OUR EXCHANGES.

The Evangelist has articles on "This Country not going to be Roman Catholic," "A Russian Literature," and a graphic account, from its correspondent, "Caledonia," of "the Retreat of the Tories" in the English Parliament. The first article is based on the marked decline in Roman Catholic immigration as stated in a recent number of The Nation. From this it appears that the immigration of last year was 213,686, of which only 47,571 were natives of Ireland; and 52,000 is reckoned as fully covering the immi-

gration from nominally Catholic countries. From Germany came the enormous number of 101.989. -a very large majority of whom, doubtless, were not Roman Catholics, whatever they were in religious belief.

Our ever sensible and wide-awake cotemporary, the Christian Intelligencer, sounds a needed note of alarm on Paganism in the United States. After referring to the opening of the Pacific Rail Road it says :

"Already we hear of the strange apparition of large numbers of Chinamen in our Eastern cities. In San Francisco they already constitute a very material portion of the population, and they are crowding in with every steamer. China has an established population of five hundred millions. That strange country is brimming over with people, and they flow out on all sides. They are settling in South America and in Mexico, and hordes of them are coming into this country, bringing with them their habits of industry and their pagan superstition and idolatry. A Chinese temple is already built in San Francisco; another, we are told is established in Maine, in Portland, if we remember right, and with the increased facilities for travel, this new element will pour in upon us faster than we can

supply it. That it will cheapen labor is very probable; that it will exert a demoralizing influence can hardly be doubted, and it is manifest that the crisis imposes new responsibility on the

Church of Christ in this country and on the Government." The N. Y. Evening Post calls the Independent

to order for one of its keen and audacious articles which too often are thrown in in to flavor its columns. The article was a very sharp and expert satirical notice of a prominent Brooklyn minister, who had been called to Boston. The Independent, in justification of severe outspokenness, pleads Cromwell's declaration to the doubtful painter about to take his portrait : "Paint the wrinkles." The Post well replies : "But it was his own wrinkles which Crom-

well ordered to be painted; not his neighbor's, or his enemy's, or his pet aversion's; and that makes a great difference."

Some weeks ago, our neighbor, The Presbyterian. made itself merry over a declaration in our columns, to the effect that our branch of the Church did not consider the logical consistency

of doctrines indispensable to their truth. We note a statement which looks in the same general direction with the criticisms and witticisms of The Presbyterian, in a late number of the New York Universalist paper, The Christian Leader. A Methodist paper, having admitted the difficulty of reconciling eternal punishment with divine

justice, the universalist editor jumps at the "logical inconsistency " with great avidity. He

ciary was trumpeted throughout the land; but the FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT. | long to be remembered in the annals of a pros day of execution has passed, and Real still lives. What one judge could do another could undo; and when Real suffers for his orime we shall believe that an influential ward politician in New York is amenable to the criminal code.

This city is the only one in the United States governed by Roman Catholics. It is a specimen of the happy condition to which all our cities will be reduced, when Father Hecker's glowing predictions of Romish supremacy in this country are realized.

A correspondent of the Boston Watchman and Reflector (Baptist) writes from Providence, R. I., reiterating statements which he had previously made and which had been called in question by another correspondent, in regard to Dr. Wayland's sentiments on close communion. We give part of the letter :

All I wish to say is, that my remark had reference to the sentiments held by Dr. W. during the latter part of his life. Having re examined my authority, lest possibly I might have been mistaken, I am prepared now to reaffirm that Dr. W. held open communion views; that he was very positive in his assertion that the right of private judgment should be accorded to a member of a Baptist church, so that if without violation of his own conscience he communed with another evangelical church he ought not to be made a subject of church discipline; that he did in one case, if not in more than one, invite members of other than Baptist churches to the Lord's Supper, as observed in the meeting. house of the First Baptist church in this city. I may not be able positively to prove it, but I think I can, that during the war he wrote to one of the chaplains in the army, encouraging him to bring together all sincere Christians, that they might sit down as a band of loving disciples of one Lord and Master and commemorate His dying love.

Comparing the stilted with the simpler style of oratory the New York Examiner and Chronicle says :

The real weakness of the "stilted" style, in comparison with the simpler one, was forcibly illustrated some years since by two eminent pulpit orators, the erudite Dr. Storrs and Rev. H. W. Beecher. The former, presenting in Plymouth church the necessities of the Brooklyn City Mission, exclaimed, "Brethren, we are in need of an enlarged pecuniary subsidy"! Mr. Beecher, in the course of a few after-remarks said, in his direct way: "In carrying out our plans we want money, and we must have it !" In matters of more intense concern than the raising of money, as when a soul is crying out for immediate help, how much better the simple speech of common life than the stilted phraseology of the rhetorician, however pleasing the sound !

The editor of the Presbyter has been attend-

ing Mr. Hammond's meetings in Indianapolis. Among other remarks equally commendatory, he savs :

We have never attended a meeting in which there was better evidence of the presence and power of the Spirit of God, and less appearance. of mere animal excitement. Mr. Hammond, in his instructions, hymns and prayers, comes nearer than any evangelist that we have ever met in knowing nothing save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. The same paper, criticising Mr. Barnes' com-

mentary on the Psalms, says : · · · · · ·

So far as we have been able to examine, we confess we do not find anything that, we would pronounce inconsistent with sound Calvinistic doctrine. On the fifty-first Psalm, in which the doctrine of "native depravity" comes up, commenting on the Psalmist's confession, "I was that reason must be dumb in order that it may shapen in iniquity," he says : "The idea is that he would not have committed this offence (in the case of Uriah) unless he had been thoroughly corrupt. . . . He looked at his sin, and he looked back at his own origin, and he inferred that the one demonstrated that in the other there was no good thing, no tendency to goodness, no germ of goodness, but that there was evil and only evil; as when one looks at a tree, and sees that it bears sour and poisonons fruit, he infers that it is the very nature of the tree, and that there is nothing else in the tree, from its origin, but to produce just such fruit." His views on Ps. lviii. 3, are of the same purport.

A MEETING FOR THE COLLEGE. On Thursday of last week, in connection with the anniversary at Auburn, a meeting of the friends of Hamilton College was held in the Seminary Chapel, to talk up the interests of that institution. Dr. Chester of Buffalo was called to the chair, and C. P. Bush was appointed Secretary. Some sixty or seventy persons were present. Remarks were made by Dr. Chester, President Brown, Dr. Goertner, Dr. McCosh and others.

Hamilton College has graduated 1,178 students; of whom 450, or a little less than onehalf, have been ministers of the gospel, and fifsaid there are 355 clergymen now living, who are graduates of that institution. About onewas founded by the Church, and for the Church. It was consecrated from the beginning to Christian learning and the world's salvawarmly in accord with this hallowed design of its pious founders. The religion of the Bible is honored within its walls, in its class-rooms, and in its more public exercises. Its truths are openly vindicated by its Professors. It is just such an institution as the earnest Christian philauthropist would like to see flourish.

But it needs more funds. The object of this meeting was to talk of its wants, and its plans for still greater usefulness. For, it is bound to have the money, to enlarge its facilities for giv ing instruction by two or three new Professor ships, and by increase of library and philosophical apparatus. It purposes also soon to have a more perfect gymnasium, with all the modern conveniences for manly exercise. Every way it intends to be one of the largest and best colleges in the land; lacking nothing of the finest appointments for intellectual training, whilst honoring and cherishing the Christian religion as the true handmaid and ornament of the highest learning

Much has of late been added to the funds of the College, but not all it needs, and needs at once, to meet the growing demands of the age. Where is the money-two hundred thousand dollars-that are aching to be consecrated to such a grand purpose; especially, to training so many young men to be ministers of the gospel?

LADIES' MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Such an organization has been formed in this city, auxiliary to the Women's Board of Boston, to act in connection with the American Board in sending out and supporting Female missionaries. Dr. Clark, one of the Secretaries of the Board, was here last week, in passing, and gave the ladies an admirable address in regard to woman's degradation and her need in heathen lands. He told the ladies, also, what wonderful changes have already transpired since missionary operations were commenced; how we may now get access to many who were, but a few years ago, unapproachable; what openings now exist for Christian work among the women of other countries.

He called attention to the fact that Western New York has already furnished some eight or ten ladies for such service ; some of whom have already wrought long and well on mission ground. Five or six of this sort have recently gone to Turkey. Some engaged in teaching, preparing the native women for usefulness, and some in direct missionary 'labor, from house to house. He wished the ladies of Rochester to know more of these excellent women. For this purpose they formed this Society, to put themselves in more direct connection with this part of missionary work, to get fresh intelligence occasionally from their own sisters in foreign lands, and to help sustain them by their prayers and their contributions. Our ladies have manifested a deep interest in the movement, and their organization starts with good promise of vigor and usefulness. This week, also, we had a visit from Mrs. Snow, returned Missionary from Micronesia, and ternoon was headed by JAMES IRWIN, Esq., with she gave our ladies a touching narrative of her own experience in those far off islands of the sea. Some of her hearers were so much moved that \$5,000. Two days after the dedication, the pasthey wished that they too could have been missionaries. Her charming talk gave a fresh impulse to the new Society; several new members were added; contributions made; collectors for the various churches appointed, and work was really inaugurated. We hope for much good from the Ladies' Missionary Society, and wish they were started in every city. The ladies would then feel that they have something to do for the missionary cause—it is not left to the men alone -and there is a peculiar fitness in it, while woman is the chief sufferer in heathen lands, and women always among the best missionaries of the just deceased, preached to a crowded congrega-American Board.

perous church, and a prosperous pastorate. GENESEE.

Rochester, Mar. 15, 1869.

Eity Bulletin.

Philadelphia Fourth Presbytery .- A late meetings of Presbytery the following ministers and licentiates were dismissed: Rev. Isaac O. Sloan, to the Presbytery of Minnesota : Rev. Alfred J. Snyder, to the Presbytery of Wilmington; Rev. Samuel Loomis, to unite with other ministers of our denomination in the formation of a Presbytery in South Carolina; Mr. John teen of them Foreign Missionaries. Dr. Goertner | Edgar, licentiate, to the care of the Presbyterv of Donegal; and Mr. Ambrose N. Hollifield, licentiate, to the care of the Presbytery of Philathird of the students now in the College intend delphia Third. The following were received : to be ministers. It is a Christian College. It Rev. Samuel A. Haight, from the Reformed Classis of Albany; Mr. George B. Peck, from the Presbytery of Cayuga. Arrangements were made for the installation of Mr. Haight into the tion. The present officers of the College are pastorate of Belvidere Second church. Mr. Edward T. Bartlett, licentiate, having certified Presbytery that he was about to take orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church, his certificate of icensure was revoked.

The Rev. J. Garland Hamner, on the ground of impaired health, was released from the pastorate of the Philadelphia Wharton street church. In the minute of Presbytery respecting this matter of equal necessity and regret, the following resolution was embodied:

"It was further resolved that in according to the request of Rev. J. Garland Hamner for the dissolution of his pastoral relation to the Wharton street church, Presbytery would express their sincere regret for the necessity that constrains this action. They bear testimony to the faithfulness, zeal and ability of Mr. Hamner, and rejoice with him in the enlarged success that has attended his labors in the building up and growth of the church of which he has been the pastor. They hope that the health of Mr. Hamner, impaired by constant and laborious efforts, may be restored by a season of rest, and that God, by His good Spirit and providence, may so direct his course that he shall still be abundantly useful and successful in the work of the holy ministry.

T. J. SHEPHERD, Stated Clerk.

Calvary church.-Last Sunday was the anniversary Sabbath of this church. In the morning the pastor preached his first annual sermon, text: 2 Cor. viii. 10, 11, "Herein I give my advice : for this is expedient for you who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago. Now, therefore, perform the doing of it; hat as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have." As may be inferred, the aim of the discourse was to animate the congregation with new zeal. In reporting the progress of the past year, the preacher stated the number of accessions to the membership of the church, to be fifty two; losses by dismission and death, ten. Contributions to benevolence and the support of the Gospel, including \$20,000 contributed by Jno. A. Brown, Esq., to the cause of Church Erection in this city, about \$43,500. The pastor also acknowledged a recent act of generous kindness to himself, an endowment policy of Life Insurance for \$5,000, the date of the policy being that of his first anniversary, a thoughtful and noble commemoration of the day.

In the afternoon, the anniversary of the Sunday-school was held. The church was filled. Floral decorations of remarkable taste and beauty adorned the speaker's platform. Addresses were delivered by Rev. G. F. Wiswell, D. D., and by the pastor. On the whole, this was a white day in the calendar of this church. The foundations of the new chapel are now being constructed. The corner-stone will be laid about the first of June. It will be a model building. Bethesda church.-The lecture room of this new church will accommodate 700 instead of 500 persons, as stated in our account last week of the dedication services. The subscription in the af-\$500 ; and the amount received from the City Church Extension Fund, up to the present, is tor and family were called to suffer a great sorrow, in the loss of their eldest child-a beloved daughter of 21 years-whose lovely and useful Christian life, was closed, after a four months' illness, by a death of great peace and triumph. The funeral services held on last Friday, were of a peculiarly impressive character. Present and participating in them, there were, the venerable Albert Barnes, Rev. Drs. Allen, Adair, Shepherd, Brown, Mears, McAuley, Monroe, and others. On last Sabbath afternoon, Dr. Allen, by request and In memoriam of the daughter of the pastor, tion in the new church, his celebrated sermon on The Heavenly Recognition. The occasion was marked by a degree of solemnity and emotion, seldom witnessed.

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1869.

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Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D., Pastor of N. Broad St. Church

Rev. George F. Wiswell, D.D., Pastor of Green Hill Church.

Rev. E. E. Adams, D. D., Prof.) in Lincoln University.

Rev. Samuel W. Duffield, Special Corresnondent.

Mr. Robert E. Thompson will continue to act as Editor of the News Department.

Correspondents in every Presbytery and Sy-nod will promptly furnish us with fresh items of news from their respective fields.

How we went to Switzerland, 111, Octavius Fitch, Blackwood and the Lewd Opera, Work among the Freedmen, Temperance Items, Directory, page 2d; Editor's Table, Scientific, page 3d; Three Years Ago (Poetry), Don Martin, Not Now, The Red Peppers, &c., page 6th ; Religious Intelligence, page 7th.

-The Second Protestant church of Madrid has been established. It is Presbyterian in order and worship.

-On Easter Sunday morning fifty native Protestants united in a Protestant celebration of the Eucharist in Madrid,-a sight not seen publicly in Spain since the days of Philip II.

-A series of very effective and spirited sketches has appeared in Pettengill & Bates' Hearth and Home, in which man is represented as having changed places with the brutes, and as subjected to all the cruelties at their hand. which he is guilty of inflicting upon them. In the last sketch, a man is represented as harnessed to a fearfully overloaded wagon, as having fallen upon his knees on the cobble stones, while a horse in the character of driver, is kicking him with every demonstration, of rage. Two equine policemen look on in the distance, without any movement or sign of disapprobation. The lesson is an excellent one, and conveyed with spirit and ability.

-The name of George D. Stewart, Burlington, Iowa, appears on the records of the other branch of the Presbyterian Church. He is in good and regular standing in that body. He is a vigorous writer and thinker, and contributes occasionally to the columns of the Independent. His last article, in the issue of May 6th, is entitled "Garnishing the Sepulchres of the Righteous." It is made up of laudations of four men, two dead and two living : Edward Irving, F. W. Robertson, Horace Bushnell and J. W. Nevin. Of the two former, he writes as follows:

"The Lord Jesus sent unto His Church in Great Britain two teachers-Edward Irving and Frederick William Robertson-in whom, more than in almost any others of their age and country, the prophetic spirit dwelt."

And he continues by accusing the orthodox opponents of these men of sin in

"Killing and crucifying both of them, in the prime of their manhood, with extreme tortures, not of the body only, but also of the spirit."

Of the two living men above-named, he says:

"The same blessed Lord has sent to our country and our generation two men in many respects not unlike Irving and Robertson-Horace Bushnell and John W. Nevin. More than twenty years ago, a very determined effort was made in Connecticut, instigated and encouraged by Dr. C. Hodge, in the Princeton Review, to cast Dr. Horace Bushnell out of the synagogue as a heretic; but thanks to the liberty of thought allowed in congregational bodies, the persecution failed of its chief purpose, and Dr. Bushnell is still in good ecclesiastical standing in his denomination."

Of Dr. Nevins' work: "The Mystical Presence," especially the theological part, Mr. Stewart savs :

"As such, the writer of this knows of nothing to be compared with it. The debt of gratitude he owes to that work may blind his judgment; for by it he was delivered from the perplexity of mind incident to the long endeavor to receive as true the system of legal fictions and arbitrary imputations taught at Princeton."

He thus concludes :

" And when, at last, our age shall fully recognize the fact that such men as Bushnell and Nevin are teachers sent from God, and they are gathered to their fathers, even the Rabbins and Doctors of the law, who have all their lives been casting stones at them, may bring their wreaths to garnish their sepulchres.

It is very certain that no man living or dead, in our own branch of the Church, has ventured to write in this wild strain of laudation of these distinguished men, whose acknowledged genius and piety did and does not keep them from very grave errors. Is the New School Church in the proposed Reunion to be expected to fellowship admirers of Robertson and Irving and Bushnell. and converts to the Mercersburg Theology ? Does the orthodoxy of the Old School Church, any more than that of the New, rise any higher than the known opinions of the least orthodox of its members in good and regular standing? And, after all, is there any security for orthodoxy itself so effective, as liberty within the limits of

"We want nothing more conclusive than this to fix the mind and heart against the doctrine of endless punishment. When a dogma confesses live, we shall feel justified in letting reason speak and the dogma die."

We have no hesitation in saying that if we could not see the logical consistency of these doctrines, as they are both clearly revealed, we should have no hesitation in accepting both.

The Independent publishes a letter from Bishop Simpson, in favor of giving the ballot to women. The same paper says, in regard to the late arrangements for the honest purchase of goods for the Indians, that even the red men themselves, proverbial as they are for proud stolidity, must express surprise. It continues :

"Whether the Indians will be astonished at this new state of affairs or not, there can be no doubt that the unhappy traders whose occupation is gone, and the craft whereby they got their wealth destroyed, were overcome by special won-der when they heard that Colonel Parker had come to New York and made his purchases, like any other fair dealer, at fair prices, just as if Indians were to be treated like white men. When he might have made hundreds of percentage by the simple process of buying merchandise good. enough for savages, and selling at prices too good for civilized men whom it was hard to cheat, it is, doubtless, an enigma for the solution of which their nature and experience affords no key."

As usual, the Independent leaves all religious topics to its contributors, touching none of them with the editorial pen.

The Occident, San Francisco, asks :

How long will it be ere we behold the mempers of the congregations generally provided with Bibles? How long will it be ere ministers be required in the service of the sanctuary? The Bible ought to be considered by the Presbyterian as indispensable as the book of common prayer is to the Episcopalian, or the Breviary to the Romanist.

The New York Methodist has a truly alarming article on the New York city courts. It says : great and universally recognized principles? 3 one day. The wonderful vigilance of our judi- 608 Arch Street.

The Herald has a fine article from Prof. Morris, of Lane Seminary, on the right mode of read-

ing. We quote a paragraph : The art of mastering books is as difficult as it is rare. It is so much easier to let the book, or its author, become for, the time our master; to peruse page after page passively, and without independent inspection of what is stated therein ; to flow along with the current of thought, and vaguely suck in general impressions, and accept spontaneously the conclusions urged, without that positive and earnest study to which every good book summons us. To master such a book is quite another process, and one involving very different mental conditions. In that process the thought rises far above the expression, and the theme above the author; the subject discussed becomes the central object of attraction; the understanding accepts the challenge which the subject brings; the mind rises into an active, perceptive, judicial state; the judgment, the sensibilities, the whole moral nature, are brought Clinton. His people can't spare him.—Rev. into play; and the soul sets itself deliberately to Chas. R. Burdick, of Youngstown, has received the task both of comprehending the author, and accepted a call to the Presbyterian church and estimating his work, and understanding the of Joliet, Illinois .- Rev. Dr. Crowell has arrived so conduct the worship of God, that Bibles shall topic he discusses. Then the book becomes the in our city, and is to commence his duties as paspossession of him who reads it; and the effects it leaves behind are henceforth as ineffaceable as memory-assimilated by the soul as food is assimilated by the healthy body.

And life is as insecure as property. Male-Continent, will deliver his interesting Lecture on turns with him to his home at Abeih, on Mount factors of certain party affiliations are secure in the Great American Basin, in the First Reform- Lebanon. She has been living with an aunt, and their evil practices. A great noise was made a ed Presbyterian Church, Broad Street, below going to school for three years past in Buffalo. few months ago about the condemnation of a Spruce, on Monday evening, May 24th, at 8 cold blooded murderer. So ardent was one of o'clock. Tickets, 25 cents; or, five for one dollar. our judges for the vindication of justice, that For sale at the Presbyterian House, 1334 Chest-

PERSONAL.

Rev William A. Fox has resigned the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian church of Dunkirk, his resignation to take effect on the first of June.-Rev. E. B. Van Auken has ceased to act as stated supply of the church in Bergen .- Rev. Chas. A Ruddock, in like manner, leaves the Congregational church of Churchville, and goes, we understand, into the service of the Amer. Mis. Assoc -Rev. T. B. Hudson, of North-east, Pa., declines the call of the Presbyterian church of S. West, an honored and successful Missionary York to-day, with his family, to return to his field of labor at at Sivas, in Turkey. Miss Emi, as to Dr. Wadsworth's intentions. Rev. A. M. Stewart, (late Chaplain of the ly Calhoun, daughter of Rev. Dr. Calhoun, of -We were a little too fast in saying 130 had al ready joined the First church of Lockport. The communion did not occur until last Sunday, and

-The lately organized Mission School (Colored) of the First church, has voted to raise during the year, twenty ten dollar libraries to be distributed among Sunday-schools organized at the South, in connection with the Freedmen's Committee of our branch of the Church.

Clinton St. Sunday-school has gathered into its treasury about \$175, in the last three months for benevolent purposes.

-Late San Francisco papers declare that Dr. Wadsworth informed his session, that he "declines most positively to entertain any proposition for his removal from the pastorate," but comes tor of St. Peter's church to-morrow .- Dr. Henry East simply for a few months of recreation. The session of the Calvary church have proposed to Physician of the American Board, sails from New | continue his salary and supply his pulpit. There is certainly serious misapprehension somewhere,

-Bethune Memorial Reformed church held 102d Reg. of Pennsylvania Volunteers,) who the Syrian Mission, makes one of the party going its Sabbath-school anniversary Sabbath before last. Reports, prizes, singing by the "Little Wanderers," addresses, were the features. The children have been raising funds for the increase

of the library. - —The First R. P. church of this city had an accession of thirty four at their last communion. -The Fourth R. P. church (Dr. Steele's) rethe court was kept in session until midnight, and the criminal was tried and condemned in 824 Chestnut Street, and J. C. Garrigues & Co., and the criminal was tried and condemned in 824 Chestnut Street, and J. C. Garrigues & Co., by Rev. Dr. Chester, of Buffalo. It was a day sion. A prominent elder-the Treasurer of the