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# JOHN CALVIN-II.

HIS CHIEF CHARACTERISTICS.

It is rarely that any man unites, in such admirable harmony, the peculiar abilities and gifts which have combined with his achievements to confer fame on John Calvin. As a commentator, theologian, controversialist, administrator and statesman, he is entitled to the highest respect. His commentaries extend over nearly all the books of the Bible, and if lacking in respect to accurate philology, when tried by the highest of modern standards, their admirable exposition of the argument and spirit of the text must pass unquestioned. As a theologian, it is enough to say that the greatest minds of the last three centuries have bowed to his authority. The "judicious" Hooker pronounced him "the great Mr. Calvin." John Knox acknowledged in, him a master. The great divines of the seventeenth century, men like Bishop Hall, Charnock, Owen, Goodwin, were really his pupils. The man who could command the intellectual homage, not only of his contemporaries, Peter Martyr, Bucer, Capito, neck. An adulterer was banished for a ful as his life, childlike, trustful, patient, &c., but of men like Boston, the Er- year, after having been paraded through peaceful, full of assurance; and the skines and Edwards, and whose labors the city by the common hangman. One have not been superseded, save on minor of the Syndics for gross licentionsness and the dawning of Heaven could make points, by three centuries of theological was deposed and imprisoned for three investigation, need fear no deposition days. And yet for twenty years and from his high eminence.

As a controversialist, Calvin was eminent. He silenced the Anabaptists. the influence of one man-a man with-He carried confusion among the Roman- out rank or wealth, without military ists. He drove Cardinal Sadolet from power or civil office. The history of the church, Augusta being, we believe, the field. The Libertines feared his the world might be challenged for a his native place. And this leads us to logic as well as his legislation. He parallel. exposed the Astrologists. He confuted the Sociaians. No craven fear withheld genius-to which his own sermons powerhim from rebuking the slanderers of the fully contributed-Calvin's reputation reformation, and none of his arrows fell | was spread abroad. His writings scarceblunted or pointless. No man ever ly exerted an influence more extended discerned more clearly the vital point or powerful than his own model republic. at issue. None ever wavered less in Geneva was the cradle of English Puri-



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reformers inherited the task of a Lord Bishop, who had to sanction laws civil and ecclesiastical alike. Laws against witchcraft and false teaching were already on the statute book. Farel interesting letter in the Utica Herald) built on this foundation. Church discipline was enforced by statute. Not only good education, fair abilities, a lover of grösser crimes were forbidden, but civil books, a diligent sermonizer, an anipenalties were affixed to games of mated, fervid preacher; but more than chance, swearing, slandering, dancing, all this, a man of great goodness; "a the singing of idle songs and mas- pure-minded, loving pastor, always

and strict observance of the Sabbath were made obligatory. At nine o'clock in the evening, citizens must be found | rich and poor, the high and low alike at their own homes.

trumpet through the city, were not left to honor God, and do good to his fellow a dead letter. A tire woman was ar- men." His goodness was his power, rested for adorning a bride too luxu- and the secret of his long and successful riously. A card-player was put in the pastorate. And we are told that "his pillory with his pack of cards about his last sickness and death were as beautimore, a system with such repressive features was maintained mainly through

Yet by this triumph of administrative the resolve to accomplish the purpose | tanism. It was the nursery of such reformers as Knox, and Melville, and As an administrator, both in civil and England's Smithfield martyrs. The ished his fame. This new world owes

character of the Reformation which people of Augusta generally, and by of Le Roy, has also gone as a volunteer told with more than the power of words. many clergymen and others from the surgeon. One man in Middleport raised statutes of Geneva. They were already Rev. Drs. Fisher and Goertner, of Ham- nection, we may also mention, that Rev. established when Earel summoned him lilton College; Rev. E. H. Bonney, of A. B. Goodale, a missionary from Cento his aid. This fact should be taken Vernon Centre; and Rev. M. S. Platt; tral Turkey, who arrived in this country into account in forming our judgment of Hamilton, participating in the inter- only some three weeks since on account of the Reformer. He found church and esting and impressive services. Many of the failing health of his wife, has simply accepted the alliance. Whether a generous arrangement among them as a surgeon, he being a physician as he would have urged it, in other circum- selves, they are gratuitously to supply well as clergyman. Our missonaries stances, may admit of question. The the pulpit of the church in Augusta for are all true to the old flag, and ready, some months to come; and the salary is at home or abroad, to do what they can to be continued for the benefit of the family of the deceased pastor.

The preacher (as we learn from an characterized the deceased as a man of querading. Attendance upon church thinking of his people first, of himself last; knowing everybody; caring for, serving to the utmost of his ability the tender in his sympathies as a child These laws, proclaimed by sound of lowly in his demeanor; ambitious only closing scène bright as a good conscience

The preacher could speak understandingly of Mr. Bartholomew's character, as a man and a minister, for he had sat under his ministry, and was received by him into the goodly fellowship of speak further of

REV. MR. KNOX, OF ROME.

village of his former residence. And He has recently preached his anniversary sermon, having been settled yet she is proud of his noble patriotism. over the Presbyterian Church in Rome Truly his example is worthy of the for sixteen years; now, since Mr. Bar- highest honor and praise. Few had so tholomew's death, the longest pastorate much to offer on their country's altar have forfeited no right by reason of our Illinois still demand abundant aid. but one in the county. Mr. Knox's as he, and none seemed more ready to home troubles and home duties. The haracteristics are pretty well known ; A meeting of citizens has been held keen, bright, witty, able and active, he has sustained himself well, for this long this afternoon in Rochester to express to this emergency? Shall it fail in the is 238 years. They report numerous period, in his large and responsible their sense of the country's loss in Mr. day of adversity, or when subject to this revivals of religion, the formation of charge. He has a fashion of saying Wadsworth's death. Resolutions highly very bright things in such a way that complimentary to the deceased were of two of its members during the year, they cannot easily be forgotten. Of passed; and a committee of eighty citi- Drs. J. Parsons Hovey and James W. course, an anniversary sermon from zens appointed to attend the funeral at such a minister, in such a pastorate, Geneseo to-morrow. In accordance with his own wishes, expressed before retary, Rev. T. A. Mills, D. D. would be rich in material and incident. his death, there is to be no military He is reported as saying: parade on the occasion. The funeral is "Ministers are said to be proverbially an itinerant class; but really are not to take place at the Episcopal Church; and so he is to be laid quietly to rest now merged in it, and it is regarded Presbyters. The ineptæ (incongruities) knowledged it. The Presbyterian of the English church he could not Church would be strangely insensible to serve the glorious cause for which he ber than last year, have received the has so cheerfully shed his blood. An old citizen of Rochester remarked were scarcely three business firms that in the meeting this afternoon that he had not changed place or title, or re-signed business altogether. boyhood, and he never knew a more the contributions to the general treasury "The congregation numbered 200 families; of these 66 were here when upright man, or a man of more courage have been sufficient to pay them as well come and gone; so that the congregation a horse better, or a better rider. He ble the Committee to give prompt ascivil law gave him a higher title to will take place Monday afternoon the had changed one and two-third times had expected Mr. Wadsworth would fall; for he knew that if there was any the next year. rals have been attended, and 162 mar. danger he would be in it. Such is the riages solemnized. Two hundred and estimate which Western New York puts eight persons had been admitted to the upon this noble man. Genesee. church by letter, 199 on profession, and 224 had been dismissed, leaving the ROCHESTER, May 20, 1864. "This church has had but three set- GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRES-BYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED tled pastors-Rev. Moses Gillett, for 30 years, under whom 807 were received STATES OF AMERICA. into its communion; Rev. Selden Haines FIRST DAY. for 5 years, with 130 accessions; and This body met on Thursday, May 19, the present incumbent 16 years, with at 11 o'clock, in the Third Street Pres- by Presbyteries have been assisted in 407 additions. Rev. Messrs. Clary, byterian Church, Dayton, O., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator At Auburn Theological Seminary 20; FROM OUR ROOHESTER CORRESPON- Dwight, Williams, Lucas, and Bushnell have officiated as temporary supplies." FOR OUR SOLDIERS. The recent battles have stirred the Ecclesiastical Re-union. [The sermon College 3; Michigan University 3; hearts of our good people more deeply is given, entire, on the inside of the Iowa do 3; Yale 1; Ashmun Institute perhaps, than they have ever been paper.]

It is true that Calvin did not originate surrounding region. The sermon was \$139, for the Christian Commission, in Moderator announced the Standing what might be regarded as the Puritanic preached by Rev. W. E. Knox, of Rome; one dollar subscriptions. In this con- Committees state strangely linked together, and he other clergymen were present; and by gone "to the front," to offer his services pares model reports. to sustain it.

> LADIES' CHRISTIAN COMMISSION OF BUFFALO.

The annual meeting of this benevolent and patriotic association of the ladies of Buffalo, was held on the 10th of May. It appears from their report, that within the year they have sent to are still in hand. Well done patriotic has already blessed you most fervently; many a precious life has doubtless been each communicant. saved by your kind instrumentality; comfort of reflecting that you did somehappy result. There, are many others Rev. S. B. King. that will be obliged to reflect in shame and ignominy, that by publishing bogus proclamations and the like, they did

what they could to defeat it. GEN. WADSWORTH'S DEATH.

Western New York mourns for the hero fallen. And to-morrow she will bury him reverently in the beautiful

public vindication of the power and the by his former parishioners, by the of our wounded men. Dr. S. Barrett, o'clock the roll was called and the min utes of yesterday read and approved Synodical records and statistical reports were called for and handed in. The

The reports of the Permanent Committees were next in order. That on Foreign Missions was read by Walter S. Griffith, Esq., of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Griffith is a merchant, but also an active Christian elder, and always pre

FOREIGN MISSIONS. Sixty ministers connected with the General Assembly, are in the service of the American Board, nearly all of whom are in the Foreign field-two less than last year.

Extracts were read from the corres pondence of the missionaries abroad with the Committee. The letters of the Missionaries showed a warm attachment to the Church, and an earnest desire that the interest of God's people at home in the conversion of the world might be increased. They all ask for reinforce ments.

The contributions of the churches to the hospitals and to the field 710 barrels this cause, as reported in the minutes of and boxes; valued at \$9,000. They last year, were \$80,487 08. Of the 1464 have on hand still some three hundred churches connected with the assembly, dollars worth of stores. They have 629 contributed to this cause—an in crease as compared with last year, of raised almost \$30,000; of which they thirty-four in the number of contribuhave sent \$11,600 to the United States ting churches, and of above \$10,000 in Christian Commission; \$5,000 are a the amount contributed. Eight Presfund for soldiers' families; and \$8,000 byteries report no contributions. Sixty one Presbyteries, with an aggregate membership of 44,367 gave but \$15,860 ladies of Buffalo ! Many a poor soldier to send the gospel to the heathen-less than twenty-eight cents per annum for

Only five of the 162 Presbyteries have reported the appointment of a Presbyand when the stars and stripes again terial agent on this subject, and from float triumphantly over every portion only two such agents have reports been of our beloved land, you may have the received by the Permanent Committee. These two are the Presbytery of Utica; reported by Rev. J. N. McGiffert, and thing toward securing that grand and the Presbytery of Crawfordsville, by

The committee urge the General Assembly to try to secure an earnest and spirited response by the Presbyteries to the year, and several more are under the action of last year, in the appointment of an agent in each, who shall bring before the churches this great cause of Christian benevolence, and re-when the rebellion shall be suppressed. port to the committee.

The committee contended that the churches ought not to diminish their contributions for the foreign work on demand the Gospel from loyal lips. account of the many pressing claims at home. We are under obligations to our | More missionaries are needed in New brethren who have gone abroad. They | York than any other State, while Pennenlisted before the war began. They honor of our Christianity is concerned in this matter. Is not our principle of They have preached statedly in 403 voluntaryism in support of religion equal places, and the aggregate of their labors The committee referred to the death nearly 1,500 to the churches in which McLane. to the Treasury, while the churches. The report of the permanent Commit- have contributed clothing and other tee on Education was read by the Sec-

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systematic presentation of this subject to all the churches annually, and that in view of the advanced cost of living they have discretionary power to advance the appropriations at least \$20 on ach grade of students.

Committee state, that on account of the war the number of candidates for the ministry is diminished; and yet the call for an earnest self denying ministry was never so great and urgent as it is to-day. We cannot have such a ministry unless we train it. This cause therefore must be discussed in the pulpit. Let the duty of the parents, of young men, the dignity and worth of the Christian ministry there be presented.

We must increase the ministry; for the work for which it was instituted is not yet done, and there are not men enough engaged in it to do it. We cannot, dare not say, there are ministers enough as long as God calls men to preach the Gospel.

The report discussed at length and with great ability the question :--Have we ministers enough already?

Statements were made in behalf of the Theological Seminaries connected with the Assembly. Auburn Seminary was represented by Frederick Starr, Jr., as its Financial Agent; Lane Seminary, by Prof. D. H. Allen, D. D., and Union Seminary by Prof. H. B. Smith, D. D.

The Report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented by its Secretary, Rev. H. Kendall, D. D.

# HOME MISSIONS.

The third annual report on Home Missions opens with the expression of devout thankfulness to Almighty God that no Missionaries have been cat down by death during the past year, and that all have been able to continue their labors in cheerfulness and peace.

Attention was called to the importance of planting churches in the new Territories, which are now filling up so rapidly with an eager population, searching for gold and silver. Several Missionaries have been sent out during appointment.

when the rebellion shall be suppressed. The great body of the clergy in the rebellions States are disloyal, and when order is restored the Union people will

The older States were not forgotten. sylvania, Obio, Michigan, Indiana, and

The number of missionaries employed the whole or part of the year is 297: seventeen churches, and the addition of they have labored. About \$70,000 have been contributed necessary articles directly to the missionaries, to the value of from \$5,000 to \$10,000 more.

to which duty called.

occlesiastical affairs, Calvin displayed New England Theocracy was copied rare ability. John Wesley could not from the Swiss model. Thus, by his surpass him in capacity for organization. | writings and his labors Calvin impressed He adopted in substance the Presbyte- his influence upon the world. In Poland rian system. It harmonized with Scrip. and Italy, in England and Scotland, tural precedent, and favored sound order ( and even beyond the ocean, as well as in and discipline. But he was no jure Holland and in France, the power of divine bigot. He could tolerate Bishops, the Genevan Reformer was erelong felt. only they must not supersede the parity | Time has extended rather than diminof the ministry. They might supervise or superintend the general operations Calvin a vast debt, and our great much more so than their people. Since of the English church he could not Church would be strangely insensible to of them soveral times. He doubted approve, but he still spoke of them as her obligations if she failed to cherish whether forty families, out of a populatolerabiles. No doubt, if a divine war- the memory of such a man as the tion of six thousand, were living where rant had been claimed for them, he statesman, reformer and theologian of they did sixteen years ago. And there would have spurned them with all a Geneva. Puritan's scorn.

Calvin's legal lore fitted him for the task of codifying the laws of Geneva. It has been said that " his labors for the stone of the Olivet Presbyterian Church and come and come is that the renown than his theological works." 30th inst., at 4 o'clock P. M., with appro-Montesquieu commended to the Genevse priate ceremonies. Montesquieu commended to the Genevse priate ceremonies. the observance of the festivals of the The members of the 3d and 4th Pres-day of Calvin's birth and the anniversary byteries are expected to be generally of his arrival in the city. If legislation present and take part as far as the time is to be judged by its results, one might will admit. say with Hooker, of that established by the Genevan reformer, "the wisest, Mitchell, and Aikman of Wilmington, that time living, could not have bettered Del., will offer short addresses. that system." Geneva was a Puritan city. There, at least, the reproach of Protestantism-that it could tear down but not build up, could loosen the bands of authority but could not restrain the turbulence it caused-was wiped away. That little republic, sheltered under the shadow of the Alps, was a standing testimony in favor of Reform. There of this good man in our last. Further was a living epistle known and read of particulars have since come to hand, perhaps, than they have ever been paper.] Was a living epistle known and read of particulars have since come to hand, perhaps, than they have ever been paper.] At the close of the devotional exerci. Seminary (Preparatory conrise) 2. all men. No mitred prelates were and are worthy of devout record. He stirred before, in behalf of our sick and there, and yet men learned to respect was buried on the 10th inst., just wounded soldiers. Contributions to the P. M. the laws. For two centuries Europe | twenty-eight years, to a day, from the | Christian Commission are coming in had been crying out for a reform of the time he came to Augusta, in Oneida from every direction. We hear of sponheart sick, and a better day seemed as distant as ever. But in Geneva, there was not only a decent clergy but a moral people. Gross crime was almost un-known, and vice dared not show its clergy, but hope deferred had made the county, on invitation, to supply the taneous offerings from great numbers face. It was an exhibition of the power acceptable and useful pastorate.

# CORNER-STONE LAYING.

The ceremony of laying the corner-

Rev. Messrs. Bries, March, McLeod, present number 365.

The Building is at the corner of Mt Vernon and Twenty-second streets.

DENT.

# DEATH OF REV. O. BARTHOLOMEW.

We barely mentioned the departure

fience, as a chaplain, has also gone to of truth over the minds of men, and a The funeral was numerously attended offer his services for a time in the care spent the first hour in mayer. At 91 sembly try to secure, if possible, the ing to press.]

ses the Assembly adjourned to 31 o'closes

AFTERNOON SESSION. The Assembly met and the rol mas completed and read. Rev. Themas

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Permanent Committee on Education reported that all local interests are decided commendation of their instructors and bear a fair comparison with their fellows. The appropriations have their fellows. The appropriations have has met with encouraging success. been advanced to the full rates, 331 per Nearly \$30,000 have already been se---never knew a man that could manage as all the other expenses of the Committee, leaving a balance sufficient to enasurances of aid at the commencement of

The action of our churches is becoming more systematic and there are favorable indications of a purpose to give this cause a regular time and place among the evangelistic agencies of the church.

The work of the past year has been done without special agency and proves that our great enterprises can be conducted successfully on the principle of self-development.

Eighty-seven students recommended

of the last Assembly, Prof. H. B. Smith, D. D., of New York. His text was Eph. College 10; Western Reserve 4; Waiv: 13. Subject, Christian Union and bash 5; Marietta 5; Knox 2; Union

About 15 have completed their course of Theological study during the year,

and been licensed to preach. The sum received from the courches in 84 Presbyferies, from 27 individuals, SECOND DAT MORNING SESSION. ring the Summer are light. The Assembly met at \$2 o'clock, and The Committee suggest that the As-

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Report of the Publication Committee was read by Rev. J. W. Dolles, sued during the year, 11 tracts and nine bound volumes. The receipts for the year were \$28,407.25, and the expenditures \$33,281.11. The effort to secure an endowment of \$50,000 for the committee cured, and the hope is, that the whole will be made up before the close of the

The Treasurer's report was read by the Clerk ; the Treasurer himself, A. P. Halsey, having died since the last meeting of the Assembly. The report and the nomination of a Treasurer were re-ferred to Elders E. D. Mansfield and Edward T. Taylor.

The Lafayette Avenue Presbyferian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., was chosen as the next place of meeting. Drs. Crosby and Parr, and Elder

Churchill were appointed to nominate a Committee of Arrangements.

On motion of Rev. J. G. Butler, a committee was appointed to report on a revision of the statistical tables in the minutes. The committee consists of Dr. Hatfield, Rev. J. G. Butler, Dr. H. Crosby, Revs. Richard Craighead and A. Marsh.

Rev. Mr. Winters, of the Synod of the German Reformed Church, appeared and presented the request of that body and presented the request of that body for a correspondence with this. The request was unanimously complied with On motion of Prof. H. B. Smith committee was appointed to bring the memorial on the tercentenary of the

death of John Calvin. Committee: Drs. H. B. Smith, Patterson, Hitchcock and Spees, and Rev. C. E. Babb.

The report of the delegates from the Assembly to the bodies with which it is in correspondence were read.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported the appointments for preaching on the coming Sabbath.

[This is all that we have received of the proceedings, up to the time of go-