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[For the SPY.] Booker at Lookout. BY E. NORWAN GUNNISOF.

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pine, His word of command rings down the line-"Charge!"
And forward they go, on the bristling foe,
While the tents of our army gleam white below
White haired yet ran and fair haired child, Rants on rank with the slain lay piled. And still on the battle's foremost marge, Iting forth the voice of the master, " Charge!" Till our troops on high, betwist earth and sky I-lanted "the flax." for which we might die. 'M'dst carnage and slaughter and fire of hell, Nobly and bravely they fought and fell. Whilst the cannon's roar, and the battle's

clang Along the side of the mountain rang; Death and destruction around, above, All! 'tis sweet to die for the land we love. And there came a half, a pause, and then Stood forth the leader, a King among men. And with reverent mein and forehead bare, Sainted "the flag" in mid-sky air— And said as he gazed o'er the land made free Thank God, who giveth the victory!" Strew flowers o'er every patriot's way, Who bore the brunt of our war's long day-Nor while freedom dwells in hall or cot, Shall noble Joe Hooker be forgot. When a grateful people statues raise. To record their heroes might and praise Forth from the list shall in glory stand, With the flag of stars unfuried in hand, Keeping its folds unstained and bright. Gallant Joe Hooker on Lookout's height

PEABODY. BY HOWARD GLYNDON.

Lo! England sends him back to us! With sealed eyes and folded palms, He drifts across the wintry sea,
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We proudly name and claim him ours, We take him, England! from thy breast; We open wide our doors to him, Who coineth pome a silent guest.

We le it him thee to teach thy sons The lesson of the open hand— Lest famished lips should bless them less, Than him-the stranger in their land! We lent him, living, unto thee, To be a solace to thy pain; But now, we want his noble dust,

To consecrace it ours again. England! we take him from thine arms! We thank thee for thy reveient care! If then and we were ever triends, We should be so beside his bler

Hi+ memory should be a spell To banish spleen and bitterness— Have kindher thoughts of thee, Was tender unto thy distress: As we have kindlier thoughts of thee,

Because of honor done to him— For while we weep, we turn to see That English eyes with tears are dim

Miscellancous Mending.

NEW EYES ON OLD SUBJECTS.

The following letter to the Reformed Messance: is from Miss Blanche Nevior-laughter of Rev. J. W. Nevio; D. D. of

Luneaster, now visiting in Rome.] In this ever-changing world, each siceessive mind, if it reflects simply and truly gardless and unconscious of the wanderthe objects it has seen and thought on a they appear to it, must h ip to cast new light upon old subjects. It is true, the things we look on are the same in themselves that they were when our fathers and our grandfathers saw them; but different eyes sometimes may read in them a new significance. Old impressions, f the thought that there is so near you value in their time as a step in the generat progress, having done their duty, having played their part, must now fell a littie back for the new.

Together with our usual large stock of Ducas of writing you letters from Rome, a place | MEDICINES and DRUGGISTS SUNDRIES which are entirely CASII purchases.
Physician's Prescriptions and Family Reso exhausted, one would imagine, by the best writers of all times, so minutely describ-CIPES prepared by night or day with accuracy. Remember the ed, that it would be altogether bare and bald of freshness. This, I say, is my first Waiting, as 'many we loved are lying the new; and my second is, that it has seemed to me semetimes as though most books of travel are written exclusively for PIANOS, ORGANS, MELODEONS. the cultivation of the mind, and very little for the heart. Statistical knowledge, wholesale information, shrewd guesses at A large assortment of Violins, Flutes, Guitars, Banjos, Tamborines, Accordeous, Files, Har-unuticus, and musical murchandise always on hand. the political and religious condition of the people, and an elegant use of language and the technical terms of art criticism! All this we have, and it is well and most Music and Musical Books will be sent by mail free of postage, when the market piece is remitted. important. That is food for the mind. There is another class of readers, however who would find more satisfaction in a Or the Art of transferring Picture: Can be transferred on any object. I would call special attention of the Coach-makers to my stock of Dacadeomania. truthful pertrayal of the inner and social life of foreign people. I shall try to be merely a reflection for such, and instead of giving mine allow them to draw their own conclusions; sacrificing to this any ambitious desire I may feel arising to excel in finished or polished sentences What my first object shall be, is to have you with us, seeing and hearing something NO. 3 NORTH PRINCE STREET. of what I myself see and hear; and since it is through my eyes that you must look. I shall strive to make them clear, and honest, and true. I shall confine myself to no special line of objects, but wander among the different interests of human nature as we come in contact with them Having rebuilt their store, will open about Detober 1st, with an elegant stock, to which hev invite an examination. October ist, with an elegant stock, to which they invite an examination.

Upwards of seventien years of active business at their present location, enables them to judge of the wants of their patrons, to buy at the lowest prices and to sell at the smallest margin of profit. Full lines of here in our daily life. It is the little touches on the canvass, the little lines on the marble, that bring out the beauty of the picture, the force of the statue; and so perhaps, little trivial mention of things that sound insignificant in themselves will present more vividiy to you the real individuality and character of the nation we are COLLARS, CUFFS. &c., WHITE GOODS, BLANKETS, QUILIS, with. All go to make up the gloss of distinction, which marks the differences between races and places-differences, which after all, are only a gloss, superficial; so alike in all real things are we on either

> race the line where we diverge Let the heart draw its lessons from the pages of the past, as well as the mind; that in the tide of improvement both may swim onward together.

side of the water. But it is of interest to

You will understand, that this explanation was quite needed, when I go on to speak in my present letter of the famous

you constantly in Rome and in many other strange sense of familiarity with the form and appearance of places and buildings. described, and pictured to us, that we have felt, have seen, and all but walked upon the ground. It is all an idea actualized now. And it is pleasant to grasp with best. It is faith made substance, as it were. For even with all the pictures, the history the description, there is still much to learn, many wrong impressions to correct and a most satisfactory food for your keenest sense of beauty and fitness-such food as was untasted before. Still, as we have said, there is enough of familiarity to give this dreamy feeling, and also a certain Pictures to be sure, never gave us

homelike sensation. the great leathern curtains before the doors here, as you find them also eleswhere, in all the cathedrals and churches of the country. The doors are always open, but to prevent the draits of air that would otherwise be dangerous and uncomfortable, this stuffed, heavy leather-blind hangs down, and is pushed aside easily going out or entering. Generally, indeed, a beggar stands there, ready enough to do it for you with one hand while with the other he holds foward the ever-ready torn hat There were but few visitors at St. Peter's the first day we were there; no service going on, and a calmness and majestic quiet and hush was in the atmosphere. Standing still in the doorway, I drank in the first effect most eagerly: the grandeur-the harmonythe immense werk of man's hands and brains-the long tiers of columns, and the side chapels on either hand; and far up, under the dome, lights-little, clear, steady flumes-ever burning around a railing, which surrounds the tomb of St. Peter himself, where, we are told, rest his bones Around this railing is a raised cushion. Into the church come the Catholic worshipers, full of reverence; introverted; first to the exquisitely carved basins, where their fingers are dipped into the water, and themselves crossed with it; then up to St. Peter's tomb, and down upon their knees on the cushion, under the little, starry flames. These we cannot help admiring; they are such a tiny show in

-this emborate place, while feet they look so faithful, and so full of repose in the great space. All people, side by side; kneel here, and say their prayers, reing, and too often staring, Protestants around. Women, poor and rich; soldiers, in various uniforma; wise men: pale priests, and fat ones, too sometimes; all hushed, subluct and reverential. St. l'eter's bones! And you too feel a solemnity steal over you, at the little remaining dust of that fisherman, whose life on earth was so interlaced and associated with that of Christ; who knew Him and touched Him, and This is my first apology for the boldness who felt His saving hand once when the waters nearly overpowered him. The past draws near to you. Here is a link away back through the ages. Lying there, waiting for the resurrection!

apology, the ever recurring necessity for waiting! Waiting, as we all shall some day wait! As we stand so thinking under the mighty, graceful dome to which, at last, we have approached, how jurring and gratting it is to our Protestant feelings, to see. the devote s rise from their knees and go to the side, where, stiff against the wall is a life-size figure, in a sitting posture, ugly and with one protruded foot, the toe particularly in the development of a train of thought , and sometimes the suspicion has crossed my mind, that not a few logiciaus would prefer living in error rather than confess to a possible flaw or hiacus in their chain of reasoning.

There is an elaboration of ornament in St. Peter's that failed to please me. It is something to be marvelled at, a wonderful collection of man's best efforts in art. But, a- a whole, the multiplicity of objects scemed to mar a little the harmony of outline, and to create a confusod mass in many places; although each petty thing in itself is complete. Ornament is encrusted with decoration, sculpture, carving gilding, painting, illuminating; and various rich marbles deck every space of the high walls, ceilings and pillars. But in vain the eye seeks for rest in calm, undisturbed lines; every line is broken by some lavish carving or display. And here | teet of his own fortune." A few days a volume. Few among her citizen have was what pleased in St. Paul's by way of after this interview he engaged himself as been able to do as much for Pennsylvania contrast Outside it is plain, and you enter perfectly unprepared for the severe he had been a student, but with no other in the very frontrank of American educhaste beauty that meets you. My fancy traced an analogy between the character of the two Apostles, and the different 1841-12, he taught a common country buildings which commemorate their lives and claim their bones. St. Peter's is warm, impulsive, glowing and poetic. St. Paul's elegant, chaste, complete and logical, if to school, until the year 1845, when he one may use such an expression of a became principal of the Marietta Academy, church of St. Peter's, and its rival in church. There is quite as magnificent a beauty, if not in fame, St. Paul's; and of display in one sense; but so artistically Pa. San Pietro" first, of course. When you blended, so developed, that it is like a Mr. Wickernham's success as a teacher tional interests of the country over which

are driven up to the entrance, you are perfect thought, a complete conception. was marked, from the beginning. While he had been called to preside. perfectly blended. You are moved; you places. This: a dreamy idea that you are warmed; the light is softened and have been there at some long past time, a subdued. It is rich and luxuriant. In St. Paul's you are raised, elevated; and your taste is satisfied with beauty. So So completely and often have they been large, so pure with precious marble pillars, and choice stones forming the walls. Grand heights and breadths in it; you metry, over the polished floors, and see the actual sight what was before only an how the light of the sun comes in from imagination (however perfect) at the the high windows somewhere; touches one pillar after another; gleams upon an old mosaic picture, high on the wall; lighting up the ugly quaint figures of the fifth century, till they are almost fair Outside there is no comparison between

Fresu Marr charg.

Brief Biography of James Pyle Wickersham, State Superintend-

ent of Public Schools of Pennsylrania. At two or three different times during the past year, have we essayed, through personal application to the friends of Hon. J. P. Wickersham, to get data for a sketch of his life for our series, and, through lor, of Chester county, daughter of Dr. persisted t efforts, we have at last suc- Isaac Taylor, deceased. The institution cceded. That our labors will be appre- of which he now had charge, continued ciated, we do not doubt. A life history, to flourish all the time he remained at its of one so closely allied with the interests. I head, which was nine years. The school if not the destinies, of the rising genera- was strictly a private one, but there nevtion, cannot but prove interesting to both | er was a time when the names of several parents and children Mr. Wickersham non-paying students could not have been is descended from the first settlers of found on its roll. Poor, descrying young Pennsylvania, co-eval with William Penn. | men and women were sought out, invited Thomas Wickersham, together with other | to attend the school, and told that their of his Quaker brethren, emigrated from Cheshire, England, nearly two hundred for; and there are those thus favored, years ago, and settled in the then wilder- who do not know to-day that it was their ness of Chester county, and, although five generations have come and gone since our | indebted. In 1845 he was elected the subject was born and raised within two first county Superintendent of Shools, in miles of the house built and occupied by Lancaster county; and, because he de-Thomas Wickersham, his liveal progeni- | clined serving for a less sum, he was paid tor, in 1705. On the mother's side he a salary five hundred dollars larger than also descends from the early settlers, be- any other Superintendent in the State ing the grandson of James Pyle, n In 1855, he founded and temporarily pre-Friend.

Caleb Wickersham, the father of James P., our subject, still lives, and until recently, owned and conducted the farm ers for the schools of a single county evenfrom the products of which he raised and | tually, under his management, developed educated his family. He is a man of into the first State Normal School of marked character-a sound thinker, close | Pennsylvania, and thus practically pionand careful reader, and posessed of clear | ecred the whole work of Normal instrucindecement and deep-seated integrity.

ducation, and was a successful teacher before her marriage. She, too, still lives,

placency and strength of character. James P. entered school when about the farm and his mother in the house, during the summer months, getting to studies.

In 1834, when he was only eleven years came up, and James, boy as he was, took a lively interest in its adoption, and stood up manfully, with creditable arguments. against its opposers, predicting its great benefits with almost prophetic foresight: and he has lived to see its manifold.blessings, and the hope, of which the wish was father, realized, and in no small degree through his own instrumentality. As rears advanced, he became a great reader. His father's small but well chosen library, eagerly read and rehearsed in private. His great desire to become a scholar of which they kise, and have kissed until pleased his mother, and she often screen. Teachers' Institute has increased nearly it shines brassily. You think of the Is- ed him from his companions at play, that realites and the golden calf, and wonder he might "thumb" some new book. Nor if they looked like that when they bowed | did his love of reading incapacitate him down. Certainly men will do strange for manual labor. At sixteen he could things, following out i leas, fair enough at | do more work on the farm than any man the start perhaps, until they become ex- his father could hire, and at the rustie Hundreds of schools have been graded; travagant, and only disgust instead of sports of the day and locality he was quite arousing s, apathy. It is hard to retreat | an expert. Even now, there are few am-

> mastered mathematics, natural sciences, history, and the English, French, and Latin ical or methodical education. The literary degrees he has since received are all the salaries of those who are competent fight them. I intend to do it. All the honorary. At sixteen he informed his have been largely advanced; and by students should go to their homes as soon father that he wanted to choose and study a profession. This his father objected to, not because he was opposed to the course. but because he needed his assistance on the farm. He gave him, however, his choice of remaining with him on the farm, or throwing himself upon his own resources. The plucky boy chose the latter, and since that day has made his way in the world, without pecuniary assistance form any one-emphatically "the archian assistant teacher in the Academy where and outside of his own State he is placed compensation than the instruction he should receive. The following winter, school, at twenty dollars per month, and then returned to school himself; and so continued, alternately teaching and going located at Marietta, Lancaster county,

conscious of a feeling, which impresses In St. Peter's you see many thoughts not | teaching his first school, in Brandywine district, Chester county, the board of directors passed a resolution, stating that his was the best taught school under their charge. In another district he received the best teaching, and in still another he | more educational meetings. He assisted any other teacher in the district. Years can look away down through lines of sym- afterwards, while principal of the Acad emy at Marietta, and of the State Normal school at Millersville, although fifty or ers' Association, and was elected its fourth sixty miles distance, nearly all the young people of the neighborhood where he had taught, who went from home to school, much satisfaction to their older brothers to look on. It appeals more to the purely and sisters. It should be stated, however, assthetic taste; St. Peter's to the feeling. that his intention was to study law, and the nation. An address of his read behe had made arrangements to enter a lawyer's office for that purpose; but the Quaker grandfather, provoked so much

ostponed, and finally abandoned. Mr. Wickersham was just twenty years of age when he became principal of the Academy at Marietta. Three years afterwards he was married to Emerine I. Tayexpenses in so doing would be provided kind hearted principal to whom they were sided over the Lancaster county Normal Institute at Millersville, an institution which, at first designed to prepare teachtion in the State. In 1865, he resigned

His mother received a boarding-school the office of County Superintendent, to during our late civil war. Soon after the accept that of principal of the institution he had established, cared for it as a father and is noted for her benevolence and com- cares for his child, and at last, after a composed mainly of young teachers; but long and hard struggle, he had the proud he was dissuaded from making the attempt satisfaction of seeing it become, not only by the Governor, the trustees of the Norseven years old, and made rapid progress. a State Normal School, but one of the mal School, and other friends. The Gov-He led all his competitors, always stand- largest and most flourishing institutions of ing head in his classes. At home he had the kind in the country. He continued one Principal of a State Normal School. frequently to be driven from his books to as principal of the Normal School, until. Not feeling at liberty under these circumbed, so determined was he to excel his 1866, when he resigned that position with stances to go himself, he did what he could classmates. When about twelve years of the intention of visiting Europe, and on to aid others in going. He raised a conage, heing the oldest of a large family of bis return completing a series of works siderable sum of money to assist in equiphildren, he had to assist his father on on the Science of Teaching, which he had ping a Langaster county company, which commenced; but an unexpected circumstance of a domestic character which ocschool only in the winter; but even then curred at this time, compelled him to he found much time to devote to his change his intention; and, being offered the 79th regiment, which was commanded by Governor Curtin, the State Superintendency of Common Schools, he accepted old, the question of a free school system the position, served one term, and was reappointed by Governor Geary. His confirmation by the Senate the second time was unanimous, every one of the thirty-

three Senators voting for it. The vigor of his administration as the head of our State school system, is shown by facts like the following : Eleven cities and large boroughs have been induced to elect Superintendents of Schools; five thousand children have been brought into schools, from districts which had previously reas well as those of all his neighbors, was jected the Common School system; the State appropriation to schools has been largely increased; the attendance at four-fold; the expenditures for school purposes in the State have hearly doubled those for building and repairing school houses being now more than five times as great as in any other year prior 1866. one new State Normal School has been put in operation, and sever I others are ature ball-players whom he would not ex- in a good state of forwardness; offices have been secured for County Superinten-He spent some six sessions at the Union- dents in some thirty-five counties, and the said : ville Academy, Chester couty, where he Superintendency itself has been made languages. This constituted his theoret to the office. A higher grade of qualifithis time to-morrow they may be here!

> their duty to Common Schools. Space forbids a discussion here of Mr. Wickersham's merits, as a teacher and as a Superintendent of Schools. The full positions in other States, and His excellency, President Sarmiento, of the Argen-America, and take charge of the educa- mustered out at Reading, August 14th.

Mr. Wickersham has written many articles for magazines and newspapers, mostly of an educational character, and few in the country have visited more schools, attended more Teachers' Instia premium of four dollars per month, for | tutes and Associations, or been present at was paid five dollars per month more than in establishing the Lancater County Teachers' Association and was elected its second President in 1853; he assisted in establishing the Pennsylvania State Teach President in 1855; he assisted in establishing the National Teachers' Association and was elected its seventh President in followed the teacher who had given so 1865; He is now President of the National Superintendents' Association, a body composed of the leading educators of fore the National Teachers' Association. at its meeting in Harrisburg, in 1865, on fact coming to the knowledge of his "Education as an element in the reconstruction of the Union," was published by opposition on his part, that the design was | some liberal and patriotic gentlemen of Boston, in pamphlet form, and many thousands of copies were gratuitously distributed over the country. His inaugural address at Indianopolis, before the same

body, on "An American Education for the

American People," besides being widely

published in this country, was translated

into several foreign languages, and large-

ly circulated, both in Europe and South

America. Professor Laboulage, of the

University of France, the well known

friend of America, who translated it into

French, pronounces it "the best exposition of the American idea of popular education that has ever been written." Mr. Wickersham is the author of two volumes-"School Economy," and "Meth ods of Instruction,"-both prepared while at the Normal School, and published by Messrs Lippincott & Co., of Phila. These books have sold more largely than any other books of the sort published in this country, and they are now used as text books in nearly all our State Normal Schools, and in many other institutions where teachers are prepared, Sale has also been found for them in Europe, especially in England and Germany. They are recognized as standard works by the entire profession, and as the first successful attempt made in this country to place teaching on a philosophical basis they have received the highest commend-

ations from its leading members. This sketch would be incomplete with out referring to Mr. Wickersham's record breaking out of hostilities, he proposed to Governor Curtin to raise a regiment, to be ernor said "he could get ten Colonels to became company B, of the First Pennsylvania Reserves. He spent both time and money in helping to raise company E. of by his brother, and being composed in good part of young men who had been students at Millersville, was called the 'Normal Guards:" He did even more for company E, of the 122nd regiment. whose officers and men were nearly all Millersville students; and in recognition of his services, the company received the name of the "Wickersham Guards." He assisted one of the Trustees of the School in raising another company, offering a bounty to those who enlisted, but the regiment of which it was to form a part was never organized, and the company was disbanded. Valuable assistance was also rendered to the officers who recruited company C, of the 195 regiment, and company B, of the 214 regiment. And when Lee, beating the army of the Potomac, triumphantly marched his forces into the state, in the dark days of June, 1863 on that solemn Sunday afternoon when a detachment of the rebel army reached the Susquehanna, at Columbia, while the smoke of the burning bridge obscured with its black masses the western sky, Mr. Wickersham called a meeting of trustees and students in the Chapel of the school, and

"The rebels are almost in sight! You much more effective, by the refusal to can now hear the sound of their cannon commission incompetent persons elected and see their work of destruction! By cation has been adopted for teachers, and It is the duty of every one who is able, to means of addresses delivered in all the as possible. If any of the young men principal cities and towns of the State, the present choose to return within a day or annual reports, the matter published in two, or if any have brothers or fathers the official department of the School Jour- who would sooner fight than run away, nal, and visitations to schools the people they will find me ready to lead them to have been awakened to a higher sense of assist, as best we can our brave boys already, in driving back the enemy.

Within a week from that day, the 47th regiment P. V. M. was organized at Camp Curtin equipped and ready to march. story of his professional life would require | Twenty-two companies offered to join Colonel Wickersham's command, but he declined to receive more than a sufficient number to complete his regiment. The regiment joined the right wing of the cators. This is seen in the fact that he army of the Potomac, near Greencastle has been offered, again and again, high | Pa., July 13th, and expected to participate in the contemplated attack upon Lee's army, which was then intrenched for some, tine Republic, before leaving New York | miles on the Maryland side of the Potoin 1868, to enter upon the duties of his mac river; but the hasty retreat of the office, tried to induce him by the offer of rebels, on the night of July 13th preventa very high salary, and a position in his ly it. The 47th regiment had no fighting to do, but it had some hard marching, and Cabinet, to accompany him to South did much guard and picket duty. It was [Continued on second page.]