ligious Intelligence.

Branches of the Presbyterian Church.

pts of the Board for November.tic Missions, \$11,745,27; Education 21: Foreign Missions \$7,913,31: ation (Donations) \$1,044.08; Church Extension \$2,157,51. The Home and For-Record is now issued in a handsome

Ministerial Movements.

Rev. D. A. Cunningham of the Presbytea unananous call to the "Scots' Church." phia. late Rev. Mr. Conkling's .-Rev. The Moore was installed recently over the seath Presbyterian Church in this city. H. Jones, D. D., presided, and dethe charge to the people; Rev. J. M. wall gave the charge to the pastor, and kmon was preached by Rev. W. M. n. I. L. D., from 2 Cor. vi. 10: "As soryet always rejoicing; as poor, yet many rich; as having nothing, and ssessing all things." The Standard that the Rev. Mr. Moore enters upon w field of labor with encouraging cts. On the 5th inst., in the Second terian Church, Philadelphia, Mr. Wm. edne was ordained as an evangelist by entral Presbytery of Philadelphia, in service the Rev. Dr. Nevin presided oposed the constitutional questions; the Charles W. Shields, D. D., preached mon: and the Rev. Charles Hodge, D. Dr. Davidson was installed pastor of urch of Huntingdon, Long Island, on ay last. Rev. S. H. McMullin, of town presided and preached the

es and Jacobus.—Messrs. Oliphant & London, are republishing Jacobus' on the Gospel. The London Weekly in a notice of the work says:re is not a great difference between otes of Barnes and those of Jacobus. is somewhat more ample and discurwe and has less of criticism and exegesis. lacolous is more sententious and pointed, and s simply suggestive where Barnes is explanap cobus—viz., that it is far in advance of kit and Barnes, and deals with the essenial anter of the Gospels more discerningly nd rmly, and less with the externals and pries, than those popular annotators.

of prices for articles of living were mainthe liberality of Christian people toward declared our apportation of being called onicle many generous deeds on the part former to the latter. Our columns have

Rev. J. M. Crowell, of Philadelphia. on Christmas eve, a package, left it his door, which was found, when to contain six hundred dollars, the e members of his congregation, of all classes.—On New Year's day, the iderick G. Clark, paster of the West ird Street Presbyterian Church of was presented with a check for one dollars, from members of his cougre-On the same day, he also received a n the trustees of the church, stating n the trustees of the channel, tebt of some five thousand dollars, w unainly out of the improvements ne building after the fire, three years en entirely paid off through the lif a few gentlemen.—The congrega-First Presbyterian Church of Eliza-J., at their annual parish meeting, New Year's day, raised the salary of tor, Rev. E. Kempshall, \$500. neeting of the pew holders of the so-the Eliot Church, Roxbury, Mass., on it was voted to grant their pastor, Thompson, in view of the state of h; leave of absence for six monthscontinue his salary and supply the pul-be that time. In further recognition tionate regard felt for him, the sum was raised by subscription of those as a testimonial—which amount will e considerably augmented from other of the society.—The N.Y. Methodist the eve of Christmas day, one of our ches, known as the "Central" gladheart of its pastor by sending him, William Jackson, Esq., its treasurer, or five hundred dollars.—Rev. M. S. astor of the First Baptist Church, swick, N. J.: writes December 28th: ch and congregation in this city, of m pastor, took entire possession of a few evenings since, and I was accept \$500 before they would vield le control of the premises. I would hing has been done before." The says: Our Brother Riddel is not is thing. We hear that the Rev. ply, of Jersey City, had a similar nights ago, and just about the d to change hands before the

day evening, Dec. 31st, 1863, the Cennard, for 26 years, pastor of the ptist church, Philadelphia, was unvisited by a large number of his on, and at the close of an appropriuching address, Dr. Wilson Jewett him, on behalf of the donors, a purse The occasion was one of

erest and social enjoyment. his connection with this people, the baptized more than 2000 converts:

whom are now occupying prominent and res-

The following action, by the N. W. WisconsinConference, clinches the whole thing, and is commended to the attention of all churches and ecclesiastical bodies:

"Resolved, That in view of the price of all kinds of provisions having advanced fully fifty per cent., the estimating Committee with in the bounds of this Conference be requested to put their estimates of salaries fully fifty per cent. higher than last year."

Methodist.—The annual gathering of Sands street Sunday-school, Brooklyn, took place in the Church as usual on Christmas Day. Afdan Church of Bridgewater, Pa., has accepted ter singing by the children and congregation, Dr. Durbin offered prayer. Then came the collection from the several classes for the benefit of the missionary cause. One after another came forward in cheerful style and laid the money on the table. The aggregate amount was \$2500 the largest collection ever made by this church.—In March, 1861, there were 33 Methodist churches in Philadelphia, which reported missionary money to the amount of \$13,-360.09. In March, 1863, there were thirtyeight churches, reporting \$20,408.50, an increase of five churches, and of \$7,131.41 in missionary collections, in the course of five years.

Congregational. - Plymouth Church, (H.

Ward Beecher's)—The annual renting of pews in this church took place on Tuesday night, Jan. 4. The whole amount rented for 1864 amounted to thirty-one thousand dollars .--The Springfield Republican says: - A sermon commemorative of the young men of West Springfield who have died in the army was Princeton Seminary, gave the charge. preached, Sabbath before last by Rev. Dr. Foster. Taking for his text the words of the Psalmist, "They go from strength to strength." he gave a masterly review of the war, and showed conclusively that the Northern armies had made progress, and that the republican cause was full of hope. He stated that 1,800,000 men had been called into the field, and 2,000 battles and skirmishes had taken place, 210,000 men had been killed, wounded or made prisoners since the war began, and yet such was our recuperative power that, in the meantime, 487,000 young men had become of military age. Eulogy for the dead, hope for the living, and fealty to the Union, characterized the discourse. --- Northampton.-Rev. Dr. Eddy announced his deciory and demonstrative. We cannot, how sion to remain as paster of the first parish from ver endorse a criticism which we have read the pulpit last Sabbath. He stated that, during the first eight months of his ministry here, one hundred and twenty-five persons had been been admitted to the church. Previous to coming here he had heard, from "certain persons of the house of Chloe," rumors of divisions rality to Ministers.—We ventered to among the people, but they had proved to be t, a few weeks ago, that if the present false statements. In the second year of his ministry here he received a call, in which he was offered a salary, \$1,000 larger than he was astors would not permit them to suffer, then receiving, but he declined the offer.

Baptist .- A new enterprise has been started in Washington called Calvary church, which witnessed the fulfilment of these expec- worships in what was once an Episcopal And these gratifying facts continue church, but which has become the Law School wd upon us from the columns of almost building of the Columbian College. The faexchanges. The Boston Congregation- mily of the Hon. Amos Kendall are very efficigives almost an entire column, headed ent supporters of this enterprise. A lot has ry Side Items," to accounts of this kind. been secured for building purposes, and it is pjoin a selection from our exchanges of purposed to spend twenty thousand dollars on we judge would prove interesting to the structure. Mr. Kendall is a constant attendant: he seems to enjoy vigorous health, and is, with Justice Taney, the only survivor the Seventh Presbyterian Church, of President Jackson's Cabinet. A glorious work of grace is now in progress in the Wysox Baptist Church, in Bradford Co., Pa. A series of meetings are being held by the pastor. Rev. S. G. Keim, which has resulted in the conversion of fourteen souls to Christ, and many more are interested. These meetings seem to grow in interest as they progress; as sinners, under a Divine impulse, now rise from their seats, and carnestly call upon the church to pray for

College. For some time past, a decided work of grace has been going on in this institution, cently found the Saviour. - Rev. Peter La Trobe, a well known Moravian minister in London, has died suddenly at Bartlesdorf, Germany, in his sixty-eighth year. He was Secretary to the Moravian missions, and also to that branch of the Moravian Church which exists in England. The family of La Trobe has been conspicuous in Moravian Church history, and not unknown in the literature of England for three generations. The deceased's grandfather was a friend of John Wesley, who, in the earlier part of his life and career, showed a strong tendency towards the Moravian views. His father was well known as a pleasing writer. He himself lived and labored in England; and his zeal, as well as truly genial and catholic spirit, did much for the securing of widespread sympathy and succor of Moravian missions throughout the world. Of the Evangelical Alliance, he was one of the earliest members. In 1848, the Synod of the Brethren had proposed to ordain him as one of their bishops; but he declined, fearing that the office would not only fetter his course of action, but like. wise restrain him from loving intercourse with the Bev. H. G. Mason, of Aurora, Ill. lis people, after spending \$700 in beautifying neit tonse of worship, and raising about note to build a parsonage and to buy bell, made their pastor accept a donation of the pastor acc by the gentle smile and the kindly eye, the it is; and a terrible up-hill fight has it had Rev. A. II. Bliss, of Pennington, Pa., seen him at various Alliance meetings. And in the same category, A surprise visit, seen nim at various Alhance meetings. And 160, was his portion; and Rev. J. A. M. as I think of him, I remember others of the same fellowship, who have joined the ever-in-My met by his friends with \$300 to creasing brotherhood of the skies, and among these the lamented Sir Culling Eardley, who, comparatively young, passed away last April -Corr. Presbyterian.

Presbyterian Missions.

The Free Church of Scotland .- We have already pointed out the seemingly low degree of interest taken in the work of Missions by the great Scottish churches, in comparison with the zeal, liberality, and activity of other bodies of the liberties of the people must stand or ve flourishing churches; and sent liberality, and activity of other bodies of the liberties of the people must stand or preachers of the Gospel, many of Christians in England and America. It appears fall together. Liberty and the press in

that there is a falling off in contributions of £4000, or twenty thousand dollars as compared with 1857-8. At a late meeting of Dundee it enjoys. It is also the cause of the per-Presbytery, a paper on the subject was read, in which the cause of the decline in contributions, was inquired into. From this it appeared that the wealth of the country was not diminishing, while other funds of the church were increasing. The writer says :-

It is evidently of the utmost importance that intelligence regarding the progress of the Gospel in heathen lands be communicated to our congregations. Both suppli-cations and thanksgiving will languish, unless our people are well acquainted with the difficulties of the work, and the measure of success which the Lord has been pleased to be stow. If we desire to see a revival of the fervent missionary spirit of the apostolic Church we must not neglect the means of maintaining that fervour which the apostolic Church employed. We must "declare particularly what things God hath wrought among the Gentiles.'

He then dwells upon the advantages enjoyed by Societies who hold great anniversary meetings, in comparison with the Presbyterian Church, while crowds the annual report of its Foreign Mission Committeee into the already full sessions of the General Assembly.

"The members of Assembly, however willing, have really no time to inquire fully into the condi tion and claims of the work; and it is well if the Foreign Missions receive for their consideration more than for the fragment of an evening, and that towards the close of the Assembly The interest in missions, then, does not periodically receive with us that fresh impulse and renovation which is imparted in England by the great annual gatherings of the missionary societies, and on the continent by animated, and in many ways delightful, missionary festivals."

The remedy proposed is monthly or quarterly neetings of congregations for prayer in behalf of foreign missions and for imparting missionary intelligence. Congregational and juvenile associations are also recommended. The return of Dr. Duff was looked for with interest as bearing upon the subject.

Miscellaneous.—A Mohammedan reply to Dr. Colenso. It is announced that Syud Ahmud, a Mohammedan, who has written a Commentary on the Bible, is preparing a full answer to Bishop Colenso in his next volume.-We live in strange times. Who could have thought to see a Christian Bishop impugning, and a Mohammedan in reply defending, the inspiration and authenticity of the writing of Moses!"-Letter in Atheneum.-Rates of Exchange.—The Christian Instructor says: Some idea may be had of the difficulty of sending out Funds to sustain Foreign Missionary per its very name proves. Comment. arhighly increased contributions to the Foreign Missionary Treasury, by the following facts: On the 2nd ult., the Treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was compelled to pay \$32,797.54 of United States currency, in order to obtain \$19,798,15 of sterling money—that is, money nicle with the names of their friends and that would be of any use to foreign missionaaries. The rate of exchange, then, was 664 per cent. The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions have had to pay on their remittances for the seven months, up to Dec. 1st, \$18.772: and, if the present high rates of exchange continue, will have to pay \$22,000 more by the first of May next. Our own increased expenses are in the same proportion. What a necessity. then there is for proportionately enlarged con-

Daily preaching: A new movement.—The men, who are active members of the different evangelical denominations in that city, are about inaugurating a movement which will sell honest men to defend these reports on the cure the daily preaching of the Gospel to those ground of the interests of mortality, than who can be induced to attend it. They have | which there is not a more abused phrase in have hired the Meionaon for one year for this purpose, and their plan as at present proposed (though it may be modified in the future as experience shall suggest) is to have a prayer meeting every afternoon, which will be conducted by laymen, and preaching every evening by one of the pastors of Boston or vicinity. The plan meets the cordial approval of Rev. Dr. Moravian. Peter La Trobe. The Mora- Kirk, Rev. Dr. Parker, Rev. Dr. Cushman, vian says: We have cheering news from the Rev. Mr. Bixby, and many others, who will give to the movement their heartiest efforts. A cordial invitation will be given to all the pasand many of the students profess to have re- of the evangelical churches to unite in the

Miscellaueous.

MISSION AND POWER OF THE NEWS-PAPER PRESS.

[From an article in the current number of the Continental Monthly, on the English

The press is not a thing of Yesterday. for it is the slow growth of two centuries; neither did it burst upon the world armed at all points, like the fabled Athene. Yet in other respects the comparison holds good, for the press, like Athene, unites in itself the attributes of power and wisdom combined; it fosters and protects science. industry, and art; it is the patron of all useful inventions; it is the preserver of the state, and everything that gives strength and prosperity to the state; it is the champion of law, justice, and order, and extends its protecting ægis over the weak, the downtrodden, and the oppressed. It has taken two centuries, as we have already said, to make the press what to wage. Tyranny, dogmatism, and intolerance in high places, and ignorance and superstition in low, have ever been its sworn enemies. It has had its saints and martyrs, more worthy of canonization in men's hearts than many written high in the calender of Rome. But though persecuted, crushed, and at times apparently done to death, its vitality was indestructible, and after every knock-down blow it rose again from the earth, like Antæus, with renewed strength. It was always a vigorous stripling, and even so far back as the days of David Hume its future greatness and magnificent destiny was clearly marked out, so that he wrote: 'Its liberties and

England are convertible terms, and this is the true reason of the success and power secutions it has had to undergo. Tyranny and the press are as necessarily opposed to each other as are the principles of good and evil. The word 'tyranny' is not here intended to refer only to the despotic rulers of states and kingdoms, but to include the oppression practised by the strong upon the weak, the rich upon the poor, the great upon the small, whether nations or individuals. The press moreover, is the guardian of social, political, and religious morality. The greatest as well as the most trifling affairs which conduce to the well-being and comfort of the multitude are eagerly convassed. The faults which disfigure and disgrace even the most advanced forms of civilization are unshrinkingly laid bare, and the proper remedies prescribed. The political conduct of nations and of public men is carefully scrutinized, and every false step that they may make is immediately noted, commented upon, and held up to public reprobation. Religious questions, although, ever since the world begun, they have been approached in a very different spirit to those of any other description, and have been debated with greater heat and passion than the bitterest political disputes, and with a lamentable disregard of logic and common sense, are now-a-days treated with a candor and fairness that has never yet characterized them. The press is, in fact, the great physician of the mind, whose duty it is to impart a healthy tone to the inner nature of man, to check the ravages of disease in it, and, wherever it may imagine any traces of poison to lurk, to administer a prompt and immediate antidote. It may not always and at once prosper in its endeavors. Wrong-doing may still, in some cases, prove too strong, vices may have become inveterate, diseases chronic, and the poison may have been too completely absorbed. But not therefore, is the press discouraged: like Robert Bruce's spider, it returns again and again to its task, andsuccess does and must drown it in the

But while faithfully performing these lofty duties, in the discharge of which it employs the trained minds and practised pens of the greatest literary talent of the time, the press has other functions, which, if not of such paramount importance, yet possess no small utility and value. By no means the least of these is that of merely furnishing the news of the day; and that was the primary intention of the newspaoperations, and the consequent necessity of gument, and reasoning were after additions. There are thousands of persons at the present day even, who patronize a newspaper solely for its news, and who do not trouble their heads about any other portion of its contents. The births, marriages, and deaths are eagerly perused by many who expect to meet in that domestic chroacquaintances. The court news and the movements of royalty and the upper ten thousands have great charms for a large section of the community. Accidents and offences and sensation headings, such as 'horrible murder,' 'melancholy suicide,' terrific explosion," fatal shipwreck," awful railroad collision, and the like, have powerful attractions for that class which merous, and which likes to sup full of horrors-in print. In the same category with these may be placed police news, and the reports of which are a blemish from which not even the greatest of English journals are free. There have been found able and print. But to the man of ordinary common sense it would appear that more harm than good results from them. Where can the viciously disposed man or the novice and interest allowed. ja9. the viciously disposed man or the novice in crime apply with better prospects of instruction in the pursuit of his evil designs than to the columns of the newspaper? It every two persons whom these reports ter from crime, there are three who have

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been either initiated or hardened in wick-

edness and sin by their means. This is a

matter which calls loudly for reform; and

let it, with all sorrow and humility, be con-

fessed, one in which the better American

journals shine yastly superior to their Eng-

lish brethren.

The following is Hon. Schuyler Colfax's address on taking his seat as speaker of the House of Representatives. It gives evidence that he is the "right man in the right place."

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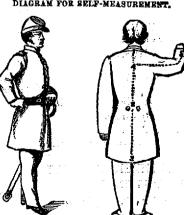
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