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MON.

We yield, to-day, a large part of our space to Mr. Barnes' sermon. We need sure, the thanks of our readers, for the service we are doing them. We do not Christian patriot.

There is perhaps a single point on which, as impartial journalists, we should enter our dissent from the views of the venerated author. We believe he gives too great credit to the South for the completeness of their submission to the National authority. Our view of the case is simple. The South submitted because overwhelmingly and hopelessly defeated. The giant blows of Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, and Thomas, in the last campaign, were the severest ever dealt in mortal warfare. After them there was about nothing left of the Confederacy; names as M. W. Baldwin, M. Baird, the its military power was not one-tenth that of found interest and gratitude to this day. whole, writhes under a humiliating sense of defeat, and smoulders with pent-up hatred of the North and the emancipated slave. The voting population—not merely the women-of the South prefer to send violent rebels, maimed soldiers and officers of the rebel army, whom they admire as martyrs, to Congress, rather than persons who can take the prescribed oath; and had Krauth, Rev. James Crowell, Messrs. Orne, it not been for the decided and wholesome action of the great loyal majority in that body, we should have seen blood-stained traitors, and guerilla chiefs, and rebel Conwith the crawling copperheads of the North.

> which is characteristic of the man, Mr. Barnes has taken the more favorable view of the Southern situation; we are sorry to differ from him; we would rather unite with him in this offer of the olive branch Rochester, then young and handsome, surto the conquered insurgents; but our view rounded by a bevy of bright eyed and of the facts does not permit it. But we beautiful young ladies-any one could cheerfully express our cordial agreement | judge for nimself what a sensation he must

BRICK CHURCH REUNION.

The Brick Church, of Rochester, does nothing by halves. It was not enough to have an anniversary sermon; they must also have an anniversary festival, or a grand minister, Dr. Hall, was one of his boys; social reunion, with speeches of congratula- but that it was no new thing, in this fast tion, and gifts of good will, and a joyous age, for the son to be older than the father. memorable time generally.

appointed some weeks since; cards of invi- parts of his speech, he was full of pathos tation, by the hundred, were sent to all former members of the congregation, as far est tribute of respect and affection to his come back once more to the old homestead, Brick Church," and to the Church itself and join with the present members of the for its generous appreciation of him, and Society, in celebrating the twenty-fifth anni- for its enterprise and energy, which, with

and beautiful places that we ever saw. the highest credit for good taste and enterprise, alike upon the ladies and the gentleministry, and no pains were spared which

suitable to the occasion. edifice was built on purpose for such a festival; but if it had been, we do not see pictures and mottoes, with wreaths and flowers, and presented a most cheerful and inviting appearance.

Early in the evening the guests began to assemble. The first hour was spent in | tion of the faithful labors of the pastor of the social communion and friendly congratula- Brick Church. Mr. Gough always goes to tions. At eight o'clock, the great com- hear Dr. Shaw preach, when stopping in pany were called to order in the audience this city over Sunday. room of the Church, by S. P. Allen, Esq., President of the evening. The opening mortal man never was before, we were study, to my great surprise and delight. the fact. What other race would have

one year ago.

Old Dr. Wisner, of Ithaca, who was the second pastor of the Brick Church, and make no apology, but shall have, we are who is now eighty-four years of age, was expected to perform this service, but for some reason he did not appear. In his letbelieve that anywhere can be found a view | ter to the committee, accepting their inviof the national situation more comprehen- tation, he sends his love to their "dear passive, more philosophical, more instructive. | tor;" says also, "If I should not be present more Christian. It must add much even in body, my heart will be with you in to the already great reputation of the writer | thanksgiving to God for his blessings on as a preacher, a student of Providence, and the Church and its pastor;" and adds the following lines, which certainly read well, for something dashed off in a letter by an octogenarian.

I've preached in her pulpit there many a day, Ere my eyes were dim or my locks were grey, When the spirit of God came down from above And made hundreds of sinners the heirs of his love;

Though years have since passed and loved ones And another dear pastor stands up in my stead,

May he be preserved at the head of his fold, Till this wedding of silver's transmuted to gold; That the souls who are saved by his labors of May be stars in his crown of rejoicing above.

The dear old man! His ministry of five

years in this place is remembered with prothe Nation. And the South to-day, as a Few men have preached the Gospel with greater simplicity, directness, earnestness and power. His absence from this festival was greatly regretted by all.

After the opening prayer, addresses of congratulation were made by Rev. Dr. Robinson, of the Rochester Theological Seminary: by Rev. Drs. Wisner, of Lockport, and Heacock, of Buffalo; and by Rev. Drs. Anderson and Kendrick, of the Rochester University, interspersed with singing by the choir. These addresses were brief, sometimes playful, with happy hits here and there; all affectionate, and tender, and gressmen sitting defiant in the halls of the joyful, recognizing the exceeding interest National Capitol, concocting new mischief of the occasion, and all in the highest degree complimentary and eulogistic towards In the exercise of that large charity the good man whom the whole assembly delighted to honor.

> Dr. Wisner was unusually facetious and playful. Think of his saying, that thirtythree years ago he, too was a pastor in a story of a "Minister's Wooing," if there were time, quite equal to Mrs. Stowe's, and more successful.

He said also, that when he was pastor of the Third Church in this city, its present Dr. Wisner knows how to enliven such an A big committee of arrangements was occasion. And yet, while thus playful in and tenderness in others, paying the highprosperity.

Dr. Heacock was equally happy in some Tuesday evening, 12th instant, and we can of his touches. Dr. Kendrick ran over truly say, that the Brick Church was, on with pleasantry and praise. But the substantial speech was made by L. H. Hovey, gifts and experience. He was detained Esq., a member of the Brick Church, speak-The arrangements were complete, reflecting | ing for the entire congregation and the Sabbath-school. In a few graceful and affectionate words, he alluded to the pastor's men of the congregation. It was evidently faithfulness to them through so many years, understood, that it is no small matter to and of their high appreciation of his serhave a good minister, and to keep him for vices; in token whereof they had not only twenty-five years, and prosper under his got up this festive celebration, to pass away with the evening, but they had tried to school, and our two Missionary Societies. were necessary to make the celebration raise something more substantial, for his His help is invaluable. benefit and that of his family; whereupon We do not suppose that the Brick Church the speaker put into the pastor's hands an envelope, containing drafts for four thousand and five hundred dollars-afterward how it could have been more suitably made up to five thousand! The Doctor arranged; with its large Lecture room and also received a large and beautiful tea-set adioining parlors, opening directly into the from Mr. John T. Fox, one of his parishrear of the Church proper, and its Sabbath- oners; also, eighteen volumes of valuable school room above. These were cleared of Theological works, and a silver ice pitcher their seats, and so prepared, one for a re- from a military company, the Union Blues, ception room, and the other for the supper of which he has recently been elected chaproom. All were tastefully decorated with lain; and also, a beautiful solid silver inkstand from John B. Gough, Esq., which took Dr. Shaw completely by surprise. This was Mr. Gough's expression of his interest in the occasion, and his high apprecia-

MR. BARNES' THANKSGIVING SER- | brated his twenty-fifth anniversary about | His first words were characteristic of that ready wit which served him so well as Moderator of the General Assembly last Spring :- "My dear friends; perhaps I ought to say, first of all, that I am alive." He felt as if he had been pelted with bullets; and yet they were so rounded by love, and so padded all over with kindness, that He has good fruit in this harvest. May they did not hurt him.

And so he went on to thank his friends for their kindness - "I am thanks all over; thanks in every fibre of my being; thanks through every thread of my garments; thanks up and bottom-thanks right and left; nothing but thanks."

It was truly an enthusiastic and joy occasion, appreciated not less by a gener ous, enterprising and grateful people, than by the faithful, earnest, honored pastor.

These public services being ended, a great and bountiful supper, enough it was said to feed five thousand men, was still to be discussed in the Sabbath-school room. Three creat tables were spread the whole length of the room, groaning under their The Infant-school room served as burden. pantry and kitchen, and in that there seemed to be cords of food; tea, coffee, oysters, turkeys ice cream, &c. We need hardly say, that all who chose to do so, partook bountifully of the good things provided, and it was their own fault if they did not go away full and well pleased. C. P. B. ROCHESTER, December 16, 1865.

LETTER FROM JOHN C. SMITH, D.D.

Washington, December 12, 1865. We are now in the eighth week of our rotracted meetings, and have this day a deep interest in spiritual things, and new cases constantly occurring. Already we have fifty-six persons before the Session, and others who will apply before our communion, together with as many as the Lord our God may call. "Believers have been added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women." Other churches than my own have also reaped, where they have not sown. We are generous, and can afford to

This work began soon after our Church army. We were pastors of churches as Army. These were days of trial indeed, only, that God might prepare us for large blessings. Additions to my communion have been most encouraging, ever since our

return to this beloved Church home. Before our communion the last Sabbath in October, I said to myself, I would begin a protracted prayer-meeting, to be continued as the gracious tokens might indicate. On that Sabbath morning, brother Sawyer, of as they could be reached, inviting them to "dear friend, the beloved pastor of the Tennessee, whom I had never seen, called to see me. He was with me in my first prayer-meeting and for several evenings, versary of Dr. Shaw's settlement among God's blessing, had ensured such large of our Church, Dauphin, Pa. He is one lions of slaves, the character of whose here by the illness and death of a beloved

> Thus God had, without any thought of mine, provided help for me. I thanked God. and took courage. Rev. Charles P. Glover, of New Jersey, licentiate, is associated with my people and myself, in and among the young folks in the Sabbath-

We had three weeks of prayer-meetings the two services of Sabbath in course, and our evening prayer-meeting. On the second day of our fourth week of prayer, brother Wiswell, of Wilmington, came to preach. The evening prayer-meeting, the day before he came, was one of intense interest and large promise. At least twenty arose, in token of their desire to have Christ formed in their preached as "the annointed of God."

meeting held every evening. In each meeting, God was with us with signs and wonders, and the power of the Holy Ghost. At the end of that week, on Saturday morning, our beloved Rev. A. M. Stewart, that

week. With characteristic kindness, he promptly said "I will." He preached for four evenings in succession, with power and blessed results. A faithful soldier is he; a superior preacher, with an original mind, and great aptness to teach the Word, and illustrate to the edification of all who hear. wherever God may appoint his lot. When he left, we returned to our prayer-meetings, and in the closing service of last Friday, | were renewed and sins forgiven.

Our morning and afternoon services of evening we returned to our prayer-meeting, Shepherd, D.D., of your city, shall arrive, He has promised to preach for several evenings. He will impart to us and receive some spiritual gift. His coming in among us is anticipated with much pleasure by all those who knew him when he was a memhe was licensed to preach, and has beautifully represented us in his ministry. Others, who have no personal acquaintance, are equally anxious to see the father of our "Social Hymn and Tune Book." which has been a rich treasure of blessing to us in our gracious season. This book has been baptized first among us. It seems right, as it is pleasant, that this brother should furnish us with this almost faultless book, and then come to labor for our good, and sing with us these beautiful hymns of praise to God. He will find us "present before us of God." JOHN C. SMITH.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Connecticut's vote against impartial suf-

Washington, December, 12, 1866.

frage, did not, as some people seemed to think, decide that question in the United States forever. hat was simply a scout as it were, sent out to ascertain the force and strength of the enemy, and though edifice was given up by the Government, the result showed that for the time being, having been used as an hospital for our sick it was not prudent to move and attack and wounded for eight long months. In him, the campaign was by no means abanwith this most sound and able discourse, as have created wherever he went, and how those months, Rev. T. B. McFalls and my-doned. It may turn out yet, that imparcarefully he must have borne himself, not self had evening worship; and, preaching tial suffrage can be secured without the duties to our gallant men brought from the help of New Jersey. In 1862, the abolition of slavery was an experiment in the well as chaplains in the United States District of Columbia, the only ten miles square of the national domain over which Congress has the exclusive right to legislate; now, it is an accomplished fact in every State of the Union. This experiment has become a success almost imperceptibly. There were no insurrections among the blacks, no breaking up of the foundations of the great deep of the social structure, by which it was predicted society would be no political earthquake shaking the general government from its centre to its circumference, and knocking our free institutions as was also, Rev. Alex. D. Moore, pastor about our ears. The freeing of four milof the baptized children of my Church, and oppression far eclipsed the most aggravated one of the seals of my ministry, and whom forms of human servitude, without so much I love with paternal affection. A man of as a jarring of the machinery of governgreat spirituality, and large ministerial ment, would have been unprecedented in times of profound peace, but it was almost miraculous, occurring as it did, in the midst of a bitter civil sirife. I think history will decide that a race which has conducted itself as the negro has done, under such extraordinary circumstances. might be safely trusted with a voice in the question of self-government. The experiment of beginning the abolition

worked so well, and has been productive of such beneficial results, that Congress has determined to try the solution of the other great question-Impartial Suffrage -on the same ground. For myself, I have no fears as to the result, nor need there be any alarm in the mind of any true and loyal American. The greatest public virtue in a citizen is, after all, loyalty to his country. It is like charity adopted the amendment he includes Virhearts. All of them in the morning of life, among the Christian graces, and without ginia, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas, and most of them the baptized, some of it, a citizen is simply "as sounding brass, whom had come to years. The way was di- or a tinkling cymbal," no matter what vinely prepared, and brother Wiswell may be his color, or what his professions. When I claim this virtue for the negro, When he left, we returned to our prayer- I think I do not take anything for granted. In innumerable ways, on thousands of occasions, and under very unfavorable circumstances, he has given such unmistakable proofs of his loyalty to our government and flag as to extort from his office, by mail, with the money accom-After all this, being so bepraised, as noble, that gallant chaplain, came into my bitterest enemies an acknowledgment of simple object is to give wider circulation to prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Hall, pastor the paper and the Committee's Publications. Of the third Presbyterian Church of this freely engage in the work.

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of slavery in the District of Columbia

almost as strong and as pure as the Christian's faith in his Saviour? During the war, the negro performed a

double service—he was among the bravest of our soldiers and the most useful and trustworthy of our scouts. I am afraid the history of the part he took in suppressing the slaveholders' rebellion will never be his bosom be filled with sheaves here and fully written, because a very important portion of it was performed in the mountains of Tennessee, the savannas of Georgia, the jungles of the Carolinas, and the valleys the blessings were large and free. Souls and swamps of Virginia. In all these places he was the finger-board that guided our armies, as they marched on the road the Sabbath were largely attended, (as were | to victory. If we had a particle of nationour Thanksgiving of Thursday) and in the al gratitude or chivalry about us, we would enfranchise the negro simply as a reward of and shall continue till Rev. Thomas J. his services, aside from all consideration of justice and right. I have observed, and doubtless so have

you, that the opposition to impartial suffrage comes mainly, though not exclusively, from those who did their utmost, by word and deed, to destroy the government, and now ber of this Fourth Church. In this Church | have the unparalelled impudence to set themselves up as oracles, at which loval men must inquire in all questions of public policy. If you go with me into Congress, I will point you out the men, whose votes I predict, will be cast solid, against the bill to enfranchise the negroes of this District. They are the men whose public record shows that they never voted a dollar to suppress the rebellion, that their sympathies were all with the traitors, that they opposed the abolition of slavery here and elsewhere, and that, had the bastard government of Davis succeeded, they would God to hear all things that are commanded have been among its most ardent supporters. They are such men in the Senat as Willard Saulsbury of Delaware, whose beastly intemperance, even in the Senate Chamber, is a national disgrace; Reverdy Johnson of Maryland, who openly advised his constituents to perjure themselves rather than be loval: and in the House, such men as Brooks of New York, who gloated over the riots set on foot in that city, by the "friends" of Horatio Seymour; Voorhies of Indiana, whose connection with the Knights of the Golden Circle has never been explained, and Glossbrenner of Pennsylvania, who helped Buchanan to betray the Government into the hands of its enemies. If a man is known by the to do great harm, among the susceptible on Sabbath morning, making eight regular aid of Connecticut, just as the Great company he keeps, let professors of relig-FROM OUR CORRESPONDING EDITOR. natures around him. He said he could tell services every week, besides our other daily Amendment has been ratified without the ion, who are opposed to impartial suffrage, reflect upon the character of the men with whom they act.

In this question of impartial suffrage, as in the slavery question, I am afraid the Church is much to blame. I have always believed that in this country, the Christians, Church members, held the balance, of power, and that if they moved together for the accomplishment of any measure, their force would be irresistible. I am of the same opinion now. Prominent politicians here have said to me, "Why, deluged by blood and anarchy. We had we are ready for this question of impartial suffrage, not only in the District of Columbia, but everywhere, but the people are not yet up to the mark." That is really where the trouble is. Now, if every church throughout the land was to declare formally, in favor of justice to the negro, we should have no occasion to wait for experiments on the subject here in the District. But it is, perhaps, too much to expect this. With many men their prejudices are far stronger than their religion. In the meantime, however, Congress will pass the bill now being draughted by Senator Morrill of Maine, Chairman of the Committee on the District of Columbia, and we will, at least, have the experiment tried here. Let us hope that it will be as successful as the great experiment of 1862, whereby the Republic became free forever, to all men of every color and of every race.

J. M.

PROCLAMATION OF FREEDOM.—Secretary Seward has issued a proclamation, declaring the Constitutional Amendment by which slavery is abolished, the LAW OF THE LAND. Among the twentyseven States, which he declares to have and Georgia.

PROMPT PAYMENT. -- We are refreshed with the promptness of some subscribers, as annoyed with the dilatoriness of others. One case, occurring last week, is worthy of being held up as a model. The bill was folded up in the paper and mailed to a city one hundred miles off. and in forty hours had returned to our panying.