way as to unite his curse upon it in unmistakable terms, and utterly to defeat the plans and purposes of those therein engaged, we are of the opinion that no man of common intelligence, who will investigate this subject candidly and seriously can help arriving at the conclusion that it is wrong to give countenance in any shape or form to such rebellion.

Third. It appears to be a crime from the fact that it disorganizes the whole machinery of human government, and introduces a system of lawlessness and misrule, which renders both the innocent and the guilty unsafe. It was calculated to defeat the end for which government was instituted and carried with it enormities and cruelties which are unparolleled in the history of civilized man. It has developed itself in the deliberate starvation of vast numbers of brave United States soldiers-which is nothing but cold-blooded murder. It has developed itself in a successful plot to assassinate the President of the nation-one of the best men of all time. With the light that is now before us, we agree that all those who profess Christianity and have aided or abetted the late rebellion, should confess their wrong frankly before the proper judicatory of the Church. We do not require this in an uncharitable or censorious spirit, but because we believe the peace, purity, and honor of the Church of Christ demand it.

We are further of the opinion that the mere fact that a man has taken the amnesty oath, is not sufficient to reinstate him in the Church. He owes it to the Church to make a full and frank confession of his wrong, and to abide by and to acquiese in the decisions of its judicatories. If a man has taken the amnesty oath, and is unwilling to acknowledge before a church judicatory that there is great wrong in rebellion, it would be difficult to escape the conclusion that he is insincere.

It.is in accordance with these princi ples that we proceed to inquire after the conduct of the officers and members of our branch of the Church during the late rebellion.

Whereas. Certain members of this body are known to have aided and abetted to a greater or less degree the rebellion: and

Whereas, The General Asembly has instructed the Presbyteries composing was "Where is my child, my child ?" the Synod of Tennessee, not to admit as a member of their respective bodies any Government of the United States; therefore

Resolved. That the names of Fielding Pope, John J. Robinson, John M. Caldwell, Charles C. Newman, J. H. Alexander, Jacob Hood, and Joseph H. Martin, be struck from the roll until they shall give evidence of repentance of their complicity in rebellion. We further advise all church sessions in the bounds consideration, and to act with firmness, prudence, and discretion, with regard to the cases that may come before them, ever keeping in view, the purity of the Church, and remembering that poor move themselves were soon made as fallen human nature is liable to err.

THE AUBURN RAILROAD ACCIDENT. BY EDWARD PAYSON HAMMOND.

A few weeks since, while riding on the train between Syracuse and Rochester, numbers of the passengers were much alarmed at the fearful rapidity with which we were hurled around its curves.

At one of the stations, I ventured to speak to the engineer. I could but entreat of him, that even for his own sake, if he was not prepared to meet God, he would never again run the engine at such a fearful rate along that crooked road. But both he and the conductor, as if to afford comfort, assured me that they came slower than usual that night. I told them that I had never in my life been so frightened on a railroad car, and sorrow expressed. All were so thankful that sooner or later the rails would give way. and some terrible accident would

be the result. The engineer finally said that he had nothing to do with making the time table, and that he must be "on time" or loose his employment.

I cannot say, therefore, that I was surprised at the accident which on last Saturday occurred on the Central Railroad, a mile and three quarters east of Auburn, at a place called Toy's Curve.

We were running along at about a usual rate when a rail broke, and thump, thump, bump, bump, went the forward truck of the car in which I was seated. The next instant our car, full of passengers, was unceremoniously rolled over and over, it is difficult to tell how many times. It was generally believed that our car made one complete turn and a half down an embankment fifty feet. At any rate, we know that when it had spent its force, it was bottom side up, with the seats, that were now broken. above us. We, the poor passengers, were in every imaginable condition on

the inside of the roof of the car, which had so suddenly been placed beneath our feet-or rather beneath us, for few of us found ourselves on our feet. One, as he rolled about, cried "my arm is broke !" another groaned out, "Oh, I am killed ! I am killed !" Some, almost buried beneath the broken cars, cried loudly for

help. One father, almost frantic, was wildly calling for his little girl. No matter how many were groaning around him with broken limbs, his only question All was utter darkness. If we' tried to move about, we found ourselves treadminister known to be disloyal to the ing on some poor, gasping, groaning, wounded one. It was useless to think of getting out at the end of the cars: through

a window was the only mode of egress. So, through a window I went, and was glad to stand once more beneath the stars looking down upon us gently, as though nothing unusual had happened. But we did not stop long to gaze at the stars. Though my ankle was very badly injured, and blood flowed from my wounds, of Presbytery to take this subject into my two coats literally torn off me. still I soon found that others were in a much more dangerous condition than myself. and needed immediate assistance. Lights were soon brought, and those unable to

We were soon on board the cars sent | early light, sou look out upon the fields down from Auburn, and enjoying the and villages of central or western Michikindness of doctors and others who had gan, with your iron horse still driving come to our assistance. They were in- on as fresh as when his first foot-fall

deed angels of mercy. It is impossible to describe the scene dine in Chicago.

witnessed on our arrival at the depot in Auburn. Hundreds upon hundreds were gathered, many waiting to see who of

their friends were among the wounded or the dying. It was touching to witness the tender and tearful greeting of relatives and friends.

The exit from the cars of ghastly men, women and children, some of whose faces were covered with blood, and others, unable to walk, carried by strong men. was indeed a sad sight. But still there seemed to me to be far more of joy than that their lives were spared!

The scene was imposing and solemn, and most forcibly brought to my mind the assembly which we must all witness when "before Him shall be gathered all nations," and when to the question whence came they?" shall be given the answer, " THESE ARE THEY WHICH CAME OUT OF GREAT TRIBULATIONS." Yes, 'in that day," many, with palms of victory, will bear the sad marks of having been by sin and violent temptations, rudely "turned out of the way," (Deut. xii. 28); but nevertheless "a great multitude which no man could number, saying, salvation to our God, which sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb," " shall come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away!"

CLIFTON SPRINGS, Oct. 4, 1865.

CORRESPONDENCE IN THE NORTH-WES'L.

A letter from the northwest may not be unacceptable to your readers'; and, first, a few notes of

CLEVELAND.

Of our younger class of cities few can rival Cleveland. Beautiful in situation, with the blue waters of Lake Erie breaking on its threshold ; prosperous in its business, with residences and public buil dings of much elegance, and adorned by under Mr. Swazey; the Westminster shrubbery in profusion, it is externally Church, under Mr. Pierce; Calvary, and women, and the more so as our own denomination embraces much of this enterprising Christian element, and exercises a controlling influence in religious matters. It is cheering to find churches so strong and intelligent as our churches in this city. The First Church, Dr. Wm. H. Goodrich, pastor, retains its early vigor and usefulness It is blessed in its pastor, who is a true man, ready for any good word and work, at once enterprising, earnest and wise. Here, in the Sunday-school, I heard Dr. Todd in one of his "talks."

Thence I went to the Second Church, Dr. Theron. H. Hawks. This is also a large and bandsome edifice, with a full congregation, and active Christian la- from the meeting and sown as good seed borers. It must not be supposed that these doctors are venerable men, since they are a good deal this side of venerableness in years. Here I considered myself favored in listening to a sermon from Dr. Hickok, president of Union College. The profundity of the doctor's metaphysics out of the pulpit find no reflection in the pulpit. A man with whitened locks, yet sturdy, square and vigorous, he is the impersonation of the practical rather than the metaphysical. His sermon was as simple, and spiritual and clear, in thought and word, as could be. His delivery, energetic and straight, attendance. Judge Strong, was, I think, forward, impressed his matter on the mind. Are not strong men generally clear and simple ? and clear and simple because they see clearly what they intend to say ? The Euclid Street Church I did not attend, as a very excellent united mis-'sionary meeting was held in the evening, at the Second Church. Its pastor. Mr. Monteith, I met. He is a young man, intelligent and earnest. His church is a new organization, and has more work to do than its older sisters to become strong. As the outside, of rough brick, has not yet been stuccoed, it has an incomplete and unattractive air: But it is in a good position, is a large edifice, and has nucleus of good men. I would exhort them by all means to get their church properly stuccoed. The outside is not as important as the inside, but to get people inside the outside should be attractive. Let me add, that I have. never visited a city where the people were more polite in their responses to the inquiries of the stranger. With regard to the late convention for the formation of an American Chris-

rattled you from the Forest City of Ohio. You breakfast at Elkhart, Indiana, and

IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, the young giant of the northwest! It needs to be seen to be apprehended. When young men were boys

it was a village; it is now a great city. With the sea-like lake before it, (where I counted at one time fifty-one vessels under sail-en exquisite sight,) an empire of prairie behind it, it has the elements of an inland and of a seaport city. Fast as houses may be built under the stimulus of enormous rents, they cannot be built fast enough to meet the demand. Its houses are, many of them.

transient shells: but many, built of the beautiful eream-colored Athens marble, would excite admiration in any city. Noble public edifices are also rapidly rising. The churches are such as can be found in few of our cities. On Wabash avenue, within a mile, are thirteen churches, and almost without exception they are handsome-I had nearly said magnificent-houses of worship.

OUR CHURCHES.

Here, as in the other cities of our orthern border, the churches of our own body are strong and influential. The old Second Church (for they have things called "old " in Chicago) and its pastor, Dr. Patterson, are well known as strong institutions in the northwest. The Second Church has an ornate and noble building, of Athens marble, also on Wabash avenue, and is prospering under its pastor, Dr. Z. M. Humphrey. And the Olivet Church, now occupying a small and dingylooking edifice, not to be outdone, is erecting on the same avenue a handsome house of brick. Of this church, Dr. Eddy, late of Bloomington. is pastor. It has a small, but united

band of church members, and is, we believe, to prove a fruitful sister, though heretofore a little sister. In other parts of the city, we have other good churches. The Third Church,

admirable. To us it is rendered still lately made vacant by the resignation of more interesting by the marked intelli- Mr. Trowbridge, and the Edward's gence and activity of its Christian men Church vacated by Mr. Brooks, who has l' chimorale can ave i gone to Peoria.

THE AMERICAN BOARD.

Of the meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions in Chicago, it will not be needful to speak largely, as your Corresponding Editor will, doubtless, give you notes of it. The meeting will be of use in promoting the interest of the northwest in missions. Many pastors, of this region, who have been unable to attend the sessions of the Board in eastern cities, have here rekindled the flame of love for those far away in heathen darkness, groping blindly, with blind leaders. the way to a dark eternity. Many valuable addresses were made, and good in many western parishes. Yet there can be no question; that the feeling did not attain its usual height. Chicago is a busy, hurrying western city. It has not the mellowed soil of religious sensibility that generations of culture have produced at the east. Nor was there the assemblage seen in the eastern meetings of the Board, of venerable heads and hearts, at the sight of which the beholder bows his spirit. The distance and the necessity of absence from home over two Sabbaths, prevented their the earlys Bhiladelphian, except your correspondent, who was able to attend the meeting on his way to the Western Synods. Yet it was good to be there. It deepened the Christian's sense of duty to God and dying souls, and of the high claims of our Master to a self-

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The following minutes will be read with interest as indicating the spirit of the Presbytery :---ACTION WITH REGARD TO REV. WM. H. SMITH.

Whereas, Rev. Wm. H. Smith, who has been to some extent identified with the late rebellion, has confessed before this body, that events had convinced him that the rebellion was wrong, and that so far as he had sympathized with it he has been in the wrong; therefore

Resolved. That Presbytery continue to recognize Rev. Wm. H. Smith, as a member of their body.

ANOTHER CHAPTER.

In April, 1863, but a short distance from Mount Horeb, Union Presbytery was called together and listened to a Confederate sermon from Rev. John J. Robinson, from the text, 1 Tim. v. 5, "From such withdraw thyself." After sermon, the following minutes were adopted :----

Presbytery feeling that the good of the Church of Christ in these Confederate States, and the success of his cause in general, demand that their position in this great struggle for right and independence, and upon the great vexing question of the day (slavery) should be made known,

Resolved. That this Presbytery will neither license nor ordain, nor receive from another Presbytery, any man who. does not sympathize with the South in her present struggle for independence, or holds that slaveholding is sinful, and ought to be abolished.

Ayes-Fielding Pope, N. Hood, Wm. Harrison, Joseph J. Martin, John J. Robinson, John M. Caldwell, Wm. H. Smith, C. C. Newman.

The contrast suggests the words of the poet---

Truth crushed to the earth will rise again : The eternal years of God are hers.

The sacramental meeting in connection with Presbytery was well attended, and the spirit of the meeting reminded one of the good old days of former years.

Yours, very truly. SAMUEL SAWYER. KNOXVILLE, E. TENN., October 4, 1865.

omfortable as possible on the cushions. In the last car but one, I found Mrs. Troup Martin and daughter, from Willow Brook, with their faces almost covered with blood. Her first words to me were, "Oh! will you not call them together and return thanks to God that so many lives are saved ?"

What a contrast that Christian lady presented with a man whom I had heard profanely cursing his Maker but just a moment before ! I could but say to him, Sir, you ought to be thankful that you are not in eternity, unprepared to meet Him whose name you now profane."

The rebuke was kindly received, and we heard no more swearing.

The first of the three cars which 'ran off the track was literally smashed all to pieces. Underneath the debris of the truck, with its heavy iron wheels, lay two men, whom at first it seemed impossible to rescue. When a few of us took hold of the running gear and attempted to lift it, we made not the slightest impression. At last, a telegraph pole was brought, and one of the two was soon out. And still the other, loudly at

first, but more and more faintly, cried, 'Oh, save me ! save me !' save me !" I can never forget how those words sounded, as with all our might we strove to snatch him from the jaws of death. Our own wounds were all forgotten as we put forth every energy in his behalf. As his feet protruded, some one rudely snatched them, and tried in vain, to pull him out; but this only increased his pain. "Stop, stop," he cried. "a great iron is right across my head; you must get that off first." And so we toiled until, at last, he was in such a condition that he could be extricated. I chanced to be nearest to him, and I shall never forget how with the little strength

he had, he threw one of his arms around my neck, holding me fast as in a death grasp. It at once struck me as an illustra-

tion of the sinner off the way of God's commandments, with his own sins crushing him down to death, crying "Lord save me, or I perish !" And, oh, I thought that if we were anxious to save land, procure your ticket, and at bedthat gasping man from a temporal death, how much more anxious, a thousand from the conductor, you off boots and times, to save the perishing from the outer clothing, and lay down in a by no to seek and to save the lost." Oh, that blanket about you, if the night be cool, the perishing might everywhere call to whilst the car drives onward you comcling to Him with a firmer grasp than to those who sought to save him from a through wood and field. And when, in all as among the encouraging signs of the cruel death!

TO CHICAGO.

The sleeping-car is certainly, even to those familiar with it, a wonderful institution. You go to the depot at Clevetime enter the car. Securing your berth second death, must He be, who "came means uncomfortable bed. Drawing the Him with even more earnestness, and pose yourself to sleep. And onward you are borne across the plains and over announced, must excite the curiosity of every did that victim of a temporal disaster, the rivers, through village and town, reader. We regard the success of this jourthe morning, you open your eyes to the patronage of our friends.

denying, self-sacrificing service from his followers. A step of interest was the election to Secretaryship of Prof. Clark, of Union College, who will take the place of Dr. Anderson, when, as is expected, he retires a year hence. During the year. Dr. Kendall of our Home Missionary Committee, who was at Chicago, re-Let us go forward," is the word. The and is broad before us.

But enough for the present from J. W. D.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A DOCTOR OF DI VINITY .--- A sad accident occurred, on dealing.

Thursday evening of last week, to the tian Commission, whilst there were dif. Rev. Dr. Lot Jones, of New York, who ferences of opinion as to its tendency to is attending the Protestant Episcopal draw labor away from the church to a Convention in this city. He was denew organization, it was evident that scending the steps in front of St. Luke's Christians had been quickened by the Church, Thirteenth Street above Pine, discussion, in their desire to do good at when he missed his footing and fell. once and in their own neighborhood | He was taken up in an insensible condi-

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He was taken up in an insensible condi-tion, and removed to No. 1602 Locast Street, where he died in about two hours. His skull was fractured in the fall. Dr. Jones was about sixty years old. He occupied a prominent position among the Episcopal clergymen of New York city. 1 kills at 1 Hours AT HOME.—We call attention to the advertisement of this excellent monthly. Its character for literary ability is steadily rising, and the rich variety of its contents as announced, must excite the curiosity of every reader. We regard the success of this jour-nal as among the encouraging signs of the times, and we cordially recommend it to the patronage of our friends.

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