General Assembly.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

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In the widening influence and grow-ing usefulness of the work entrusted to and country. their care, the Committee find ample justification of its inception, as well as stimulus for its prosecution. They trust that the prosperity which now crowns the enterprise is but the token of that future enlargement which shall make it an instrument of blesskingdom of Christ.

During the period now under review, books and tracts, which, they are assured, will be gladly received and used by the churches. Keeping before them the wants of their constituency, spread over so broad a surface, and in circumstances so widely differing, they have aimed to publish that which would prove of value to the greatest number. If any book or tract should seem that, under the varying circumstances of with poverty, what to one is superfluous is to another a grateful boon. For the abundant commendation which their issues have thus far received from pastors, church members, and the press, the Committee have every reason to be thankful. It will be, as it has been, the steady aim of the Committee to winnow the works submitted to their judgment, so that the wheat may e retained and the chaff rejected. The publications newly issued during the

TRACTS. The Person of Christ. By the Rev. R . Hitchcock, D.D.

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The Social Hymn Book, though not yet issued, is in press, and may be properly announced in this connection. It contains the hymns of the Social Hymn and Tune Book, without the tunes.

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The issue of these new works, and the increasing means for their diffusion by sale and by gratuitous distribution, are telling upon the business success of the enterprise. Owing to the cessation of a large amount of sales for the army made the previous year

are happy to report a somewhat larger total, viz., \$36,255 56, as sales for the year ending March 31st, 1866. Adding to this sum books and tracts gratuitously distributed, to the value of \$4299 27, we The Report of the Publication Commit- have a total circulation of \$40,554 83. In view of the youth of our enterprise, this our trust, for we have abundant evidence of its adaptation to the wants of our churches

GRANTS.

Our grants of books and tracts have been received with the warmest thanks by our feeble churches and Home Missionaries all over the land. That an agency of this character is needed, and that it will prove ing to our churches, our country, and the widely useful as a supplementary agency to our Home Missionary work, cannot be questioned by any one conversant with the the Committee have added to their list facts. During the past year our Commit tee of Home Missions have been commissioning men from the Atlantic coast to the shores of the Pacific, to labor as Home Missionaries, as Presbyterial Missionary Agents, as Synodical Missionaries. Entering upon their work of organizing new churches, and resuscitating those feeble and ready to die, they immediately need to some less needful, let it be remembered what the Home Missionary Committee was not organized to furnish, but which the the city pastor and the prairie missionary, Publication Committee was intended to of the church with wealth and the church supply. Not merely in new States and Territories; not only in States lately desolated by war, but in the old States also, in Delaware, in Pennsylvania, and in New York, as well as in the Central West and West. a multitude of our churches will hail the aid which their brethren may and should furnish them through the press of their own Publication Committee. The increasing number of applications

for donations received by the Committee, indicates the increase of appreciation of the work laid upon them by the Assembly. These applications are not to diminish, but to increase, for the call of Providence to our branch of the Church is "to go forward." Our correspondence shows that there is not a State in our connection in which there are not mission fields rightfully appealing to the benevolent department of our publication work.

AN APPEAL.

In view of this fact, the Committee may properly ask our pastors to recognize this call, and see that the collection for "Publication" is regularly taken in their churches at a set time, in each year.

Some of our Sabbath-schools have sent, during the year past, contributions for the assistance of children less favored than themselves. Such gifts will be gladly received, and directly appropriated to needy Sabbath-schools connected with our churches or missions. We beg of our brethren to remember that the Publication Committee have no collecting agents—that we de-pend solely and entirely upon them for

THE PRESBYTERIAN MONTHLY.

In compliance with the instructions of the last General Assembly, The Presbyterian Monthly, a magazine representing the Committees charged by the General Assembly with its works of benevolence, has been issued. The subscription price has been made low, with a view to secure its wide fusion of the information which it contains will be the basis of an increase of giving, steward?" that will fully compensate for the expense incurred by its publication. Subscriptions to the magazine come in well, yet not so many as we wish. Our desire is that it may go into every family in every one of our churches.

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..\$465 51 Balance on hand March 31, 1866.. *The "cash received" does not show the full amount of sales, as balances only, in come cases, go upon the Treasurer's book. The sales amounted to \$36,255 56, and sales and donations of books together to \$40,554 83.

THE PRESBYTERIAN HOUSE.

The enlarging business of the Committee, and the increase of stock, call for enlarged accomodations. Accordingly an extension of the building is in process of erection, in the rear of the bookstore and on the west side of the lot. This addition will be 22 feet wide, 103 feet deep, and two stories in God has been greatly helped and promoted | height. The lower floor and basement by its use. The low price at which it is will be used by the Committee, and the

PRESBYTERIAL COMMITTEES.

The recommendation of the General Assembly, that "each Presbytery appoint a minister or elder to see to it that the Publication cause is presented annually to the churches in its connection, and to secure contributions to it," has been acted upon during the past year to a very gratifying extent. In some cases there has been a zealous attention to the work of securing a contribution from each church, and increasing interest in the circulation of publications, deserving of the thanks of the Church, as well as of the Committee, whom it has encouraged and strengthened. It is hoped that the Presbyterial agents for Publication will remember that the success of the work depends, under God, much upon them. Their action or inaction will be followed in very many churches of the Presbytery by a corresponding action or inaction. Any expenses incurred, if re-

The Report treats also of Colportage, and notes the appointment of Rev. S. W. Crittenden, as Business Superintendent The officers are Rev. Albert Barnes, Chair. man; Mr. Wm. L. Hildeburn, Treasurer; Rev. John W. Dulles, Secretary and Edi-

THE Spirit of Christ sweetly calms the to the Christian Commission, we had feared soul of the suffering believer; not by that the sales of the past year would not taking away all sense of pain, but by overwhich they have no means to maintain, and equal those of the preceding one. But we coming it by a sense of his love. defined protection of another?

Miscellaneous.

THE CASE WELL PUT.

A writer in The Episcopalian of May 5, makes out a case which may well startle other denominations implicated, as well as his own, and which especially shames the petulance of those so-called Christians, who are ever complaining of the calls for pecuniary contributions for the cause of Christ. He says:-

· A very suggestive train of thought is started by the following facts-which may be allowed to speak for themselves. By the journal of the General Conven-

tion of 1862 (the latest at hand), as far as can be gathered from the imperfect character of the tabular Digest of the various Dioceses, it will be seen that, for the three years preceding that General Convention. the total amount of contributions by twenty Dioceses was about \$3,310,482 54. These reports are, some of them, avowedly imperfect. Now supposing, for the sake of making the most liberal allowance for the imperfections, and for the unreported amounts expended in pew rents, &c. &c., we double this sum total. We shall find it to show about \$6,600,000 (in round numbers) contributed by one of the most wealthy ecclesiastical bodies (if not the most wealthy) in the country, as represented by twenty Dioceses, for the support or propagation of the Gospel here, and in heathen lands. But it is to be remembered that this is for three years; which, on an average, gives \$2,000,-000 a year, as the recognition of "Stewardship" by twenty Dioceses: New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Maryland.

being the largest contributors. This is suggestive fact number one. Number two is gained from the New York letter in the Philadelphia Press of Monday April 9, 1866.

There has been a grand "ball season" in the Metropolis during the past winter. It has come to an end. "It is estimated by a statistician who has kept an interesting record of these amusements, that the figures and items show the probable cost of this one species of "amusement," to the pleasure seekers of a single city, during a single "season."

\$332,000 Tickets, Carriages, 575,000 Suppers, . 764,000 764,000 Gloves, Ladies' dresses (some exceeding \$1000) 18.800.000

Gentlemen's dress, 9,400,000

Sum total expended, \$30,635,000 From an estimate of the number of Epis copalians who were in this vast pleasureseeking throng, it is inferred that the ratio evils; and may be regarded as incidental of expenditure for personal gratification to to the best good of society.—Puritan Refree-will offerings to this good work for the that for the religious and charitable objects corder. of the Church is the same as that shown above.

Thirty and a half millions! The amount expended on social gaiety alone being in a single season nearly five times as much as the whole Episcopal Church, by a liberal estimate, expended during three years upon the various objects of religious care!

Will it not be well to remember that one day there will be to each one a solemn audit circulation, as it is believed that the dif-of such accounts—"Give an account of thy stewardship, for thou mayest no longer be duction of modern improvements. "I will

"A WHITE MAN'S GOVERNMENT."

Hon. Daniel Clark, of New Hampshire, made an able argument in the United States Senate for equal suffrage recently, from

which we take the following:-Mr. President, my house once took fire in the night-time. My two little boys were asleep in it. When I and their mother were away, the neighbors rushed into it, saved the children, and extinguished the flames. When I reached it, breathless and exhausted, the first exclamation was, "Your | she will come to us; if she remains unchildren are safe!" Can you tell me how mean a man I should have been, and what execration I should have deserved, if the next time these neighbors came to my house I had kicked them out of it? Tell me, then, I pray you, why two hundred thousand black men, most of whom volunteered to fight your battles, who rushed in to save the burning house of your Government, should not be permitted to participate in that government which they helped to preserve? When you enlisted and mustered these men, when your Adjutant-General went South and gathered them to the recruiting office, and persuaded them to join your ranks, did he or any one tell them this was the white man's government? When they came to the rendezvous, did did you point to the sign over the door,-Black men wanted to defend the white

man's government?" When you put upon them the uniform of the United States, did you say, "Don't disgrace it: this is the white man's government?" When they toiled on the march, in the mud, in the rain and the snow, and when they fell out of the ranks from sheer weariness, did you cheer them on with the encouragement that "that this is the white man's government?" When they stood on picket on the cold stormy night to guard you against surprise, did you creep up and warm their congealing blood with an infusion of "the white man's government?" When, with a wild hurrah, on the doublequick, they rushed upon the enemy's guns, and bore your flag where men fell fastest, and death made its wildest havoc, where explosion after explosion sent their mangled bodies and severed limbs flying through the air, and thus fell in glacis, ditch, and scarp, and counter-scarp, did you caution them against such bravery. ported to the Committee, will be gladly and remind them that this was "the white man's government?" And when the struggle was over, and many had fought their last battle, and you gathered the dead for burial, did you exclaim, "Poor tools! how cheated! This is the white man's government?" No, no, sir; you beckoned them on by the guerdon of freedom,—the blessings of an equal and just government, and a good time coming. And can you now deny it to them? Do you say they have that freedom? Slavery is abolished True; but what is that freedom worth

THE CRAZY DEACON.

Many years ago, a deacon in one of our New England churches became subject to a mild form of insanity. Being inoffensive, he was permitted to go at large and attend public worship, where he usually behaved with entire decorum. According to the custom of those days, he occupied the "Deacon's Seat," in front of the pulpit. One Sabbath the minister preached a sermon on the subject of maintaining peace with all men. He first dwelt upon the duty, and then suggested various means of keeping the peace. The deacon was observed to be much interested from the first: but during the discussion of the second head, he turned toward the pulpit as far as the inconvenience of his seat would permit, and fixed his eyes on the preacher. At length he rose to his feet, and with his back to the congregation, gazed earnestly into the speaker's face with an excitement of manners, plainly significant of something special on his mind. Perceiving that his pastor had concluded his second head, and was about passing on to another division of NECK TIES. the discourse, he became quite uneasy, and finally spoke out-" Permit me to suggest," said he, "that there is one other important means of keeping the peace which you have not mentioned." "Ah, deacon," said the pastor, "and what is that?" "A substantial fine rail fence," was the emphatic reply.

I have often thought of the crazy deacon's expedient for keeping the peace; and must say, that taking mankind as they are, it is one that cannot be dispensed with. When I have seen two neighbors, after trying to have all things common, falling out with each other, and quarrelling with bitter animosity, I have said to myself, "The deacon's fine rail fence would have prevented all this."

When I have seen two friends alienated in consequence of trusting everything to each other's honor in their business relations, and neglecting all written contracts and formal settlements, I have thought of the deacon's fence.

When I have seen Christians of different denominations trying to force themselves into a union of worship and labor, for which they had not the requisite preparation of heart, and fomenting new quarrels by the attempt, I have sighed to think how much more real union would have resulted from the "fine rail fence."

It were better indeed, if no such barrier were needed. But since human nature, even when sanctified, is so imperfect, it is folly to attempt a constrained and unnatural union of parties. whose diverse sympaties and interests will only cause irritation by coming in contact. The dividing wall may, it is true, mark our infirmity; but we should gain nothing by its absence. Though an evil, it prevents far greater

A STATESMAN'S THREAT.

The late enlightened and liberal Count Cavour, the Prime Minister of Victor Emmanuel, with a thorough comprehension of the genius of Romanism in its effort to repress free thought, and resist the spirit of the age, threatened the overthrow of Papal domination, not by fire and fagot, the favorite weapons of Rome, but by the introattack Rome," said he, "by railways, by the electric telegraph, by agricultural improvements, by establishing national banks by gratuitous education on a large scale, by rivil marriages, by the secularization of conventual property, by the enactment of a model code, embodying the most lenient laws in Europe, and by the suppression of corporeal punishment. I will place the spirit of modern expansion face to face with the old spirit of obscuration; I am quite certain the former will triumph. I will establish a blockade of civilization around Rome. If she undergoes a modification, changed, she will, by constant comparison, become so disgusted with her state of inferiority, that she will throw herself into our arms to escape destruction." As a result of this far-seeing policy, wherever the liberal rule of Victor Emmanual has extended in Italy, schools are multiplying, industry and enterprise are increasing, property is rising in value, and, as a necessary result, the power of the despotic and bigoted priesthood is gradually but surely waning.

RIOTOUS OPPOSITION TO ANGLICAN

MONKERY. The attempt of the Rev. "Father" Hunt, Incumbent of Northmoor Green, near Bridgewater, to import the services of the so-called Benedictines into his Easter-day display of ritualism has led to disgraceful outrages. On Saturday night the church was entered, the decorations were destroyed, the clergymen's vestments were cut to pieces, and the sacramental wine was drunk. On Sunday morning, when the "Benedictines" had arrived, the church was crowded to suffocation by a mob of ruffians, some of whom coolly lighted their pipes and began to smoke, while others raised the most discordant noises, won't go home till morning" being among the sounds which rendered it impossible to proceed with the service. Mr. Hunt, however, ascended the pulpit, and commenced a service, in which he rebuked the violence of those present. On his returning to the chancel the noises were resumed. Dogs were set howling, a tin canister flung about, and so forth. A gentleman attempted to stay the tumult, but in vain, and the incumbent again ascending the pulpit gave a brief discours from John xx. 15, stoutly rebuking the congregation as being worse than heathens and savages. — Weekly Review.

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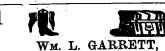
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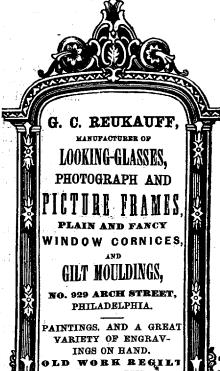
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