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even to details. And Mr. Allen is evidently fair and unprejudiced to the last degree.

THE NEW ENGLANDER for January, opens with a one-sided eulogy of the system of routine and espionage practised at West Point as fit for introduction in other colleges. My $\gamma \epsilon \nu \sigma \tau \sigma$? The second article is Dr. J. P. Thompson's Φ . B. K. oration-How to build a nation. His suggestions strike us as eminently judicious and wise. The Renaissance in China is a discussion of the recent movements made towards a more liberal attitude with reference to occidental culture. The American Colleges and the American Public furnishes a needful correction to the first article, ably vindicating the wisdom of "Liberal Educa tion" in a review of all the recent important ut-Prof. Porter's Human Intellect is reviewed and commended. Dr. Baird's History of the New School is reviewed and not commended by Prof. Leonard Bacon in an article entitled The Presbyterian Disruption of 1838. Dr. Bacon takes the view of the early history of Presbyterian History which we (opropos of Dr. Gillett) have expressed editorially, pointing out the conflict which existed from the beginning between the catholic and the sectarian parties in the Church, own, apparently because it is gathered withand gives some new facts in the history of the Barnes' case in the Assembly of 1831. Book while ours is spread out over an immense notices close the number. Published at New area. It will be seen by the above figures, Haven for \$3 a year; or \$2 to F. and H. Missionaries and Theological students.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE, No. 1284, for the week ending January 9th, contains Historical Recollections of the Reign of George II, No. VIII,—The Sailor, Blackwood's Magazine; Phineas Finn, the Irish Member, Part XV, by Anthony Trollope, Saint Poul's; The Rebel Privateers, Richard Cobden; The Country House on the Rhine, part VIII, by Berthold Auerbach, author of "On the Heights," &c. translated for The Living Age from Die Presse, The Wesleys and their Hymns, Sunday Maga zine; Volcanoes and Earthquakes, Saturday tion, Spectator; Audubon's Life, London Review; A Life of King Leopold, Spectator; Bil- If Philadelphia had made as much noise liards, Pall Mall Gazette; besides short articles and poetry. To new subscribers, remitting to the publishers for the year 1869, THE LIVING AGE is sent from the beginning of Auerbach's romance (No. 1277) to January 1st, 1869, free

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Miscellaneous.

PROHIBITION vs. LICENSE IN MASSA-OHUSETTS By manager and

The old Bay State, there is every season to hope, will recover the lost ground in her present Legislature. A. Boston correspon-

It was remarked by a speaker in a political meeting during the recent campaign that Massachusetts stopped to take a drink last year, and that this wis why she gave such a comparatively small Reput lican majority. brief selections of this volume will be found well Somebody remarked that "she had her fill, too," and that both observations, were pat and truthful is shown by the complexion of this Legislature. The Prohibitionists have three-fourths of the Senate and more than touching memorial of his lost son Georgie, under two thirds of the House, and among the the title: THE EMPTY ORIB. It is the old story very first matters to be considered is the re-

galizing the sale by druggists and apothecaries, of well-known standing and respectability, under careful restriction. That any law which tends to restrain a practice so prevalent in the community, will meet with

opposition, more or less serious, cannot be doubted.

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The following extract from the Governor's message shows plainly where he stands and foreshadows the policy to be pursued :

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toxicating liquors, with slight exceptions in one or two counties. In nearly all of our towns and in some of the cities the open bar was unknown; it was a thing of the past, driven, with other injurious trades and employments, into secret places. In a State so dense in population as ours, whose inhabitants are largely engaged in in-door employments, the placing at every conspicuous point an open bar, with all its allurements to the young and inexperienced, must inevitably lead to an increase of drunkenness; vice and crime. This is so cl arly demonstrated, that, wherever the vote has been fairly taken, there has been a most decided expression against granting licenses for this purpose. A moral and Christian people cannot remain inactive when they see such iresults as are following, and are sure to follow, the sale of intoxicating drinks, to the extent that now prevails in our hitherto quiet ness and crime during the last six months, as compared with the same period in 1867, ation of the law. The State prison, jails and houses of correction are being rapidly filled, and will soon require enlarged accom-modations, if the commitments continue to Chines, as we endeavor to niake the terms of sale suit all customers, Cull at our Sale Rooms, and look at the machines, and be sure increase as they have since the present law. and ask the terms of sale. went into force: It seems, then, essential for the public good that the present system should be abandoned, and that, one should be adopted more in accordance with the habits and experience of the people. In placing a new law on the statute book, it is of the highest importance that it should meet the acquiescence, if not the sanction, of the great body of the people. In a free Commonwealth no law can stand that is not in accordance with the general judgment Care, therefore, should be taken to avoid, in any new enactment, all unreasonable and Phonographic Reporter, 4018 Arch St. unnecessary interference with personal and private rights. Some provision should also be made for the sale of such liquors as are

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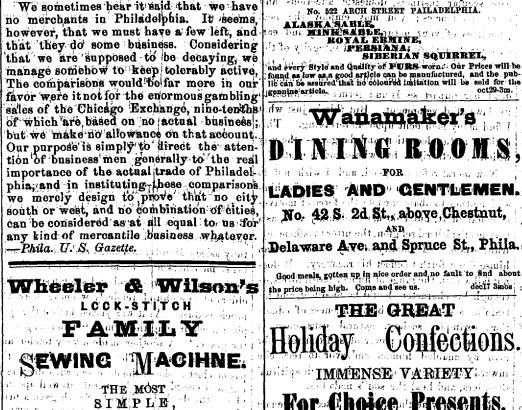
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