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CHARACTER AND DEATH OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.-Rev. Henry Fowler's fine sermon with this title, published in the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN of May 4th, has been issued in very elegant style in pamphlet form. A very few copies are for sale in the Presbyterian Book Store. It is well worth the purchase.

WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.-We are happy to announce the unanimous and very cordial election of a Pastor, by this church. on the 25th inst. The brother elected is Rev. Joseph F. Sutton, now of Howell. Michigan. With good hope that he will accept the invitation, and will come to them in the spirit of an earnest and number 487; its tunes, we judge, about 250. devout pastor, the people of the congrethe prospects before them—a satisfaction in four parts and on three staves. in which we assure them of our sympathy. The Western Church is the one whose location is on the corner of Seventeenth and Filbert streets.

INJURY TO THE EPIPHANY CHURCH .-A destructive fire occurred in this city, ites. on the morning of the 18th inst. Several dwellings and shops, situated on Fifteenth street between Chestnut and Market, and a smaller street running along the rear of the Epiphany Church, (Rev. Dr. Newton's,) were burned. The greatest loss was that of an extensive steam saw, turning and sash mill, occupying a considerable portion of the ground named. The church was saved with great difficulty, and probaly owes its escape to a precaution adopted in view of its exposure from that quarter—the sheathing of its rear window shutters with iron. We regret having to add that its rear wall was so sprung by the intense heat that it will probably require Psa. 46. "High in the heavens, Eternal replacing, and that in consequence, there | God!" Psa. 36. "The heavens declare must be a suspension of its services for a Thy glory, Lord!" Psa. 19. "Sweet is

A VERDICT AND ITS MORAL.—In Washington city a trial, lasting some two weeks, has terminated with a verdict of acquittal of the charge of murder. A Miss Harris, from Chicago, had, through a liason into which she had been inveigled in extreme youth, and which had ended in desertion, suffered deep and eternal wrong from A. T. Burroughs, an employee in one of the Departments, and in revenge coolly murdered him. We believe it was the criminal law. Insanity, of the paroxysmal type, was the defence offered in the present case—not such an insanity as could secure admission to any respectable asylum, but the fashionable moral insanity of our courts, which answers for the consciences of a jury in whose the public demonstration which followed it. The impossibility of obtaining a conviction in such cases exhibits a deplorable laxity of the sanctions of law for the punishment of the great crime of closing strain, seduction. It is felt that the trifling regard which the law pays to injuries of this character, almost imposes upon the injured the necessity of taking retributive justice in their own hands. We append the comments of two of the influential and generally judicious papers upon what we have said. The tone of the dict; that of the second decidedly sar-

[From the Washington Chronicle.]

Whether for good or evil-and we do not care to enter into a discussion of the subject—the precedent has been pretty firmly established, by juries at least, that human life may be taken with impunity by any woman whose honor and happiness have been outraged and destroyed one of the other sex. Miss Harris may have been insane, and we are inclined to believe that her mental condition was such at the time of the fatal deed that she could hardly be held to a rigid accountability for her act; but, nevertheless, we do not doubt that Miss Harris would have been acquitted all the same, even ad no plea of insanity been set up in her case. We repeat, we do not care to enter into any discussion of the justice, legality, or morality of the verdict in this case. We believe, however, that it will be generally approved in this community, if not as a matter of strict justice and logic, as one of feeling and sympathy. The truth is, there is a strong conviction in the public mind that the laws of the land, and the unbending customs and usages of society, fail to give that protection to woman which the stronger sex do not so much stand in need of. We leave the moral of this lamentable tragedy, and its attendant results, to commend itself, to the hearts and consciences of that very large class of men "whom it may concern."

[From the New York Times.] The verdict only furnishes a new illustration of what must be regarded as a settled principle in American law—that any woman who considers herself aggrieved in any way by a member of the other sex may kill him with impunity, and with an assured immunity from the pre-scribed penalties of the law. The man may really have been guilty neither of a crime against her person, an assault upon her honor, nor an offence against her feelings; if she is seized by a fancy that his course of conduct towards her is not such as she had anticipated from his addresses, she may kill him upon notice, or without notice. If a man is murdered by a member of the opposite sex in any of the cases supposed, or in almost any supposable case whatever, she is almost certain to escape, not only the extreme penalty of the law, but any penalty whatever. It were uselaw, but any penalty whatever. It were use-less to find fault with this state of things. It is

sex should be treated with such exceptional and dubious honor; but who shall argue with the feelings of the jury, backed up by public sentiment and by custom? It is well enough, however, that every man should always bear the fact in mind, so that he may, on all occasions, so comport himself in the presence of the sex as never to give any of them a real or fan-ciful pretext for taking him off untimely.

THE SOCIAL HYMN AND TUNE BOOK "The Social Hymn and Tune Book," long in preparation and much called for, has been sent to us by our Publication Committee. It must be said that our first impression on receiving it is physical satisfaction. It is rare to get hold of a book that to the eye and hand, in size, proportion, weight, type and paper, in its whole, is quite satisfactory. This Hymn and Tune Book is really charming in its propriety and good taste as an article of manufacture. In size it is a 16mo, of 510 pages. Its hymns The arrangement is by subjects under leadgation feel a grateful satisfaction with ing topics and in logical order; the music

> In its composition the book is a selection from both the Psalms and Hymns' of the church Psalmist of those that, upon inquiry, it was found were favorites. To these have been added a number of Hymns, generally of a revival type, that are or will be favor-

> We are glad that our Committee did not ignore the Psalms, of which the book contains fifty-two. Among those selected we find:

"In all my vast concerns with Thee," Psa. 139. "A broken heart my God, my King!" Psa. 51. "As pants the heart for cooling streams," Psa. 42. "Awake my soul and with the sun," Psa. 5. "Before Jehovah's awful throne," Psa. 100. 'Cast thy burden on the Lord," Psa. 55. 'Come sound His praise abroad," Psa. 95. "Glorious things of Thee are spoken," Psa. 87. "God is the refuge of His saints," the work, my God, my King!" Psa. 92. With these are other noble Psalms; and distant be the day when they shall be supplanted by more modern rivals. In the hymns given, we find those that are loved in the churches. Here and there is one less valued by us than some others which we could name-but doubtless our own taste might in this be criticized by those whose associations have been different from ours. We cannot, each of us, have a hymnbook constructed for himself. We hail with satisfaction a book so well selected and Chancellor Kent who said that alibi and so well arranged as that which our Cominsanity are the Castor and Pollux of mittee have now given to our churches. In addition to the well-known and sacred hymns, long endeared to all Christians, are others that we believe, will be received with great satisfaction, and that will serve to give life and spirit to our worshipping assemblies. Having listened to a number hearts the verdict is, "Served him of them, with the accompaniment of a cabright!" In the present case the jury inet organ, we are prepared to commend were out but ten minutes, and when them, slow though we are, to admit into so their verdict was rendered, the crowded | hallowed a circle, any new comers. Some court-room was wild with exultation. We of these are already favorites, and have are not surprised either at the verdict or been used with effect in scenes of revival. We may specify: "Pass me not, O God, my Father," with its tender and touching "Even me!" "Sweet hour of prayer! "A and conscience of oath, but it has its few more storms shall beat," set to the seat in the want of some legal provision tune Bonar, the exquisite melody of whose

"Oh, wash me in Thy precious blood. And take my sins away,'

rings long in the heart after it has vanished from the ear. Also, "A beautiful land by faith, I see," and "My heavenly home is, bright and fair," with the chorus "Will you the result of this trial, as illustrative of go, go to that heavenly home with me?" "Ye valiant soldiers of the cross;" "With tearfirst is plainly sympathetic with the ver- ful eyes I look around;" "Saviour, like a shepherd lead us." That sweet hymn of Charlotte Elliot entitled, "Thy will be done," and commencing "My God! my Father! while I stray," which, though in the Church Psalmist, we have never heard sung, is made available by union, along with "Gently Lord, Oh, gently lead us," with the tune Autumn. "A crown of glory bright,"--" Sweet land of rest, for thee I sigh,"-" Nearer, my God to thee,"-" One sweetly solemn thought," will be received

A hymn of intercession for the drunkard, No. 345, and one on working for the Lord, commencing "Work, for the Master, work," are contributions on topics overlooked originally, as we learn, by the Rev. John Spaulding, D.D.

We think, that we may fairly say, that our Committee's "Social Hymn and Tune Book" will meet the wishes of many churches. For the Prayer-meeting and the Lecture-room, it is admirably adapted, and, when desired, it can be used in the worship of the church in connection with the Church Psalmist, as the Index gives the number of the Psalm or Hymn as it is in that book. With the Church Psalmist, the Eclectic Tune Book, the Social Hymn and Tune Book, and the Sabbath-school Hymn Book, our church is well equipped for the service of song in all the worship of the House of the Lord.

FINANCIAL.—The receipts under the internal revenue law are increasing and encouraging. The Secretary of the Treasury has telegraphed to the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco discontinuing the sale of 7-30s, as peculiar to America, and the people in general are decidedly proud of it. There is no reason in the nature of things why criminals of one tional supply of notes can reach Galifornia. the entire loan will be taken before an addiBOOKS RECEIVED.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY, Devoted to Literature, Science, Art, and Politics, Aug., 1865.—Contents: Among the Honeymakers; Countess Laura; Strategy at the Fireside; Around Mull, II; John Bright and the English Radicals; Needle and Garden, VIII; The Willow; My Second Capture; Doctor Johns, VII; Letter to a Silent Friend; The Chimney Corner, VIII; Peace; Reconstruction and Negro Suffrage; Reviews and Literary Notices; Recent American Publications.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS. An Illustrated Magazine for Boys and Girls. Aug., 1865. Contents: Farming for Boys, VII; Dick and I; The Story of a Dolly; Master Harvey's Excursion; Little Hugh and the Fairies; Transactions; Winning his Way, VIII; Dogs and Cats; Father Brighthopes; Afloat in the Forest, VIII; Round the Evening Lamp.

Godey's Lady's Book. Edited by Sarah J. Hale: L. A. Godey. Vol. LXXI.

AMERICAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.-Forty-first Annual Report, presented at the Annual Meeting, May, 1865.

THE BIBLICAL REPORTORY and Princeton Review. Edited by Charles Hodge, D.D. No. III of Vol. XXXVII. July, 1865.-Contents: Early History of Heathenism; Arabia; The Revised Webster; The First Miracle of Christ; President Lincoln; The General Assembly; Short Notices.

LETTERS TO VARIOUS PERSONS. By Henry D. Thoreau, author of "A Week on the Concord and .Merrimac Rivers," "Walden," &c., &c. 16mo., pp. 229. Boston: Ticknor & Fields.

NATIONAL LYRICS. By John G. Whittier. Pp. 104. Boston: Ticknor & Fields.

DEATH OF BISHOP POTTER.—San Francisco advices bring the intelligence of the death of Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, Bishop of the Pennsylvania Diocese of We record this event, not only with si church over which he presided with so much fatherly and Christian wisdom, but as a common bereavement. The good Bishop, though not radically liberal as a churchman, was very far from the oppo-site. He was accustomed to look with regard upon the Christian enterprises of the church general, and was a personal participant in some of the religious movements outside of his own church. Not a few of his clergy are in the habit of occasionally participating with those of non-Episcopal ordination, in public religious services, and it has been well understood that no official authority of his would ever embarrass them in the enjoyment of such Christian unity.

The Bishop was also a sterling patriot, and an active supporter of the Government through all its late struggle for life. He sustained heartily the emancipation proclamation, and regarded with in abhorrence which he made no effort to conceal, the arts of a depraved politics to tie the hands of President Lincoln. This with him was a Christian sentiment, and in all his public identification of himself with the cause of the country, he planted himself upon his solemn engagements as a Christian pastor, to maintain everywhere the principles of the Word of God.

The Bishop left this city, some months since, diseased and exhausted with labor, to seek for repose and restoration on the Pacific coast—with what result the above announcement tells. He died at the age of nearly sixty-five years. He had presided over the Diocese many years. His official mantle falls upon his late assistant, Rt. Rev. Wm. B. Stevens.

THE GERMAN REFORMED EFFORT IN MANTUA. - The German Reformed Messenger of the 6th instant, in a long editorial, takes very seriously a short item from our paper of the previous week, rerespecting an incipient enterprise across the Schuylkill. We are surprised to see a passing pleasantry of ours dignified to the grade of a deliberate attempt to "put an estopel" upon a movement which we have no motive for regarding with any unfriendliness of feeling. In expressing our opinion that if its success depends upon Germanizing Americans, the road thither would be a long one, we meant no reflection upon the character of the German Reformed Church in any particular. It has a noble origin, worthy antecedents, a sound contession, and a good church polity. More than this, it has done, and now more than ever, is doing a good work among people of German name and predilections in this country, particularly in the struggle which the livelier portion of its ministry and people are carrying on against the dead formalism within its pale. All that we meant to say, or did say, was to state the simple fact, which is a fact, that churches in this country which distinguish themselves by some foreign appellation, and are known as being com- furnish; the authors it will call out; and posed almost entirely of people whose birth or near ancestry is the same, do not easily attract to their communion Christians who have been accustomed to more distinctly American associations. The change is felt by the latter as ecclesiastically denationalizing themselves. This is saying nothing against the principles or character of the G. R. Church lence and usefulness in this country, for all his previous education and convictions

the Messenger can control—a law which lished in some way, and widely read. It we expect to be just as operative in Mantua, as it is elsewhere. It was simply in view of this law, and with no invidious intent, that we said that "if there are about Mantua a sufficient number of Germans by birth, or near ancestry, to require and sustain this 'new enterprise,' there is no reason why it should not become a popular one. But Germanize Americans, its road to prosperity will be a long one."

FROM OUR CORRESPONDING EDITOR.

HAMILTON COLLEGE.

The exercises of Commencement week at this highly favored and prosperous institution, began with the baccalaureate sermon by Professor Fisher, on Sabbath afterneon the 16th inst., in the village church. His theme was, The influence of Christianity in expanding and invigorating the intellect. As a striking and pertinent illustration of this theme, the gifted preacher gave an exceedingly graphic and interesting sketch of the life of WILLIAM CURTIS Noves, the late munificent benefactor of Hamilton College. It was a discourse well worthy of the high character of that distinguished jurist, and in the lessons of in struction drawn from it, for the benefit more especially of the graduating class, and in the farewell advice to those now completing their course of study, the President was particularly happy. The remarkable industry of Mr. Noyes, his strict integrity, his large philanthropy, and above all, his high Christian character coupled with such distinguished success in life, make him a shining example to hold up to young men for their imitation. The lesson cannot soon be forgotten by those who gave heed to it.

In the evening of the same day, came the address before the Society of Christian Research, by Rev. T. S. HASTINGS, D.D., the Protestant Episcopal Church. It of New York. His subject was Poweroccurred in that city on the 4th instal physical, material, intellectual, and spiritwal-all belonging to God, but accessible cere sympathy for that branch of the to us, and to be had and used by us, on proper conditions.

> Many of the statements and illustrations used by Mr. Hastings, were peculiarly striking, showing him to be a great reader and an earnest thinker. His style is also clear, simple, and direct; his voice full and musical; his articulation wonderfully accurate, and yet not affectedly precise; his elocution almost faultless; while the charm of his great simplicity and intense earnestness of spirit held, his audience deeply interested from the beginning to the end of his course. With such a rare blending of great excellence, we do not wonder that Mr. Hastings is a highly popular, and beloved, and useful minister of the gospel, even in the great city of New York.

PRIZE SPEAKING.

day's services, the sad news of his death great promise, and one of the finest speakers | their instructor in this respect. of his class. Of the eleven declamations presented, all but two had reference to our country and the war, showing which way the thoughts of the young men drift. It

was truly a patriotic meeting. In the Freshman class, Eben W. Judson, of Ogdensburg, took the first prize, and Myron G. Willard, of Holland Patent, the second; in the Sophomore, Samuel J. Fisher, of Clinton, the first, and Martin F. Hollister, of Ithaca, the second; and in the Junior class, Chas. S. Millard, of Clayville, the first, and Charles Simpson, of Ithaca, the second. Rev. Dr. Nelson, of St. Louis, Rev. T. S. Hastings, D.D., and Dwight H. Olmsted, Esq., of New York, were the Committee of award.

THE ALUMNI ORATION. On Tuesday evening we were again assembled in the village church, where all port, R. I.; Martin Van Buren Ward, the performances of which we have spoken were held. The house was full of the most | nett; York. intelligent and appreciative hearers. The services were introduced and enlivened with music by the College Glee Club. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Kendall, of New York, an introductory address by Rev. L. M. Miller, of Ogdensburgh, President of the Association of the Alumni, and then came the oration, by Rev. Dr. Nelson, of St. Louis. For strength and beauty, for symmetry, compactness and completeness, it was an address of rarest excellence. Indeed, we heard many of the more discreet judges saying that they never heard it excelled.

The subject was, "the influence of the war upon our literature; the themes it will the spirit it must infuse into their writings. Dr. Nelson's manner was calm, and yet mighty; deliberate, but not heavy; his voice full, sonorous and musical; his entire bearing simple and unaffected, yet most dignified and manly. His position for the last four years, in that centre of marvellous interest (in Missouri, at St. Louis, where nothing which ignores its real excel- he has done so much for the country,) with these have our hearty recognition. We and instincts, had qualified him to speak in only speak of a law of association which a most masterly manner upon that grand

neither ourselves nor our brethren of | theme. We trust the address will be pubwould do much good. After the oration, Rev. J. A. Priest, of Gloversville, recited a noem, which seemed to possess real merit, but was not perfectly heard through the

After the poem, Rev. W. E. Knox, of Rome, offered a resolution, that the Alumni of Hamilton College erect a suitable monuif it is to be gotten up by attempting to ment upon the college grounds, to the memory of the Alumni and students of this honored institution who have fallen in the war. Of course, Mr. Knox made a good speech in its behalf; and Rev. J. F. Kendall, of Baldwinsville, made another. The resolution was carried nem con; and a committee of five, of which Hon. W. J. Bacon, of Utica, was made the chairman, was appointed to carry it into effect. It is intended to raise about five thousand dollars for this purpose.

CLASS OF 1840.

After twenty-five years of separation, this class had a meeting. It came off in a room of the Clinton hotel, after the public services of Tuesday evening, and occupied the rest of the night. The class graduated nineteen, of whom fifteen only are known to be living; and of this number no less than thirteen, all but two, were gathered on this occasion. Ten of the class became clergymen; among whom are four men, at least, of no mean rank; Rev. Dr. Nelson, of St. Louis; Rev. Dr. Kendall, of New York; Rev. W. E. Knox, of Rome, and Rev. L. M. Miller, of Ogdensburgh. Of the same class is the able, and accomplished, and gentlemanly Prof. Theo. W. Dwight, L.L. D., of the Law School of Columbia College, New York. Truly, that was a class of which old Hamilton need not be ashamed; and a memorable meeting thirteen of its surviving members had as above named. May they have another in 1890. ALUMNI MEETING.

The annual re-union of the Alumni was held on Wednesday evening A larger number, we think, than usual, was in attendance, and it was a meeting of great interest and profit. The necrology was tenderly read by Prof. Upson, embracing eighteen names, including that of Judge Philo Gridley, of the class of 1816; Rev. H. S. Clarke, D.D., class of 1837; Rev. S. W. Adams, D.D., class of 1839; H. P. Bristol, class of 1846; and others, some of whom have fallen for their country; and to all a just and passing tribute was paid.

But the meeting took also a practical business form, and it was resolved to attempt at once to raise \$25,000 to erect a suitable fire-proof Library building. The need of this was urgently advocated by Professor Dwight and Dr. Hastings, of New York, and it is bound to be done.

COMMENCEMENT.

The exercises of commencement proper occurred on Thursday, occupying morning This occurred on Monday evening, in and afternoon. The day was fine, the the presence of a large and deeply inte- church was crowded and crammed with a de- that the Old School church in that place rested assembly. There were four speakers | lightful and delighted audience. The graduafrom each of these classes, the Freshman, ting class numbered twenty-five, whose names Sophomore, and Junior. One of the and residences we give below, together with Junior class failed to appear, (Sextus H. the names and themes of the speakers. Knight, of Westfield,) on account of ill Good elocution is always expected at Hamhealth; and before the close of the next liton, under the admirable instruction of the accomplished professor in that department. was received. He was a young man of The class did credit to themselves and to

NAMES OF GRADUATING CLASS.

Silas Hobart Adams, Oneida Castle; George Henry Allen,* Lieut. 146th N. Y. S. V.; Orville Payson Allen, New Haven Edward Augustus Babcock, Clinton; William Henry Bates, Champion; Truman Stafford Betts, Franklin; Dana Williams Bigelow, Waterville; Alfred Henry Champ-lin, Whitestown; William James Cosnett, 33d N. Y. S. V.; George Craig, Rensselear Falls; Oscar Henry Elmer, Chester; James Alexander Ferguson, Ogdensburgh; George Washington Hall, Triangle; Egbert Dewey Haven, Joliet, Ill.; John Henry Hicok, Homer; Benjamin William John son, Albany; George Washington Martin, Philadelphia, Pa.; Stewart Montgomery, Ovid; Luther Allen Ostrander, Chicago, Ill.; Leroy Parker, Flint, Mich.; A ert Phillips, Geneva; James Rogers, Hammond; James Patterson Stratton, Philadelphia, Pa.; Hamilton Bullock Tompkins, New-Westfield; William Oliver Webster, Sennett; George Warren Wood, Jr., New

THEMES AND NAMES.

1. Salutatory Oration in Latin, James 2. Dissertation—The Oratory of States men and Revolutionists compared, Orville

3. Oration—Ideas and Armies, Edward 4. Dissertation-Walter Scott a Jacobin, Truman S. Betts.

5. Æsthetic Oration-Music as an Art of Expression, William H. Bates. 6. High Oration-The City of Constantine, Dana W. Bigelow.

7. Dissertation—The Social Progress of Woman, Alfred H. Champlin. 8. Oration-Silas Wright, George Craig. 9. Classical Oration—The Legacy of Athens to English Poetry, James A. Fer-

10. Oration-Latent Forces, Oscar H. 11. Oration-"Gail Hamilton," John H. Hicok. 12. Oration-The First Modern Em-

peror, Benjamin W. Johnson. 13. High Orator, with the Pruyn Medal Oration—"The Duties of the Educated Young Men of New York to their own Commonwealth," Egbert D. Haven.

*Slain at the Wilderness, May, 1864. †Slain at Chancellorsville, May, 1863.

14. Oration—Construction and Destruction, George W. Martin.

15. Oration-Robert Burns, Albert Phil-

16. Oration—The Tendencies of the Race, James Rodgers. 17. Legal Orator, with the Head Medal

Oration-" Alexander Hamilton as a Financier," Luther A. Ostrander. 18. Oration - Scottish Characteristics Hamilton B. Tompkins.

19. Oration-Re-Construction, Martin V. B. Ward. 20. High Oration-The Three State Papers of Angle-Saxon History, William

21. Scientific Oration-The Relations of Chemistry and Religion, James P. Strat-22. Philosophical Oration-Christianity

O. Webster.

the Civilizer of Mankind, George W. Wood, 23. Oration, John McLean, Candidate

for the Second Degree. 24. Oration, Winsor Scoffeld, Candidate

for the Second Degree. 25. Valedictory Oration-The Republic as affecting Individuals, Silas H. Adams.

Among the officers of the Alumni for the ensuing year, we name only the following:-President, C. C. Kingsley, Esq., Utica; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. A. D. Gridley, Clinton; Recording Secretary and Ne-crologist, Prof. E. North, Clinton; Orator for 1866, Hon. T. M. Pomeroy, of Auburn, class of 1845; Poet, Rev. William. J. Erdman, class of 1856.

DEGREES CONFERRED.

LL.D. upon Hon. William B. Wright; Prof. Farrand N. Benedict; Prof. Jno. N.

D.D. upon Rev. W. E. Knox, of Rome; Rev. L. M. Miller, of Ogdensburgh; Prof. William D. Sanders, of Jacksonville, Ill.; Rev. William Marshall, London, Eng., and Rev. Jas. Moorhead, Ireland.

And so ended one of the finest commencements they have ever had at Hamilton. The weather was favorable, the attendance large, the affairs of the college were in a highly prosperous condition, and all its friends seemed especially to enjoy the occa-C. P. B.

ROCHESTER, July 22, 1865.

Aews of our Churches.

PHILADELPHIA CHURCHES .- Our city pastors are mostly abroad, seeking by a short relaxation of labor and general enjoyment otherwise, to gather up physical energy for another year's service of the Master. A few remain at their posts.. Some churches, whose pastors are absent. are kept open; in some cases, two or more consolidate for the time being, keeping up one good congregation in the place of two thin ones. Some few, we believe, are temporarily closed. We have not the information which enables us to designate to any extent the arrangements in individual cases. We, however, record as worthy of special mention, that Calvary Church, for the first time in its history, remains open for worship throughout the season.

CHANGE OF ECCLESIASTICAL RELA-TION.—We have been shown a note from Bloomington, Illinois, which states has recently determined by a vote of 64 to 5, to transfer its relation from the Old to the New School Presbytery of Bloomington. The church was formerly in our connection. There is also another New School church in the place. Whether this movement is preparatory to a fusion, we are not informed.

Another.—The church in Farmington, Illinois, has also changed its ecclesiastical relation. This time the gain is for the "other branch," the church leaving the Illinois (N. S.) for the Sangamon (O. S.) Presbytery. The change is made for the better enjoyment of the means of grace, a union being effected with another church of the Sangamon Presbytery.

PORTVILLE, WESTERN N. Y .-- A correspondent of the Evangelist furnishes a notice of the recent revival in our church in this place. A special effort for the awakening and conversion of sinners was made in May, during which the pastor was aided by Rev. Wm. D. Henry, an Evangelist. The effort was, however, suggested by a previously existing religious interest, and in its turn, greatly promoted that interest. The work was especially effective in the Sabbath-school. where nearly all the scholars expressed hope in Christ. As the first fruits of it, sixteen were received to the communion of the church, on profession of their faith, the second Sabbath in the present month.

INSTALLATION AT DUNKIRK, N. Y .--The installation of Rev. Wm. A. Fox. whose call to the pastorate at Dunkirk we have before noticed, took place on the 6th instant, under the direction of the Presbytery of Buffalo. Dr. Wisner, of Lockport, preached the sermon. Rev. Chaplain Hyde delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Courtney Smith to the people. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Springfield, on the 13th, for the purpose of there installing Rev. James T. Hanning.

THE REVIVAL AT NEWTON, N. J .-At the communion in April last, one hundred united with the Presbyterian church on profession of faith, and on Sabbath, July 9th, fifteen more united with the same church on profession. Of the first hundred there were forty-eight adults, and of these fifteen there were seven, one of them nearly eighty, and eight were baptized. One whole family was received, father, mother, and two children, a son and daughter, both adults.

-Evangelist.FIRST CHURCH, WASHINGTON CITY.-The ill health of Rev. Mr. Graves having