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#### PROGRESS BY REVIVALS IN FOREIGN **MISSIONS.**

The dependence of the work of Foreign Missions upon revivals appears in the very origin of such movements. The conversion of the Pagan, Mohammedan, and Papal world to the pure and blessed religion of Jesus—that is, the conversion of eleven-twelfths of the world's population by the remaining one-twelfth—is an idea too vast to be even conceived of as a matter of present personal duty, much less engaged in with hope of ultimate success, unless by those who have had experimental acquaintance with the reviving work of the Holy Spirit. They must be thoroughly convinced that there is a great spiritual force dwelling in the church, which can make amends for the inequality of her numbers with those of consciences of men, and, by the exercise of divine power, to elevate at a stroke the religious capacities and susceptibilities of an entire community. In fact, the extensive movements of the church in modern times, for the evangelization of the world, sprang almost directly from

powerful revivals. And we who remain to carry on the work begun in this spirit, must not lose sight for a moment of the absolute necessity of unusual, extended, and manifestly divine displays of the Spirit's times. The people were so anxious to power to the result. To set in operation | hear about Christ, that they would often the ordinary evangelizing machinery, and to have the Mission become a centre of the ordinary degree of Christian light their ornaments, and cast into the flames. and influence, and to maintain that centre, Even during the disturbances arising with gradually increasing power, for from the French outrages in 1850, a redo a great many years, is indeed to work; to dot the whole dark surface of sulting in eighty conversions. Wonderheathenism with such luminaries, which, ful and delightful is the history of the like beacon lights, can answer each other | Holy Spirit's gracious work among the from station to station, around the com- groups of islands visited by the martyr mispass of the globe, is much, very much, sionary, John Williams; as in the Society for which to rejoice and give thanks. To Islands, where the awakening occurred be able to say, as was said at the Liver- in 1820; early in the following year, the pool Missionary Conference four years interest became so general that wherever ago, that there are more than a million the people were collected, religion was and a quarter of living Christians gathered the topic of conversation. The houses from the darkness of Paganism by sixty of the missionaries were sometimes years of missionary effort, is enough to thronged at daybreak with distressed clear the missionary enterprise of any inquirers. The progress of Mr. Williams, charge of failure. But even for these from island to island, amid these neighlimited results we are indebted, almost | boring groups, was like a triumphal prowholly, to revivals on missionary ground; cession. The idols were dragged at the and for any degree of progress calculated wheels of Messiah's chariot, and "utterly to give prospect of final success within abolished." The sky was hung with several thousand years, we must depend, the smoke of burning temples. Chiefs more largely than we have ever allowed led their people in the sudden and sinourselves to imagine, upon great effusions | cere reformation. Christian chapels of church at home. And for further sucmust be reached and roused. A spirit a thousand a month were added to the The breath of revival must blow like the direction and power of its movements. It must invade thick darkness, where the preached truth has never seemed to find proud spirits to submission; it must even go before the advent of the missionary, and prepare the way for him, among those who, from time immemorial, had dwelt in Pagan darkness and superstition. It must give sudden and wide-spread efficacy to the labors which had long seemed fruitless, outrunning far the degree of success which, under ordinary circumstances, and to ordinary faith, would be expected. Such things must occur; such gracious developments of the the word of God. Hence when, in 1829, Spirit's power must be granted, if the masses of the heathen are, within thousands of years, or indeed ever, to be thoroughly evangelized. We must expect them, pray for them, include them

in our calculations. The measure of our

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#### PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1865.

nothingness, if accompanied by faith in chief, Africaner, in 1812; that among his power and to glorify his converting French Evangelical Society, in 1837 A wards I re

A glance over the history of modern missions will show how much is already on heathen soil; and how utterly imposthe moderate results thus far attained, without revivals of religion. It will encourage the church at home, as well as the laborers on heathen ground, to hope a similar glorious nature, and it will serve to strengthen the impression which we, in these series of articles, seek to look, and to pray, and to calculate upon phenomena of progress, for the conquest of the world to Christ.

In every part of the missionary field,

from Greenland to the Islands of the South Seas, and from China to Madagascar and the West Indies, from the Nestorians of Persia to the Bushmen of South Africa, every continent and every great island group, where missions have been successfully planted, have witnessed the reviving work of the Holy Spirit. In our own continent the gracious outpouring upon the Indians at the forks of the Delaware, under the preaching of David Brainerd, is known to our readers. In Greenland, all the labors of the missionaries were fruitless, until they felt themselves wondrously aided in telling the the world, whose proper work it is to simple story of the cross with great break up the indifference of the unre- power and unction, when a general religenerate heart, to rouse the slumbering gious influence spread through the community from 1738 for ten years, bringing some two hundred and thirty to the pro fession of nominal Christianity. In that inhospitable frozen region, this mission has sustained itself for over a century and a quarter, and nearly a thousand communicants are numbered with its churches. The wonderful revival of 1814-16 on Tahiti thrilled the Christian world at that time. In one year, 1815, the missionaries declared they reaped the harvest of sixteen laborious seedspend the whole night in conversation and inquiry. Idols were stripped of vival broke out at one of the stations, reof the Spirit's power in the heart of hea- enormous size were built and filled with thendom, right down upon vast popula thousands of decorous and inquiring tions, where the light of Gospel truth natives. Marvellous, too, was the work has only begun to reach the long-dark- of grace in the Sandwich Islands, under ened understandings of the people. The the missionaries of the American Board universal conscience of tribes of men in 1838, where for twelve months nearly of inquiry must spread, noiseless and visible church, as the fruit of their divinely outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Hackettsrapid as the dawn of day, under the assisted labors. At Tinnevelly, in Southern town, N. J., during week before last. shadows of heathen temples, and among India, in the mission of the Church Misthrongs of superstitious worshippers. | sionary Society, in 1838, a whole village became Christian, and from that time wind, where it lists, surprising our own forward the changes from heathenism to place without more than a single day's no less than the heathen mind, by the professed Christianity assumed the form of great popular movements; until in 1846 no less than thirty thousand persons in the district professed Christianity. entrance; it must break down opposition, Prominent among missions favored with which has raged against all the ap- revivals is that of the American Board afternoon he addressed the children, who proaches of human instrumentality; it to the Nestorians. The seminaries, esmust tame savage natures, it must bring pecially, have been the scenes of spiritual refreshings, which, however, have spread the close of the service he held an ininto the surrounding districts. From 1846, when the first of these seasons was enjoyed, to 1853, no less than six distinct visitations of the Spirit, of various degrees of power, are recorded. The Karens, a hill-tribe of Burmah, furnish a remarkable instance of preparation for the reception of the gospel. Their traditions pointed to white travellers from beyond the sea, who should bring them

great facility and rapidity. with men is possible with God; and it is part of the century, and of 1839, 1847, method, and was not surprised at the re-sonville, in that State.

the missionaries of the American Baptist

Association made their way to the Karen

country, they were received with enthu-

whole villages and districts went on with

the very scenes of man's impotence, and | and 1851 among the Kaffres, including | sults which it was his high privilege to | FROM OUR CORRESPONDING EDITOR. of man's humble acknowledgment of his the conversion of the notorious heathen witness. Himself, in which God delights to show the Basseutos in South Africa, under the have never seen such results. There that among the Armenians of Constanti- Christians put their shoulders to the nople, under the American Board, about wheel. 1840, and at Aintab ten years afterwards: due to just such blessed outpourings of those which signalized the history of the well, where his labors were so abundantly the Spirit, in the planting of the Gospel Ceylon Missiom, from 1819 to 1835; that blessed last spring, and the result proved at Abbeokuta, in 1848 and 1851, under the | that what some call "burnt over ground" sible it would have been to reach even Church Missionary Society; the centinu- is just the place to work for blessed ous successes of the English Presbyterlan fruits. Many ministers and most lav Mission, in and near Amoy, from 1854, Christians wish him to return and labor including the spontaneous adoption of in Newark this winter. We believe it a Christianity by an entire village—Chiboe mistake that revivals can only occur in a and to pray for further manifestations of by name, late in 1863. Worthy of special place after a series of years. We heard mention is that among the degraded Rev. Dr. Joel Parker, who desires the Khols-a wild tribe in the mountains of leturn of Mr. Hammond to Newark, ex-India—among whom Gossner's mission- press this opinion very strongly this make, that the church must not cease to aries labored for seven years without very day. Mr. Hammond has left our apparent fruit. At the end of that time, vicinity, and gone home to Vernon, Congreat and powerful Revivals of Religion, in 1851, the Holy Spirit was poured out rather than on the ordinary rates and on the rude mountaineers; their brutish ness of his mother. apathy disappeared; a spirit of inquiry spread from village to village, and on to-day received a copy of the Bridgeport every hand arose the question, What Conn., Standard, of January 12th, which must I do to be saved? The gospel con- contains a valuable summary of the retinued to spread with such amazing power, that the few missionaries were over-last winter. whelmed by the multitudes of the inqui-

> Seldom since the days of the apostles has work been witnessed of equal power to that wrought by the Spirit on the Friendly Islands, in 1834, under the charge of the Wesleyan Missionary Society. An outward reformation of great extent and nighly beneficial results had already taken place; but now hundreds of men, women, and children, including the principal chiefs. might be seen in the deepest distress, weeping and crying to God for mercy. For a time, the people laid aside their ordinary employments, and gave themselves up entirely to religious exercises. In a short time every island had caught the flame; everywhere the people were earnestly seeking the Lord, or rejoicing because they had found him. On one day, July 27, it is believed that one thousand souls were converted at various preaching places, and that upwards of the other churches in the city. As to the two thousand were converted in a fort-night. The native king was among the main steadfast in the faith?" the pastors converts, and was baptized "George." As such, his piety and usefulness resembled that of Africaner in South Africa. Sir E. Home, commander of a British ship of war, when visiting the islands, in a time of great commotion, was so impressed with the noble and magnanimous traits of this Christian king's character, that he said that he there can be no doubt now of the truthfulcould only be compared to Alfred the man in those seas."

In fact, it may be claimed that scarcely a single important missionary station exists, which does not owe to the special influences of the Spirit its real establishment upon heathen soil. From times of refreshing, each one dates its prospect of ultimate success and its aspect of en- chief. I confess that at first I was afraid couragement to the praying and believing ones at home. But for revivals on the foreign field, many stations would out of it. While I waited, I prayed for have been abandoned, many that now blossom as the rose would have been unreclaimed wastes of heathenism, and the whole missionary work would at this day be but a feeble demonstration, will take you by the hand in the streets of weak in numbers, and without power to the New Jerusalem, and thank you for your command the sympathy and liberality, visits to this city.' and to quicken the spirituality of the cesses and final triumph we must look for a constant repetition and enlargement of these gracious influences of the Spirit.

#### MR. HAMMOND IN HACKETTSTOWN. NEW JERSEY.

There has been a very extraordinary

God has there blessed the labors of Rev. EDWARD P. HAMMOND to a very remarkable degree. He went to that announcement, on Sabbath, January 16th. He spoke to Christians in the morning, founding his discourse on the word suddenly in the text, "He shall suddenly come to his temple." In the melted under the exhibition of the truth. In the evening he addressed adults. At Rev. George C. Bush, the brother of your esteemed Corresponding Editor, an Old School Presbyterian Minister, and a very prudent man, estimated that fifty conver-

sions had that day occurred. The next two days Mr. Hammond held three meetings a day. A prayermeeting in the morning, a children'smeeting in the afternoon, and an adult meeting in the evening. These meetings were largely attended, and it is believed that there were at least between two and three hundred conversions during these their liberality, sympathy and prayers. siasm, and the work of Christianizing ever memorable three days.

The writer, who resides in Newark, natur must rise to such views of the dear country for which he died. It is the Christian, paints the things of heaven sionary work. That which is impossible can only name the revivals of the early joined our churches, is familiar with his and program of the State of the State

Considering the size of the place, we were no cavils or opposition; but all

Mr. Hammond recently revisted Caldnecticut, on account of the dangerous ill-

On the subject of statistics, we have sults of Mr. Hammond's labors in that city

In your Saturday evening's paper you ask for information regarding those who professed conversion at the time of the revival last winter. You propose these questions: 1st, "How many of the converts actually joined churches?" 2d, "What was the number that joined each church?" and, 3d, "How many of those who thus made a public profession of religion continue steadfast in the faith?" By having correct answers, publicly given, to these questions, you think the community will be better qualified to decide whether similar

eligious efforts should be encouraged." In reply to the first question, I would say that all adults who professed conversion, with very few exceptions, joined churches in number about three hundred. In reply to the second question, I would say that ipwards of two hundred united with the Methodist, the Baptist, and the two Congregational churches, about an equal number, or fifty with each of the four churches, and the remaining one hundred united with and others who are qualified from observation and an intimate acquaintance, testify that the converts, generally, hold out as well, if not better, than usual. Rev. Dr. Smith, of the First Congregational church, and Rev. Mr. Lobdell, of the South Church, say they have never known converts hold out better. /Rev. Mr. Simmons, of the Methodist Church, says the same—so that ness of the remarks which Rev. Dr. Smith nade in his farewell address to the Rev. Mr. Hammond, which was published in the Daily Standard, from which I quote :-

for then in the church, apart from the ministry, and they do not conflict with the work of the pastor. Some men had gone among the churches and had wrought misof you, and almost trembled to have you come, but waited to see what would grow you; the next time I liked you better, and soon saw that you preached the truth as it is in Jesus, that the Holy Spirit was with you, and I can now heartily thank God that he has sent you here. Very many

Rev. Dr. Smith closed by saying, that "He believed the continued blessings that attended Mr. H.'s labors were owing to the prayers of Christians ascending up. daily for him, from the various places where he had labored."

#### ANNIVERSARY MEETINGS OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.

We give to-day a full report of the proceedings of the Anniversary meeting, held in getting up the subscription for the buildin the Hall of Representatives in Washington, on Sabbath night week. Our space is spirit can do toward aiding the pastor, and so much occupied that we are fain to leave the report to speak for itself. We are confident that the mass of our readers will regard it as a pleasure to read every word of its proceedings as published. The Commission is our land, at this time. If foreigners or our religious life elsewhere during our warthough they need have none—they will see quiry meeting, after which the pastor, in the vast evangelizing work, and the tle of Manassas. abounding liberality centered in the Christian Commission.

The meeting held in our city on Tuesday of last week, in the Academy of Music, was one of extraordinary interest and brilliancy, room, after the tickets were exhausted. We tial fruits from these demonstrations, and that church. the Christian people of the land will continue to recognize its peculiar claims upon

RETURN TO A PASTORATE.—Rev. Alexan-

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA.

The annual meeting of this Presbytery was held in Weedsport, commencing on Tuesday, 17th ult., at 2 o'clock, P. M., and was one of unusual interest and profit. Rev. G. W. Warner, in the opening sermon, gave an interesting history of the Presbytery, from the time of its organization, in 1811. The discourse is to be published, and will be a valuable contribution to local history.

The first evening was devoted to the subject of Home Missions. Rev. S. W. Boardman, of Auburn, presented a carefully prepared and excellent statement of the present and future wants of the country; and other speeches added interest to the meeting.

The second evening was devoted to the subect of ministerial education. Rev. Charles Anderson, Prof. Hopkins, and others, spoke with power; and a profound impression was made upon all minds by the appeals of two elders, Mr. Webster, of Sennett, and Mr. Bailey, of Central Church, Auburn.

The sacramental sermon was preached by Rev. Henry Fowler, of Auburn, from the text, "Your life is hid with Christ in God." This sacred season, together with the time spent in devotional exercises, gave evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit. In this connection, Rev. Mr. Allen, of Cayuga, gave a very encouraging account of the religious interest in his congregation; and the effect of all the meetings of Presbytery was cheering to the faith of pastors and elders. The financial reports showed quite an increase of benevolent contributions; and a number of the churches have made considerable additions to their membership.

DEDICATION OF THE "STONE CHURCH."

This is quite a misnomer, and must be explained. In the town of Bergen, four miles in the place, ready for duty at a moment's from the railroad village, there recently stood a stone church, which gave name to that lo- alert; and Uncle Sam means to take care of cality, and to the post-office which accommo- himself. dates that neighborhood. But the stone church was old and somewhat dilapidated. And yet the congregation, under the faithful for them to take care of those cut-throats and judicious labors of a new pastor (Rev. N. Elmer, who went among them about two so long abusing their hospitality. We hail years ago), was beginning to feel the genial the returning reason, and will cheerfully re-

influences of a renewed life. Under this pleasant impulse it was proposed to get a cablantly though it may have arisen, which our inet organ, so as to improve their music. A subscription was started for the purpose, and gave promise of success. But one man said the old church was not fit to put an organ into: and thought they should first build a new church, and then get the organ.

do so much; but it is done. They have the gentlemen, presented the good lady with a organ, and a new church beside. But the complete and elegant set of furs. All this new church is of 2000d, and so we do not see was as much as to say, "Now ride and be but the name of the post-office will have to comfortable. Come and see us when you be changed to Wood church. Leaving that, however, to the Postmaster-General, we may also expected to ride in the same sleigh when say, that the new church edifice is a gem of out on his pastoral rounds; but not to wear "Rev. Dr. Smith began by saying, 'I say, that the new church edifice is a gem of thank God for Evangelists. He has a place its kind; small, but neat, substantially finished, carpeted and cushioned throughout. The services of dedication took place on

Wednesday morning, 25th ult. The day was extremely cold, and yet the house was filled with an attentive and deeply interested congregation. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Elmer, the pastor, from the text, 'How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts." Rev. N. Hurd, of Mendon, a fortook part in the service; and Rev. D. D. McColl, of Scotsville, preached a most acceptable sermon in the evening.

The church cost about seven thousand dollars, but is really worth much more, as it was built with great care and economy. We are happy to add that it is all paid for; most of the pews, also, are already rented, at a fair valuation; everything looks well for the peace and prosperity of this society; and much of it all is due to the liberality and enterprise of two individuals, one a man now seventy years of age, a practical builder, who carefully and affectionately superintended all the work; and another who was both liberal and active ing; showing how much two men of the right helping on in any good work.

### A SACRED BELL.

We have before spoken of improvements at Honeoye Falls; a new chapel and the like. recognized as a leading and honorable exem- More recently the church has received the plification of the entire evangelical piety of gift of a bell, which it has long wanted, in circumstances which render it peculiarly saothers have any difficulty in finding traces of cred. A young man, Theodore Jameson, who was brought up there, and was a member of the church, became a soldier, and fell, fightit illustrated in all its characteristic energy ing for his country, in the second bloody bat-

He had previously written home, and spoken very tenderly of his church relations. It was there he had found the Saviour; there he took upon himself the vows of visible union to Christ; there he had passed so many pleaattended by several thousands, while a still sant Sabbaths, and received such pleasant greater number applied in vain for sitting Christian instruction—if he should never return, he wished, out of the portion that was trust that the Commission will reap substancoming to him, to do something for that

He did not return; but his wish was regarded as sacred by his friends; and casting about to see how they could best fulfil it, the bell was thought of. It was just what was needed; and every time it calls the congrega-

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ing a thousand pounds, and purchased at a cost of two hundred and fifty dollars.

Per annum, in advance:

By Mail. \$3.

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ance. Home Missionaries, \$1 50 in advance.

It was previously hung in the tower, and on Christmas day was formally presented to the church, in a written statement, by Mr. and Mrs. Smith, the mother and stepfather of the deceased soldier, and formally received, with speeches and resolutions of thanks, on the part of the church. It was an interesting and touching occasion. It was easy to see that the heart of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Van Anken, is not a little cheered by the magic tones of that bell, as it calls his flock together. It is another sign of progress and improvement. Three brothers of Prof. Allen, of Lane Seminary, are pillars in the church, and do much for its peace and prosperity.

UNEASINESS ON THE BORDER

One who has not been on the ground, would find it difficult to realize, how much of wheasiness and alarm, and actual suffering has been experienced upon our northern frontier. in apprehension of raids from Canada. Happily, since the Canadian authorities are giving signs of returning reason, a better state of things is beginning to hold sway; but there were sleepless nights in many of those border towns. Patrols were out; houses barricaded; women and children in the greatest state of alarm; quiethouseholders, religious men. and clergymen, who had never thought of "taking the sword," had their revolvers and loaded rifles near at hand, ready for use at a moment's warning.

And all this sanctioned by Jeff. Davis, while he and his minions knew that it could not aid one feather's weight in settling the great questions of the war. It was not war: but rapine and midnight murder alone which were intended.

We found some soldiers of the regular army on duty, as a patrol, at Ogdensburgh. Two companies of volunteers were also under drill warning. Cavalry scouts are also on the

And we are glad that the Canadian Government is beginning to think that it is time and assassins from rebeldom, who have been ciprocate any good feeling, slowly and reluctneighbors shall manifest.

HANDSOMELY DONE.

The young men of the First Presbyterian Church of Ogdensburgh (Rev. Mr. Miller's) recently presented Mrs. Miller, the wife of the pastor, with a new horse and sleigh. They had not before thought it possible to The ladies, not to be out-done by the young can." We understood that Mr. Miller is the furs.

This church is large, and strong, and prosperous. It sustains entirely or in part three mission Sunday-schools, and has about eight hundred scholars thus under its care.

THE NOYES LIBRARY.

We understand that the law library of the late William Curtis Noyes, given by his will to Hamilton College, consists of eight or ten thousand volumes, and cost about fifty thoumer pastor of the church, was present, and sand dollars—the finest private law library, it has been said, in the country; and the largest gift ever yet bestowed at one time upon the college. But this magnificent gift only makes room and need for another a suitable fire-proof building in which to keep the sacred treasure. What would the library be worth some day in ashes? Where is the man that will make the complement of Mr. Noyes's splendid benefaction, and share with him the high honor?

ORDINATION.

Rev. Gavin L. Hamilton, a recent graduate of Auburn Seminary, was ordained and installed as pastor of the Presbyterian church of Vernon, on the 1st inst. Rev. Dr. Darling, of Albany, preached the installation

NEW SUPERINTENDENT.

Harlow W. Chittenden, Esq., who has long been connected with the New York Central Railway, as superintendent of the central division of said road, has been promoted to be General Superintendent, in place of Hon. Chauncey Vibbard, of Albany, resigned. Mr. Chittenden seems to have won univer-

sal esteem and praise in his administration as Division Superintendent, and every body seems to expect he will do the same in the higher position. The best wishes of troops of friends in Central and Western New York follow him to his Albany home. A DONATION.

The friends of Rev. C. R. Wilkins, of Pittsford, gave him one of those agreeable surprises so common about these timesamount nearly four hundred dollars. C. P. B.

ROCHESTER, Feb. 4, 1865.

THE NEXT UNION PRAYER MEETING of the Churches of our denomination in this city, will be held in the Wharton Street Church, (Rev. J. G. Hamner's), corner of; Ninth and Wharton streets, on Tuesday evening next.

MIRAGE.—The mirage of the desert, paints reat facility and rapidity.

Where Mr. Hammond labored last spring, where Mr. Hammond labored last spring, of the Christian soldier, and of the Christian soldier, and since which over one thousand have of the church in Manual to the dear country for which had dear country for the dear country for which had dear country for which had dear count

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