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CHRISTIAN ENTERPRISE.

Our age is full of the excitement of bold and great undertakings. The activity and energy of men, in every department of life, are aroused as perhaps they never were before, since the days of Columbus and Luther. From love of adventure, from scientific ardor, from the selfish motives of commerce, from personal ambition, men are ready to undertake almost any thing. They ascend the frozen summit of Mount Blanc, they penetrate the unknown regions of Africa, they explore the icy seas of the poles, they build great works, they meet natural obstacles with triumphant exploits, they make the subtle elements, air, water, light, electricity, their servants, they bring the ends of the earth together, they invent, they improve, they plan, they execute. The business, scientific, and literary world is full of enter-

While there is much to interest us in this animated scene, it presents also much to excite the fear, the pity, and even the repugnance of the true friend of man and child of God. Looking beneath and beyoud the seemingly splendid results of worldly activity, how much of the narrowest selfishness does he detect in its moving principles. How strong and prevalent is the grovelling motive of covetousness! How are the souls of men wrapped up in self-interest! How reckless of any life, any treasure, any knowledge, any distinction, save in the present are the mass of those who make up the busy world. And how the poor are crushed and wronged as they contribute their humble and indispen sible share to the splendorus, the pleasures, the achievements of the great!

But the thoughtful man looks also bevond the apparent successes of the present Mere worldly success, he knows is but temporary. The achievements of the selfish pires founded in selfishness, and upheld by wrong and oppression, however magnificent and prosperous for a time; are mercial metropolis must yield to this law; corruption and fraud will be punished; worldly aims exclusively governing its podicy, will draw upon it the curse of God, and its wharves will one day, by the order of his Providence, be deserted, its population will disappear, and all the natural advantages it can offer for trade will not avert the judgment of its desolation.

Does Christianity discourage enterprise then? Or are the Christian nations of the world enterprising in spite of their Christianity, and the heathen stupid and unambitious in spite of their heathenism? The idea cannot for a moment be entertained. What then is the real relation of true religion to business enterprise, and secular activity? In truth, it opens channels and removes obstacles out of the way of man's active tendencies. It restrains the barbarous nature, and transforms the savage instincts, and introduces into the intercourse of men, those principles of justice without which man has no every fresh step which they have taken, encouragement to labor. But while it to be willing to forget the things which thus furnishes and consecrates the elements of civilization and the conditions of human enterprise, it forbids man to regard | what greater, nobler, bolder work have I these as his supreme end. It admonishes him not to allow the spirit of worldly en- | plish still for Christ; in short, to carry terprise to become the Master Passion of into their Christianity the very spirit his soul. It aims to cool the blind fever of excitement in which men so generally to its great undertakings. The church live and labor. It holds before us a sphere of life infinitely higher and more important than the present. It whispers in the ear of the excited pursuer of this world's good: "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" And again: "Take no anxious ism, its science—falsely so-called—its mathought, saying, what shall we eat? or what shall we drink? or wherewithal shall we be clothed? But seek ye first the kindom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Once attain the point of subordinating ple after learning, wealth, and empire. all things to this kingdom of God, once become Christ's, then this whole matter lar works which a spirit of Christian en- preceding Lord's day. He was in the County. His residence new is Danne-

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world, life, death, things present, things to come. Then with free sweep, with lofty bounding purpose, but not with recklessness and wild excitement, we can push our worldly enterprises; which are no more worldly, and exult in their success as for the glory of God, or submit to their failure as none the less for his glory.

Enterprise is of the very essence of Christianity. Divine life and energy dwell in the religion of Christ. It ever forgets the things which are behind—its past achievements, and presses towards unattained obiects beyond. Like leaven, it still works towards the circumference. It presses with its benign influence towards every tribe; and nation, and individual of our race. What sufferings has it not enabled its disciples to bear, what dangers to face, what toils to undergo, what adventurous journeys to undertake into unknown regions, what discouragements to overcome, what wonderful successes to accomplish, from the days of Paul to the age of modern missions, in every region under the face of heaven! The Church of Christ summons-her members to enterprise in her behalf. It is enterprising men that she needs. She rejoices when any of her true sons shows power to lay out and execute vast worldly plans, the fruits of which he has beforehand consecrated to Christ: Size rejoices when new, and wider, and bolder schemes of usefulness than any known in the past are wisely entered upon. She rejoices at every fresh developement of, executive talent, at every new adaptation of means to the changing necessities of time and place, at every proof given of a fuller understanding of the grandeur and the difficulty of the work of converting

the world. Such a spirit of Christian enterprise has been shown by the Bishop of London, in worldling, and of the neglecter and opposer his proposition to raise, during ten years, of the truth, pass away like the tower of Ba the great sum of one million pounds sterbel, the hanging gardens of Nebuchadnez-ling, for the evangelization of the metrozar, the splendors of Tyre and Babylon, the polis, It is shown in the manner in which heathen temples of Greece and Rome, or some or our laymen in this city are emstand in desert loneliness like the Cyclo ploying their great wealth for Christ, in pean ruins of Basilice and Perso and the new church edifices which are rising Egypt, or disappear like that great embo- clear of indebtedness in various parts of diment of utter worldliness and selfish the city, particularly in neighborhoods ness—the East India Company, in a ter-most needing these evangelizing inflicences. rible and bloody revolt. States and em- It appears in the energy with which denominational enterprises necessary to the healthful development of each branch of the church are being prosecuted; in the dedoomed under the just government of God. termination to leave no department of the and must break off their sins by righteous- church's work unrepresented or inadeness, or pass away. The proudest com- quately endowed. In religious literature, in home and foreign missions, the same enterprise appears; and in coping with the peculiar exigencies, religious, moral, and physical, to free and to, bond, to the nation present and prospective, brought upon us by the war, the Christian church of our country has shown, an energy, promptness, and liberality worthy of her est days.

> Especially are those who hold prominent places in the church, or who possess great wealth and influence called to cultivate Christian enterprise. With them it mainly rests, whether the Christianity of our day shall be enterprising. Surely such persons cannot, at this period of quickened thought and high achievement in the world, rest content with pursuing an old, out-worn routine of service, with giving in the old measures, and without reference to new and higher opportunities! Nay! it behoves as many as believe themselves already to be liberal and enterprising, after are behind, and to reach for those that are before; to inquire again and again, the ability or the opportunity to accomwhich thrills and prompts the busy world dare not slumber now, nor be content with her present position: the world must not shame her by more zealous endeavors, and more rapid advances after perishing good. The world will not be content to out-strip, but will turn to crush her, by its secularlignant opposition. Christianity must prove its divinity by leading and overmastering the world, or it will fall, like the obselete systems of paganism, unno ticed amid the tumultuous rush of the peo-

What then, let us ask, are the particu-

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per place; all things will be yours—the this time to undertake? We answer: it duties of his calling, until Thursday, three W. Treadwell, who has been some ten is plainly demanded of us to complete at days only, before the grand release came once, the endowment of our Publication from all wordly toll. He died with harness Committee: we need to give a more earnest and liberal support to the pioneers of our church in Home Missionary fields, and to consider, and wisely, and energetically enter upon, the vast field opening to Christian influences among whites and blacks in the returning States of the South; the destitutions of our great cities, and especially of the Northern part of this city, and of the colored population among us, demand our zeal; individual chusches must inquire what they are doing, and what more they can do in the work of evangelizing the irreligious population around them; our whole church needs a powerful impulse in behalf of Foreign Missions, such as will make us ashamed of what we are now doing, and bring us into more vital connection with the work:

Last, but not least, the church should respond to the indications of enterprise given by its own press. This is a work in which the humblest may engage, as well as the wealthy and great. They should give liberal support and wide circulation to those organs which maintain the interests of Zion conspicuously among the developements of secular enterprise. They should sustain an influence which promises to be a fountain of hely enterprise among themselves.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRES-PONDENT.

A FEW DAYS AT WATERTOWN. But first we must get there. And this. as the storms were raging in all this region but a few days ago, was no small the New York Central Railway until we peached Rome. The east and west roads were not so badly drifted, and the snow was not so deep; but turning northward we have seemed to have started on an Arctic Expedition. With three heavy engines, however, and a light train, and few passengers, we made out to get through without any serious detention. And here it has been an unquiet week. The gale of the first and second days of the year, which seemed to sweep over the entire country, came down with such fury this village, as to upset chimneys and unroof buildings, as though the faries were holding grand carnival. Half of the roof of the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church was torn from its place, and deposited in the street; but strange to say, the rest of the edifice was uninjured. On the first Sabbath of the year also, the storm was still raging with such violence that many of the churches remained closed through the day. And on the second Sabbath, although some days of comparative quiet had intervened there was but little improvement. The snow was falling fast, and the howling winds were driving it furiously in every direction, so completely filling the air that one could see but little way, while many of the streets were piled full of drifts, which laid a serious embargo wintry scene our eyes have looked upon in many long years. Those, however, who are jealous for the reputation of these northern regions, tell us that the storm is most unprecedented. They would not have. us think, for a moment, that these four days are a fair, specimen of their winter weather. And we are entirely willing to believe every word they say, knowing that, as one swallow does not make a

PRESECTERY OF WATERTOWN.

In spite of storms, this body carried on Adams, after which Rev. A. T. Young yet appear.

was appointed Moderator. This Presbytery is not large, and is sadly depleted just at the present time, by the loss of four of its oldest and ablest nastors. We have before spoken of the death of Rev. Peter Snyder, who had been for sixteen years the able, acceptable and beloved minister of the Second Presbyterian Church of this village; but we had not realized how suddenly he was called away. He died on the morning of the holy Sabbath, just as we doubt not he his way. He preached, as usual on the to the State Prison located in Clinton rejoice in this evidence of enterprise and

The bereaved church are still feeling the addition most keenly. We doubt if N. Y. Volksteers. Three or four more there is a summary and a summary of our best good pastors are therefore wanted within pastors who secured such a hold on the the bounds of this Presbytery. Where are respect, the confidence and the affection the men? of a people as Mr. Snyder had here. And the fact of their being engaged in the enterprise of building a new church makes the loss more severe. They regarded their pastor as just the man to carry the enterprise through. By very streamous efforts, the First Church leading consider able aid, they had raised \$10,000. A new and more desirable location, as they judged, was selected for the new edifice A neat tasteful brick structure fifty feet by seventy, with Lesture Rooms upon the rear, was commenced. The walls were nearly up, when winter stopped the work. and death removed the pastor to his everlasting rest. We should have ordered otherwise, but in the end we shall know that it was better just as it is! The Church and Bresbytery have both bassed strong resolations of respect for the deceased and ymposity and condolerse for his afficted benily. the contract of

The Last Church too are in deep Res Louic Brayton has served them so faithfully, so pleasantly; so acceptably; that they have scarcely had a discordant element, or a jarring note in all that time and they had supposed that he would continue to serve them in the same delightful manner for a long time to come. They regarded him as a "fixture," a part of themselves. The idea therefore of change is shocking to them; almost mon-sole and successful principal of the large matter. We came along well enough on strong. Mr. Brayton never had any other literary institution in Franklin, N. Y.; it charges. He came here a young man, is lighted with gas, supplied with ample directly from the Seminary, succeeding his water-works; is tastefully laid out; their service. He has buried the fathers. bartimed the children, and gone in and out before them with the grace of a perfect gentleman, and a Christian pastor. All among them. love him, and he loves them. The idea of

some change. It is for her sake, more break up, and remove for the present to stand by him until the light is done, and Albany, where she may be among her own friends, and entirely free from care. The best wishes of this entire community will tenderly follow them both wherever they go, and many prayers will ascend for their speedy restoration to complete health, and for their continued prosperity and usefulness. The pastoral relation between Dr. Brayton and the First Presbyterian Church in Watertown was formally and by mutual consent dissolved onthe 18th day of January, 1864. Next

Sabbath he preaches his farewell sermon-And here we may add, that this church hes had but three pastors first, the Rev Mr. Banks, from its organization in 1868. on all locomotion. It was the most to a Congregational Church to 1821, when it became a Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Geo. S. Boardman became the pastor, and served in that capacity until 1837. Mr. Brayton succeeded him almost at once upon his leaving, and has remained until the present time.

The Second Presbyterian Church was organized in 1831, and has had four pastors; first, Rev. James R. Boyd, better known as an eminent teacher, now residing summer, so one storm does not make a at Geneva; second, Rev. Marcus Smith, now preaching at Collamer. N. Y.: and third, Rev. W. E. Knox, now the able and well known pastor of the large Presbyterian their annual meeting, and a large number Church at Rome; and last, Rev. Peter of the members were present, in the First Snyder, now member of the General Presbyterian Church of Watertown, on Assembly and Church of the first born, Tuesday, January 12th. It was opened whose names are written in heaven. On with a sermon by Rev. G. W. Mackie, of whom the meatle shall next fall does not

OTHER CHANGES.

Beside these two eminent pastors, Mr. Brayton and Mr. Snyder, taken away from the murches of this Presbytery, Rev. Jos. A Canfield, who has been for twenty years minister of the church in Chaumont, has suffered so much from ill-health in the past year, that he has been constrained to ask for a dismission from his charge; and Presbytery has at this session dissolved the pastoral relation. He has also received would have chosen to die, if he had had and accepted the appointment as Chaplain

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years pastor of the church in Theresa, has left his charge; and is succeeded by Rev. Samuel L. Morrel, who has served for some time as chaplain of the 35th Reg.,

The following appointments were made by this Presbytery—Rev. Enos Wood, of Evans Mills, delegate to the next General Assembly; Rev. Geo. W. Mackie, of Adams, alternater; Solon Massey, lay delegate; Milton Clarke, alternate. Dr. Bates was re-appointed Commissioner to Auburn Theological Seminary, and Rev. W. Mackie, Commissioner in place of Rev. the bounds of Presbytery, and therefore resigned his unfinished term. Dr. Brayton, in consequence of his contemplated removal, resigned the offices of Stated Clerk and Treasurer of Presbytery, which he has held for twenty years, and the duties of which he has discharged most accourately and acceptably, and Rev. R. G. Keys, of Watertown, was appointed in his place. Rev. A. T. Young was app pointed "Presbyterial Agent," according to the recommendation of the last General Assembly, to look after the interests of Foreign Missions.

Watertown is a delightful place, of some ten thousand inhabitants. It enjoys a fine water-power; is engaged considerably in manufacturing; is surrounded with a fine agricultural region, its staples being butter and cheese. The village has also a good Academy, under the charge of Rev. Geo. Kerr, LL. D., who was a long time the brother in-law, Rev. Geo. 3: Boardman, amply ornamented with fine dwellings and now of Cazenovia; and has grown gray in shade trees; well supplied with hotels. churches and other public buildings; and Better than all has an intelligent christian population. Happy is he that hath his lot

We judge also that a good degree of server painful to him/as well as patriotism is prevailing in this region the ordaning prayer was offered by Rev. The enlistments are going forward so and yet his health is not good; and his briskly that many towns have stready wife's health such as absolutely to require Bled their quota, and all intend to do so, without any draft. And Uncle Abraham particularly, that he feels constrained to may depend upon these northern boys to well done. GENESEE.

Watertown, N. Y., January, 14th, 1864

FRATERNAL NOTICES FROM NEWS-PAPER SOURCES.

The following are some of the notices of our recent enlargement taken from last; week's exchanges. The Press of this city. speaks in the following cordial manner:

THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN Organ of the New School branch of that numerous denomination—has wrought a change in its form, size, and the general completeone of the very best religious journals in lows of the appointment: the country. It is now a handsome, large, eight-page paper, beautifully printed, and evincing a degree of vigor and newspaper enterprise that cannot fail to increase its circulation and influence. We congratulate its able editor and publisher, Rev. John W. Mears, upon this auspicious change and improvement of his paper.

The Moravian of this State says:

THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN edited. by Rev. J. W. Mears, at Philadelphia, comes to us this week in an entirely new dress. From a single sheet it has been changed into a large double sheet, containing a great variety of excellent articles. It is always a welcome exchange, and we wish God-speed to the its enlarged

The Delinvare State Journal says:

THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN, a religious and family newspaper in the interest of the Constitutional Presbyterian Church, edited and published in Philadelphia, by Rev. John W. Mears, made its appearance in an enlarged form, and otherwise much improved. We congratulate the editor and publisher on this evidence of his prosperity.

The N. Y. Evangelist says:

THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN, OUR Philadelphia contemporary, opens the year with enlarged dimensions. It is ably edited by John W. Mears, and we wish for it increased patronage and usefulness.

The Christian Herald of Cincinnati

Our excellent contemporary in Philadelphia has commenced the New Year in a new dress, and in the quarto form. We prosperity on the part of our brethren. of worldly activity will fall into its pro- terprise in our church would incline as at street, much as usual, and attending to the mora, St. Lawrence Co. And Rev. Chas. feet editor of the AMERICAN PRESETTE- line. Nine words will count as a line.

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RIAN, and we extend to him and his newly dressed paper a cordial Western New Year's greeting.

ELDERS ELECTED.

The people of Green Hill Church, Rev. F. L. Robbins, pastor, on the evening of January 13th, elected two additional olders-Col. E. M. GERGORY, of the 91st Pa. Vols., now at home on furlough, and George W. Simons, a very liberal and active member of the church.

Colonel Gregory is one of the noblest and bravest officers which our city, or, indeed, any part of the nation has sent to the war. He has boldly led his men in the desperate conflicts of the Virginia campaign, and has himself received two severe wounds, from which, however, he J. A. Canfield, who has removed beyond has entirely recovered! Though nominally a colonel, he has been acting as brigadiergeneral for a year and more past, and will. we trust, be elevated to the honor as well as the responsibilities of the position. Colonel Gregory's sentiments upon the cause of the war and the only effectual means of suppressing the rebellion are such as to inspire confidence that his share of the work will be thoroughly done. He recently declared to his regiment, which with himself, have re-enlisted as veterans, that they must not come home finally until they had entirely-destroyed slavery in the rebellions States.

Colonel Gregory is a warm and intelligent adherent of the denomination to which he belongs. But has enjoyed as large experience in the office of ruling elder, having occupied the position, we are told, for sixteen years in the Central Church, Cincinnati. We trust it may consist with the designs of Providence to spare his life for a long career of usefulness. in the future. Green Hill Church may congratulate itself upon the accession of these excellent men to its session; and wemay expect the higher ecclesiastical councils of the church to profit by their pre-

Messrs. Gregory and Simmons were duly installed in Green Hill Church on. Sabbath afternoon last. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Robbins, preached the sermon, and John W. Mears.

THE GOVERNORSHIP OF INDIA

Our Kolapoor correspondent, whose very full and valuable communication received last week, appears on page eighteen, closed his letter just previous to the death of Lord Elgin, then Governor-general of India. Later advices have informed us of death, and of the appointment of Sir John Lawrence in his place. This appointment has given great cause of rejoicing to the friends of missions in India. and is enthusiastically welcomed by our correspondent "Watchman" as one of the recent indications of progress in the kingdom of Christ. He regards Sir John as one of the "Princes in Christ's train."

The British Standard, organ of the ness in all its departments, that makes it English Congregationalists, speaks as fol-

The last two governors-general have been, in spirit and policy, an improvement upon all their predecessors, but the new governor is an unspeakable improvement even upon them. Although Lord Elgin was a well-disposed, a sober and a virtuous nobleman, he was yet but slenderly acquainted with the Gospel of Christ; and, although not an enemy, he was not a decided advocate of missionary movements. Now, however, all this is changed, and in a wonderful manner. By his removal, the way has been opened for the appointment of the very best man in the British Isles for the high office of viceroy. If any man beyond another has claims to the honor on the ground of incomparable fitness, it is Sir John Lawrence.

A PAPER FOR THE ARMY.

In the month of February, we propose issuing a paper especially suited for distribution in the army and navy. Contributions of suitable matter are invited from our correspondents in the field and at home. Orders for copies to be sent to chaplains, hospitals or individuals, or through the Christian Commission should be sent to this office without delay. Terms, per hundred, \$3.00; less than a hundred and over ten copies, four cents each; single copies, five cents. Postage and transportation; except when sent through the Christian Commission, extra.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

We shall hereafter be obliged to charge for any notice of a death, beyond the simple announcement, (which will be gratis,) Rev. J. W. Mears is still the able and ef. at half our regular rates, or five cents per