CONCLUDED FROM 401ST PAGE. men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I (we) have

'Now, therefore, arise, O Lord God, into thy resting-place, thou and the ark of thy strength; let thy priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints re-

## Correspondence.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

BUFFALO PRESBYTERY.

This body convened in its annual meeting in the North church of Buffalo, on the 13th instant. Rev. Timothy Stillman, D.D. of Dunkirk, was elected Moderator, and Rev William Waith, of Lancaster, Temporary clerk. As Mr. Stillman is also Stated clerk of the Presbytery, and Mr. Waith is pretty uniformly elected Temporary clerk, the names of officers seem a little mixed; and yet there was no confusion in the business.

There was, however, quite an interesting episode on the first evening, which deserves special mention. Rev. Dr. Smith, pastor of the North church, was under engagement to lecture, in the regular winter's course, before the Young Men's Association of Buffalo; and without knowing or thinking of the time of the meeting of Presbytery, had allowed his name to be set down on the programme for that evening. The Doctor handsomely apologized for the undesigned conflict between his lecturr and the opening sermon before Presbytery, which was to have been preached by Rev. Dr. Clarke, the retiring Moderator; and to compromise the matter, the Young Men's Association had sent complimentary tickets and a cordial invitation to the entire Presbytery to attend the Lecture; whereupon the opening sermon was postponed to the following evening, and the members of Presbytery gave themselves up to quite another sort of entertainment.

#### A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

At the appointed hour, in spite of a driving storm, the great Hall, (St. James') in which the lectures are given, was well filled. and the speaker began. But all were evidently surprised to find that instead of a lecture we were to have a Poem. No one seems to have expected it, or imagined that such a thing was possible. We knew that the Doctor was a profound scholar, an accomplished rhetorician and orator, but we had not dreamed that he was also a poet.

The theme was "Mammon or the problem of Happiness;" treated philosphically, humorously, satirically and religiously; as all these qualities were found in different parts of the author's flowing verse. The keenest shafts of satire were hurled with great dexterity at the world of shams and deceits; lighter follies were served up for innocent laughter; while an air of real seriousness, and a vein of true philosophic day of the present month, and was a deand Christian instruction ran through the

our good forture to listen. The audience were evidently well pleased, and many of the finer passages were earnestly applauded. We had supposed that Anson G. Chester Esq. was the Poet Laureate of Buffalo: but after this he must look well to his laurels.

DELIGATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Rev. William Waith,, of Lancaster, and Rev. Sylvester Cowles, of Ranpolph, were appointed clerical commissioners to the next General Assembly; and Andrew Parker, and Moses Bristol, both of Buffalo, were appointed lay commissioners. NEW MEMBERS.

The following persons were received as members of the Presbytery of Buffalo: Rev. H. P. Bogue, from the Presbytery of Onondaga; Rev. William Hancock from the Presbytery of Albany; and Rev. E. P. Willar d, a licentiate, also from the Presby-

Mr. Bogue is temporarily supplying the church in East Hamburgh; Mr. Hancock is preaching for the second church of Ripley, and Mr. Willard has labored as stated supply, for a year, with the church in Dun-

A SORE AFFLICTION.

tery of Onondaga.

The church in Springville has been sorely afflicted in the death of their pastor, Rev. Nathan Allen. He was apparently in his usual health in the early part of October; but soon after symptoms of derangement manifested themselves, almost as the first outbreak of typhoid fever. He was soon raying and unmanagable, and was sent to the Utica Asylum, where he lived but four

His age was about forty; and he was a good and useful man. The church mourn for him as for a very dear friend. He leaves a wife and three children—one born since the father's death—to whom the loss is utterly irreparable. But they are among friends. The church continue the pastor's salary until February next, for the benefit of the widow and her children.

NUMBER OF THE BUFFALO PRESBYTERY. It embraces thirty seven ministers, and twenty-six churches. The attendance upon the meeting was smaller than we had expected; being only thirteen ministers, and sometimes is, and was a pleasant feature of the meeting. We are glad to see the laymen take their share of the business and the responsibility of these ecclesiastical gatherings. Four, however, at least of the ministers had a good excuse for absence, being chaplains in the Union army. The

Presbytery is loyal to the core.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

The informal reports of members of Presbytery upon the state of the churches were nteresting and encouraging.

Lafayet's Street Church of Buffalo, (Dr. Heacock's) reports two Mission Sabbath schools in successful operation; in connection with one of which a score of conversions had occurred within the year. Something of a revival was also experienced last spring in the Doctor's Congregation, with a number of additions.

The North Clurch of Buffalo, also sustains a arge mission school, of some three hundred scholars, and a preaching service during the summer, as a part of the same enterprise. This church also reports a considerable inrease of congregation, and a large advance in its contributions to benevolent causes. It is a prosperous church.

At Griffin's Mills, where the Rev. R. Sanford, a good man and true, has labored dilli gently for twenty years, the prevailing spirit of church improvement has seized them, and they are remodeling their church edifice; turning around the pews, papering, graining and painting inside and out. We prophesy that spiritual renovation and life will follow this decent care for the appearance of the

Lord's house. At Fredonia, under the faithful and judi cious labors of Rev. Dr. Wright, a pleasant quickening was experienced last spring, es pecially among the youth of the congregation, and about twenty were added to the

There is Christian life and power evidently among the young people of this congregation. They have a juvenile missionary association, which raised \$150, the last year, to send the gospel to the heathen. This, we need hardly say, is more than the sum raised by some entire congregations as large as that

ON REUNION.

But one of the most interesting features of this meeting of the Buffalo Presbytery, was the discussion which arose the second day, Subscribers, paying full rates in advance upon the subject of the reunion of the two branches of the Presbyterian church, Old School and New. Rev. Dr. Mills, of New York, and Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Cincinnati, the new editor, were present and participated in the discussion.

All conceded that reunion was desirable. if it could be real, or cordial and harmonious some saw more difficulties in the way thon others; but all seemed to suppose that those difficulties are fast vanishing out of the way, and are willing to hope and labor for the speedy accomplishment of so desirable an end.

THE STEUBEN CO. S .- S. TEACHERS INSTITUTE. We before noticed the fact that such ar Institute, for instruction in the art of Sahbath-school teaching, was to be held in Corning, by Ralph Wells, and R. G. Pardee Esqs. of New York. It came off according to arrangement, on the 6th, 7th and 8th cided success. More than one hundred and Christian instruction ran through the whole.

At the same time the author's fine presence, his magnificent voice, his correct articulation. his almost perfect elocution greatly heightened the effect of the reading or delivery of the poem, and really constituted it one of the most agreeable entertainments of the kind to which it has ever been in the future. We give a prefly full synopsis ments of the kind to which it has ever been in the future and the future in the futu friend who was present.

The Institution was opened on Friday evening with two addresses. One by Mr. Pardee upon the "History of progress in the Sunday School work," and the other by Mr. Wells upon "Jesus as a model Teacher;" both admirable and instructive. Wednesday forenoon after a devotional meeting of half an hour, was occupied by Mr. Wells, first, in impressing in various ways upon all the importance of Teachers' meetings, furnishing answers to the various objections. showing how difficulties may be surmounted. The institute then resolved itself into a Teachers' meeting conducted by Mr. Wells,

showing how to do it. In the P. M. Mr. Pardee conducted a Teachers meeting. The teachers presented their difficulties and questions for solution. which were replied to by Mr. Wells and Mr. Pardee. In the evening a crowded house, filling altar and aisles, listened to a "Model lesson," taught to a class of children by Mr. Wells, upon the story of the two blind beggars cured by Jesus.

Rev. Thos. K. Beecher of Elmira followed Mr. Wells with an interesting and instructive address to Sunday-school Teachers upon tbeir work.

After the opening prayer meeting, Thursday forenoon was occupied first by Mr. Pardee in answer to the question "How should the Sunday-school be conducted?" dwelling especially upon the duties and functions of the Superintendent. Mr. Wells followed with a practical illustration of the best methods of Bible class teaching the Institute with Bibles in hand being the class and Mr. Wells the teacher. The subjects of this lesson were first, "The third commandment;" and next, "The parable of the wedding garment."

Thursday afternoon was occupied by Mr. Pardee and Mr. Wells upon the subject of infant class instruction, by Mr. Huntington (the Secretary of the N. Y. S. Teachers' Association,) with reference to his own experience as Teacher and Superintendent. and by addresses to the children by Mr. Pardee, Mr. Beecher and Mr. Wells. The Thursday evening session closed up the Institute and some six or seven brief addresses were made by as many gentlemen present. eleven elders. The proportion of the at At the close, we sang with a hearty good tendance of the elders was larger than it will "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and adjourned with the Apostolic benediction, better fitted, we believe, for life's great work.

> THE NEXT UNION MEETING of our churches will be held in the Calvary church.

Editorial Items.

ABOUT PREMIUMS.

Our premiums are very popular at the present time; we are sending them away every day. The sewing machines are all gone and we therefore withdraw them from the list. In their place we offer a very valuable list of books suitable for a teachers' and Sabbath school library. As the publishers have recently raised the price both of "The Life and Times of John Huss" and Shedd's "His tory of Christian Doctrine," we are obliged to ask a greater number of new subscribers for these works. We still offer them on terms which bring them within the reach of every active worker for the paper.

It should be understood that pre miums are awarded for bona fide subscribers only—not for names paid for by the person seeking the premiums.

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This elegantly illustrated piece of music, the words of which were first published as a prize poem in the American Presbyterian, and which has been sung with great applause, especially in Western New York, will be sent, postpaid, for a single subscriber paying in advance.

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\* By "New," we mean recently published.

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THE GLORIOUS SUCCESSES OF THE

NATIONAL ARMIES. The air of last week was jubilant with the notes of victory. The arrival of Sherman's conquering army almost unopposed on the sea-coast, and their capture of an important work in the defences of Savannah, itself would have made an epoch in the war. There was something sublime in the emerging of this great expedition from the mists audaciously-lying rebels had thrown around it, but which were scattered all at once, by the brief despatch of that noble Christian soldier, Gen. Howard, to Admiral Dahlgren: "We have met with perfect success thus far. The troops are in fine spirits and near by."

And what a grand march has this of Gen. Sherman's army been! Commencing really at Chattanooga in May it swept aside, out-flanked, out-manœuvred, defeated, time and again, the rebel army opposed to it: it seized one strong position after another, it held open long lines of communication in its rear, captured the fortified city which was its leaving the only army which had made Now for Philadelphia.

any show of resistance contemptuously in its rear, it abandoned its communications and pushed forward, penetrated three hundred miles more of hostile territory, subsisted itself plentifully ipon the enemy, and in one month reached a new base of operations, 300 miles distant from Atlanta, and four hundred and thirty miles from the base it left in May. This great achievement places Sherman and his army upon a par with the greatest fighting men of

Upon the heels of this joyful an nouncement comes that of the utter overthrow of the army left in Sherman's rear, which had been sent north to imi tate and neutralize the effect of Sher man's march through the South. The powerful army of Gen. Thomas was an obstacle doubtless quite unexpected to therebel leaders, who have been proclaiming the exhaustion of the fighting force | publication. We shrink from recording such of the North. They too, expected, like Sherman, to find themselves unopposed in their march to the Ohio River. But as Sheridan routed Early, sent to counteract Grant's movements in the East, so Thomas has routed and scattered and disarmed the rebel invaders of the West. Unlike many of our previous victories, this has been so easily won, that the conquerors have by a vigorous and destructive pursuit of the discomfitted rebels, so that every day increases the magnitude and decisiveness of the results.

Other movements on land and sea are in progress, and ere another week goes round, still grander and more decisive ach ments in all probability will have to be recorded by a joyful and adoring people. The rebellion is virtually over.

### CITY RELIGIOUS ITEMS.

NEW LOCATION.—The church edifice at the corner of Wood and Eleventh Streets is in the process of refitting for the use of the 2nd Congregational church in Philadelphia, by whom it has been leased. It is expected to be ready for occupation in a few days.

-A WELL BESTOWED LIBERALITY .-- We learn through The Presbyterian, that the Seventh Presbyterian Church of rigid, with opened eyes, on the decks. Philadelphia has contributed to the Their faces were turned to the heavens, Christian Commission a sum sufficient to erect a chapel tent in the army of the Potomac, and has determined that it shall be called after its pastor, Rev. Mr. Crowell. Other churches are moving in this good work, which promises

an addition of twelve members, (nine on profession,) to the Trinity Presbyterian tor, on the 11th inst.; also "large accessions to the membership of the Fif-

teenth Presbyterian Church." Installation.—The installation of Rev. Alexander Reed, as Pastor of the took place on Sabbath evening, the 11th Presbytery. Rev. Dr. Cornell, the Moderator, presided, and proposed the constitutional questions; Rev. J. M. Crowell preached from the text, "The sower soweth the word;" the charge to the pastor was delivered by Dr. Musgrave, and to the people by Dr. Henry, prayers by Dr. Cornell and Mr. Crowell. We are told that, notwithstanding the exceeding discomforts of locomotion on that evening, the house was well filled; also that the exercises were well sustained throughout.

REOUISITE OF A RELIGIOUS PAPER.

An esteemed correspondent in a recent letter, says:

"You know Dr. Chalmers used to tell his students never to preach a sermon without having a word in it adapted to lead the sinner at once to Christ. And so I have thought that a good newspaper ought to have at least one article each week, written with the sole and express purpose of leading the perishing to believe and be saved. Many preach with the hope that as they preach "the truth" it will sometime, like good seed, spring up and do good which reports from panic-struck, yet but it seems to me that ministers and papers ought often to come as ambassadors from the court of heaven and demand an instant submission."

The suggestion seems to us full of Christian zeal. Besides trying to do our part in the editorial department, we should be glad to publish suitably written articles, of the kind indicated, from the pens of correspondents.

Noble.—The Third Church, Pittsburgh, always reliable, has again been faithful to its historic character. It has just forwarded to our Committee on Home Missions a contribution of \$2500. This added to a recent donation from first object, on the first of September, at its Sabbath School in the same line, a distance of 138 miles from its base, and to the value of missionary boxes and then, on the 12th of November, made up, rolls up the amount to \$3000.

HORRORS OF A REBEL PRISON.

The developments of Rebel barbarity at Andersonville, throw even Libby and Belle Isle into the shade. History has no parallel oners now in Annapolis-accounts fully conrators. Liverpool sympathisers are impor tuning our government to permit their commissioners to come with their contributions of gold to the rebel prisoners in our hands, whom we are all the while sending back sleek and hearty; but who has heard from that quarter the first effort at humane interference in behalf of our men at the South, dying of nakedness, filth, and starvation, or, what is perhaps more merciful, shot down like dogs for venturing to stretch their heads over a prescribed line in a mournful and vain gaze for some sight of relief coming—they know not when or from where? The Press contains a long letter from Annapolis, giving an account of things there seen, and stories of what is not seen, almost too horrible for revelations, but these are things which must be known, and we subjoin extracts as samples of the whole. Are those who conduct this rebellion men, or are they fiends?

I came to this city when the telegrams told me that our transports had brought here all that was left of our captured soldiers when rebel brutality had done its worst. I came expecting to see horrors such as eye never saw before. I came here with my own mental pictures of what woful wrecks man must be after months of systematic starvation and barbaric ill-treatment—after tortures and trials such as no Christian or enbeen able to follow up their advantages lightened people had ever imposed upon those who fell into their power by the fortune of war. But when I saw these poor fellows I discovered that there were some things which even the imagination may fail to correctly portray; some realities which fancy on its freest wings, can never exceed. Opportunely, a special commission appointed by the Sanitary Commission to inquire into the condition of the released prisoners, kindly gave me every opportunity to gather such facts as were proper for public informa tion. This commission of which Edward Delafield, M. D., a prominent physician of New York city, was chairman, and Ellerslie Wallace, M. D., Rev. Treadwell Walden, W. H. Rawle, of this city, Governeur M. Wilkins, Frederick S. Winston, and Herbert Turner, of New York, were members, made a very careful examination of a large number of the prisoners, commissioned officers and privates, and gathered a great variety of interesting and astonishing facts not hitherto developed, which it is their intention to present to the public in a formal report at an early day.

It is related that when the transports ar

rived in the Severn river, with their motly, suffering freight, among all that great collection of infirmity and weakness in every form many poor fellows, who had wasted away until all hope and desire of life had become which had been for months their only shel ter. Their agony was marked in faint lines which their wasted, pinched faces furnished hardly room to trace, and in the twisted limbs, expanded chest, which even to the last strove to contain its breath, and in the contorted muscles. Their other characteristics were shared with them by the living. All the men were filthy, ragged or naked, and swarming with vermin. They came to

"God's country" with scarce enough strength to articulate their joy. Their limbs were palsied and stiffened with a scurvy which marked them everywhere: their bodies were smeared all over with the excrement of their diarrhoea, in which they were compelled, from sheer weakness, to lie; their hair was matted with filth of the same char-acter; some, with their limbs and bodies filthy as they were, were swollen by dropsy to such an enormous tension as to suggest the idea of bursting to the pitying eyes that were bent searchingly upon them. Lice of great size swarmed over them—ravenous, torturing-living in burrows in the flesh, honeycombing it all over with their dwelling Central Presbyterian Church, (O. S.) places. They were almost the bulk and shape of grains of wheat. Their bites were keen—their combined attacks exeruciating. inst. under the order of the Central Others were, in addition to these ills, afflicted with "groundsores." Their bones pierced through the tightly-drawn flesh, reduced by starvation; and at the hips, shoulder blades, and other projecting portions of the body the sores were formed and peopled with hi deous, slimy maggots, whose every motion was untold agony to the unhappy sufferer, who had neither the means, the strength, nor perhaps in the stupor of suffering, the will to remove them. There were but few of these, however, though as the soldiers tell us, on their oaths, such sights were quite common at "Anderson." But the poor victims died too fast for any large number to accumulate at one time. They might be seen at all points, gasping under their horrible pains, the maggots disporting, eating, piercing nearer, nearer, every day, to the vitals. In some instances they formed lines of communication between one sore and another by eating little conduits for some distance under the skin. Through these ways they traveled in lines, the living arcade over them heaving up and down as they moved. No care was taken of these martyrs, no medicine was given, no facilities for even a very moderate attempt at cleanliness, and they died by scores, to be buried like brutes, in great heaps in unmarked graves. But we will not continue this reference to life at Andersonville. Our friends of the Commission will soon present these facts, and others far more horrible, in a detailed way, and we will confine ourselves simply to what might be seen at the Naval Hospital wharf, on the Severn river.

In our tour through the hospitals we saw these released men, black with sun-tan and the smoke of the pine fires over which they bent as they cooked the food that mocked their hunger and robbed them of their lives, They were in "God's country" now. The grand old stars and stripes waved over them, and the notes of their own sweet national music were wafted through the casement to practical wisdom and a fruit of true their grateful ears. Attentive nurses in the Union's blue hovered round their bedsides, anticipating every want, and watching with a more than brotherly tenderness each change of symptom. Words of cheer, assurances of returning health, were coaxing back the red blood to their wan cheeks, and lighting up their hollow eyes with a gleam of hope. But, alas! there were and are cheeks—hundreds of them—that will not glow, and eyes that will not sparkle ever-One hundred and fifteen have up to this morning already died in hospital, and the fate of many more is sealed. No medical skill can save them-no love, no hope lure them back to life again. Rebel diabolism has exhausted the life spring, quenched the life-lamp. One may gurgle yet a little while, the other glimmer, but both are ebbing, both shall disappear.

A course of Lectures commenced at Olivet church, in this city, Dec. 22d.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Messrs. Ticknor & Fields have issued in holiday style another of Carleton's to the accounts brought by exchanged pris-LOWING THE FLAG." It is beautifully firmed by the physical condition of the nar- bound in red cloth gilt and has a number of spirited illustrations. Carleton is one of the most popular and genial of Army Correspondents.

The same publishers have issued in Blue and Gold, an edition of "ENOCH ARDEN." Both these volumes are for sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

Messrs. Sheldon & Co, of New York. have also issued in season for the holidays "WALTER IN CONSTANTINOPLE," one of Dr. Eddy's very popular series of Juvenile Travels. Also another of Jacob Abbot's excellent and instructive series on American History embracing the Wars of the Revolution. Both of these volumes are handsomely printed and illustrated.

Columbus, Ohio.—The 2nd Presbyterian church of this place, Rev. E. D. Morris, Pastor-a church, said by the Christian Herald to be "far less remarkable for wealth than for harmony, zeal. and self-sacrificing spirit of its membership"-has just disembarrassed itself of a heavy debt upon its beautiful house of worship. There were two subscriptions of \$25,000 each and one of \$15,000.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Ten persons were received on profession to the communion of this church, (Mr. Barnes') at the communion last Sabbath.

THE NATIONAL PREACHER for December. contains Rev. Wm. Aikman's Sermon before the Synod of Pennsylvania -"The Church's piety, the Pulpit's Power." Also Moral Analogies of Central Park, by Horace Eaton, of Palmyra, New York; and The Better Hope, by Dr. Sunderland.

# Beligious Intelligence.

Presbyterian.

Amphibious, but Good.—We have before noticed a contemplated enterprise in New York city, which now seems about to become a fixed fact. The Presbytery of New York has appointed a committee to organize a Presbyterian Seamen's church. It is to be called the Church of the Sea and Land, since it is designed for seamen, and also for Presbyterians residing in the lower part of the city, where there is no Presbyterian church. The Rev. Alexander McGlashan has charge of the enterprise.

Poland, Ohio. - Rev. A. S. McMaster, Pastor of the Presbyterian church in this place, writes to the Banner acknowledging a complimentary visit from his people, with gifts to the value of \$300, and adds:—"The congregation recently raised more than eleven hundred dollars to pay a balance of debt on their handsome and commodious house of worship and some smaller items, leaving them without indebtedness to any one. During the current year they have more than doubled their contributions to the missionary work of our own Church; and in connection with the rest of the community, from the beginning of the war, their contributions through various organizations and agencies for the physical and spiritual benefit of our soldiers, have been constant and generous, amounting in the aggregate to many thousands of dollars. And now having in some measure brought the tithes into the store-house of the Lord, they are looking in hope of the Divine blessing from

No Disbanding.—The Cumberland Presby-terian thus replies to a suggestion from a leading minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, that, in view of its being so greatly enfeebled by the state of things in the southwest where its chief strength lay, it should disband, and east in its lot with other denominations:-"We object, and think we have a right to object, that the Cumberland Presbyterian Church should be published to the world, that because the war has cut us off for a time from a large portion of the Church in the South, and we have had other trials incident to the war, that, therefore, like the 'stony ground hearers' having not sufficient root in ourselves, because trouble has come we have been looking round to see where we can best dispose of ourselves, and hide from the storm. We repeat, this may be all true with 'some' in Ohio. But it is not true to the Church generally. We have never seen our Church in Illinois — and we believe it is so in Indiana—in a more prosperous condition. In-deed in all the elements of permanent prosperity, it has never been so much so. Of course in Missouri, Kentucky, and where the war has raged, the Church is at a stand still, some places destroyed, but nowhere, even there, have we heard of the idea of disbanding' the Church."

### Methodist.

The Missionary Work for 1865.—The General Missionary Committee of the M. E. church, calls upon the membership for \$625,000 for the support of its missions for the coming year. This is to cover the whole missionary work, at home and abroad. Of Home Missions three classes are to receive marked attention—1st. In the regions and on both sides of the Rocky mountains; 2d. Missions for the benefit of Southern people coming within our military lines; 3d. Suburbs and neglected parts of large towns and cities. The Committee claim for Methodism a peculiar adaptation to each of those fields. Concerning the prospect of securing the required amount, the Committee says;—"The last reason which we will mention for venturing to call upon the church for six hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars for our missions in 1865 is the deep and general conviction which pervaded the Committee, that the church was able and willing to contribute the money necessary to maintain her missionary work in a healthy and vigorous condition. The only shade of doubt which arose on this question sprang from some apprehension of the possibility that the pastors of the churches, or some of them, might not be diligent and faithful in bringing the missionary cause before the churches and congregations, and into the Sunday Schools, as provided for in the Dis-cipline. Perhaps this slight apprehension of the Committee will prove to be without any just cause. Time will determine this