PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1864.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN OF THE 51ST is interesting to every class of observers. PENNSYLVANIA.

The following letter though delayed to many of our readers who are acquainted with the regiment and its chaplain:

FREDERICKSBURG, VA.,) May 19th, 1864.

BRO. MEARS :- After several months' absence from my regiment-having resigned while it was at Vicksburg-I again joined it on the 5th of April, at Annapolis. In the midst of a drenching rain, and for the first time in my life, riding on a locomotive, I entered the city where in 1861 I joined the original Burnside expedition. My first business where nothing but the prices would for duty.

While the troops were lying at An- | you !" napolis, from the 5th to the 22d of April, work, knowing that on the march and some volume is no exception. during an active campaign there is little that a chaplain can do. During this short period, I was happier in my work and felt more encouraged than in all my but indifferent attempts at a due celeformer experience in the army. Visiting bration. A week of dramatic and kinthe hospital almost daily, where I read the Scriptures, prayed and distributed religious reading, so liberally supplied by ting religious papers and tracts from the same source, throughout the regiment, having prayers at dress parade and a prayer-meeting in my tent every evening, and preaching on Sundays, this was the routine of my delightful labors.

Larger numbers attended my Sunday preaching than I had been accustomed to see before, and my tent was crowded to overflowing, night after night, at the of Christian men, which a chaplain in the army pines for, and ordinarily cannot have, I found among the agents and delegates of the Christian Commission. Camp Parole was very near my own camp, and there with Revs. Turbitt, Bent, Sloan and others of this Commission, and Rev. J. P. Cook of the 94th N. Y. V., I spent such hours as I could spare in social and religious conversation, in praise and prayer and Bible reading, oxhorting and encouraging cach other.

One sad event cast its shadow over this period. Washington Griffith, who had been a scholar in my Sunday school at Norristown during all my pastorate

Bible-readers will notice the decided preference given by the great composer in publication, will be found interesting to the very words of Scripture in such compositions as refer to Scripture events. Thus speaking of his "St. Paul," he writes: "All the passages that from books of the Old Testament, namely, various reasons I formerly wished to transpose or to alter, I have replaced the published programme of lectures to exactly as I find them in the Bible—it be delivered at the College of France, is always the best of all." Again; how in which his name appears with the encouraging to a youth looking out on the busy and crowded scene of human

pursuits on which he is about doubtfully to enter, are the following noble and wise words, addressed to his nephow: " In all employments and in all spheres, there is now and always will be a want was to seek the husband of a woman, of able, honest workmen, and therefore who had come from central Pennsyl- it is not true when people declare it vania with an infant in her arms, to find now more difficult than formerly to him. He was sick in the hospital. Suc- achieve anything. . . . A genuine, faithceeding in this, and leaving them to- ful heart, true love, and a brave, detergether, I made my way to the table, mined will, are alone required for this. . . And," as if correcting himself, he suggest that I was in a first class hotel, piously adds: "Even if you do all in and prepared by rest and food and a your power, still nothing is done, no change of clothing, for reporting myself | thing is attained, without the fulfilment of one fervent wish-may God be with

Mr. Leypoldt always gets up his books was the time for me to be busy with my in excellent taste, to which this hand-

LITERARY ITEMS.

The Tercentenary of Shakspeare's Birth was allowed to pass in England with dred entertainments was spen at his Birth-place-Stratford-on-Avon-and a commemorative oak tree was planted on Primrose Hill, London, but no sucby the Christian Commission, distribu- cessful united recognition of the day in a suitable manner could, it appears, be organized. The various literary memorials of the poet, consisting of multiplied editions of his works and various publications touching upon his charac-ter, genius, history, &o., were the most worthy memorial of the event in the country of his birth.

The Sale of the Library of the late George Daniel, the critic, is announced for this month in London. One of its distinguished features consists of the to overflowing, night after night, at the works of Shakspeare, comprising the prayer-meeting. That companionship finest First Folio known, and the First Editions of the Quarto Plays, all being remarkable copies of the highest degree of rarity. The collection is also rich in Elizabethan literature, comprising some unique pieces of considerable interest. A most wonderful Series of Black-Letter Ballads, many of which are quite unique, will also form a feature of remarkable interest. There are also some highly curious autograph letters of Dr. Johnson and other distinguished men.

> DR. HORACE BUSHNELL -" Work and Play," by this eminent divine, has been republished in England, and reviewed there with commendation.

FAITH AND PHILOSOPHY .--- Among rocent works bearing upon the theological questions of the day, Dr. Hannah's Bampton Lectures of 1863 is noticeable. Its title is: ". The Relations between the Divine and the Human Elements in | In the first cable the core was protected Holy Scripture." Its concessions to by three coverings of gutta percha, the critical spirit are noticed in the weighing 261 pounds per nautical milerecent number of the West minster Review. Dr. H. does not regard "what may be technically called the narrative of history" as begun before the 5th chapter of Genesis.— A work of value in the same branch of inquiry is "The Nature structed it will be 400 pounds per mile. and being a year too young, thought he and Extent of Divine Inspiration as sidered is the protection to be afforded stated by the writers and deduced from to the core, and the insulating portions. the facts of the New Testament," 'by Rev. C. A. Row, Oxford; Longmans, London. He says: "The question as to the nature of the Inspiration of the New Testament may be considered the -Rev. Charles Kingsley, the wellknown author, has also written and published on the Colenso controversy : "The Gospel of the Pentateuch; A Set ses" his hearers to believe in the Mosaic origin of the Pentateuch, drawing them off from critical inquiries, after the example of Stanley in his

trial rather than tell a lie; a high moral been obtained in a very satisfactory tone pervades the drama. FRANCE.-It is said that Renan is

about to reappear in the position of is much lighter than water, hence the Lecturer in the College of France upon | comparatively low specific gravity. condition that he confines his studies to Another important point is the

the lyrical and secondary historical Ecclesiastes, the Psalms, Job, Esther, etc. This rumor is rather confirmed by note that he will lecture on the book of In other words, if the cable were sus Job. 60,000 copies of the cheap edition. of his " Life of Jesus" have been already sold, and the demand for them continues to be as great as ever. He has already received \$25,000 from the sale of the 8vo. edition, and it is believed that the book-both editions-will put \$33,000 into his purse before the first of

GERMANY .--- The first volume of a merged. The distance to be traversed between History of the United States has been issued in Germany by Karl F. Neumann. It brings the narrative down to the Presidency of Jefferson. It is more a constitutional history than a pageant of events. It goes back to the colonial system and traces the complicated party manœuvres from this time. It is calculated to remove prejudice and acquairt Europe with the facts of which they are willingly ignorant. It will be completed in two more volumes, of which the second will soon appear.----The first volume of a life of Carl Ritter, by Dr. Kramer, has appeared.

THE NEW ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH OABLE.

July next.

The following description of the tele graph cable, which is proposed to be aid across the bed of the Atlantic ocean n 1865, is from the London Observer :-

In the construction of the telegraph cable, the great and difficult problem to solve was how to arrange the various parts so as to prevent any strain upon the "core.". There are some portions of the Atlantic where the depth is more than two and a-half miles, and the mere weight of such a length of cable as would extend from the bottom of the ocean to the ship would be sufficient unless proper precautions were taken, to stretch and probably to break the communication. The line which was first constructed failed in consequence of this point not having been kept sufficiently in view-its specific gravity was much too great for its strength, and it was the strain upon the inner core which was, no doubt, the cause of the failure. The new cable, like the first one, has a centre or core formed of seven copper wires-six laid round one. The weight of copper in these wires is, however, 300 pounds for each nautical mile as against 106 pounds in the first cable. This is in itself an important point of

difference, the weight of copper for the conducting wires in the whole length being more than 200 tons greater than in the first cable. The gauge of the wire to be used is that known as No. 18. These conducting wires are to be insulated by four layers of gutta percha, laid on alternately with four thin layers of the material known as Chatterton's compound, the diameter of the core thus covered being rather less than half an inch, the exact figures being .464 of an uch, and the circumference 1 392 incl

The next important point to be con-

will be brought to bear upon the cable

of the telegraph proper. This consists

will lend their strength to the cable

about to be manufactured has a vast

superiority over the former one in re-

manner. The hemp which surrounds the protecting covering of the iron wires

strength or breaking strain of the cable. The breaking strain of the first telegraphic cable was 65 cwt., that of the present one is 155 cwt., or considerably more than twice that of the former. The new cable is equal to eleven times its weight per nautical mile in water. pended in water it would bear its own weight for a depth of eleven miles. Now, as the deepest part of the Atlantic, between Ireland and Newfoundland, is 2,400 fathoms, or about two miles and a half, it follows that the cable will bear a strain equal to 6.64, or nearly five times its own vertical weight, in the deepest water in which it will be sub-

> Ireland and Newfoundland is 1,640 miles. The first cable was laid with 15 per cent, of "slack" over and above the actual mileage. If the whole of the line be taken on the Great Eastern, as is intended, it is probable that this amount of "slack" may be considerably reduced. It is intended, however, with a view of providing against all contingencies, to manufacture 2,300 miles. The total weight of the cable to be laid will be 4,122 tons, a burden which to the Great Eastern will be a very trifling affair. The actual cost of the telegraph and the expense of laying it are to be defrayed out of the new capital of £600, 000, upon which there is a joint guarantee of the British and American Governments of 8 per cent.



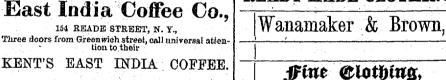
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MENDELSSOHN. Letters of Felix Mendels-sohn Bartholdy, from 1833 to 1847. Edited by Paul and Carl Mendelssohn Bartholdy: with a Catalogue of all his Musical Compositions compiled by Dr. Julius Rietz. Translated by Lady Wal-lace. Philadelphia: Frederick Leypoldt. 16mo. pp. 421.

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> GOLD AND SILVER COINS .- A new manual of current coins has just been issued in London; said to be "the most useful volume of its kind since the publication of that by Messrs. Eckfeldt and Dubois, of the United States Mint: and really served only to increase the speciin the number and beauty of its fac- fic gravity of the cable, without giving similes, and of the coins described, to it any additional strength. The cable excels that well-known work."

An edition of the "False Decretals" in Latin, has lately been published in gard to its specific gravity. The first London.----A Life of the theologian one weighed, in air, 20 cwt.; the pres-Calixnis of the 17th century has lately ent one will weigh 34 cwt. to the nautiappeared in Oxford and London, written | cal mile. In water, however, the weight by Rev. W. C. Dowding. The author of the first cable was 13.4 cwt. per mile; hopes the conciliatory theology of Calixt may possibly have a beneficial influence on parties at present divided in England. —George H. Lewes' Life of Gethe the specific gravity of the present one, and increased diameter, weighs but 14 cwt. When it is considered that proba-the specific gravity of the present one, notwithstanding its greater strength and increased diameter, weighs but 14 cwt. When it is considered that probahas reached a sale of 13,000 in England | bly some eight miles of the cable will be and Germany.—Rawlinson's 2d volume suspended in water between the points on the "Two Great Monarchies of the on which the cable rests at the bottom Ancient Eastern World" has appeared, of the ocean, and the ship from which it and is full of valuable and original is being paid out, it will be seen at once They reveal to us a character of uncom-mon beauty and symmetry, with indica-tions of ability, good judgment and general excellence by no means limited to his immediate profession. A truly great man admits of being contemplated from more than one point of view, and

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