A PROSPEROUS SABBATH SCHOOL.

fourths of the rooms. The efficient and honored

superintendent, Mr. E. T. Taylor, read his annu-

al report, by which we learned that there are

connected with these schools, between 8 and 900

children and 85 teachers, with a very large ave-

rage attendance. Over 60 connected with the

schools at different times have united with the

deceased pupils were alluded to by the pastor in

large number of valuable books were presented

to such as had within the year committed the

Catechism and portions of the New Testament.

We learned that three or four hundred children

have committed the Catechism and several the

entire New Testament during the past seven

Rev. J. G. Hamner was present and happily

The pastor presented the books and feelingly

addressed some 70 or 80 of the scholars who

were called out into the aisles to receive their

The schools sang together several hymns se-

lected for the occasion, exhibiting great profi-

A very pleasant incident occurred which was

not on the programme. One of the teachers

stepped forward and in a very handsome address

presented on behalf of his colleagues, a large

and elegantly bound copy of the Bible to Mr.

Taylor, the superintendent of the parent school,

who was taken unawares, and responded from an

overflowing heart for this appropriate and elegant

gift. Altogether the exercises were of the most

delightful character, and gave a very high idea

of the sphere and influence of a well-conducted

Sabbath school. I know not where an instance

can be found of more marked and gratifying

success than is furnished by the Sabbath school

NEWS OF REVIVAL.

We rejoice in being permitted to present our

readers with some account of the revival in

Lawrence, where Rev. E. P. Hammond is now

aboring. The pleasant anticipations which

we were indulging, and the signs of good we

were chronicling a week ago, were not without

foundation. Christians should be encouraged.

and especially Christian parents should cherish

hope for their children, as it is this class which

-- INFIGURNOR OF THEATRES. The Young Men's

to be put in the pews of their churches. This

is one mode of saving young men from ruin

Mew Zublications.

HUTCHINSON. Music of the Bible: or Explanatory

Notes upon those passages in the sacred Scriptures which relate to Music, including a brief view of

when they pass from the country to the city.

addressed the children.

ciency in this department.

Dec. 22d, 1863.

rence and other places.

It was my privilege to be present last Sabhath

American Presbyterian

GENESEE EVANGELIST

PHILADELPHIA, DEC. 24, 1863.

THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN

FOR 1864. We are happy to announce to our subscribers and friends that it has been determined to ENLARGE our paper at the commencement of the New Year,

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A number of valuable communications are on file. Correspondents will exercise patience.

THE PRESBYTERIAN BOOK-STORE.

This establishment, No. 1334 Chestnut St. is now in its holiday guise, and was never so well supplied with an excellent variety of seasonable books and articles connected with the book trade, as at present. Not only the Committee's own publications, including many excellent books for the young, may be found on the shelves, but the leading issues of the best publishing firms, presenting a great variety to the buyer. There are photographs and photograph albums, and handsomely bound books to suit every taste. Give the establishment a call.

at the house of Mr. Patteson, was unexpectedly interrupted to give room for a kind and liberal demonstration to the Pastor, Rev. E. E. Adams. Benedict D. Stewart, Esq., after a brief, but affectionate and touching address, presented the extracts: Pastor with five hundred dollars in green-backs, the gift of the congregation. Mr. Adams,

proud' generos sacrifice. cound nex "And Let irl do you t rday mornin llen ?"

FROM OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT. The following letter though somewhat late, will be received with interest by most of our readers:

The opening of Congress—The Election of Speaker—Contrast with Last Year—The

Monday was a day of uncommon interest JOHN W. MEARS. - - Editor in Washington, and indeed throughout the entire country. It had been for some time intimated, that the Clerk of the House might reject some of the credentials of the newlyelected members, and thereby, at the organization of the House, secure a majority to the GENESEE EVANGELIST enemies of the Government. This anticipation induced the friends of the Government to be more than usually active in reaching the Capitol in season.

> Very early an immense throng of strangers crowded every avenue leading to Capitol Hill; and long before the opening of the House, every seat in the galleries was taken; and all the aisles and halls and ante-rooms were crowded by thousands who were eagerly seeking-but in vain-a spot where they could look and listen.

Precisely at 12 o'clock, the mallet of the Clerk fell on the desk, and he commenced reading the roll of the members. There was It is designed not merely to increase the size, but | breathless attention, and as State after State was called and none rejected, there was manifest Particular attention will be paid to the remark relief. But at the conclusion of the process, it was found that no mention had been made of Maryland, Kansas, Oregon, Missouri and Western Virginia.

The Clerk was asked for an explanation, and replied, that he had recorded all the names of those whose credentials authorized him to report them as legally elected representatives of their districts. He was then requested to portant department. Their contributions will be read the names of the members-elect from the State of Maryland. Their credentials, together with the certificate of the Governor were read. and Mr. Dawes of Mass., moved that their names be inscribed on the roll.

This was the test question, and to the spectators a moment of intensest interest. The fate of the country, as it appeared to many, hung on the hour. The leaders of the Union Party were noticed to be calm and apparently confident of the result; though some walked the floor in violent agitation, and many talked low to each other, with all the gestures of passion.

The great champion was now Thaddeus Stevens, and all instinctively obeyed him-many gathered around him for counsel. The test vote was taken, and was 94 to 74. The result was received with unmingled gratification by the audience. The enemies of the government were evidently without plan or unanimity, and one after another, the fifteen suspended repre-Peninsula Campaign," in which he has proved sentatives were taken down and restored to life

The election of Schuyler Colfax of Indiana, as Speaker was especially gratifying. Mr. C. is one of the most uncompromising friends of the government in Congress; and is a man of marked ability, impartiality and acumen. He is also a man of the strictest propriety of life. a member and we believe an Elder of the Presbyterian Church. He has the reputation in Washington of a man unstained with a vice. and of the most untiring industry.

He was greeted on taking the chair with prolonged eheers. His speech was short, but in which the largest number of new subscribers over emphatic, patriotic and christian. When he spoke of the certainty of divine judgment overtaking the nation that dishouored God and trampled on Justice, there was a solemn hush. and every man felt as if suddenly lifted into the presence of the invisible ONE.

This was a great triumph of truth, loyalty and right, and thousands rose from their seats, congratulated each other, thanked God, and took courage. In one year the change was most marked and gratifying; one year ago all faces wore gloom. The rebellion was in its zenith, the friends of the government were faint-hearted and irresolute: darkness covered all the future. A powerful party were leagued against the prosecution of the war and the suppression of the rebellion. The army was dispirited, and the generals plotting each other's ruin.

But now the counsels of the enemies of the government are broken, the armies of the foe defeated, the government had out-ridden the storm, and there was only greater confidence in it, because it had successfully recovered from . disaster and defeat. Certainly, to every friend of his country, every thing in the present aspect of Congress is full of hope. The message of the President is as straight-

forward, honest and firm, as are the State Papers which emanate from the pen of that eminently unselfish, sincere and conscientious man. The message is not remarkable for classical elegance or rhetorical finish, but every line is the breath of wisdom and truth. It gives to us and all the friends of liberty throughout the world, the assurance that no poorslave shall be disappointed who has trusted in the honor and word of the President of the United States.

All the State Papers from the various Departments are of marked fullness and ability. and place before us the state of the Army. Navv. and Country. Certainly, judged by those documents, Mr. Lincoln has surrounded himself with men who have risen with the grandeur of the times, and deserve the gratitude of their country, and will receive the reverence The usual social reunion of the North Broad of posterity for their energy, rectitude and Street congregation, held Monday evening last unswerving fidelity to the high interests of the

> From the second letter of our correspondent just received, we have room for the following

SENATOR BAYARD.

The case of this Senator has occupied during though taken by surprise, acknowledged the the week the attention of the Senate and of the gift in a handsome speech, and added that he country. Mr. Bayard, from the beginning of had besides been presented with an elegant his political career in Congress, has been wholly Grover & Baker sewing machine, by the agent, with ——— and rebels, with them he has Mr. Eddy, and with an order for fifteen tons of uniformly noted, and no doubt was, as alleged coal, by Mr. Audenreid, both members of the a member of their secret councils. He has congregation. The total value of the gifts was been with unwavering zeal the enemy of the out \$750. After further pleasant intercourse government, and threw every obstacle in the embly was dismissed with prayer by Rev. | way of the successful prosecution of the war.

Mears. At the communion service He now refuses to take the oath of allegiance ere added on profession and 4 to the Government which all the other Senators have taken, and wishes to escape on the ground that the demand is unconstitutional. If the question had been pushed to a vote on Friday V. D. Kelley, of in the Senate, Mr. Bayard would have been aluable pub- undoubedly forced to resign. But Mr. Saulsbury begged for delay, his colleague was illlams, nothing could be sacrificed by being patient and forbearing; and in the spirit of magna-

ferred until Monday.

Senator Bayard was in his seat; anxious, now with that which his face wore on the dark words about Jesus." Monday, which followed the first Bull Run defeat. Then his face was wreathed with smiles, went out into the lobbies and halls, and brought

about in the Senate Chamber, and whispered highest motive which proves effective. and looked around up to the galleries in vain enemies of their country.

THE ARMY, Is still at Brandy Station near Culpepper and encamped between the Rappahannock and the Rapidan. There are rumors of the falling back of Gen. Meade to Centreville, and that the army will go into winter quarters. The condition of the troops is excellent. There are intimations of change in Corps and Divisions, but nothing as yet certain.

The attack by Moseby on our troops guarding the Railroad about twenty-six miles from Alexandria was bold, but bravely repulsed. The darkness favored the advance and attack of the enemy. Moseby had timed his movements to take the up-train loaded with provisions and stores, but fortunately this was behind time, and the rebels had a long, dark, wet time, and a perilous ride for nothing.

The army has experienced a great loss in the leath of Gen. Buford. He was a brave humane generous man, and endeared himself to every soldier in his command. He died after a few days of sickness; he was brought to Washing- For several weeks, we have been in such a ton, and suddenly sunk out of his life. The family live in Rock Island, Ill. J. J. M.

GOD'S WORK IN LAWRENCE, MASS. AS WITNESSED BY AN ANDOYER THEOLOGICAL

The followers of Jesus will be rejoiced to earn that, in the Manchester of America, their Saviour is riding "conquering and to conquer," and adding to the number of his "many crowns." A specification of the characteristics of his gracious victories here may be deemed worthy a portion of your valuable space.

The pastors and lay members of the different churches are actively engaged, with the Rev. E. P. Hammond, preparing the way and castvancing Lord. The only desire seems to be mate agencies are welcomed. This system of chines, called the Army of the Potomac and the Holy Spirit, and saying, "We now forget there and then ran counter to, collided against souls which the arrows of the Spirit have and briers, bogs and fens. wounded, bearing them the consolations of the Gospel. Some of the workers were among those who a few years since, passed a long, gloomy night in the City Hall, striving to relieve the poor, burned, and bruised victims of

the Pemberton tragedy. There was, at first, a critical spirit on the part of the members of the Seminary; but I have already heard many express themselves as refreshed by contact with awakened sinners at the meeting. They are becoming too much interested for uncharitable comments. "They are now diving for the pearls, and don't mind the ripples and bubbles on the surface." And when they see these set in the Saviour's diadem. will they not rejoice that they participated in

seeking them? By aiding in this revival, the members of the church are preparing themselves to guide, guard, and instruct the "new-born babes in Christ." This they are doing, through the renewal of their own spiritual life, and through the increasing mutual love between themselves and the converts. We need not fear that, upon Mr. Hammond's departure, the lambs will be left to the wolves.

Would that our churches generally understood that victory is dependent, not upon the skill and prowess of the general alone, but quite as much upon the courage and efficiency of the rank and file! He has all the rank

The work of grace in Lawrence is a grand reproof of the infidelity of the church respecting the conversion of children.

Dr. Kirk, who was up from Boston yesterlay, to attend the meeting, and who addressed the children, said, "What amazes me about this movement is, that the children understand what they are about. Though no inquiry-meeting was appointed when Mr. Hammond first addressed the children of my congregation, wet the children would have one, and gathered about the speaker in groups. The thing that satisfied me was that the little ones were convinced that they were sinners in not believing

"I believe that I myself might have been converted at eight years old if I had been taught

cation at the result. One after another, they in these meetings symbolizes the whole work. keepsake, would say in substance: "Chaplain, in at each visit a fresh report of disaster, and held up before the young. Hardened men can, half of our regiment must no doubt fall, as we repeated the thousand wild stories of fleeing and in many cases, be moved only through motives are in the front line. Of these I may be one. wounded soldiers, with exuberant satisfaction. of fear. But these children are wonderfully God, we are sure, will spare you. Take this But now a little faction, with the furtive, influenced by the motive of Christ's love. We and should I fall, give or send, it to such and fleeing glances of hunted wolves, they move think Mr. Hammond right in appealing to the such a loved one, telling them I fell with my

for sympathy. Thus may it ever be with the children's gatherings is the child-like simplicity of all the exercises. The hymns are simple. the prayers are simple, and thus all are admirably adapted to fix and hold the attention of

Allow me to close this article with the mention of one other noticeable character of this revival, viz: that God's word is honored! Both in the meetings for the young and those for the adults, the Scriptures are very frequently read, expounded, and applied.

The remarks always abound in Scriptural illustration and quotation; and analogies from nature and experience are generally pointed and enforced by Bible texts. Mature Christians have been newly impressed with the weight and dignity of the forms of inspired

Andover Theo. Seminary, Dec. 10th, 1863.

LETTER FROM CHAPLAIN STEWART.

Camp near Brandy Station, Dec. 16th, 1863. DEAR EDITOR: - A much longer period since my last has transpired than was purposed. topsy turvy, unsettled, advance and retreat con-

dition, that writing of any kind seemed to be contraband. A stealthy arrangement was, however, occasionally attempted, in the meantime, with old father Time. Stern winter has also been upon us-chilling winds by day, with hard freezing by night—and we all the while houseless and without fire, save when built in the open air. On whatever point of the compass from these windy fires you take position, the uninvited smoke is sure presently to assail and fill the eyes with tears uninvoked by sorrow. Under such conditions, the pen has appeared altogether too small an instrument for

ing garments and palm branches before the ad- MEADE'S AND LEE'S MACHINES AGAIN IN MOTION. It cannot now be news to you that Uncles that God's work may be done; and all legiti- Meade and Lee have again had their big maoperations is in pleasing contrast with that of Army of Northern Virginia, in motion. Rathose who would monopolize the blessing of la- ther a lively time had we in said exercise. The FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT, boring for Christ, and rebuke the efforts of all machine of which your correspondent formswho cast out devils, but follow them not At he hardly knows what part spoke screw. the close of service, yesterday, one of the good wedge; or pin?—crossed that almost fabulous Pittsford, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 15th pastors was heard exulting in the presence of stream called the Rapid Ann in good style. It what we are, and all work just like Christians." that other rival machine, and, after some pound- Phelps, of Chili, was elected Moderator of the pre-At the inquiry-meeting, you may see the good ing, pushing, and jarring, pressed it back into sent sessions; and Rev. C. P. Gardner, of Clarkof both sexes, of various ages, of different deno- a region which, on Lloyd's map of Virginia is minations, of dissimilar professions and worldly most fitly denominated "The Wilderness"-a positions—all scattered among the hundreds of region almost unhabitated, a place of bushes

A COLD BATH.

The most note-worthy incident of a personal character connected with our raid into said Wilderness was an informal unexpected, and most certainly, at the time, an uncoveted cold bath. During all the afternoon of Sabbath, November 29th, we were skirmishing with the road leading from Fredericksburgh to Orange Court House. At one time cannonading, at another musketry...the rebels all the while falling back and we advancing. At dusk, and close upon the enemy, as we were pushing the Assembly be earnestly requested to arrange, at through a thick, swampy wood—the men their next meetings, for the thorough and systematic presentation of the claims of the cause of Foreign Missions to each of their churches, and, as far as close upon the enemy, as we were pushing they could over a jungle-like brook—Jesse, having been ridden all day without water, determined upon a drink out of said sluggish rebel stream. No sooner, however, were her at each meeting of the Presbytery, and also repor fore feet in the water, than she began to sink, and, with a consequent floundering, was pre. sently over her back in the treacherous pool. In vain she struggled to extricate herself with her rider, who was compelled to dismount, neck deep; when, with vigorous strugglings and various flounderings, assisted also by numerous friends, something like solid land was reached on the opposite side. Night was on pointed by the Presbytery to look after the interests us-clear, windy, fireless, and piercing cold. Our regiment was soon halted in line of battle, fronting the enemy, and thus to remain during Bush and James H. Phelps, principals; Byron wrapped around me, having every particle of clothing equally saturated from the icy stream In this condition, tumbling upon the frozen Yates Hickey was appointed Commissioner for the ground, I, ere long, found myself in a grand hydropathic, wet-sheet, steam-operation, and soon thereafter in a sound sleep. On waking from which, the outer plies of the blankets were frozen into a hard crust, from which it was dif-

termed a cold was the result. PREPARATION FOR BATTLE SOLEMN HOURS. battle, and in close proximity to the enemyour regiment in front or picket line. With the the way. And how much farther and faster I long experience of our men in battles and asname of Jesus, and acknowledge their depend- an assault, even though a successful one. Spestructed in these meetings seem to know all assault would be made somewhat late in the afternoon, and simultaneously along the whole them that their respective pastors approved of the arranged signer. They are for sale and believed the words spoken to them by Mr. sault and slaughter to commence. Night drew ways work so,) and on Thanksgiving day they gave dressed: Care of George W. Childs, Philada. N. Thissell, agent.

which the Holy Spirit had wrought in the in order to rest.

hearts of many. He said-"As faith comes Never have I spent a more solemn day. Our pale and agitated, looking like the criminal on through hearing, we are all anxious to have brave soldiers are not now want to rush like trial. I could not but contrast his appearance the children of our congregations hear these the unthinking horse, into battle. Our men here saw the danger, yet were ready to face it. There were probably 600 children at the Ere the hour set for the battle came, all my meeting yesterday P.M., of whom, perhaps, pockets, and even haversack, were filled with and he but poorly disguised a joy that burst 300 remained at the inquiry-meeting. Scores sacred mementoes in case of death in the conover every restraint. Then he often took sweet had already found hope in Christ, while others flict pocket-books, money, watches, lockets, counsel with Breckinridge. Powell, &c., neither were in the gall of bitterness, because without rings, photographs. Each one, as I passed by of whom could conceal their unbounded gratifi- hope. The emphasis given to the name Jesus or as he came and handed me his treasure or his "Jesus Christ and him crucified" is constantly this is going to be a bloody business. In it the face to the enemy, and this is to them-my last One grand cause of the usefulness of these earthly memento and pledge of love !" During many of these, perhaps, final interviews, my emotions were unutterable, being only able to grasp the brave, generous hand, and turn away.

> MILITARY CRITICISM. All know the result. The meditated assault

was not made. This, beyond cavil, was merciful military prudence. Whatever of criticism may be made as to the propriety of placing the Army of the Potomac in such a position, no intelligent and reflecting mind, we think, can but rejoice that the contemplated assault was not made at the time and place. Victorious or repulsed, twenty thousand, at least, of our brave soldiers would have been killed or wounded. Of the fifteen or twenty thousand wounded, the one-half, at least, must have perished in that lone wilderness, and with the severe cold, ere proper aid could have come or their removal have been effected. Even a victory under the conditions must, in a great measure, have been barren of results, as the army would have been compelled very soon to have fallen back on its base for supplies. The grand Army of the Potomac is happily safe, in a good position, and never in better spirits or

condition. On Tuesday evening, December 1st, at the dusk of evening, and still in front of the enemy. we held a religious service around a large brush fire which our boys had kindled in an open wood. An immense crowd assembled from our own and other regiments. Loudly, cheerily, thankfully did we sing God's praise, and fervent acknowledgments were rendered in prayer for merciful deliverance from mutilation and death thus far bestowed. No sooner was our meeting ended, than on quick-step-almost a runour retreat commenced, and at the dawn of the following morning, we recrossed the Rapid the clumsy fingers, often benumbed with cold, Ann, twenty miles from the place of evening camped on the very spot, near to Brandy Station, which we had abandoned, as hoped forever, just a week previous.

and 16th inst. Opening sermon by Rev. Jeremiah Woodruff, the last Moderator. Rev. James H. son, Clerk.

The usual routine of business came up for consideration, and was promptly and happily disposed of. Matters commended to the Presbyteries by the last General Assembly were taken up in their order. Rev. E. M. Toof, of Holley, was appointed "Presbyterial Agent" for Foreign Missions, according to the recommendation contained in the Minutes, at page 235; and being an earnest. thorough man, and withal specially interested in the great subject of missions, we doubt not he will thoroughly attend to the duties thus laid to his hand. We wish all Presbyteries might give heed enemy along and in the region of the plank to this recommendation in their approaching meetings. And, in order to commend it to their special attention, we venture to transcribe the resolution of the last General Assembly, to which we have re-

"Resolved, That each Presbytery connected with sembly what each church in the Presbytery has done for the cause during the year; and that the furnish to the Permanent Committee the name of the minister or elder who shall be appointed the Presbyterial Agent for Foreign Missions."

The italics are ours; and we hope they will be heeded by those for whom they are intended. Rev. Charles E. Furman, of Rochester, was apof the Publication cause within in its bounds.

The following persons were appointed delegates to the next General Assembly: Clerical-Chas. P. the night. My blankets, dripping wet, were Bosworth and C. P. Gardner, alternates. Lay-H. N. Bushnell and Louis Chapin, principals; David Dickey and A. C. Allen, alternates. Rev. Theological Seminary at Auburn for three years. At the same meeting of Presbytery, Augustus C. Shaw, a son of Rev. Dr. Shaw. of Rochester, and a member of the Senior Class in Auburn Theological Seminary, was licensed to preach the Gospel. His examination was thorough, and well susficult to become extricated. Happy to say tained. His trial pieces were excellent, clear, well that nothing in the shape of what is usually written, and impressive, as read by the young brother. He gives promise, we judge, of much use-

Business being finished, Presbytery adjourned. All of next day were stationary in line of to meet in Ogden, on the second Tuesday of June, 1864, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

We hear of a delightful religious quickening in should have got along! In my thirty years' saults, the most inattentive, as the day wore, this small parish, near Batavia. The heart of the experience in the examination of applicants for could discern that the position of the enemy pastor, Rev. Mr. Burdick, was deeply stirred by church-membership, I have found it one of the was a very formidable one, and that immense the late meeting of the American Board in this most difficult things to get them to speak the slaughter must be the certain consequence of city. He went back to his people with peculiarly strong desire to see the conversion of the world beence upon Him. But the children who are in- cific orders and directions were given that an gin among his own people. One or more of his people had been similarly blest in this great missionary convocation, showing the peculiarly infimate and tender relation between the home and the Dr. K. read a little letter which was written line of perhaps five miles in extent. So near foreign work. And, as if to prepare the way for by a girl twelve years old to Mr. Hammond, were we to the rebel lines that the soldiers these better things, the people had recently paid relating her religious experience. The child's could almost shout across to each other. The off a church debt, and had added a hundred dollars statements were as clear and definite as those rebels, confident in the strength of their posi- to the minister's salary. They were in an excellent of a mature saint, and expressed with a sweet tion, would occasionally shout across to us as state, therefore to receive a blessing from on high. simplicity which an adult could not equal. the day wore away, "Yanks, why don't you On the first Sabbath of this month, ten persons simplicity which an adult could not equal. The day wore away, "Yanks, why don't you made a profession of their faith in Christ. And, as one boys excitement which characterizes these meetings. Rev. Mr. Cordley, of the Central Church, chilling cold, "Yanks, don't take those rails—

the day wore away, "Yanks, why don't you made a profession of their faith in Christ. And, as one of the further fruits of this blessed quickening, the liberality of the church has been greatly increased toward all good causes. Having paid also addressed the children yesterday, assuring they're not yours." The hour passed, nor came their debts and increased their minister's salary. them that their respective pastors approved of the arranged signal for the awful scenes of as they felt just like doing something more, (it will al-

nimity, the debate on the question was de- | Hammond, and that all rejoiced in the work | on, and our regiment was ordered to the rear. | \$42 for the poor soldiers; and on the next Sunday, \$30 for the freedmen. All this by a little church of about one hundred members. We know a great many other churches which would be wonderfully benefited if they would go and do likewise.

PERSONAL. Rev. E. P. Hammond. - This dear brother is now laboring, with great adceptance and manifest ower, in Lawrence, Mass. By letters just revangelical ministers there have taken hold in a teachers. Three branch schools, established in eived from friends in that city, we learn that the vere in this region—and more also.

George W. Parsons, Esq.—This gentleman has been for twenty-five years Superintendent of the Sabbath-school connected with the Central Church in this city. He has been untiring in his devotion | Church. Some touching incidents respecting to the interests of the school-always on hand: gentlemanly and courteous in his demeanor; loving his address, which drew tears to all eyes. A and tender to the children-inspiring their love in an uncommon degree in return; intelligent and enthusiastic in his views of the importance and value of the Sunday-school; a workman that needeth not to he ashamed.

These faithful labors of the superintendent have been highly appreciated by the teachers, and thus led to one of those delightful surprises for which our day gifts. is famous. With profoundest secrecy, the teachers had a meeting, adopted a highly complimentary address, appointed a Committee of Ways and Means, and, in due time, marched into the superintendent's house, without much ceremony, read to him the address, nolens volens, and then, volens, presented to him a beautiful service of silver-a gift well bestowed, and cheerfully, generously made. All will be more useful for it.

Dr. Henry Foster.-We regret to learn that the popular and beloved proprietor and principal physician of the Clifton Springs Water Cure, has been compelled, by ill health, to desist, for a time, altogether from the arduous cares and labors of his responsible position. He seeks entire rest and recreation by a trip to California; expecting, as we understand, to be gone some six months. He was not thought to be seriously unwell; but had been plainly admonished, by some symptoms, that the time had come for a season of just such recupera- of the Central Church. tion, if he would avoid some serious illness, or even the sudden giving away of the vital powers. He leaves troops of friends and admirers in all this region, who will look anxiously for his safe return and complete restoration to health and usefulness.

Rev. A. M. Stowe. - This dear brother, the District Secretary for Home Missions in Western New ork, has been lying very ill at his house in Canthis many will give special thanks.

after an absence of some four years, returns to serve | Brainerd's tract on the "Influence of Theatres,"

be a great success. Some \$6,000 were received in the first three days after the opening. Corinthian Rochester, December 18th. 1863.

On applications received from the churches they serve, the following ministers were commissioned by the Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions at their last meeting, nineteen of whom were under commission last year:

Rev. C. C. Wallace, Placerville, California, Kawkawlin, Mich. W. T. Catto, (2d African) Philada.. Pa

H. C. Cheadle, Tupper's Plains, Chester, Racine and Bashan, O. E. F. Tanner, Newark and Barton, Wis. Aaron Thompson, Montrose and Summit-

A. Marsh, Grand Rapids, 1st, Mich. A. L. Clark, Hyde Park, Pa.

L. R. Booth, Seymour, Ind. G. J. Rait, (Hollandish church) Cincin-Asa Johnson, Adel, Redfield and Panora,

Iowa. W. Fuller, Buchanan, Mich. W. R. Palmer, Attica, Ind. J. W. Hancock, West Florence and Good-

hue Centre, Minn. Israel Brundage, Prompton and Waymart. Pa. Louis F. Laine, Canisteo, N. Y.

George T. Everest, Masonville, N. Y.

John Peck, Traverse, Minn. H. L. Stanley, Lyons, Iowa. F. M. Dimmick, Omaha City, Nebraska. Samuel J. Mills, West Liberty and Attalissa, Iowa.

W. H. Williams, Perry and Unity, Ill. E. F. Waldo, Pardeeville, Wis. Philip Bevan, Mt. Vernon, Mt. Lebanon Greenville and Anderson, Ind. " G. D. A. Hebard, Iowa City Iowa.

EAST WHITELAND CHURCH.

This Church is now very pleasantly connected with Reeseville under one pastorate. The Churches are both on the Lancaster turnpike, Mr. Kingsley thinks he discerns in the conduct six miles apart—Reeseville sixteen and East and belief of his contemporaries. Whiteland twenty-two miles from the city. On the last Sabbath we had our communion

at the latter place, when five persons united

with the Church on profession of faith, and what added a peculiar interest to the occasion they all "arose and were baptized." I am happy to state that an earnest effort is now being made by the people to pay off a debt which has been for many years a hindrance to bave published: the prosperity of East Whiteland. Will not those who have known this little Church in for"Mackerel Will." 18mo. pp. 192. Illustrated. those who have known this little Church in for-

J. Mc. L. lustrated. good work? REV. P. O. HEADLEY.

Rev. P. C. Headley, of New York City, is at present residing in this city, for the benefit children. of the health of his family. He may be ad-

at the annual gathering of the four Sabhath schools in connection with the Central Preshvterian Church of Wilmington, under the pastoral care of Rev. Geo. F. Wiswell. I have rarely witnessed so pleasant a scene. It was the eighth anniversary of the parent school, organized with the Church in 1855, with 54 scholars and 12

elightful union effort; that Rev. Dr. Kirk, of various parts of the city, gathered to this annual oston, has also been aiding the Evangelist; and celebration. The spacious church edifice was crowded with the children and their parents and that, even at the first meeting, many began to inquire what they should do to be saved. We know friends, the children occupying more than three hat the grateful hearts of many of our readers, as heir eyes rest on these lines, will go up to God in incere and earnest prayer for Mr. Hammond, that his labors in New England may be blest as they

Under this faithful administration, the school has greatly flourished. It numbers about seventy eachers and seven hundred scholars. Two thirds years. of the additions made on profession to the church, through many past years, have come from the Sabbath-school. About one hundred were so received at one time last year.

andaigua for the last fortnight. He was suddenly prostrated by an acute attack of pleurisy; and, for a time, it threatened to baffle the utmost skill of his medical advisers; but we are happy to learn that the crisis seems to be past, and the indications are that his valuable labors in the great cause which he serves so acceptably are not yet ended. For appears to share largely in the work in Law-

Rev. William Hart, of Auburn, has received a call to the Presbyterian Church in East Avon: and Christian Association of Elmira. N. Y.. recent-Rev. Levi G. Marsh to the church in Nunda. The ly ordered of our Presbyterian Publication latter ministered to this church once before; and, Committee six hundred and fifty copies of Dr.

The ladies of Rochester and vicinity have been for some months preparing for a grand fair, not unlike that recently held in Chicago, in aid of the Sanitary Commission. It promises, as we write, to Hall, where it is held, is crowded day and night, while hundreds are turned away every evening from the doors, unable to obtain admittance. We all love to do something for our soldiers, as they are

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