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A TRIBUTE TO DR. BRAINERD.

The following letter, which appeared in the Cincinnati Herald a few weeks ago, will be read with interest by the many friends of Dr. Brainerd among our subscribers :--

A few weeks ago, while visiting in Cincin-nati, I received a letter from a friend in Philadelphia, which enclosed a withered leaf which had been plucked from Dr. Brainerd's newly-made grave. Since then it has been my mournful privilege to visit this hallowed spot, and, as there are not a few readers of the *Herald* who will also prize a memento from this grave, I entrust to them a simple memorial.

The brief newspaper telegrams which an-nounced the death of Dr. Brainerd, from apoplexy, in Scranton, Pa., August 22d, could give no particulars to distant friends of the manner of his departure. It was a trans-lation rather than a death. He retired at 9 o'clock P. M., in usual health, and shortly after slept; at one o'clock A. M., as we compute time, he awoke in heaven, having known neither struggle nor pain in the awakening. Within three minutes from the time his loud breathing aroused his wife, medical aid was at hand—but in vain; the pulse was gone, and his children, who hastened to his chamber to minister, found themselves standing beside his inanimate clay. The cheek rested upon his hand, which pressed the pillow in the easy posture of slumber; but it was the slumber of death.

At nine o'clock the same morning, his family set out for Philadelphia with the remains. They were attended from his daughter's residence to the depot by the clergymen of Scranton, of whatever denomination, and by the leading citizens of the town, who came spontaneously in a body, to proffer this final tribute to the coffined dead.

The following Saturday afternoon (August 25th) the funeral took place in "Old Pine Street Church," the scene of Dr. Brainerd's pastorate of thirty years. It is said that, except the obsequies of Lincoln, so large a funeral was never known in Philadelphia. Between six and seven o'clock, amid the tears of the multitude, the body was commit-ted to a grave which had been prepared for it, in the churchyard close to the eastern wall of the venerable sanctuary. It was in a small lot enclosed by an iron railing, where already slept "May, the pastor's daughter," and a son, who also died in childhood. The white tombstones which have been accumulating in this somewhat spacious churchyard for more than a century, crowd each other closely, suggesting the thought that in the "Church triumpant," Pine Street Church far outnumbers the throng of communicants which now people her pews. But Dr. Brain erd is the first pastor who has been buried there. Surely he chose well his resting-places where his people might visit it, where the of children in the Sunday-school might float above it, and sounds of the sand tuary, in prayer, in sermon and in song, might hallow it until the resurrection morn.

When I visited this grave, it had been closed six weeks. It was covered with fresh flowers then, and had been kept so, I was condibly informed, ever since the funeral. Each Sabbath morning a fresh wreath of exquisite beauty had been laid upon it, and boquets such as only the resources of the wealthy could command. But it was tributes of another sort which kept up the freshness would slip quietly in as they passed about their week-day work, and lay their single flowers, bedewed with tears, upon the sod.

His congregation constitute a great be-reaved family. The church and the Sunday-school rooms are still heavily draped, and in every service there is mention of the departed. They have found much consolation in the

and elsewhere, scores of men and women who the Senate, Jan. 2d, a bill was introduced are among the most faithful workers in the Master's vineyard, who date their inspiration to the Fourth Church of Cincinnati and its ifying the Constitutional amendment were youthful pastor. Upon some of these he only laid his hand in the rite of infant bap-tism, but through that sanctified "power of the individual" which so characterized the man, his influence ever followed these baptized children, and was largely instrumental in leading them to Christ.

He never forgot them. When he visited Cincinnati the churches of the city rarely knew of his presence, but he called upon each member of the old families within reach, and never onited to stand upon the steps of his "first church," and when access was possible, entered his old pulpit for a few moments, the better to recall the past. This love for Cincinnati did not wane in his better to grant a minimized of Cherch's

atest years. Over the vicissitudes of Christ's kingdom there his tears often fell, for through the Herald and otherwise he kept himself in close sympathy with its life. Cincinnati friends were welcomed to his fireside, and if of the Fourth Church, he would sometimes get out a little old note-book belonging to the early time, for the purpose of talking over and inquiring after the people of long ago. Many of these people upon whom he be-stowed remembrance, were, when he knew them, laborers in the rolling-mills and shipyards of Fulton, poor women who toiled by the day to support their families, or young boys who worked for their scanty bread. This Christ-like trait of preaching the Gos-

pel to the poor was characteristic (although above most Christian ministers, it had been his privilege to bless and to mould, the rich, and was as beautifully revealed in his last work as it had been in his first. During his month in Scranton his most enjoyed recreation was to go at noontime and sit with the begrimed and ignorant miners when they came out from the pits to eat their lunch. Going among them, he would inquire in his

bleasant way, whether there was not room on their plank for another man to sit. They would crowd together and make room for him—and sitting among them he would talk, while they ate, of their homes across the ocean, of their families, their personal habits, and doubtless of the better country, they, the while, not knowing who he was. Leaving them when the signal for return to work was sounded, they would call after him familiarly, expressing in their rude speech the hones wish that he would come again.

From this humble service among the miners Dr. Brainerd, the beloved, passed to his rest and reward. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1, 1866. R. L. B.

Aews of the Week.

THE EXECUTIVE.

Another Pardon.-The ex-rebel General G. French, of Mississippi, has been parloned by the President. The Veto of the District Suffrage bill was

sent to the House Saturday. It is claimed that all the Cabinet but Stanton, and that Fen. Grant himself approved it.

XXXIXth CONGRESS.-Second Session.

Senate.-Jan. 3.-The Judiciary Committee were directed to inquire whether legislation be necessary to prevent the sale of persons into slavery as a punishment for crime. Mr. Howard, of Michigan, gave notice that he would introduce amendments to the bill through the week; these were offerings from his numberless friends among the poor, who would slip quietly in as they passed about called up the bill to prevent the exportation, under fradulent representations, of negroes. Pending its consideration the Senate adjourn-

Jan. 4.-The bill depriving the President of the amnesty power was taken up. Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, made a speech arguing that the power to grant amnesty was vested in the Executive by the Constitution, remembrance of Dr. Brainerd's last sermon in his own puloit. This was on Sabbath, tion. The bill passed—yeas 27, nays 7. It leprives the President of the power to proclaim a general amnesty when he may deem it expedient. Having already passed the House, it goes to the President for approval. By the Amnesty bill, thus repealed, the President could declare, in any proclamation, that he extended amnesty by his own resolu-tion and by the authority and approval of tion and by the authority and approval of Congress. The repeal of the section granting that power will prevent the assertion that Congress intends to sanction a general am-nesty. Congress, on the contrary, by the passage of the bill will protest against the exercise of such clemency as long as the terms

the congregation a mere handful—and Dr. for United States Senator can legally take little light, that which it gets being only the Brainerd was with them but two years. Yet place, the act of Congress on the subject reflection from the walls of the opposite there are to-day, on the banks of the Ohio being liable to different interpretations. In houses. If, however, for the window be substituted another in which all the panes of glass are roughly ground on the outside, and flush with the outer wall, the light from the whole of the visible sky and from the represented. A bill was passed repealing the five per cent. fife on delinquent tax-payers. The Governor's Message was received and read. In the House, a petition was presented motest parts of the opposite wall will be in troduced into the apartment, reflected from the innumerable faces or facets which the rough grinding of the glass has produced. The whole window will appear as if the sky were beyond it, and from every point of this luminous surface light will radiate into all declaring that Michael Mullen, representing the Thirteenth District, is ineligible to office by reason of foreign birth and insufficient residence, and it was agreed to appoint a parts of the room. committee to investigate the matter. The The British Government recently invited

the Fenian prisoners under sentence of death are to have their sentences commuted, and

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lestroyed by fire on the 26th of November.

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the Pope to take refuge in Malta should he Senate resolution for the appointment of a ommittee to decide on the day for election leave Rome. The French Government, how of United States Senator was concurred in. ever, having intimated that if such an offer, coming from a Protestant Government, were Leave was asked to introduce a resolution ratifying the Constitutional amendment, but carried out, it would be a reproach to the Catholic world, Lord Stanley, without withthe necessary two-thirds vote for the suspension of the rules was not secured. drawing the offer, has instructed the British agent in Rome to express publicly his hope that the Pope will not adopt it.

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New York.-In the Legislature, Jan. 2d, notice was given of bills to repeal the railroad anti-free-pass bill, and for the establishment Profits of London Newspapers. - The of a permanent bridge between Brooklyn and yearly profits of the London dailies are stated to be—*Times*, circulation 60,000, profits \$250, 000; *Telegraph*, circulation 165,000, profits New York, across the East river.—The Constitutional amendment passed the Senate with but three dissenting votes. — Superin-tendendent Kennedy has just issued an im-portant order resuming in full force the Po-fits \$125,000; *Morning Advertiser*, circulation ice powers over the subject of illegal rum-25,000, profits \$60,000; Daily News, circula selling, which were quieted for a time by the tion 5000, profits \$25,000; Star, circulation Cardozo decision and others. Notice is thus 20,000, profits \$40,000. iven to every unlicensed dealer in liquors The Fenians -It is reported from Montreal, that it has become known there that

that the law will be rigidly and vigilantly naintained. Massachusetts.-The stocks of liquors at Tuesday, while numbers of the Bostonians were there sleighing. Over 500 liquor shops have been closed in Boston during the past including most of the foreign settlement, was

The total loss is estimated at over \$3,000,

Ohio.—The Legislature, Jan. 3d, passed resolutions ratifying the Constitutional amend-

Maryland.-Hon. Jos. J. Stewart, the un successful candidate for Congress in the Third District, has notified Gen. Phelps that he will contest the election on the ground of fraud by the registrars and revolutionary in-terference on the part of Governor Swann, General Grant, General Canby, and others. North Carolina -Ten thousand freed persons of both sexes celebrated the anniver sary of emancipation at Wilmington, Jan. 1st by a procession. The celebration passed off quietly. In Richmond, Savannab, Charles-ton, Augusta and other Southern cities, there

Arkansas.--A convention has been held in Arkansas at which resolutions have been adopted, looking to a provisional government and indorsing the action of Congress.

Louisiana.-The Congressional Investiga ting Committee completed their labors Jan. 2d. Some witnesses found difficulty in giving their testimony. One important witness, says the *Tribune*, was arrested seven times in twen ty-four hours by the civil authorities, to prevent his testimony being given to the Com mittee, and only reached the room, at last, by being accompanied by United States soldiers. Missouri.—The Senate has ratified the Constitutional amendment.

Utah.-It is stated that twenty-three business firms, composed of Gentiles, have deter-mined to leave Salt Lake City, on account of the hostility of the Mormons.

THE CITY.

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were also celebrations of the anniversary.

icipation or his leaving, during the week, for his summer vacation. The text was Luke xxiv. 29; "Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." He remarked that he left them each year with increasing pensiveness; soon the last parting must come, for with him, the day of life drew on toward its evening; but he said there was a Friend who could abide with them although he might leave them ; and unto the keeping of that Divine Friend he committed them.

A fortnight ago the Sunday-school of the church, together with the two mission schools under their charge, held their anni-versary. Seven hundred children excluded all spectators from the lower part of the audience-room, and their demeanor as sincere mourners was marked.

The uproarious boys from the mission schools all knew and loved Dr. Brainerd from personal contact, and they distinguished themselves by unparalleled good behavior in this house of mourning. For a period extending over the entire life of the principal superintendent and of most of the teachers, Dr. B. had addressed them upon each anniversary occasion. For the first time he was absent, and there seemed a great void in the services, which tears alone could in any degree fill.

The climax of these commemorative services was reached last Sabbath afternoon, when the house, with its spacious galleries, was densely crowded to hear Rev. Mr. Barnes' memorial sermon. This discourse was preached by appointment of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. The text was Daniel xii, first and second verses.

Words fail to adequately convey an idea of the sermon and the scene. The old walls which for thirty years had given back the faithful pastor's well-remembered voice, now resounded with the earnest, tremulous tones of his dearest ministerial friend in sentences of discriminating eulogy, and at length, in the agonized expression of his own sense of personal bereavement. He had come to weep with those who wept, and surely sym-pathy with the living and affection for the dead were never more gracefully blended than in this eloquent tribute of Albert Barnes to the memory of his quarter-century co-worker, Thomas Brainerd.

Dr. Brainerd will long be remembered as preacher, patriot and author, but longer still as pastor. He constituted the model pastor of our day. In his genial presence there was ever light and life for the people of his flock. He baptized the children, and, as they grew up, he watched over them in the sanc tuary and in the street, prayed with and for them, and in due time was permitted to receive numbers of them into the Church of Christ. As soon as qualified, he appointed each to his or her place in the working corps of "Old Pine Street Church," and kept each in place by his untiring vigilance; thus it came to pass that, although the fathers had fallen asleep, and leading families were constantly removing up town, this old far "down town" church at the time of his death was one of the most efficient of our denomination in Philadelphia.

Cincumati's interest in this noble Christian

of restoration are unadjusted. Jan. 7.—The veto of the District Suffrage bill was received, and the bill passed by a vote of 29 to 10.

House.-Jan. 3.-The Reconstruction bill of last April came up in order, the question being on a substitute offered by Mr. Stevens in December, the text of which has already been published. Mr. Stevens spoke in support of the measure, and said that the late port of the measure, and said that the late decision of the Supreme Court had rendered immediate action by Congress indispensable. Mr. Ashley, of Ohio, offered a substitute for Mr. Stevens' bill, similar in its general tone, which was ordered to be printed. Mr. Went-worth, of Illinois, asked leave to introduce a resolution looking to the prevention of the release by the Supreme Court of the Comp release, by the Supreme Court, of the Camp Douglas and assassin conspirators, but failed bjection being made by Mr. Eldridge, of Nisconsin.

Jan. 4.---Many bills were offered, but none acted on, and there was a season of speechmaking on reconstruction. Mr. Stevens' Re-

construction bill acknowledges the validity of existing governments in the ten States for municipal purposes; provides a Commission of three persons for each State to be elected by Congress, paid by the United States, and the expense charged to the State, to superintend elections, and appoint election officers; fixes upon the 7th of May next for election of delegates to Constitutional Conventions, and 3d of June for the meeting of the Conventions; gives the right to vote and to be elected to all adult male citizens; alienizes persons who were of age on the 4th of March, 1861, and who have held office under, or voluntarily sworn allegiance to the Confederate government; provides for their naturalization, like that of other aliens, five years after declaring intentions, renouncing all other alle-giance and taking the oath; requires that the constitutions formed, and laws enacted shall make no distinction founded on lan-guage, race or former condition; "The citi-

zens of said State may present the constitution to Congress," and Congress may approve it, admit the State to the Union and its representatives to Congress.

Jan. 5.-The day was spent in speechmaking, revealing some diversity of views among Republicans as to impeachment. Jan. 7.- A resolution impeaching the President and instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the official conduct of Andrew Johnson was passed, 108 to 38.

THE STATES.

Pennsylvania. - The Legislature met Jan. life finds its origin in these same pastoral qualifications, which in their incipiency bore fair fruits in the old Fourth Church, which still stands on the hill side in the suburb of We key and the suburb of the suburb of the senate, a resolution.⁴ was adopted for the appointment of a joint com-Fulton. This church was feeble and poor- | mittee to decide on the day when an election | custom in building houses, it will admit very

FOREIGN.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

Jan. 2.-Paris,-Napoleon's speech on New Year day to the Diplomatic Corps expressed hopes for peace and conciliation, the stability of thrones, and the prosperity of nations.

Jan. 3.-Paris.-The Moniteur du Seine (semi-official) says that the relations of France with all the powers are most satisfactory, and that Mexico will be evacuated by the French troops as soon as March 1st. without regard to anything the Emperor Maximilian may choose to do.——Vienna.—An extraordin-ary session of the Reichstrath, to be composed of the newly-elected members, embracing the non-Hungarian provinces, is convoked by patent, for the purpose of considering the constitution and condition of Hungary. Constantinople,—The Porte has received news from Western Crete, stating that a heavy battle had been fought between the Turkish army and the Cretans, which resulted in a total defeat of the latter. Two hun-dred Cretans were killed, and the whole army fled in disorder to the sea, where the greater number of the remnant embarked on vessels

for safety. Jan. 4.—*Rome*,—The Pope, in his address to the Corps Diplomatique on New Year's day, significantly dwelt on the hypocrisy of his pretended friends.—*London*.—There was a very severe snow-storm in England last week. It began on Wednesday and con-tinued until Friday morning, almost suspend-ing trade and travel. The snew drifted to a great depth in the rural districts, and

almost choked up the streets of London. July 5.—Paris. Despatches received to-day announce a terrible earthquake in Algeria. Many villages were destroyed and a

large number of lives lost. Jan 6.—*Florence.* Advices from Rome state that Signor Tonelli has so far pro-gressed in his negotiations with the Papal fovernment that he has already been enabled to make a verbal agreement on certain religious points.

U. S. 5-20's, London, Jan. 7, P. M., 73.

The European Governments are still arming. France expects to have 450,000 needle guns ready for use by May next, and Russia has ordered 100 cast-steel cannon from the celebrated works of the Messrs Krupp, at Essen. They are to be paid \$14, 000 for each. Bavaria, too, is arming, hav-ing ordered 96 rifled cannon from a Bohemian foundry.

MISCELLANEOUS.

To Light a Dark Room.—The London Builder recommends a plan for lighting a dark room in which the darkness is caused by its being situated on a narrow street or lane. The Builder says if the glass of a window in such a room is placed several inches within the outer face of the wall, as it is the general



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