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MEETING OF THE AMERICAN BOARD AT WORCESTER.

This time-honored institution held its anniversary meeting this year, under most favorable circumstances. A full account of its proceedings will be found Rochester. Pennsylvania, also furnishes systematic cruelty legalized wrong in our columns: The fact that the Board a worthy name for the list -Samuel F cannot prosper, cannot escape a just rewas permitted to meet without the em- Small, Esq., of York. It will, also be barrassment of a debt hanging over its observed, that Wm. E. Dodge, Esq., the prospects, gave a very cheering aspect to the gathering. The place of meeting ed Vice President, in place of Hon. to the gathering. The place of meeting ed vice tresident, in place whose sing, them, and of destroying hope and was also every way favorable. The William Jessup, of our own State, whose sing, them, and of destroying hope and was also every way favorable. The William Jessup, of our own State, whose sing, them, and of destroying hope and was also every way favorable. The William Jessup, of our own State, whose sing, them, and of destroying hope and was also every way favorable. The William Jessup, of our own State, whose sing, them, and of destroying hope and the state of pleasant city of Worcester, the beautiful seriously impaired health forbids his hall in which the meetings were held _ longer serving in this responsible posione of the finest in all the land-and tion; while at the same time a resoluthe large attendance of strong and ex. tion of sympathy with Mr. Jessup and They were put naked upon the market cellent men, participating with their bis family in reference to his impaired instances, before the houses; the aged ample experience and wisdom, in the health, and of respect for his twenty, and infirm and sick were placed upon cellent men, participating with their his family in reference to his impaired business and public meetings, gave in- years of faithful service in behalf of the an island in the Tiber, and left to creased interest and absolute grandeur Board was cordially passed. to the occasion.

could be; neither too hot nor too cold; propriate and beautiful that it was ever clear, bright, beautiful, and exhilarating; our privilege to witness on such an occaputting one in the best of spirits.

of Worcester, so gracefully exercised as and hopeful, that many, could not real as wild beasts, to acquire facility in the to put their guests entirely at ease, strain their tears of joy. Many who use of arms. Every slave was annually contributed immensely, not only to the have often attended these meetings of whipped, to remind him of his servitude. present comfort, but to the lasting the Board, have freely remarked that They were not allowed to sing pure, profit of the meeting. It was not in mere form that the thanks of that vast fitable or pleasant than this. All seemed indecent games, to effect their selfder for her proudest citizens laughtered. In seemed to pass away deeply impressed with the radation. They, were compelled to their selfder their selfde were tendered to the good people of solemnity and givery of the missionary the Spartan youth might be discussed, a ces mourning; at her gates thunders the Spartan youth might be discussed, the conqueror; the conqueror who will and taught to shun the vice of drunken. Special thanks; more than ever before to promote its ness. The high-spirited and the strong, American slavery is avenging itself, we are sure, were due to the committee of arrangements, and particularly to Dr. Sweetser, the excellent chairman, and to Charles M. Miles, Esq, the gentlemanly, agreeable, and courteous secretary, for the thorough manner in which they had discharged their duties. Among the distinguished persons present, the venerable face and form of they can be understood with little diffi-Dr. Cox was conspicuous ; and in spite of his advanced years he also made some represented, in the persons of Albert Barnes, Dr. Brainerd, and Mr. McLeod. 1t a sublime spectacle when, on Friday which a less criminal and a chosen peoevening, in the presence of an audience ple are marching, under a pillar of cloud as every seat, and aisle, and nock, and the promised land. War is one of the door-way of that vast hall was crowded. Barnes rose and offered a series of reso. lutions in behalf of the country. He of our country, which has entailed such profaced them with a few weighty unprecedented sacrifices of treasure and words, to which all listened with pro- of blood, which has invested with such found attention, and then expressed a tragic and imperishable interest hunhope that they might pass without de- dreds of localities, towns and villages bate. Some one suggested that the hill-sides and mountains, bluffs and whole assembly be invited to vote on the resolutions, and to do it by rising. They were so invited by the President; whereupon, all sprang enthusiastically to their feet, and seconded their vote with demonstrations of applause. It was a grand expression of sympathy with the government, and pledge of support in its hour of trial and need. And it was easy to see; on more occasions than one, where the sympathies of this great assembly were, and how all hearts throbbed with interest in the one question of the hour. Every allusion to our honest President, to our noble army, to Grant, to Farragut and other heroes, or to our suffering soldiers, was greeted with some token of special recognition. Though the members of this assembly are not generally politicians, yet they are a power in the land, and it will be hard work for treason to triumph while these, and such as these, remain true to the dear old flag. The presence of Dr. King, of Greece, was, perhaps, the marked feature of this meeting. All were anxious to see him; all looked upon him with the highest veneration and respect-the man who has been absent thiriy-six years from his native land, who has endured so much persecution for Christ and stood faithful in all, was the man whom they delighted to honor.



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meeting, it will be seen, is the determi-nation to attempt to raise six HUNDRED history of other nations. We may enti-THOUSAND DOLLARS in the current year the the extract— THOUSAND DOLLARS in the current year the the extract— THOUSAND DOLLARS in the current year the the extract— THOUSAND DOLLARS in the current year the the extract— THOUSAND DOLLARS in the current year the the extract— Thousand be and the present the optime of the present of the simplest course that Thousand be and the present the present the present of the for missions. This is absolutely neces THE WAR A PUNISHMENT FOR NATIONAL ny. Throughout the entire sphere of Puritan scrupulosity could have sugsary, in order to pay the current rates of exchange, and to reinforce such mission stations as are now suffering for | rupt nations of antiquity, the preacher want of laborers. This action was says: cordially endorsed and urged by the strong monied men in the meeting, and seemed equally to commend itself to manity. Not only was debauchery the good judgment and approbation of universally approved by their laws, and the good judgment and approbation of universally approved by their religion; so also was the entire assembly. It is believed that the amount may be raised within the the amount may be raised within the current year. Many

Among the new members it will be

noticed, we have two good men from Western New York;-Rev. Dr. Canfield, of Syracuse, and Louis Chapin Esq., of merchant princer of New York, is elect Intion as a dangerous element in the The closing service on Friday morn that over 4000 were put to death to The weather, too, was just as fine as ing was one of the most touching, apsion. It was a heavenly scene, so ten-

they have never been at one more proglorious interests.

PROVIDENCE OF GOD IN THE PUNISHMENT AND DISCIPLINE OF NATIONS.

ANOTHER DOCTRINE FOR THE TIMES. Great evils do not visit the nations without an adequate cause. Generally culty. They arise from, sin; from the violation of natural or moral laws. good speeches. Philadelphia was well They are the results of a long career of over an earthquake. National wickedpresumptuous iniquity, or they are the swift punishment of outrageous wrong, was an occasion of thrilling interest, and or they are the severe training through of not less than four thousand people, and of fire, through the wilderness to direst of national scourges; a civil war to our own history, condition and prosthe venerable, learned, gentle, beloved one of the most dreadful of wars. The Pect. war which devastates so large a portion heights, plains and vallies, river-bends and crossings, railroad centres, harbors, inlets and islands; which has a record of battles on land and water, of sieges, of and right principles? Has not our intrenchments, of advances and retreats, desecration of the Sabbath, our national of great campaigns, of critical periods, when agonized millions held their breath, of heroie daring and endurance, of savage barbarities wreaked upon unarmed men and women, upon helpless prisoners, upon the property of noncombatants, not surpassed and scarcely equalled in the world's history, this war too has a meaning, and a plain one. It is holding up, in bold and blazing characters, truths overlooked and slighted by our people heretofore, but which God intended we should heed in spite of our selves. The conscience of this nation must be roused, and the thunder clap of ernment of God be ignored in this

INJUSTICE.

Speaking of the overthrow of the cor-

Another cause for their dissolution and abandonment to the just judgments of Heaven may be found in their inhumillions of their natural rights, and not only so, but they treated them with systematic cruelty. ; Violating thus the laws of humanity and of God, retribu-bution was visited upon them. Under God's administration, national injustice; compense of reward and the 1.000

Rome held 60,000,000 of peoplet as slaves, and considering this vast popu-State, omitted no opportunity of oppresmaster was invested with absolute' power, and, so far as possible, he reduced them to the condition of brutes. block, were chained like dogs, in some perish." In one instance, it is recorded expiate the crime of one of their number, who could not be detected.

Nothing could exceed the inhumanity and cruelty of Greece in her treatment of her slaves, whose number was more The generous hospitality of the people der and impressive, and yet so cheerful than four times that of her free citizens. ennobling songs, but were required to sing sensual songs, and to engage in of her proudest citizens are fugitives, manly slaves were either broken in spirit and manhood or killed outright. No wonder then that Rome was given over to destruction, that the sun of Grecian civilization, so resplendent with

the lustre of arts and arms, went down, itself before the nations. succeeded by a long night of desolation.

element of natural right, of justice and demns it; the moral sense, unless blinded by prejudice or seduced by interest, rebution of Heaven fell upon this country, where it was tolerated, upon the gov ernment which legalized it, and surroundthe world, who shared in the guilt of establishing or perpetuating it, or who participated in its fruits and products? Providence which presides over nations, could not pass over, unobserved and un-

denied every right of manhood. And it has frequently and justly been observed, that penalty has fallen heaviest where offence was greatest. Where slavery enacted its darkest crimes, it has norals, there were witnessed most frequently scenes of duelling, and murder, and riot, and rancorous passion; and delity and sin. Virginia, with a soil so worn that slave labor was no longer productive (and it is one of the retributions of this system of forced labor that it never fails to wear out the soil, and how has she been stripped and trodden down, and made a desolation, in retribution for her infamy! Charleston, of slavery; and more than any other, perhaps, she has suffered, and drank of the wine of Heaven's wrath. All along

American slavery is avenging itself, meting out just and proportional penalty, South, North, abroad, wherever guilt or complicity therein may be righteous government is vindicating.

its influence it is at war with every gested, calling it by the village in which it was erected, the corporate name display and of the spirit of the of which is not St. George but St. George but St. George's. They did not trouble them selves as to the idle fancies that might oils from it; religion condemns it. arise in some crack-brained correspon Hence, is it strange that the just retri- dent, who may, if he chooses, write to the Recorder that it is ungrammatical to speak of living in St. George's, unless t with constitutional safeguards, upon you mean to say that you have taken all classes, South, North, in Europe, up your abode, Jonah-like, in the veri table body of the old dragon-killer.

As to the geographical knowledge It was not possible for this grand displayed in the article, we must believe multitudinous wrong to go unpunished. | that New England has sent abroad so That intelligent and just and exacting many of her "schoolmasters" that at least the junior portion of the correspondents of the Recorder have suffered this Presbytery, we learn that three of men held to unrequited toil, and from a neglect of the primary part of new laborers, (names not given,) have their education. "In the State of Dela- | taken up fields of labor within its bounds. ware," says the learned correspondent, 'there is a St. Mary's county." Certainly, the eagerness of the writer to avenged itself most rigorously. Where overwhelm little Delaware with the t most cheapened life and debauched odium of multiplying saintships has odium of multiplying saintships has helped him into this gross error, from which the editor of the Recorder either there were oftenest heard tales of infi- did not know how, or did not care, to save him as he might have done, by a stroke of the pen. New England must be careful how she would correct the errors of Philadelphia journals, and indemand new territory), turned to slave deed beware of criticising, with undue ditions have been made to the majority breeding, for the southern market. And severity, the frequent mistakes of British of our churches during the year, on projournals in regard to the geography of this country, if she reveals such gross more than any other city, perhaps, is ignorance of the internal divisions of a tures of our Christian communities. possessed and infatuated with the spirit State with but three counties in all— They seem to be constantly achieving Newcastle, Kent and Sussex. Let good. "Illinian" and the Recorder look care-

ther wharves grass grows to-day. Many fully at their atlases when they make their next venture in geographical Pastor and Patriarch in our church, recriticism. If they cannot find maps of tires from the pastorate of the First her streets there is beggary, in her pal- the State, with counties named, in Presbyterian church in that city after Boston, we will furnish them with an excellent atlas published in this city, containing all the information needed, at wholesale prices.

found. God's hand is in this. His ALEWS of the Churches.

PRESBYTERY OF IOWA CITY .--- The My friends, "affliction cometh not forth, from the ground, neither doth trouble spring from the dust." The lyn, Iowa, Sept. 6, 1864. Presbytery of Iowa City met at Brook Rev. C. W. Treadwell was chosen laid, accompanied with interesting reli-Moderator, and Rev. S. S. Howe, Temporary Clerk. Rev. L. B. Rogers was received from the Presbytery of Niagara. Mr. Benjamin Talbot, a Licentiate of Franklin in relation to our country, notwith- Presbytery, and now Professor in the Iowa State Asylum for the deaf and all, not in promise merely, but in fulfill- dumb at Iowa City, was received by ment also, an abandonment of habits letter and at his request examined and ordained to the Gospel ministry. An overture to Synod was adopted, a Presbyterian minister in Newton. requesting that the Presbytery be divided so as to follow in general range, the two lines of Railway in our bounds. running west from the Mississippi. Rev. W. M. Kain was dismissed to anite with the Presbytery of Lexing-

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REV. ALVAN DAY .--- This brother, late of Morris, Grundy co., Ill., has been appointed chaplain of the 91st Regt. III. Volunteers, and is stationed at Brazos. Santiago, Texas, where he can be addressed.

DRAFTED MINISTERS .--- We see named. among the recent recipients of our good Uncle Samuel's compliments, Rev. G. D. Archibald, of the First, and Rev. W. W. Atterbury, of the Second Presbyterian churches in Madison, Ind., Rev. E. Bushnell, of Fremont, O., and Rev. A W. Freeman, of Aurora, Ill. The congregations of the first two have procured for them substitutes. We have not learned how it is with the others.

PRESBYTERY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND. -From the Christian Herald's report of the proceedings of the recent meeting of

"While," says the report, " we rejoice much in having accessions so valuable, we are very anxious to have two more good men: one for Newtown and Rob Roy and the other for Perryville and vicinity." We add the following sen. tences from the narrative of the state of eligion: "Sabbath ministrations are attended generally by increased numbers and with growing interest. The weekly prayer meeting is sustained with special encouragement in most of our churches; in some with new fervor and power. Several of our congregations have been refreshed from on high; adfession of faith. Sabbath Schools are generally in a very hopeful and efficient condition, and are the marked fea-

REV. DE BEMAN.-We learn from the Troy Daily News that this venerable precisely forty years of service in that capacity. He intends removing to southern Illinois, to spend the remainder of his life among kindred and friends. He is now in the eightieth year of his

CORNER STONE LAID .- During the session of the Synod of Iowa, in Newton, Iowa, on the 10th ult., the cornerstone of a new church in that town was gious exercises in which Rev. M. H. Dysart, the Moderator of Synod, and Rev. Messrs Thompson Bird, Henry B. Holmes, L. B. Rogers, L. H. Loss, and W. Treadwell took part. The stone was deposited by Rev. C. I. Slack, the Pastor of the church. Mr. Bird treated the audience to some very interesting reminiscences, having himself, in 1850, preached the first sermon delivered by DEPOSITION-The Third Presbytery of New York, on the 3d inst., pronounced sentence of deposition against Rev. Henry Toelke, sometime since suspended for errors in doctrine and practice, and afterwards refusing to respect the act of suspension, and giving no evidence of repentance. REVIVAL IN NEW ALBANY, IND .--- In relation to the Third church in this place, the correspondent of the Evangelist writes: "The faith and love of God's dear people have been revived 2 and strengthened by the evident manifestation of His blessed presence in our f assemblies. From some who were out * of Christ, has been heard the anxious 1 inquiry, What must we do to be saved? " And a small number are now rejoicing " in the assurance of sins forgiven." New CHURCH.---The Indianapolis³¹ Presbytery has taken under its care a new church recently organized in Edinburgh, Ind. A Pastor is wanted for it, $\frac{1}{4}$ in connection with other work in the region. Apply to the Assembly's Committee on Home Missions. ORDINATION. - This evening, (13th) is appointed for the ordination of Mr. J. H W. Stevenson, by the Third Presbytery 16 of New York, and his installation as ³⁰ Pastor of the Second church of Jersey. city. fah lint.

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war is to do it We are glad to know that our clergy are not insensible to their great duty as we have endeavored to set it forth,

of interpreting and enforcing the solemn retribution upon that/monstrous evil. providential lessons of the times. While We thought our prosperity was fixed preparing to write upon this branch of and enduring as the mountains. It was the subject, we were so fortunate as to fondly imagined that there could be so meet with a sermon by REV. F. L ROBBINS, pastor of Green Hill Church. on the Divine Administration over the Affairs of this World, an extract, from tion of marriage, carries prostitution which will express, with force and dig- into the sacred circle of the family, de- historical article, the same form used nity, the thoughts we had intended to body and his own labor, seals up the in speaking of "Plainfield Church"; and gelist. H. L. STANLEY, Stated Clerk.

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is the lesson of histor God will not permit nations to ran a career of injustice, and cruelty, and voluptuousness, and irreligion unchecked. Godless prosperity does not stand like the mountains. Its mountain stands ness, though it rise to Babel height, towering high, heaven defying, will meet, must meet, sooner or later, its doom of overthrow.

God is governing this world on prin ciples of justice, and with a care that never overlooks iniquity or falters in its punishment.

And now let us apply these principles

For three years and a half the work of retribution has been going on. We have been explating and we are explating, in the sorrows, and sufferings, and martyrdoms of war, our national sins. A most absurd attempt at criticism We have been called by the visitations appears in the Boston Recorder, of of calamities to remember, repent of, and put away our sins.

Has not this nation been rebuked for declining from the ways of the pious fathers, for abandoning their godly cus- interested, a little innocent sport, we toms and observances, the high character conceded to them for moral integrity eagerness for gain, our abundant pestilential literature-much of it "sensual and devilish "--our Atheistic disregard of God, the conceded and almost universal corruption in the domain of politics, the very general rapacity and venality of public servants, had an influence in producing the existing state of things? You have been so judging and saying for three years, and yet do you, do we for three years, and yet do you, do we cally St. George'ses church, or better than either, the church in St. George's, but not to put ourselves and our republican in with any propriety "St. George's Church." terests' on the side of safety and the It is a pity that the "saints" and they are not expelled from the gatter of Protestant nations. We would this is necessary to our complete success of the Presbyterian brethren in St. George's church." in the fields of war. Let not the gov-

But dwell for a little upon this principle of retribution, and see how signally it is illustrated in regard to the great national sin of Slavery. I think this war is God's curse, poured out in ment with the element of slavery in it. Now slavery violates every natural to a number of the Boston Congregational victories with which he has so signally right of man, desecrates the holy rela-tion of marriage and neartinto the sacred circle of the family, de-One other noticeable feature of the present, besides furnishing some perti- blessed Bible and the fountains of in- again, in another column, the "Abington Lyons, Iowa, Oct. 3, 1864.

sins of this nation, and among them this great sin of slavery, have precipitated this republic, in its fast and furious career, against the iron barrier of God's everlasting decrees. And I repeat, here on this holy Sabbath morning, as the most solemn truth that can be uttered standing present successes and hopeful auguries, a return to justice, justice to and, practices which conflict with God's righteous government, alone can save us from disintegration, anarchy and ruin past redemption.

YANKEE NOTIONS OF GRAMMAR AND GEOGRAPHY.

A most absurd attempt at criticism September 30th, headed "The Presbyterian Church at St. George's." To give our readers, especially those most quote the greater part of the article : MESSES. EDITORS :---- A grammatical error in the American Presbyterian seems to justify the idea that there exists (it would seem in

Philadelphia) a Presbyterian church dedi cated to, or named in honor of some Saint George. In the State of Delaware there is a St. Mary's county, and in that a town or village named St. Georges or St. George's. How any St. Mary acquired the large terri-tory, or by what title St. George holds under her appears not to your informant. But it is certain that in that village is a Presbyte-rian church which might be called the St. Georges Presbyterian church, or cacographi-cally St. George'ses church, or better than St. George's a movement in the same direc

Now, as to the bad grammar of the Church," we submit that it is pre-"Boston churches," "London churches," and the like, in support of which convenient abbreviations there is a very we find in the first sentence of an

Iowa City was appointed as the place for the next stated meeting. At the subsequent Sessions of Presbytery during the meeting of Synod at Newton, the following additional business was transacted :

Rev. John Glass was received from the Presbytery of Cedar Valley. Rev L. B. Rogers was added to the Committee on Home Missions. The pastoral relation between Rev. J. W. Atherton and the church at Cedar Rapids was dissolved by mutual consent.

Among other resolutions passed were the following :

but against the great and all-wise Giver of all the glorious principles and holy institutions which constitute us a nation

cisely the same, good or bad, as the liberty loving man and woman and of every Christian, to do all in their power to aid the government in its efforts to or as Boston ladies, Boston merchants. subdue our enemies in arms, and to re-Boston newspapers, Boston Recorder, store our once happy country to its former tranquility and peace.

Resolved, That the sincere and heart-felt thanks of this body are hereby ren-

An abstract of the proceedings of Presbytery was ordered to be published in the Am. Presbyterian and N. Y. Evan-

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REV. TIMOTHY WILLISTON has removed in to South Boston, Iona county, Michigan w -Evangelist. an e de

NAME ERASED .- Rev. Judson Aspinh wall's name was strick an from the roll sto of Kansas Presbytery, at the recentein meeting of the same, he having communit nicated to Pres'oytery his renunciatio of the fellowship of the Church.

të da en që të për bull pontën prefer të të përë dë dratë parë më përë përë të të së të së të së së së së së s Të da e së të të bull pontën prefer të të përë de da dratë parë më të të bull bull të së të së së së së së së s Të da e së të të të së së së së të të të të të të të së së së së së së së të të të të së të së së së së së së s