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THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AS A DOUBLE SHEET.

It has been determined, by leave of Providence, to commence the new year with a great enlargement of the American Presbyterian and Geneva Evangelist, and to throw it into the form of a double sheet.

We think the denomination may be congratulated upon this advance in the condition of its press, which thus attains much greater capacity for usefulness, as a denominational organ, and an agency for the promotion of Christian Kingdom.

THE FOUNTAIN IN THE HEART.

There is an indescribable charm about the narrative of Christ's conversation with the woman of Samaria at Jacob's well. The locality is so well ascertained, that the traveller to-day may seat himself with tolerable certainty upon the very spot occupied by the Saviour.

There is something remarkable in this gift of living water, well worthy of the Christian's regard. As something received through the Holy Spirit, from Christ, we understand it.

Yet observe, (and this is the climax in our Saviour's discourse,) it is described as acting creatively in the soul.

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Christian reader, does your life show an inward spontaneous activity, fresh, vigorous, enlivening, like a fountain? Does your religion consist only in reciting, like the thirty man, or are you by earnest prayer, by judicious and faithful labors like those of Christ at the well, by liberal giving, going out as a tide of influence upon all around?

THE WHEELER AND WILSON SEWING MACHINE.

There can be no doubt that the sewing machine is one of the most beneficent inventions of the age, and the fact that its introduction in every household in the land would be a substantial blessing, is, to us, a sufficient apology for our devoting so large a portion of space to it in this number of our paper.

The Wheeler & Wilson instrument, to the history and description of which we to-day yield an entire page, well deserves this liberal recognition, from its unquestioned excellence, no less than the generous policy which has always been adopted by the Wheeler & Wilson company in giving the public the benefits of their great invention.

THE DEDICATION OF GERMAN STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

MR. EDITOR:—The dedication of this place of worship was an occasion of no ordinary interest. Since the organization of the First Presbyterian Church, Southwark, located on German Street, about 40 years ago, its history, for the most part is one of noble efforts for existence and progress, amid the most discouraging circumstances.

The dedication of a new building, capacious and attractive, and entirely free from debt was therefore an occasion of special gratification to this people, and to all the churches of our denomination in this city.

The special and general gladness inspired by this occasion, arose from the fact that the lost had been found, and the dead brought to life. Several years ago the former place of worship had become, through age and want of repair, unfit for congregational purposes.

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Cheering progress has been made in our denomination during the past few years in the removal of annoying church debts.

growing under pecuniary burdens too heavy to be borne. Why cannot they also be relieved? May the Lord stir up some wealthy layman to interpose for the help of these needy and distressed churches.

NEW ISSUES OF THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

Four new volumes have just been issued by the Committee, 1334 Chestnut Street, in their usual tasteful style and good judgment as to the contents.

"The Cannibal Islands" is one of the best books for the young recently issued. The information it contains is gathered from the best sources, especially from Wilkes' Exploring Expedition; it is admirably brought together, and the illustrations given of the workings of divine grace on such a field are most signal and cheering.

"Bank Notes" and the "Two Watches" are two smaller volumes each, containing two or more brief stories.

THE GREAT DELIVERANCE OF GETTYSBURG.

FROM A FIRST GIVING SERMON BY REV. D. MARCH First of all, in this once imperiled city of Philadelphia, and this once invaded state of Pennsylvania, let us remember with thanksgiving, the great days of July, and the great deliverance of Gettysburg.

But the extent to which we are concerned in maintaining infallibility, may appear on consideration of the conditions under which infallibility is claimed for them. Arising out of the manner in which God's will has been revealed, which is very much the converse of the above hypothesis; they are: 1. Revelation was to be gradual and progressive—not immediately and at once complete.

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NEW PREMIUM OFFERED.

The large-sized, handsome photograph of Sergeant Hunnison's three children, copied and enlarged from the autotype found in the hands of the dead soldier at Gettysburg, worth \$1.00, will be sent by mail, postage paid, in return for a new subscriber paying full rates in advance.

Our losses in driving Bragg from Chattanooga are set down at 4,500. We captured 6,450 prisoners and 46 cannon. The steep mountain heights were scaled by our troops under the impulse of a sudden affluet which filled officers and men with an unconquerable enthusiasm, and carried them beyond themselves to victory.

FROM OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON NOV. 13th, 1863.

DR. CANDLISH ON INSPIRATION.

Since Colenso's *ecclesiasticism*, nothing I suppose has so startled the religious community of England as the recent speech of Principal Candlish at the opening of this session of the Free Church College in Edinburgh.

While the United Committee of the Free Church and United Presbyterian in Scotland are discussing the question of Union, there is a general anxiety in the English Presbyterian Church as to the place they are to occupy in the movement. Separated entirely from the Free Church in Scotland, which is not prepared as yet to extend itself into England, while the United Presbyterians still maintain the connection, they apprehend that they will be left out altogether.

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DEAR EDITOR:—The order of Gen. Fisk, in reference to Thanksgiving, shows that, in the E. E. district of Missouri, we have a commander who believes in rendering due honor to national appointments for religious observances.

HOW WE MAKE OUR MONEY.

We have before referred to the evidences of thrift and prosperity everywhere manifest around us. Every week brings along some new illustration of them.

Few persons, unless their attention has been specially called to the subject, have probably realized how extensively the business of raising and selling fruit and ornamental trees has been carried on in this vicinity.

OUR FEEL.

Of this country of nurseries and orchards should, of course, furnish an abundance. If any one should tell us that Philadelphia was a better fruit market than Rochester, our courtesy would forbid us to dispute the point; but ours is good enough for all practical purposes.

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hundred, we suppose we may say, have gone East loaded down with this commodity.

Large fields of this little plant or herb may be seen growing in Wayne county, especially in the towns of Newark and Lyons. It is planted in rows; cultivated mostly by boys; carefully weeded and tended until it reaches the proper stage; then mowed and gathered and distilled for the sake of the oil.

TRIP OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS.

It was a happy thought of our astute Secretary of State to bring the Foreign Ministers on their trip to Niagara Falls. They must have opened their eyes considerably to see the evidences of thrift and prosperity, which every where greeted them, through this fertile farming country, and these busy thriving inland cities and villages.

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New Publications.

LOVELLLOW. Tales of a Wayside Inn. By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. 16mo., pp. 225. For Sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

The main part of this delightful and welcome volume from our best American poets is a series of minor poems—a string of pearls, connected by the same device as that employed by Chaucer in his "Canterbury Tales." The guests at a "Wayside Inn" each contribute a "tale" for mutual entertainment.

McKERRAN. Editor's Ministry.

McKERRAN. Editor's Ministry. By Harriet B. McKerran. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blackiston. 12mo., pp. 432.

A work of fiction of excellent moral and religious tone, designed to exhibit the true religion of the single woman, not to cress lap-dogs and pet cats, or nurse discontent, but to mingle acutely and basely with an earthly Christianity in the kind offices she can minister, especially the young, the poor, and the suffering.

WARREN. The Old Helmet.

WARREN. The Old Helmet. By the Author of "The Wide, Wide World." In two volumes. New York: R. Carter & Brothers. 12mo., pp. 328, 363.

The public, through a long period, in which many new claims for favor have sprung up, and which have led to a general relaxation of the attention afforded by the "Wide, Wide World," and are prepared to welcome a new product of the same gifted pen. The new story is designed to illustrate Christian truth; this appears in the opening scenes; the helmet is Paul's helmet of Salvation.

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LANDER. Spectacles for Young Eyes.

LANDER. Spectacles for Young Eyes. Moscow, By Sarah Land. Boston: Walker, Wise & Co. 16mo., pp. 202, Illustrated. For Sale by Smith, English & Co.

One of your excellent series of books on sight-seeing; graphic, and full of gossip and anecdotal matter, especially in view of their entertaining descriptions.

News of our Churches.

Presbyterian. The Presbytery of Newark has a peculiar and weighty responsibility in the presence of a large German population within its bounds. Nor is the Presbytery indifferent on the subject. According to the Evangelist of the Newark churches connected with the body, and a committee was recently appointed, consisting of Messrs. Ross, Poor, Wilson and Hoyt, and Elders Smith and Pinneo, to devise measures to raise \$3000 for building purposes, in aid of these congregations.

Ministerial Movements.—Rev. Geo. C. Lucas, has resigned the charge of the Second Church, Jersey City, and accepted that of Woodbridge, N. J.—Rev. J. W. Bailey, has resigned his position as a professor of Moral Science and Rhetoric in Knox College.—Rev. James M. Taylor was installed pastor of the church of Orange, N. J., Nov. 18th. Rev. Messrs. Newell and Parker of New York, and Mr. Hoyt of Newark, took part in the services.—Rev. Henry Darling, D. D., of Philadelphia, has received a call to the North Church, New York, late Dr. Hatfield's.—The church at Connersville, Ind., has unanimously called Rev. A. J. Jamison to be their pastor.

Churches.—A new house of worship for the church of Newcomb, Champaign Co., Ill., was dedicated Nov. 20th, out of debt. Sermon by Rev. A. Kent.—The eleventh Church, New York City, Rev. J. P. Hovey pastor, have sold their building down town and purchased the church on Fifty-fifth street, between Third and Avenue Avenues, which was begun several years ago by a Baptist congregation, but has never been finished. Service commenced in the new location, Nov. 22d.

Rev. John E. Chandler, with his wife and four children, called from Boston on his return to the Madura Mission, on Saturday Nov. 21st. He has labored in that region about fifteen years, and has been in this country since April 1861. Mr. and Mrs. C. leave their four eldest children in this country to be educated.

Rev. J. M. Morley.—The Christian Herald says: The congregation of the Presbyterian church of Newark, O., are being favored with a course of expository lectures on the Epistle to the Hebrews, by Hon. E. D. Mansfield. The profound scholarship and vast information of Mr. M., and happy employment in these efforts. His thoughts on the first chapter, presented in an original manner, were rich and suggestive. The students of our Theological Seminaries would be greatly benefited by hearing these lectures; for they would get in them a method of expository preaching more popular than any furnished them by professional teachers. As the trustees of Lane Seminary are inviting laymen, to lecture to their students on various subjects, why might they not ask some intelligent and learned lawyer, judge or physician, to show the students how to talk in a popular way on some passages of Scripture? The ministerial profession will not be endangered by losing some of its stiff forms of sermonizing.