Sabbath. Rev. Mr. Boardman, of the Second Baptist Church, prefaced his discourse, on Sabbath evening, with a beautiful and affectionate tribute to the departed .- "Sympathetic without sentimentalism, manly without imperiousness, affectionate without blindness, constant without obstinacy, grave without moroseness, cheerful without levity, of Scripture, yet an enthusiastic lover of nature, his was a beautiful, transparent, Christian character-an Israelite indeed, in whom there was no guile." Such is the estimate of this minister

of another denomination. On Wednesday of the present week also, a meeting of the clergy of our city was held, to unite in some expressions of their sense of the public calamity, and their sympathy with the afflicted church and family of the deceased. Rev. Dr. Shaw was called to the chair, and Rev. Mr. Yeomans was appointed secretary. Rev. Dr. Cutting, Professor in the University of Rochester said that he had known and loved Dr. Pease for thirty years, and the more he knew him the more he loved him. He regarded his character as faultless. Suitable resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Rev. Dr. Shaw is to preach, by request, a funeral discourse in the First Church, next Sunday afternoon. The church is to be draped in

In the clerical meeting already spoken of, some little incidents of touching interest were brought to light. The last ministerial duty performed by Dr. Pease among his parishioners, was to visit the death-bed of a poor child. This was terest, that humble scene: the good man kneel: Farwell, Chicago; Wm. Reynolds, Peoria; Dr. ing by the lowly cot and praying for the dying child, one of the scholars of the Sabbath School, The child lived but a day or two after that—the pastor but a few weeks. How shall we know which shall be our last service? No matter which, if we obey that requirement, and do with our might what our hand findeth to do.

His afflicted family have returned to the city. It must be pleasant to know that one so dear to them is so highly prized by the public also; more palpably what cause they have to mourn. What comfort remains, what consolation, in every similar case, unless one has learned, with humble reverence and Christian love, to say-Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight?" How mortals can live amidst the sharp realities of life-how brave its burdens, how sustain its shocks of disappointment and sorrow, without the grace and the consolations of our holy be cured must be endured," is no better than bald atheism and blank fatality, with no more power to sustain the soul than moonbeams have hand, it is all done in wisdom and love, it is a part of the plan by which He is doing the best things possible for all his chosen, to wash them in a Saviour's blood, and bring them to His rest-" this is child-like, this is Christian, this has something of heavenly cheer in it, and this, the Christian's blessed portion and privilege in the hour of deepest sorrow.

MEETING OF THE AMERICAN BOARD. This is near at hand, and all Rochester is as busy as a beehive preparing to receive the friends of missions who shall gather on the occasion. The present indications are that there will be a gustine, and on the Mississippi from Cairo to large attendance; and the citizens of Rochester are contriving, in every way imaginable, how

One interesting feature of the coming meeting will be the report of the venerable senior secre- act for that purpose, and would confidently appeal tary, Rev. Dr. Anderson, in regard to his recent to the friends of humanity and religion in the visit to the Sandwich Islands. It is already un- | Northwest for their contributions. The Chicago derstood that he is prepared to give a most favo- Sauitary Commission will forward the boxes that sons were received at the Communion last Sabderstood that he is prepared to give a most favorable account of the religion and civilization of the Islanders. The Gospel has wrought wonders there—a transformation more complete and delightful than the secretary was prepared to find.

Sauntary Commission will forward the boxes that may be sent marked "for the Freedmen," to disconnect the freedmen," to disconnect the freedmen," to disconnect the freedmen, the freedme

Another interesting circumstance is the fact | As the work is pressing and increasing daily, it perously. In spite of the troubles of the land, and the depreciation of our currency, the receipts of the Board have been larger than in any lie in the Northwest, and to take collections in vear of its existence, almost reaching the sum of its behalf \$390,000. The Society is not therefore comnelled to meet under the cloud of a heavy and embarrassing indebtedness. This will give a cheerful aspect to the meeting.

Many of the strong and wise men of the land have sent forward their names, and will lend in- byterian. terest to the occasion by their presence and counsel. But some of the fathers whose presence so often graced and honored these convocations "are not;" and some who still linger among the living, cherished and blessed by relatives and friends, are no longer able to appear in for your hearty commendation of the \$50,000 such public places. A letter has been recived effort, upon which our Publication Committee by the Committee of Arrangments from the have just entered by direction of the General venerable ex-president Day, of New Haven, Assembly. This enterprise for the endowment written in a fair and comparatively firm hand. of our Publication cause would have been com-We copy a few words, which will be read with menced soon after the adjournment of the Aspleasure by thousands of his scattered pupils: sembly, but the invasion of Pennsylvania by Though I take a deep interest in the cause in Gen. Lee, by absorbing the public attention, which the Board is engaged, yet at my advanced made a postponement necessary. We believe age, (90) and in my delicate state of health, I that the effort will be a success, and that the shall probably not think it prudent to expose Committee are to have the means for doing their myself to the crowded assemblies, and hurried work and of discharging, in part at least, our business of the occasion."

(now nearly 87,) forbids me to venture so far good brother has voluntarily added another thoufrom home. My heart and spirit are with the sand, and others we trust will meet the call in a Board." Dr. Beman, of Troy, however; Dr. similar spirit. The extracts from our correspon-Wisner, of Ithaca; Dr. Hawes, of Hartford, dence may prove interesting to your readers. is very great and obvious, and calls for strict and other venerable men are expecting to be here. We anticipate one of the largest and best meetings ever held by the Board.

ITEMS.—We learn that seventeen individuals were recently received, on profession of faith, to the Presbyterian Church in New Hartford These are the first fruits of that precious work thought that as many more will be ready to come | tysburgh, writes to us:forward at the next communion season, while The loss grows upon us. He was so peculiarly an equal number probably will be gathered into other churches.

that interesting and important field of labor. GENESEE.

U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION. DELEGATES WANTED FOR WORK IN THE ARMY.

An opportunity is now offered, under the with theirs in singing the sweet songs of Zion. benefitting our soldiers, aiding the country in scholarly without ostentation, a devoted student its struggle, and advancing the interests of religion, which may not last long, or ever offer

> Good earnest preachers of the gospel of every evangelical denomination are greatly needed as delegates, both to the Army of the Potomac and the armies of the West and South. Also Christian laymen who can work or speak efficiently to save men, soul and body. Hearty welcome is given by officers and men to the them preach the gospel, and the Spirit of God attends the Word. The excellent reading matter provided for distribution, is sought with avidity at their hands. The soldiers are cheered and strengthened by their visits. Those ring the time of their service.

The Commission procures passes for its delegates, pays necessary expenses to and from the army, furnishes subsistence, and supplies what- ples were. ever is needed for distribution to benefit the soldiers, whether temporally or spiritually. Money for expenses, if required, will be advanced. No outfit beyond a change of or-

at the office.* Application can be made in person or by letter, at the Central office, 13 Bank St., Philadelphia; or to C. Demond, 4 Court St., Boston; or at 30 Bible House, New York; or to Jos. and for his Sunday school: on Sunday afternoon, the day before he left Albree, 71 Wood St., Pittsburgh; or W. T. town for his summer vacation. One of his elders | Perkins, 17 West 3d St., Cincinnati; or E. D. was with him, and now recalls, with peculiar in Jones, at Exchange Bank, St. Louis; J. V.

> GEO. H. STUART, Chairman. W. E. BOARDMAN, Secretary. *The term of service is six weeks or longer.

APPEAL IN BEHALF OF THE FREEDMEN. The undersigned, representing several denomnations of Christians and composing the "North-WESTERN FREEDMEN'S AID COMMITTEE," auxliary to the American Missionary Association, and yet this but aggravates their loss, or shows would call the attention of the benevolent public to the following facts:

The American Missionary Association, located n the city of New York, was organized in the year 1848, with special, though not exclusive, reference to Missionary work in behalf of the African race. During the past fifteen years it has had for a sick soldier at home—an Irish Cathohad missionaries in Africa and among the eman-lic who has accepted a Bible and reads without cipated population of the West Indies, the fugitive slaves in Canada, and the free colored people of the Northern States. By this long identification with the interests of this oppressed race, religion, seems an impenetrable mystery in view it has secured their confidence and that of their of such a calamity. Merely to say, "What can't friends, has gained valuable experience, has promise of reading each day the portion designated trained a noble band of laborers, and is prepared o prosecute the work under more favorable auspices than any new organization.

The American Missionary Association is a the hymn, One there is above all others." to melt ice. But to say-"It is our Father's union of evangelical Christians, and in its Constitution makes provision for the organization and efficient operation of auxiliary Societies, as will be seen by Article IX, as follows:

"Churches and other local missionary bodies agreeing to the principles of this Society, and wishing to appoint and sustain missionaries of their own, shall be entitled to do so through the | position of Convener of the Committee on Foragency of the Executive Committee, on terms nutually agreed upon."

As a matter of fact, the missionaries of the Association are connected with various denominations of Christians. At the present time the Association has about eighty persons laboring to leave India, where he has so long and so under its commission among the Freedmen, along successfully labored. He has, however, deemed the Atlantic coast from Washington to St. Au- it his duty to respond to the unanimous call of Vicksburg. Since the capture of the latter place, the work has been greatly enlarged, and demands the attention of an auxiliary Committee in this | wishes and aspirations, plans and purposes, of they may enlarge their borders, so as to accom-modate the multitude that shall come up to en-teachers, collect money for their support, and suddenly and violently overturned, dashed in forward boxes, of clothing for the relief of the pieces to the ground, where they lie now strewn

The undersigned have, therefore, consented to geous visions or pleasant dreams."

that the Board just closes it financial year pros- is hoped that responses will be made without

Rev. R. Patterson, D. D., Reformed Presbyterian. Rev. J. R. Shipherd, Congregational. Rev. E. A. Pierce, N. S. Presbyterian. Rev. N. Colver, D. D., Baptist. Rev. N. D. Williamson, Reformed Dutch. Rev. H. N. Bishop, D. D.,

REV. C. H. FOWLER, Secretary, Jefferson St. M. E. Church, Chicago, Ill.

Episcopalian. Rev. J. P. Stewart, Old S. Pres-

THE PUBLICATION CAUSE. MESSRS. EDITORS -- We are obliged to you duty in this department of Christian activity. Ex-Chief Justice Hornblower, of New Jersey, Our two first applications have brought us subwrites also in a fair hand: "My advanced age, scriptions for eight thousand dollars, to which a J. W. D.

THE PUBLICATION CAUSE.

We give a few extracts from letters addressed the Assembly's Publication Committee. A lady who has devoted much time to the promotion of the comfort and amusement, as well as of crace which has been in progress there for a instruction of the sick and wounded soldiers in few months past, under the faithful labors of the West Philadelphia Hospital, where there were their new pastor, Rev. Mr. Kimball. It is more than 4000 patients, after the battle of Get-

"Your Committee will please accept the thanks of the 'Lady Visitors' in the Reading Room of the West Philodelphia Soldiers' Hospital, for A Call.—The Presbyterian Church in Dun- their recent donation of fifty hymn-books, togekirk, have given a call to Rev. Edward Taylor, ther with some excellent manuals for distribuof Kalamazoo, Michigan; and it is believed he tion. The books are well adapted to the wants will accept it. If so, we bespeak for Mr. Taylor of the soldiers, being used in public worship, on a cordial welcome. He is an active, earnest funeral occasions, and at the Reading Room conworker, peculiarly adapted, we should judge, to certs, which occur semi-weekly. In the latter exercise, the men manifest much interest, frequently inquiring, 'Is this the day for our singing?" It is, indeed, a privilege to add in any way to the comfort of our brave soldiers; and particularly pleasant to join our hearts and voices

> "Very Respectfully, "A 'LADY VISITOR.'"

A gentleman in central New York, endorsing donation for the Publication Cause, writing to our Chairman, Rev. Albert Barnes, says: "I regard this branch of Christian effort as a

very important instrumentality in preaching the salvation of the Cross.

"At this time we are especially called to condelegates themselves, and their services public sider our duties. God is chastening us as a naand private. Eager multitudes gather to hear tion for our forgetfulness of Him in the day of our material prosperity, and it becomes all Christians to humble ourselves before Him, to search ont and forsake our sins, and implore His gracious Spirit, that, as a people, we may turn to who go now will be present to render timely Him; that all his chastening may be sanctified aid on the field if a battle should be fought du- and lead us to new obedience—lead us to 'consider the poor,' and in all things to be 'as the light of the world,' as our Saviour said his disci-

"I hope it may please God to cause the liberality for the sick and wounded soldiers to expand our hearts to more liberal thingr for the dinary clothing need be provided. An army promotion of His glorious truth—that thus our shirt, blanket and haversack will be supplied own souls may be watered from the well of sal-

A good brother in Cincinnati acknowledges donations for the House of Refuge in that city,

"Your favor of the 9th inst. reached me last night, and I hasten for myself, Brother S., our church and S. School, and the House of Re-J. D. Hill, Buffalo; or C. D. Grovesnor, Rofuge, to thank you and the Committee for what the Lord has put it into your hearts and hands to do for us. I pray and hope that it may prove to be 'bread cast upon the waters,' and that you may, ere long, reap abundantly from such

> A lady who has aided us with her, pen and also as a distributor to the soldiers, writes:-"As to the books received, I have to thank ou for a most liberal return to my order, being two-fold the number asked for; though not more than I shall have opportunity to dispose of.

"Your 'Soldiers' Friend' is a valuable addition to my store.—One was appropriated the same day as received. It just met a want that I hesitation any thing that I give him. This little book he not only read through immediately, being delighted to find the creed and commandments as in his catechism, but is fulfilling the nated for it. And on my last visit his little girl of seven years, repeated with entire correctness

REV. ALEX. DUFF, D. D., the veteran missionary of the Free Church of Scotland in Calcutta, being too much enfeebled in health to continue his labors in India, has accepted the eign Missions, to which he was unanimously appointed by the last General Assembly. In his letter of acceptance he expresses regret that his state of health renders it necessary for him the Church, even though (as he himself expresses it) "some of the most fondly-cherished all around, as the wreck and debris of once gor-

NORTH BROAD ST. CHURCH. Seventeen per-

MITCHELL'S NEW GENERAL ATLAS. The want of a large and correct Atlas has been much felt. The war has set nearly all to examining maps. But large Atlases of earlier date have cost too much for general use in famquarto Atlas shows the entire surface of our Globe in eighty-four maps and plans, clearly by Lee & Walker, 722 Chestnut street. engraved and colored in counties and other subdivisions. Battle places and forts sought for in vain in old works, plans of harbors, most of our principal cities in streets, new rail-roads, new counties and territories have received careful attention. With the statistical tables is an index of places and a post-office list. The agent, Mr. G. P. Maxson, is now engaged in disposing of the Atlas in our city and is cordially recommended to our readers.

THE CHRISTIAN OBSERVER. The Presbylerian of this city has been presented with several copies of this paper, which is now published in Richmond by the former editor and his son, F. Bartlett Converse. It is half-size. at \$3.00 year, or, at present value of rebel currency, about a quarter of a dollar. Doubtless it is n need of the contributions which it acknowedges for the purpose of circulating the paper mong the soldiers, which amounted to over wo thousand dollars.

HE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN ALMANAC for

We welcome the re-appearance of this annual eplete with information upon the statistics, and various benevolent enterprises of the Church. It is handsomely illustrated and will make its way doubtless into almost every family. Price 6 cents single, and 5 and 4 cents according to chaplaincy to the 72d Ind. Infantry. quantity, Postage 1 cent. Presbyterian House, 1334 Chestnut street.

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AGASSIZ. Methods of Study in Natural History, by Louis Agassiz. Boston; Ticknor and Field Phila., J. B. Lippincott & Co. 16 mo. pp. 319.

this great naturalist should still hold some oninions adverse to the historical credulity of

Marks, D.D., Rev. J. J. The Peninsula Campaign in Virginia, or incidents and scenes on the battle-fields and in Richmond. By Rev. J. J. Marks, D. D. Philada, J. B. Lippincott & Co. 12 mo. pp. 441. Price, \$1,50.

This is from the pen of one of the most faith. 63d Pa. Vols. With them he underwent the at Central City. toils of the memorable campaign of which he writes, and shared in some of its worst privations. It is well-known that he chose to remain he was a child, and in every great emergency was oppressed with conscious incapacity." We have read no description of the retreat to the James river equal in graphic power to this of Chaplain Marks. We heartily commend the Mr. Samuel Small, of York, Pa.

stories. By Harriet Elizabeth Prescott. Bosaries say: ton; Ticknor & Fields. Philada, J. B. Lippincott & Co. 16 mo. pp. 432.

There is doubtless evidence of remarkable ability in these singular stories; there is exquisite subtlety and delicacy of thought and expression, his counsellors. The school was directed to be there are words of wisdom expressed with all continued with such temporary arrangements as could the force of proverbs, there is remarkable versa- be made; the materials were provided as quickly as tility exhibited in the style and drift of the dif- possible; within three months buildings were comtility exhibited in the style and drift of the dif-ferent pieces. Some are written in the most the former commodious but somewhat ungraceful ambitious strain and are marred with unmean, structure is occupied by three elegant and conven ing extravagances, as the Amber Gods; others Socks; others again are in a high degree ingenious, as In a Cellar. Almost any reader would beauty, the comfort of the new, all regret for the find something to his taste. The volume is elegantly executed.

HAWTHORNE. Our Old Home: A Series of English Sketches, by Nathaniel Hawthorne. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. Phila., J. B. Lippincott & Co. 16 mo. pp. 398.

Hawthorne is most deservedly a favorite among been mostly in the imaginative vein, and these adornment of a work of fiction," but few will regret the opportunity of learning the actual imressions of so keen an observer and so gifted a writer upon scenes, characters and customs in England. The dedication is an attempt at to carry the gospel to other islands." something, we fear, quite beyond the powers of the writer, which out of regard to his own repute 10th, that "Peking is now occupied by several as a true man, he had better have left untried. TAYLOR. Philip Van Artevelde. A Dramatic Ro-

mance, in two parts. Dramatica Poesis est veluti Historia spectabilis. Bacon De Augmentis. Boston, Ticknor & Fields. For sale by J. B. Lippin-cott & Co., Philada. 24 mo. pp. 456. Blue and ready to receive the gospel when the men can be

The great popularity of this poem is shown by ber of years ago. It is based upon the dissension of the Flemish cities in the 14th century, and is full of action and interest.

MAGAZINES AND PAMPHLETS.

Charles Lamb's uncollected writings; My Pa- inquirer until he has resolved to keep the Sabbath lace; The Deacon's Holocaust; United States day." One of the members just received, an old man Armory; The Pewee; Conquest of Cuba; Life of 76, who had never spent a day in school, has without Principle; Letter to Thomas Carlyle; actually learned to read in the colloquial. Sumner, Whittier and Emerson, are among the July 1st:

contributors to this number. Longfellow, Lowell, Agassiz and Ik Marvel are promised for the next. Boston, Ticknor & Fields. C. EVEREST, the accomplished organist of the

First Church, has sent us copies of his new sono: lies, and have proved too bulky. This large "My Country so Dear," which we cordially recommend to our musical readers. Published

The Continental Monthly contains: The Freedom of the Press; William Lilly, Astrologer: Jefferson Davis,-Repudiation, Recognition and Slavery, by R. J. Walker; Was he successful? by Kimball, with numerous other articles of literary and high political character.

Edmund Kirke, formerly editor of this magazine and author of the well-known works Among the Pines, My Southern Friends &c., is prepared to lecture on "The Southern Whites; Their Social and Political Characteristics." We should regard any society fortunate in securing his services. His address is "Care of Continental Monthly, New York."

Aleus of our Churches.

Presbyterian.

Western Presbyteries -- Illinois met at Shelby ville September 10th. Arrangements were made to systematize the benevolent operations of the church es. The importance of the pastoral relation was set forth in a resolution; preaching on the sanctification of the Sabhath, and efforts against intemperance were recommended. Many churches have enjoyed revivals.-Indianapolis received Rev. C. H. Marshall from the Southern Cong. Association of Illinois, dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. G. P. Tindal and the Second Church of Indianapolis, and dismissed L. P. Webber to San Jose. J. De Le Mater, of this body, has accepted the

Clerical Calls, Ordinations, and Changes .-Rev. G. L. Little has resigned the pastorate of the First Church, Waukegan, Ill., and accepted an invitation to labor with the church in Monticello, in the same State. Messrs. Jos. B. and Geo. O. Little were ordained by the Prssbytery of Madison. Ind., September 8th. -Mr. L. C. Richards was ordained by the Presbytery of Elyria, O., September 15th, and dismissed to the classes of New York.-Rev. E. G. Gillett, D. D., has accepted a call to the The author of this volume is too well-known First Church of Keokuk. -Rev. J. A. Canfield, for o need introduction or commendation. He is a twenty-one years pastor of the Church of Chaumaster in the field which he here traverses. mont, N. Y., has accepted the chaplaincy of the Questions of method lead him to the most pro- Clinton State Prison.—The pastoral relation befound matters and most controverted points of tween Rev. A. Bryant and the Church at Niles, Mich., was dissolved on the 8th inst., by the Presopponent of the "phantom," as he calls it, of bytery of Kalamazoo. Rev. John Sailor is at prethe transmutation of species, and takes particular | ler, of Collinsville, Ct., has received a unanimous pains in these articles, to expose the fallacy of call to the Church of Succusanna, N. J., made vahe doctrine. And nowhere do we meet clearer | cand by the recent resignation of Rev. Josiah proofs of a single, supreme intelligence, con- Fisher. -Mr. Wm. C. Curtis, of Auburn Seminary, structing the entire animal world in the most was ordained by the Presbytery of Meadville, Sepmarvellous unity of plan, than in the teachings tember 9th.—Mr. Alex. Nesbitt was ordained and alled—a rare conjunction, it would seem—pas of the Church of Tremont, West Chester Co., N. Y., by the New York Third Presbytery.

Revival.-Rev. Harvey Smith reports to the Evangelist that a revival is in progress in the Church of South Amenia, where Rev. O. Parker is now aiding the pastor, and requests the prayers of God's

Pike's Peak-A new church edifice was dedicated at Blackhawk, August 30th, costing \$6,700, \$4,000 ul, intelligent and unflinching of our army of which was raised at the dedication, clearing it en-Chaplains, connected in that capacity with the tirely of debt. A new edifice is also contemplated

Reformed Presbyterian. The Reformed Presbyterian Church in Scot-

land has twenty students in the Theological Semiand be captured with the sick and wounded at nary, a larger number than at any previous time-Savage's Station who had to be left behind in The church has an interesting mission at the New McClellan's humiliating retreat. The experi- Hebrides, in connection with which there has been ences and observations of such a man are an made a translation of the New Testament into the invaluable part of the history of our times. He language of Aneiteum. The sum of \$5,000 has expresses his mind with entire independence. been collected for Foreign Missions. At home, the of McClellan, he says, "in every hour of danger church has forty-five organized congregations, with 6,741 communicants. Their contributions, including minister's stipends, exceed £5,000, or \$25,000.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

American Board -The Sandwich Islands -Rev. Dr. Anderson has completed his tour to, and volume to all who desire a full exhibition of the among these islands and has returned to Boston. blunders, the heroic deeds, the needless sufferings | His visit was welcomed as agreeable and profitable and the great disasters of that campaign, which by the missionaries. The churches on the Islands promptness and energy would have turned into have made little apparent progress during the year. victory. The volume has a number of spirited The whole number received on profession is 244. llustrations, and is handsomely dedicated to The Educational institutions are more prosperous. Lahainaluna training school, "the oldest of this class of institutions," suffered the loss of the principal PRESCOTT, MISS H. E. The Amber Gods and other seminary building, by fire, last July. The mission-

"But this disaster only served to reveal the strong hold which this institution has upon the hearts of the people and the Government. A liberal appropriation was at once made by the legislature, then in ent buildings, the form and position of which strongly remind us of some New England colleges. Libera are sweet, simple and touching, as Knitting Sale contributions have also flowed in from graduates of the school and from the churches, which have aided to furnish the new buildings. In the fitness, the destruction of the old is lost.'

The Marquesas Mission is spoken of as still prosperous. Say the missionaries:

"The Marquesas mission has been in existence ten years, and has been supported entirely by funds from the Sandwich Islands. It has received no direct aid from the American Board except the services of the "Morning Star," and the six missionmerican writers. His attempts hitherto have aries now laboring there are all Hawanans. The reflex influence of these missionary operations or sketches, he tells us, were intended originally as awakened a deep interest in the minds of the natives. the Hawaiian churches has been salutary. It has the "side scenes and backgrounds and exterior and stimulated them to deeds of Christian benevo lence. The aunouncement that letters have been received, or that a missionary brother has returned from the Marquesas, or from Micronesia, is sure to make a sensation in a native audience. And rarely do we hear a prayer offered by an Hawaiian, without at least one petition for his brethren who have gone

China.-Mr. Stanley writes from Tientsin, June societies, [can this be correct?] but not by ours," he adds

"Simply because Mr. Doolittle's return to Fuhchan necessitated Mr. Blodget's return here. There found to carry it to them. Scarcely an excursion for preaching and distributing books is made by any of the missionaries, which does not bring to our notice ts reaching a sixth edition in England a num-one of years ago. It is based upon the dissen. one of years ago. It is based upon the dissen. love to read the books, but how can they understand these wonderful things unless they have one to ex-

At Chongloh, an out-station of Fuh Chau, Mr. Peet reports the formation of a church of seven members, The Atlantic Monthly, for October, contains May 31st. He says, "no one is considered a proper

Our Domestic Relations, &c. Such writers as The Mommedans in Persia. Dr. Perkins writes,