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A CONVERT.—At the congregational prayer-meeting of the Clarke Street M. E. Church, Chicago, a Roman Catholic priest, Rev. Father Kenny, of Dubuque, Iowa, arose and formally renounced the Romish faith, in regard to which his mind had been agitated by doubts for some time past. He stated his reasons for this change, and produced satisfactory credentials as to character, from his bishop and the clergy.

It is understood that the Evangelical Alliance have secured Mr. Kenny's services for missionary work among the Roman Catholics of New York.

ENTANGLED IN ECCLESIASTICAL TAPE.—Rev. Henry S. Kelsey, lately of Granby, found some difficulty in getting installation over the First Congregational church at Rockville, Conn., the council objecting that he was not dismissed by council from Granby. The Rockville council finally decided to proceed with the installation, but put on record a protest against the informal dismissal at Granby. A protest is a capital relief for tender-footedness.—Independent.

We hardly know whether or not we ought to be gratified at finding that we, poor hide-bound Presbyterians, do not enjoy a monopoly of the red-tape formality which the Independent and similar journals are so fond of laying at our doors. We trust that they will learn to cease ascribing the sins of individuals to a system, when they find that such sins are common to every system.

UNCLE SAMUEL'S BRAND.—It has been proposed in Congress that the Government should buy up all the distilleries in the nation and turn whisky-maker for the nation; in order to put a stop to current frauds on the revenue. Our respect for Uncle Sam's revered name would hardly be increased by seeing it on the head of a barrel of Old Bourbon or Jersey Lightning; nor would our confidence in public men increase if Washington were turned into a national distillery office, and our legislators had the privilege of ordering "5000 extra" bottles "for the use of the Senate."

PUSEY'S EIRENICON.—Dr. Pusey has had his thanks for his conciliatory efforts. His Eirenicon has been put into the Roman Index Expurgatorius. Some of our Roman Catholic contemporaries are very merry over this stigma, and speak as if Dr. Pusey would hardly survive it. For ourselves, we can only congratulate Dr. Pusey that he is found in such good company. Scarcely a book has appeared in Europe (inside or outside the Romish Church) that answered any widely asked question, or conquered any new domain of knowledge, without being put (along with much trash, of course), on the Index.

May we ask our Catholic friends two questions.—What is the practical use of a condemnation that cannot be pronounced till the book has been read and re-read by "the faithful," and is almost out of print? How many books have been (like Newton's Principia and Bishop Bull's Defensio Fidei), first put on the Index and then republished by the Romish monastic orders?

In Dr. Pusey's case we do not wonder at this small vengeance. His foolish book was mainly composed of more foolish (and blasphemous) expressions from the popes and the doctors—declarations which Dr. Newman declared sounded to him like "a bad dream." No wonder, then, that they were glad to bury it out of their sight.

THE EYRE PROSECUTION FOR MURDER.—This case has had some new developments. Tennyson has joined the ranks of Gov. Eyre's defenders, and Mr. Coleridge, Q. C., has withdrawn from the prosecuting counsel. But these losses are more than compensated to the prosecution by the publication of two insulting letters written to a member of Parliament by Lieut. Brand, the presiding officer of the Jamaica court-martial, plainly showing that this officer, to whom the grave-duty of presiding in 189-life and death cases was entrusted by Gov. Eyre, is "an underbred, ignorant, larking young naval lieutenant... cruel from levity," but who "had the most delicate of intellectual and moral duties to perform in more life and death cases than all the now living judges in England."—Spectator.

Governor Eyre, it is announced, was to be arraigned at the sittings of the Central Criminal Court, which was to commence on the 17th inst., but some months must elapse before the trial can take place. It appears that a circular has been sent to the commanding officer of every volunteer regiment, appealing for funds to assist Mr. Eyre at his approaching trial.

GENERAL SYNOD OF GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH.—This body, the supreme judiciary of a growing and living Church, has just closed its biennial session at Dayton, Ohio. The main topic of interest was the liturgy of the Church. Both the Eastern and Western Synods have been preparing forms of worship, and the Eastern liturgy is now finished and was presented to the General Synod for approval. The Committee on the Liturgy reported, recommending that the Eastern Synod's liturgy be authorized for optional use, but that final action be postponed till the Western Synod's liturgy is also ready. The Westerners stoutly opposed this, as the Eastern liturgy represents a very "advanced type of Mercersburg doctrine," and teaches:

"Deliverance from the power of the Devil, the remission of sin, and the gift of a new and spiritual life by the Holy Ghost, through the sacrament of baptism which Christ hath ordained for the communication of so great grace."

It directs, also, the use of this formula of absolution:—"Unto as many of you, therefore, beloved brethren, as truly repent of your sins, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and are resolved to walk in the newness of life, I announce and declare, by His authority and in the name of Christ, by His minister, that your sins are forgiven in heaven, according to His promise in the Gospel, through the merit of Jesus Christ our Lord."

These new features were stoutly defended, especially by Dr. J. H. Nevins, though it was admitted that this is an advance upon anything of the kind heretofore known in the Reformed Church.

THE MERCERSBURGH REVIEW.—This Quarterly, which was discontinued in 1864, after an existence of twelve years, is to be renewed under the editorship of Prof. H. Harbaugh. Its platform remains unchanged:—"With the [Apostles'] creed, the Review regards Jesus Christ as the central Revealer of the Mystery of the Holy Trinity; the true and ultimate principle of all revelation; the new Head and Life of humanity, restored in His Person, and to be glorified in Him by the Holy Ghost; the central Principle and the fundamental basis of the Church. Hence it holds all theology to be Christological; and because Christological, also Historical; and because both these, truly positive."

The Review will therefore represent the Mercersburg School in presenting Reformed doctrine from the standpoint of Calvin and Zanchius, rather than of Zwinglius and the later divines.

OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

WESTERN DIVISION.

It was arranged last August at the Sabbath-school Convention at Utica, to divide the State into three portions, for additional Sunday-school conventions. One such was held not long since in Rome, and one this week in Batavia. This last embraces for its district, the thirteen western counties of the State, and many of them were well represented; about four hundred delegates, we should judge, being in attendance. S. P. Sherwood, Esq., of Buffalo, was made President, Rev. J. E. Gilbert, of Buffalo, Corresponding Secretary, and Chairman of the Business Committee. The meeting commenced on Tuesday afternoon, closed on Thursday afternoon, and was occupied in addresses, discussions, devotional exercises, and music, like other Sunday-school Conventions. Mr. Pardee, of New York, and Philip Phillips, the sweet singer, were present, and aided much to render the occasion one of interest and profit. Addresses were made by Drs. Shaw, Campbell, Daggett, and many others, some of them admirable; and much was done, it is hoped, to exalt the Sabbath-school work in the estimation of all.

Hon. Frederick Starr called the attention of the Convention to the importance of doing something for temperance in the Sabbath-schools, and resolutions were passed recommending the formation of societies on the principle of the Bands of Hope. Among the earnest Sunday-school workers present, we noticed Mr. Niles, of Corning, Waldo, of Hornellsville, Cook, of Buffalo, and many others. The exercises were varied by the presence of the children on Thursday afternoon, when Mr. Gilbert gave an example of the method of opening a Sunday-school, also an object-lesson to the infant class. Mr. Pardee gave a short lesson in the geography of Palestine, on the blackboard, and Mr. Phillips illustrated his manner of teaching the children new tunes.

A resolution was passed, advising every county in Western New York, to hold an annual Institute for the training of teachers; and another recommending the Sunday-school Standard, published by Mr. Gilbert in Buffalo.

The hospitality of the good people of Batavia was large and generous; the parting exercises of the Convention, tender and pleasant. It was both a profitable and enjoyable occasion. And yet we have doubted the wisdom of holding these "District Conventions." Do we need anything between that of the State and the county? Is there not danger of overdoing the matter?

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The first meeting of the "Permanent Committee on Sabbath-schools," appointed by the last General Assembly, was held on Tuesday, 18th inst., in Batavia. The suggestion was made that it should be called at that place, because it was supposed that some of its members would be there at that time, in attendance upon the Sunday-school Convention above named. But

owing to the imperfect notice given, or from some other cause, a small number of the Committee were present, and yet enough to organize. Rev. Dr. Shaw was chosen Chairman; Rev. C. P. Bush, Secretary, and E. T. Huntington, Esq., Treasurer.

After deliberating a good part of the afternoon upon the subject as presented in the report of the Standing Committee before the last General Assembly, it was resolved to call another meeting on the first Tuesday of February, to be held in Rochester, when it is hoped that a larger number of the Committee may be assembled for a two-days' meeting, and for full and careful deliberation on all the points likely to demand the attention of the Committee.

To be more fully prepared for such adjourned meeting, Rev. Dr. Campbell and Mr. Huntington, of Rochester, were appointed a committee to report at that time an "order of business;" and Rev. Charles E. Knox, of New Jersey, to prepare a "general analysis" of the Sunday-school work. It was also made the duty of the Secretary to give to all the members of the Permanent Committee due notice of said adjourned meeting, which notice, we presume, has already been sent to each member, and a full meeting is hoped for in February. It is hoped that the members of the Committee will all feel the importance of being present at that time, and of coming prepared to spend so much time as shall be necessary to get the new machinery into working order.

FESTIVAL.

On Wednesday, 5th instant, a very successful festival and fair were held by the Presbyterian Church in Byron, to raise money for the upholstering of their renovated church edifice. Before receiving its new slips the audience-room furnishes a very convenient place for such a gathering, and their seemed to be quite a disposition among the people to make the most of it. They came in force; tables were spread; refreshments served, and fancy articles, made by cunning fingers, were offered for sale. The object and the pleasant occasion combined to attract the money out of generous pockets. The result was, in that little place, three hundred dollars realized, to be used in making attractive and comfortable the interior of the church now made almost new.

CHRISTMAS COMING.

This is manifest by a look over book-stores. O. D. Grosvenor, at the Tract Department, has a beautiful array of holiday gifts, the choicest religious works of all the leading publishers, those of our own Publication Committee included. Those who are providing for the little folks, or seeking something for friends of maturer years, may here find that which not only pleases the taste, but fills the mind and refines the heart. Surely the Christian should seek not merely to gratify, but also to profit by the pleasant remembrances of this happy season of the year.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Dr. Chester, of Buffalo, is for the present supplying the pulpit of the Congregational church at Angola, twenty miles west of Buffalo. Rev. I. O. Fillmore, late of Syracuse, is engaged as stated supply of the Presbyterian church of Knowlesville. GENESEE. ROCHESTER, Dec. 22, 1866.

LETTER FROM "AMBEROSE."

DEAR PRESBYTERIAN:—Some time since I observed that you put us upon "the frontiers," here in the Saginaw region. Well, that is where we are; but if you think us to be quite out of the world, so that, if the Synod should come up here next fall—as it is to do—it will find no suitable place for itself, you are a trifle mistaken. It may be late in the day to say it, but it is still true, that the size, importance and progress of places in the West, are not to be measured by the number of years they have been settled. It does not follow that, because a town in Pennsylvania or Massachusetts takes up two hundred years in reaching a population of two thousand people, with two or three churches, that any such a time is requisite in the new States. This Bay City only began to grow in earnest since 1860, but it has now six thousand inhabitants, and taking in its suburbs, eight thousand.

During the past summer I visited Massachusetts, and the old town of my boyhood. I had been hearing of its wonderful progress for the last thirty years, and I was told when there, that it was growing faster than any town in the State. I was curious, therefore, to know how many people it now had, after so many years of progress. I found that, taking in all the farmers in the country around, it could make out about two thousand. Now, a place at the West of which so much had been reported, would, in that time, have been grown all the way from ten thousand to the size of Chicago or San Francisco.

When the writer hereof went to Chicago to reside, in 1848, it was just about the size of Bay City to-day. Bay City grows at present very much as Chicago did then. But no place in the Saginaw region will probably equal Chicago; and yet there are resources for towns of twenty, thirty, or fifty thousand people, about as quickly as they can be built. No part of Michigan is now growing at all like this. We were counting up our churches, the other day, and found that the last one makes the ninth, with still another

in process of formation. My friend, however, made a semi-reservation in the remark: "If you call the Universalist a church." This reminded me of a story. A youth says, in banter, to his friend, "How many legs has a calf, if you call his tail one?" "Five, of course," is the reply. "No," says the questioner; "calling it one does not make it one, does it?"

But the Synod is not to meet here next year, but at Saginaw City, fifteen miles south of here, and up the river. Saginaw City is about the same size as this place, but is the oldest town on the river. East Saginaw, three miles this way, and across the river from Saginaw City, and on the same side with Bay City, is the largest place on the river, claiming about ten thousand. There is a railroad from Detroit to East Saginaw, partly built to Bay City, to be finished next season. A road is also building from Jackson, on the Michigan Central, to Saginaw City, and one north to Bay City, on the west side of the river, thence to go on to Mackinaw.

CHURCH ERECTION.

It seems evident that a new spirit is actually getting abroad in regard to church erection. The new secretary seems to go at it in a kind of rational way, as if it could be managed like any other eleemosynary undertaking. Of course it will go, if rightly handled, for it is a just and good cause. The secretary, in his misssives, takes to excusing and apologizing for the procedures of his predecessors. This is all right and charitable. He says, for instance, that the managers were as far advanced as the Church was at that time; and in substance, that nobody knew any better. I wish to stick a pin there. There was always a minority who objected and protested against the shape of that thing, from the first. I could never hear good Dr. McLane read his reports—and I heard, I think, three of them—with any patience. The whole thing seemed manifestly wrong.

Nor was "all the fault in the plan." It was in the whole management. And if now the thing is managed as it has been—with all the array of legal documents, bonds, deeds, endowments—on the "pound of flesh principle," it will not go. Benevolence is benevolence, and business is business. But you cannot too far mix them. The law and the Gospel have certain understood relations to each other; but Paul shows plainly that a man cannot put himself under the guidance of both at the same time.

In one Synod where the matter came up, there was quite a disposition to grumble with the old arrangements, and to suspect the new; but I think our people will fall in with the new, and that it may become a highly popular work. Still, in some quarters it cannot be hurried. Time will have to be taken to forget old irritations.

AMBEROSE.

BAY CITY, MICH., Dec. 17th, 1866.

News of our Churches.

THE FESTIVAL recently held at the Clinton Street Church, for the Sabbath-schools, was quite a little success. The sales amounted to \$750; nett proceeds \$600. Several valuable presents were made to the pastor and his lady, by subscriptions included in the above amount. That at the Western Church was also successful, netting about seven hundred dollars.

THE PRESBYTERY OF STUREN met at Painted Post, Dec. 11, and chose Rev. M. B. Gelston, Moderator. Rev. D. F. Judson, of Addison, the last Moderator, preached the opening sermon, on the subject of "Contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints." It was a clear, well-reasoned discourse on the importance of giving more prominence to the distinguishing doctrines of the Presbyterian Church. Rev. D. F. Judson was appointed Commissioner to the General Assembly, and Rev. M. B. Gelston his alternate.

A young man was taken under the care of Presbytery who is in a course of preparation for the ministry.

In the reports of the state of religion within our bounds, some interesting facts were presented. In Corning the society are erecting a church at a cost of \$20,000. About one hundred individuals have been added to the church there during the past year. Rev. Mr. Niles, their minister, is training them by means of a Maternal Association, Female Prayer-meeting, Youths' Organized Prayer-meeting, Bands of Hope, Catechetical class, etc.

The church in Addison is erecting a parsonage, having been greatly strengthened by additions during the past year.

Large additions have been made to the churches in Hammondport, Painted Post, Howard and others. But the most interesting matter before Presbytery was the installation of Rev. Dr. Wakeman over the church in Painted Post. The Doctor was settled twenty-one years over his first charge in Almond. He now enters upon his second charge with ripe experience and a warm, devoted heart, and is receiving a cordial welcome in the affections of his people.

The exercises of the installation were of an interesting character. Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Rochester, preached the sermon, discoursing eloquently on the "Treasure in earthen vessels." He held the congregation in breathless attention, by the simplicity, pertinency, and speciality of his thoughts, and by his quiet gracefulness and subdued earnestness of manner. The interest in

Dr. Campbell was increased by the fact that he was born in the adjoining town of Campbell, and taught school in Painted Post two years, in his early struggles to obtain an education.

Rev. Dr. Gregory, of Prattburg, gave a fatherly charge to the pastor, and Rev. Mr. Niles addressed pointedly the congregation. Two of our important churches are without ministers, Prattburg and Howard. One of our number, Rev. Wm. A. Wolcott, has gone to his rest and reward since our last meeting. Presbytery will meet in Hammondport on the second Tuesday in June, 1867. OBSERVER.

REV. JAMES W. RAYBON has removed from Springfield, Susquehanna Co., to LeRaysville, Bradford Co., Pa., and has taken charge of the Congregational church at the latter place.

REVIVAL IN HOLLEY, N. Y.—A revival of great power is in progress in Holley church, New York. Rev. Nathan Bosworth's, Rev. W. C. Steel, of Auburn, and Rev. C. C. Kimball, of Le Roy, have aided the pastor in some special services. The meetings have been attended with manifest influences of the Spirit, and some forty are indulging hope of having passed from death into life. It is a long time since a revival of marked power has been enjoyed in this place, and the interests of the Church had run low, but better times are now at hand, as the reward of faithful pastoral and evangelistic labors. The Baptists and Presbyterians, we believe, are cordially united in the efforts to save souls.

DANVILLE, N. Y.—The church in Danville, having been found too small for the growing congregation, has been lengthened twenty-feet.

LANSING, MICH.—The Franklin Street Church have had eighty-six persons added to the membership of the church during the year.

AVON SPRINGS, N. Y.—The organization of a church at this place, according to the arrangements announced in a former issue, was accomplished on the 11th inst. Two deacons and three ruling elders were ordained.

WESTERN CHURCH, WASHINGTON.—A recent letter says:—"As a church, we have recently been enjoying glorious times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." Our last communion Sabbath was a memorable one—out of the old beaten track of things—so much so that we could scarcely persuade ourselves that we were the same church; and we doubt it yet. We have been made to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, have been lifted into a newer and purer atmosphere, and are now moving forward upon a far higher plane. Thirty-nine united with the church; thirty-three on profession of faith, and six on certificate. Eighteen are married persons—eight male and ten female. Nine are teachers in the Sabbath-schools, and fourteen are from the number of our larger scholars. Fifteen were baptized—seven adults and eight children. Our thanks are due to Dr. J. C. Smith, and his cousin, Rev. G. H. Smyth and other ministers of the city, who were so ready to preach to us the word, and who preached it to us so faithfully."

CHEMANGO PRESBYTERY met in the Second Congregational Church of Coventry (Rev. A. J. Bull's, formerly Father John B. Hoyt's) on October 16th. Two licentiates were ordained to the office and work of Evangelists—Mr. Thomas Thompson, received from the Oneida Association, and Mr. Peterson J. Abbott, formerly from the Presbytery of Albany. Encouraging reports as to the state of religion within bounds, showing that Sherbourne, Oxford and Coventry had been more or less blessed with revivals; that Sabbath-schools were prosperous; the church boards liberally contributed to, and efforts successfully made to increase of ministerial support.

The Presbytery met again, November 13th, (by request) to ordain and install Mr. W. H. Sawtell over the church in Nineveh.

NEVADA, IOWA.—A correspondent of the Evangelist reports a steady growth of this three-years old church. Its membership numbers thirty-two, and its Sabbath-school one hundred. Its numbers have been reduced by death and removal. Last winter they determined to build a house of worship. Having raised about \$1400, they commenced the erection of a church, twenty-six by forty-four feet, with vestibule and belfry-tower.

Lumber and labor both rose, and the work was delayed by bad weather. About this time, a Christian friend in Pittsburgh came to our aid with \$250, and subsequently with \$350; and the church at Yellow Springs, Iowa, also gave us a good collection. But still with this help we are not yet in our house, though it is plastered, and we will be able to put in the windows and doors and give it a coat of paint; the pulpit and seating remain to be added. We purpose to go in the first of January.

As the church is a poor one, and about \$1000 is needed to finish the work, they ask help in their undertaking.

LANSING (MICH.) PRESBYTERY.—The first meeting of this newly constituted Presbytery was held on the 13th and 14th insts. It consists of ten churches and six ministers, and occupies a central and important location—the capital of the State and the point of railroad convergence. The meeting was an impressive one. A correspondent of the Evangelist writes:—

The meeting proved what some had prayed and hoped it might be, a most precious and profitable season. There are but four ministers and eight messengers from the churches (one or two of the latter not ordained elders).

We met in the Franklin Street Church in this city, and at the first session, in spite of bad weather, we had a fine audience, and an earnest sermon from Rev. H. Kittredge, of Mason, spreading out before us our work as a home missionary organization. Very little routine business was done. Rev. A. Bryant was chosen Moderator, and Rev. J. E. Weed the Temporary Clerk, and subsequently the latter was made Standing Clerk. The time was given to recitals from the regions round about us, (most of which Brother Bryant has himself traversed), and to mapping out our work for these regions. To each point of interest, some brother, lay or clerical, was appointed as a sort of missionary, and he is to bring definite report at our next meeting, which is to be one month after the first. An urgent request was sent to this meeting from Grand Lodge, twelve miles northwest of us, by eighteen persons, desiring Presbytery to go at our earliest convenience to organize them into a Presbyterian Church. On Tuesday, the 10th inst., we met to do this, and still further to plan and pray that the Master may lead us in our work.

To be a living missionary body is our ambition. The closing service of our late meeting was one of most precious interest, held in the evening of the second day. It was a communion service, and the Moderator presided. Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Kittredge and Weed, tender, earnest, and all looking toward the particular labor which is given us here, to occupy and build up this new and needy region. After the addresses and distribution of the elements, the Moderator very happily led us into a familiar conference, in which, with a tender and melting spirit, the elders and members of the congregation freely participated. Uniting in a hymn and prayer of consecration, we went to our homes feeling that it had been good to be there.

NEW PARSONAGE AT RACINE, WIS.—The First Church dedicated a beautiful parsonage, on November 8th, which has cost them \$6638. It is a substantial building, in the Italian style, with heavy, square roof, piazza, two stories and a rear extension. It is admirably fitted for both parlor and housewife, and complete and convenient down to the slightest detail. Among other things:—

"The parlor and library fire-places, are fitted with grates and handsome marble mantels; the parlor and hall have tasteful stucco cornice, and rich centre-pieces over the chandelier, while every room in the house is provided with gas. All the front windows have inside folding shutters, and all the others have outside blinds. The well, cistern, pumps, &c., are all complete and in perfect order."

The Racine Advocate says:—"The First Presbyterian Society is not wealthy, but it was free from debt, and numbers among its members many enterprising spirits, as well among the ladies as their husbands; in their hearts it was decided that a parsonage must be built, and a Society meeting was called, the subject talked up, another meeting ordered, plans adopted, and a Building Committee appointed."

CANTON, O.—On the 9th inst. eleven adults were received to full communion—four by letter, seven by examination—making thirty-three in one year. The congregation are contemplating the erection, next season, of a commodious house of worship, to keep pace with the growth of the city, which has already nine large manufacturing establishments.

MINISTERIAL.—Rev. Horace Bushnell has removed to Southport, Ind., and is laboring in the Southport and Greenwood churches.—Rev. Dr. Speers is visiting Dubuque, Iowa, at the request of the Second Church.—Rev. C. H. Wheeler, of the last graduating class of Auburn Theological Seminary, is supplying the church at New Milford, Pa.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND.—The church in this place, numbering one hundred and twenty members, is now ministered to by Rev. J. H. Johnson; Dr. Tuttle having resigned, to devote himself exclusively to academical duties.

WABASH COLLEGE.—It is intended to begin enlarging the college building in the spring, at a cost of \$30,000. A call is made by its friends for an increase of the endowment. The college has sent out one hundred and seventy graduates, nearly half of them into the ministry.

THE "SUNNY SIDE."—On the 7th inst. the family of the undersigned were on the quiet, having a week since received intimation of a general farewell visit of the Presbyterian congregation of Port Penn, at that date in anticipation of his removal to another field. But when the train of carriages and loaded wagons intermingled drove up, they were taken quite aback, having had no hint that the guests were to come thus full-handed. No small confusion attended the improving room and receptacles for the coffee, sugars, pies, cakes, butter, lard, sausages, dried and canned fruits; for the ducks, turkeys and chickens; for the bags of wheat, corn, oats, apples, potatoes, &c., &c.

Most of the families in that congregation, though four miles distant, were represented. At the close of an evening of refreshing interchanges, one of the visitants, in a pertinent speech, addressed the host, conveying sentiments peculiarly grateful to a pastor of many years to carry away to new scenes, also placing in his hand a roll of greenbacks as a tangible expression of the same sentiments.

After devotional exercises, the company parted, all feeling it to have been a pleasant and memorable occasion—one of the cases in the wilderness of life. The purse exceeded fifty dollars, and this sum was duplicated by the value of other articles. This public notice is deemed due to the parties concerned; since the affair seems a befitting finale to a pastor's of twelve years, having been certainly among the happiest ones of that duration—a pastorate overcast with the shadow of comparatively few saddening and disquieting events—a pastorate unsurpassed in the constancy and fervor of the regard demonstrated to their pastor by the body of the congregation.

H. J. GAYLORD.

ARE WE TWO COUNTRIES?—A movement looking to the erection of a monument in honor of Stonewall Jackson, has assumed a definite shape of practical realization. The memorial chapel will be erected in harmony with the other buildings appertaining to the institute. Statues and memorial tablets will adorn the walls in honor of the rebel dead of the institute. The central figure in the chapel will be the marble statue of Jackson, surrounded by busts of Rhodes, Garland, Crutchfield and others. We quote the above from one of our dailies. If such things go on we shall yet become two countries.