REV．A．M．STEWART＇S LETTER． Wassingron，D．C．，Dec．， 1865.
By officious crowds of reporters and By oficicions crowds of reporters and
through the secolar press，you have
doabtiess received all the particolars and formalities connected with the late rea ready have you learned about the open ing of a new Congress，not in turmoil of motion and countermotion，with length
and stormy debate，but with and stormy debate，but with unwonte
facility and quietness．Heard too how facility and quietness．Heard，too，how
not by cunning，fraud，or bluster，the
delegations from the rebel States into Congress，but how they manage not to get in．Received，no dount，and
filed away，are Presidential message and Secretaries＇reports－－verbose and of suck enormous length that not one in a hun
dred ever seriously meditates their peri sal．Of all the
of my writing．
has been，is now，and likely to be fo some months to come，the great proble
in this centre of $\Delta$ merican wisdom．Th in this centre of $\Delta$ merican wisdom．The
President insists that the rebel States
were never out of the Union．To reach such a conclusion，a large amount o metaphysical reasoning and profound
thought was required．Newspaper re－ porters，with their accustomed inaccu
racy，have given to the public that Pre aident Johnson was never at college－
hardly at school—but picked up by odds and ends whatever of learning is in his possession This must be a great mis
take．The depths of reasoning requisite
to show the rebel States all in the Union these four and a half years past，bespeal
the disciple of the most profound Ger man metaphysician
True，all the people of these States
men，women，and children，went fiercely out of the Union－declared themselves to be out，and actually staid out for four government，elected other oficers，and
took other oaths of fealty．All inter effectually broken off．A long，fierce and bloody war was waged to maintain
their ${ }^{\text {severance．It cost the Union half }}$ a million of her choice young men，with
an outlay of thirty－five hundred millions in money，to whip back the vagrant
States，like truant school boys，to their old places．Slender minorities from
old
these revolted States have elected sham legislatures，who，though very relu
tantly，have resolved that secession，wit all its
duction are worthy of reasoning and de clesiasticel worthy of that held in an ec college was to be resuscitated．Neither meney had belonged to it for years． stitation was still in existence． manner？it was inquired．＂In i Chair of Rhetoric，its Chair of Philo
sophy，its Chair of Metaphysics，\＆o Chairs were Chairs，＂he contended， not！＇
in which we have at present the great est interest，certainly the most hopeful sequent elevation of the Freedmen．At benevolent associations from the North have sent their teachers and moral re－
presentatives into this District，and or－ ganized schools and Sabbath instructio looking upon this great diversity as a Kening increased good to those intended
to be benefitted．All the various types of Christian faith，which in their free
exercise have made the North so great， depressed race，and in the end lift it ＇above any and all of the original．
$\stackrel{\text { teAchers＇}}{ }$ association．
As，a foreshadowing of this result，an ers of colordd schools in the District bas been formed for mataal co－operation，as
sistance，and improvement．At a meet－ ing held a few days since，about eigg were present and representing all those
Northern interests．
Harmony，interest， and intelligence characterized all the
proceedings．At least one－fourth of the proceedings．At least one－fourth of the
teachers present were colored．Nor did this cause any mppal co－operation． and books were subjects of discussion also adopted．This seemed the more necessary，seeing these representatives
of Northern education and religion find no eountenance，co－operation，or sympar
thy from any former educational inter－ old inhabitants generally，this educa old anal crussade from the North rec
the atmost contempt and loathing． Time，patience and perseverance，wit the judicious interference of Congress
will overcome all these hindrances Never was good seed sown wit A．M．Stemart．

## Cricago．－Rer．E．A．Pierce has re signed the pastorate of the Westminste Charch in Cbicago，preparatory to as same city． <br> dar friend Samuel Loag，hasremoved is printing establishment to Sansom Street


 Davis，the correspondents who were prison－
ersin Sin Salisbrys on many month，ane among
the sum maned witnesses for the Government
in the case of Gee，the late rebeol command
ant of that prison，who is now being tried at
 been ordefeded to comiand the Gulf Squadron han
The squaforo consist of 20 vessels．carroing
138 guns．Instructions have been issued
by the Eed
 THE STATES．
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Pennsylvania．－There isa very destructive } \\ & \text { flood on the Sugquehanoa．Millions of fee } \\ & \text { of lumber float down the stream past Wil }\end{aligned}$ of lumber hoat down
liamport．
New York．－The Stock Exchange，of New
York City，did the handsome thing recently，



 already anounced by manutacturing compa
nies in the New England States denote a de
iree of
 Tairoad depot were destroyed．The loss Wa
$\$ 1,500,000$ ．．A Social Science Association
has been inagurated in Boston．
Ohio．The State debt is $\$ 12,900,000$ ，les
by $\$ 000,000$ than last year． by $\$ 600,000$ than last year．
Indiana．－－The Indiana ajourning，passed resulutions in fure，favor of
hanging Jeff Davis．

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& \text { axagng Je } \\
& \text { Illinois has inereased } \\
& \text { cent. in the past } 5 \text { years.s }
\end{aligned}
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Virginia－Nearly one hundred thousand
arese of abandoned lands in Virginia are
being cuttivated by the
auspices of the une
andee the
 printing seditious articles，Majo Wion
ersham of the Freedmen surea，has on
dered the chairman of the county conrt
devoke the sentence against revole the sentence against McCop an
Walker，the negrose ordered to be sold int
slavery for larceny，and says that，in default
 of secession by a vote of 19,977 votes against
1990, and 18,5727 votes were casto ratity the
ordinance prolibiting Slavery， 3696 to rejeet oranance pron
said ordinance．
South Carolin South Carolina－Gor，Orr，in a recent
document，deccares his＂uararterable purpose
to aid in upholding the eupremacy of the laws
of the United States．＂（Gen．Howard，in his recent report，says that aecount from than th
interior are replete with instance of vio
lene and cruelty toward the freedmen－ lence and cruely toward the freedmen－
murders，whippiag，tying up by the thumbs
derauading of Wages，overworkiking．combining
for purposes of extortion，E．Already the for purposes of extortion，cte．Aread Areat the
antagonism between the whites and the blacks
in this State is narked，and for the sake of
peace and good order，it would be unwise at peace and good order，it woold be unwise
present to withdraw the military force．＂
Georgia．－Exs－Senator Iverson，of Geo
gia，is an applicant for pardon．Ae was on gia，is an applicant for pardon． 品e of was on
of the first to leave his seat in the Senate in
1866 i． Alabama．－In passing the Constitutiona
Amendment，the Legistature voted that it
＂with the understanding that it does no
confer upon Congres the power ot legislat
copon the political status of freedmen int thit upon the political statatus of freed tee legisislat
State．＂The spirit of the body is is shown
the fol the following incident：Gens．Wood，Swayne，
and Thomas were in Montgonery during the
session of the tiegislature and recived no
sort of athention
Gen．Whe unpardoned rebel，
Geade Hampton，no sooner made his sort of attention；the unpardoned rebel，
Gen．Wade Hampton，no sooner made his
appearanee in the place，than a commitee
Fan raised to escorth hine into the Hall The
members rose to receive hina ；Speaker members rose to receire hin；Speaker
Cooper made a yiorification speen of wel－
come；and Gen．Hampton responded，com－
plimenting Alabama＇s exertions in，and devo－ pion to the eause，（the attempt to overthrow
tion
the Union and Government，and the gallan－
try displayed by her sons．Then a recess try displayed by her sons．Then a recess
took pace that all the members．might be
introduced to the General． Florida．－The following is part of the new
constitution of the State：－＂All the inhabi－
tints
 color．In all criminal proceedings founded
upon injury to colored persons，no person
shall bein inompetent to testify on ancount of
color．＂．
Yet a person incompetent to take
 gan raid．It recently sued a returned Ken
tuckian，who was one of MMorgan＇s offecres，
attached his property，and recovered judg ment．
Te
drige Tennessee．－A copperhead judge at Dan
drige，East Tenuesse，has arrested and im－
prisoned some Snion soldies who ，wnder
orders，had killed a a guerrilla．The sherif
 Mississippi．－The President has ordered
Gor Sharkey to retire，and give place to the
Governor elect，Gen．Hamphreys．－The Governor elect，Gen．Humphreys．The Thi
IIssissippi Senate has adopted a resolutio
 ture added the following proviso to its ac
ado
＂Icting the thall not be constitutuonal amendment：




Jamaica．－Goveruor Eyre，of Samaica，
has been suspended from duty．Sir Hery
Stork has been appointed temporary Gover－
nor．


 China－Advices to the 20th of Octiober
say：－The last stronghold of the rebellion
in the province of Kangsio is reported to be
evacuted．The insurgents，it is added re


| Fall and Winter Wear， |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Consisting of |  |
| Extra Heary Merino， |  |
| Saxony Wool， |  |
| Shetland， |  |
| Shaker Flannel， |  |
| Red Flannel， |  |



Laves about Christmas，when guilty fears of
an uprising were lively among their old op pressors，confirms this candid and honorable
acknowedgment．Only the most trifing in
stances of disorder are mentioned as haring stances od disorder are mentioned as having
occurrd．
Asuings bank for cullored people，estab－
lished three months since at Louisville，now
 The members of the Congressional Con－
mittee on Reconstruction intend to take tes．
timony in the Souchern States as to thei
the timony in the Southern States as to thei
condition．Senator Willinms of the Senat
Coumitee，is is now in Richmonod，on a tour o
observation






 Lind and genial cuannerss than for his piety．
Puthic Ledger．








## present month it over ten millions．



