American Presbuterian.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1865.

BILLS have now been sent to all subscribers who have not paid in advance for the current year. Most of these will, at the first glance, appear to call for 50 cents more than the published rates. But

LOOK AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BILLS, and you will find the explanation in the sentence which reads "Less 50 cents, if paid within three months from date." Look then at the date of the bill and you will find how much time you have in which to pay at the reduced

No subscriptions received, and no accounts closed, for less than six requests for discontinuances, unless the this regulation.

will be held on Tuesday evening, 21st Free Church system. instant, in the First Presbyterian Church. Manayunk, Rev. A. Culver pastor. The last cars reaching the place in time leave | though far less varied, if he had remained the depot, at Ninth and Green, at 6.15 here to this day, and had never been P. M.; leave Manayunk at 9.30 P. M., arriving at Ninth and Green at 10 o'clock. Horse cars, via Ridge avenue, run every twenty minutes. Pastors will please announce the above to their congregations.

established, reliable, sound, and loyal ing was with power. evening paper, one of "the institutions" of our city, has recently been sold to a 28, 1827. In 1828 it reported one portion of the former owners, for the sum hundred and fifty members; in 1832, of \$90,000, within a fraction. Its present owners are Gibson Peacock, Ferdinand L. Featherston, Casper Souder, Jr., Ernest C. Wallace and Thomas J. Wil- to form the First Free Church, of Roliamson. An entire new font of type, of chester. the most tasteful character, has been procured of L. Johnson & Co., by the proprietors, and the Buttetin now makes a handsome appearance. It has our best wishes for its success.

PHILADELPHIA BENEVOLENCE. — The report of the work of the Union Benevo- his first visit to Rochester in 1830-31. lent Society among the poor of this city, for 1864, foots up as follows:-The visitors made 11,425 visits; distributed relief to 3,445 families; 54 of those under their care were sent to school, and 560 sick provided for; 4,889 orders for coal were given out. The total cash distribution amounted to \$7.884 90; of which \$2.182 42 were paid to sewing women, forty in number, and \$4,929 49 in coal. This Society, though among the first in efficiency, is only one of several active and well-sustained organizations of the kind in the city.

rally takes to keep itself informed of the place for any ordinary man. Roast beef, Dr. Fowler; charge to the people by state of things in the churches, and the plum pudding, and Worcester sauce were President Fisher. respectful tone in which it speaks of the lowest diet the congregation could whatever concerns the interests of re- then bear. ligion. We have, however, one secular Rev. Luke Lyons was called, installed, cotemporary which, on one occasion at and dissmissed-all in less than seven to the next General Assembly. Elder least, has forgotten to use candor. The months. Rev. Willian C. Wisner, then James Cook was elected Commissioner Daily Evening Telegraph of this city, a young man, just beginning to preach, to Auburn Seminary. in a recent number, after speaking, not and without the fine reputation for intelimproperly, of the disgracefulness of de- lect and power, which he has since so nominational quarrels, and their hindrance | well earned, was the regularly ordained | a full and elaborate report, such as the to the progress of true religion, goes on and installed pastor, for about eight to say:-

"The best evidence, perhaps, that no such progress is taking place, is that storm, with breakers ahead. Their fine pastors and people are still waging, with stone house of worship was sold for their but slightly abated fierceness, the secta- debts, and they were driven by stress of lars. This is partly owing, we know, to rian controversies that are making a thou- weather into a little shelter near by. The Mr. McGiffert's faithfulness. sand infidels for every convert to the house was bought, and long occupied by truths that are common to the whole the Second Baptist Society, whose late acdivided and belligerent brotherhood of complished pastor, Rev. Geo. D. Board-Christians, under whatever variety of man, the good city of Philadelphia was name they are distinguished; and the pleased to get away from us last year. best assurance that could be given that | We suppose the First Baptist Church of living principles had become triumphant the city of Brotherly Love did not take over dead forms, that essential and saving him because he was successor to Mr. tenets of faith had taken the place of Parker, and Mr. Finney. pretentious and unavailing vanities of doctrine, would be a cordial reunion of two years without a settled minister, and the members of all communities of true came near utter dissolution. Indeed, the Christians for the cause of religion, and a question of disbanding, we are told, was fraternal intercourse and co-operation in seriously contemplated, and probably all plans and enterprises to build up, ex- would have prevailed, except for a letter tend, and establish its power throughout the earth."

The stupidity of the assertion contained in the commencement of the above extract is the more inexcusable because cordiality between different evangelical denominations is one of the known and recognized principal religious features of to supply them for a time, and give them the times, diffused throughout all Christian lands, and nowhere more obvious than in this locality where the above utterance was made. And with it has come, and is daily coming, a good mea- Mack, then a licentiate, (and since a sure of the spiritual progress, of which minister at Knoxville, Tennessee,) came have been his eyes and ears during the Under his ministry, the church gradually past quarter of a century—the last ten revived, and built a new house of woryears especially? They have been ship. After a successful pastorate of five charity which he reckons among the lost on account of ill-health. virtues. Witness the movements of the evangelical alliance, the union of churches prayer, the rallying around catholic benevolent organizations, the spirit of the Mack's ministry has been burned down,

Rev. A. G. Hall, D.D., of the Third Presbyterian Church, of Rochester, has been indulging in this felicity,-for such it may be regarded for a clergyman, in these times of change, to retain his position and continue his usefulness, in one place, for so long a time.

QUARTER CENTURY SERMON.

And this furnishes us a pleasant opportunity to say a word in regard to this church, for which we have had a right to indulge some special affections, ever since we stood, with about ninety others. gathered in its aisles and areas, to take upon ourselves, for the first time, the solemn vows of church fellowship.

EARLY HISTORY.

striking and somewhat chequered. It almost said the brightest, ministerial labors of Rev. Joel Parker. His success months. No attention will be paid to here for three years was enough to satisfy any ordinary ambition, and was settlements are made in accordance with | filled with highest promise for the future. It is still remembered with what an agony of sorrow his church were finally constrained to give him up, that he might THE NEXT UNITED PRAYER MEETING go to New York, and inaugurate the

> We have sometimes wondered if his life might not have been quite as useful, anything else than pastor of the Third Church.

THE CHURCH ORGANIZED.

to the formation of this church in December, 1826. Mr. Parker was then a mere licentiate, but a short time out of years. THE "EVENING BULLETIN."—This old the Theological Seminary; but his preach-

The church was organized February four hundred and two; but in 1837, only two hundred and fifty, a large *number having been dismissed, in the meantime,

THE EARLY LABORERS. In the early days of this enterprise the famous Josiah Bissell, a man of re markable energy and enterprise was the moving spirit. In was in this church also, that Rev. Charles G. Finney, the evangelist, did most of his preaching, in Here he labored for six months, and it was estimated at the time, that there were as many as eight hundred conversions in and around Rochester, growing out of that revival; and many of the strongest men of the place were included among the number. It was that glorious revival, beyond question, which did much to give shape to the religious character of our delightful city of churches

and revivals. "But who shall come after the king?" care which the secular press gene- | the Third Church was not a desirable | of Rome; charge to the pastor by Rev.

Of course, the ship was already in a

After Mr. Wisner left, the church was received by one of its members in the spring of 1834, while Mr. Parker was preaching at New Orleans, saying that he was soon coming North, and would spend the summer in Rochester.

This gave cheer to their counsels. The plan was to get their old, first minister a new start. Mr. Parker, however, did not come; but the mere hope of his coming enabled them to turn the current, and in November of that year, Rev. William

Rev. Albert G. Hall was installed Nothe house of worship built during Mr.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDING EDITOR, attentive, and gratified audience on Sun-ishe walked some three squares to the the past, and prospecting for the future.

THE REUNION.

And on Thursday evening of this week, the congregation, "in expression of their esteem for Rev. A. G. Hall, D.D., and in grateful appreciation of his devotion in a ministry of twenty-five years as their pastor," held "a reunion of the present and former members of the congregation in social assembly with their pastor," at the new house of E. H. Hollister, Esq., on Plymouth Avenue. About four hundred persons were present. Speeches, of course, were made; and a 'surprise" presentation of about \$1600 was indulged in. Dr. Hall replied very handsomely, and gratefully received the The early history of this church was gift. And what with the social reunion, and the sumptuous entertainment, the was the scene of the first, and we had evening passed off most pleasantly. It tory of the numerous reports of the promust have done much to cheer and en- gress of the revival in the army, which courage the heart of the pastor.

BUT WHAT CHANGES have transpired in this city. When we ing:returned here but two years ago Mr. Coit was pastor at St. Peters', now Dr. Yeomans; Dr. Pease was in the First Church, now Mr. Beadle; Jonathan Potomac and of the James. In the Army Edwards had just left the Plymouth. now Rev. D. K. Bartlett is its pastor; and while Mr. Ellinwood, of the Central Church, is far away seeking health, Rev. located. The number of patients varies Dr. Chester, of Baffalo, supplies his place. Drs. Shaw and Hall remain; Dr. Shaw having already entered upon other stations at different points in the Preaching was commenced with a view churches may yet celebrate the golden Army of the James the base of operawedding for them both. They both look tions is Point of Rocks, on the Appowell enough for another twenty-five mattox. In addition to this there are

THE PRESBYTERY OF UTICA.

This body held its annual meeting at Vernon, commencing on Tuesday, Jan. 31. Rev. S. W. Bruce was elected Moderator; Messrs. Dunham and Manly,

CHEESE QUESTION.

A question of great interest, which came up at this meeting of Presbytery, was the subject of Cheese-making on the Sabbath. This is giving serious trouble. in some of our churches. Church memthe cheese factories, with all the noise and work incident to those extensive

The subject was introduced by an able eport from the pen of Rev. Dr. Fowler, condemning the practice, declaring it "unnecessary, unscriptural, and detrimental to the best interests of society." The subject was ably discussed, and the practice freely condemned, by the members of Presbytery generally.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, February 1st, Mr. G. L. Hamilton, who was a licentiate of Rochester Presbytery, and a graduate of Auburn Seminary, was or-After Mr. Parker and Mr. Finney left; dained and installed as pastor of the after preaching of such a high order, and Church of Vernon. In the absence of revival scenes of such marvellous in- Dr. Darling, of Albany, the sermon was An Ignorant Assertion .- One of the | terest, which had lasted almost without | preached by Rev. John Lyle, of Utica; pleasant religious aspects of the times, is interruption for five years, the pulpit of ordaining prayer by Rev. W. E. Knox,

ham, with Elders J. E. Warner and J. C. Gallup, were elected Commissioners

Rev. J. N. McGiffert, the "Presbyterial agent" for Foreign Missions, made General Assembly wants from all the Presbyterial agents, showing that the contributions to this cause had increased

A very interesting revival of religion s now in progress in the Presbyterian Church of Attica, under the faithful labors of Rev. John Wickes, their pastor.

In Brasher Falls, also, St. Lawrence county, the Lord is doing great things for the little church there, such as they Distributed papers, books, &c., among have never before known. Twelve per- the soldiers; conversed with them, and sons were received into the fold last at one point we had prayer in full view Sabbath, nine of them heads of families, of the rebel picket line. Met with a corand among the most prominent citizens | dial reception from the soldiers, and trust of the place. It was for those we saw that some good was done under the bless-Pratt, was yearning but a few weeks and oh, how inviting, but the laborers ago, when we were there, and now he are few. My visit to the army has been has his reward,

into the Brick Church last Sabbath, and C. P. B. seven into the Central.

ROCHESTER, Feb. 11, 1865.

TABOR CHURCH-INTERESTING COM-MUNION.—A very precious communion season was enjoyed on the last Sabbath in the Tabor Presbyterian Church in this city, Rev. George Van Deurs pastor. this writer affects to see no signs. Where among them, and commenced preaching. It was the first sacramental service in the new church, the dedication of which we recently announced. In the face of the terrible storm, which thinned some of meetings in aid of the society have been years all glowing with the brotherly years, Mr. Mack was compelled to leave, our best congregations almost to nothing held, generally on Sabbath evenings, in ness, more that one hundred and fifty the different evangelical churches, dupeople assembled. An addition of twentyvember 10, 1840, and still continues in one persons was made to the church, in services connected with the week of the pastoral relation. In the mean time, seventeen of whom for the first time made public profession of their Christian faith. Among the latter was a case of pulpit and the religious press, or what rebuilt, and finally torn down, to give extraordinary interest, a woman of the ever else betrays the temper of the church. place to business blocks; and two years great age of eighty-nine years, who, for We know nothing of the animus of the ago the society completed another, and the first time in her long life, was present writer of the article referred to, but it much more disirable church edifice, in a at the administration of the Lord's Soldiers. It is in excellent hands, and important than the conversion of the impersons committing unlawful outrages within the territory of the drifts, and in the is a worthy object of beneficence. Convenient. A new and far better life has

day, 29th of January, 1865, reviewing church, with a step, which, but for the lines of almost ninety years, on her face, might have spoken of the sprightliness of youth. It was a moving and joyful sight—this late but happy folding of one so long astray upon the mountains. Precious and safe be her rest where the Great Shepherd keeps guard!

> CHEERING NEWS FROM THE ARMY. Every Christian who has a son, brother, or friend in our army, will peruse, with earnest thanksgiving to God, the subjoined letter from Rev. Wm. Sterrett, pastor of the Third Reformed Presbyterian Church of this city, and well-known sented with a purse of \$400, as a token as one of the most judicious, earnest, and of the affection of his people. The consuccessful of our city pastors, confirma-

During my term of service I have visited all the stations of the Christian Commission but two in the Army of the of the Potomac the base of operations is City Point. At this place the base hospital for the Army of the Potomac is from time to time; at present there are about six thousand. There are four D. L. Torrey, whose state of health comhis twenty-fifth year, and Dr. Hall just Army of the Potomac, namely, Meade, have few finer churches in Western New having completed his. We hope their Parke, Warren, and Patrick. In the York than this, showing, after the lapse four other stations in the field.

THE REVIVAL.

At all these stations there are buildings and tents in which meetings are held with the soldiers. The attendance upon these meetings is always good; usually the chapels are crowded. I have never seen more attentive hearers than in these meetings. After a sermon has been preached the meeting is thrown open for prayer and exhortation. It is quite common for twenty or thirty to stand up or hold up their hands, asking those who bers are seduced into, and are patronizing are Christians to pray for them. Frequently soldiers rise and testify that they have experienced a change of heart in these meetings. There is reason to believe that even the chief of sinners are subdued by the power of Divine grace.

A PIRATE CONVERTED. On one occasion a man rose and said 'I have lived a very wicked life, having been engaged as a pirate in the slave trade. Pray for me, if you think it will be of any use to pray for such a wicked man as I am." This man afterwards professed to have experienced a change of heart, and continued to attend the meetings.

Often have I heard the soldiers giving thanks to God in their prayers, that the Christian Commission had established these chapels for worship. On one occasion, after meeting, some of them said. "We can't keep away from these meet-

CAN'T LEAVE PRAYER-MEETING.

The night before I left to return home Rev. Dr. Fisher and Rev. M. E. Dun- I held a meeting at Warren Station. Our chapel was a fly tent, without any fire; no floor but the cold, damp ground. For such eager listeners. Having spent two hours in preaching, singing, and prayer, it was announced that those who felt it work was kept up for another hour, and within the bounds of Presbytery, within even then the men parted with reluctance. the past year, nearly nine hundred dol- Some said, "We-could stay here all night. Oh, it is good to be here."

At City Point and Point of Rocks two meetings are held daily, one in the afternoon, another in the evening, and the interest continues unabated.

PRAYER-MEETING BEFORE THE REBEL PICKETS.

I spent one day visiting the men along the picket line—a day of great interest. that the heart of the pastor, Rev. S. W. ing of God. The harvest truly is great, to myself one of unusual interest. My We cannot speak of any revival in soul has been refreshed. Gladly would this city, and yet twelve were received I have remained all winter, had it been in my power. May the Lord continue to revive his work. W. STERRETT.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PHILADELPHIA CITY TRACT AND MISSION SOCIETY.-From this document, just issued, we learn that 563 distributors have been at work under the direction of this excellent Society during the year. The monthly circulation of tracts has been 40,000 in English, 7000 in German, and a few in French. Weekly ring the year. The number of families visited, children brought into the Sabbath-school, total of receipts and expenditures, do not appear in the report.

We call attention to the comsermon was preached, to a large, and face of a perfect tempest of falling snow, tributions received at this office.

Aews of our Churches.

CANNONSVILLE, N. Y., is astir in the labors of Christian love. Our church there has just comforted its pastor, Rev. J. J. Hough, with an increase of salary, and also donations to the amount of between \$150 and \$200.

NEW HARTFORD, N. Y.—Rev. Mr. Furbish, late chaplain in the army, has accepted a call to the church in this place, and arrangements for his installation were made at the meeting of the Presbytery of Utica, on the 1st inst.

MONTGOMERY, N. Y .- The pastor, Rev. J. M. McNulty, has recently been pregregation recently raised \$1,400 to cancel a debt of \$700. We judge that debt to be finished.

ONWARD WITH THE GOOD WORK.— The High Street Presbyterian Church, reach us from every quarter, but which want of space prevents us from publish-Newark, N. J., (Rev. Dr. Poor's,) has taken its place among those which rejoice in freedom from debt. A late generous rally to the figure of \$8,000 is what has done it. Another act of generous justice (there is such a quality as that) has been performed by a handsome and permanent addition to the pastor's salary.

ITHACA, N. Y .- The First Presbyterian Church in this place is about to suffer the loss of a valued pastor, Rev. Dr. pels him to offer his resignation. We of a generation, the foot-prints of the remarkable pastorate of the venerable

DRYDEN, N. Y .- Since the week of prayer, some thirty or more appear to have experienced conversion. Among them are Sabbath-school scholars, students. in the Academy, and heads of families. The pastor writes:-"We hold services afternoon and evening. The work of grace is free from excitement, and in the inquiry meeting we find many who are led there by the Holy Spirit, and are asking, what must I do to be saved?"

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.—The pastorate in this place is again filled. Mr. G. C. Hamilton was ordained and installed over this church, on the 1st inst., by the Presbytery of Utica. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. Lyle, the city missionary in Utica, a new man on the field, who is making his influence felt as a man of earnest Christian effort, and adaptedness to the peculiar work which he has assumed. Dr. Fowler, of Utica, charged the pastor, and President Fisher, of Hamilton College, the congregation.

FROM RICHVILLE, ILL., we hear, through a letter from Rev. T. S. Reeve to the Christian Herald, of a protracted meeting, with the following among other results:-" Over one hundred persons, from thirteen to fifty years of age, have professed to have found peace and pardon through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. A divided church has been harmonizeda scattered flock has been re-gathered, and God is now adding, nearly, if not quite or more, one-third to their membership." Among these converts are five young men just about to enter the army.

LANE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,-We learn through an exchange, that Rev. seats we had pine logs. Although the wind this institution, has recently presented to of Ninth step the saves of the houses. was well filled. I never preached to the Trustees the sum of ten thousand dollars for the immediate purchase of the best of the recent theological books of Great Britain and the continent. This, necessary to leave the meeting might do with the large and valuable collection purchased in Europe several years since by Dr. Stowe, and the additions since made, will form one of the most important ters perished, without being able to make an perceptible attempts to escape. In another, the mother and five daughters perished, the husband and two so. But not a man moved. The blessed purchased in Europe several years since tant theological libraries in the country, and be an inestimable boon to the West. The new library building, erected at the expense of Preserved Smith, Esq., of Day-

ton, is nearly finished, and promises to be, in respect to light, convenience, simplicity, and elegance, all that its projectors designed. It will be open several hours each day, and every facility be afforded of access to the literary treasures on its shelves. Oxford, Ohio.—Rev. Mr. Kumler's

special effusion of the Holy Spirit. The work is especially powerful in the Western Female Seminary there located. A writer in the Christian Herald says of it:-"It seemed to begin with the year. About a fortnight since it broke forth in its full power and suddenly. Christians were not prepared for it. Prayer had been offered and means had been diligently employed; but the coming of the Lord to his temple was, after all, a surprise, so overwhelming was it. Everything yielded to it. Last week, Thursday, the stated exercises of the school to attend wholly to eternal things. And now, out of one hundred and sixty pupils, there is scarcely a single one who does not appear to have given up her will to to be taught the way of life is very touch- loyal as New England. ing. The hushed air, the ear inclined, the eye filled, the face radiant, the soul speaking out its hunger and thirst, all shall be no protection for rebel raiders in that make it most delightful to dispense the province. Burley, one the rascals so sumgospel. It is really impossible to close marily released by Judge Coursal and rea religious service, so quick, and earnest, and pertinent are the questions that follow each other about the duties and the pation in the St. Alban's raid. Others who difficulties of the Christian. Of course, difficulties of the Christian. Of course, those who had been serving the Lord before are now greatly guides at the lord before at the lord before are now greatly guides at the lord before at the lord b munication on our first page, in regard before are now greatly quickened. This to the school in the Hospital for Colored part of the work is hardly less marked or point, that Canada cannot be an asylum for colored part of the work is hardly less marked or point, that Canada cannot be an asylum for colored part of the work is hardly less marked or point, that Canada cannot be an asylum for colored part of the work is hardly less marked or point, that Canada cannot be an asylum for colored part of the work is hardly less marked or point, that Canada cannot be an asylum for colored part of the work is hardly less marked or point, that Canada cannot be an asylum for canada cannot be an asylum for colored part of the work is hardly less marked or point, that Canada cannot be an asylum for canada cana vilely misrepresents the church, and its better locality, where the quarter century Supper. Through the drifts, and in the is a worthy object of beneficence. Conpenient. A new and far better life has begun in all."

STURGIS, MICH.—Our thrifty church in this place has just disencumbered itself of a debt of \$1,200, and complimented its pastor, Rev. W. C. Clark, with a visit, which left in his hands upwards of \$200.

KEESEVILLE, N. Y.—We recently noticed the ordination of Rev. Mr. Butler atthis place. The congregation has since placed in his hand a donation of \$328, cleared off the church debt, and, as we learn from The Evangelist, is receiving tokens of a spiritual blessing.

ORDINATION .- Mr. A. McMasters, a licentiate laboring as Stated Supply with the churches of Fly Creek and Exeter, N. Y., was, on the 17th ult., ordained, without installation, to the full work of the gospel ministry, by the Presbytery of Otsego, in session at Cooperstown, N. Y. Rev. S. J. White, of Gilbertsville, preached the sermon, and Rev. Charles Gillette, of Milford, gave the charge.

CANISTEO, N. Y.—A business note from a gentleman connected with our church in this place, to one of the editors, says:-"For the past three weeks we have had meetings every evening. Twelve whom we think substantial, have passed from the world to Christ-perhaps more. The members have been much blessed by the reviving of their spiritual strength.

DECEASE OF MRS. HAMMOND. -A note from Vernon, Connecticut, conveys the intelligence that the aged mother of Rev. E. P. Hammond had a joyful and triumphant translation on the 7th inst. She died at her residence in that place.

Mr. Hammond goes to Detroit this week.

VICTORY OF THE ORTHODOX IN

Our readers may remember the agitation caused last year, among the Protestants of Paris, about the refusal on the part of the Presbyteral Council to re-engage the Rev. A. Coquerel, Jr., as pastor. This clergaman is the son of the Rev. Athanase Coquerel, who has been, for many years, one of the leaders of the Rationalistic party in France, and the son seems to be no more orthodox than the father. After he had supplied the pulpit as a suffragant (a kind of a vicar) for a certain time, the Presbyteral Council voted not to renew his appointment, on the ground of his sympathies with Renan. This act caused quite a sensation in France, and even the political papers took part in the controversy. Whatever could be said by the adversaries of the Council, the act was an accomplished fact, and no one could alter-it. The Rationalists had to submit and con-

sole themselves by declaiming against the "bigotry" and "intolerance" of the Evan-gelicals. This year, they have been at work very actively in electioneering, as the Presbyteral council had to be renewed, so as to secure, if possible, a majority in that body. The Orthodox, on the other hand, have prepared for the contest, and we hear from a late French correspondence that the five-members who have been elected are all of the Evangelical party, a fact of great importance at the present juncture of affairs. Mons. Guizot, the great historian and states-man, was the leader of the orthodox, and, no doubt has done much in securing this sucess, which is gained, however, at the cost of elimnation from the council. His prominent position and activity in this matter prevented his being re-elected; but if he is personally beaten, he has had the satisfaction of seeing the good cause triumph. Another member of the Presbyterae Council is to be elected soon; it may be expected that this election will also cause a stir in the Protestant world

A calamity of unusual severity befel the

southern section of our city on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning of last week. Nearly two thousand barrels of petroleum, stored above ground, on Ninth and Washington streets, took fire and poured their burning contents in a perfect torrent two feet deep rose to the heighth of the eaves of the houses, and the inhabitants, while their houses were burning over their heads, were hemmed in by a torrent of flame flowing, in some localities, all around them. A hundred families were burned out. In one house, a whole sons having escaped, severely injured. This family, the Wares, were connected with the Wharton St. Congregation, the mother and one daughter being members, and the other children connected with the Sabbath-school. Mrs. Ware had only on the Saturday preceding, become a subscriber to this paper. Mrs. Ware had already passed through the awful torrent, with her boys, comparatively unharmed, and was returning to look for her husband, who delayed a moment in the house, when she fell, a sacrifice to her womanly affection and solicitude. Another husband succeeded in saving nothing:

church, in this place, is enjoying the prepared for burial. Large contributions for the sufferers are being made, and prompt action has been ta-ken by the judicial and legislative authorities against the storing of petroleum in the city limits.

from his house but the corpse of his wife,

FREE LABOR FOR THE FREE SOUTH.

The following information has lately been communicated by the Hon. J. C. Un-derwood, of Alexandria, Va., U. S. Judge derwood, of Alexandria, Va., U. S. Judge of the District of Eastern Virginia, in reply to inquiries by Prof. W. H. Woodbury, of Norfolk, Va.: "The first sale of land and city property, in Norfolk, Portsmouth, and vicinity, will begin on the 30th of January next. This property, formerly owned by next. This property, formerly owned by rebels, has been confiscated for their disloyalty and for non-payment of the taxes imposed were omitted, so intense was the desire by Congress; and I think we shall sell three to attend wholly to eternal things. And or four millions' worth during the monthsof January and February, and I trust it will be purchased, as the property here has been, by truly loyal men, and that the effect will be not appear to have given up her will to the same with you as with us, to wit: the God. On every occasion the eagerness making that desirable portion of the State as

> CANADA.—The Canada courts have finally and decisively settled the point that there arrested, after going through the whole round of legal resorts, is at length doomed to be delivered up to our authorities for particihas been suspended for his atrocious decision, and will probably be removed.