RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The Methodists on the State of the Union.

The New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which has just closed its annual session in the city of New York, has added another laurel to the unswerving and practical patriotism of this denomination. On Saturday last, the scene presented in the Temple, on Fourth street, where they were assembled, according to the published accounts, must have been one of exciting interest. On the morning of that day the committee appointed by Conference to draft a preamble and resolutions on the State of the Union, reported through their chairman, the Rev. Alfred Cookman, formerly of this city. Whatever scruples Christian ministers, in their representative bodies, may have about canvassing the absorbing political question of the hour, no one will deny that when a platform of principles and opinions is expressed at all, it ought to be in terms easily understood, and not in such equivocal phrases as with a little ecclesiastical legerdemain can be made to look equally favorable to patriots and traitors. Happily, in the unbidden resolutions of the Methodist Episcopal Church there are no loopholes left for a sympathizer to escape without bearing with him his appropriate mark; though, as every flock has its black sheep, so, in this instance, as will be seen hereafter, there were two political "goats," (*only two*), both of whom will, do doubt, one day feel ashamed of the bad notoriety which they earned for themselves by their course on Saturday last.

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Court of Oyer and Terminer and Quarter Sessions—Judge Thompson.

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Nothing transpired in the other courts.

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Ship Robert Cushman, Otis.....Liverpool, soon
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Bark John Boulton, Davis.....Laguayra, &c, April 25

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SUN RISES.....5 8—SUN SETS.....6 48
HIGH WATER at Arch street.....7 12

ARRIVED.

Brig Ajace, D'Espinto, 44 days from Messina, with fruit, &c, to Warner & Draper.
Brig Myra W Holt, Closson, 14 days from Cardenas, with sugar and molasses to S & W Welsh—vessel to J E Bazley & Co. Towed up by the Delaware. Off New Castle, passed a British ship; brigs Garibaldi, from Liverhorn, and Mary S Milliken, from Key West, all coming up.
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BELOW

Ship Coburg (before reported ship unknown), from Liverpool, and others as before reported.

CLEARED.

Ship Constitution, Webster, Shanghae, Workman & Co.
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Schr James Neilson, Burt, Taunton, Tweils & Co.
Schr Pangassett, Waples, Boston, Wannemacher & Maxfield.
Schr Engineer, Cherrey, Boston, captain.
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Schr D & E Kelley, Kelley, Portland, Castner, Stickney & Wellington.
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MEMORANDA

Bark Stadacona, Stewart, sailed from Londonderry 10th inst, for Philadelphia.
Brigs A G Cattell, Watson, and J W Drisko, Drisko, for Philadelphia, were at Matanzas 17th inst.

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TESTIMONIALS.

FROM REV. JOHN NOTT, D. D., PROFESSOR IN UNION COLLEGE, SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

SCHENECTADY, January 17, 1862.

DR. LIGHTHILL—*Sir:* Having been cured by you of a discharge in an ear, which has been very offensive of late, and as far back as I can remember always more or less so; and having been much improved in hearing since under your care, I feel that I cannot withhold this acknowledgment from any use it may be to others, especially as I have applied in vain to my family physician and other physicians of reputation. Yours truly, JOHN NOTT.

CATARRH CURED.

[FROM REV. P. R. RUSSELL, LYNN, MASS.]

I have been much troubled with catarrh of the worst type for some twenty years. It gradually grew worse, producing cough and hoarseness, destroying the sense of smell, and breaking down my general health to such a degree as to compel me to resign my pastorate and suspend public speaking.

I made diligent use of the usual remedies, such as snuffs of various kinds, nitrate of silver, tar-water, olive-tar, and inhalations, but without any very salutary effects. Last summer I heard of Dr. Lighthill's successful mode of treating catarrh, visited him, and put myself under his treatment. I began immediately to improve, and this improvement has gone on to the present time. My catarrh has gradually melted away, my cough has disappeared, my voice has become natural, and I am once more able to preach the blessed Gospel. Let me advise all troubled with catarrhal difficulties to apply to Dr. Lighthill.

LYNN, Mass., Feb. 1, 1862.

INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB, NEW YORK, January 7, 1862.

I have pleasure in testifying to the skill and kind attention of Dr. Lighthill, who has relieved me from a troublesome deafness, brought on by a severe cold. I shall be happy to answer any inquiries made by persons seeking information at my address as above. ROBERT CLIVE, Book-keeper.

This may certify that, having been afflicted during the year 1856 with severe and almost total deafness, and having tried the ordinary medical and surgical aid, under the care of those esteemed as eminent practitioners, I was induced at last to put my self under the care of Dr. E. B. Lighthill. His treatment was brief and successful. I was completely restored to ed, and the cure is apparently permanent. I have all confidence in Dr. L.'s skill and integrity in the diseases he makes specialties.

JAMES CRUIKSHANK, LL. D.,
Editor N. Y. *Teacher*.

ALBANY, Oct. 1, 1862.

740 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, June 5, 1862.

Dr. Lighthill has succeeded in completely restoring my hearing, which was seriously impaired, although previous to applying to him I was treated by several physicians without the least benefit. Any further information I should be pleased to render on application to me at my residence, 173 Second street, Brooklyn, E. D., or at my place of business, 740 Water street. WM. H. WATERBURY.

NEW YORK, July 28, 1862.

I hereby certify that I have suffered during many years from trouble in hearing; one ear at last became entirely deaf, and the other so bad as to render conversation very difficult. I applied to Dr. Lighthill, of No. 34 St. Mark's Place, who in a short time, and without pain, restored to me the use of my ears, so that I can now hear perfectly well.

J. BISCO, No. 158 East Twenty-third st.

METROPOLITAN HOTEL, New York, April 1, 1862.

DEAR SIR:—I take much pleasure in testifying to the professional skill exhibited by you in your treatment of a case of severe inflammation of the throat and ear with which I have lately been afflicted. Upon coming under your charge I was immediately relieved, and speedily cured of a most aggravated complaint, which several physicians had previously sought in vain to mitigate.

As I am somewhat of a stranger in the city, I would state that you are at liberty to substantiate my statements, if necessary, by reference to my relatives, Mr. A. V. Stout, President of the Shoe and Leather Bank of New York, and to Mr. Everett Clapp, of the Western Transportation Company, No. 1 Coenties Slip.

With much esteem, I am, sir,
Your obedient servant,
FRED. M. HANKS.

To DR. LIGHTHILL, No. 34 St. Mark's Place, N. Y.

NO. 11 DEY STREET, NEW YORK, Jan. 2, 1863.

DR. E. B. LIGHTHILL—*Dear Sir:* It is with the kindest feelings toward you, and hoping to do service to some one who is afflicted, that I forward the enclosed document to you.

To whom it may concern: I am personally acquainted with the success which attended Dr. Lighthill's treatment in a case of discharge from the ear and chronic inflammation of the throat, and would be pleased to give further information on application.

V. D. W. WEEKES.

I placed my wife under the care of Dr. Lighthill for deafness in one ear, of nearly three years' standing, accompanied by constant noises. I am happy to state that her hearing is now entirely restored, and the noises removed. Those residing in New York, who are desirous of further information, may apply to Matthew Gaw, Captain Swift, Ex-sheriff, and to No. 95 East Thirty-fourth street, who is acquainted with the circumstances of the case.

FRANCIS GOULDY.

NEWBURGH, 73 Grand street, Dec. 23, 1862.

I have been suffering for some time with noise in my head, and deafness. Having applied to Dr. Lighthill, I have great pleasure in saying that he has completely relieved me, so that now I can hear, as well as ever, and am not troubled with the noise in my head.

I may also mention that a young man named Henry Laws, staying with me, was also afflicted in a similar manner, and Dr. Lighthill was equally successful in his case.

JOHN MURDOCK, 197 Fulton-st.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 2, 1863.

NEW YORK, June 29, 1862.

DR. LIGHTHILL—*Dear Sir:* I am pleased to be able to testify to the efficacy of your treatment in the case of my wife, whose hearing in one ear you succeeded in restoring, after treatment of various kinds had been applied in vain. I may furthermore state that her hearing remains good up to the present time, though it is several years since she has been under your care.

E. CLAYBURGH, 141 Duane street.

DAILY JOURNAL OFFICE, NEWARK, Dec. 12, 1862.

DR. LIGHTHILL: I am happy to testify to the complete success of your treatment, in my case, of long-standing discharge from the ears, caused by scarlet fever, and very disagreeable and annoying. The inflammation in my throat has also entirely disappeared. J. W. SHOCH, Local Editor.

42 FIFTH STREET, NEW YORK, June 25, 1863.

DR. LIGHTHILL—*Dear Sir:* I take pleasure in testifying to the remarkable skill and judgment you displayed in the case of my daughter, who had been partially deaf, accompanied by discharge from the ears since early infancy, and is now, thanks to your treatment, able to hear as well as any one, while her ears are free from the discharge. Although it is nearly two years since she has been under your care, her hearing remains as good and her ears as sound as the day she left you. O. S. HOLLY.

A DEAF MUTE RESTORED TO HEARING

My son, now 12 years of age, has been deaf and dumb, and a pupil of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum in this city for the past two years. Dr. Lighthill has succeeded in restoring his hearing to such a degree that he is now able to speak with facility.

The success which the Doctor has had in this case has scarcely a parallel, and deserves to be extensively known by the public.

GABRIEL LOWENSTEIN,
No. 175 Spring street.

NEW YORK, August 15, 1862.

NEW YORK, June 10, 1862.

DR. LIGHTHILL—*Dear Sir:* Permit me to thank you most sincerely for the invaluable services you have rendered me in restoring the hearing of my son, who had been deaf from infancy, and who had previously been under the care of the best medical talent without the slightest success.

Respectfully,
ANSELL HEOHT,
138 Sixth avenue.

413 FOURTH STREET, NEW YORK,
June 5, 1862.

My hearing having been impaired for a number of years, I placed myself under Dr. Lighthill's care, who restored it after a short course of treatment.

JAMES KENNY.

☞ Further reference to parties of the highest respectability, residing here and elsewhere, on application. fe19-s13t

PROPOSALS.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, April 25, 1863.

PROPOSALS will be received at this office until MONDAY, 27th inst., at 12 o'clock M., for the immediate erection at Fort Delaware of Barracks for the accommodation of five thousand persons. Plans and specifications for the same can be seen at the office of JOHN McAUSTER, Jr., Architect, No. 309 South SIXTH Street, Philadelphia.

Bidders will state the shortest time required to complete the cont act, and to furnish ample security for its faithful performance. The right is reserved to reject all bids deemed too high.

ap24-3t JOHN H. CROSMAN,
Assistant Quartermaster General.

ARMY CLOTHING AND EQUIPAGE OFFICE, TWELFTH and GIRARD Streets,
PHILADELPHIA, April 22, 1863.

SEALED PROPOSALS are invited at this Office until 12 o'clock M., on TUESDAY, the 28th inst., to furnish promptly the following supplies