Gaitorial Items.

IMPROVEMENT IN PREMIUMS.

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CITY RELIGIOUS ITEMS.

The renting of pews in the North Broad Street Church, which took place on Monday evening of last week, was a spirited and successful affair. A large concourse was in attendance. Mr. the church, amounting to about six thousand dollars, remained to be provided for. This it was proposed to meet by offering a choice of pews this evening at a premium. All that was intended by the sale was to give the congregation an opportunity in this manner to contribute as they saw fit for the payment of this indebtedness. Mr. Thomas Wood then proceeded to offer the first choice of pews to the highest bidder; which, in a short time was knocked down at \$600. The suc cessful bidder selected the ninth pew from the front, on the right hand of the middle aisle. The second choice was then disposed of at \$500, after which a spirited competition sprung up for the third choice, which finally brought \$725 -the highest premium given. The fourth choice brought \$500, the fifth \$200, the sixth \$300, the seventh and eighth \$200 each, the ninth and tenth \$175 each, the eleventh \$150, the twelfth \$100, the thirteenth \$125, the fourteenth \$100, the fifteenth \$125, the sixteenth \$110, the seventeenth \$100, and from that amount down to \$5. The prem iums thus given reached the handsome total of \$5500, and the annual pew rents subscribed amounted to \$6400.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED .- On Mon day, the 17th, the Wharton Street Presbyterian Church was organized by a committee of the Fourth Presbytery of Philadelphia, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Barnes, Brainerd and Shepherd Over sixty persons were recognized as members, twenty-four of whom present ed themselves on profession of their faith.

DEDICATION OF THE FIFTH BAPTIST CHURCH.—The beautiful and costly edifice which, during the past four years, has been in process of erection for the use of the Baptist church formerly worshipping in Sansom street below of the congregation. The text is in Ninth, and now under the pastoral care of Rev. James Simmons, was formally dedicated to the service of Almighty God on the evening of the 13th instant. Several of the clergy took part with the pastor in the services, which were deeply interesting throughout. A new organ, built expressly for the church gave out its rich tones to heighten the effect of the hymns sung. Every part of the house was crowded, and everything pertaining to the service was satisfactory. Not the least in this last quality, was the announcement that times." We rejoice to recognize in the the whole expense of the enterprise, furnishing included, (\$7,7,000) was liquidated, and even the pastor's salary paid in advance.

The building is a noble affair, constructed after the popular ecclesiastical architecture of the day, and well elaborated at that. Externally it is an irregular cruciform, with a tapering Gothic spire springing from the front. Within, the auditorium is divided into a nave and two transepts. The transept at the left of the pulpit is assigned to the organ and choir. Entrances, a chapel, a Sunday School room, and a vestry, fill up the spaces not occupied by the audience room, all together, walls inclusive, covering a space of 90 feet front by 180 deep.

The dedication services were appropriately concluded with a liberal thankoffering appropriated to Home Missions. School, Poughkeepsie, New York.

OUR EDUCATIONAL WORK.

We have before us, in pamphlet form, the last report of our church's Permanent Committee on Education, together with the action of the Assembly there on. It has already been spread before our readers, but it will be wise for the church to refresh its memory respecting subject derives special interest from the unusually hearty action of several of the Synods, at their late meetings, in favor of the cause, and approbatory of the labors of the Committee and its accomplished Secretary. We refer to the report, at this time, chiefly to bring out its short but conclusive answer to the question so often thrust in the way of generous support of the enterprise-What need is there to increase the ministry?" The Committee say:

"The all-essential work which the ministry was instituted to perform is not yet done. There are not ministers enough to do it, and their number must be increased till the Lord's parting command is fulfilled.

"The question is varied: 'Have we not ministers enough?' It is not our province to decide that. God, who has called and established the church, has reserved to himself the prerogative of calling and preparing the ministry by which it is to be built and perpetuated. We implore our Presbyteries to introduce none to preparatory studies, or to the ministry itself, who do not, after a patient examination, give fair evidence that they are called of God to preach; but we dare not decide that there are ministers enough while he continues to call men. It is our wisdom to recognize his hand, and to follow his leadings.

"But is there a demand for the ministry? The ministry does not follow the commercial law of supply and deconcourse was in attendance. Mr. mand. It is God's arrangement that Thomas Potter opened the proceedings it shall not wait until it is sent for, but by stating that a debt for furnishing shall go into ignorant, indifferent, and vicious communities, and by its varied labors create a demand for its services. So long as an armed rebel remains to fight, there will be a demand for loyal soldiers to subdue him. So long as communities need the gospel, there will be a demand for ministers; but they must be willing to imitate our soldiers, and not plant themselves in fortifications, amid comforts and the attractions of fine scenery and social intercourse, but go where the enemy is, and meet him on his own ground."

> The last sentence reveals the chief reason for what is called the over-supply.
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> So far as agreeable parishes and "competent support" go the supply was much
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> Provost Marshal published his name in petent support" go, the supply was much more in advance of the "fields" in the apostolic days than it is now; but who by order of the Secretary of War." ever thought of one of those holy men idly waiting for a "call," or complaining that he was not wanted, and fresh supplies were not wanted in the church, because no suitable "vacancies" threw themselves at his feet? Every minister of that day opened his field for himself. enteenth section of the Enrollment Act He found work only as he made work. is not so framed that ministers of those We know there are now in the church denominations which regard the bearsome really good ministers, anxious to labor for Christ, who are embarrassed and distressed for the want of some remunerating pastoral engagement, and for the trials of all such we have sincere sympathy, and, were it in our power, we would gladly help them to such settlements as would meet their hearts' desire. Still, from long observation of the ways of God with his consecrated servants. we believe support will in some way be insured even to those who are waiting for a field, if they will work while they

"THE SHAKING OF THE NATIONS,"

This is the title of a sermon preached by Rev. Herrick Johnson, pastor of the Third Church, Pittsburg, Sept. 11th, published by request of the young men Heb. xii. 27; "And this word; yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken," &c. The doctrines argued with great force from the text are, that Redemption must be by conflict and at cost; and that Christianity is a declaration of war to the sinful powers of the world. The great convulsions which have attended the course of our race are regarded as ascribed by the text to Satan's resistance to the onward movement of truth and righteousness. These are "doctrines for the bold and ardent pastor of the Third Church, a religious teacher so fully awake to the great opportunities and exigencies of the hour, and showing a decided ability to meet them and put them to use in his pulpit ministrations. There must be more such sermons preached, if the community is kept toned up to the degree of moral clearness, endurance and loftiness of purpose necessary to the highest success in our great struggle. We have marked an extract for our next issue. We may here remark upon the style of the serthat it is highly animated, earnest and vigorous, while it sometimes has a trace of over-forcefulness and extravagance which a little experience will doubtless

We call attention to the advertisement of College Hill Military Boarding tion of the town generally elevated, at ture, Isaac Newton: The Report of the

ASHMUN INSTITUTE.

This is an institution for the education of promising colored young men for service to their race, chiefly in the ministry, and with Africa for their field. It is under Presbyterian patronage, and is located at Oxford, Pa., within convenient distance of this city. Rev. J. M. Dickey, President of the Board of Trustees, writes under date of September 26. "The Ashmun Institute has commen-

ced its present session of ten months with twenty-one students already in and seven engaged; making twentyeight, the full complement under present circumstances. Seven of these are supported by the Boards of Education of the New and Old School. Christian friends sustain each other; while for the rest no special provision has been made. We have received them, relying upon that sympathy and kindness which has hitherto so liberally met our increasing wants. The annual expense for each will be about one hundred and fifty dollars. Great pains have been taken to prevent any from entering who do not give fair promise of usefulness to the colored race, either in this country or Africa. Most of them are members of churches and preparing for the ministry while they have no funds available for their support. What will freedom do for their people if they have no properly qualified Christian teachers? and when shall we help them, if not now? God has already blessed the contributions you have made for this object. We ask the means to carry us through the present session; and also the personal interest and prayers of the friends of the

DRAFTED MINISTERS.

There is something that needs explain ing in the following statement, which we clip from a Baltimore communica tion to the German Reformed Messen-

"In the meantime, we have some in formation to communicate, which may be turned to good account by any who may find themselves in this embarrassing situation just now, or who may be drafted before the meeting of our Syn od: Last July, a Catholic priest, Rev. Th. Foley, Private Secretary of the late Archbishop Kenrick, was drafted, in this city, for three years, and, in a few days after, his name was published among the exemptions, with the reason attached: 'Paroled by order of the Secretary of War.' A few weeks ago, Rev. Julius Dashiell, an Episcopal clergyman the list of exemptions, and for the following reason: Excused from reporting,

We have nothing to say against the exemption of clergymen from the service; but if the thing is to be practiced let it be upon the broad and impartial scale, and not be dealt out to certain individuals as a special favor. The seving of arms as a desecration of the office, can take advantage of it without straining a point. They cannot conscientiously take the oath in the terms given. The case is unquestionably a hard one, but when the department undertakes to interfere, it should be done, not invidiously, but for all alike.

WELL THOUGHT OF.

The Secretary of one of our great be nevolent societies, at his headquarters in New York, found on his desk, a few days since, the following satisfactory note, with its enclosure:

"MY DEAR SIR:-In view of the high rates of living, I am impressed with the belief that I ought to add a small portion to your salary which I suspect is inadequate. I beg you to accept from Providence the enclosed check for one hundred dollars. I trust others may be

impressed in the same way." This was an act of consideration the more worthy of notice because it reach ed a case belonging to the class, which have been wrongfully overlooked in the thoughtfulness of the church for the increased necessities of its ministry. Kind parishioners have their pastors ever before and among them. They can scarcely forget their trials from the times, without a wilful effort to do so. But the Secretary, toiling at the wheel which turns the vastest, and in some respects, most vital machinery of the church, works out of sight, where his personal need of sympathy and more solid remembrance is not likely to attract attention. We should rejoice if the kind act recorded above, should remind other generous rewarders of the obligations of the church to this worthy class of its workers.

REASON ENOUGH.

In the application, before an Ecclesiastical Council, for the dismission of Rev. Mr. Lewis from the Congregational church in Lyman, Maine, on the 13th ult.. the chief reason assigned was "that a portion of the society wish to have the value of their real estate increased, their schools improved, their dead decently buried, and the social and moral condiothers' expense."

NEED OF REPORTERS.

Some very good suggestions under this head are found in the last number of the German Reformed Messenger. We commend them to the pastors of our churches, and solicit for the American

news. They are eager to read about every licensure, ordination, corner-stone laying, church dedication, &c., and even find fault with the paper for not chronicling these events more completely, while they themselves will not move a pen to furnish them. The clerks of the lasses are often to blame in the matter. A religious paper can only be made what it ought to be by the active co-operation of the pastors. It requires but ittle learning and labor to note do n a fact of general interest to the Church. It costs but three cents. If desired, we feel convinced the publishers will cheerfully pay the cost. These facts are worth much to the paper and its readers. They help to give freshness, variety, completeness to its contents—to make it a live paper."

DEATH OF CHIEF JUSTICE TANEY.

This event took place in Washington, on the evening of the 12th inst. As regards personal charcter, he leaves an unblemished record. On the bench, his talents were far from despicable. But in the great cases where the power of slavery, as a national force was involved -such as the Dred Scott case—he afforded another melancholy illustration of the submission of a strong intellect to the bondage of sectional prejudice. In connection with recent emancipatiou laws, the Federal Supreme Court will probably ere long be called upon for more important decisions than it has eyer made, and this providential event may change the whole complexion of those decisions.

THE EPISCOPAL OHUROH AND THE ORISIS.

We most earnestly wish that the enior Bishop and Diocese of Pennsylvania were a sample of the loyalty and natriotism of their church at large in the country. Very different from the former must be his Rt. Rev. Brother of Illinois, (Bishop Whitehouse,) who, presiding over the recent Diocesan Convention in Chicago, ruled out a resolution of loyalty and pledge of co-operation with the government, giving as one part of his reason that it was a political resolution. At the same time he entertained, and had under debate, a resolution censuring the government for drafting clergymen.

POLITICAL SERMONS.

The Independent says that on Sunday the 9th inst, Rev. H. W. Beecher gave notice from his pulpit, that he would, on Sabbath evenings, until the Presidential election, preach sermons which some might call political. He gave the notice in advance, that if any did not wish to hear these discourses, they would have opportunity to leave their seats vacant for those who did! As this was equally a notice to those who do wish to hear them to come, it is presumed that Mr. B. has no serious apprehensions of the want of an audience.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN SPEKE.

This intrepid explorer, and discoverer of the source of the Nile, has come to his earthly end under mournful circumstances. While shooting in the neighbor-20,000 PRIVILEGE RIGHTS, EACH AT \$5;

11th ult., he was killed by the accidental discharge of his own gun, the ball passing through his chest near his heart, and producing death in ten minutes. He was only about thirty-eight years of age, and was preparing at the time of his melancholy death for another exploring expedition to Africa, in the direction of the Nile's source.

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It is said that the segar manufactories show a great decrease of smokers since the imposition of this tax, We have seen a statement that in this city and New York the reduction is nearly one half. Great numbers of employees in the business, who formerly had abundant occupation, at from \$15 to \$25 a week, are now without employment. We are sincerely sorry for all who are suffering for need of work, but glad enough for every diminution of the use of tobacco.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

From R. CARTER & BROS. Egypt's Princes Book of Animals. The Child's Bunyan. From Ticknon & Fields. Ocean Waifs. Bayard Taylor's Poems.

From DAUGHADAY. The Old Log School House. The Yankee Conscript; or 18 Months in Dixie.

From the U.S. Commisioner of Agricul-Department of Agriculture, for 1862.

LATEST NEWS-Tuesday.

The Elections .- The Press of this morning foots up a Union majority, in Pennsylvania, on the Home Vote, of 1643. The soldiers' vote will probably increase this majority to 10,000. As compared with the Congressional election of two years ago, this is a decided Presbyterian the benefit of their reflections upon the subject.

"The pastors are greatly at fault for not furnishing the Messenger with Church news. They are except to read about Union The leavest Union Congressmen will, it is believed, take the place of Democrats elected at that time. Ohio.—The Union majority on the Home Vote in 73 counties is officially stated at 27,285. Here also, there is a gain of three or four Congressmen for the news. They are except to read about Union. Union. The largest Union majority was given in Pendleton's district. Maryland .-By a close vote, in which the soldiers per formed the decisive part, the new Constitu-tion is adopted and Maryland is a Free State. Thurlow Weed, the Albany Conservative, has come out in a patriotic letter for Mr.

Gold has been as high as 223 during the past week. It is the most absurd of all the flurries of the war, and is done doubtless to bolster up sinking speculators. It fell to 206, Tuesday morning.

The Armies.

Dispatches received from Gen. Sherman dated Oct. 16th, quiet all apprehensions, if was rating after damaging 15 miles of road oc seen Dalton and Resaca, which could easily be repaired. - The rebels under Longstreet having appears r Strasburg, in the Valley, General Crook was order ed to attack them, but they fled fast and far without a fight. A camp of Moseby's in the Blue Ridge was broken up, and four guns captured. In Missouri the rebels appear to be still moving northward and westward. Lexington was occupied by them on the 15th. Our forces were moving to meet them and intercept their retreat. The blockade-runner Bat was captured on the 10th. She was on her first trip, and is a fast vessel, "steel-built."

REV. DR. R. J. BRECKENRIDGE.

This eminent Divine, who has rendered the country so signal service in his own state of Kentucky, has, we learn, been severely injured by being thrown from a horse. It is expected that, in consequence thereof he will be confined to his house for some time.

MARRIAGES.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1864, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Thoma: Silliman, by the Rev. Robert White, assisted by the Rev. George Scott, D. D., Mr. ALVA M. CUNNINGHAM to Miss MARY ANGE-LINE SILLIMAN.

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