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On our inside pages will be found: -On the 2d and 3d pages an unusually large budget of a "Sabbath in Paris" sketches of Protestant and Romish churches and Parisian modes of Sabbath Breaking, "Organized Christian Effort," a thoughtful essay on Sabbath school work; a gossiping Letter from Boston;" more news from our churches in the fur West of Nebraska from our Chicago Correspondent; and an account of Yale College Commence ment; on the sixth page the Family Circle giving the conclusion of "Jessica's First Prayer" with other readable articles; on the seventh page Editor's Table, Rural Economy, and a timely and reliable Scientific article on "Disinfectants and How to use them."

DOCTORATES OF DIVINITY.—Some American Colleges, at least, retain that academical discipline in this matter, which one of our correspondents quotes Edward Irving as so much admiring. The Universe says of the Jesuits' College in the District of Columbia:

"No D.D. was conferred at Georgetown College, at the late commencement. The Professors there have always been quite rigid in the matter of conferring degrees. They examine dreadfully. The secular Priest who runs their gauntlet is no joke in mind or learning. A Virginian once applied to them for the D.D. He got an awful inpaling on philosophy and theology. But he got the dear bought honor by something considera bly less than the enamel of his teeth. In Rome it is not at all difficult to win D.D. But in the Jesuit Colleges first class abilities alone win the distinction." Per contra an Exchange says:

"The Female University of Tennessee has conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity, on one of the editors of the Religious Herald, Rev. A. E. Dickinson." CONTROL OF MERCER

## PRESBYTERIAN UNION CONVENTION. CHANGE OF TIME OF MEETING.

When the proposition to hold a Convention to promote the union of the various churches of the Presbyterian corder, was presented by the subscriber, it was not considered that a large number of Syafter the time originally proposed, and also erally spoken of as one of the most practical and that many who would be expected to enterthat a later date was advisable, and as there is difficulty at this season of obtaining a meetthe requisite arrangements, immediate action in the case being necessary; the subing here, as very many of the best teachers in the hand, said with inexpressible sadness that it was a left, as very many of the best teachers in our Sun-sorier, in concurrence with other members day schools are also the best teachers in our Sun-sorier of think the ideal worked the subject to the su of the Committee, takes the liberty of naming day schools and want to attend both meetings. the 1st Wednesday, (the 6th day) of Nov. as the time when the Convention shall be held in this city. Due notice will be given of the place where the Convention will assemble and the provision made for the accommodation of the delegates.

From the interest already manifested, there is reason to anticipate a large and influential meeting. It is hoped that all the churches of the Presbyterian order, in every part of our land, will be represented, and that measures will be taken which will result in effecting that union among all His people for which the Saviour prayed and which all who have His Spirit so ardeatly GEO. H. STUART.

PHILADELPHIA, July 24th 1867.

[The above circular explains itself. We publish it because, in view of the character and purpose of the Convention itself, we see nothing in the action of our General Assembly at Rochester to prevent our Presbyteries from sending delegates, and, indeed, we understand that some are considering the propriety of doing so. This, we believe, is the view taken by the Reformed Presbyterian Synod's Committee of Arrangements, and the Banner of the Covenant of last week expresses an earnest desire that our Church will not be unrepresented. We commend the matter to the best wisdom of our Synods and Presbyteries ]

CALLED BY CABLE. When the Atlantic Cable was laid a year ago, Rev. John Hall, D.D. of Dublin, was the orator of the occasion at the festivities at Valentia Bay. One year, almost to a day, later the same cable has conveyed to him a call from one of the most influential and wealthiest of our American Churches, the Fifth Avenue Church of New Phelps. 1 (1) VA (1) (1) VA (1) (1) Variable Istelv in the pastoral care of Dr. E. T. Huntington, Sec. y., State Association, Rice. The call was formally made out on Thursday evening last, and was unanimous and very cordial. Dr. Hall was informed of it before leaving our shores, but was requested not to give any final answer till af- commodate the increasing number of convicts. fulness and success in this field. All the pews ter his return home. Dr. Hall has won such We ventured the assertion, that if the dram-shops but five in the new church, had been rented a large measure of popularity during his were closed, there would be no need of enlarging previous to the installation of the visit to our shores, that many would be de the Prison, Que the contrary, we said, that if

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

STATE TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-second annual meeting of this, Asociation was held, as appointed, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last/week in Auburn. It was largely attended by the leading Educators of the State, and was a meeting of great interest and peculiar profit. There was no time wasted. It was all devoted to business. The papers, addresses, and discussions all bore direct y upon the subject of education-what it is; what its defects, as now administered; what im provements are possible, and how to get at them, Among those present, were S. B. Woolworth, LLi.DR Secretary of the Board of Regents, Albany? Prof Chas. Davis, EL. D. of Columbia College, New York; Hon. Victor M. Rice, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Prof. Jas. B. Thompson, LL. D., New York; Prof. Jas. Cruikshank LL. D. Brooklyn Prof Edward North; Hamilton College; Dr. H. B. Wilbur, of the Idiot Asylum, Syracuse, and Dr. J. C. Gallup, of the Houghton Seminary, Clinton.

The latter read a valuable paper in regard to the proper curriculum of studies for Female Colleges, advocating a higher standard of education in such institutions. Prof. North, in his own charming style, presented the subject of "Normali Departments in Colleges." This paper excited peculiar interest, and a copy was requested by the Association for publication. Prof. Davis ead an eloquent paper on the "Nature, Use and Poetry of Mathematics" Addresses were made by Hon: Geol. W. Clinton, of Buffalog Revo Herrick Johnson, D.D., of Pittsburg, and Jothers. Dr. Johnson's theme was, "What shall we study, and in what order shall we study, to secure the highest development?". The speaker would give greater prominence to the classics than to mathematics in a proper course of study, as better adapted to develop attention, taste, judgment What will the much abused honor come to, if instruments, most necessary to complete succe the ladies can give it to every duck of a in any department of active life. Children should preacher? Boys should read Latin intelligently at twelve, and Greek at fourteen. By these studies, the power of gaining knowledge is best acquired. The address was listened to with marked attention, and a copy of this also was requested for

publication. It was supposed that about six hundred teachers were in attendance upon these meetings, the larger portion kindly and hospitably entertained nods and Presbyteries would not meet until by the good people of Auburn. It was very genprofitable meetings in the Association's history. tain the Delegates would then be absent from Newburg is designated as the place of meeting the city. As the suggestion has been made next year, and August 25th, the time. We fear by ministers and members of the different bo- this time may seriously interfere with the meetdies expected to take part in the meeting, ing of the State Sunday School Teachers' Association, which has for many years held its gather-reminds us that in 1854, many daunkards in Coning in the last week of August, although this ing of the Committee appointed to make vear it assembles on the 20th. A care should be the requisite arrangements, immediate ac- had by both Associations that there be no clash-

natter:— ANN AC SIVO. The Sabbath School-Teachers of the State, of New York, are cordially invited to convene in the First Presbyterian Church, (Rev. Wm. C. Wisner, D.D., Pastor,) at Lockport, on Tuesday, August 20, 1867, at 2 ro'clock, P. M., and continue through Wednesday and Thursday, August 21 and 22.

The following is the resolution of the last Con-

vention: " Resolved, That hereafter delegates to the annual convention of this Association, be required to bear certificates of election from their superintendent or secretary, upon the following basis of representation: two delegates to each School, and one additional delegate for every hundred scholars. And the local committees of entertainment at the places where such convention may be held will not be expected to supply entertainment except to such delegates. All other persons regularly belonging to b'any evangelical reschool in the State, are invited to attend, and are admitted to all the privileges of the convention, except entertainment. Also, that local committees shall not be expected to hold places for delegates longer than the arrival of the morning train of the second

day grids for ground to attend the Conven tion, are particularly requested to notify the Chairman on any member of the committees, at Lockport, on or before the Tenth day of August, so that they may make the necessary arrangements for entertainment. The committee will not promise to provide for any delegates who do not comply strictly with the above resolution. Will Pastors and Superinten lents cause a suit able notice of this Convention to be read in their respective Chunches two Sundays in succession previous to the Convention?

There will be a meeting of the several Committees at Lockport, on Monday, August 20; time and place will be given hereafter. A full

Reception Committee at Lockport.—Rev. S. G. Smith, Chairman; Hon. S. Holmes, O. W.

Corresponding Committee at Lockport. W. H. Eager, Chairman; Thos. Scoville, Rev. A. A. Rochester, N. Y. Leading and an analy with the state of t

THE STRONG CONFIRMATION! We recently mentioned the fact that our State Prison at Auburnais being enlarged; so as to ac-

our big prisons, sin five years, swould not have half so many convicts as they now contain.

We see that Rev. Mr. Ives, the excellent chaplain of Auburn Prison, goes further than we did. When asked if he had any hope of the permanent reform of the convicts, he replied with great earnestness, "The reform, to a great extent, is outside the prisonal Banish your whiskey-shops; and Auburn Prison would be empty in five years. Men are sent here, because they have been beguiled by whiskey. We reform them; their time is out; othey ngo out into the world, and are ensnared again by this whiskey net and brought back. More than three fourths of these men are sent here through the direct influence of strong drink!" ad beinger, say adw , wible toog a sense

Mradives thas been the chaplain of Auburn Prison for about ten years; is san active, carnest man, capable of improving the opportunity he has had oferiobservation; lands undoubtedly knows whereof he affirms. We have no doubt his state. ment/is substantially correct./ (There are men in that Prison apparently reformed ; men, who sincerely desire to live sober and industrious lives; men who know that strong drink has brought them into trouble, and in their inmost hearts they wish they might never see or touch or taste another, droptofithe deadly poisons scorgel has

But they come out, and licensed dram shops meet them latherevery, corner of atheastreets. Old, companions invite: them againston take the "social glass." of The itemptation is tool much for them. Soon they are indulging as of old, and wild again withlexcitement. The sober industries of life are too tamerfor themas They must must be lived by atheir wits;" and softhey plunge again into crime, and soon fetchenpragain find Prison teast wire will heed

This is the sad bround through: which many have passed more than once; and this is the sort of motherly care which the State takes of her own children : She: charges one man five of ten dollars for the privilege of taking away the reason and self-control: of canother; and then pays, one hundred dollars forsit may be one thousand dollars, to catch that man made crazy and vicious by State rum, and to punish him for his crimes. She gets nothing back for all the loss of his time and his industry. She cares nothing for his family, starving, dying by inches in their neglect, or supported by the charity of the State. She gets her petty, paltry, blood bought license fee, and pays economy, and her foster care of her own dear children .... It is to be hoped that a better wisdom will some time visit the earth, and if she does, we are sure that dram shops will not then be tolerated in any "well-regulated community."

Chaplain Ives was asked if the convicts would be in favor of a prohibitory liquor law. He answered that they would, almost, to a man, ... This necticute voted for the prohibitory law. They of our God upon us for the past year." and felt that it was their only salvation. And one poor man, as he deposited his vote with trembling of delirium tremens. The law was too late for ered by superstition, proceed that no make. Let bow beinens the officers of which the

It has already been demonstrated that a well framed prohibitory law, properly administered, will remove at least three fourths of the pauperism and crime with which any community is burdened, and yet the dram shop is still suffered to remain and do its work of sorrow and death. True, a law can/do nothing unless it be properly sustained by public sentiment; but why should not public sen iment sustain a law so humane, so beneficial?!! ni maistroo de fergone Genesee. ROCHESTER, Aug. 3, 1867: Senisis: been

## Acws of Aur Churches

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY; INSTALLATION OF REV. JOHN CROWELL. The Presbytery of Wilmington held an adjourned meeting August Rev. John Crowell was received as a member, upon a letter of dismissal from the Third Preshytery, of Philadelphia Rev. John W. Mears asked and received a letter of dismissal to the Third Presbytery. Rev. Charles Brown of the same Presbytery, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. A call from Draw ers' Church, for the pastoral services of Rev. John Crowell, was laid before Presbytery by the Commissioner, Dr. Hamilton. Mr. Crowell having signified his acceptance of the same, Presbytery proceeded to install him. The Moderator Rev. John Patton. D.D., presided and put the constitutional questions; Rev. William Aikman preached the sermon from John 16: 7. ; Rev. Dr Pation gave Brown, by invitation, gave the charge to the people are interingent any supplied by employees of the Ferry, Transfer, and Rail ple. Mr. Brown was pastor of this church Road companies.

The services were all of Church Building. The new Church in a high order, spiritual in tone and deeply interesting. Mr Crowell has every promise of use-

placed opposite the name of Mr. Crowell. There is no Church of this name. La But Drawvers' (shurch) which is marked "vacant" in the Minutes, should be put, with the accompanying figurest in the place of "Odessa." ...

RE-DEDICATION.-In a Tuscarora village, about nine miles from Niagara Falls there is a Church of 85 members under care of Niagara Presbytery. The people are industrious and thrifty; and most of them, are acquainted with English language. Though formerly under the American Board, they now rely for preaching on one of their own number, and on what help they get from neighboring pastors. They have recently thoroughly renovated their house of worship, and called on Presbytery to rededicate it, which was lately, done. The dedication sermon by the venerable Dr. Wisner of Lockport, was rendered sentence by sentence into poly syllabic Tuscarora by an interpreter in the pulpit; the hymns were in the same tongue, and the anthems in English. Afterwards the clergy were entertained by the principal chief. ('am')

«Спинснея.— In Omaha our Church had an accession of sixteen at the July communion. thirteen by letter and the remainder on exami--Rev. G. F. Davis, of Mound Station, Illinois, writes that since January 1st, thirty seven persons have been received into the Mt. Pleasant Church; and others will unite soon. The Church of the village of Omra (Winnebago county, Wis.,) has after wandering from school-house to school-house and store to store, for sixteen years, found a home. A neat church edifice; costing from \$3,000 to \$4,000, 36x60 feet main part, with a vest bule 10x20 feet, was dedicated on Tuesday, July 2d, This result, has been secured through the agency of the Church Erection Fund, as administered under the new plan. The people applied for \$900, but were able to obtain only \$500, with which sum by nutting additional weight upon already overburdened shoulders, they have succeeded in preparing their house comfortably for worship,-Church in Marshalltown, Iowa, has grown under the present pastor, from 55 in October, 1865, to 117, and the congregation has increased in the same proportion, although many have been dismissed to other churches and four new ones have been organized in the vicinity. The la-dies of the Church in Metropolis, Ill., have

the newly erected church edifice has across Tuscaloosa, ILL. Rev. E. Black writes to the Herald: "There has been an addition of thirteen to our membership, at our recent, communion—seven on profession, and six by certificate. This gives ninety-two within two, years, raising our membership from thirty-eight to 1169 Of out ten times its amount as the legitimate fruit these, about half are fruits of two revivals, en of her own doing, and then boasts of her political joyed in January and February of each wear. No communion season has passed, when less than three have stood up to enter into covenant with us. We have also just completed an addition of fifteen feet to the length of our house, giving us about seventy-five additional sittings, at a cost of about \$1000, which are already well stilled in A new coat of paint for the whole house; an elaborate and costly spire completed; and a nice car-pet and matting for the pulpit, the asses, and vestible, etc., bespeak still farther the energy and enterprise of our people; and they good hand

MINISTERIAL - Rev. John Stuart, of la Cleves, same way the year before: He had hoped for Mozene Rev. Hen O Abernethy has left Oneida, to labor in Boone county, Mo!; address Claysville, The following circular has been issued for the the law at that time; but it failed. He said if it lll., for Lockport, Ill.—I Rev. Mrn Hood recent had dome then he could have reformed; but now ly at Illina, Ill., is laboring at Maroa, Ill.—The Sabbath School Teachers of the State of he was too far gone; but he would vote right for Rev. B. W. Chidlaw writes that he did not account to the state of he was too far gone; but he would vote right for Rev. B. W. Chidlaw writes that he did not account to the state of he was too far gone; but he would vote right for Rev. B. W. Chidlaw writes that he did not account to the state of the state of he was too far gone; but he would vote right for Rev. B. W. Chidlaw writes that he did not account to the state of the the sake of others. Poor fellow the soon died tees of Miami University, but continues in the service of the American Sunday school Union in which he has been engaged thirty years. He hopes to live and die in this work. The Rev. A. McDougall of the First Presbyterian church, Dryden, N. Y., where he has labored successfully for the last seven years, is called to the Secoud Presbyterian church of Bloomington, Ill Rev. Š. N., Hillelate of Birmiogham, Mich., has removed to Vassar, in the same State. Rev. E. Curtis has received an unanimous call to become the pastor of Presbyterian church in Newburgh, Ohio, and is now labbring there. Rev. J. Chester and J. L. French of Cincinnati Presbytery, started July 30 to spend ten days in rest, by invitation of Jay Cooke, Esq., at his residence, (Gibraltar,) Put in Bay, in Lake Erie. These brethren are both in much need of rest. At a special beeting of the Third Presbytery of New York; held on Monday July 22d, the pastoral relation that has existed between Rev. W. H. Babbitt and his church at Hoboken was dissolved. He goes to take charge of the Church in Glendale, a suburb of Circinnational Rev. Henry M. Field, of the Evaluetist, has returned to News York and to shis edito-Ist, in the Drawyers, Church, Odessa, Delaware. rial chair, Dr. Craighead, his collengua; has gone to Europe. The Rev. David H. Riddle D.D. O. S., of Washington and Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa, is preaching to the Third Church (New School) of Pittsburg; during the

summer [vacation of ) the pustor, much yles and bud EAST STIPLOUIS MO The Island of East St. Louis was formerly delatable iland between Missouri and Illinois, and previous to its junction to the latter by a R. R. Dyke was the scene of numerous bloody duels, which won it the name of Bloody Island: The people have supported a S. School for years, and now under the ninistry of Rev. M. B Gregg, is organized val Church of eighteen members, which places it self under the Presbytery of Alton. They have taken steps to erect a new house of worship at a cost of \$7000 and have secured an engible site. the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Charles The people are intelligent and liberal being main-

Tower Hill, Ill., will be ready for the meeting of Alton Presbytery September 26th. The church edifice at Palmyra, Mo. is completed. The Church in Canton, Mo., organized May 1864 with nine members has how twenty one and has The the Minutes of the General Assembly lust seat 200 persons. It is paid for but not/yet ded.

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THE AMERICAN BOARD.—The annual meeting takes place at Buffalo, on Tuesday, September 24. The Secretaries hope to be able to report that not less than thirty new laborers in all have been sent abroad during the year, ten ordained missionaries, two physicians, and eighteen ladies, married and unmarried. They hope, also, that at least as many more may be able to go in the

course of the next year.

The receipts for the month of June were, from donations, \$17,575 39; legacies, \$3,527 65; total, \$21,103 04. Last year for the same mouth, they were, from donations, \$24,371, 41; legacies, \$5,712 07; total, \$30,083 48. This shows an unpleasant falling off of near \$9,000 for the mouth, as compared with the same time in

For the whole ten months of this financial year, up to July, 1st, the receipts have been, from donations, \$251,797 14; legacies, \$58,152 97; total, \$309,950 11. Last year for the same time the sums were, respectively, \$274,630 32; \$38,-310 85; \$312,941 17: There has been, therefore, a total falling off thus far this year of \$2.-991; but in danations, to which we must mainly look as indicating the degree of interest in the churches and the prospects of the treasury, the falling off has been \$22,833, a gain in legacies of \$19,842, making the whole account much more favorable than it would otherwise be.

To save the treasury from embarrassment, the hurches which have not sent in their collections. and individual friends of the Board who have not yet done all which they feel able to do for its support, should lose no time in making generous contributions. The fiscal year terminates August **Elst**emi esti mod doundo (spoltmarano) and

we) weidelneformed churchesciotel odt

New Churches.-The Presbyterian Banner. of Pittsburgh, says 24 A new church was organized at Shady Side, one of the most beautiful locations in the vicinity of this city, on Monday evening the Sth instant, by a Committee of the Presbytery of Ohio. Three elders, were elected, and installed. Rev. W. T. Beatty, of New Brunswick, N. J., was elected pastor, with a salary of \$1,500 and a parsonage. — A church, to be called the Third Presbytery. byterian, has been organized in Peoria, Ills. It is the result of a mission school, which has been carried on for some years. An elder has been elected raised \$300 by a festival to complete and furnish and ordained ... Rev. Mr. Weston, late of the Chicago Seminary, is supplying, the pulpit.— The Presby-terian families, Old and New School, of Mt. Auburn. a suburb of Cincinnati, are moving in the matter of erecting a new church. The society was incorporated by the election of a Clerk and five Trustees. The edifice, which will probably be stone, will cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000. The price paid for the lot was \$5,069,50., Mr. W. M. Corry proposes to give all the stone necessary in the erection of the church. The society hope to have it completed by June, 1868. Ground was broken, Monday, July 22d. in Avondale, O., for a new Presbyterian church. The contract is let for the guilding, which is to be of frame; and to be completed by October Istyatia cost of something over \$9,000 ... "The O.S. Presbyte-rian congregations of this city have concluded to erect a mission church on Hopkins street, west of Freeman, and opposite Lincoln Park, a very desirable and necessary location for a Christian church. This mission it is intended, will be in charge of Rev. W. C. McCune; late of the Orchard street United Presbyterian, Mission, church."—Cincinnati Gazette.—In St. Louis, "the Walnut Street Church Gazette. In St. Louis, the wanted of the Brookes has begun a mission enterprise on Twenty-second Street, south of Gamble Avenue. 444 neat/frame building, capable of seating six hundred persons, has been built and dedicated to the worship of God!! The Reformed (Dutch) Church at Long Branch, New Jersey, is nearly completed. It will be opened the present season. The pulpit will be supplied by visiting ministers at the Branchi-City. The Intelligencer says: - We are pleased to learn that our brother, Rev. J. F. Schenck, and his people of the Third [Reformed Dutch] Church of Philatelphia, have enjoyed many tokens of the blessing of God since the pastoral relation was formed between them. With a large increase of their benevolent contributions, they have received at their communion seasons a goodly number, mostly from the young to the fellowship of the Church.

Union in the South, The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church, during its sessions in November less, appointed a committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. J. O. Stedman, T. D. Witherspoon, J. N. Waddell. J. A. Lyon, John H. Gray, and A. H. Kerr, to confer with a similar committee the constant of the mittee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church lon the question of an organic union between these two Churches, The committee appointed by the General Assembly of the Cumberland Church consists of the Rev. Messes D. G. Burney, R. Burer, Leroy Wood, J. W. Poindexter, A. J. Baird, and M. Byrd. These committees were to meet in Memphis on the first

Religious Men for Office The Entheran Observer says 4. It is a noteworthy, and, at the same time gratifying, fact, that both the candidates for the Supreme Judgeship of Pehnsylvania, to be voted for at the October election, are not only professing Christians, but office-bearers in the Church. Judge Williams the Republican candidate, is an elder in the New School branch of the Presbyter a Church; and Judge Sharswood, the Democratic nominee, is an elder in the Old School branch This is as it should be. Let both parties nominate only worthy and pique men for the various offices, and soon an improved era will dawn upon the civil and political affairs of the State and nation:" one in his said

Benefits of Union. The Presbyterian Witness, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, speaking of the late meeting of the Synod of the Lower Provinces, says: "This is now the eighth Synod held since the union of the two Churches in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island. None of the 'evils' prophesied by the ene-mies of Union have come to pass not one! Many of the blessings and advantages anticipated by the adyocatea of Union have been abundantly realized. We have attended all these meetings (except that of 1862) and never yet have we spenial sign of the old division lines; nor has the Myolantary Controversy, nor the Established Controversy emerged. Again, last year, we had a union with the churches of New Brunswick, the beneficial ieffects of which

The Prospects of Reunion.—The North-western Presbyterian say: From all sides, East and West, the tidings come, accanion except upon agreement in dostring no compromise of the standards no giving up of the distinctive doctrines of the West-minster Confession and Catechisms no Televen of New Divinity. The leading minds of the Church are against the proposed basis. Every Professor of Theology in our Seminaries condemns it. The vote of the last Assembly was no proper expression of that body as to the final adoption of reection of the report of the committee. The great hences the readiness with which the resolutions of