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FROM OUR CORRESPONDING EDITOR.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ANNIVERSARIES.

The Anniversaries of the St. Lawrence County Benevolent Societies are to be held this year on the 17th, 18th, and 19th days of January, at Madrid. These are generally meetings of great, interestsomething peculiar to this region. The We did not, indeed, expect less, or we county societies for Temperance, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Bible and Tract causes, severally hold their Anniversaries at the same place, within the time named, and mainly before the same

audience. It is a three days' meeting, to consider the interests of religion and humanity gates. It needs no argument to show at home and abroad. The good people assemble from all parts of the county, some always being present also from other parts of the land; and what with reports of Secretaries and Treasurers, discussions, and good speeches, great interest is elicited for the several causes, and much is done towards establishing them in the affection and confidence of the surrounding churches.

We may be pardoned, perhaps, for feeling a special interest in Foreign Missions, and we notice that Hon. C. T. Hulburd, the President of the St. Lawrence County Missionary Society, auxiliary to the American Board, is out with a brief, earnest, and appropriate circular, calling upon the pastors and churches of the county to remember this good cause. He wisely urges "personal applications, for donations and contributions, to the entire church membership." This is the way to do up collections for an object so vast; the only way, perhaps, which calls out the largest liberality of the churches.

SABBATH SCHOOL FESTIVALS.

What a "Merry Christmas" the children have been enjoying in all this region. We hear of Sunday School festivals almost without number. In Buffalo, those of the First and of the Lafayette Street Churches; in Rochester, of the First and Plymouth, might well be spoken of in detail if space would permit—all interesting occasions. Fredonia must, however, have a few words. It was the Anniversary and Festival of the Children's Missionary Society. The children came together not for gifts alone, but to do something for the heathen. They had singing and refreshments, ice cream and post office, beside show tables loaded with all sorts of handiwork, made by little fingers and offered for sale.

It was a joyous occasion. The best of feeling seemed to animate all minds, and what was still more, they raised \$215, clear of all expenses, for the missionary cause. The same school last year raised \$150. But this year, also, beside doing so much for the heathen, the children and teachers of the Sabbath school had it in their hearts to pay a deserved compliment to their faithful and excellent Superintendent, Colonel Redington. A part of the festival service consisted, therefore, in the presentation of an ice pitcher, salver, and goblets, worth \$40, to him. So the festival raised, in all, \$255—generously done by an important, interesting, and flourishing school. How many others might do the same and be the better for it.

OTHER COMPLIMENTS.

The friends of Rev. Dr. Smith, of the North Church, Buffalo, we found last week bestirring themselves to give him a merry Christmas. They intended to put into his hands a purse of a thousand dollars. So much, at least, we know they have given him in the past year, beside making a handsome addition to his regular salary. It is easy to see that they love and admire their pastor very much. and we have it not in our hearts to blame them one particle for it. Some valuable furs were also given to Mrs. Smith.

BLIND WILLIAM.

There is a well-known and worthy character, bearing this designation, who stands habitually in one spot on Main street, in Buffalo, to beg. He was once in better circumstances, but now needy enough, and with a family dependent on the sympathy which the mute appeal of his open hand shall excite in those who are passing by. The infant class of the Sunday School of the North Church had their attention called to his wants, and determined to do something in his behalf. By bringing their pennies, and by begging larger sums, they easily raised twentyfive dollars for poor Blind William. They are beginning early and well to do good.

The Sunday School of this church numbers 240 scholars, and the whole s chool is trained to systematic benevole uce, having raised in the last year the sun a of \$300, one-third of which is devote d to Mission Schools in India.

ANOTHER GENEROUS THING.

We notice in The Utica Herald (one of the be'st papers, by the way, published in this or any other State) that T. L. Kingsley & Son, of Utica, the proprietors of a large clothing establishment, gave notice that they would give the entire of Christ's Church in America? What profits of their sales on Saturday to the is to become of it? How can any one Christian Commission. We doubt not in the midst of such troublous and perithey did a big bus iness on that day; and lous times, pay to religion that attention yet this is but a trinte compared with the which is needful to its maintenance and constant benefactions of the junior mem- progress?" The only answer to this ber, at least, of that fir. He is but a question is, "God reigns." He has a young man, has been in business but a chosen people in America—he has a appears that the wish was father to the few years, and yet his gifts to every great destiny in store for the country thought, but had no reason for it. He cause of benevolence are on a scale of and the church—and out of the gloom and is now 87 years of age, "but his mental princely magnificence. He seems really storm there shall march forth a brighter powers are unimpaired"—a statement to believe those strangely discredited and nobler nation, renovated, I trust, for one can hardly believe. However, he is words, "It is more blessed to give than both social, political and religious good. determined to hold to his see as long as to receive."

MORE "COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON."

Twenty-six young men of the First Presbyterian Church, in Watertown, have for his winter rides. The pastor acknowledges the courtesy in a very handsome 'card of thanks," and says, "The sleigh is elegant and the appointments complete, a winter turn-out worthy of a king." We are glad to see that the young men are so highly appreciating the worthy minister whom we had the pleasure of cominating to them about a year ago. should have been more chary of our commendations.

THE BUFFALO "SANHEDRIM."

So we may call the Monthly Meeting of Pastors and Elders. It is the Buffalo churches in council, by their proper delethat it is a most excellent arrangement. Once a month they come together, and spend the time in prayer and consultation in regard to the interests of the churches committed to their care. They are regularly organized, with President to keep them in order, and Clerk to record their doings, and docket of business to guide their deliberations. Any question which any brother wishes discussed, or difficulties upon which he desires advice, may be proposed and taken up at the time, if thought best, or put upon the

docket for future consideration. Thus each brother may get at the united wisdom of the body; valuable information possessed by any one in regard to impostors and shams, may easily be communicated to all; unity of thought, and plan, and purpose, in regard to the interests of the Church, is thus secured. They seem to believe, in Buffalo, that "in union there is strength," and "in a multitude of counsellors there is safety." We do not see how it would hurt elders and pastors in some other places to believe the same things.

THE OLDEST LIVING YALENSIAN.

We see it stated by The Utica Herald that the oldest living graduate of Yale College is the Hon. Erskine Bacon, father of the Hon. William J. Bacon, of Utica. He is a graduate of the class of 1794, and was eighty-eight years of age in September last. He was born soon after the declaration of American Independence, and has lived to see our country grow from small beginnings to its present imperial greatness, and to see his glorious old Alma Mater spreading herself even more grandly, if possible, in her proportions and power. It was but little more than an academy when he graduated; it is now a full blown University, in its ample arrangements, its munificent endowments, and its hundreds of students. Judge Bacon, the elder, has long been in feeble health, and the chief objects of interest to him now in life are to see the Government completely triumph over this accursed rebellion, and to see good old Yale continue on her prosperous way.

A DANGEROUS MAN.

Such, we are sorry, or glad, to say, the well-known lecturer, Mr. John B Gough, is becoming. Perhaps he cannot it is fearful to think of the peril to life and limb which must now be encountered in order to hear him. It is said that a thousand were actually gathered around the door of the hall in which he was to lecture in Utica, before the door was open, all eager to get nearest, and to be first inside. And when the door did open, the surging of the crowd, the rushing, the pushing, the screaming of the ladies. and the hoarse expostulations of the men, made "confusion worse confounded." But finally all were squeezed through, some out of breath, some almost a jelly. and crinoline awfully misadjusted. If it had not been Mr. Gough, it would have been worth ten times the price of the lecture to get it.

We expect him in this city next week. and the same scene will doubtless be enacted here, as, in fact, it was last winter. How glad some of us less fortunate mortals would be to get a small portion of that popularity, a part of which it would seem as though he might so easily spare. and yet have enough for all practical purposes. But we would not grudge him one of all his well earned laurels, for which he has worked so nobly and so GENESEE.

ROCHESTER, Dec. 31, 1864.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENCE.

LONDON, Dec. 10, 1864. The year is slipping away quietly enough on this side of the Atlantic, while with you it rushes out in darkness and storm. We find it very difficult here to realize the terrible reality of your position when not even a distant sound of the great struggle reaches our ears, and we know of the carnage only by report. But there is still enough of horror in what one hears of the hard, fierce, relentless necessities of the war to excite our fears and sympathies. Especially do Christian Englishmen ask the question again and again, "But what

repose, and at present no signs of hurricane, except, indeed, in the ecclesiastical that the Dean of Dromore recently world. Upon looking out at this, experienced faces grow long and grave, Donaghmore Primitive Methodist Chapel. pastor, with a handsome sleigh and robes and men doubt what the end shall be. If this be true, I can only say hurrah for The Established Church, vast as it is, and energetic as its sons have recently become, is exhibiting signs of weakness, not only in its divisions, but also in the almost tremulous anxiety and pettishness with which it receives the criticism or opposition of other sects. The Dissenters are becoming more and more bold feel their power. They are beginning to use their political power. They are acquiring a social elevation. I saw a statement some time ago, which I believe to be true, that four of the Judges in the Queen's Bench at the present time, are Dissenters. One of them I know, Mr. Justice Mellor, goes to Dr. Hamilton's church, Regent Square. Dissenters do not find it so difficult as even ten years ago they did, to get into good They seem to me to indicate two things: | these two men were as far above Calvin First, a great change impending in the a tendency of all the Christian churches to mutual amity and subsequent unity. I have thought that this tendency was have looked to you to sound the first note in the concert of universal Christian union. The churches in America are more prepared for it than any other. comity between the various denominations. Presbyterian Churches call independent ministers, and vice versa. It is not universal for a man to have been a member of a church of each of the evangelical denominations in the course of his life. I am not now defending this easy vacillation, but it appears to me to show that American Christians have risen to have not yet had glimpse of, the essential unity of all true Christian religions, and the crime of mere ritual and sentimental

> SEVERE MEASURES AGAINST THE POLISH MONASTERIES.

Grave events have occurred in Poland, grave because they now place the Czar of Russia and the enormous Greek Church in direct and angry antagonism with Romanism once more. On the last occasion England was found fighting in a war which grew out of a dispute with Latin Monks. Now the Czar has resolved to expel them from his dominions. He issued an imperial ukase for the suppression of the monasteries throughout Poland. The arrangements were secret and masterly. On a certain day, Sunday, the 27th of November, the last instructions issued. At midnight, bands of soldiers were sent to the various convents. The astonished monks received orders to prepare for transmission abroad! Not a fortnight's notice, not a week's notice. Not even a day's! At half-past four that morning, they were to take the or Shedd's HISTORY, as may be preferred. railway for some other country. Each help it, perhaps it is no fault of his; yet mined to sweep away the chief seat of a prize poem in the American Presbyterian, disaffection in that unhappy country. This will not be forgotten. It is one of the steps to that mighty collision between the Greek and Roman religions, which must some day come. The step give energy and body to the Roman Church in Poland. Persecution often builds up a strong church, and there is not in the Greek religion an antidote to the superstition of the Papacy. If there were, we might have some hope, but there is not much to choose between these gigantic Pseudo-Christianisms. Oh! that those Russians were enlightened by the true, clear Gospel light! The field seems to be opening, then, for missionary labors, and I trust that soon we shall see a good and worthy beginning by the English and American churches.

DEATHS OF PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS. The Presbyterian churches in London have met with two severe strokes in the death of Dr. Archer, of the Oxenden street United Presbyterian Chapel, and of the Rev. Mr. Burns, of the English Presbyterian Church, Hampstead. The former of these was an able and popular preacher, distinguished for his zeal and energy. He had been a student under Dr. Chalmers at St. Andrew's, and became minister of Oxenden Chapel in 1832. Since that time he has been in the general London Society. His all parts of the country. Few men are so universally present and so universally welcome. He wore himself out by his over-work. Mr. Burns was of quite an opposite character-full of gentle and beautiful sentiment. His hymns have already become home-hymns in our churches, and will live with those of Newton and Wesley, to cheer the last generation of God's people.

RUMORS AND GOSSIP. DEAN STANLEY'S LAST.

There was a rumor about, that poor old Dr. Philpotts, the Bishop of Exeter, was about to resign his see, but it JOn our side, as I have said, we have life its term extends, apparently.

Another bit of ecclesiastical gossip, is preached the anniversary sermons in the

his shallow and brilliant folly; in a lecture at Islington, on the three centennaries of 1864-Calvin, Galileo, and Shakspeare. Calvin, he said, was an instance that a man may be greatly esteemed in and assertive. They are beginning to his own times, and his fame become greatly diminished after death. Erasmus and Luther were still powerful, but beginning to organize for it extension Calvin had left little behind! He then and conservation. They are found to be said that he had left a great legacy—the doctrine of Predestination—a legacy which I have been accustomed to trace back to Christ and his Apostles. But the next statement of the Dean is most droll and unaccountable, and will go far to settle whether the Dean has sufficient acuteness and balance of mind to discern and teach the truth. "But there was one born two months before Calvin's society. These things are significant death, and another one month before, and as the heavens were above the earth. relations of Church and State. Secondly, The mathematician and the writer of plays soared far above the theologian-Galileo, the father of astronomy, and Shakspeare, the interpreter of human stronger in America than in Europe, and nature." Such is the judgment of this opinionated infidel. I want nothing more than this simple statement to convince me of the man's character. Either he wilfully mistakes, or is a born fool You have more and freer intercourse and I fear the latter. Let any one look over christendom, and see the name of Calvin known and revered in every land and by the largest branches of the Protestant Church, and see how the doctrines he expounded and the principles of ecclesiastical government which he laid down have influenced for two centuries, the political motions of the world, and then say what excuse can be made for the see what the Christians of the old world outrageous statement of Dean Stanley. A DELPHOS.

PREMIUMS FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

CASH PREMIUMS .- For one subscriber, paying full rates in advance, seventy-five cents: for four subscribers, paying in the same manner, \$5.00, and for more at the same rate. For a club of ten, paying clubrates, in advance, \$7.50.

Retain the premiums and remit us the balance.

VALUABLE BOOKS.—For four new names, paying at full rates in advance, we offer the choice of John Huss and his Times, 2 vols. 8vo., SHEDD'S HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE, 2 vols., 8 vo., LANGE'S great HOMILETICAL COMMENTARY, 1 vol., royal 8 vo., or Gillett's HISTORY OF PRESBY-TERIANISM. These books will be sent, post paid, on the receipt of the names and the money.

ASSEMBLY'S DIGEST.—For Three new subscribers, paying as above, we will send, post paid, a copy of the Assembly's Digest. THE DIGEST WITH JOHN HUSS, OR THE HISTORY OF DOCTRINE.—For a club of ten, paying club rates in advance, we will send, post-paid, both the DIGEST and JOHN HUSS, CHILDREN OF THE BATTLE-FIELD.

plause, especially in Western New York, will be sent, post-paid, for a single subscriber paying in advance.

It should be understood that premiums are awarded for bona fide subscribers was an atrocious one, and is only likely to only—not for names paid for by the person seeking the premiums.

> No premiums given for Subscriptions of Ministers or Home Missionaries, unless they pay at full rates, the terms being as low as practicable already.

> > ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR SOLDIERS' PAPERS.

From W. E. Tenbrook's children-Christ-Eight papers, six months, to Chaplain Armstrong, Fourth Michigan Cavalry.

We are sending Chaplain A. eight other papers, and the whole is but the merest trifle or his own and other regiments in his vicinity. The most acceptable reading matter you can send to the soldiers, sick or well, is a fresh newspaper every week. Who will aid in sending this chaplain one hundred copies every week?

LIST OF NEW SUBSCRIBERS in the Synod of Pennsylvania to January 3d, 272.

DEATH OF GEORGE W. FOBES.—Our church has been called to sustain another great loss. A Christian merchant, a ruling elder in Clinton street Church, and one of engaged in the work of God unremit-tingly, both in his own denomination and ecclesiastical assemblies, widely known, and energy was tremendous. He preached just as widely useful and beloved, has gone at home and abroad; formed and carried to his rest. Mr. Fobes' death occurred on on Bible classes; lectured at Exeter Hall | the morning of Christmas, at the ripe age and elsewhere; addressed meetings in of about 75 years. For the last year or two his strength has been steadily failing, and little by little he has been compelled to withdraw from public activities, secular and religious. For a long period he had been connected with many of our public charities, such as the House of Refuge, and with the leading enterprises of our church. In the business circles of our city, he enjoyed unbounded confidence and respect. Gentle in manners, genial in intercourse, and devotional in spirit, his will be a cherished memory among us. We feel also a melancholy pleasure in recording his name as among the founders of the American Presbyterian, and one of its substantal helpers through its early and sometimes at Basle. One of them, of German parenperilous vicissitudes.

> EVERY Man wishes to have his own indithe common lot.

Religious Entelligence.

PRESBYTERIAN.

MISSIONARY REINFORCEMENT. The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Mis-Then the Dean of Westminster, Dr. sions, (O.S.,) has just sent to India two new Stanley, has been giving vent to more of missionaries, Rev. Messrs. Joseph H. Myers and S. H. Kellogg, accompanied by their wives. They sailed from Boston to Calcutta

TO THE POINT. The Presbytery of Marion, O. S., at its recent meeting in Upper Sandusky, adopted the following resolutions:—

1. That it is the sacred duty of every member of each particular Church to attend regularly and conscientiously upon the ministry of the word, and other means of grace, at the place and by the minister regularly chosen by the congregation of which he is a member,

whether that minister be the pastor or tem-

porary supply.

2. That the practice so deplorably prevalent in many parts of the Church, of members absenting themselves from the ordinances of God's house, as regularly administered to the Churches of which they are members, on the ground that something on the part of the minister or some member, has displeased them or some action of the Church has grieved them is an error, and a sin against the order of God's house and the authority of its head. His word commands—"neglect not the assembling of yourselves together," and such irregular conduct is a fit subject of discipline, and the Presbytery hereby enjoin it upon all sessions to deal promptly with such erring ones, by first kindly warning, and then, if the error is not corrected, by visiting them with the censures and discipline of the Church. CHURCH EXTENSION IN LIVERPOOL, ENG'D.

The Presbyterians in Liverpool are just now wide awake over a colonizing enterprise from St. Peter's, at present the only church of our denomination in that city. At a congregational soiree, held in St. reter's, on the 3th ult., where more than five hundred sat down to tea, the chairman, Rev. James Paterson, stated that he was able to calculate upon £2500 toward the enterprise from friends outside of the congregation. It was then enthusiastically resolved that, with this help, the scheme should be carried out. The site selected is a northerly central one, at the head of Eventon Valley, on ground obtained from BELFAST PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

was opened for the session of 1864-65 on Thursday, Nov. 10th. It is a Theological Institution, having professorships of Moral Philosophy, (Gibson); Hebrew, (Murphy); Divinity, (Edgar); Church History and Pastoral Theology, (Killen); and Biblical Criticism, (Porter). Rev. H. Cooke, D.D., L. L.D., is President. Professor Gibson delivered the introductory lecture, a masterly and brilliant performance, on "the Knowledge of Christ, the True Theory of Human Development."

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN.

A renewed effort is making to change the name of this denomination—the movers desire to be called "The American Presbyterian Church." Rev. D. N. Porter says "a change of name will do us as much good as the change of our status on slavery.

REFORMED DUTCH.

The Reformed Dutch Church is called to mourn the death of the venerable Rev. Dr. Alexander McClelland, for nineteen years professor of Biblical Literature and of Orienal Languages in the Theological Seminary in New Brunswick. The event took place on the 19th of the last month. The Christian Intelligencer says of him that, "Possessing an enthusiastic love of study, and urged by an insatiable thirst for philological knowledge, he became a great master of the Hebrew and its cognates, at a time when Oriental acquisi-tions of this kind were the property of only a very few in this country. The majority as we suppose of the present pastors of the Reformed Dutch Church, received their training and of his overflowing fullness. He was not have in contemplation to establish an a mere philologer, but was truly a theologian of wide research and of most comprehensive views. His professional chair was often the throne from which he thundered with an impassioned and entrancing eloquence that displayed the riches of his mind, and the scope of singular genius. The professor loved to preach the gospel as often as his strength and occasion would permit, and the people loved to hear him. A rumor that he was about to occupy the pulpit on a given day would crowd the building to repletion, so great was the desire of the students and of his fellowtownsmen to listen to his fresh, thoughtful, and eloquent sermons.'

BAPTIST.

A NEW "BOSTON NOTION." We learn from The Chronicle that the laymen of the Baptist churches of Boston and vicinity have formed a "Social Union," for the promotion of friendly intercourse between the pastors and churches of the neighborhood. This club meets monthly, at which time a sumptuous repast is furnished, after which, denominational matters are discussed in a friendly, social way. Sometimes the Union meets at the houses of its members, and sometimes in a fine room in Tremoni Temple, which has been dedicated as "Social Hall." This Society is composed of the most intelligent, active, and wealthy Baptists of the region, and its meetings are said to be very pleasant and profitable.

REVIVALS.

Another shower grace, says The Chronicle, is resting upon our beloved University at Lewisburg. Many are very thoughtful: some have professed conversion, and one young man has been baptized. The revival is of recent origin. Meetings for prayer are deeply solemn and well attended. Hopes are entertained that the work now confined among the students may spread and become general in all the churches.

Revivals of more or less power are also reported from Reidsburgh, Pa.; Port Jervis, Pa.; South Carrolton, Ky.; Sheldonville, Mass., and the Tenth Baptist Church, Phila-

ARIZONA

Prescott, the capital of Arizona Territory. it was thought in August last, would have one hundred houses by Christmas. August Ilth was in the midst of the racing season. There is regular Baptist preaching on Sunday. A Sunday-school and Bible class are in successful operation, and pupils—including several young ladies engaged in the mission dayschool—anxiously awaiting the arrival of the teacher. There was not a Romish priest in the whole region, which is a wonder indeed.

LUTHERAN. LUTHERANISM IN WISCONSIN.

The Lutheran Church is making good progress in Wisconsin, having now some 59 ministers and 190 congregations, but is troubled in keeping harmony between the foreign and native-born preachers. Some valuable men have been received from the Mission House tage, is a Russian by birth, from one of the German Lutheran colonies on the Black Sea, which were established during the reign of EVERY Man wishes to have his own individual farm, or lot; but the grave-yard is couraged the emigration of Germans to her dominions. In the south of Russia there are op in our own church.

now some sixty churches, consisting almost exclusively of these emigrants.

A CHURCH-DEBT-PAYING EPIDEMIC

METHODIST.

is just now prevalent in the Methodist Church One Church in Brooklyn has just wiped out an indebtedness of \$17,000: one on Wash. ington Square in New York, has accomolished a like result by raising \$20,000; St. Paul's in the same city, paid off, a while ago \$30,000, in part; and old John street is now \$30,000, in part; and old John street is now making an effort for \$13,000 for the same purpose. The Methodist, from which we condense this statement adds:—"The Methodist. odists of Philadelphia, too, are bestirring themselves. Trinity, St. George's, and Fifth. street have freed themselves from old and burdensome incumbrances. A meeting has recently been held, under the call of Bishop Simpson, to promote the efficiency and unity of Methodism in that city, and especially to consider the best means of liquidating church debts. We anticipate good results from this beginning; and we suggest that like meetings of Methodists be held in all our cities, and that the questions relating to church exten. sion, church building, and church debts be fully discussed and plans devised for the steady development of Methodism in the great centres of population.'

PREVENTIVE AGAINST BACKSLIDING. A correspondent of The Methodist writes the following:—"Send me about two hundred missionary cards for pastors, two hundred pictures of missions, ten collector's books. and one-juvenile certificate. I am about entering more fully upon my missionary work. and want all the helps that I can get. Last year we raised our contributions from \$45 to \$175, and by the help of the Lord we will in crease the per centage this year. The Missionary Advocate which we ordered continues to come. Our plan is to circulate missionary intelligence among the people, and keep the subject before them, setting them to read, think, and feel. When you get people truly converted to the missionary work they never

ONGREGATIONALISM AND PRESBY. TERIANISM IN THE WEST.

The Christian Register, (Unitarian organ,) as an article in review of ministers of the S. Assembly of last spring, which says :-"The Orthodox Congregationalists are gaining on this body in the West, and as the war will spread New England ideas, the church polity represented by Congregationalism, which is preeminently a child of New England, will gain in strength. The National Convention, soon to meet in Boston, will give momentum to this ecclesiasticism. Our sympathies, of course, are with Congregationalism.

It must be remembered that the Register speaks with the statistics of only one branch of the Presbyterian church for data. Its sympathies in the case are natural. Congregationalism has ever proved a better soil than Presbyterianism for the growth of Unitarianism.

SABBATH SCHOOLS IN MARYLAND.

At a state convention of Sabbath-school Teachers, recently held in Baltimore, the following interesting and highly encouraging facts were brought out. There have been organized during the year, as far as reported, about one hundred and twenty schools, composed of about nine thousand six hundred scholars and about nine hundred and fifty teachers. In addition to this there have been gathered into schools already in existence about three thousand neglected children; so that the Sunday-school army in Maryland has increased during the past year twelve thousand six hundred children and eleven hundred teachers. A large number of Sunday-school children have become members of the Church, and many schools have had extensive revivals of religion.

ITEMS.

The Presbytery of Buffalo has cho-sen Rev. Wm. Waith, of Lancaster, Rev. Sylvester Cowles, of Randolph, and Ruling Elders, Andrew Parker, and Moses Bristol, had a sum of money given him to pay this elegantly illustrated piece of music, in part under Dr. McClelland, they all are the words of which were first published as witnesses of his surpassing ability as a teacher, ral Assembly.——New York Christians town' daily prayer meeting on the Fulton street model. The latter is entirely too remote for the upper wards. — logical Seminary has an attendance of 102 students, with 2 resident licentiates. It has educated 646 young men for the ministry. We learn that the effort to complete the endowment goes prosperously forward.——The whole number of Protestant Missionaries in China is 95. There are about 2,800 church members, nearly one third of whom are in and around Amoy. A new church has been erected at Eddyvil e, Iowa, of the seats of which only the even numbers are to be rented, thus arranging for every second seat through the house to remain a free seat. Bishop Brownell, of the Connecticut diocese, senior Bishop of the Prot. Epis. church in the U. S., is lying very ill, and there is little hope of his recovery.-Capt. Winslow recently stated, at a public meeting in New York, that quring the long cruise of the Kearsarge, only two Sabbaths passed without religious service on board. In addition to prayers, he himself read the Scriptures, and addressed the men. Far different from the case of the Florida, as narrated by Mr. Williams, who was captured, and a pris oner on board that pirate near China, Semme did not know it was Sunday until reminded of it by one of the ship's company.——The school at Freedmen's village re-opened Oct. 1st most encouragingly. About 300 scholars attend the day-school. The night-schools are also full. Rev. Mr. Aiken continues to minister to the religious interests of the more than 2,000 residents in the village, and with evidence of God's blessing in the conversion of souls.——The Freedmen's Relief Association has experienced a sad bereavement in the death of Mr. David H. Smith, its agent at Vicksburg, a faithful, and everyway valuable aborer, and a man of great Christian devotedness.——During the year, 81,084 volumes, including Bibles, Testaments, and portions of the Scriptures, have been circulated by the American Bible Society in the Sandwich Islands, Ceylon, Turkey, India, China, Germany and Russia, in six or seven different foreign languages.——A particularly good thing in the line of donation visits, was done a week or two since, in the neighboring bo-rough of Media. Rev. J. Carlile, a super-annuated Methodist minister was the recipient of such a visit, the avails of which were about \$150.—Petroleum is now cannonized. At Rome the Holy Congregation of the Rites, after examination of the article by chemists, has signed a decree permitting its use in holy anointings, in place of the Olive oil, where the latter cannot be obtained. must however be well purified.pal government has found that the detention of the Bibles of foreigners was becoming a little perilous, and has issued a decree that." for the future no Englishman's Bible is to be touched on his arrival, or during his sojourn in Rome."—We have, through the organ of the "Church Union Society," the important information that the cloak which St. Paul lelt at Troas is generally supposed to have been a Eucharistic vestment.—The consecration of Rev. A. C. Coxe, as Assistant

Bishop of the Diocese of Western New York,

is appointed to take place in Trinity Church,

Geneva, Jan. 4th. Dr. Coxe assumes a dignity, in the line of which he was born, his

father having long been a distinguished Bish-