American Presbyterian.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1865.

THE NEXT UNITED PRAYER-MEETING of our churches will be held on Tuesday evening next, in German street church (Rev. G. Vanaken's), German street. above Second.

WE HAVE received a very acceptable letter from Rev. J. W. Alvord, Secretary of the (Boston) American Tract Society. It has been delayed in its progress to our office, but will appear next week.

at their last annual meeting, held in being devoted to each society. December, by a unanimous vote, added \$500 to the salary of their pastor, Rev. Madrid, a small village about twenty T. J. Shepherd. The board of trustees miles east of Ogdensburgh, on the North was authorized to advance the rates of pew-rents to meet this increase.

WE_ARE republishing the main parts lay experienced has broken the continuity of the narrative. The whole story is now in our hands, and will appear regularly, in chapters, from week to week.

LANGE'S GREAT COMMENTARY .--- We learn from Mr. Scribner, the publisher, that this great work is selling more rapidly than any he has EVER published. The THIRD EDITION is in press. Lange's Commentary will be sent from this office, post or express free, to any address, upon receipt of four new names, with the pay in full.

REV. HERRICK JOHNSON, the beloved and efficient pastor of the Third church, Pittsburgh, on a visit to this city, has been suffering from an attack of fever and symptoms of a severe cold. We are happy to learn that the attack is not likely to prove serious, although it has prevented his preaching in Clinton street church, for Rev. Dr March, as was expected.

AN INTERESTING ENTERTAINMENT .-We invite attention to the programme of saries, and declined to be re-elected as Mr. Murdoch's readings, in Concert Hall, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, February 8 and 9. The list is rich and L. M. Miller, his esteemed pastor, and promising of entertainment. The enter- called forth many expressions of sincere prise of the Olivet church, in using all proper means for furnishing its new house of worship, deserves the patronage of Christian friends.

CHAPLAIN ARMSTRONG'S second letter. in the inside of the paper, will be read with deep interest. Written with the paper on his knees, in a dripping tent, and amid all the discomforts of a winter campaign in the mud-of Kentucky and Tennessee, it conveys a powerful and lifelike impression of the faithful chaplain's -outward difficulties. Its exposure of much of what passes for loyalty in Keniucky is startling enough.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ANNIVERSARIES. We spoke of these last year as some-

hing peculiar and admirable. Our attendance again this year has only deepened our interest in them, and excited more highly our admiration. Here are seven different county organizations, representing and laboring for the interests of man, according to their different names, the Temperance, Home Missionary, Bible, American and Foreign Christian Union, Tract. Foreign Missionary, and Sundayschool Societies; and their anniversaries occurred in the order in which they are

here named. They began on Tuesday evening, and closed on Thursday even-THE BUTTONWOOD STREET CHURCH, ing, one morning, afternoon, or evening,

The meetings were held this year in ern Railway. The attendance of leading men from different parts of the country was not so large as it has sometimes been.

but embraced some names of highest reof Miss Warner's story: "The Young | spectability and influence, such as Hon. Bavarian," both for the gratification of C. T. Hulburd, member of Congress from our new subscribers, and because the de- that district; David N. Chapin, Esq. Collector of the Port at Ogdensburgh beside Col. R. W. Judson, Capt. Allen, and Rev. L. M. Miller, also of Ogdensburgh.

> Hon. John Fine, who has long been he earnest, active President of the Bible Society, and whose presence was one of the marked features of the meetings last year, and who has taken a deep interest in all these causes of benevolence for many years, was not present, and was much missed.

He was a native of New York city, and used to attend upon the ministry of the venerable John M. Mason, but came to this region as early as 1815, where he has maintained a high position for integrity, piety, and usefulness. A few weeks since he was suddenly prostrated by a stroke of paralysis; was for a time insensible; but has now so far recovered as to be about his house, and seems comfortable. He is indeed cheerful and happy, but regards his work as done, and holds himself ready to go at any time, without a moment's warning.

He was not, therefore, at the anniver-President of the Bible Society. His letter of resignation was read by Rev. regret, beside a series of resolutions highly complimentary to the retiring President. Hon. C. T. Hulburd, in one of his happy speeches, paid a very handsome tribute of respect to the marked character and great usefulness of Judge Fine, alluding gracefully also to the recent sudden decease of Hon. W. L. Day ton, William Curtis Noyes, and Edward Everett, and drew therefrom an impressive lesson of the uncertainty of life, and the necessity of doing with our might what

soever our hand finds to do. The anniversaries were, if possible, more interesting this year than last. The reports of secretaries showed an increase of contributions to most, if not to all, of

FROM OUR CORRESPONDING EDITOR, grand reform by their wise counsels and earnest addresses.

Gen. J. S. Smith, of Kingston, was chairman of the meeting, and Gen. A. W. Ri ley, of Rochester, secretary. Hon. Gerrit Smith, Dr. Jewett, Gen. J. J. Knox, Rev. Drs. Marsh and Fowler, with others, constituted the business committee. A series of resolutions was reported and adopted, asking the Legislature to forbid

the traffic in intoxicating drinks; but urging the friends of temperance at the same time to use the laws we now have, and so deferred, says :--- "The Presbywhich, if properly executed, will do much toward suppressing the sale of such poisons; and urging, also, renewed activity in every way in the temperance reform. Much was said by some of the speakers of disasters in the army caused by the intemperance of officers, and one of

poorly done." the resolutions passed, calls upon the President of the United States, "through a special committee, to exert the authothe Evangelist, liberal gifts over and above rity of the government still further to restrain the procurement and use of lispirit of self-glorying would we recount quors in the army, and particularly among officers, as well as men; and that the Christian Commission is respectfully requested to give increased attention to the circulation of temperance matter in the army."

Beside the business meetings and public discussions occupying each day, a more general meeting was held on Wednesday evening, at which the principal speakers were Rev. John Marsh, D. D., of New York; Rev. J. B. Merwin, chaplain in the army; Rev. F. Starr, Jr., of Penn Yan; Hon. Gerrit Smith, and Dr. Charles Jewett. On Thursday after noon, at 2 o'clock, another meeting was held, embracing the children, at which addresses were made by chaplain Merwin, Hon. Mr. Briggs, of New York, President Fisher, of Hamilton College, and others.

The following officers of the society were chosen for the ensuing year:

President-Gen. J. S. Smith, New York. Vice-Presidents-Judge J. Foote, Hamilton; Benjamin Joy, Penn Yan; Hon. J. Rider, Jamaica; A. W. Riley, Esq., Rochester; L. P. Perkins, Esq., Buffalo. Executive Committee-Rev. G. H. Lint-ner, D. D., Schoharie; Rev. W. E. Knox, Rome; C. C. Leigh, Esq., New York; E. Remington, Esq., Ilion; Dr. J. C. Gallup, Clinton. 🖓 🕅 نې 🖌 فېلېد بولېدېږو کې

CALLS.

ber of their friends of the clergy and lai Rev. Dwight K. Bartlett, recently of ty a very agreeable reunion, in the lec-Stamford, Ct., has received and accepted ture room of the church, on Thursday a call to the Plymouth church of this evening of last week. This church, comcity, and is to enter at once upon his laposed mainly of "Celtic" Presbyterians bors. Mr. Bartlett has preached for the has been in the habit of getting up a Plymouth church for three Sabbaths, has congregational sociable, once in a year. given great satisfaction, and is called The one just held was turned into a Thanksgivivg festival with reference to with great unanimity.

Rev. J. H. Morrow, who has been their deliverance from a heavy debt. preaching to the church in Brockport for something more than a year, has received and accepted an invitation to the First Presbyterian church of Peoria, Illinois, and is to remove to his new field of labor in February. C. P. B.

ROCHESTER, Jan. 28, 1865.

GENERAL BUTLER AT LOWELL .--- We liberal supply of choice refreshments, are glad to see that General Butler, in

Achrs of the Churches.

Rev. S. H. McMullin opened his school MINISTERIAL CHANGE. - Rev. Frederick for the instruction of boys and youth in Graves has removed his residence and post English and classical branches, on the 1st office address from Avoca, Steuben county, of this month, at Fortieth street and the Baltimore pike. We cordially recom-New York, to Nelson, Tioga county, Penn sylvania, and has taken charge of our church mend it to the patronage of our subscriin the latter place. bers.

promptly paid salary, says :--- "In no

these things, but that others may be 'pro-

voked to emulation,' for in a living church

these works, and such as are purely spirit-

God has given to our communion seven-

teen persons since last New Year's Day.

Truly ' God's Spirit yet remaineth among

us,' and let us thereby be encouraged to

greater faith, more earnest prayer, and

more persevering labor, that we may see

FIRST CHURCH, KENSINGTON. --- The

opening of the new year was signalized

in a pleasant way in this church. First

the forty-sixth anniversary of the Sabbath

school was held, at which seven hundred

children, with an immense congregation,

were assembled. Addresses were made

by ex-Governor Pollock, Messrs. Godfrey

greater things than these."

salary.

WARREN, ILLINOIS. - A correspondent whose communication had been mislaid, terian church of Warren, Illinois, remem-bered their pastor, Rev. E. H. Avery, by Christmas gifts amounting to one bundred and thirty dollars. This, for a for settlement. By arrangement en-GER CARS ?- This which has been in terian church of Warren, Illinois, rememfor settlement. By arrangement enhundred and thirty dollars. This, for a church not yet one year old, having just tered into by the passenger railroad companies, the conductors on every route, completed a house of worship, is not were instructed to hand to every person entering the cars a ticket, of which the GEORGETOWN, OHIO.-The pastor of

following is a copy :---this church, after acknowledging, through "Please sign for or against colored persons riding in all the cars, and return to any con-ductor within one week.

Against

We suppose this arrangement implies ual, go hand in hand. Witness the fact that a pledge on the part of the companies, to abide the result of this vote. We are told that the strictest measures were to be taken to prevent persons from voting more than once, but we must confess that we do not exactly understand how that could have been done under the above arrangement.

¹To our distant readers, humiliating as the explanation is, it may be necssary to say that, up to this time, with the exception of the Fifth and Sixth street the former number of members. lines, colored persons have been rigorously excluded from the inside of all the passenger cars in this city of Philadelphia.

and Wurts, of the American S. S. Union, It is certainly a little singular that and the pastor. The "offerings" of the the companies should think it necessary classes for the missionary work of the to resort to the farce of a vote thus gotten S. S. Union amounted to \$332. Second, up, to get through with a question which tokens of regard to the pastor, \$500; to the simplest principles of either justice or the pastor's wife, beautiful and useful articles of plate; to the male and female without an outside canvass. They have leaders of the choir, and to the sexton of not hither to been in the habit of inquiring of the church, \$50 each. And last, but not public sentiment in the matter of rules and least, the addition of \$500 to the pastor's conveniences, and have not manifested any extra amount of tenderness toward the A THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL .--- The wishes of those whom they undertake to accommodate. If they are now of a Southwestern Church, (Rev. J. Mc mind to take the views of those who ride 18 Leod's,) gave to themselves and a numwith them, we can name a round list of matters upon which the latter are quite as ready to vote, as upon this now in hand -the unbearable packing system not being the least.

Religious Entelligence.

PRESBYTERIAN.

through the munificence of gentlemen FREEDMEN'S MISSION OF THE REFORMED outside conjointly with their own efforts. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The mission of The evening passed off pleasantly with this branch, (Scotch origin,) of our Presbyterian family, at Alexandria, is carried on energetically and successfully. Rev. S. L. singing, prayer by Rev. A. Culver, and remarks congratulatory and fraternal energetically and successfully. Rev. S. L. Finney, general secretary, reports in the Banner of the Covenant five efficient laborers in the Alexandria field—Rev. N. K. Crow, Superintendent, Licentiate Wm. G. Scott, Samuel R. Stormont, Maggie L. Silliman, and Jeanette Darling. There is a church edifice, used before the war as a Methodist chapel, which is well filled on the Sabbath. from Rev. Messrs. Brown, Adair, Calkins, VanDeurs, Brainerd and Mears, and Charles Godfrey, Esq. The distribution among the large audience of the It is in bad condition and needs re-seating. Here are gathered about thirty communicants, with their families, a number of recent converts, and a still greater number of in-quirers. Four of the brethren have been chosen as ruling elders, to aid their pastor in watching for souls, and quite a number are very ready to take part in prayer and ex-hortation. Messrs. Crow and Scott also preach to a congregation of about 300 government teamsters at their mess house, to the commissary hands at the store house, and to the sick and wounded in the colored hospitals. The schools are mentioned as the most lively and encouraging part of this missionary work. There is a wondrous enthusiasm among the people, young and old, in learning to read. The laborious servants of Jesus Christ engaged in the schools, teach night and day, to meet and direct this intense desire of this poor and long oppressed people to reap speedily the blessed fruits of emancipation, and to rise rapidly from the deep depression of their compulsory ignoance. A GOOD WORK WELL DONE.-A few rears ago, says the N. Y. Observer, the pas-or of one of the Presbyterian churches in this city gathered a few boys into a room and taught them on the Sabbath. He interested his church in the work to clothe their nakedness and bring in more. Such was the wild and reckless character of the lads, that at first a police officer was required to keep them in order. From such a beginning, in one of the most neglected sections of the city, the enterprise has been going on from strength to strength, until now, at the late hristmas gathering, the school had its whole number of eleven hundred children pre-sent, all well clothed, all taught in the Word of God, and singing His praise. What a work, and how easy to be done, where there is a will ! REVIVAL IN HACKETTSTOWN, N. J.-Rev. George C. Bush, pastor; writes to the N. Y. Observer, under date of January 21 :---There is a remarkable revival here. Sudis easy to pray. Little prayer-meetings are organized. Our place seems filled with an atmosphere of love and joy. Hundreds daily tional Churches are holding a weel frequent our churches to sing and pray. Those who never before knew God to inhabit the praises of Israel, find him in songs and prayer. Sinners are coming to him to be orgiven. Variances are reconciled. Vices are abandoned. Heaven seems very near. Time runs on with joy. 'We are like those that dream.' Our captivity is turned. The Rev. E. P. Hammond was with us three days, preaching and working very acceptably. Yet he disclaims the merits of the work. It is of God. It would have come without Mr. H. Yet he has great adaptedness to the work. And we thank God for sending him. Of the results of this work we can speak at another time. But now we are Samaria af-ter Philip's preaching. Sinners are confes-sing and forsaking their sins. From the least (beginning with them) unto the greatest, they are rejoicing in God. Our city is filled with joy. The boys are happier than ever, even in their sports. Business better, schools are better, life is better." menced firing into the women and children in the substantiant of the strong men for this cause were respectable authority. Day, after divine service, my entire congre- a view to prompt and efficient action.

A GOOD SCHOOL FOR BOYS IN WEST HILADELPHIA.—By reference to our ad-ertising columns, it will be seen that the Good School For Boys IN WEST in order. Myself and family were made their guests. Most bountifully did they feast PHILADELPHIA.—By reference to our advertising columns, it will be seen that the us, and most cheerfully did they bestow of their temporal things for our comfort. From that time it would seem that the Lord began to repay them in spiritual blessings. Shortly after this our meeting commenced, and is still in progress. The religious interest has been increasing all the time. On last Sab-bath we had received into our church on examination forty-one persons. Quite a number also have experienced a change, who have. SHALL COLORED PERSONS BE ALLOWED and will connect themselves with other THE FULL PRIVILEGES OF THE PASSEN- branches of the Chrislian church. Several entire families have been received, and paquiring souls presenting themselves for the prayers of the church, and to converse on the subject of salvation. The influence of the revival is felt for miles around. Sabbath night our house was crowded to its utmost capacity, both aisles and in front of the pulpit were completely packed with immortal souls, eagerly listening to the word of life, and a good congregation still outside. Last night (Monday,) we had a great multitude to listen to the word, and nineteen persons presented themselves for conversation and The Presbyter adds that another nraver.' letter of later date says that the interest con-

tinues without abatement, WASHINGTON, OHIO.—The Presbyterian learns that a very pleasant state of religious feeling exists in Rev. Mr. Ferguson's church in this place. At a late communion following the week of prayer, *thirteen* persons were-added to the church, of whom nearly one-half were heads of families. Others are inquiring the way to Christ, and the church is much

MORO, ILL.-The Presbyterian church in this place has been, (and we hope is still) en-joying a gracious special effusion. Nineteen persons have recently been received to the communion on profession, nearly doubling

THE GOOD WORK IN MAINE.-Seventy eases of inquiry have been manifested at Fryeburg, Maine, and a good number of con-versions. They are looking for a great bless-ing. The Rev. J. U. Parsons is assisting the pastor there. The work is also prosper-

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PECUNIARY AID TO MINISTERS .- One of the Boston dailies says :-- "The Congregationalist, in the last two weeks has given the names of ninety-eight ministers, mostly in New England, who have received donations from their people in sums ranging from fifty dollars to four or five hundred. Even with such assistance as this, it is a matter of wonder how many of them can live in this time of high prices. Practical men are often disposed to call ministers, poor economists; but we should like to see these men of business support and educate their families as well, on the same amount.'

MISSIONARY WORK IN HAMPDEN COUNTY. MASS.—It is from a populous and flourish-ing part of the Old State of Massachusetts, that the County Missionary, Rev. W. C. Foster, reports the following particulars :-'Many of the townships cover a large amount of territory, and the outlying districts, from three to six miles from any Evangelical church, are extensive. The mode of labor been that the missionary should go with the pastor, and a church member or two of some Evangelical church, and enter into every house beyond a certain distance from the church, talking and praving in affectionate earnestness with every person in the household. In this work we find, 1st. Access to almost all hearts. A large majority are moved to seriousness by these appeals. 2d. We find more of Christ's humble disciples than we expected. 3d. We find great numbers attend no religious services—some within three miles of a church, who had not been to a religious service in ten or fifteen years. Bright-looking young women may be found, twenty years of age, who never saw the inside of a church ! Probably not over half of the population of these large country towns can come within the list of stated, or even occasional, hearers of the gospel, the rest not attending by reason of age, sickness and dis-tance, or mostly failing from indifference, or hostility. Wherever it can be done, the missionary establishes a neighborhood prayer meeting which the pastors and members of the central churches are expected to maintain, after he has gone. REVIVAL IN EAST SOMERVILLE, MASS .-The Congregationalist, speaking of the ob-servance of the Week of Prayer by Rev. D. T. Packard's Church in this place, says that the meetings were greatly blest to their reviving, and were continued after the week losed. Quite a number of hopeful conversions have occurred, and the interest is grow-ing. Rev. S. R. Dennen is assisting the pastor in this work. A powerful revival has for some weeks been in progress in the Baptist society in the same place. AN AGED PASTOR HONOBED.-Rev. Brown Enterson, D.D., of Salem, entered upon his 88th year January 8th, and the services of the South Church, of which he is services of the South Church, of which he is still the senior pastor, were arranged on that day to recognize this event. Rev. E. S. Atwood, the pastor, preached an appropriate sermon from the text, "The fear of the Lord prolongeth days." and, in conclu-sion, turned to Dr. Emerson, and addressed him directly, in a brief and happy manner. Dr Emerson offered the concluding denly the Spirit has come down. A spirit of him directly, in a brief and happy manner. prayer is given to Christians, to children. It Dr. Emerson offered the concluding prayer, FRANKLIN Co., MASS.-The Congregational Churches are holding a weekly religious conference, going from church to church. The county is divided into two sections, so that the conference comes in each section once in two weeks. The meetings are to be continued through the winter. Thus far they have been very interesting and profitable to those who have attended, and it is hoped they will be the means of great good. CONGREGATIONALISM IN NEW JERSEY .--A writer in the Congregationalist says that the New Jersey Conference, which now comprises thirteen churches, has just closed a very profitable and encouraging session with the First Congregational Church at Newark. Jacob Marsh, Esq., was chosen Moderator. The reports from the churches, with one or two exceptions, show a striking growth in financial and spiritual prosperity, so that even now the question is agitated of a withdrawal from the General Association of New York, and the establishment of our independence, albeit we are not all rebels.

revived CONGREGATIONAL. ing at South Bridgeton. PROGRESS IN CALIFORNIA.—A compariprogress since 1856 :---- 1 12 - C

policy would have enabled them to settle churches in this State, shows the following

CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.-We shall next week publish a full report of the anniversary exercises of the Christian Commission, in Washington, on Sabbath evening last, including the speech of the presiding officer, Hon. Mr. Seward. The week after, we shall probably give the report of the meeting in the Academy of Music in this city. Persons desiring extra copies will please send early orders.

Henry Bell, of Baltimore, has been a good impression by the presentation of promoted by the Sultan to the distin- his cause on this occasion. We wish him guished office of Lord-Admiral-in-Chief great success in his interesting work, and of the Turkish navy. This gentleman think we can earnestly commend him to received his early education in Balti- the sympathy and confidence of the more, and has been for many years a churches. consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. His promotion has not been might possibly say that the Corresponding procured by any sacrifice of religious Editor of the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN principles, but, on the contrary, has deepened his sense of dependence on interest of the Sunday-school anniver-God. The Admiral is first cousin to the sary, by a lecture on heathenism in Rev. Dr. Irvine, of this city.

OUTRAGES UPON GEORGIA NEGROES BY A UNION GENERAL.—Our readers will notice in our Congressional record. an attempt at "object teaching," which ""that the Senate, on the 27th ult., directal ed the Committee on the Conduct of the War to investigate alleged inhumani- good. ties toward Georgia negroes. There is, in a subordinate command in Sherman's army, a certain General Jeff. C. Davis, who, if accounts are true, should have -attached himself to the Jeff., and who will now have to put a different face on the reports current, or accept a ticket-ofleave. The allegation is to this purport: A large number of ex-slaves, who had told our troops where horses and provisions had been secreted, and who were afraid of being killed by their late masters for giving such information, followed our army for protection, many of them following the train of Gen. Davis. These negroes were no incumbrance to our men, as they managed to live off the country through which they passed. On the march, in order to prevent the negroes from following him, the said Davis ordered a bridge to be burned, and finding that the negroes swam the river and rejoined the column, (several getting drowned in the attempt,) he caused another bridge to be burned, at one end of a long causeway through the swamps. a long causeway through the swamps. Lent and patriotic organization was held this employment for support. The Press in their appropriate spheres, and striving to The rebel cavalry being at the other end in the First Presbyterian church of Rome, of the causeway, rushed up and com- on Wednesday and Thursday of last week up and com- on Wednesday and Thursday of last week menced firing into the women and chil- It was manifestly an occasion of great Thomas for consultation, and with his the knowledge and the acknowledgment of i de de la compañía d

the causes of benevolence. The speeches were generally short, earnest, and practical. Everything, indeed, was practical. The men of that region are for work, and they speak well because they mean work by their words. _Rev. A. M. Stowe was also there, for Home Missions; C. P. Bush. for Foreign Missions; and W. B. Stewart, for the American and Foreign Christian Union.

The latter is a new man in this service. He takes the place of Rev. R. S. AMERICANS PPOMOTED.-Capt. John Crampton, deceased, and evidently made

If some one else were writing, he was present, and added something to the China, illustrated by large pictures, some striking curiosities, which give a vivid idea of the blind superstitions and absurd rites of that numerous people. It was seemed, at least, to command a very strict attention, and we hope it did some

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE.

The annual meeting of this body was held at Madrid, on Wednesday, 18th instant. Rev. Cyrus Hudson, of Ellsworth, was chosen moderator; and Rev. J. W. Whitefield, of Waddington, clerk. Rev. L. M. Miller appeared as a delegate from the Presbytery of Ogdensburgh (O. S.), to express their friendly salutations. Rev. S. W. Pratt was appointed to return the courtesy at the next meeting of the Presbytery of Ogdensburgh, and so keep up the friendly intercourse, looking toward reunion.

Rev. J. W. Whitefield, and Hon. C. T. Hulburd, were appointed delegates to the next General Assembly. Hon. C. T. Hulburd was also appointed commissioner to Auburn Seminary. Special action was taken by the Presbytery, recommending collections in all the churches toward the ministerial relief fund.

STATE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The anniversary of this most benevolent and patriotic organization was held this employment for support. The Pres-

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his late speech at Lowell, has corrected what was, to speak mildly, an ambiguity of his speech at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, last fall, upon the terms of peace with the rebels. In the Fifth Avenue speech, he is reported as saying to the rebels :--- " Come back, and you shall find the laws the same, save so far as they have been altered by the legislative wisdom of the land, both for leaders and followers." From the newspaper report of the Lowell speech we clip the following :----

"General Butler next referred to the proposition which he made just after the soldiers of the Army of the James had said to the mob of New York, 'Peace, be still.' That proposition was one of unconditional pardon to the rebels. if they would submit to the laws.

"It was objected that this made no provision for the freedom of the negro. Why not? He regarded the emancipation proclamation of President Lincoln as the law of the land, and, if the rebels would not accept that proposition, he proposed, in filling up the Union armies for a continued contest, to substitute for the large bounties now paid, possession of Southern soil, taking it from those who made it a curse to the country, instead of the blessing it was intended to be."

We concede to General Butler the benefit of this explanation, which is more creditable to his general character, than to his skill in the use of discriminating language, in which, as a lawyer, he has been regarded as unusually accomplished.

PHIA.--Some eight thousand female ope- in our behalf. ratives of this city, who have for the last. three years supported themselves by army work, given out from the U.S. Arsenal in this city, have been left out of employment by the suspension of orders for work from that quarter. On the morning of the 26th ult., a deputation from a meeting previously held by them in this city, waited upon the President to solicit a restoration of the work. They were accompanied by several ladies and gentlemen from Pennsylvania, ex-secretary Cameron included, who warmly supported their request, urging, among other things, that most of them had husbands or sons in the army, and, during their absence, were themselves dependent upon prayers and co-operation in this blessed ser-

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provided by the hospitality of the con gregation, formed no inconsideable feature of the evening's entertainment. It would be particularly grateful to the feelings of our beloved brother, McCaskie, their former pastor, to know how frequent and affectionate mention was made of him by many of the brethren. especially by his popular successor.

We add a series of resolution heartily adopted by the congregation, premising that this demonstration is one of a series of transactions which are cementing the attachment between that church and others in the same ecclesiastical connection.

"The Southwestern Presbyterian Congre gation, having convened to engage in thanks giving ceremonies, in view of the recent pay ment of the long standing claims against the church edifice and lot, decm it fit, on the present occasion, to express their feelings by the unanimous adoption of the following resolu ions:—

"Whereas, we the members of the South western Prosbyterian Congregation, in common with several sister churches, under the care of the Third and Fourth Presbyteries of Philadelphia, have been, for several years past, weighed down by pecuniary burdens, oo heavy to be borne or to be removed by our own efforts:

"And whereas, God has wonderfully inter posed for our relief, in the time of our help lessness and deepest despondency, by prompt-ing our ministerial and lay brethren to adopt measures for the relief of their feeble and struggling churches;

"And whereas, these measures, through the favor of Providence, have been successful and this congregation now owes no man any thing but love; therefore,

"Resolved 1, That we render hearty thanks to the Giver of all good, and the Disposer of THE WORKING WOMEN OF PHILADEL- all events, for this unexpected interposition

"Resolved 2, That, under God, we are in-debted in a large degree to Mr. John A. Brown for the great happiness we experience on this occasion. His gener us contribution of \$10.000, and the liberal donations of other kind gentlemen, have placed this congregation in a position where we can say, ' We are now entirely free from debt.' "Resolved 3, That we will ever bear in

grateful remembrance the kindness of the ministers of the Third and Lourth Presbyte-ries of Philadelphia toward our late pastor, Rev. James McCaskie, and as it has been evinced toward this congregation when de prived of his pastoral oversight. "Resolved 4, That we as a church and con-

gregation, renewedly devote ourselves to the great work that lies before us in this part of the Lord's vineyard, and that we pledge to our present pastor, Rev. John McLeod, our vice, hoping that pastor and people, working

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