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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

From the Rev. Warren Taylor, Wilkesville, O., for the Freedmen's Aid Commission, \$27. This contribution is accompanied by the following note:-

"Enclosed please find \$27, an impromptu collection taken up in my congregation on Thanksgiving day for the Freedmen's Aid Commission. . . . The whole is a result of your own editorial appeal, and if Mr. - had not sent me the paper for two years, I should never have seen your

FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY.

By appointment of the General Assembly the day will be observed in our churches as a special season of prayer for the spread of the Gospel through the whole world.

In harmony with this, a union meeting will be held at the Clinton Street Church (Dr. March's), Monday morning, at 10 do o'clock.

Our several congregations are invited to attend.

UNION MEETINGS.

By a resolution of the Pastoral Association, united prayer-meetings will be held the first week in January, at four o'clock P. M., as follows:—

Monday-At the First Church Rev. Mr. Barnes', Washington Square.

Tuesday-At North Broad Street Church, Rev. Dr Adams', Broad and Green Street.

Wednesday-At Western Church, Rev Mr Sutton's, 17th and Filbert Street. Thursday-At First Church, N. L.,

Rev. Dr. Shepherd's, Buttonwood street

Friday-At Calvary Church, Rev. Mr. Calkin's, Locust above 15th Street.

"A Pupil of Chalmers."—A second by the above signature, has been suc-Church, in Montreal, Canada, and removed his residence to the latter city. This is the oldest Presbyterian organization in the province.

Dr. Irvine's address is Box 139 P. O. Montreal, C. E.

REV. DR. FISHER, President of Hamilton College, preached in North Broad Street Church last Sabbath morning, a discourse appropriate to the season, on John i, 14: And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, etc. It was a masterly argument for the reasonableness of the Incarnation, from the worthiness of the object to be gained, the divine excellence of the doctrine, and its adaptedness to the best reason and deepest necessities of man. Vigor of thought, evangelical fervor, and earnestness of manner, commended the discourse to the judgment and conscience of the hearers.

A JUST AND TIMELY REBUKE .-- A few weeks since, we penned an article on the Christian Conscience, and spoke of the almost hopelessness of the attempt to carry on the strife against great moral evils, unless that conscience was found sensitive and reliable. We find a good though painful illustration of the point then urged in the following paragraph, which we take from "T. L. C." in the Evangelist. It tells the kind of load which the friends of temperance and good morals have to carry. The author is the well-known pastor of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, the city first referred to.

"A few evenings since a new Club House gorgeously decorated, and with a new 'supply room,' for strong potations, was opened in our 'City of Churches.' Two eminent clergymen took part in the opening performances. In New York several of these club have already degenerated into rendezvous for champagne, cards, and convivalities—the sworn enemies of fireside pleasures and domestic peace. No little scandal too has been created over the fact that two or three dis tinguished ministers took part in the mid night wine supper to Gen. Grant at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. There is hardly a public dinner given in honor of those dubious saints (St. Nicholas, St. Patrick, etc.,) at which there is not a clerical orator on hand to respond to 'the toasts' which are 'drunk with all the honors.' Is it not about time that the clergy (and private Christians too) ceased to figure at these hotel convivialities? Good men mourn: and worldlings laugh.'

CHRISTMAS.

. The reader will find on our first page Christmas article. We have no objections that it should be taken as a virtual consent to the spreading custom of observing this Christian festival.

The word mass, denotes more partic ularly the Romish services and ceremonials connected with the celebration of the holy eucharist, known to us by the better name of the Lord's Supper. The Christ-mass, (contacted by usage into Christmas,) is a festival which celebrates the birth of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, and was so called because the eucharist was made an important part of the celebration. Thus the term is of Popish origin, and is besides intrinsically infelicitous. Long custom, however, by reducing it to a mere name, has smoothed t down to comparative harmlessness.

We believe no one outside of the Romish Church, claims that Christmas s a divinely appointed holy day. There is no order for it in the New Testament, larger. no apostolical example, and no fair record of its observance in the first two or Subscribers in arrears in the following | three bundred years of the history of the Church.

The attempt to claim the 25th of December as the true anniversary of the Nativity, is simply absurd. All attempts to make out the case from New Testament data, have come to nothingness. The argument against it, from the incongruousness of the time with the fact that shepherds were then abroad with The latter is laboring in Corry, a new place their flocks, though not decisive, has nevertheless all the probabilities in its favor. Besides, it was well down in the settled day for the anniversary, and then it was adopted only by the Westcentre. The Eastern Church named and observed the 6th of January.

Lord's first appearance in humanity. sets apart one day in the year, as a rewhich we appreciate, and, as above said, him resuming the pastoral office. we are satisfied to see it gaining ground.

MOVEMENT IN BEHALF OF NEWS-BOYS AND BOOT-BLACKS.

We cannot commend too highly the movement recently made in this city for the Newsboys, Boot-Polishers, and other | Stewart for the American and Foreign Chris- | himself. street boys. Meetings are being held tian Union. Rev. J. G. Cochran, Missionsuch a character as to give great en- of a missionary talk on Wednesday evening this fact all the more willingly, that it couragement to those having the work in charge.

It is contemplated, if sufficient funds are raised, to obtain an eligible room, where they can assemble daily to read such papers and books as may be furnished them. And also to hold evening entertainments for their amusement and effort to lure away from Philadelphia instruction, by which they may be res-Rev. Robert Irvine, D.D., of the West- cued from the path of the destroyer. It minster church, known to our readers is very well known that as a class of boys they are much exposed to temptacessful. He has accepted a call to Knox | tion, and having money at their disposal, are liable to be thrown into the worst society.

> Mr. E. H. Toland, having charge of the enterprise, would be glad to receive any personal or pecuniary aid to enable him to carry out fully the objects set forth in the above statement.

REV. MR. HAMMOND IN ELMIRA.

A letter from Elmira, dated December 23d, says:--" Mr. Hammond is still in Elmira. The work is going on with great and increasing power. Over three hundred rise in some meetings for prayer, and the number of conversions among young men is truly wonderful, looking at it from the side of human faith and expectation. The minsters and Christians are very much engaged in the work, and the Lord is doing great things. The young men held a separate meeting at the close of the sermon, and when paper plan which used to prevail. This is a all sorts—this man out, that man in. those who had found Christ and those who would like to find Him, were asked to rise, not one, of a full vestry-room, remained on their seats. The soldiers here, come out to the meeting, and every night some of them come to Jesus."

THANKSGIVING SERVICES IN BUEFALO. -We see it stated that the Old and New School Presbyterian Churches, Central, First, Church of the Pilgrims, North, Lafayette, Westminster, and Calvary, united in one service at the First Presbyterian Church, where a sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Clarke. Such a service must have been peculiarly pleasant. The thought, however, suggests itself that, unless these churches hold separate services during another part of the day, so many and so large congregations ought, upon such an occasion, to have rallied a greater number of people than could have been packed in any church of that city.

"THE SOLDIER OF THE CUMBERLAND," the admirable story of a young hero-soldier, who went from the 1st Presbyterian Church and Sabbath-school at Manitowoc, Wis., to die for his country, is of the time, at least, been supplying his pul- evening; a man in one corner is lighting having a fresh sale as a book for the holidays. We are glad to know it, as ble positions; we trust they may soon regain it is one of the best books brought out health for their accustomed labors. by the war. It is published by the American Tract Society, Boston.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDING EDITOR.

PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO.

This body convened in annual meeting, in the Lafayette Street Church, in Buffalo, on Tuesday evening, the 12th instant. Rev. Dr. Wright, of Fredonia, was elected Moderator, and Rev. S. Cowles, of Randolph, Clerk.

Among the matters of interest to be noticed, we may mention that Rev. Dr. Clarke, of Buffalo, Rev. R. M. Sanford of Griffin's Mills, and Elders J. H. Plumb, of Gowanda, and S. M. Clements, of Fredonia, were elected Commissioners to the next General Assembly.

Rev. Robert Proctor, formerly of Freeport, Ill., has taken charge of the Mission Chapel of the North Church in Buffalo, and is doing

Lafavette Street Church, Dr. Heacock's, has recently expended \$1200 in reseating and improving the galleries of their new house of worship. Every seat is now rented, and more are wanted. Pity they did not build

The church at Griffin's Mills, to which Rev. R. M. Sanford ministers, have expended some \$700 in improving their house of wor-

The call of the North Church, of Buffalo, to Rev. A. H. Plumb, of Chelsea, Mass., was given with great unanimity and interest. They hope to obtain his services.

Rev. Courtney Smith was received from the Presbytery of Michigan; and Rev. J. C. Taylor, from the Presbytery of Rochester. on the Atlantic and Great Western Railway. The Church at Westfield has recently raised the fact, thirdly, because it shows what \$300, for Sabbath-school purposes. This a cursed thing prize-fighting is. Here

fourth century, before this became the Church is still without a pastor. Rev. Dr. is a man who, but a few short years Chester, beside attending to his arduous and responsible duties through the week, as ern Church, of which Rome was the Principal of the Buffalo Female Academy, is health and a strength so firm that a cut, supplying the pulpit of this Church on the bruise, or wound, healed almost as abbath; and we are afraid the people are quickly as it was made—the very day

But if the consent of the Christian world flattering invitation given him by the First had happened to him. And yet by Church in Norwalk, Conn., to be its pastor. drunkenness and dissipation of all sorts. ligious festival in joyous celebration of Buffalo still needs him. He is an accom- the wretched man so reduces and wrecks that event, not prescribing it as a di- Rlished and successful teacher. And yet, we and wastes his iron frame, that he dies the contrary, the custom has merits we should not at any time be surprised to see gressor is hard. And be sure your sin

pointed agent of the American Bible Society good for more than half a century, refor Western New York, appeared in Presby-ceives little more of an ovation than a tery and made a good speech for his cause. wretched fellow who never did any good He seems to be a man well qualified for his in the world, so far as one hears or work. Rev. C. P. Bush was heard in behalf knows, but to stand up to be pommelled the moral and intellectual improvement of of the American Board, and Rev. W. B. for a few hours by as big a rogue as at the close of the meeting; a good story of may tend to ease your minds on the a great work among an interesting people.

HAMILTON COLLEGE.

ever before. Its course is onward.

A GLANCE AT CORTLAND.

This is one of the older villages of Central New York is well built, rich and flourishing. It was probably never growing faster than now; and many of its citizens have been amassing fortunes very rapidly within the last few years. The Presbyterian Church has also felt the impulse, and has been making been utterly vain. At present, we are as great improvements. Their house of worship was old fashioned, with straight, high-back seats, about as uncomfortable as they could well be. The pulpit was between the doors. high and awkward. The orchestra and organ served from both these evils. in the rear of the pulpit, and almost on the as he stood to preach.

All is now changed. The pulpit occupies Church. The pews, low, neat and well by the Society; and the pews are rented least, was very great. annually to support the preaching of the Gospel, in place of the wretched subscription his Cabinet. Reports go to and fro of real improvement; and better still, the seats | One thing is clear: Sir Robert Peel is are all rented, and everything indicates great out. He was chief secretary for Ireland.

SICK MINISTERS.

We are sorry to learn, as we do by a letter from a dear friend, that Rev. Dr. Miller, of Ogdensburgh, has been quite unwell and unable to preach for six or eight weeks; though he is now improving. His kind people propose to give him all the chance possible to Lord John wrote a flaming and most get well, and so they supply the pulpit and powder-and-shot letter to the Bishop of relieve him of all care.

In like manner we learn that Rev. J. R without some solicitude in his behalf at one out of danger.

ROCHESTER, December 23, 1865.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

MY DEAR SIR: - I begin my chronicle

of remarkable events by a rather strange

announcement-Tom Savers is dead. I

chronicle this first for various reasons.

London, December, 1865.

First, because "the manly art of selfdefence," as it is called, has only of late years grown to be "classic" again under the auspices of this "worthy." It was on the occasion of his "fight" with your Heenan that The Times newspaper, for the first time during many years, took notice of this most disgusting "sport." On the occasion of that contest there appeared a full report of the whole transaction, from first to last, by a most graphic pen. It is quite likely that with the death of Sayers it may a long time before there be another such report. Second, I chronicle the fact as an indication of the state of feeling in regard to prize-fighting in this metropolis in the following connection :- A friend of mine happened to be in that part of London -Camden Town-where Sayers lately lived and died, on the day of his funeral. My friend had seen the funeral of Lord Palmerston just a few days before. And he told me that certainly the one seemed to him to be just as nationallooking an affair as the other. At the funeral of the great pugilist, all ranks and conditions of society were fully represented—the peer and the peasant, the count and the costermonger; especially the latter, I dare say. But I chronicle est bloom and vigor of manhood—a It would be highly unsuitable, and in so well content with his services—they seem fact, an ignorant, supposition, to observe a no haste to get a pastor.

And in this connection, we are glad, on the ground as an arrow is shot from the will find you out. And behold the Rev. J. M. Fuller, recently the presiding vanity of earthly glory; the great states-

The second fact of importance is, that other side. The weather in the south kindly unusual and unnatural, just the very thing that would feed and foster cholera, and yet cholera is nowhere heard of. It is otherwise with the cattle plague. Its ravages are extending. The losses now are toward 4000 a week. When I first wrote concerning it they were about 700. All our efforts to stay ignorant of all concerning it, as we were when first it broke out among us. God grant that you, in America, may be pre-

I have a faint recollection that in my last same level, inconveniently near the minister letter I threatened to say no more about Fenianism. So I shall be short about it. Stephens, "the Head Centre," has a commodious recess at the other end of the escaped, through treachery, from his prison; but the man next to him in guilt. cushioned, face the other way. The interior, the editor and author of The Irish Peoin fact, is made over, at an expense of four or | ple, has been convicted by the natural five thousand dollars, and is as pleasant, in- outgo of law, and sentenced to twenty viting and comfortable as a Church needs to | years' penal servitude. The sentence is be. And what is more, it is all owned now heavy: but the guilt, in the intent, at be noted by your readers as one straw year. Mr. Wilson is an able man, a

Earl Russell has not yet completed prosperity. The change has been brought As such he was obnoxious to the priestly about under the faithful, earnest labors of party, and he has been sacrificed. This their young pastor, Rev. I. L. Beman, who bodes ill for the future. Old Palmershas now been with them only about three ton stuck with a deadly grip to all his years, and is much beloved by his flock. His friends, in all times of trouble; the and him into, the more he stuck by them. This is not Lord Russell's way. He is easily frightened. One of Punch's very best caricatures was a bringing out of this weakness of his. Just after the Papal aggression on this country in 1852, Durham, which was published by permission and circulated far and wide, and Herrick, of Malone, has been prostrated for produced a great sensation on the part a long time with fever. His friends were not of all true men. They felt that here was a manifesto under which it was well time, but we believe he is now regarded as to stand, to aggregate, to fight, to go forth at once to battle. But Lord John Rev. E. N. Manly, of Booneville, has also embraced the first public occasion to exbeen a great sufferer for some months, by plain it all away, when he saw the effect time to relinquish his pastoral labors. He peared with a cartoon representing has been trying to regain health at the Clif- Golden Square, where Cardinal Wisepit. These are all valuable men, in responsi- | the first lamp. On the Cardinal's door is chalked, clear and distinct, the words "No Popery;" at the extreme corner is a little boy with a lump of chalk in his hand.

steam up ;-a boy in livery, but with the | brother, and Dr. Robert Lee, of Edinunmistakable face and form of Lord | burgh, as a worthy compeer to the par is to open it in person, the first public duty of any notable sort she has perary. The announcement of the Queen's with the utmost satisfaction by all classes of her subjects.

Let us now come to other matters of more importance than these. I dare say your readers have heard of Peter Bayne. He is comparatively a young man. At the death of Hugh Miller he was thought fit to conduct the Edinburgh Witness newspaper, and did conduct it, not remarkably wisely, nor remarkably well, vet in a wondrous satisfactory way, and for some years. Some hotheads in this metropolis thought they could break up the monopoly of the Times newspaper, and neutralize the remarkable influence it has always held. I could go into the whole history of that business, and tell you all about it, if it were of importance to you, for I myself was dunned and importuned at the early stage of the movement to be one of the editors of the new paper The Dial. I am very thankful to say that I had common sense enough ago, was in the very perfection and full- to decline the whole procedure, and to wash my hands and keep clear of the business. But it was prosecuted with a wonderful perseverance, shares were sold, and money raised, the celebrated Peter Bayne was brought up from Edinhard hitting, each blow driving him to burgh, and The Dial was fairly started, And in this connection, we are glad, on the ground as an arrow is shot from the as a weekly at first, with the intention of some accounts, that Dr. Chester declines the bow, he appeared almost as if nothing coming out strong as "the mighty thunderer." daily in less than no time. The Dial did not work the wonders it was expected to do; and before very long Peter Bayne was "open to an engagevinely commanded service, but placing it on the ground of suitableness, we see no serious reason for disapproval. On the ground of suitableness, we see the serious reason for disapproval. On the ground of suitableness, we see the serious reason for disapproval. On the ground of suitableness, we see the serious reason for disapproval. On the serious reason for disapproval of suitableness, we see the serious reason for disapproval of suitableness, we see the serious reason for disapproval of suitableness, we see the serious reason for disapproval of suitableness, we see the serious reason for disapproval of suitableness, we see the serious reason for disapproval of suitableness and serious reason for disapproval of suitableness reaso started by a few friends with Peter Bayne for editor. With various success, elder in the Buffalo District, but newly ap- man who has toiled for his country's up, oftener down than up, for a few last man who would make a martyr worship. And as his thought progressed, he got into other depths, that looked susevery Sunday after in the County ary to the Nestorians of Persia, a member of Since I last wrote you the cholera and Court House, and well attended, this Presbytery, was appointed to preach the all fears concerning it, have all but dis-nal, called The Fortnightly Review, an and the good conduct of the boys is of opening sermon, which came off in the shape appeared from this country. I chronicle omnium gatherum, a sort of omnibus, driven by G. H. Lewes, and in which every man signs his own article and is held responsible for that alone. Our part of our island has been all but au- friend Peter wrote and published an ar-The Catalogue of this highly-favored In- tumnal; we have had no cold to speak | ticle there and signed it—on Neo-Evanstitution has come to hand. It contains the of-hardly any frost at all, if any; al gelism-which a waggish friend of mine, names of 193 students; a larger number than together the weather has been most un- who used to spell the Weekly Review always, the Weakly—interpreted to added a few explanations, which explace I know not; but I and the public were told in the paper of the following week that the editor's views were rather accordingly he had ceased all editorial connection therewith. The view specially that Peter advances is, that while holding fast by John Calvin in all his integrity, he yet cannot see his way to holding the plenary inspiration of Holy Scripture, in any true sense of these words. I confess I was infinitely tickled to read this announcement. The idea of a man thinking he can hold anyinspiration, is about as amusing a thing as one may meet with in this queer world. Let Peter Bayne's defection be

> how the current flows. Your readers are well acquainted with a periodical published in this country called Good Words. It is edited by Dr. Norman McLeod. Some two or three years ago, a considerable sensation was caused by a very elaborate review of the theology of Good Words, of its editor, and of some of its contributors. ministry promises to be one of great success. more trouble they got themselves That review appeared in several success. sive numbers of the Record newspaper. the organ of the Evangelist party of the Church of England. The notices were gathered into a small pamphlet, and circulated by thousands in all parts of the land. The subject was taken up in several of the Presbyteries of the Free Church, and soon in the General Assembly, and Punch among others had his fling again and again, while the denominational organs took one side or the other, as their theology veered towards "advancement" or orthodoxy. The articles in question, it leaked out in the course of the controversy, were written by the Rev. Mr. Alexander, a Presbyterian both denominational and general usefulminister at Chelsea, and this discovery ness. With notice with pleasure the renervous prostration, compelling him for the it had produced; whereupon Punch appratue the heightened than weakened the cent employment by the Synod of zest of the controversy. By some he was blamed as having utterly misrepresented a Synodical Colporteur. His time is to ton Water Cure. The Presbytery of Utica, man then dwelt. The Cardinal's door the men, as having a keen nose for be given to the circulation of the issues to which his church belongs, have, for a part fills the foreground, the time is dusk of heresy, and as having found heterodoxy of the publication committee, by sales where charity would have seen nothing and gift, throughout the bounds of the but the truth. Dr. Norman McLeod was Synod, using, at the same time, such exhibited in the Reviews, as pretty des- other religious effort as it may come in titute of any very definite positive theolo- his way to do. The Christian Herald gy; Principal Tulloch, of St. Andrews, contains a letter from the Synodical Comtaking to his heels at fullest speed, all as very much on a par with his Glasgow mittee, commending him and his work.

more whirling to and fro on the surface

of the agitated waters, and marking only

John; and at the bottom is this legend: nobile fratrum. Since then each of 'The idle boy who chalked up 'No Po. the individuals named has come out in pery,' and then ran away." I am describ- strong lights and shades, as if to justify ing from memory, but you have the the caustic strictures of their hard-headmain facts here. Parliament will meet ed, cold-hearted reviewer at Chelsea. soon, and then we shall hear all about Dr. Robert Lee, in addition to the introit; meanwhile, politically, all is quiet. duction of a liturgy—an organ—candles I may as well add, however, speaking of | —an altar, and sundry other mummeries the Parliament, that it has been an into his congregation, has got so bare nounced, semi-officially, that the Queen | and bald in his "theology" that on a recent occasion, a reporter described his sermon as a virulent attack on "effectformed since her husband died, and that | tual calling." Principal Tulloch, princithe appointed day is the first of Febru- pal of St. Mary's College, St. Andrews, in an address to his students, recently return to public life has been received delivered, has come out fully against creeds and all subscription to creeds as a barbarous relic of the barbarous part. But the editor of Good Words has surpassed his two reverend brothers. He has produced a profound sensation all over the land, specially in Scotland by a series of speeches. The occasion of the leading utterance was in his own Presbytery of Glasgow, in a debate which he raised in reference to a profound pastoral letter of the General Assembly in regard to Sabbath breaking. Dr. McLeod in his place in the Presbytery made a very long speech full of wit, iun, racy anecdote, and humor, the whole drift and substance of which was, however, in the direction of a continental Sunday, as opposed to a Scottish Sabbath. This was his "argument." The decalogue qua decalogue is an integral and essential part of Judaism. The decalogue was never promulgated to me. "I was never brought out of Egypt;" it is a thing, as a whole, essentially and solely Jewish. But Judaism is abolished. abrogated" was his word, and so therefore is the decalogue qua decalogue, I acknowledge that there is a Sundayone of Apostolic origin, but no how to be regarded as in any way Sabbatical. I acknowledge morality, too, but it is higher, better, than the decalogue; it is love, love, love: love everything good and bad : indiscriminately and specially, one may suppose, love unsound doctrine. and those who teach it. The ominous thing about all this is

that Dr. McLeod is a man exceedingly wise in his generation, disposed to make the best of both worlds, and specially of this, he knows what he is saying The Weekly has struggled on, down and and doing, and is just about the very years. Meanwhile its Editor has been of himself for any principle whatso-"advancing" in a good many ways. He ever. And yet he utters these things first took to the advocacy of hymns, and fearlessly without a cause; and knows then of organs, and then of other esthetic they are contrary expressly both to changes in our old-fashioned modes of the letter and the spirit of the Confession of faith; for at the close he gave warning that his co-presbyters had betpicious, doctrinally. About a month ter not ask how these principles were reconcilable with the Confession of faith. He dared them to do that. He knew well they would not; and that so feeble and worthless a thing has the establishment of Scotland become, that discipline is practically at an end, except in cases of drunkenness or still grosser immorality, and in the case of the weaker brethren who have few friends to defend them.

Meanwhile the battle rages hot everyhere. The infidel press hails their new mean no evangelism at all. This, his clerical ally with a shout. They are not own article, Mr. Bayne reviewed, with slow to parade the position of the editor copious extracts, in The Weekly, and of the largest circulated magazine in the kingdom, minister of one of the most plained nothing. What thereupon took important parish churches of Glasgow. Chaplain to the Queen, the personal friend and comforter of royalty-accomplished, learned, etc., etc. "He is with too "advanced" for this paper, and that us," cry they, "who can be against us?" And I reply, "the Lord of Hosts, He is for us; who can be against us?"

I fear I will have more to say of this in future communications, and so I proceed to one or two concluding jottings. I was at the laying of the foundation stone of another Presbyterian Church at Tottenham, a large and important suburb in the east of London, the other day. An elegant structure free of debt may be thing like John Calvin, and yet let go speedily expected there, they have a minister already. It is reported that the Rev. W. Wilson, of Dundee, is to be Moderator of the Free Assembly next sound divine, has wrought hard and long in the service of the Church, and well deserves this honor at her hands. It is a scandalous shame that, while scores of clerical clodhoppers have had the degree of D.D. conferred on them, Mr. Wilson should have passed unnoticed. Let some of your colleges do themselves an honor, and redeem our colleges from the disgrace that thus lies upon them, before the Assembly meets. Finally, though a cloudy day, with no glimpse of sun visible, the thermometer out of doors, at one o'clock, marks 54 degrees, we have had no frost as yet at PHILADELPHOS.

COLPORTEUR WORK .- We often wonder why this form of labor, so extensively and successfully carried forward by the non-ecclesiastical religious publication societies, is not more thoroughly engrafted upon our church work. This, together with a well-applied pastoral influence, seems to us about all that is now needed to develop the power for good of our church publication enterprise, for Wabash, of Mr. George W. Rhodes, as