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SERMON ON THE DEATH OF DR. BRAIN-ERD.-We are informed that a sermon in memorial of the late eminent pastor of the "Old Pine Street Church" will be preached, D. V., in that church on the ensuing Sabbath, (25th inst.,) by Rev. A. Barnes, in compliance with the request of the session. For the purpose of giving opportunity for the attendance of pastors, 3 o'clock P. M. has been fixed upon as the hour for this special service. Many of our city ministers will be grateful to the session for this consideration.

A GOOD MAN IN THE SEAT OF LE-GISLATION .- Our Christian readers who retain vivid remembrances of the Senator Frelinghuysen of old, will read with interest the notice, in our secular news department, of the appointment of his son to the same high seat, by the Governor of New Jersey. They will be still more rejoiced to know that the present Senator inherits, along with the ability, the religious character of the father, and that he will, in all probability, secure an honored place in the roll, now none too long, of the Christian statesmen of the Republic. The appointment of Mr. F. is a temporary one, to fill, until the action of the legislature, the vacancy created by the death of Senator Wright; but it is earnestly to be hoped that the legislative action will make it a permanent one.

DR. VAN DYKE DECLINES.—Rev. H. J. Van Dyke, D D., has declined the appointment tendered to him of the vacant chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C. In his letter of declination he takes special care to forestall. the inference that he has any objection to a Southern ecclesiastical relation. He

"It seems appropriate, however, for me to say that my decision is not based upon any aversion to the position in which you desire to place me. The pastoral letter of your General Assembly, issued at Macon, December, 1865, is, in my judgment, not only admirable as an expression of the true spirit of the Gospel, but impregnable as an exposition word of God and of our Presbyterian standards in regard to the province and work of the Church. I should esteem it a high privilege to be connected with an ecclesiastical body pledged to the maintenance of such

A PURGATORIAL SPECULATION. - The following advertisement appears in the Catholic Standard of this city, marked for a six months' insertion. The sentiment of the old Popish countries used to sustain this pattern of priestly craft a bolder hand than has hitherto been ventured in this country; but we suppose it is thought we are about ripe for it. Perhaps we are.

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"FOUNDATION OF A DAILY MASS FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS.

"With the approbation of our Bishop, Right Rev. T. B. Miege. D.D. we have founded a Mass to be said every day for one hundred years, from the 21st of March, 1866, the Feast of St. Benedict, to the 21st of March, 1866, in favor of all those who pay one hundred dollars toward the erection of our new Church, in honor of St. Benedict

"The names of all subscribers will be engraved on two marble slabs, on each side of the High Altar.

"buseribers can have the names of their relations, either living or dead, put on the list of benefactors, by paying only once the above sum. Those who are not able to pay all at once, may pay by instalments, within two or three years.

"Subscriptions may be sent by draft, payable to the undersigned, or to the Editor of this paper, and subscribers will receive receipts by mail.

"Very Rev. AUGUSTINE WIRTH. O.S.B.

"Prior of St. Benedict's.

"Atchison, Kansas."

We suppose that a daily mass of one

We suppose that a daily mass of one hundred years in favor of any one, means a hundred years' effort for the repose of his soul-in other words, his transportation from purgatory to paradise. If we are not mistaken, from fifteen to twenty-five dollars is about the price of a Mass, in the case of people of ordinary means, for their deliverance from purgatorial fires, and, except in aggravated cases, three or four such masses, stretching over a year or two at most, are expected to accomplish the work. The above scheme presents no special advantage in the matter of tariff, and in point of time, the disadvantages greatly preponderate. A hundred years is a slow yield; and if Romanists had any sense upon this subject, we should expect them to give the proposal of the Tennessee, may be traced to the influence of Very Rev. Augustine Wirth, O. S. B., Maryville College more than to any other in

APPOINTMENT. - President Johnson odist clergyman, of the Tennessee Conference, as Resident Minister and Consul General to the Republic of Liberia. This we suppose is the Mr. Seys who, as a leading missionary, was long identified with the religious interets, especially those of his own church, in the pioneer republic of Africa.

AN APPEAIL.

From the Synod of Tennessee to the Churches connected with the General Assembly, last met in the First Presbyterian Church at St. Louis, Mo.

DEAR BRETHREN :- The Synod of Tennessee, at its recent meeting in Knoxville, directed the undersigned to address you in behalf of our educational interests. These interests embrace

I. MARYVILLE COLLEGE. ty and extension. We feel that our they must have. interests, as a denomination, now, as

The grand motive of its founder, Rev. stated in his own words: "Let the of our emancipated countrymen directors and managers of this sacred the late contest for the life of the nation. The venerable President of the institution always taught that slavery was "a great moral, social and political evil." and in relation to the traffic in slaves, as practised in the slave States, he often declared from the pulpit, "Any man who will thus chain together his fellowmen, and drive them like cattle to the market, would kidnap the angels of heaven, and sell the Lord of Glory for filthy lucre." .Through his whole life he was distinguished for his patriotism and devotion to the Union. In 1849, he wrote to a friend in Kentucky :- "The Union is the only safeguard these States have against anarchy and civil discord with all its horrors. The Union is the hope of the world, and, under God, promises to break down civil and religious tyranny. I used to say, as far back as 1832, the man who silently thought of dissolving the Union ought to be hung, and if he spoke it, deserves some severer fate. The Union, one and indivisible,' ought to be the motto of every American and every philanthropist."

The effect of this positive teaching upon the minds committed to his care may readily be perceived. It was marked and controlling. Rarely has an institution so humble in its pretensions and circumstances, done so much to shape the destiny of a people, as Maryville College has done to shape the destiny of the people of East Tennessee. For from it have emanated religious, libertyloving and patriotic influences, which have moulded their opinions on the momentous questions that have for many years agitated the nation, and thus prepared them to espouse, in the late conflict, with unfaltering devotion, the cause of the Union and freedom against treason and slavery. It is the only college anxious care. The meeting was adin all the revolting States which has stood firmly and unequivocally on this loyal and liberty-loving basis.

The question now presents itself:-Shall Maryville College be sustained? It is not only the deliberate judgment of the Synod of Tennessee, that it should be sustained, but that the prosperity, if not the very existence of our loyal Churches in East Tennessee, is vitally connected with it.

Desolations produced by the war, the which turns purgatorial superstition rallying of rebel elements to man schools into coin. The game is here played with and colleges within our bounds, the limited means of many of our young men, which make it impossible for them to go far from home to acquire an education, the past and present loyalty of our churches, and of the great mass of our people, make a loud and pressing call on the benevolent to sustain this Alma Mater of East Tennessee loyalty and patriotism.

> To strengthen this appeal, we subjoin the following testimonials:-

[From the Professors in Union Theo. Sem., N. Y.] We think the claim of MARYVILLE Co-LEGE to our sympathy is special. It has suffered extensively from the rebellion of the Southern States, but has been throughout the war loyal to the nation. It has been, according to its means, eminently useful, and seeks to strengthen itself for future labors It ought not to be forsaken by the friends of religion and learning, and we earnestly hope that an application to them for assistance will

Le cordially entertained and largely successful. REV. THOMAS H. SKINNER, D.D., REV. HENRY B. SMITH, D.D., REV. ROSWELL D. HITCHCOCK, D D.,

REV. WM. G. T. SHEDD, D.D., REV. C. V. A. VAN DYKE, D.D., We heartily concur in the above recommendation. REV. MARK HOPKINS, D.D., President of

Williams College, REV. THOMAS BRAINERD, D.D., Philada. HON, WILLIAM E. DODGE, New York City. It is very desirable that the institution should be sustained.

REV. ALBERT BARNES, Philada. [From Rev. THEODORS D. WOOLSEY, D.D.] The stand which the Synod of Tennessee took on the New School side in 1837, and the noble struggle for universal freedom in East the cold shoulder, and take the old short fluence whatever. This College and School of the Prophets is exceedingly straitened and crippled, and eminently needs an addition to its funds. Such addition can come appeal to any whom my opinion may have

weight with. THEODORE D. WOOLSEY, D.D., President of Yale College: "We heartily concur with the above state-

REV. GEORGE L. PRENTISS, D.D., REV. WLIHAM ADAMS, D.D.,

"To occupy the distinguished position of having fearlessly advocated the cause of our beloved country, is an honor anywhere, and particularly so in the South. My heart beats in full sympathy with you, who fear God rather than man, and who never flinch, cost what it may. May many Christian patriots and our blessed Master help you.

"O. O. HOWARD, Major-General."

II. A FREEDMAN'S INSTITUTE!

This institution is under the care of young men for the university is im- tive audiences. the Synod. For more than forty years peratively demanded. Without educathe churches of East Tennessee have tion, these people can never reach their evening of this week, by John B. looked to it for their ministers. To it proper position in Church and State. Gough, on "Curiosity." The lecture Presbyterianism in this section of the They are eager to receive instruction, country is indebted for its growth, solidi- anxious to elevate themselves, but help not the best of all his performances;

As a Church, we do not shrink from heretofore, are indissolubly linked with our duty to them. We feel a profound conviction of the importance of promoting, by every proper method, the moral, Isaac Anderson, D.D., may be best educational and religious improvement

So far as our observation and expeinstitution propose the glory of God and rience go, they seem most strongly the advancement of that kingdom pur attached to that Church, which most Mr. Gough, after being heard so many chased by the blood of His only begotten interested itself in their education. They times, should still retain his hold upon Son, as their sole object." It has educat- look upon their educators as their best the most intelligent andiences that can ed and sent forth over one hundred and friends. Already we have four colored twenty ministers of the Gospel. Its Presbyterian Church organizations, and such throngs wherever he goes, in all influence has been felt in the constant lifteen or twenty more could be formed maintenance and diffusion of a healthy if we had ministers of their own race anti-slavery sentiment which has given to take charge of them. We feel our East Tennessee so glorious a history in obligations to do what we can to meet this demand.

There is no more attractive or appropriate spot or locality for such a school Tennessee. The salubrity of its climate, the good of this people throughout the same time.

These, dear brethren, are the two objects for which the Synod of Tennessee the purpose of presenting and pressing this appeal, the Synod has appointed the Rev. Samuel Sawyer, a man long and well acquainted with this field, as its only authorized agent. We take pleasure in cordially commending Brother Sawyer, and the cause which he represents, to your favor; and we do pray and trust that he may meet with a welcome reception, and that his efforts may be crowned with eminent success.

THOMAS J. LAMAR. THOMAS BROWN, JAMES A. GRIFFES

THE CRISIS OF AMERICAN EPISCOPA cy.-In connection with the Episcopal anniversaries, held in New York week before last, a public meeting of the Clerical Association was held on Friday evening, in the church of Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Jr. This Association is, we believe, composed of evangelical ministers, who are deeply alarmed by the spread of ritualism and the increase of Popish ceremonies in the worship of their Church, and who make the defence of an evangelical faith and worship their dressed by Bishops Johns, of Virginia, Lee, of Delaware, and Payne, of Africa; and Rev. Drs. Cheney, of Chicago, Newton, of this city, and John Cotton Smith, of New York. The latter said :--

"I look upon the present as the brink of a crisis in the history of the Church. We have been approached by the seductive influences of the enemies to the city of our God, who have taken possession of the strong places; they have occupied the leading positions, and threaten to hold them to the We (the Evangelical party) have been charged with being alarmists, but our apprehensions are justified. The presiding Bishop of the Church has published a book, in which he advocates the ritualism of the Jewish economy; and the rector of a church in this city has introduced prayers for the dead, and in the convention of this diocese has charged that the beginning of the reformation was the beginning of the age of darkness. I charge the ritualists with treason against the Church, its interests and its mission to the souls of lost markind. They have introduced vestments of a character unknown to the Church; they have transformed the communion into a forbidden sacrament; and they deny to the people those blessings which are freely offered in the Gospel. They bury in oblivion the spiritual relation between Christ and the sinner, and give genuflexions and attitudes as the offices

PERSECUTIONS OF THE PAPACY. Under this head, the Catholic Standard of this city, enumerates thirty-four Popes who have, in one way or another, been the subject of what it calls persecution, i e., who suffered more or less the number of instances in which the Popes, either directly, or by instigating civil rulers, have persecuted harmless Christians even unto death, and only for the sake of their religion.

Gone Home.—Rev. John Wallace, late pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Pequea. Lancaster county, in this State, died on the 30th ult, at the ripe age of only from the benevolent and religious men among the oldest Presbyterian organihas appointed Rev. John Seys, a Meth- of the North. I most cordially commend its zations in the country, and has an Old School relation. Its venerable pastor now deceased, has, until recently, ments and recommendations of President Woolsey."

The conclusion, in which was presented the and the border State ruffians have the customers and thought that all the appropriate appliances of church advancement and Christian usefulness cases. The building is in ruins, but a new characterize him joined itself to the Presbytery of Titles.

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OUR LECTURES.

The Athenaum and Mechanics' Association of this city always maintains is a leading spirit in this church, and a fine course of lectures. They make has doubtless had much influence in their arrangements in season, and secure a good share of the very best In the judgment of the Synod, an lecturers, advertise freely, and find their institution for the education of colored neward in getting large and apprecia-

Their course was opened on Friday was in Gough's usual style—perhaps but it evidently gave great satisfaction to those who heard it; not so much, however, to the large number who got as far as the door of our great Corinthian Hall, and could not get inside for want of room. The hall was packed clear up to the platform, and all over the platform, and out into the entries. It is one of the marvels of the age, that be gathered. He is greeted with just this region.

We know that it is common with some to speak slightingly of the matter of his lectures, and ascribe all his success to his fine oratory, and more especially to his comic powers. But while he doubtless owes much to these, and in all the seceding States, than East would not be Gough without them, we have sometimes thought that for noble the cheapness of living, and a favorable sentiments, well put, for keen satire, for public sentiment, will make it inviting to fine descriptions of character and of young men from all the States South. scenery, his lectures, after all, would And with an institution here adequate compare well with almost any others: to meet their educational wants, we can, and those who like to laugh get a good as a Synod, exert a potent influence for lecture, and a good deal of fun, at the

His lecture occupied an hour and a half, and yet all in that great and tion, devout thanksgiving, and renewed crowded assembly seemed to listen with makes an earnest appeal for help. For unfailing interest to the end; and no one with just sensibility could have gone away without a deep impression the future. of the value of truth and goodness. That lecture was a good sermon, well preached, and attentively heard to its close. Long may the preacher be spared Our counsels were divided. Some advised to do the work which he is doing so to reroof the blackened walls still standing, to do the work which he is doing so

Before the same Association, Hon. Schuyler Colfax has also delivered his admirable and instructive lecture, "Across the Continent." Among those who are to fill the course we find other eminent names, such as Bishop Clarke, of Rhode Island, Geo. William Custis, E. H. Chapin, Prof. Upson, and others. But we have alluded to these lectures partly for the sake of noticing the fact. that most, if not all the lecturers, are the friends and advocates of liberty, justice and good government. Not one, we believe, is the friend of treason. We shall have much truth from their lips, directly or indirectly, on the issues of the day. It is a hopeful thing that our lecturers are thus educating the people up to the true ideas of liberty and impartial citizenship. Literature is not generally the friend of despotism or outage and wrong.

DR. CAMPBELL'S BIBLE-CLASS.

Dr. Campbell, of the Central Church in our city, is meeting with great success in conducting a Bible-class, on Tuesday day evening He began with the Articles of Faith, comparing these with the Scriptures of truth; intending, we believe, to go on from these to a more breaking down of the strongholds of truth. direct examination of some portions of

the divine word. Dr. Campbell is particularly happy in giving instructions on these occasions. All is done in the most simple and easy manner, inviting the utmost freedom in those who attend, to ask and answer questions. Young persons and recent converts are deeply interested in these exercises, and are manifestly deriving incalculable advantage from them. They are getting a more perfect understanding of the doctrines and duties of the Chritian life than they would ever get from mere sermons. They are here brought face to face with the truth. They see its bearings. They bring up their own difficulties and doubts, which to be performed by the people, instead of the work of love according to the living Gospel are clearly and cheerfully answered. They go away from each meeting of the class much gratified and glad to go again.

REMODELING AT VERGNA.

A great change is in progress on the church edifice of the Presbyterian congregation at Verona. In fact, they are almost making their house of worship trouble from political disturbances and anew. The inside is remodeled, the civil tumults, generally arising out of seats turned around, the pulpit put in their administration as temporal rulers. the rear, the walls frescoed, the windows We suggest to the Standard to look up supplied with stained glass, all repainted from being done. Yet what has been accomand refurnished. It has been for some months in the hands of the workmen, the large and happy congregation. The not done what we might, urged the preacher. large and happy congregation. The pulpit is in charge of Rev. A. S. Wood, meed of duty adequately performed, or to

BECOME PRESBYTERIAN.

given his ministerial life to it. He independent, connected with no Associawas the patriarch of the Presbytery of tion, has recently taken the Presbyte.

OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT. have long preferred the Presbyterian fort. They tell you they mean to batter it down, and point you the iron ball that is to Rev. Wm. E. Knox, of Rome, and Rev. Charles E. Knox, of Bloomfield, N. J., bringing about result.

PARSONAGE AT ONEIDA.

The Presbyterian Church, (O. S.) of the large and growing village of Oneida, are building a nice parsonage for their esteemed pastor, Rev. Charles E. Robinson. He has been a boarder among them for nearly two years, but expects next week to be a housekeeper. His people promised him a parsonage by January next. They are redeeming their pledge and a little more, anticipating the time by a few weeks. The church is also growing rapidly, and must ere long require a new house of worship to meet the demands of the congregation. It is a pleasant house; has been enlarged once, and will seat, we should judge, about six hundred; but already needs room for more. GENESEE.

ROCHESTER, Nov. 17, 1866.

THIRD CHURCH, PITTSBURGH,

On Sabbath, November 10th, Rev. Herrick Johnson delivered his fourth anniversary discourse, in the hall now occupied by the Third Church. The text was taken from the Acts, xxiii. 15: "Whom when Paul saw, passage, explaining those relations of the Apostle to the Church he was now for the first time visiting, but to which from Corinth he had written of his longings to see them face to face, the preacher remarked that if was not his purpose to give play to his ingenuity in discovering or forcing analogies between the circumstances into the midst of which the text introduces us, and those in which he and his people found themselves in crossing the threshold of the fifth year of the present pastorate. He should introduce the incidents of that scene of affectionate salutaheroic purpose, only as they might suggest themselves in the way of illustrating and emphasizing the duty of the present hour-solemn praise to God and fresh courage in During my first year of labor among you

said the preacher, we were visited with a calamity in the destruction of our church building by fire. It was a staggering blow. and save all that was venerable and sacred in their old associations. But we resolved to build anew. Meanwhile, this hall was secured. Whatever may be said of it as a resort in such an emergency, it is not to be denied that its occupancy has been attended with great inconveniences, bearing with special weight upon the aged and infirm, some of whom have been utterly debarred from meeting with us by reason of its inaccessibility. And had it been foreknown that such would have been the mechanical and other difficulties in the way of our building enterprise, that this fourth anniversary ser-mon would be preached in this hall, had we known what we were undertaking when we made that resolve, doubtless we should have forborne the effort. And there were those among us who, as these difficulties developed themselves, shook their heads and pronounced the undertaking a great mistake. So, perhaps, did Paul's friends regard his appeal to Cæsar, yet it gave him passage, stormy in-deed and perilous, to the imperial city, where, as elsewhere, he could display to perishing men the cross of Christ wherein he gloried. But you can easily satisfy yourselves now that we make no mistake. Of the one twenty-live additions made to

our church during my pastorate, ninety-four are dated within the period of our tenancy here. Dispite all its inconveniences, it has been attended with an average yearly accession of thirty to our members. evening of each week. The attendance is large, rivalling the numbers ordinarily giving, the preacher presented an array of figures from the financial statistics of the church, truly remarkable and suggestive. He had been remonstrated with, three years ago, when, in full view of all the burdens of

the work to do at home, he had deprecated the slightest abatement in the contributions of the church for the great general interests of Evangelical Christianity. It was asking too much, was the plea. The people will not tolerate such a pressure. But see the result. The sum of the paid subscriptions of the church, said he, for the first year of my pastorate was \$10,786; of the second, just after being turned out of our sanctuary home, \$19,250; of the third, \$53,600; of the fourth, \$54,319. In a word, a comparison between the contributions for exclusively congregational objects made, severally, in the first year of my pastorate and the one now cle shows an advance of two hundred and fifty per cent., while if the total amount assesse upon themselves by the people of this church, as a body, for all the purposes of religion, be taken into account, the per centage rises to five hundred. May we not feel that we have passed the crisis in the history of our church. and that nothing but the forfeiture of the The Bishop justly represented this state Divine favor, so abundantly bestowed here-tofore, can forbid a most triumphant future? The present status of the church was then

referred to; the advanced progress of the handsome and capacious chapel building, and the number and especially the quality of its membership, never before so large-400 names, known, resident, usable. Special mention was made of the incalculable value to the church of the unusually large proportion of young Christians on the roll In discussing the future of his course, the

preacher spoke guardedly, both as respects the general uncertainty of what is before us, and the special danger of giving way to the spirit of Pharisaic self-gratulation. He reminded his hearers that their work was far which attained such a popularity that plished in the past may be safely regarded as significant for the future. As respected the building enterprise, the raising of \$110,000 which involved the principle congregation without Sabbath services, during the last two years gave hopeful promise. Reference was again made to the are told, to get all ready. It will be a working quality of the membership. Yet octave volumes. Dr. Jenks was a gradument on the old house were they to be satisfied—to repeat the folly ate of Harvard, of the class of 1797. great improvement on the old house, of Laodicea? Was Paul satisfied with what and we trust will soon be filled with was already accomplised in Rome, when he the Spirit's presence, as weil as with a was cordially met on its environs? We have seventy-four. The Peques Church is Seminary.

Seminary.

Seminary. in our progress thus far? What sort of a spirit was it that Paul felt to be reinforced The large church of Augusta, which within him, when he was welcomed to the has been Congregational in form, but saintly brotherhood in Rome? All this let our thanksgiving mean and be, as we enter

upon another year of mutual labor. The conclusion, in which was presented the This, we are told, has been quietly and peacefully done, as most of its members are vain without the blessing of God, was specially effective. You see, said the pseaker, an army seated before the granite walls of a that will secure outside sympathy.

be the instrument. But, you say, this is scarce a hundred weight of metal, and if the scarce a numerou weight or metal, and if the sinews of the thousand right arms of all this host could concentrate their force in hurling that ball it would fall harmless from those battlements. They point you, again, to a cannon. But, you say, what is that but a mass of dead matter? They show you the powder that is to charge it. Yes, you say, but what are these little grains? A child may spill them, and a dove may pick them up. Then they show you the one spark of up. Then they show you the one spark of fire that makes those grains a lightning charge, and that ball a bolt terrible as if shot from a thunder cloud. And, O! what are sermons, prayer-meetings, Sabbath-schools, spacious aisles or fretted roofs, the largest spacious asses of freeted roots, the largest free-will offerings, and of what avail all these, if they are all lifeless in the absence of the quickening Spirit of God? Let earnest prayer to Him who answereth by fire call the lessings down.

We are happy to learn that the congregation will probably be able to assemble in one part of their fine edifice as early as January

BRITISH EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE-SYMPATHY WITH AMERICAN BRETHREN. -" Irenæus," of the N. Y. Observer, writes from Bath, England, some account of the meeting of the British Evangelical Alliance in that city, last month. He says that on Thursday morning, after the hour of prayer, the Rev. Dr. M'Cosh, who lately visited America, gave a history of his tour Acts, xxiii. 15: "Whom when Paul saw, in the United States, exhibiting the he thanked God, and took courage." After physical, moral and political condition giving the interesting historical necus of the of the country. It was a production of an intelligent, candid philosopher, who comprehended great things, and did not overlook little things, and who, in a few weeks' travel, found a more correct, complete and satisfactory idea of the country, than many small men would have done in years. Dr. M'Cosh reported the formation of the American Evangelical Alliance, and no one event of the year was hailed with so much satisfaction and joy as this. When the delivery of this account was concluded. the liveliest demonstrations of joy were made; resolutions of thanks and congratulation were adopted by rising, speeches were made in which the warmest expressions of affection for America were repeated in the strongest terms, and the entire session was given to this one subject, which was evidently the most pleasingly exciting theme that came before the Alliance.

> THE METEORIC SHOWER .- The astronomers missed a figure somewhere. City and country were all on the qui vive on the nights of the 13th and 14th of November. A meteor or two was seen in this city, and may commonly be seen on a clear November night, but there was nothing which paid for the sitting up. Some short-fellow took the disappointment in humorous as well as good temper, and sent the following, under the heading of "Letter from a Milkman," to the N. Y. Christian Intelli-

The midnight hour was coming fast, When a tall youth beside me passed And toward Weehawken's height did cast A starlit eve.

His white slouched hat and his coat-tail Looked like a meteor in a gale As up the heights he kept his trail, With starlit eye.

This morning at the break of day, As I was coming down that way A lifeless form on Weehawk lay With starless eye.

neteor-shot had pierced his brow, His heart was cold as winter's snow, His soul had fied to find Leo— Up in the sky. Milky Way Dairy, Hoboken, Nov. 14th.

CLERGYMEN IN CIVIL OFFICES .- At a public meeting held last Sabbath evening in the Church of the Epiphany in this city, by the Liberian Church Committee, (Episcopal) the Liberian Bishop Payne stated the somewhat singular fact, that the President, Vice President, Secretary of State and Attorney General of the republic of Liberia are all Presbyterian ministers. The reason given is that the great want of educated men seems to compel ministers to take part in the government. For the same reason a considerable portion of the same class are obliged to lend their services to the mercantile enterprises of the country. of things as a very undesirable one, and urged the adoption of a plan which might free the clergy of his own Church from the entanglements of civil and secular vocations.

A DISTINGUISHED CLERGYMAN DE-CEASED.—Boston papers announce the death of Rev. William Jenks, D.D., of Boston. He died in that city on the 13th inst., in the 88th year of his age. which attained such a popularity that over twenty thousand copies were subwhich involved the printing of one hundred and twenty thousand imperial The venerable Horace Binney, of this city, was his classmate, and is now the only survivor of the class.

Church Burned.—The house of worship of the U. P. church at King's Creek, Ky., was burned on the night of October 27th. The United Presbyterian, with particular information of the circumstances, presumes it to have been the work of an incendiary. The principles of civil and religious liberty have been faithfully proclaimed from the pulpit, and the border State ruffians have the custom