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an uso of imagination is to mak Hust vivid, more:, comprehensible in commonplace, and above all to aid Nivo of somothing higher, bettor inling. Neither sound morals nor trae and dispense with the imagination hey hiness, a perfect eharacteror personal knowlodge was upon earth, without the aid mils our personal knowledge, than is mere knowledge of mathematio And no book professing to teac the religion, makes more abungan it the truth, than the Bitble. And the Why the Christian sysiem and , is just because they oxercige th ir ideas. The parables of Christ ar ullung the finest specimens of ion we cunposition, but they are famou rifrutine adaptedness to enforce as
Tril. Truth, in olosest words, shall sail,' When truth, in embodiod in a a tale,
Nialh 'uler in at lowls doors."
Hitless the exercise of imagination is huly geuerically and totaly distinct
and a power of imagination was neces " qualify any one to receive inspira. enduwel imagination oobald entertai Wiallid visions of Isaiáh, Daniel, Bat there is no doubt that a mea sultified imagination is needed to
uniuspired men to reprosent to them villy the grand facte of revelatio a vivid sonse of the reality of eter wis, to ontertain suitable thongh the judgrabit; to ond解

|  | We are ready for anion on such terms. |
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| en, whop, ilike Baxter , and Hortres soared | to marrow. |
| away on tbe wingo of sacred faney, using the. | It is also wonthy of notiee that the pre- |
| most glorious and affecting earthly images | posed negotiations for union between the |
| as stepping stones to reach adequate con- | Church South and the Cumbenland Presby: |
| ptions of the beauties and glbries of divine | terians bave come to nothins Were it not |
| gs,agd of the bette world And towhat | for the extraordinary diftecton exieting be- |
| and the, greatest preachers, Robert, $\mathrm{H}_{\text {all }}$ i | tween impenitent rebels, we selhould be sur- |
| Whitefield, Jonathan Edwards; morei indebt | prised that there evor wás believed to be |
| for theffrofond and powdrul impressions | any probability of sueha thions The Cutw |
| y made than to ther wise tre of imagi- | berlańd Presbyteriand are not Calvinists |
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| fully sablime sermon. Singergi i | the Weetminster Confession mantiform part |
| do of an angry God | of every basis of Presbyteriant Reanion: |

## CHURCI MPROYEMENTS ATNEADNG

The edifice of the First Chath, Beading
 impioverem ts, on Sabbatb, Dee, 8 th . It was
an occasion of great interest: The splendid
 The entire wals and ceiling andall the wood been re-upholstered, new chirpots put down ored every part of the flagh, the palpit ha
been re modelled and the recoss newly fres coed But the motymarke improvement are the memorial stained iglass: windows,
furvished by individual liberality : Of these furciisheds by individial liberality of these
thëre are eight; each one of whịh beatrs two or rore embleme cobsectrated by Christian the as the cup, the font, the mystic triangle the Agnus Dei, thedescending dove, the sym
bols of the foum evangelists \&o:- These om blems are mostly upon the upper balfo bolow, the nitials of the person to be com memorated appear in ornamental text Among these are names familiar to the
whoie Church, as Darling Strong and Bell. Other names equally esteemed Th that par tho country are Baird, Mcknght, Rees have been elders of the Church. This hold ing ap of memorials of the departed to th Sht of heaven and beatifyinsken wit
be sunshine, is far proferable to mural ta blets and funeral urns, over the dark
and shrines of the mouldering dead.
The opening services were atterded by arge concourse. The well-trained choi
with admirable voices, contributed much to with admirable voices, contributed mugh to
the interest of the occasion. The sermon the interest of the occasion. The sermon as He Robinison of Harrisburg on Habakikuk fithe years; in the midst of the years mak known; in wrath remember meroy"-a dis course vigorous in thouglt, compact in ar
gament, and pungent in appeail. In the gament, and pangent in appaal. In the
evening; a discourse was preached by Rev Dr. Mears of Philadelphia, on John $10: 11$ I am the Good Shepherd. The audience sented a hopeful and animated appearance Sometbing over six thousand dollás hav greater pait of which bas been secured. Reading is one of our moot flourishing in land cities, numbèring perhaps thirty-five thousand souls. Its matufactures, especial
ly of iron, are on a greatit sacal. The materia on which this paper is printed comes from Reading. Besides a large buiness, with
Philadelphia, Pottsville, and the coal regions, Phiadelphia, Potssile, a tra to and from Now York auld the great Weit. There are indee rat we cannot, doubt that a wide door i opened to the First Church, if it will only have courage to enter in.
Hañover St, Churci, Filmington, Del. - Th congregation of Hanover Church (Rev. Willian Aiknan's) Wilmington, have bre, lecture and in
ting the interior of their chure, fant sohool-rooms. The ceiling of the oharchithas been refrescood in an admirable manner, and" is very beautiful; the entire floor hat ouphsered and an elegant chandelier hung from the eentre of the eeiling, so that the audience-room, always
spacious and imposing, presents a pecnliarly hand. ome and attractive appearance. We are glad to know that this, one of our most venerable, congregations, now nearly a huadre your the the pre ent time.
The Mission Chapel connected with. the churd is enjoying a season of refreshing. Mr. Sayder
who has been engaged by the chatch to labo
 forced upon either branch of the Church:

## CHichgo coriespondence

Drat Ambercan - The spiric of the re-
cent greatt convention of Prestyterians in
cent great convention of Prestyterians in
your goody city has spread far and wide, your goody city has spread far and wide, largeigatheripg representipg six branches charches of ouw city, assembled on Wednes day ovening last in the Sedind chareh to ratity fact, though hot in form, the do ings: of the above pamed convention, Rev
Willis Lord, $D$, $D$, of the North westora The ological Seminary, (O.S.) presidingt, Th Rev, Dootor explained that they were as
sombled in purguance of tasolution adopt sembled in parsuance of resolution adopt ed by the ministers of the, different chareh
es; sometwo weeks ago, in grateful rucog nition of God's goodness to the Presbytt union between the differentit divisions. of that denomination, and in the hope of doing something to promote that union.
The opening devotional exercises were
followed by the reäding of the resblutions adopted at the meeting of ministers above alluded to, which were as follows




union; therefore,
Resoded That we reconnizi in said convention the
guiding hand of "Him who gathered the dispersed

Gis: kind Providence. and guiding spirititin the Chrie
tian harmony and brotheryy love which character-
ized the convention during its sessions, and in the
ized the convention during its sespions, and in the
iunneity with which its conclusions were reached
Resobved, Thit we hail the conclusions o




bled in Philadelphia, and wowla cordially accept it
as a basisof union oo far an the doctrine and polity
are involved
After a few briof remarks, exprossive of * ardent and intense desire for a union mong those so nearly one in doctrine and
polity, Doctor Lard called for remarks pohis,
from
Rev

Rev. Dr. Robert Paterson, ( O S. Si) who dwelt at some length upon the remark.
able tendencies to union, in both Church and abe tendeacies to union, in both Church and
State, so lairgely charateristic of this aty,
and illustrated in recent movements in Eny. land, Germany, Italy, and the United State He hailed this meeting as a happy omen o
the approaching realization of the pray of approaching realization of the priour for the unity of his people.
R Rev. Z. M. HV MPEREX, D.D, (N. S., ) believed that God had intended the exist goodinhad resulted from them: As indicatuve of a tenacions holding to what they
believed to be fods revealed trath, they Wére honorable to those who uphold them.
But it was possible to insist too long and But it was possible to insist to long and
too strongly upon differences not fiessential
or fundamental. This tide of popular senor fundamental This tide of popular sen-
timent adicated the will of God nn this
niatter and that tide was no serting Strongly toward union.
He adverted ito the platform adopted by
Le Philadelphia Conven tion, and believed the Philadelphia Convention, and believed its. provisions w
cept and adopt.

Rev. Ma. brabfond, (U.P.)
A few years ago sach a meeting, he said,
could not have beeen held. He wis gratifed
the chance of feling at the change of feeling whith had made it
possible. He hoped to see the day when the possible. He hoped to see the day when the
whole Presbyterian ehurck. Should be one
organic body. Objections would be raised, rrganie body Objections would be raised,
but they would be obviated. The Lord was them all into the great Union Depot. Could
he seg that day he shoold say: Liord, now thon thy servant depart in peace. Hon Lincoly Clabe, (Ois)
spoke for the laity. They were doeply insired itt success: He did not believe there
were any suich differences between the dif were any such "ifferences bet weon the dif:
ferient bodios as onght to keep them apart: All held the saine great doctrines, thoug
not all in precisely the same way. Allowancel mast be made for different turn's of ed he Held thees minordoctrines as OldSçiool
men do but was not sure, and did not much men do; but was not sure, and did not much
care Union has strength,-disunion weak ness t Let the Presbyterian family unite
and it would bo a great power all over the

## and it world:

Rev. R. F. Burns, D.D
of the Scote h and Canadian Chirch made
an address whioh oharmed all his hearers
by its fervid eloquence; he' advocated or-
lame. Although a young man, he had liver
ong enough nions in Scotland, in Australia, in the Bri tigh Proviuces, and in the United States the orily regret was that they had femaine colong apart. In iliew of these things why
cuild not this, proposed upion be effected?
Although not agreing Although not agreeing in erery particula they held in tommon the theology and poli, meeting adopt the reeolutions read at th openingof the meeting, Elliott Anthony, Eis followed in alrocacy of the same. Th motion passed with but one dissenting voice
and the meeting closed with singing and the and the meet
benediction.
Altiough
finsiasm wito reaching the height of en ing was, upon the whole a decided 'succes and will help forward the great movemen of which it is itself a part, Without giving
waỳ to too sanguine anticipations, it is quite certain that since your great gathe ing, the signs are more auspicious for th That the laity are ready for this, almost to a man, is beyond a doubt. They are becoming impationt of a delay for which the those who will adherence to the Princeton Confession o Faith, and who will ingist on the exanina tion of men passing from one Presbytery to another; ana, on the other band, there a those who can never subscribe to the on the best, meanwhile straining every nervo in urging forward our great evangelistic and - -

Tтвмs.
The pastoral relation between Rev. J. W Charimore, and the Seventh Presbytorian
Cburch, of this city, wain yeiterday dissolved
by tie Presbytery of Cbich by tie Presbytery, of Chicayo, at the joinit request of the parties.
their chapel a to make a very neat and and tasty edifice . Thiby are making accom-
modations for, and expect to have, a Sundaymodations for, and expect to have, a Sunday-
sclooltof ffteen hundred. The bilding will be compléted in about two weeks, so
that the school can occupy it. Dedicatory exercise
pletion.
pletion $\begin{aligned} & \text { A revival has been in progress at the Illi- } \\ & \text { nois Street Mission, and rumbers have }\end{aligned}$ chosen that "better pait which shall not bee
taken froin them." Seven on Tuesday thir teen on Wednesday, seven on Thursday,
and fifteen on Friday evening of week ho. fore last rose for prayer
A Home has been op
boys aid boot-blacks opened for the news Thanksgivin an abandance of good things were served
up to then which were unceremonionsly
disposed of "It's the first square meal ever hid d" said one boy, whom the square-
ness of bis meal had made to look rathe ness of his meal had made to look rather
round and uncomfortable. TThe Home has in it twenty one beds and all 'f" them filled,
by boys who hitherto have slept "nowhere" or "any where" or "all around."
The Presbyterian Church at Lateon, III,
has called to its pastorate, Rev. E H. Cu, has called to its pastorate, Rev. E. H. Cur-
Trs. Mr. Curtis is a aring. mi, son of the
late Rev. Harvey Curtis, D.D., and said to late Rev. Haryey Curtis, Di, and said to a pleasant and hopeffol'field of labor.
Reva. M. HEzER, of Winterset, Iowa,
goos from there to Montana, arnew but goes from there to Montana, a ne but but
vigorou and highly important point, on the
C. \&N. U. R. R. Rev. J. M. PREBEES, late of Montana, goes
to Decatir and vicinity, in Nebraika, on the Missourt river
The church at Janesfille has invited Rev.
JAMES A GNEW, recontly from the North of The church at Janesville bas invited Rev.
Jixikis Aginw, reconty, fiom the North of
Irepply bem for a year. Rev. B. B. PARSosis. D.D., is reported to
bave resigned his position as pastor of St.
Joseph, Mo.
NorTh West.

## CIIURCH ERECTION FIND.

This is the month in which the General A ssembly jefommends that collections for
this lead fow me might almost say suthis leadjeg, me might almost say su-
supreme object of Christian beneficonce, be thiken up The last Assembly expressed it as their opinion that it is our duty as a Christian denomination to contribute one huudred thousand dollars to this cause during the year. It would be an insult to the ability, liberality, and Cliristian entire practicability of raising this sum. We tire practicability or raising this sum. Will do its part, and thus ensure the result.

Erativm-Oar acute "Travelling Cor Cespondent" says, the West needs more Phi aelphias, yot "Philadelph. make him say:

