## American Presbyterian.

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Emerson in the January Atlantic, "On the Wing" in Ohio, Old Pine St. Church, How Not To Do It, Enlarged Views, and Religious Intelligence, page 2d; Editor's Table, Literary Intelligence, and the Pennsylvania Germans, (third article,) page 3d; The Worsted Stocking and a capital Family Miscellany, page 6th; Infidelity of Scientific Men, page 7th.

The ladies of our churches can often accomplish for our Benevolent Causes by personal effort far more than they generally have any idea of. For example, the recent collection of \$500 for Church Extension in Clinton street church, was exclusively the work of the ladies of that church, collected by the ladies and from the ladies, under the impulse of the meeting held there during er Branch, eighty five added to Cohocksink the winter, and addressed by Dr. Kendall and church, Philadelphia, March 1; twenty-eight re-Mr. Martin with "the big map."

held at Janesville, O., in the Second Presbyterian church on Wednesday, March 25th; also, in the First church of Buffalo, N. Y., on Tuesday, April 7th. The call for the latter embraces Presbyterian churches of all branches, including the Reformed, in the State of New York, west of Cayuga Lake, and will be composed of all the Presbyterian ministers present and one ruling elder from each church.

The Assembly's Committee (O. S.) on Freedmen have sixty-three missionaries in the field, twenty-three of whom are ministers and and the work increases in power every week. At thirty are teachers; they have fifty-six churches | Putnam there has also been a powerful work of under their care, and twenty houses of worship grace. At one meeting about two hundred in-quirers were present. Meetings were held for in progress; thirty-one colored students are in Biddle Institute, under the care of the Committee, business were suspended. At Westerley, R. I., preparing themselves to instruct their race in an old man was converted while listening to a gospel truth; and more than 3,000 pupils gath- sermon of the Episcopal rector [Hubbard] preachered in day and Sabbath-schools. The Committee appeal for \$10,000 between now and the first of April. Only 515 churches out of 2,622 have forwarded collections.

The Presbyter, whose Editor is a member of the Joint Committee, proposes a new set of articles for their adoption. We quote what refers to the doctrinal basis:

"The Confession of Faith shall continue to be sincerely received and adopted 'as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures;' and its proper historical sense, that is the Calvinistic or Reformed sense, as declared by the two Assemblies of 1868, shall be regarded as the sense in which it received and adopted in the united Church."

THE TRAIL OF THE SERPENT .- Among the alarming symptoms of the prevalence of impure tendencies in the community is the facility with which the advertisers of vile nostrums get into the columns of so-called "Religious Jourtisement which covered a whole page of the Independent, the appearance of which in that journal met with severe and almost universal reprobation Our surprise and grief were not lessened last week on seeing the same advertisement spread over a page of the Church Union, a paper which was once so fastidious in its spirituality as to exclude all advertisements from its columns, and which has more recently been making capital by abusing the Independent as not being "religious." The same advertisement was offered to and rejected by the Congregationalist and Recorder. the American Presbyterian and doubtless others of the respectable religious papers.

Commission, the Evangelical churches of East Pennsylvania, West New Jersey, and Delaware, are invited to send as delegates the pastor, and apply. one to three laymen from each Church, to meet in Convention with the Churches of Philadelphia, at the Penn Square Presbyterian Church, Broad Street, above Chestnut, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 23d, 24th and 25th, commencing Monday evening, March 23d, at 71 Bangor, and Auburn. To his alast lecture in

Such Conventions have been held with manifest blessed effects in almost every part of the country but our own. The call for the present one is signed by prominent clergymen and lay- over-zealous young Presbyterians at Andover, He deeply interested business men by the vast men of all denominations. The following are the subjects suggested for discussion:

I. What can the laymen of our Churches do for Christ? 2. What can the women of our Churches do for Christ? 3. The potency of individual effort for the salvation of men. 4. How to influence the large proportion of our populace who are not reached by the ordinary means of native mission churches, and regarded them as ing, of the arrival in New York, last evening, of grace. 5. How shall we best promute revivals of religion?

We understand that Rev. Dr. Allen, of "Old Pine Street," has consented to give in the form of a lecture, his experience in the Southwest during the trying times of the Rebellion. From our knowledge of the eloquence of the speaker, we do not hesitate in promising a treat

A New York clergymen of our Church writes as follows: "I sustain you with all my heart in those doctrine articles. They will either lead the O. S. to see themselves better in their prevent an insincere union."

REVIVALS.

The hearts of Christians are rejoicing in the manifold and wide spread indications of the special influences of the Holy Spirit in all the Churches and in every part of the land.

One of our cotemporaries reckons up 8,201 cases of hopeful conversion reported in a single week by Methodist pastors, and also about two thousand among the United Brethren, over a thousand among the Presbyterians, and nearly a thousand among the Congregationalists, the Baptists and the Lutherans. Another cotemporary says that it has noticed 400 revivals since the beginning of the year, with 5,000 conversions, and it now adds 170 more revivals reported within vals, 9,000 conversions and 2,700 additions to him, so far as we know Evangelical Churches. In this computation the Methodists are not included, otherwise the figures would be much more than doubled.

The following revivals we presume are not included in the above : In the churches of the Oth. ceived in Carlisle, Ind.; many in Phoenixville, Pa.; to Harrisville and Amity, Pa. churches (Rev. W. D. Patton) sixty-three additions, and during fourteen months one hundred and sixtyfour accessions to these two churches; forty six selves.

received on examination at Farm Ridge, Ill.; (3.) If we were disposed to hunt after apparent twenty-five added at Bethel, Ind.; thirty on profession at Charleston, Ill.

In the Congregational Church there is announced a great revival in the Welsh church in Gomer, O. Eighty have been added, and there are but few in the whole settlement but are professed followers of Christ. In Newington, Conn., the revival has been very extensive, reaching some in almost every family, until one sixth of the entire population has been converted. More than one hundred are still numbered among the inquirers, five days in succession, and nearly all kinds of ed in the Baptist church. At Plymouth, Mass., there are one hundred and twenty-five recent converts. Quite a number of sailors, and as many as thirteen ship masters, are among the number; also twenty-five heads of familes. A few years ago ten ladies in the place used frequently to send to the prayer-meeting requests for prayer for their husbands, and seven of those husbands are now rejoicing in a Christian hope. In Medway Village, Mass., more than fifty are hoping. At Centreville, Mass., thirty conversions. A ball that was projected in opposition to the religious interest, proved a failure and a number who had been interested in it were at the prayer-meeting the next evening. In Woodstock, Vt., 75 persons express hope. In Seymour; Conn., about forty converts are reported, including some of the most prominent business men in town. A

connection with the labors of Rev. Mr. Potter. Cheering news also comes from various places in our own Church. See especially Dr. John-

similar work is going on in Mystic, Conn. About

two hundred persons are reported as awakened in

each of the above places, in both instances in

For the American Presbyterian. REV. DR. ANDERSON'S LECTURES, The editorial comments on my note in the American Presbyterian of Feb. 27; demand a brief rejoinder.

The charge that Dr. Anderson "told the stu-sceking to extend the kingdom of our Lord Jesus dents in the Andover Seminary that Congregationalism was the constitution for a Mission church," is made to rest on the testimony of two of the students, who give their impression of "the drift of his lectures." One of them "is inclined to think that he said that Congregation- among the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, At the suggestion of the Amer. Christian alism was the constitution for a mission church." The other testifies that the lecturer "did not say in so many words" what they understood him to

> In answer to an inquiry, Dr. Anderson informs me that so far as his lectures had any bearing on ecclesiastical organization, he gave them in New change, as he had delivered them at Andover, make a stay of some days or weeks. New York, however, he appended a new paragraph, a copy of which I enclose.

> As to the implication in the language used, whose name is given, and is sent to you with his heard in all our churches, if possible.

"Prof. Henry B. Smith authorized me to say for him that he listened with care to Dr. Anderson's statements bearing on the constitution of applicable equally to Congregationalism and Presbyterianism."

New York, March 2, 1868.

[Copy of Dr. Anderson's paragraph referred to in my note.]

"In my lectures I have dwelt with carnestness, as you will remember, on the value of the ner quite satisfactory tows. Both pastors having local church, as an instrument in the world's conversion. But you will bear in mind that I to those who hear the lecture, which will be delivered in Musical Fund Hall in the course of a but in the general sense of an associated body of Christians: whether governed by elders chosen The work of God goes forward gleriously in for the purpose, or by the general vote, or in some other way; and I have insisted upon pastors in mission churches, perhaps somewhat modified here, also at Cedar Rapids and other places." I from the pastorate of the Apostolic churches, but | may add that at Cedar Rapids the new church in conformity with the usage of modern times in edifice, a fine structure of stone, expected to cost all our Presbyterian; Congregational, and other at least \$30,000, is now under roof, and will be a freedom from care, with change of climate and narrowness, and take a different position, or will evangelical churches. Into the minor details of beautiful building when done.

enter; they not being essential to the end I have | under the care of our Synod, has fifty or sixty |

Comments.

We give place to the above with pleasure, and are very well content to leave the matter before our readers as it stands, as we have given what seems to us an ample justification for our publishing the statements objected to, if not of the statements themselves. We merely add,

(1.) We did not impugn Dr. Anderson's right to state his convictions either in Union or Andover. He is a Congregationalist, and holds these opinions, and we should have thought more highly of him for speaking his mind. He is not connected with the A.B. C. F. M. in any way the last two weeks, making a total of 570 revi- that makes him responsible to them or they for

(2.) As to the gist of the matter, Dr. Anderson's ideal of Presbytirianism and that of his advocate, seems to be government by elders in local churches. Our informants seem to have gone on the supposition that the union of these local churches into a Presbyterial church governed by Presbyter &c., had something to do with the matter. Which come the nearer to Presbyterianism, our reders may judge for them-

contradictions in statement, we might suggest that it should be settled whether Dr. Anderson delivered his lectures at Union just as at Andovor, or has added somewhat to them.

We may add in regard to our informants that one of them was recently ordained by an Episcopal Bishop, while the other was licensed not long ago by a Congregationalst Council.

OUR CHICAGO ORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR AMERICAN :- Peligious intelligence from this region, at the present time, respects almost wholly the doings of the Conventions in favor of Union among Presbyttians, and the gracious movements of the Dvine Spirit upon the churches.

A meeting of Presbiterians of Southern Illiiois, at Centralia, on the 26th ult., was attended by some twenty-five mirsters-N. S., O. S. and Ú. P. The desire for aganic union among those alent. The following resolutions express the D. V. on the 19th inst. mind of the assemblage

teria. Church known a Old and New School. Resolved, That we cordally approve the basis.

of union prepared by the Philadelphia Conven-

∀a unanımous vote, of which the following are the most impor-Resolved, That this Convention desires to recognize the essential openess of the Christian Church in faith in a once crucified, but now living and exalted Lord-in affection, loving one another with pure hearts fervently; in action,

Christ in the world, and would hereby express union as proposed in the Philadelphia Conven-Resolved. That exercising a due regard to that Christian charity which is the bond of union

this Convention would most earnestly hope that such measures may be adopted as shall render practicable the harmonious union of the whole Presbyterian family.

The First church was crowded last Sabbath morning, by a vast congregation, assembled to

isten to the farewell discourse of Rev. Doctor Humphrey. He leaves us this morning, with his family, for Philadelphia, via New Orleans and and some sixty or seventy are indulging hope. York in the same language, without omission or Havana, at which last place he will probably The First church has invited Rev. Willis Lord,

D. D., to supply their pulpit for the time being. Rev. W. M. Martin, of Nevada, lectured in our city last Sabbath, in the interest of Home Missions and Church Erection, on the Pacific Coast, other hearers understood it differently from the the Union Pacific Rail Road, and kindred topics The following sentence has been read to the amount of information imparted by his lecture, distinguished professor in the Union Seminary, Trade. He is a grand lecture, and should be

> The Union Presbyterian Prayer Meeting, on Wednesday evening, in the Second church, was well attended, and interesting in character and

Rev. Dr. Patterson. Much as his friends desire to see him at home again, they feel it very important that he should attend the meeting of the Joint Committee, appointed for next week, in

The Old and New School churches of Fulton, Ill., have led off in the matter of union, in a manresigned, and the question of schools having been, by agreement, left to a vote of the united mem-

various parts of Iowa. Says a correspondent at Marshalltown, "God is doing a glorious work

pupils, and is growing in numbers.

The Second church, in Dubuque (Dr. Spees), added to its membership last Sabbath, by profesion, 22 persons.

Brother Avery, of Warren, Illinois, writes: The Lord has been gracious to us, and we have enjoyed a precious season of revival interest. As a result, I was permitted to receive into the Church last Sabbath twenty-five new members. twenty-one of them on profession of faith. Nearly all of them are heads of families, and six are strong and influential men. This accession brings our membership a little over one hundred. There are still others who will come in soon.

These grateful notices might be greatly mul-NORTH-WEST. CHICAGO, March 6, 1868.

## News of Our Churches.

CITY CHURCHES .- A meeting of the Elders tion of last General Assembly. Mr. Daniel Steinmetz was called to the chair.

After some devotional exercises, it was determined, that meetings be held on the last Thursday of each month, a committee of three being appointed at each meeting, to prepare, business for the succeeding one.

Messrs. Birkinbine, Bodine, and Stevenson, were appointed committee for next meeting, which is to be held Thursday evening, March 26, at 71, R. M., in Western Church, 17th and Filbert Streets.

To these meetings, it is desired that all the elders of the churches designated, attend, thereby lending their influence to make them profitable, both to themselves and the churches they ich van allt et beforences, etc.

At a late meeting of Philadelphia Fourth Presbytery the Rev. J. Hervey Beale was received from Philadelphia 3d, Presbytery and the Rev. Addison V. C. Schenck, from the Presbytery of Carlisle. Mr. Beale has been called to the pastorate of Kensington 1st Church and Mr. Schenck to the pastorate of Manayunk Church. The installation of the former was effected on epresented in the Convention was strongly prev- the 10th inst.; that of the latter will be effected,

REVIVALS.—A very powerful work of grace Resolved, That we had with joy the signs that the various branches of the Presbyterian Church, holding the same Consision of Faith, are exhibiting, with increasing strength, the unity of The converts include many heads of families, the Spirit in the bond of peace, and are laboring and in some instances whole families have been to perfect that unity by an organic union; and led to stand up for Jesus. Meetings have been especially do we rejoie at the prospect of a held every day for nearly four weeks, and the speedy re-union of those branches of the Presby- interest is still increasing.—In the First Church at Catasaqua, Penn., there has been a revival interest in which some thirty have already found the Saviour. The cases were marked by very great simplicity, clearness, and assurance. On the same day, there was a similar Conven- [For a revival resulting in the organization of son's letter from Marquette. We count about Illinois, at which there were present thirty-three In New Albany, Ind., a revival of remarkable Elder.

last two weeks.

| Church Causes.—The Monthly for March churches in the city. It would be safe to say reports thirty-nine Home Missionary appoint says: Religion is the chief theme of conversa- The two largest contributions were also from our Business men had rather talk about the conver- Pittsburg, and \$1,374 from Calvary Church, sion of souls than the sale of goods. The work Philadelphia. Connecticutgives, from one Church. in progress probably exceeds anything that has been witnessed here for many years. It seems like going back to the days when Dr. Beech-like going back to its most cordial approval of the basis of organic like going back to the days when Dr. Beechlagher, smote consciences and won souls for Christ in this place. Our own Churches 849 44. In our own State, Harrisburg First are sharing in the blessing. The Third Church gives \$527 70; Williamsport Second, of this city under care of Rev. Charles \$500; York Church, \$262. The Ministerial Hutchinson, is said to have received during the fourteen years of his labors, an average January 31., \$3,974 66. The Publication Cause. yearly addition of a larger number to the Church in the two months ending January 31, received than constituted the original membership. 1,464'04. The Education Committee received At Amesville, Q., thirty-four persons were re- in January \$6,162 23. The largest part was cently received into our Church on profession of a legacy of Thomas S. Clark, of Pittsburgh, their faith. At Allegan, Mich., some ninetyfive have requested the prayers of God's people; The work still continues, reaching all classes. been so thorough a work of grace.—At Ban-already, swelled to one hundred and ninety-six, tam, O., twelve were, added on profession, three an increase of fifty-six over that of the previous being over sixty years of age.—At Rob Roy, Ind., twenty-four have just joined on profes-

MINISTERIAL.—On the 25th of February the Presbytery of Crawfordsville ordained as an evangelist Mr. Everett B. Thomson, a recent graduate of Lane Seminary, and an alumnus f Wabash College of the class of 1864. Mr. Thomson has already begun his work at Peru, Ind., with every prospect of success. He was dismissed to unite with the Presbytery of Logansport. The Third Church in Cincinnati have forwarded to Rev. C. H. Taylor, D.D., of Alton, Ill., a very cordial invitation to become their pastor and are hoping for a favorable response.—Rev. Horace Bushnell, of Cincinnati, (says the Advance) so long and well known in all that region as a faithful and successful laborer for the Master, though entirely blind, and compelled to go on crutches, finds his way to the Conference meetings, and is as abundant in labors as ever.—The Euclid Avenue Church, Cleveland, have unanimously called Rev. O. A. Lyman to be their pastor

RESIGNATION OF REV. DR. ROBINSON.—The Brooklyn Union says: -" We learn that Rev. C. seriousness and steadiness, and relaxing our hold S. Robinson, D.D., has announced to his people on the solid and satisfactory realities of life altohis intention of asking Presbytery for a dissolu- gether too much, we fear, in the enervating air tion of his pastoral relation to the First Presby- and languor giving intoxication of public exciteterian Church. The resignation will take effect ment and frivolous revels. It would be incalcuin April. The continued ill health of a member lably better for most of our people if they kept at of his family, requiring, under medical advice, home more than they do, and made that a more freedom from care, with change of climate and cheerful, attractive, satisfying place than it is scene, seems to have been the constraining reason Why can we not have more home entertainments,

will be connected in some form with the Ameri can chapel in Paris for the coming year." Evangelist says: "The retirement of Dr. Robin. son will be a matter of general regret to his brethren in this city and vicinity. It is nine years since he came from Troy to take charge of the First Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn. He was a very young man to assume a post of so much labor and responsibility, and in which he would be necessarily exposed to comparison with the other distinguished preachers of Brooklyn. That he has sustained himself fully is greatly to his honor. This difficult position he has filled with a signal ability and success. The congrega. tion has grown under his care, and the church received large accessions."

Iowa.—Rev. George R. Carroll has been com. pelled through continued ill health to resign his charge at Wyoming, Iowa . It is reported that he has accepted an appointment as agent for the seminary now building at Cedar Rapids.-There is a movement to build a church at Ackley; a station only two years old. A school-house serves for five or six different denominations, and for four upon the same Sabbath. -A new and at. of the churches of 3rd and 4th Presbyteries, tractive church edifice has been built at the cost was held Thursday evening, February 27, at of \$4.400, at Steamboat Rock. This unique Clinton St. Church, in accordance with resolu- name is from a rock, or ledge of rocks, on the Towa River at this place, which resembles the side view of a steamer. The stern-wheel house and pilot house are both visible.—There are evidences of a deep religious interest at Janesville, where Rev. Jas. Agnew of the Irish Independent Cong. Church is supplying the pulpit. He has been only five months in this country.—Between Waterloo and Dubuque, (says the Herald's Iowa correspondent,) a distance of nearly one hundred miles, by the kind favor of the American Home Missionary Society, there is not a church of our order. All the elements which would naturally have belonged to us have been absorbed in other organizations. Ten years more of union would have left us almost without a church in Iowa, as in Wisconsin.

CHURCHES.—In Schenectady, N. Y., a Mission Sabbath-school has grown, to such dimensions through the exertions of a single young man, that it has been thought advisable to erect a Mission chapel at a cost of \$3000, at the expense of the parent: Church. The new edifice, East Avenue Chapel, is among the homes of the poor, and is the scene of considerable religious interest. The Sunday-school numbers 130 pupils, and a preaching or prayer-meeting service is held

every Sunday.

A bequest of Miss Sarah Moody's, of \$50, to the Forest Presbyterian Church, of Middletown, Del., has been received. The Board of Trustees, at a late meeting, resolved to appropriate it for the purchase of a communion set.

PRESBYTERIAL .- A meeting of the Presbytery of Meadville was held on the 11th of February at Sunville. Mr. William Elliott, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, who has been laboring within the bounds of the Presbytery for some months past with great acceptance, was received and ordained as an Evangelist. Mr. Elliott's labors have been greatly blessed during the Winter. At Dempseytown, where he has preached a part of his time, there has been a precious revival, and a Church organized of some eighteen or twenty members, and others intend uniting at a subsequent time. Rev. D. M. Rankin was appointed clerical commissioner to the Assembly, and Mr. Miner, of Titusville, the

CHURCH CAUSES .- The Monthly for March that there have been more than three hundred ments for January, and receipts to the amount hopeful conversions here since the beginning of of \$23,039 41. Rennsylvania is at the head of the year. Daily meetings are held in all the the list on account of a legacy of \$5,000 by Churches. The correspondent of the Herald Thomas S. Clark, of Pittsburg, to this cause. tion in our streets, stores, banks everywhere. State, viz : \$2,000 from the Third Church, er, and Rev. J. T. Avery, and Rev. James Gallargely in advance of all others, sonly a part of Madison Square Church contribution being \$3,which netted \$4,450.—Rev. Dr. Atterbury, the new Secretary of Education writes to the Christian Herald, as follows : " The number of candidates for the saured ministry receiving aid Never; in the history of this place, has there from the Permanent Committee on Education, has year; and the Committee, by the favor of God, have been enabled to meet the regular appropriations for these young men up to the present time. The money now about to be remitted for the third quarter of the educational year, will entirely exhaust the treasury, and leave it dependent upon the immediate collections of the churches for its ability to provide for the closing ouarter."

COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. -Rev. D. Chichester and Elder S. T. Owen were chosen commissioners to General Assembly from the Presbytery of Chemung, on the 29th ult. Also Rev. Isaac Clark a commissioner to Auburn Theological Seminary for three years:

A GOOD THING OUT OF NAZARETH.—The Liberal Christian (Unitarian) says:

"There is altogether too much play-going, and concert going, and party-going; altogether too much public entertainment and excitement for the mind and conscience, the health and happiness of our people, especially in the cities and large towns. We are losing something of our evangencial church polity I have not deemed myself called to The "Parsons Institute;" at the same place, for this action. It is rumored that Dr. Robinson recreations, fascinations? For no other reason