Correspondence.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT

SYNOD OF UTICA.

The annual meeting of this body was held in New Hartford, commencing or Tuesday evening, 11th inst., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. William H. Lockwood, of Lowville; after which Rev. J. N. McGiffert, of Sauquoit, was elected Moderator, and Revs. S. L. Merrill, of Theresa, and A. Erdman, of Clinton, temporary clerks.

This Synod does its work systematically and efficiently. By previous arrangement portions of each day were devoted to the great interests of the church, as represented in its various causes of benevolence. Dr. Mills was heard for education, Mr. Stowe and Mr. Bush for Home and Foreign Missions; an hour being devoted to each theme. Drs. Fisher and Goertner, of Hamilton College, also made excellent speeches in behalf of Christian education, representing particularly the present condition and prosperity of our own college at Clinton. Although that Institution has sent eighty to one hundred of its students into the loyal army since the war commenced, yet it was never more full or prosperous than now.

Dr. Fisher was also able to add the gratifying fact that those students who have gone into the army, as they have reason to believe, so far from deteriora ting in character, have all, or nearly all been improved, while many who were not Christians before have been con-

Of the last class which graduated at Hamilton, half a dozen are now pursuing a theological course in Auburn, and others are known to be intending to enter upon the same studies ere long. Hamilton is helping to supply the world's want, in respect to ministers of the Gospel.

In connection with the subject of Foreign Missions, a very interesting address was made by Rev. E. F. Doane, a returned Missionary of the American Board, from the Micronesian Island. Mr. Doane is manifestly a man of great simplicity and purity of character, and a devoted, true Missionary. He has also drunk deep of the cup of sorrow having buried wife and child in his absence from the country. Still he speaks in a most cheerful strain of his work. He has seen those poor degraded islanders coming up out of heathenism and putting on Christ, and has reason to be encouraged. He exhibited to the audience specimens of books and translations of portions of the Scriptures, made by the Missionaries; and read extracts of letters received by him from native converts, now taught to read and write, who six years ago were roaming wild savage, and almost naked in their heathenism. Those letters were full of thankfulness for the gospel, and expressed the strongest Christian love for their teachers. Truly the isles shall wait for his law.

In respect to the causes of benevolence thus considered, the Synod appointed a Committee for each one, to bring in a minute to express the mind of the body in regard to it. That for Education urged that every church should take a collection for this important cause; that for Home Missions endorsed the action of the General Assembly, called upon the churches of the Synod to do their part toward raising the \$150,000; that for Foreign Missions, in like manner, expressed a cordial approbation of the vote of the American Board, at Worcester, to raise \$600,000 for the current year's work. The Synod of Utica evidently expects every church to do its

The Lord's Supper was administered on Wednesday afternoon; sermon by Prof. McHarg, of Hamilton College, breaking of the bread by Dr. Mills, distributing the cup by Rev. W. B. Parm lee, of Westernville.

Thursday forenoon the subject of Temperance was to come up; and in the afternoon the State of the Country, and the Christian Commision, at which latter time addresses were expected from Rev. Mr. Moss, Secretary of the Christian Commission, Rev. J. W. Alford, Secretary of the American Tract Society of Boston, and Rev. Yates Hickey, of the American Tract Society of New York; and in the evening Rev. J. J. Porter, recently of St. Louis, now pastor of the First Church in Watertown, was to preach. The Synod of Utica is a working Synod, and this late meeting must accomplish something. The meeting next year is to be in Watertown, in connection with the First Church.

THE CHURCH IN NEW HARTFORD.

tions of Rev. C. C. Kimball, now of Le continual out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, gaged to preach the dedication sermon. and near a hundred conversions have occurred, greatly strengthening and Rev. Geo. S. Boardman, D. D., so long

also encouraging. The Street railway from Utica, three miles distant, is giving new life to business, and bringing in an increase of population. Several buildings are going up, others are projected, city to make this the place of their paired.

And just in good time, the church have extended a call to Rev. Mr. Furbish, of Portland, to be their pastor; and he has accepted the call, and is to enter upon his duties the first of December. The prospects of this church were never more encouraging than now.

INSTALLATION AT WATERTOWN. Rev. J. Jermain Porter, late of St. Louis, was installed pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Watertown, on the 6th inst. Rev. Calvin Yale, Moderator of the Presbytery of Watertown, presided and put the constitutional questions. The other parts of service were as follows:-Invocation and reading the Scriptures by Rev. Geo. Baker, the young pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Watertown; installing prayer by George S. Boardman, D. D. of Cazenovia; sermon by A. A. Wood, D. D., of Geneva; charge to the pastor by S. H. Gridley, D. D., of Waterloo; and address to the people by Rev. S. L Merrill, of Theresa.

The services were of a high order, deeply impressive throughout, and listened to by a large and most attentive audience. At the close all came forward to shake hands with the new pastor. This was apparently done with a will-Great cordiality and affection were plainly manifest, and thus the ministry of this esteemed brother in Watertown is commencing under the most favorable auspices. The church has had but three pastors during a history of nearly fifty years. Rev. Dr. Boardman, who offered the installing prayer, was one of them, and was settled here forty-three years ago. Rev. Isaac Brayton, D. D., who retired from the place last winter, on account of ill-health, had served them twenty-seven years. It is a stable, strong church, and offers a great field for permanent usefulness. Long years may pastor and people reap together.

INSTALLATION AT AUGELICA. Rev. E. L. Boing, late of Durham, in the eastern part of the State, was installed pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Augelica, on Wednesday, 12th inst. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Shaw, of Rochester; charge to the pastor by Rev. H. E. Niles, of Albion; address to the people by Rev. E. W. Stoddard, of Parsippany, N. J. The two latter had been pastors of this church, and were kindly welcomed back to grace the new pupitals. Rev. Dr. Stillman of Dunkirk nuptials. Rev. Dr. Stillman, of Dunkirk, took the introductory service, and Rev. J. B. Beaumont, of Olean, presided on the occasion.

The day was rainy, but the congregation was large notwithstanding, and all seemed deeply interested in the excellent and well-sustained services. Mr Boing has a fine congregation, a good house of worship, and enters upon his new pastorate with every thing favorable to permanence and usefulness. He comes with a good reputation as a preacher, scholar and pastor, and has already secured for himself a warm place in the affections of his people. He will also find a most excellent set of men for his companions and fellowlaborers in the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, to which his church belongs We trust he will find that valley full of Clark assisting in the services. The house green pastures and fruitful ffelds.

Rev. Elias R. Beadle, formerly of Hartford, Ct., has received and accepted the unanimous call of the First Presbyterian Church of Rochester to become its pastor, and will enter at once upon the duties of the office. This is a very important field, and Mr. Beadle will receive a cordial welcome.

Rev. John O. Wells, of Greenville, N. Y., has received and accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church of Romulus, in this State. The good people of Romulus have shown their appreciation of the necessities of the times by offering to appropriate \$500 more than heretofore, \$1700 in all, annually, towards the expense their newly called minister, not six hundred dollars and a parsonage, for salary, as in the former times, but one thousand dollars and a parsonage. This is well done, and we hope that other churches will take notice of it, and be stimulated in like manner to look after the wants of their pastors. Some have not yet raised the salaries of their ministers. Will they tell us how such ministers can live in these times?

SECOND CHURCH, WATERTOWN. The new church edifice for this society is so nearly done, that it is proposed It has been greatly blessed in the to hold the service of dedication on the past year under the faithful ministra- 26th instant. Rev. Dr. Hutton, of New York, to whose church the new pastor Roy. The church has enjoyed almost a at Watertown recently belonged, is en-

respects, the prospects of this church are Presbyterian Church at Cazenovia, has been compelled by protracted ill health to resign his charge, and ask to be released from its arduous duties. We understand his people have not yet acted upon the resignation, but we fear and the convenient distance from Utica that they will be compelled to accept it, must attract many business men of that as his health seems very seriously im-

Rev. W. E. Knox, of Rome, has been spending a fortnight among our soldiers. in the service of the Christian Commission. He will doubtless have a touching tale to tell when he returns to his people, to awaken a deeper interest in behalf of the defenders of our liberties.

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Keligious Intelligence.

Presbyterian.

Hestonville.—A good amount of prosperity attends the Presbyterian church in this place, (a suburb of Philadelphia,) under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Jelly. Eight persons were received to communion on the 2d inst., making more than sixty since the commencement of Mr. J's pastorate. A new church edifice is talked of.

Presbytery at Cincinnati, O. S.—The body, at its recent session, memoralized Congress in favor of the proposed amendment to the National Constitution, recognizing God and Christianity. Speaking of the fact that nowhere in our Constitution is the name of God or of Christ ment oned, nor even his providence recognized, the Presbytery sys: 'We believe that this was an oversight, and not intentional; for our colonial, ipvolutionary and civil history shows ours to be pre-eminently a Christian government, and its whole administration has been in accordance with this great fact. But all this goes to make it the more prominently our shame in the eyes of all Christendom."

The Presbytery of Indianapolis,—0. S., says, through the report of its committee on the minutes of the General Assembly:—"We cordially welcome all the signs of increasing fellowship between the two branches of the Mount Carmel, Mahanoy City, and Paxinos; Presbyterian church, and rejoice at the prostupe the first two in Schuylkill and the latter in Presbyterian church, and rejoice at the prospect of early and decisive steps being aken to unite the two orders.'

Darkness and Dawn.—The narrative o the Synod of Allegheny (O. S.) adopted at its recent meeting in Meadville, says:— We have received accounts of the state of religion from two of the four Presbyteries comprising the Synod, and the impression produced by these is, that the special influence of dod's Spirit has not been in all the churches. It is evident that the Church is neither give nor wholly dead. She has faith, but in too many instances it is a 'dead faith'-' a faith without works.' Surely it is not that faith which wrestles, Jacob like, in prayer, and calls down a Pentecostal blessing on a dying evidently, has not thought the Lord of Glory. world. Neither is it that 'faith which works' by love, which purifies the heart, and over-cometh the world.' The spark of life is still seen, and felt, but for want of faith and prayer, it has in no instance that we can see, been fanned into a flame." After some specifications in keeping with the above general statemennt, the Narrative goes on to say,—'The picture we have drawn is dark. but it is not all dark to the eye of faith. Sabbath schools are conducted with interest, prayer-meetings are kept up and generally well attended, churches are filling up with ing of joy is fast approaching, God will not chide continually, neither will he keep his anger forever. He has chastised us sore, but he has not given us over to death. He is now passing us through the furnace of af fliction, and we shall yet shine in the world with a clearer light when we wear more per fectly the Savior's image."

Revival.—Rev. Dr. Beatty, Principal the Female Seminary in Steubenville, Ohio, writes to the Presbyterian Banner:-" We have had the Spirit's presence this session, especially during the last part of the term, in an unusual degree. Six of our purils made a profession of their faith last Sabbath, on examination. About as many more have found hope in Christ, some of whom will unite with churches at home, and others at the close of the term were deeply interested, but had not yet made the decision."

Dedication in San Francisco.—The Pacific says that the Presbyterian church on Larkin street—Rev. J. D. Strong, Pastor— was dedicated on Sunday, September 4, the Rev. Dr. Wadsworth preaching the sermon, and the Rev. Messrs. Sawtelle, Beckwith and was filled with an appreciative audience.

Congregational.

just now to be an engrossing topic with Boston Congregationalists, the Recorder of 14th inst. says:—"The statement made in the Recorder two weeks ago, that Dr. Stone, of the Park Street Church, had sent in his ported but eighteen baptisms during the resignation, having been contradicted, we year, and the present number 1,300. While have taken pains to make inquiry concerning the matter, of a prominent member of his society. We are informed that he has sent in a letter of resignation, and that it hes been acted upon by both church and society but not accepted. He has been requested to withdraw his resignation; and the society has voted to increase his salary \$1500, thus making it \$5500, and also, if he will remain, of obtaining a first class choir. This last vote was because Dr. Stone has expressed his dissatisfaction with the present character of the singing on the Sabbath. An adjourned meeting of the society was to be held on Wednesday evening of the present week."

Revivals.—Sixteen persons, fourteen on profession of their faith in Christ, and two by letter, were received to the Congregational Church in Sturbridge, in September, under the pastoral care of Rev. M. R. Angier. These make seventy-five in all that have been added to this church upon profession, during the year ending Sept., 1864. The Hartford Religious Herald reports a revival in progress in Rev. John White's church, North Woodstock, Ct., where thirty or forty are already rejoicing in the hope that they have passed from death unto life.

Methodist.

Washington, D. C.—The Rev John Thrush writes to the Christian Advocate and Journal: ... We have a most interesting work of

cheering its membership. In other the acceptable and useful pastor of the paragraph from the Advocate and Journal's account of a camp meeting recently held in Genoa, N. Y., on the shore of Cayuga lake "Love feasts were held every morning at eight, when thrilling testimonies to the mercy of God in Christ were given by the young and the aged, by Baptists, Presbyterians, and Methodists. At these the most noticeable person of the week, a venerated and beloved disciple, widely known as Mother Fox, of Weedsport, recounted her trials and triumphs as she accompanied her father, the Rev. Samuel Bibbins, while itinerating for many years through Central New York. At his request she became the companion of his travels, and an assistant in he services in which he was engaged. While he reaped I gleaned, and great multitudes were brought to Christ through our instrumentality. I am a mother to the Church. I have wept with those who were seeking lesus, and rejoiced with those who believed on him. I have steadily striven to gather stars for my crown. How I love to do my Master's will. As my infirmities of body increase my soul grows more buoyant. It is ight around and bright above. I shall be glad when 1 am clothed with immortality. Brethren, you will live for heaven. Let it be your highest ambition to save souls. God will work mightily through you. Hallelujah! I never shouted much, but as I near the shore I feel like shouting more and more."

Revivals in California.—The San Francisco Advocate records revivals on Honey Lake Circuit, Eldorado Circuit, Visalia Circuit, and Iowa Hill. At some points, particularly on Visalia Circuit, the work was very powerful.

Lutheran.

A New Philadelphia Enterprise .- The Lutheran, of this city, says that "the English Lutheran church, Christian St. below Sixth, has secured the services of Rev. Frederick Klinefelter as pastor. The attention of families residing in the vicinity, and particularly those interested in the Lutheran Church, is directed to this new church enterprise, now permanently established under the auspices of the "City Missionary Society, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Philadelphia." East Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran

Church.—This body has just been in session in Lebanon. The retiring President, in his report, says "the pastoral changes during the year have been unusually many. A number of our ministers have removed, forming other ecclesiastical connections, and others have been received. Three new churches are in course of erection, viz: at Northumberland County. Nine charges are vacant." We also take from the proceedings the following sentences from the report of a Committee, of which Dr. Hutter was chairman. In order to understand it, the reader needs to be advised that this Synod was created chiefly to furnish a congenial home and good working liberty to the advancing element in the Lutheran Church in this region. "By not a few, in the beginning, the opinion seemed to be entertained that, for the organization of the Synod of East Pennsylvania, there existed no good reason. Others seem to suppose that just as little exists for its continuance. So, most He looked upon this Synod from heaven, and pronounced it very good. From the first, It was the nursling of His kind providence, and the constant recipient of his abounding goodness. He has greatly multiplied its ministry and membership, and made it a blessing to itself, to other Synods, and the church." We take one more item from the proceedings. "Rev. E. Greenwald, D. D., reported adversely on the application of samuel Fernald, a local preacher of the Methodist Church, to be received into connection with Lutheran Church and minis-

Baptist.

A New Enterprise.—"M. B. M.," writing to the Examiner of "Doings in Boston," says, —"You may not have heard of one of our latest maritime achievements. I refer to the occupancy of their new house of worship by the Baptist Bethel Society, under the pastoral charge of Rev. Phineas Stowe. For nineteen years he has labored for the seamen in Boston, and has but just got a deck that is worthy of him. His indefatigable efforts, seconded by the zeal of the Ladies' Bethel Society, who of themselves raised \$13,000, have resulted in the purchase of the First a future communion, I suppose. Several at Universalist church, in Hanover street, for which they paid, with repairs, \$35,000. They are free from debt, with a balance of \$1,500 in their treasury."

Association Reports — From Wayne (N. Y.) Association—"The letters from the churches breathed an excellent spirit. Arcadia reported the baptism of 24, and Marion 28. The whole number of baptisms reported was 72, and the entire number of communicants 1,599, showing a gain of thirty-four. The clurch in Clyde was most joyfully received into the Association, with many a prayer Rev. A. L. Stone, D. D. Respecting the ascending that the new church may never effort to procure the removal of this Pastor know the troubles nor the sorrows of the from Boston to San Francisco, which seems former." From Ontario, (N. Y.) Association -"Thirteen of the sixteen churches reported. Two were heard from by word of mouth; and one, having lost its visibility, its name was dropped from the list. The letters reyear, and the present number 1,300. While some portions of our country have been drenched in blood and human suffering, the churches have failed to labor in holy tnings with due energy, and to ask in faith for the divine refreshing."—Milford, (N. H.) Association—"The letters reported one hundred and fifty seven baptisms. The reading of the letters was followed by a free confer-ence, in which a number of the brethren participated, giving interesting facts and incidents connected with the revivals recently enjoyed. This was closed with a thanksgiving prayer by Rev. J Peacock."—Woodstock, (Vt.) Association—"The Association s composed of seventeen churches, twelve of which have received additions by baptism during the past year. In two of the churches, viz: North Springfield and Saxton's River, extensive revivals have been enjoyed."

Ministerial.-Mr. Edwin A. Taft, recently of Madison University, was ordained in Wellsburg, N. Y., on the 21st ult. with a view to a chaplancy. Rev. A. P. Graves has closed a pastorate in Keyport, N. Y. to assume another in Brooklyn, N. Y. Rev. E. Evans changes from Hardwick, N. Y. to Passumpsic, N. J., and Rev. W. P. Pattison, from Juliet to Moline, Illinois.

Episcopal.

Death of Bishop Boone, of China.—We deep-William J. Boone, D. D., Protestant Episco-pal Missionary, Bishop, of China. He, died at Shanghai on Sunday, 17th of July, at the grace in M'Kendree. Some forty-five souls have been converted during the month, of which I may write to you at its close."

| The straight of Sunday, 17th of July, at the age of fifty-three years. He was a man of an eminently Catholic spirit, loving and cooperating with all the true correction. which I may write to you at its close."

operating with all the true servants of Christ in the great work of evangelizing the world,

and his loss will be as deeply felt in other tor Hedstrom's Scandinavian Mission--found

Diocese of New York-The Last Ten Years. -In the official Address of Bishop Horatio Potter, to the recent Convention of the New York Diocese, he thus alludes to the progress of the last ten years-the period thus far of his Episcopate:

In the course of these ten years there has been that healthy growth and activity in the Diocese which, through the Divine blessing, springs from and betokens spiritual life. The best thing that can be said of a Church at any time is that her Bishops and pastors are day by day steadily and earnestly at work, each in his appropriate sphere, giving themselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word and Sacraments, dealing out their bread to the hungry, preaching the Gos, el to the poor, searching out and reclaiming the erring and forgotten, feeding the lambs of the flock, and carefully training up the young in the ways of truth and holiness; and, in these labors, meeting everywhere with a ready response and co-operation from the people among whom they minister. We have, no doubt, our infirmities and shortcomings. In this imperfect world we can scarcely hope to see the day when a large Diocese will not include here and there a sluggish and inefficient or incompetent laborer. Even the most able and self-devoted will be ready enough to confess, perhaps more ready than others, that he is an unprofitable servant. But I am taking things as we may reasonably hope and desire to find them; and I speak with the most careful and earnest sincerity when I say that the results of my observations of clergy and people in my widely extended visitations, together with other indications, including the large aggregate of confirma-tions which I have reported for the last ten years and which I am soon to report for the past year, afford evidence most cheering that we have a praying and working church, and that, in answer to our prayers, and aims and labors of love, the adorable Head of the Church is pouring out upon us the dew of his heavenly blessing."

Roman Catholic.

Male Friends at Funerals.—Though not exactly germain to the head, "Religious Intelligence," we may as well in this place insert the following sharp satire from "The Universe," the Romish organ in this city. We remark, however, that the Universe is entirely at fault in giving Protestant origin to the custom which it so justly criticises. It owes its paternity to no religious society: it is simply an offspring of fashion. "It is no longer polite, decent, becoming,

respectable, or necessary for ladies to attend funerals. This is a universal proposition. It excludes neither the funerals of friends, nor of strangers, nor of kindred. Your acquaintance may be dead ;—Your father and your mother may be dead;—Your sons and daughters may be dead;—Yourself may ye be dead: but no lady in the family-not even your wife—can, with decency, attend the funeral. This is the new etiquitte for obsequies. The male friends alone of the deceased, are permitted to attend his or her burial. They alone are invited. Witness the advertisements in the 'Ledger.' It is true that this system of grief is for the most part to be found only among the upper Protestant classes. But it is creeping rapidly among the upper Catholic families. It is by no means ten years since we saw in a Catho-lic church in this city, a women in a coffin. She was a mother;—she had daughters living; -she had living nieces; she had several female relatives; and of course many female acquaintances;—and Mass was being offered up for her. But not a female was on the sacred melancholy spot. The male friends alone of the family were present! Was this cousins to abandon a cousin, for nieces to repudiate an aunt, for daughters to forsake their mother? We never saw, and we never read of such coldness of heart-such Paganism as we saw upon this occasion. There was the poor mother in a rich coffin, totally forsaken by all the females she ever knew, respected, loved and cherished! None of her daughters, none of her nieces, to weep for her, to pray for her at the mass. The male friends alone were present and they were not many. They were few and faint and fainhful still. Honor to the men. Is this odious and abominable paganism and heartlessness to go on? It began in the hint to the latter parish, that this stealing. Protestant ranks of fashion. There is its of ministers cannot be quietly submitted to. origin. It has invaded the fashionable Bible Society Meetings in New Jersey.—Rev. Catholic body. The poor, the middle classes, the hard working, the struggling in life are not yet tainted by the poison. These classes are still true to nature, and to Catholic principles. But it is to be feared that as the fine successes of life are won by them, the proud poison will discover a path into their hearts. Such is the unfortunate weakness of the race."

Seamen.

There is in New York a very successful enterprise under way in behalf more especially of Scandinavian seamen. Pastor Hedstrom, a Norwegian, qualified by tact and spirit, has a Bethel ship where he is incessantly at work, preaching and holding meet-ings for prayer. We take the two following tems, relative to this work, from the N. Y. Advacate and Journal

Hath the Witness in Himself .- It is seldom in these days that we hear of men cryunder concern of mind was attending prayer. meeting always held in the hold of the ship before the more formal exercises of the preaching service commence; there he sought earnestly to gain the sense of sin forgiven; but it was not until the pastor had proceeded some time in his discourse upon the lifting up of Christ, as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wildernesss, and while dilating upon the words "whosoever be-lieveth," that he caught a saving view of Christ, and instantly arose, giving glory to God, and declaring to the congregation that he had "received the witness in himself." This novel but decided testimony from a sailor standing six feet high produced a real

Homeward Bound .- A seaman full of love and zeal for Christ is hastening home to show how great things the Lord hath done for him. He accounts to the pastor (Hedstrom) as to the toil and cheer of his pas-sage. He writes that he has regularly had morning and evening prayer in the forecastle, and sometimes in the cabin. Three of the sailors are under conviction, and struggling, for the new life. The second mate also has declared to him that he is sick of sin, and longing to find rest in Jesus. Thus it is that Christ is gathering the fruit of his passion from the sea as well as from the land.

Preaching All Over .- A racy letter to the Western Christian Advocate, on "Sunday Sights" in New York, says:

"I was attracted to the Bethel ship; Pas- tion of our country.

communities as in the one which he more especially represented. We have no particulars of his death.—N. Y. Observer. there a full congregation; the pastor preached with head and hand, with tongue and tears, and although we knew little but the tears, and although we knew little but the text, "Ye must be born again," it was evident that the people felt and believed the things which they heard. The baptism of an infant was attended to in the language of the people, and the whole service and scene was deeply impressive."

Foreign

Bishop Thompson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this country, on his way to visit the missions of his church in the east, attended the meeting of a mission commit-tee in London, on the 7th ult. In the course of his remarks he told them that in spreading Christianity in India the Methodist Episcopal Church was strengthening the British Government; that we have facilities in India which they did not enjoy, as we had shed no blood in India, were not regarded as conquerors, were known to posess liberal principles, owned not a foot of the soil, and went purely to spread the Gos-

Denominational Change.—Rev. Mr. Boulding of Glasgow, Scotland, one of the first class of Mr. Spurgeon's theological students, has renounced anti-pedobaptism as unscriptural. He adopts infant baptism as an essential part of the Christian system.

Romanism-Gains and Losses .- The Cathoic Directory for 1864, shows an increase of three hundred and forty-five Roman Catholic clergy in England, during the last ten years, and forty-four in Scotland. On the other hand there is no Protestant country in which the Church of Rome is making such advances as Protestantism is making in Italy and Belgium.

Return of a Veteran .- Rev. Dr. Myron Winslow, forty-five years a missionary of the American Board in India, and one whose impress, more than that of any other living man, lies upon that whole missionary field, is now on his way to this country, in very feeble health, to retire permanently from his long service. He has well earned the repose demanded alike by his years and the exhausting character of his labors. His first impressions on his return will have a shade of sadness. He will miss his two brothers recently deceased, Doctors Gordon and Hubbard Winslow, two beloved daughters, and. as we have just learned, his venerable mother, who died at Williston, Vt., on the 2d. inst., at the advanced age of 95 years. But he has learned through many afflictive experiences,

"Out of my stony griefs, Bethel to raise."

-The "Editorial Correspondence" of the Halifax Presbyterian Witness, says the Canada Presbyterian Church is a hard working and a very enterprising body. She is extending her operations far east and west. One of her most venerable ministers lately spent several weeks labouring in Bay Chaleur, and others are penetrating the almost pathless wilds of the great West. I am deighted to learn that the feeling between this Church and the Church of Scotland in Canada is most friendly. The students of Knox College and of Kingston insist upon speedy union. Pulpits are frequently exchanged and aid mutually given and received. In Quebec, in Montreal, Kingston Ottawa, Toronto, the feeling is just what it should be-with the exception of an antiquated fossil or two in Montreal. Time will hide these fossils and the path will then be clear.

Colleagues called. - The U. P. Presbytery, of Edinburgh met September 21st, to moder ate in a call to a Colleague for Rev. William Reid, of Lothian Road Congregation. Stipend of each minister to be £300, (about \$1350.) North Leith Church has called Mr. Robert Lyon, licentiate, to be Colleague to Dr. Harper.

Mr. F. Ferguson was ordained Sept. 30th, by Edinburg U. P. Presbytery with a view to the pastorate of Dalkeith Church made the way for friends to desert a friend, for vacant by the transfer of Rev. Dr. Joseph Brown, D. D., to Glasgow.

Miscellaneous.

Not a bad Idea.-Rev. George Hill, the Pastor of an Universalist parish in Milford, Mass., was called by the parish of South Dedham, and asked a dismission with the view of accepting the call. His congregation refused to accept his resignation, and, notsatisfied with a mere vote of refusal, sent a committee to the South Dedham parish to notify them of the fact. This last is a new feature in this class of transactions—a plain

Bible Society Meetings in New Jersey .- Rev. Dr. Sheldon, Agent of the American Bible Society, furnishes the Managers with an interesting statement respecting the recent Bible anniversaries in the counties of Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren, which he very aptly denominates "mass meetings of the members and friends of the Bible society," and which he describes as meetings of peculiar usefulness and interest. At the first two of these meetings there were from 800to 1,200 persons in attendance; the services were held in the morning and afternoon; an excellent collation was provided at the recess, for visitors from a distance; very able and instructive addresses were delivered; and much good, it is believed, was accomplished. The Warren County anniversary, though not so large on account of a storm, was an occasion of great interest and profit, as many present can testify. "These meetings," says Dr. Sheldon, "are a great tribute to the Bible and the Bible cause; they show great effort ing out in the congregation, "Carry me out of the host, for I am wounded;" and more rare is it for us to hear a man arise in the miles to be in attendance, and many clergy midst of the sermon and declare, "I have found it!" Last Sabbath morning a sailor ed persons being present; they are a great and blessed means of educating the people in right views of Christian action and benevolence; they betoken great diligence in the home work; and they are, I trust, an earnest of still greater triumphs of the blessed Cause in other lands."

Female Prayer Meetings in California.—A correspondent writes to the California Christian Advocate.—" A few of us, (ladies of different Christian denominations) in one of the mountain towns, seeling how much the Church of Christ does languish, have banded ourselves together, to meet once a fortnight, for the purpose of having a female prayer meeting. We have invited all the ladies of our town, whom we know to be professors of religion, to join the meeting, but alas! our number is very small as yet—so small, in fact, that we should be discouraged, only for the gracious promise, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there will I be in the midst of them." We have found our precious Saviour with us in all our meetings, and is not He able, in His own good time, to bless us, and does He not bless us? Oh, He is more willing to give than we are to receive, only He has com-manded us "to ask." God help us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord esus Christ

On the State of the Country :- Ministers and members of different evangelical churches in the twin cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny, meet once a week for conversation and prayer with reference to the present condi-