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THE AUTHOR OF REVIVALS.

hibitions of frothy enthusiasm which you That which is born of the flesh is flesh: that which is born of the Spirit is have witnessed, as to become the unspirit. The stream can rise no higher suspicion towards everything a little exthan the fountain. All that man does traordinary in religious movements. or proposes in his own strength, springs from his fleshly, sinful nature, and can It was to the Thessalonians, who were suffering from just such an exhibition. reach no higher elevation. In vain do of enthusiasm, that the sagacious Paulwe, of ourselves, plan for revivals-the result must be a failure and a delusion. the Spirit, despise not prophesyings."* Our greatest work and best preparation is to be rid of all notions of self-sufgreat Source of all spiritual life, and ficiency, to put away the leaven of pride, to empty ourselves for the coming humbly waiting his movements, we and indwelling of the Holy Spirit to fill may not forget that to give life, to' reour souls and to communicate his power antly, is His very business, his very nato all the springs of activity, and to use ture. To fill the Church, the body of us as his instruments in accomplishing his own glorious work in the hearts of Christ, with gifts and graces, to make it shine with the radiance of his own men.

To regenerate the soul, and revive orous activity, to make it an aggressive the affections is the peculiar work of triumphant power in the world, to the Holy Spirit. He takes of the things clothe its ministers with salvation, to of Christ and shows them to the inner give energy to their words so that they understanding. The scheme of redemption, perfected by the death of Christ, is committed to Him to be brought into vital contact with the soul. The whole process of conversion is his work. He of fear, remorse, and godly sorrow, to rouses the conscience; he enlightens the scatter in a moment the wide-spread inunderstanding ; he convinces of sin ; he difference, worldliness, unbelief and sushows the sinner his guilt and danger and misery; he urges with infinite pathem keenly alive to all the great realitience and persistence the duty of subties of Eternity and all the blessed ofmission upon his awakened mind; he fers of the Gospel,-these things are his holds up Christ, reveals his perfections, shows his fitness, and enables the peni- appropriate work. These things are extent soul to lift the eye of faith to the actly what he is Sovereign to accomgreat Sacrifice, and to say, My Saviour! plish. Riding upon the whirlwind, witnessing with our spirits that we are coming in the earthquake, treading in born of God. He carries on the work of the footsteps of calamity, war, plague, sanctification, imparts strength, dwells or without perceptible heralding by in the regenerate soul and keeps it from marked providences, he comes to do his falling. Through his indwelling we be, great work in graciously applying the come partakers of the divine nature; Spirit. His presence is the life of the rely on him with expectation and hope. source of its purity and soundness. He sits as a refiner and purifier ; he purifies the sons of Levi and purges them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteous ness. Contract Contra When the risen Lord ascended up on high, leading captivity captive, he gave gifts unto men. And His first, greatest. and still continued gift to the Church, is the abundant presence of the Holy Spirit. A gift which was formerly confined in its manifestations to a few, now overflowed in its evangelical energy and freshness, filled the primitive Church with astonishing gifts, and overawed and converted the bitter enemies of the Church and the murderers of Christ, by thousands in a day. PENTECOST marks the glorious epoch of the Church, under which it is our privilege to live and labor still. The Holy Spirit as a gift of our risen and glorified Saviour, as a royal bounty to signalize his personal triumph and an earnest of the final tri umph of his cause, as an agency and an influence superior even to his own personal presence, is the great mark and privilege of the age in which we live. This is the age of the Dispensation of tude, the ready, instrument through the Spirit,-these are Pentecostal times. Hence there is need of two simple cautions to those who are longing and praying for a revival. (1) Keep in mind the sovereignty of the Holy Spirit. Acknowledge Him as the sole source of the good you seek, --- of all spiritual good and spiritual life. Be fully convinced of your own insufficiency. Expect everything you desire as an answer to humble, believing prayer. Be prepared to ascribe all the praise and glory of the Seek not the outpouring of divine mini- mor a resolution as the unit in the contraint of this district more churches in this city, will be held in the uable an acquisition as they have made onces with any narrow, selfish view, for ganized with seventeen members and Freedmen. We may not, and our whole within the limits of this district more churches in this city, will be held in the uable an acquisition as they have made the upbuilding of any personal, local, or two have since been added.



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denominational ends merely. Rise to the

height where the glory of God and the

manifestation of the grace of Christ,

wind which bloweth where it listeth.

Let no preconceived notions hinder you'

from recognizing Him, in any mode in

which He may see fit to manifest himself,

but be ready cordially to work with him

wherever the signals of his presence ap-

pear. Be not so afraid of counterfeits

as to reject the true indications of spiri-

(2.) While standing in awe before the

Genesee Evangelist, No. 969.

PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1864.

FIRM AS A ROOK.

From the concluding sentences of the President's late message to Congress, we extract the following :

In presenting the abandonment of armed resistance to the national authority on the part of the insurgents as the only indispensable condition to ending the war on the part of the Government, I retract nothing heretofore said as to slavery. I repeat the declaration made a year ago, that while **T** remain in my present position I shall not attempt to retract or modify the Emancipation proclamation, nor shall I return to sla- ships and Christian sympathies; we must very any person who is free by the terms of that proclamation or by any of the acts of Congress.

If the people should, by whatever mode or means, make it an executive duty to reas to reject the true indications of spiri-tual life. Be not so alarmed at the ex-must be their instrument to perform it.

Nothing less than this we expected of the President, whom the country happy victims of an unconquerable has learned to know as a man of steadfast purpose, fit to hold the standard of national progress, and who himself unwhich he wasre-elected to the chief-magisaddressed the warning: "Quench not tracy. Gen. Butler, greatly to our surprise, in his New York speech scon after the election, showed that he understood neither the President nor the country, when he intimated that the rebels might come back into the union with generate, to revive, and to do it abund their slave institutions untouched by military edicts; and the sapient editors and telegraphic correspondents were still more deeply in error when they announced that Gen. Butler was beholiness, to bring all its powers into vig- lieved to be speaking by authority. The truth in a nutshell is this: Mr. Lincoln's Emancipation Policy is fixedhe will resign rather than withdraw it; the people with their eves upon this shall be mighty to the pulling down of emancipation policy have asked its strongholds, to pierce the dark depths author to retain his place for another of the impenitent soul, to pervade the term. Emancipation under the warmasses of men with sympathetic thrills power, is the corner-stone of our national policy; just as slavery sustained by war and the overthrow of union, is the corner-stone of the rebellion. The perstition of the multitude, and make strength of either side will be measured by the vigor with which these essential features of their policy are sustained.

OUR DUTY TO THE FREEDMEN.

That is a bright era in any country's history in which a class of men bearing

bids us to, remit this duty to others course of erection during the past sum and take no share in the work. It be- mer. A lot has been secured on the longs to every body of Christians to aid | corner of Broad and Oxford streets, by gious elements into the civilizing process they are to undergo. We must due season. take these lately despised and crushed

people by the hand and seek to leaven them with the pure and elevating principles of the gospel. We must welcome them into the circle of human friendimpart instruction and stimulate them to independent and manly exertion. What have we done as a church? Where is our organization? Where are our missionaries and misionary teachtime?

The fact that such questions admitted most appropriate channel of their liberality in this direction. This Board has for a considerable period. It has a successful mission in Alexandria, where a church has been organized and schools with them harmoniously and efficiently. The Board is aiming to enlarge its operations, and we hope our readers, in and out of the Synod, will embrace the special opportunity thus afforded of doing the duty-very generally neglected we fear, though universally admitted among us-to the Freedmen.

The President of the Board is Rev. John N. McLeod, D.D., of New York. The Treasurer is Mr. Thomas Darling, 761 Sixth street, in the same city.

We have received the following kind note from the Freedmen's Board, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, which we publish in this connection.

105 Seventh St., NEW YORK, } Nov. 15, 1864.

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REV. JOHN W. MEARS :-- In the name

in introducing those indispensable reli- a liberal layman in our church and further developments are looked for in

THE HARVEST WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."

[An enthusiastic friend, who has just read this interesting account of Mr. Hammond's labors, sends us the follow ing eulogistic notice.

DEAR BRO. MEARS. - I have just finished reading the "Harvest Work," and words are inadequate to convey my impressions of the man it tells ers? What connection have we with about. What has he not done under this, the most remarkable work of our the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to bring souls to Jesus ! It has been my great pleasure to meet Mr. Hammond in of no satisfactory answer, led the Synod | social intercourse, to know him as a derstands the country, and reads aright of Pensylvania, at its recent session in friend; and his innocent, childlike simthe meaning of that emphatic vote by this city to direct the attention of the plicity, his perfect faith, his oneness of next morning, at the breakfast table, churches under its charge, to the FREED- aim, his great desire to increase the the Pastor raising his plate, found un-MEN'S BOARD OF THE REFORMED PRESEY- number of travelers to the Lord's King-TERIAN CHURCH (General Synod), as the dom, is so apparent, you cannot be in his society ten minutes without feeling he is different from other men; bat been organized and in working order read of him, as I read to-day, and you will exclaim "what manner of man is this?" A Whitefield, a Luther, a Knox ? "A prophet is not without honor save established. It is in the hands of in his own country." Many of our Christian brethren in whom we have good ministers in America do not apthe útmost confidence, and we can work preciate Mr. Hammond, and his work. whereas those staid and conservative old Scotch Presbyterians took him by the hand as a brother-a chosen instrument of God. Our ministers do not exactly disapprove, but they stand back and look on. They fear lest all things

be not done "decently, and in order." Read of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that has attended his labors wherever he has gone, and your prejudices will melt away, like the morning mist. His are no boisterous "Camp meetings" no loud shouting, no clapping of hands, no violence. All is deep and solemn feeling, and joyous hymns of praise and prayer.

Read then of what he did for thousands of souls, in Glasgow, in Annan, in Dumfries, and other cities and towns and behalf of the Freedmen's Board of across the broad sea, and then in our the title of FREEDMEN is seen to emerge, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, 1 own New England, and you can but

exclaim "what manner of man is this?

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News of the Churches.

SUNNYSIDE AT MARPLE.-The congregation at Marple, contiguous to this city, (Rev. B. B. Hotchkin's,) paid a. welcome visit to the parsonage on the evening of the 8th inst. It was a surprise, conducted with the graceful strategy in which our lady friends in that quarter have become accomplished. Young and old were present; there was gravity and gaiety, but cheerfulness reigned throughout. As usual they made themselves free with the storecloset, the cellar, the coal bin, and the granary, piling up everywhere things good and useful, just such as are wanted in a family which has everything to buy, and leaving the highest profusion of those articles which have reached the most expensive rates in market. The derneath it an envelope enclosing \$100. with a note in the handwriting of one of the young ladies-""From the congregation." To this add \$10 just before received "From a parishoner," and \$5 since sent in, and it may be believed that a rosy hue came over the times at the parsonage. There ought to be thankful hearts there-thankful to earthly friends and the great heavenly Friend. and we believe there are such. Will not many other congregations have like thoughtfulness in view of the severity of the times, and minister carnal things to those who minister to them spiritual things?

ANOTHER.—The congregation at Duquoin, Ill., besides showering upon their Pastor, Rev. J. Jerome Ward, a contribution of household valuables, money included, presented him with a Life Insurance of \$1000. Mr. Ward reports to the Christian Herald, that "the people are coming in gradually and filling up our church edifice on the Sabbath, and one of two things must soon come to pass,---either the congregation must stop its increase, or the church edifice must grow ' bigger.'-We will know ere

atonement to the race of men, and car-He it is by whom Christ lives in us and rying out the plans of God in a world of will be a glorious designation of the de- our mission to the liberality of your becomes our life. All the graces of the redeemed sinners. Therefore we must cade in which we live, and it may be churches. Christian character are the fruit of the view Him with confidence. We must that historians and future generations Church ; his energy is the source of its He seeks the trusting, believing ones, as men. While the wast continent, of contributed, but also in employing as ability; his quickening breath is the the channels of his blessed influences. Africa lies in almost unbroken Pagan far as we can any laborers that may If his manifestations are limited, it is because the expectations of believers are narrow and unworthy; their lack of faith incapacitates them for the large measure of service to which he would, put them. We are straitened in our-

selves not in Him. We wrong him, we misapprehend his very nature and office, when we viewed his attitude towards connected with this exodus of a whole and our Lord Jesus Christ. Yours in ever they do, that they do all "to our race doubtingly, and see not our fallen world girdled by the arms of his infinite Love. He would have us expect great things of him. In replacing the ascended Redeemer in the Church He made his first movement-PENTEcosr. A true Feast of Harvest marked the beginning of his work,-surely not to intimate that all that followed should they: "The social and civil status to be announcing the organization of two most thoughts. I would have every be mere gleanings, but that his whole work was a Harvesting,-a work amid abundance of ripe fruits,-a gathering in by sheaves, and in overwhelming abundance, the yast harvest of redeemed 1000 souls.

In humble boldness, then, let us cast ourselves upon the great Author of Révivals. He alone can quicken us by his now ascertain. But there are hundreds divine service held on Sabbath after- done you will pray God that we too the prayer of faith, the expectant attiwhich to manifest the richness of his Mississippi Coast,' whose condition very numerously attended, especially grace and the glory of his power.

*2 Thess. 5: 19, 20. Ellicott, in his. Commentary on these verses, says "The Elernal Spirit is represented as fire which it was regarded possible to extinguish, by a fire which it was regarded possible to extinguish, by a studied repression and disregard of its manifestations arising from erroneous perceptions and a mistaken dread of enthusiasm." Vs. 20, "The exhortation gains all its points from the fact that the more sober anikers had been probably led by the present state of things to undervalue or unduly reject all the less usual manifestations of the Spirit."

ganized a Presbyterian Church about unfolds on the arena of our reconquered ing a population of thirty thousand, not only as it seems to open a providential ence. Mr. Riley enters upon his work five miles from Troy, called "The Car- domain." mel Presbyterian Church." It was or div own church has its duty to these gelical churches can be found; and THE NEXT UNITED PRAYER-MEETING, of our we congratulate the church upon so val-

and in which their numbers are so great present to you and through you to the shall know it, as the Age of the Freed- only in employing faithfully, all funds ism, here in the grand emancipation offer with your commendation for this movements brought about by the Pro- great work among the colored populavidence of God, the expectations of the tion. prophet may, be viewed as reaching fulfillment: "Ethiopia shall soon stretch | tributions, and again assure you of our out her hands unto God Perresto . It is certain that high responsibilities common Master, wishing you grace, and great opportunities for good are mercy and peace from God, the Father people from bondage. Their number the Lord, equals that of the children of Israel Cor. Sec. Freedmen's Board, Ref. Pres when led forth from Egypt, and if we do not guard against it, they will be plunged into a worse wilderness, and wander farther and remain longer, outside of the true Canaan of a rational, civilized and Christianized liberty, than enjoyed by the great mass of them flourishing Sabbath Schools in the which still remain within the limits of North-western part of the city,-one their welfare in states which, like Mary- are now in successful operation. land, have by a regular process bestowed ton, Norfolk, the Sea Islands and the have been regularly maintained, and wherever he goes. demands our Christian sympathies, and during the summer months, not unfreaffords us a most inviting, interesting quently seven and eight hundred per-

of rising from abject slavery to enlight- generously aided in these services. ened Christian freedom. It is among

as to demand public recognition, num- Synod of Pennsylvania, our most cordial Most gladly will we co-operate, not

> our termite and foots i me We ask your prayers, with your con-

fraternal confidence and love in our SPENCER L. FINNEY, Church. ะวันการ ประการเหลือ สาวสุดเป็นส

OITY RELIGIOUS ITEMS.

MOVEMENT IN THE NORTH-WEST .-We have already had the pleasure of

more than two or three vigorous evan- step to increased usefulness.

Oh how we need such an influence in erous organizations, and a special branch thanks for the fraternal action of that our own dear city. Philadelphia has of literature to meet their wants. It body, at your suggestion, commending many willing, loving, working Christians, but they do not extend their labors; they do not talk enough about Jesus; not because they do not want to, but they don't know exactly how to go about it. We need some one like Mr. Hammond to set us the example. Oh that God would but put it into the hearts of some of the brethren to send and bring Mr. H. and associate him with them in the work of rousing this goodly city, the city of "Brotherly Love" from its lethargy, and awakening Christians to a sense of the duty they owe to our Heavenly Father, reminding them whatthe glory of God." Oh that we too could tell (like thousands over the ocean, in New England, in Rochester, Newark and Chicago), what he has been the means of doing for us.

I have not said half that my heart would have me say. I feel how inade quate words are to express our inner-Christian father read this book,-read it to his wife and to his children,-they rebellion, the mode in which they are at the corner of Eleventh and Columbia will find much there to entertain them, to be settled in the enjoyment of their Avenue, and the other at "The Wagner for Mr. Hammond loves the little lambs rights, the measures to be taken for Free Institute of Science". Both of these and tries to bring them all into the fold. Lawould have every body read it to In June last, Prof. Wagner most gen- know, this our modern - Whitefield ing at once enlarged religious privileges. upon them their freedom, we cannot erously yielded to a request to have shall I call him? and when you have life-giving breath; and he only waits of thousands of escaped fugitives on noons, in the large Institute of which may enjoy the great blessings that our Presbyterian church in the large and our hands, clustering around Washing he is the proprietor. These services Heavenly Father showers around him enterprising borough of Pottsville, by a

Yours in Christian love.

and remarkable opportunity for aiding sons being present. Ministers of other Jose, on the 27th of October, dismissed lor presided and propounded the conand encouraging a people in the process denominations besides our own, have Rev. Laurentine Hamilton from the stitutional questions, and also delivered church in San Jose, and arrangements the charge to the pastor; and Rev. The urgent necessity of a new church were made for his installation at Oak- John McLeod charged the congregaorganization in this section is quite evi. land. Mr. H. submits to this transfer, tion. All the parts of the service were can learn and are learning how to deal dent from the fact, that from Girard not because of any want of cordiality, performed with the usual ability of the NEW CHURCH IN IOWA .-- Rev. M. H. with the whole great problem, which avenue northwardly and from Eighth in his relation at San Jose, where he speakers, and greatly to the satisfac-Dysart, of Troy, Iowa, has recently or by God's kind ordering, so gradually street westwardly, a district compris- has been long useful and beloved, but tion of a large and appreciative audi-

long." THE E. WHITELAND AND REESEVILLE Churches in the 3rd Presbytery of Philadelphia have extended a unanimous call to Mr. M. P. Jones, licentiate of 4th Presbytery.

CHICAGO.-The correspondent of the Evangelist speaks of a new church of our connection as having been recently organized on the extreme west limit of Chicago. A chapel is nearly completed, but no minister has as yet been provided.

A CASE FOR PRACTICAL SYMPATHY .--Our feeble but earnest church in Salina, Michigan, has been laboriously engaged for some time past, in securing for itself a suitable house for, worship. The edifice was far advanced in the process of erection when, on the evening of Nov. 9, it was entirely prostrated by a terrific gale which swept over the place. This throws the work forward into another season, and operates severely upon the resources of the little band whose great sacrifices in doing what has been done seem thus to have failed of the result sought. Forward is, however, the word with them, but help from abroad seems indispensable. We must hasten to secure a good church in this place. It is a salt manufacturing town in the Saginaw valley, rapidly growing, and need-INSTALLATION AT POTTSVILLE.-Rev.

Isaac Riley was installed over the First Philadelphia, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 30th. The sermon was preached CALIFORNIA.-The Presbytery of San by Rev. Dr. Adams; Rev. W. W. Tay-

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