LITERARY ITEMS.

AMERICAN. Germane to this subject, is the important question now before Congress, of the remission of the duty on imported paper. The present enormous price of this paper. The present enormous price of this article is operating disastrously upon the literary interests of the country, advancing the expense of knowledge to a figure from which the largest class of readers revolt as unbearable. When heef and musling oup article is operating disastrously upon the literary interests of the country, advancing the expense of knowledge to a figure from which the largest class of readers revolt as unbearable. When beef and muslin go up to an excessive price, no material dimunition of the trade follows, because these are things which must be had. Consumers may murmur, but there can be no long holding out against our physical wants. Books, periodicals, and newspapers happen to belong to another category, and though, in ceasing to take them off the hands of to belong to another category, and though, in ceasing to take them off the hands of the publishers, readers may be doing themselves the greatest injury, still the mental appetite is one which can be held at bay.

The worst of the case is that the enormous advance of prices yields no benefit to the revenue. Under the present law the duty is so high as to bring about an actual stoppage of importation, so that the only effect of the tariff has been to throw the country upon the mercy of home manufacture.

WHAT RICH MEN OF THE RICHT SPIRIT CAN DO.—The Watchman and Reflector has the account of the dedication of a new Baptist Church edifice in Burlington, Vt. It appears that the Church, until quite recently, has been very feeble, and for more than 20 years a beneficiary of the State Convention, and sometimes its prospects seemed so un-The worst of the case is that the enorcountry upon the mercy of home manufacturers. How well they understood their chance, and how industriously they have availed themselves of it, appear from the fact that our ordinary printing paper brings more than thrice fold its former price; and the value of paper mill property has run up, in many cases, three hundred per cent. As the case now stands, the duty is a mere tax on knowledge accruing to the sole benefit of the manufacturer, and there is no public consideration which should, for a moment, stand in the way of its repeal. It has already broken down several valuable newspaper enterprises, and has thinned the catalogue of fresh publications of books to a paucity unexampled in the past dozen

Among the religious publications we notice a reprint of the two volumes of Jeremy Taylor's "Rule and Exercises," one of, "Holy Living," and the other of "Holy Dying," issued by Little, Brown & Co., Boston, in a style of mechanical execution worthy of the matter; "Good News of God," being sermons by the English writer, Rev. Charles Kingsley, from the press of Dutton & Co., Boston, and "The Dawn of Heaven; or, the Principles of the Heavenly Life applied to the Earthly," by the late Rev. Joseph A. Collier, of Kingston, N. J. Mr. Collier was author of several religious books. The present was his dying legacy, written during the progress of the disease which terminated his life. Robert Carter & Brothers are the publishers:

We have not room to enumerate publications on other topics, few as they are. The titles generally read well, but we see nothing which is likely to produce a marked sensa-

FOREIGN.—English authorship is trying its hand on the American war. We notice among the London announcements, "The History of the Present American War, from its Commencement to the Conclusion of the Campaign of 1863," by Lieutenant-Colonel Fletcher, of the Fusileer Guards. We have no intimation of the probable bearings or character of the work; but we somehow "feel in our bones" a premonition of somoromancing. The same London house (Bacon & Co.,) which promises the above, also announces, (we suppose from an English pen,) "A New History of America, from the Earliest Settlement to the Present

While the English types are in for America, Trubner & Co., have slipped out a reprint of the second series of Professor Lowell's "Biglow Papers." Of these The Reader says :- "The old quaint humor sparkles in their utterances—the old shrewd wisdom is to be found in their New England colloquialisms—the old deep satire and quiet pathos lie hid beneath the wonted garb of motley which they wear as in the days long gone by; but yet, somehow or other, we cannot avoid the conviction that the times are out of joint.' Beneath Biglow's scepticism and Sawin's rampant rowdyism a sense of the greatness of the issues with which they have to deal peeps out unconsciously. Grim earnest is hard to reconcile with satire: and any one who rea s these later 'Biglow Papers' feels that the author is in earnest -that the laughing sceptic has become a preacher." Professor Lowell's "Fireside Travels" have also been reprinted, and are

eulogized. A Paris letter to the American Literary Gazette gives what to us is a dreary account of the old age recreations of the celebrated woman who has occupied so distinguished a place in modern French literature-Madame Georges Sand. She has a better name but we have forgotten it; the above, chosen by herself for her literary name, is the only one by which she is known. Her novels, popular on both continents, are the most dangerous imaginable, striking at the foundation of domestic morality, inflammatory and seductive in the extreme, and at the same time coolly artful in insinuating a sacredness into the most vicious emotions, ethercalizing the grossest sensuality, or—
as "it has been elsewhere said—making woman to be nearest heaven at the last mo-ment before giving herself away to hell. It is well known what model, she selected for her pencil: she wrote herself. And yet, through a long literary life, she has enjoyed no little social distinction, having been accepted in general as well as literary, society. Such is France! Now, in her old age, she is living in retirement at Nohant, surrounded, while awaiting death, with every gratification which wealth can command, but toiling in vain strife to amuse herself with the reproduction of excitements for the imagination which can only yield a faint flash, just enough to lend a deeper shade to the reactionary gloom. Her chief device of this order is a miniature theatre. which might seat sixty spectators, finished and furnished in exquisite taste, and supplied with such number of performers as can be used with effect upon so limited a scale. Sometimes a few friends are gathered in to witness the performances; oftenerthe audience consists only of members of the family, and not unfrequently she is the sole auditor.
Thus find expression the unappeasable thirsts

Religious Entelligence.

BAPTIST.

BAPTISTS OF NEW JERSEY.—The denomiul converts; and made some 3,000 pastoral visits. All this has been done with the out-lay of about \$2,500. Strongly patriotic and anti-slavery resolutions were passed by the

body. and sometimes its prospects seemed so unpromising that the convention seriously questioned the judiciousness of any further appropriations. The present pastor commenced his labors some seven or eight years ago.
Almost a hundred have been added under his pastoral care. Now the Church meets for worship in one of the most attractive houses. in the place. Within a few years Burlington has become a great centre for the lumber trade. A firm engaged in this business have nearly shouldered the burden of building the Baptist house of worship. The edifice and furniture cost almost \$30,000. Of this, it is said, Mr. Barnes paid \$20,000, and his partner, Mr. Davis, \$5,000 or more. These brethren have had great delight in doing this for the Lord. They regard their presperity for the Lord. They regard their prosperity as permitted, that they might be able to do something in building up the kingdom of Christ. May their example have many fol-

CONGREGATIONAL.

GOOD REPORTS FROM MAINE. - A correspondent of *The Congregationalist* gives an account of much religious interest existing in Oxford county. In South Bridgeton there are many hopeful conversions, and the number are many hopeful conversions, and the number of family altars is more than doubled. In Fryeburg an extensive revival is in progress, embracing the Academy in its scope. Among the converts in the institution is one of the board of instruction. The writer adds:—"I visited a little church recently established in Stowe and Chatham, adjoining Fryeburg, which is the offspring of a recent revival of religion, inasmuch as the church has been doubled nearly three times within the year past. I was happy to find that the fruits of this revival remain, in the growing efficiency and liberality of the church. The deacon told me that twenty three persons took a part told me that twenty-three persons took a part in the meeting last Sabbath evening. I could but say to them in my heart, Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to

give you the kingdom.'
"I find that the churches generally in that Conference are in a state of expectation, Public protracted meetings are to be held in most of them, in order to promote the re-vival of God's work. And I ought to state that the Rev. John U. Parsons, who was employed by the pastors in York county last year as a helper, is now co-operating with the pastors in this Conference, and with like results. Brother Manwell, of South Bridgeton, says of him:— His mode of procedure is to labor for the awakening of the church first, and then for the conversion of the impeni-tent. And for this he uses no clap-trap performances, nor does he do anything to create mere physical excitement. He aims at the accomplishment of such a work as shall go

LUTHERAN.

ECCLESIASTICAL EXPRESSION ON REVI-VALS.—The following resolutions were passed by the Northern Conference of the Synod of Pennsylvania (Lutheran), at its meeting in Bellefonce, December 15. Their meaning will be understood by those who know the earnest aspirations of an increasing portion of that church foward a wholesome evangelicalism, followed with measurable success, but

in the face of serious opposition:

Resolved, 1. That while we as a Conference are decidedly opposed to all disorder, confusion, and fanaticism, we nevertheless declare it as our conscientious conviction that revivals are founded on the Bible, and have been blessed to the conviction and conversion of many souls, and contribute much to the

liberality and prosperity of the church.

Resolved, 2. That we will labor and pray more earnestly and zealously for the promotion of genuine revivals of religion and vital piety in our churches. Resolved, 3. That we will oppose with all our influence and power every effort to introduce a formal, lifeless, or ceremonial religion

Resolved, 4. That we regard every oppostion to revivals of religion as unscriptural and unchristian, and calculated to cripple the efforts of the church and lead her back to her former states of lifeless formality and semi-

papistical stand-point

REFORMED DUTCH. INTERESTING COMMUNION.—The Christian Intelligencer says that, according to arrangements made a year ago, the five Reformed Dutch Churches of the Eastern District of Brooklyn united, on Sabbath afternoon last, in the Lee Avenue Church, in celebrating the in the Lee Avenue Church, in celebrating the Lord's Supper. The churches were represented by a very large number of community cants, who felt it was indeed good to be together there. The page year has been one of very marked prosperity to these such churches. Their membership has increase their sabbath-schools all possess uncommon vigor, and their impacial affairs have been placed in a favoritie condition. They hope that a freshening of their faith and seal will result from the Union service in which they have gladly and thankfully participated.

Pastors Remembered. The Intelligencer

PASTORS REMEMBERED.—The Intelligence of the 5th instant contains notices of substantial compliments to several pastors in the Reformed Dutch churches: \$600 and other presents 60 Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, of the Third Reformed Dutch Church in Jersey. City, \$600 to the pastor in Saugerties, New York; \$230, all but \$25 in money, to the pastor in Greenville, New York; and \$270 to the pastor of the Fiftieth Street Reformed Dutch Church in New York.

BOUGHT TO FOREIGN. THE MOSLEN REFORMERS. The Colonial Church Chronicle says there is much talk in Constantinople about a religious reform dedience consists only of memoers of the lattify, and not unfrequently she is the sole auditor. Thus find expression the unappeasable thirsts of a mind worn out in the service of corruption, throwing itself, for relief upon resorts which added has, by report, throwing itself, for relief upon resorts which are symptoms of the mental malady, after all, are symptoms of the mental malady, instead of the medicine soughts. Compared with Christianity, But with the Koran, and instead of the medicine soughts. Compared the mental malady, with Christianity, But with the Koran, and then the old age of the one with the steel of the medicine soughts. Compared the mental malady, with Christianity, But with the Koran, and then the old age of the one with that sitelf has hever feen printed here, but is of the other ways sold in manuscript, nor has it been

translated except by the Persians. It is in | very statement and natural meaning but to every verse is attached an "internal" or "spiritual" meaning which can only be obtained through a teacher. The present reformers now claim that it should be printed, translated into Turkish, and made accessible to every one. They are against polygamy, in favor of drinking wine, abolishing the fast of Ramazan, and claim that no man is an infidel or Giaour that believes in the Old and New Testaments, both of which volumes they are first on the conboth of which volumes they accept and consider as holy. They have petitioned for a mosque for themselves, and to be recognized as a sect. The Government has denied this request for the present, but it is supposed that the very highest dignitaries of the capital greatly favor the reform.

COLENSO.—The case of this infidel Bishop collenso.—The case of this infide Bishop is again before the public, and excites great attention in England. Having been deposed by the Bishop of Capetown, Dr. Colenso denies the right of that prelate to judge him, and this question of jurisdiction is now on trial before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. The most eminent legal counsel is introduced, the deposed Bishop's coursel beginning religious their services. counsel having volunteered their services without fees. It will probably be determined that he has not been legally deposed.— N. Y. Observer.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN TURKEY. -Ahmed the last of the Turkish converts in prison at Constantinople, has been exiled to Rodosto. After being for a time at liberty there, he was seized by the Governor and cast into prison. Representations to Constantinople however procured an order for his release from imprisonment. In the absence of Sir Henry Bulwer, Mr. Stuart, Secretary of Legation, in pursuance of instructions from London, requested a statement from the missionaries concerning measures necessary to the protection of converts and missionaries. The American missionaries drew up a paper, which Mr. Stuart subsequently returned, on the ground, that it criticised Her Majesty's Embassy and policy. The paper will be published in England. Mr. E. E. Bliss writes: "The foundations of religious liberty seem to be much shaken by these events; but we have strong hope that in the end they will be more firmly established.'

The newspaper organ of the Greek Patriarchate has contained editorials congratulating the Porte on its action against Protestanism, and exulting over the anticipated overthrow of Protestant missions. The Jesuits and other Romanists also do all in their power to stimulate the Turkish authorities to measures of intolerance towards Protestants. "The Beast and the False Prophet" are in league, but will not prevail against Christ and His truth.—Evangelist.

ITEMS.

The Presbytery of Potomac (O. S.) has agreed to undertake the establishment of a agreed to undertake the establishment of a new church in the northern part of the city of Washington, where there are now twelve thousand inhabitants, and only four small church buildings.—A Nova Scotia correspondent of the New York Observer, speaking of the New Hebrides, says of the Island of Aneityum, with its three thousand people; that "family worship is held in overthe News of Aneityum, with its three thousand people; that "family worship is held in every flouse both morning and evening."—A new Presbyterian church, in connection with the Ors. branch, has been organized in Larken street, San Francisco.—The "Peter's Pence" for the special and of the Pope, which formed to some the special and of the Pope, which formerly counted up 4,020 Roman crowns a month, have fallen off to 700. A movement is on foot in New York to erect A movement is on foot in New York to erect a statue to the memory of the late Rev. Dr. Bethune, in the Central Park.—The Grand River Association of Universalists, at a late meeting in Adrian, Michigan, ordained Miss Augusta J. Chapin as a minister of that denomination.—The San Francisco Pacific states the valuation of the Protestant church property in that city at \$327,329, and that belonging to the Roman Catholics at \$592,075. tr supposes colleges to be included in the latter amount.—There are nearly one hindred self-supporting Presbyterian congregations in Australia. Ministers from England are warmly welcomed and find quick settlements. A vigorous Young Men's Christian Association exists.— A Baptist chapel has been opened on the Island of Lismore, Scotland, every stone of which was quarried by the minister, Rev. Alexander Livingston, Lt is thirty feet long and twenty wide, and will seat one hundred and fifty persons of Mrc. Livingston is surely a working minister. The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, lately chosen to preside over the Scotch Presbyterian congrega-tion in St. Paul's Church, has we hear ac-cepted the invitation. He was to sail for Montreal on or about the 17th instant. learn that a meeting of the church committee takes place to day in the basement of the church."—The Cincinnati barbers, in a recent convention, resolved to close their shops on the Sabbath. The resolve went into effect on New Year's Sabbath.

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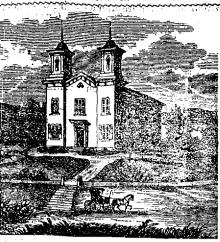
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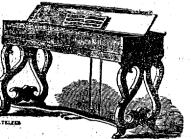
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