PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1864.

Editorial Items.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMEND-MENT.

The proceedings of a meeting of The new National Association, organized to the West Arch Street Presbyterian promote such an amendment of the preamble of our national constitution as will secure a national recognition of great power were delivered by the Hon. and his family such a box containing over God and the Christian religion will be found in another column. In the absence of Rev. Dr. Eddy, the President, Ex-Gov. Pollock, Vice-President. occupied the chair on the first evening of the session, accepting the position with a few words of address in his usual well-considered and outspoken Christian tone. Hon. Wm. Strong, of the Supreme Court of the State, gave an address of great historical interest and logical accuracy, such as befitted a profound jurist. He referred to the universal surprise felt by people on first learn- ment to the Constitution embedying a ing that our Constitution contained no national recognition of God, the Lord recognition of any governmental relation to God. Such is the universal conviction that, in a nation like ours, this recognition must be a thing of course that all supposed, until the contrary fact was publicly noticed, that it must be there. He dwelt upon the point that its omission was an ignoring of the principles upon which every colony of the present republic was, founded-God and Christianity having been honored in every colonial charter. He contended that, in spite of their omission from the Constitution, they are still well interwoven in our governmental functions. They remain the foundation of the English common law as here in use, and they are recognized in many of the forms of the civil law and acts of public administration.

Judge Strong was followed by Rev. Dr. Goddard, who spoke ably and evangelically on the general subject.

On the second day the chair was occupied by Dr. Edwards. Many members from abroad, including delegates from the northwestern States, were heard respecting the state of feeling concerning the proposed amendment, in their respective neighborhoods. Among the speakers on the resolutions, were Prof. McIlvaine, of Princeton, Dr. Junkin, Rev. W. T. Eva, Rev Dr. Morton and Rev. W. T. Milligan. The attendance, except at the evening assemblies, was not large, but a wide extent of territory was represented, and the character of the membership such as to give importance to the meeting.

THE ENGLISH MURDER CASE.

It will be seen, on our secular news page, that the murderer Muller was exe- the great importance of speedy action cuted according tosentence, on the 14th | in the matter, the Association urgently ult. We were all along surprised at request citizens in every section of the the amount of sympathy gotten up for him in the face of testimony, which, as strongest conceivable character. Even upon the platform he re-asserted his inbeing swung off, he confessed to the Philadelphia. crime. We suppose all are satisfied thought of, viz :- In the case of a per- ded : son really guilty of murder, the denial of guilt is a crime second only to the murder itself. and sometimes fully equivalent to it. Every theory by which reprieve of Muller, as an innocent man, was sought to be obtained, involved some innocent person in the crime. It exposed some innocent person to the gallows. Through such another murder, the wretched man who has now gone to his final account would have screened himself from the retribution which he knew to be due to him and him along. 1, 110

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AMEND-MENT TO THE CONSTITUTION. A mass Convention of this body held session of great interest on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 29th and 30th, in

Church. The large building was filled upon both evenings, when addresses of Adams'has just forwarded to a distant laborer Judge Strong, the Hon. James Pollock, \$400 yalue of contents. We also learn that the Rev. Drs. Goddard, McIlvaine, the ladies of Dr. Brainerd's church, and of aid our cause by your counsel, and infuse Schwarts, Junkin, Edwards and others. Letters wers read from prominent men in various sections of the country, and a large representation of delegates from many States were present.

Under the form of Resolutions, the Association presented and urged upon these. Ladies of other churches, take hold the attention of the people of the land, the following considerations in support The Presbyterian that Rev. Dr. Blackwood of their single object, viz. : memorializing Congress in behalf of an Amend-Jesus Christ, and the Holy Scriptures!

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That a national recognition of God, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Scriptures as proposed in the memorial of this Association to Congress, is clearly a scriptural duty which it is national peril to disregard.

2. That in consideration of the gener al diffusion of religious intelligence principles and institutions throughout our country; in view of the many express recognitions of Christianity by the Constitution and the Legislative enactments of the several States, and in view also of the religious history of the founding of this government, it is a striking and solemn fact that our present national constitution is so devoid of any distinctive Christian feature that "one of our chief magistrates once refused to appoint a day of fasting and prayer in an hour of public calamity, because the nation in its constitution recognized no God, and that in a treaty, contracted with a Mohammedan power, during the second administration of Washington, it

s formally declared that the Government of the United States is not in any sense founded on the Christian religion that it has in itself no character of enmity against the laws, religion or tranquility of Mussulmen."

3. That the measures proposed by this Association are not sectional nor sectarian nor partisan, but the general voice of Christian patriotism asking mitting it to memory. 18mo. pp. 90. Re-that which is right and wholesome, vised Edition. which is in keeping with most of our antecedents, and which will not operate oppressively upon the conscience of any cîtizen.

4. That the state of 'the times, recent and present, and the state of public sentiment warrant and encourage the attempt to secure the amendment to the Constitution which is proposed by this Association.

In view of the great and encouraging progress which this cause has made during the past six months, and in view of

OITY RELIGIOUS ITEMS.

MISSIONARY BOXES.—We notice with great pleasure—the more so as we have editorially interested ourselves in the matter—that the spirit of aiding our frontier Home Missionar-ies. by missionary hoves is awaking in our city is by missionary hoves is awaking in our city churches. The North Broad St. Church, Dr. Cavalry church, are each making up other which are likely to be well filled. Though not in this city, it is appropriate to add that the Central church, Wilmington, S. C., have just sent off a box valued at \$485, and have paid for the American Presbyterian for one year, for the Home Missionary. Good examples

COMPENSATION DEMANDED .--- We notice in pastor of the Ninth Presbyterian church, O. S. in this city, has been called to the Knox Presbyterian church, Hamilton, C. W. This is the church from which Rev. Dr. Irvine, the new and popular pastor of the Westminster church in this city, was called away. Philadelphia certainly owes them a pastor. Whether Dr. Blackwood feels himself bound to liquidate the obligation, we have not learned.

TO BE INSTALLED .- The Philadelphia Central Presbytery (O. S.) has appointed next Sabbath evening for the installation of Rev. Alexander Reed, in the church, corner of Eighth and Cherry streets. Dr. Shields is to preach the sermon, Dr. Musgrave to charge the pastor, and Dr. Henry the people. We have a pleasant acquaintance with the incoming pastor, and know him as a large-hearted and earnest working minister-a man who in this city, will make his mark, and what is better, make it for Christ. We heartily con gratulate the church on their acquisition.

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PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS. The Atlantic Monthly for December. Ticknor & Fields.

London Quarterly Review for October. L. Scont & Co., New York : W.B. Zieber, Philadelphia.

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MANY CITIZENS OF THE SEVENTH WARD.

Confined by injuries received from a railway accident whilst prosecuting a plan to promote recruiting, the undersigned can only at present write his views on the great subject of the unexpected communication from "Many Citizens of the Seventh ward." Recruiting has been progressing at the rate of more than fifty men a day, until the city has now a surplus of about (3,000) three thousand. At no time, with so little effort, have volunteers been obtained. Several causes have conspired to produce this result. A few will be named as incentives to action : First. The city has been favored with the untiring labors of unselfish patriots, among whom may be particularly named our constituted authorities, the Bounty Fund Commission, and, as inferior to none, the editors of

all our journals, which, to any perceptible extent, reach the great masses of society.-Let none of these upholders of our cause remit their exertions. Second. In a belief almost universal, and,

doubiless, well founded, that the Government is rapidly gaining upon the rebellion, many nobly desire to take a part in the closing scenes of the war. Let every one encourage so patriotic an inspiration.

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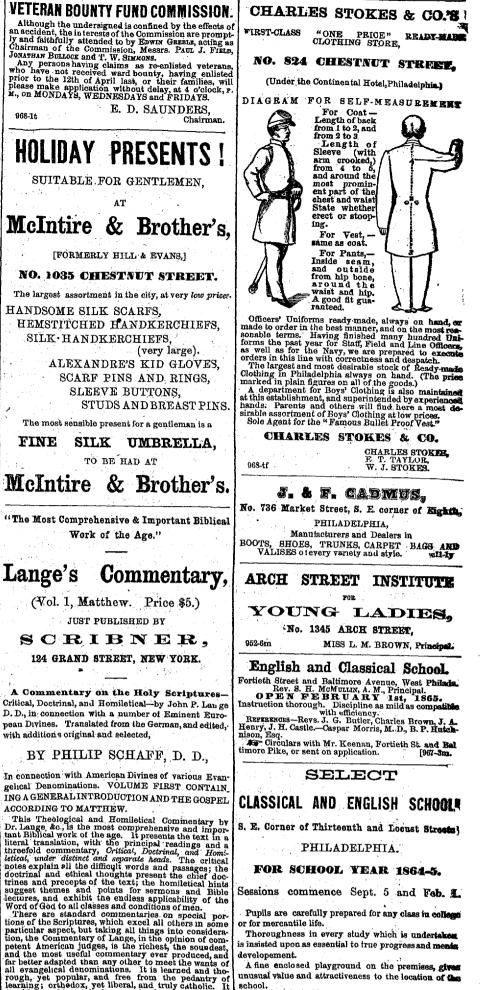
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has please send a copy of the minute adopted in the case.

2d. Did you appoint a Committee to attend to the interests of the Fund in your Presbytery ? If so, please give the name and address of the Chairman of such Committee.

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To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assem bled :

We, citizens of the United States, respectfully ask your honorable bodies to adopt measures for amending the Constitution of the United States, so as to read in substance as follows:

We, the people of the United States, humbly acknowledging Almighty God as the source of all authority and power in civil government, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Ruler among the nations, and His revealed will as of supreme authority, in order to constitute a Christian government, and in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the inalienable rights and blessings of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to ourselves, our posterity, and all the inhabitants of the land.-Do ordain and establish this conaction on the subject of the Fund? If it stitution for the United States of America

And we further ask that such changes be introduced into the body of the Constitution, as may be necessary, to give effect to these amendments in the preamble.

DEDICATION AT WARBEN, ILL.

The House of Worship of the First Presbyterian church of Warren, was dedicated to the service of God on Thursday Nov. 3. The exercises were as follows: Invocation and reading of Scriptures by Rev. A. Kent; Sermon: by Rey. A. K. Strong; Dedicatory prayer by the Pastor Rev. Eugene H. Avery; Benediction by Rev. J. W. Cunningham. Warren is a flouishing village of fifteen hundred inhabitants in JoDaviess county Ill. This Presbyterian church is a new enterprise, having been organized in January 1863, with 24 members. The present pastor, Rev. E. H. Avery has been with them since June 1st. There is already considerable interest centering in the new church and there is good reason to hope for growth, prosperity and and great usefulness, ended as a former flock.

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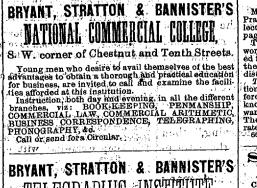
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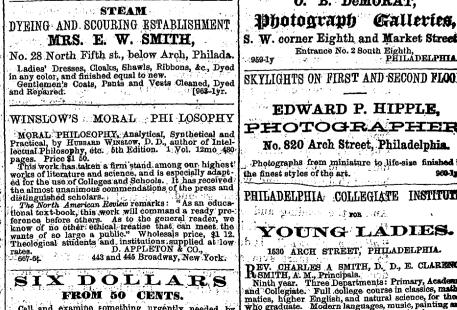
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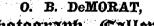
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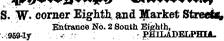
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