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THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEDMEN'S ASSO-CIATION held a meeting on Tuesday evening of this week. The Academy of Music was crowded in every part, showing the very general interest felt in the condition of the emancipated slaves by our citizens.

Bishop Simpson, of the Methodist Church, presided. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Brainerd. Addresses were made by J. M. McKim, Rev. P. Brooks and Rev. Dr. Furness. Resolutions were of- assisted in obtaining their education; and what fered by Rev. J. Wheaton Smith, recognizin, the remarkable providence which is bringing about the emancipation of four million of slaves commending the cause of lisbing the institutions of the gospel, and in million of slaves, commending the cause of the freedmen to our Christian people, and requesting ministers to present the object at an early day to their people.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted and the meeting adjourned.

# ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

My good people, though far surpassed in numbers by other congregations, were not to be outdone in their kindness to their minister. I had been laboring with them. but a few weeks-and then only as a temporary supply, when upon the shortest notice, the two societies (Rock Stream and Eddy Town N. Y.,) came together and passed the afternoon and evening in a most agreeable manner, as a kind of social gathering with their minister and his wife; leaving substantial testimonials to the amount of a hundred dollars and over, of their liberal and kind feeling toward us; and our hearts more embarrassed with a sense of our obligation to them, than we have yet found time or words to express. The magnitude of such favors, like the widow's mite, is to be determined by considerations that cannot always be named: they can be known only to God and a small circle of his people. J. M. H.

# SOUTHWARK CHURCH.

Rev. A. De Witt, of Hoosick Falls, New York, has accepted the unanimous -call to this church, and will take charge on or before the 1st of April next.

INSTALLATION OF REV. J. S. WILLIS. This service will take place next Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. J. G. Butler will preside and preach the sermon. Rev. Daniel March will deliver the charge

# AN APPEAL FOR THE EDUCATION

the charge to the people.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church having recommended each congrega-tion connected with it to make an annual con-tribution for the cause of Education for the

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instituted a set of arrangements for spreading Plains, N. Y., \$240. This was the contributors was to furnish the pastor him, more than one venerable man uttered the gospel, in which it invites the hearty co-We have already offered a cash premium operation of all its Presbyteries, Sessions, con gregations, ministers, and individual mem-bers; and a deep and becoming impression of the intrinsic importance and the wise adaptasecure that co-operation.

Among these arrangements, the first in natural order and necessity is the plan for increasing the numbers and improving the character of the Christian ministry; for without a sufficient and suitable ministry there cannot be pastors, supplies, home and foreign missionaries, and other necessary agents for spread-

ing the gospel.

Our Church will need to give due attention to increasing the ministry till she has fulfilled her full share of responsibility under the Great Commission. No year passes which does not open to her new fields which she should enter, and cultivate diligently. The call from the unevangelized world comes as urgently as ever; and in the opening states and territories of the Northwest there is an increasing and not a diminishing want of good and faithful ministers. The correspondence of our Committee on Home Missions constantly confirms this statement.

From what the war has already done in opening new fields for our church to occupy, signaries come for this new call?

Our country is so extended, its settlements so rapid, the strides of civilization so great, and such vast regions yet remain to be filled up, that the spiritual destitution of our land cannot be supplied by the old methods of missionary operations. Special efforts to increase the ministry are a pressing necessity at present, and will be more so in the future.

Experience has demonstrated that a permanent ministry sufficient for our new settlements cannot be transferred from the older sections of the country, and that a main dependence for the needed supply must be the enlisting of our newer churches in the work of training up their own ministers. They can furnish the men and part of the means, but need assistance in educating them. Inquiry is often made for facts showing the

importance of this cause, and they are not wanting in either numbers or weight. The first is, that the history of the church proves that she cannot expect Christ's bless-

ing while disobeying his command to preach his gospel; and she cannot obey it without training up ministers. She cannot have missions without missionaries

Many highly honored and useful ministers, laboring in the most responsible positions, in ordinary pastorates, on the missionary field, and in other spheres of evangelical labor, received assistance while pursuing their studies. One half of the missionaries of the American Board and one third of the ministry of the Congregational and New School Presbyterian Churches; two thirds of the missionaries of the Old School Foreign Board, and one half of the home ministry of that Church, were these ministers have been enabled to do in converting souls at home and abroad, forms the basis on which the Education cause makes its appeal for support.

The General Assembly's Permanent Com-

mittee have now under their care nearly one hundred students in Auburn, Lane, and Üpion Theological Seminaries; and in Union, Yale, Hamilton, Western Reserve, Marietta, Wa-bash, and Knox Colleges, Michigan University, and in several academies. This number is much smaller than it would have been had not the war drawn heavily on our colleges for soldiers. These young men are well recom-mended by their Presbyteries and teachers for Christian character, capacity, industry, proficiency in study, prudence, economy, and general good promise. Their trials are many and great, and they need and deserve assistance. They are struggling to help themselves. We cannot encourage them to create debts; if they continue to study as they should, they cannot labor much for their own support; i the church requires their services she must aid them; and what she does should be done without unnecessary delay, and in that cheer-ful and liberal spirit which so important a work demands. The strongest reason for aiding these students grows not out of sympathy for their trials and wants, but out of the fact that church has need of their services. Bounties and outfits have been liberally given to soldiers, not to benefit them, but to enable them to serve their country; and for a similar reason the Church should liberally aid her candidates for the ministry. They have devoted themselves to her welfare, and it is but just that she should aid them in qualifying themselves for their work. The great advance in the cost of living adds force and urgency to this plea. Their limited and diminished receipts barely availed with the most stringent economy to carry them forward when everything was cheaper than at present, and such receipts are wholly inadequate in the existing posture of affairs If the Church cannot enlarge the rate of appropriation, she at any rate should exert her self to pay the present rate in full, as her Per

self to pay the present rate in run, as ner rermanent Committee is endeavoring to do.

On the ground of these and other facts, a strong appeal is now made for the Education cause. We ask for it the interest of ministers, of Christian parents, of Sabbath school teachers, and of Christian young men, the sons of the righ as well as the poor. And as our the rich as well as the poor. And as our Church requires its ministers to be educated, we ask liberal contributions that such young men as need assistance and show themselves

worthy of it, may be assisted. We ask that contributions may be promptly Rev. Daniel March will deliver the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Th. S. Johnston the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Th. S. Johnston New York.

PRESBYTERIAN ROOMS 150 Nassau St., February 8, 1864.

More Donations, &c. Rev. T. Ralston Smith received from his people of the Seventh Church, N. Y., recently, \$520 .-The Central Church Auburn, but two humorous manner. Mr. Shepherd warm- placed the paper under a marble weight, Ministry, the following statements are submitted to ministers and churches, in the hope of exciting an enlarged interest and liberality in pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary, and besides made a general churches, in the hope of pastor's salary churches, and the hope of

their pastor, Rev. J. B. Beaumont, who his next vacation. was drafted, at a cost of \$310.—Rev. J. B. McCreary, of Great Bend, Pa., received about \$200, from his people.—Rev. G. L. Foster, of Cold Water, Mich., received \$240.—Rev. M. N. Preston, of Skaneateles, N. Y., received \$190.—Rev. Andrew Parsons, of Richfield Spings, N. Y., received \$100.

REVIVALS.—Twenty persons have recently united with the church in Peoria, as the fruits of a work of grace, which commenced there in November last. The awakening was principally among children and youth, from ten to twenty years of age. -The Evangelist learns that the church in Olean, N. Y., under the pastoral care of Rev. J. B. Beaumont, has beeh enjoying a precious season of revival. A considerable number have been converted chiefly from the Sabbath school. And a healthful interest still continues.-Rev. Geo. C. Noyes, of La Porte, Ind., writes: 'We are having a very interesting revival, something over twenty conversions in my own church—and the work is daily ncreasing in interest and in power."-The Presbyterian Church and congregation in Pine Plains, N. Y., are enjoying at the present time a season of precious religious interest. Six persons were added to the church the last Sabbath in November, and twenty-six more the fourth Sabbath in January, on profession. Several others are under the care of the Session of the Church, who are expected to make a public profession of their faith the his government of men and the truth of next communion. Several of those who families, from forty to seventy years of and consisted of Rev. Dr. Pressly of

FIRST CRURCH ST. LOUIS MO. - Dr. Nelson, pastor of this church, made an appeal to his congregation a few Sabbaths cially in view of the wants of the State and Synod of Missouri. Donations and subscriptions were made to the amount of \$2,000. This was truly a handsome conso much distracted, as St. Louis has been for the last three years. The Evangelist says: "The Home Missionary Committee are prepared to send more Missionaries into Missouri as soon as the right men can

MINISTERIAL MOVEMENTS.—Rev. Henry A. Riley, of Montrose, Pa., after an acceptable pastorate of a quarter of a century, has resigned the charge of the church in that place, on account of failing health.—Rev. Fred. K. Judd, has been compelled, from ill health, to resign the charge of the Brick Church, of Parsippany, N. J. He is temporarily supplying the pulpit of Rev. G. A. Howard, of Catskill, who is engaged in presenting the claims of the Publication Cause to the Churches. Chichester was installed pastor of the members of Congress.)

COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL A SSEMBLY. Rev. T. B. Jervis and Rev. Chester and M. E. Dunham alternates. Lay delenates: D. Holton and C. Bishop. Chemung has appointed Rev. George C. Curtis commissioner. and Rev. George Spalding his alternate. S. Benjamin, Esq., of the First Presbyterian Church, Elmira, before his teacher, he listened. was chosen lay commissioner, and Dr. E. Brown, of Burdett, his alternate.

OUR CITY CHURCHES. The people of Buttonwood St. Church. recently evinced their cordial regard for close of the services on Monday, Feb. ruary 1st, when very unexpectedly to tion arose, and apologizing for the interruption, after a few suitable remarks, placed an envelope containing the above amount, in the pastor's hands. A silver cup was also presented to the pastor's wife, in behalf of the congregation, by Rev. Dr. Cox, who was present. Dr. C., performed his part in his most happy and

hirtieth annual donation visit. - The with means for a trip to Palestine, which Olean Church furnished a substitute for they hope he may be to accomplish during

> Rev. James S. Willis, pastor elect of the Western Presbyterian Church, was received from the Philadelphia Conference of the M. E. Church into the Third Presbytery, at a meeting held February 10th. and arrangements for his installation to take place next Sabbath afternoon, were

At a meeting of the Presbytery of London, held January 12th, Dr. Hamilton re- life. ported that the committe appointed to meet with Dr. Jenkins, late minister of Calvary Church, Philadelphia, had met with him, examined his certificate, found that he was prepared to sign the Westminister Confession of Faith, and the Ministers' Formula of the English Presbyterian Church, and recommended that his application to be received as a minister of this Church should be sent on to the Synod in the usual way. To this recommendation the Presbytery unanimously agreed, and appointed Dr. Hamilton and Mr. Ballantyne to appear before the Synod in support of the application.

# OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Very early in the week, a most respecta ble delegation of clergymen and laymen made their appearance in the Capitol. They were the representatives of a convention recently held in Allegheny City, the purpose of which was to petition Congress to take measures to amend the Constitution so as to recognize the existence of God, Christianity. The delegation was headed were added to the church were heads of by the Rev. Dr. McIlvaine of Princeton. Pittsburgh, Rev. Dr. Page of Allegheny City, Rev. Mr. Sloan of New York and others.

After the preparation of their memorial and address, it was resolved to wait upon since in behalf of Home Missions, especthe President of the United States, and fequest him to call the attention of Congress in a special message to this subject. It was arranged that the delegation should wait upon the President at the tribution from a church in a community | Executive Mansion, at 3½ P. M., on Wednesday.

At the appointed hour, the delegation, a long line of venerable, black-coated white-cravated gentlemen, were seen walking with the most solemn step to the house of our chief magistrate. They were soon ushered into the ante-room, and studied for some fifteen minutes, the map of Europe hanging, like a huge black-board on the wall. This is, I suppose, to remind each visitor of the hole of the pit from whence we were digged-and to increase our gratitude for the "best government the world ever saw." (By the way, cannot some man of genius invent, or suggest some new order of words; some fresh sentence expressing the sentiment that Time's best gift was the Rev. Wm. Ellery, has removed from Burr last? It would be a great relief to men Oak, Mich., to Troy, Ill.—Rev. Darwin of taste, and a precious boon to the

church at Burdett, N. Y., January 27th. At length the door was thrown open and we were invited to enter the President's room. The apartment is plainly The Presbytery of Utica has appointed furnished, with library, desks, tables and sofas. The President was alone. We Fitch principals, and Rev. T. D. Hunt advanced and in order were introduced by name. The President shook each one by gates: M. Brayton and L. T. Miner; alte- the hand, and turned back to his chair and waited for the commencement of the address. With eyes fixed on the floor, never raising them-surrounded by forty spectators, with the humility of a boy

The paper was read by Dr. McIlvaine. It is a forcible and earnest protest against the reckless and thoughtless infidelity of the past. An address followed, by the same gentleman, which was touching. their pastor, Rev. T. J. Shepherd, by the loyal, eloquent, but too long. During very handsome gift of one thousand dollars. the entire reading and speech, the Presi-The presentation took place just before the dent looked only on the carpet. When it was ended, he looked around and in a very few words replied. He assured the Mr. Shepherd, a member of the congregation committee that "he would give the subject the most serious attention. He could not now say what he would do, for it was one of the gravest matters that could be brought | bell, of Utica, alone will testify; and elobefore him. But this much he would quent words moved all hearts to the firm promise; to study the paper, and act as resolve to return once more to the old way he thought duty required." He then of hard work to stay the evils of intempeturned back to his table, and with an emphatic, if not an impatient gesture, rous present to his family.—Rev. Wm. N. expression of the regard of his people. time is precious, make short work and go."

a prayer over it, and departed. The of the President is of one exhausted, whose nervous energy has been drawn up to its utmost tension, and as if a little more will snap the cords of life.

His manner is of one reared in Western scenes and schools,-honest, open-hearted and frank. The world and years have not hardened his moral nature—but he retains all the fresh affection, the ardent sympathies and unselfish likes of a boy. He is eminently pure and temperate in

May he long be spared!

The doings in Congress have been of more than usual interest, and the debates spicy. The enemies of the government become less and less defiant. No important conclusion has yet been reached, but this is a working, earnest Congress; little time is spent in buncombe speaking. J. J. M. Washington Feb. 13th, 1864.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPON-

DENT. TEMPERANCE REVIVAL.

This is one of the themes upon which we have been desiring to write for several weeks. And our terms are chosen with special reference to the state of things in Central and Northern New York. There is there a real and extensive revival of interest and action in the temperance cause. Good people have seen with pain a great increase of intemperance in the past few years. They have seen more especially what sad havoc the war was making with our young men in this respect, and they have been studying and praying to know what might be done to arrest the growing evil. They have seen no way but to return to the "old paths"-to hold temperance meetings, get temperance speakers, and begin again to portray the evils of intemperance, and get such as may be reached, to come again under the power of the old pledge, to touch not, taste not, handle not, the accursed thing which is doing so much mischief.

The New York State Temperance Society has recently held a spirited and in teresting anniversary meeting in Utica. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:-

President.—Charles Hathaway, Esq., of Deibi.

Vice Presidents.—Hon. W. J. Bacon, Utica; Lyman Burnett, Troy; J. Rider, Jamaica, L. I.; Orin Sage, Esq., Rochester; Harvey Edwards, Esq., Onon-

Executive Committee.—Hon. J. Foote. Hamilton; C. C. Leigh, New York; C. W. Cushing, Troy; Rev. W. E. Knox, Rome; Rev. W. H. Goodwin, D. D., Ge-

We give also the substance of the resolutions passed on the occasion:-

Resolved. That the fact that our nation s involved in a warfare for preserving the life of the Government, is so far from furnishing any good excuse for a decrease of zeal in promoting the cause of temperance, that it furnishes additional inducements for increasing our efforts for suppressing intemperance—for when our soldiers return we may expect the tide of intemperance will deluge the land, unless met by counteracting influences; and the loyal and philanthropic are loudly called upon to awake from their apathy, and come to the rescue of our children and youth from the greatest scourge that a Holy God ever suffered to visit our sin-stricken world.

Resolved, That the efforts of the sober portion of community should be perseveringly employed for the overthrow of the system of licensing the sale of intoxicating beverages.

Resolved, That there would be as much consistency in licensing gamblers, counterfeiting and houses of ill-fame, with a view of suppressing those vices, as in licensing persons to sell intoxicating drinks with the view of suppressing intemperance.

Resolved, That clergymen and all moral citizens are earnestly requested to organize temperance societies on the old basis in all our cities, towns and villages. Resolved, That our State Secretary be

requested to issue a circular, to be mailed to clergymen and friends of the cause, urging them to immediate action in this

The meeting lasted through a good part of two days; was attended by leading and influential men, as the names of Judge Bacon, Dr. Fowles and Rev. Mr. Camprance. While appetite and avarice remain, nothing but hard work will accomplish the needed reform.

We have before spoken of a similar quickening on this subject in St. Lawrence The General Assembly, as the representatives of the whole Presbyterian Church, has Sayre received from the church of Pine One of the objects contemplated by the We again advanced, took his hand, blessed ticed that meetings of great interest have

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been held in Rome, in Little Falls, and other places. Rev. W. E. Knox, of Rome. Revs. D. W. Bristol, S. W. Campbell. and W. C. Steel, of Utica, have all been doing go od service in addressing such meetings. Surely, it is time something more were being a one to stay the mighty tide of intemperance which the war is rolling in upon us, to save our young men from utter demoralization and ruin.

## ELMIRA FEMALE COLLEGE.

A movement is on foot to endow this excellent institution. If it shall prove successful, it will be a grand work accomplished for the interests of female education, and a splendid improvement secured for Southern New York generally, and for the beautiful village of Elmira in particu-

This institution has a regular College Charter from the Legislature of the State. and is intended for a first class Female Seminary. It is designed to stand as high as the highest in the land, in respect to all its appointments, conveniences, and advantages. The location is beautiful. It already has a fine property in buildings, grounds, library, and apparatus. It has an able and competent faculty; -we regard the President as eminently qualified for this post;—but it needs a more liberal endowment.

To effect this, petitions have been extensively circulated and signed in all this part of the State, asking the Legislature to appropriate \$50,000 in aid of this institution. on the same principal upon which moneys have often been given by the State to our colleges for boys. And we believe that a further private effort is intended by which it is hoped that another \$50,000 may be raised so as to make the endowment more complete. It will rejoice the true friends of highest female education if this project shall be entirely successful:

This institution is not sectarian; and yet it is under the care, supervision, and patronage of the Synod of Geneva, within whose bounds it is located. It is intended as a Christian college; and the faculty aim at nothing less than a genuine Christian education for all its pupils-thorough in literature and sound in morals; and we do not see why the Legislature may not as well aid this college as any other. We sincerely hope they may.

# BOCHESTER S. S. UNION

The 31st Anniversary meeting of this society, was recently held in this city. The reports presented of the labors accomplished in the last year, show that it is a working institution, and has been greatly favored of the Lord. We doubt if there is any city in the land where the Sunday School cause has a firmer hold of the affections of the people, or where Sunday School teachers work more earnestly in its behalf.

There are, in all, forty-two Protestant schools in the city. Reports were received from twenty-seven of these, embracing 841 teachers and 7,791 scholars, with an average attendance of 578 teachers and 4,396 scholars. Of teachers and scholars. belonging to these schools, nearly 800 are reported as having been received into the churches on profession of their faith in the

LIBERALITY.

The Presbyterian Church in Sherburne, Chenango Co., embracing about 150 members, gave last year to Foreign Missions the handsome sum of \$600. We know many churches well able to give twice as much, who nevertheless fall far below this standard. But they do the thing on principle, and by system in Sherburne, and hence do so well.

Revivals.—We hear of quickening in many directions, the beginning, at least, of better things; as in Newark, Palmyra, and Webster, in this vicinity; Corning Olean, and other places further away. Some special interest is also reported in Lafayette St. Church, Buffalo, and a decided quickening in Smyrna, Chenango Co. We look for still larger mercies as near at hand.

Call declined .- Rev. Dr. Hogarth, of Detroit, declines the call of the Plymouth Church in this city. It would have reioiced many excellent hearts in this place, if he had been able to come, while it would have pained quite as many to lose him from Detroit. We do not wonder that he could not leave his present charge; but we sincerely hope that Plymouth Church will soon get some man just as good as he. They are worthy of one of the best.

Rochester, Feb. 12th, 1864.