

Correspondence.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

BRANCH OF CHRISTIAN COMMISSION. A convention was held in Rochester on Tuesday the 5th inst., to take into consideration the subject of forming a Branch Christian Commission, auxiliary to the national society of the same name, whose headquarters are in Philadelphia.

by Hook, of Boston, is very large, and will require a slight alteration of the gallery, in order to furnish the needed room for its ample dimensions. It is expected to fill every nook and crevice of this large church with very sweet and devotional harmonies, when the workmen pronounce it ready for use.

FROM OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT. LONDON, March 19th, 1864. The great calamity at Sheffield is in every one's mouth. We read of thousands slaughtered on either side on the American battle-fields, and hundreds lost in some Danish fight, with little feeling—it is what we expect in war, it is what the sufferers expect; it is the fortune of their dangerous profession;

rows of houses; at another a farmhouse well known to all in that valley—Mr. Trickett's—with the whole family of fourteen. Between Malin Bridge and Owlerton 300 or 400 houses were swept away. The lower part of Sheffield was overflowed, and some bridges were destroyed; but here the water spread and the loss was not so great as above. More than half a million of property has been irreparably lost.

ries, notes, journals, documents, prints, manuscripts, in plenty; to which, however, it is not my purpose to resort on this occasion, or mainly on any other, unless under constraints, that I am happy neither to feel nor anticipate at present.

all that are in authority over" us: this is well. If our government were a hereditary monarchy, its offices being filled by a hereditary succession, perhaps our duty of prayer for "rulers" would end here. But we select rulers. Hence we need divine guidance in our selection. Let us humbly and earnestly ask it.

ITEMS. The Central Presbyterian Church, of this city, (Rev. Mr. Ellinwood's,) is to be closed for a Sabbath or two, while busy workmen are engaged putting up a new organ; and scrubbers and cleaners are renovating the house generally.

MESSESS. WOOD & CARY'S announcement—one of great interest to the ladies—will be found in another column. The stock is large, their experience is extensive, and their character as business men first class.

THE PENNSYLVANIA BIBLE SOCIETY has appointed Rev. W. W. Eells Secretary of the western district of Pennsylvania. Mr. Eells has entered on the duties of his office. His address is Pittsburg, Pa.

PEBSTERIAN UNION—II. Tacitus indeed assures us, that malignity has a false show of liberty: Malignitas falsa species libertatis inest; that history is listened to with more favor, when she slanders and disparages: Oblectatio et livor, promissu arvensis accipiantur. But what historian could entertain the culpable ambition of pleasing at the expense of truth?—D' Aubigne.

PRAYER PROPOSED IN THE SELECTION OF RULERS. BROTHUR MEARS.—Permit me to suggest for the consideration of the many ecclesiastical bodies in our country which will soon hold their annual meetings, the propriety of recommending to all the citizens of the Republic—especially to Christians—to unite in observing a day of earnest prayer to God, that his favor and direction may be granted us as a nation, in the selection and nomination of a candidate for election at the coming presidential canvass.

Correspondents who do not find their pieces inserted after a reasonable time, will infer that they are not suited to our purposes. We make no promises in regard to returning manuscripts, but will endeavor to do so if stamps sufficient to prepay postage are sent. Those who wish to know whether they will be acceptable as correspondents, will please send on their communications; we cannot answer inquiries before inspecting the work. Those who desire to do us a favor in this line, can make sure of it by sending us brief, well-composed and original items of religious intelligence. These are always welcome.