## Correspondence. FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT

OUR OCTOGENARIAN.

ble, now and forever."

These points were presented with

Rev. Dr. Hawley, of the First Pres-

of our one country than these brethren

are; and their manly and timely utter-

ances from the sacred desk, are among

the mighty influences which will save

our nation from utter wreck and ruin.

UNEASINESS ON THE BORDER.

There can be no doubt that michied

is intended along our Canadian frontier.

If southern refugees, who have been

welcomed and warmed into life, like the

snake in the fable, by our own neutral

neighbors, do not repeat the St. Albans

tragedy, with additions and improve-

ments, it will be only because they can-

not. Buffalo and Ogdensburgh seem- to

ergetic proclamation, calling on the in-

habitants to prepare for defense. The

citizens are arming, and mean to be

One object of these refugees, undoubt

edly, is to embroil us in some misunder-

armed intervention. They have doubt-

less received their instructions direct

Slidell did, when they sailed for Europe;

but we trust that their mission will be

no more successful. We think, at least,

that the Canadian authorities would

Rev. Dr. Dewey, of our city, was pergreat force and clearness, with occamitted last week to celebrate his eightisional passages rising to the grandeur eth birth day, and is still hale and acof true eloquence. Mr. Fowler's style tive, surrounded by kindred and friends, is a modle for terseness, compactness and in the enjoyment of an honorable and strength. He excels in definitions; competence. His life has been devoted analytic, clear and exhaustive. We to science and to schools. He has emhave rarely listened to a discourse that phatically been an educator. He gradhas given us, more unalloyed pleasure. ated at Williams College in 1806 The speaker certainly made out his studied Theology with Dr.S. Stephen case. The country is one, and must be West, the patriarch of Stockbridge, one Mass.; was licensed to preach by the Berkshire Association in 1807; called byterian Church in Auburn, has also to a tutorship in his Alma Mater in the been preaching a sermon for the times, following year, and has been engaged which excited so much interest that he in teaching from that time to this. For was requested by his admiring people to two years he was a tutor, and for the repeat it on a subsequent Sabbath. He next seventeen years professor, (of did so, and received great praise for its Mathematics and Natural Philosophy) manly and timely utterances. Witherin Williams College, an able and efficient spoon and Davies were not truer friends officer.

A good story of his kind offices while professor ' is' told. Belonging to the Sophomore dass in 1824, was a moor Irish boy struggling to get an education, and aided at the time by the old Brick Church, in New York. One day this lad received a letter from the officers of that church, telling him that in consequence of reports of his misconduct which had come to their ears, they should aid him no more. Distressed and astonished, he went to Prof. Dewey, protesting his innocence. He did not even know what crimes were laid to his charge, and had no opportunity for exbe the places more particularly menaced planation or defence. The Professor knew of nothing out of the way, and just now. Considerable alarmis felt in trad regarded the young man with de- both, and preparations are being made to meet any emergency. The Mayor cided interest and confidence, and was quite feady to de any hing in his power to befriend him. He therefore told him of Buffalo has issued a prompt and ennot to leave the college and not to trouble himself about his bills; he ready to deal summarily with all mauwould be responsible for all, until relief should come from sofile quarter. After rauders and assassins, however they about a year another letter was received may come from the officers of the church, acknowledging that they had been misinformed, standing if possible, with the Canadian

renewing their confidence and support, - even paying up the arrears. That authorities, and so bring on a collision young man was the late Dr. Murray, of with England, and form a pretext for Elizabeth, N. J.; and it was no small matter that the kind Professor should thus have saved him to the cause of from Richmond, as much as Mason and Christ. Bishop Hughes might have regretted it, when he felt the sharp point of "Kirwan's" spear, but the true followers of Christ will rejoice. 101 (In '1827 Prof. Dewey resigned his prefer not to be brought into serious position in Williams College, and took collision with us, even in these times, "charge of "the Gymnasium," or High and will do what they can to prevent it "Sthud" for boys, at Pittsfield, Mass. E.WIE CAL PERSONAL COLLERAN

one in constitution, acknowledged one grateful people will follow him wherever by the several constitutions of the he goes, with hope for his safe return and States; one in history ; and substanti- long continued usefulness and prosperally one in religion; "one and inseparaity.

THE PLYMOUTH CHURCH, of our city have invited Rev. R. B. Thurston, late of Waltham, Mass., to supply their pulpit for one year, with a view to his becoming their pastor. His answer to their invitation, we believe, has not yet been received. GENESEE. ROCHESTER, Nov. 5, 1864.

## LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, November 5, 1864. obiale farman Exodus.

This metropolis is intensely excited to-day. All citizens of States employed or sojourning here, are returning to their homes to vote; and the citizens of this District, who are not privileged to vote, are in various manners indicating their sympathy in the great movement, or looking forth with fearful anxiety lest the peaceful ballot may in many places be superseded by violence and bloodshed.

J In the history of centuries, it may be, the events of the Eighth of November, 1864, will be referred to as the ordeal of the great Republic-as the revealed result of the experiment in that form of government which depends for its continuance upon the deliberate declaration of the will of the people, reiterated at regular periods in a prescribed form. God grant that our government may survive the ordeal, and prove to be enthroned in the hearts of a loyal people.

THE CITY AND ITS PROSPECTS.

The feebleness of this municipality is shown in a Presidential crisis. Its brightest and most influential residents are to a great extent but encamped within it. There are hence but few home-like residences. Trees, shrubberies and lawns are not cultivated in and around it. The earth has a nude surface, and in sunny seasons the atmosphere is pervaded with its floating par ticles. We are encamped for one, two three, or at most, with any confidence for four years. When, with the bless ing of heaven, peace and prosperity shall return to the nation, the gates of its capital will be open to industry and enterprise, and there will come an in crease of population, rendering the sta ble residents so numerous, relatively to the transient personnel of the government, that, the ebb and flow, of the latter will no longer be felt. Then will begin the prosperity and the beauty of a city adapted by nature for the attain. ment of excellence in each. When the passed, and clear skies shall overspread of the prophets." the city, and of broad acres in the picturesque regions within the range of vision from its prominent elevations.

, SYNOD OF PEORIA, ILL.

DEAR BROTHER MEARS :-- Not know ing that you have any regular correspondent in this part of our church field, I will forward a few of the most interesting facts concerning the late meeting of our Synod, that of Peoria. It was held in the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago, (Dr. Humphrey's) the sessions beginning Thursday evening, Oct. 20th and lasting until the afternoon of the following Monday.

The retiring Moderator, Rev. H. H KELLOGG, District Secretary for Home Missions for the North West, gave us an excellent practical discourse, suited to both lay and clerical hearers. Mr Kellogg is an earnest, practical man, of great business capacity, and is doing a good work among our feeble churches. We feel very thankful that the employment of Synodical Missionaries in Wis consin and Minnesota will relieve him of much of the labor hitherto incumbent on him in attending to the details of his large field, and allow him to devote more of his time to our own section of the state.

Synod was constituted Friday morning by the election of Rev. JOHN W. BAILEY, of Bloomington, Moderator, and Rev, Addison K. STRONG, of Galena, Temporary Clerk.

An hour or more was set apart each morning for devotional services, and the brethren who attended felt that "it was good to be there." But there was the far too usual leanness of representation from the Christian public. Perhaps the fault is in part with the ministers in not making these meetings more lively and interesting, but all the blame does not rest there. Any public speaker knows the animation given by the rator, Rev. Mr. Ranney. presence of a full house, and our church members and others interested in the cause of Christ should see that they personally be on hand, when any of the Synods or ecclesiastical meetings of our ody are held in their vicinity. Labors for the meat that perisheth are not first in importance; and men should never be so busy that they may not come, for an hour or two, to a place where they may think of their higher destiny, and forget the turmoil of commerce.

On Friday evening, President Curtis of Knox College, preached, by appointment of the Synod, an able and timely sermon on the "Inspiration of the Scriptures." Speaking of Knox College reminds us that Lind University (under a different name; however.) is about to be revived, and this much needed school put in the way of success. The trustees

only path that leads to a righteous and lasting peace.

Resolved, That we reiterate our assurances of cordial and earnest support of the Government, and recommend to our churches that they "pray without ceasing" for its final and speedy triumph over every foe, and the return of unity, and God's blessing upon our distracted land

One pleas ng incident to all was the appearance among us of Rev. J. L. Halsey, D. D., and Elder William G. Holmes, of the Synod of Chicago, (the "other branch,") with requests to open a correspondence with that body. Dr. Halsey made a telling speech, happily responded to by the Moderator, and we felt that there was no great difference every tongue confess," be distinctly rebetween us,-only such as might, in God's own time, be wholly removed and forgotten. Delegates were at once appointed to go to Rock Island, where more," be looked to and confided in for the Synod of Chicago was then in session, and reciprocate the good will and desire for fellowship, as also delegates to the next annual meeting.

Everything in our bounds looks encouraging. Several of the churches have been revived during the past year, and o'clock, B. M. there is a confident expectation among many of the brethren that a better time is at hand. God's spirit seems very near. And when next we shall be called, in the providence of God, to meet for our annual business, (at Waukegan,) may it be to report the realization of these hopes. ELLSWORTH.

## SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

## DETROIT, Nov. 3, 1864. The Synod of Michigan assembled in the 1st Presbyterian Church of Detroit, on Thursday the 27th ult., and was opened by a discourse from the Mode-

The attendance of members was larger than usual and the session was one of much interest and harmony among the members. Discourses were delivered by the appointment of Synod. on the subject of the "Difference between preaching the Gospel of Christ and Natural Religion," by Rev. Mr. Wastell, and on the relations of State Education to religion, by Rev. Mr. Tyndall. On Sabbath the communion was administered, and a union meeting was held in the First Presbyterian Church, of the several Presbyterian congregations, with the Synod: Sabbath evening was devoted to the cause of missions; Foreign and Domestic. The city was thrown into great excitement by the great bell in the tower of the First Presbyterian Church, tolling an alarm for nearly an have pledged about \$50,000, for the bour's continuance, by direction of the tonisis of the present tempest shall have purpose, and a financial agent has been Mayor, who had been notified from the secured for the further prosecution of American Consul at Toronto, Canada "From this he removed to our city in bowe are sorry to be obliged to report and surround us, fortunate will be the the work, so that the beautiful village West, of a threatened invasion of ma-1836, and became Principal of the Ro- that the Rey. Mr. Ellinwood's health is possessors of sites for dwellings within of Lake Forrest may yethave "a school randers that night at Rochester, Buffalo or Detroit. The alarm commenced Adams and March, and Elder M. W. Among matters of general interest about the time of the congregations as. were the reports and discussions persembling for evening worship. Most of taining to Home Mission and Church them through the city were suspended Erection work. In the former we have or broken up. But a large and crowded assembly continued with the Synod in the First Presbyterian Church, during the whole evening, from 71 to 91, hearing addresses on the subject of missions, notwithstanding the tolling of the bell in the tower over their heads. The city was not disturbed by marauders; yet vigilant measures have been adopted to meet any invasion should it be attempted. Resolutions were passed; on the subiect of the State of the Country, the efforts of Freedmen's Commission, the desirableness of union between the two branches of the Presbyterian Church. Old and New; a Female Seminary at Kalamazoo under the care of the Synod, and the importance and obligation of recognizing the supremacy of the Lord Jesus Christ and His providence in our. public affairs by our civil authorities, esnecially in their proclamations for prayer and thanksgiving. 'The following is the minute of Synod in relation to this last topic which is one of deep and solemn significance: and an an interpretent Rev. Dr. Duffield, from the special committee to whom was referred the overture with reference to the recognition of Christ in our national affairs, presented the following report : Whereas, The Lord God our Saviour Jesus Christ the lofty Sovereign of the STATE OF THE COUNTRY. Universe, having all authority in heaven Our country came in for its share of and earth, given unto him, and upholdattention. Rev. Afred Eddy, from the ing all things by the word of his power, is the great arbiter and disposer, both of individuals and nations, in their history and destiny, whom "all menshould honor as they honor the Father," "Justice and judgement being the habitation occur in the aspects of the present great of His throne," and struggle in our country seem to require Whereas, The righteous retributions of His Providence, who is anointed of us, from time to time, utterances; to proclaim liberty to the captives, Resolved. That we rejoice in the sigand the opening of the prison to them. nal victories God has given our armies that are bound," have been marked and and navy, as affording precious proof of manifest in the overthrow of the system His care of us as a nation, and promise of slavery with its oppressions and of the restoration and perpetuity of crimes as legalized by Southern States, and avowedly sought to be made the corner stone of a rebellious and treason-Resolved, That we regard these sucable Confederacy, which has organized of our churches will be held in Olivet dences of the loyalty of the people and for its protection, propagation and pertheir discernment of, and determination to petuation, a wide and powerful insurextinguish, the great cause of this wickgrage; one by its relations to foreign that purpose in about ten days. The Vernon streets, Tuesday evening, Nov. ed rebellion, as manifest indications of Government of the United States, there- our readers by calling their attention to the rection and waged war , against the for the parlor. We are but doing a favor to Divine Providence directing us in the fore, the state of the date Att in the statistic first and

Resolved, That, devoutly recognizing n our present calamities and distresses. as we do, His avenging hand, who is "Governor among the nations," we bow at His Sovereign feet in humble submission to his righteous will; and while we cordially sustain our civil authorities, in the maintenance and prosecution of a war of defence, rendered necessary for the preservation of our Union and Gov. ernment, and do honor to them for having so frequently, of late, convoked the people for purposes of humiliation, fasting, prayer and giving thanks to God, we do earnestly desire and urge that the only name given under Heaven among men, by whom we must be saved. whether as individuals or as a nation, the name of Jesus, "to whom God has sworn that every knee shall bow and cognized and honored by our rulers, and especially that the Omnipotent and righteous providence of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is "God over all blessed for everthe solution of the great questions of philosophy and morality, involved in the public affairs of our beloved country. The report was accepted and adopted. The Synod adjourned on Monday afternoon, to meet at Kalamazoo on the last Thursday of October next, at 71

THIED PRESBYTERY OF PHILADEL-PHIA.

The fall meeting of this body was held October 17th and 18th, in the North Broad Street Church, and was fully attended.

The Rev. Daniel March, D. D., was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. J. S. Willis Temporary Clerk.

A call was presented from the Southwestern Church, for the pastoral services of the Rev. John McLeod., Upon the acceptance of the same, a committee was appointed, who subsequently reported arrangements for the installation.

Similar action was taken in reference to a call from the Pottsville Church for the pastoral services of Rev. Isaac Riley, recently in charge of the church at Middletown, Del.

The action of the General Assembly, n the adoption of a plan for the Relief of Disabled Ministers, and the families of deceased ministers, was warmly commended to the sympathy and contributions of the churches, and a Standing Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Butler and Crittenden, with Elder B. D. Stewart, appointed to take special oversight of the cause, and to recommend all cases within the bounds of Presbytery to the Executive Committee in charge of the Fund.

Presbytery urged upon its ministers and elders to refrain from the calling of special meetings, except for causes of an imperative character.

Standing Committees on the Causes of the Church were elected for the ensuing year, as follows, viz: On Home Missions Ber Dr Baldwin. On Foreign Missions-Rev. Messrs. McLeod and Dulles, and Elder Charles Godfrey. On Education-Rev. Messrs. Patton and Robbins, and Elder W. E. Tenbrook. On Publication-Rev. Messrs. Moore and H. A. Smith, and Elder A. Whilldin. With the transaction of ordinary business, Presbytery adjourned, to meet on the second Tuesday of April, at the Green Hill Church. J. G. BUTLER, Stated Clerk.

- chester Collegiate Institute. In 1856 he was appointed Professor in the new · University, then recently established here under the auspices of the Baptist denomination; which latter position he has held until the present year. For many years also he lectured on Chemistry and Botany in the medical schools at Pittsfield, Mass., and Woodstock, Vt., spending his vacations in this way. He has also written considerably and well for the scientific journals ; and thus his life has been one of constant intellectual toil. A thorough scholar, a genial Christian gentlemen, respected and beloved by all, he is growing old very gradefally. We do not wonder that his children and friends clustered around him, and joyously helped him to celebrate the day on which he finished his utour score years. If not stroom

PATRIOTIC SERMONS. now those men are held in honor for it. The influence of the Presbyterian clergy was mighty for liberty and indepen-"dence in the immortal struggle of the "revolution; and while this fact was suftried men's souls

Was that time any more momentous "than this? Were the clergy of that day, as a body, any more patriotic than now? Impartial history will answer these questions but one way. Certain we are, at least, that the Presbyterian clergy of Western New York, are trying to do their duty to their country in this hour of her agony.

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so delicate this fall that his physicians have ordered him to a warmer climate for the winter. His lungs are not strong. They are easily irritated by colds, and make it not, only unpleasant but perilous to use them freely as a public speaker. The physicians pronounce him free from organic disease; but he needs six months rest and recreation. How fortunate in such circumstances to have a kind, loving and considerate people, just such as his church have proved themselves to be. Mr. Ellinwood has now been with them ten years! He is to preach his tenth, anniversary sermon to-morrow, the first Sabbath of November, and recount the way in which God has mercifully led them in this first decade of his administration-may another be still more glo-

rious.

When he came to them in November, Witherspoon used to preach such, and 1854, they were worshipping in the old "Parson" Allen, and Pres. Davies; and Washington Street Church; a small Washington Street Church, a small building not well located, and no way attractive. The church then humbered only two hundred and ninety-five members, and was not in a flourishing condition. Their present church edifice is rdiciently disagreeable to the tories of large, commodious and elegant, een-"their time, impartial history has abun-strally located and every way inviting. dantly vindicated their good judgement, The present membership is six hundred and their heroic patriotism. Nobly and forty-four-an example of church they did their, part in the times which thrift and prosperity rarely equalled anywhere-and all acknowledge that it is owing mainly to the wisdom, energy,

faithfulness and acceptableness of the pastor's labors. It is with peculiar sorrow, therefore that the church are compelled to lose their loved pastor even for six months: but still they yield cheerfully to the necessity, and are doing what they can,

with great liberality, to help him off in We were much interested lasted Sun- his contemplated tour for health. For day evening, in hearing a thoroughly that purpose, after a little consultation, loyal and patriotic sermon from the lips and by their own suggestion, and arrangeof Rev. Henry Fowler, of the Central ment entirely, a large number called Church, in Auburn. The subject was last evening at his house, and left a "National Unity"-to show from vari purse of about twelve hundred dollars, ous considerations that 'this' country is as an expression of their best wishes for one; was made one; must be one; and his renewed health and prosperity. His never can be anything else one in its plans are not yet fully matured, but it Geography; one by a common interest is probable that he will spend the winter in its public domain; one in its lan in the South of Europe, and will sail for OUR CHURCHES.

The First Presbyterian Church (Old a gratifying state of things. But few of School) in Alexandria, after a tedious the churches are without supplies, and struggle, or a series of tedious struggles, all are growing. The Church Erection to harmonize the views of the New and fund, as now administered, is felt to be the Old Schools in politics, or perhaps | comparatively a failure, or it does not the loyal and the disloyal elements, has by any means meet the expectations of the churches. This sentiment is almost at last resolved upon the wiser course. and thrown itself upon the Presbytery or quite universal among the clergy and of Potomac for a supply. Henceforth, people of our Synod, and we are not alone. As resolutions was passed urgit is devoutly hoped, this people will cheerfully acquiesce in the ministrations ing the delinquent churches to pay off of a pastor, even though they could not their indebtedness as soon as possible. but that no further liabilities be incurrharmonize to elect one. Rev. Joshua Morsell has resigned ed, until some modification in the rules the pastorate of the Episcopal church of administration be made. The plan near the Navy Yard. Where he is to thought most feasible is that the inte go and who is to be his successor may rest on the permanent fund and the an not now be told. Mr. Morsell is a man nual contributions be donated to the of genial nature, fall of varied informa- parties in need of assistance, even though tion, fluent and felicitous in speech, and the same may be very small. It is had

withal tolerant and benevolent in spirit. | policy to induce any congregation to At the advent of the rebellion it was become involved for the church edifice. the purpose of Rev. Dr. Smith Pyne, of for the obligations one set of men incur St. John's Church (Episcopal) in Wash are not always cheerfully met by those ington, to resign his charge; but he who succeed them. Our various benev yielded to the earnest desire of his peo dlent enterprises were commended to ple, and to his own sense of duty, and the churches, including the new one of remained. Happy has it been for that Relief for Disabled Ministers. Also the people, for the city, and for our country, Freedmans' Aid Society, whose agent that he did so : for in him Freedom and for the North-west appeared on the floor Union have found a noble defender even and addressed the Synod.

from the first and darkest hour of our country's woes. From him the feeble have drawn inspiration; by him the boldest have been encouraged; in his presence no loyal spirit could be timid. Such men have been the worthy and the equal colaborers of our honored heroes in battle.

Dr. Pyne has again tendered his resignation of the office he holds in this therefore, prosperous church. This reason therefore I do not know; but he cannot yet plead the weight of years. A wider field of service would more become him.

A. B. C. our beloved Union.

The next Union Prayer-meeting cesses, together with the increasing evi-Church, Twenty-second and Mount

THE OLERGY TO BE SUPPORTED.

LETTER FROM A DELAWARE PASTOR DEAR BROTHER MEARS :- The editorial on the "Support of the Clergy," in your issue of this week, is timely and to the purpose. But I am happy to say that the admonition is not needed by my people. A few days since, a committee of ladies of the Presbyterian Church in Delaware City waited on the pastor, and during a pleasant interview placed in his hands an envelope containing the sum of two hundred dollars. This he was asked to accept from the congregation, as supplementary to his salary during this year of greatly enhanced ccst of living. Spontaneous acts of kindness and liberality of this sort, have the happiest influence in cementing the bonds which unite pastor and people. May the donors in this instance have their reward of Him who is "able to make all grace abound towards them; that they, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good word and work." Yours as ever,

H. J. GAYLORD. DELAWARE CITY, Nov. 4th, 1864.

THE Cabinet Organ of Mason & Hamlin has, for so small an instrument, wonderful volume and power, and a variety of expression that is equalled only by a costly pipe organ, while its purity and sweetness of tone are truly charming. It is most admirably calculated to meet the wants of families and small churches. It can be transported with safety, takes up no more room than a melodeon, does not soon get out of order, and makes an elegant article of furniture Cabinet Organ.-American Baptist

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Committee on the State of the Country, reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted : WHEREAS, The rapid changes which