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TERMS.- \$1.50, in advance; or in Clubs, \$1.35; or, delivered at residences of Subscribers, \$1.75. See Prospectus, on Third Page. There is a Presbyterian, an Associate Re-RENEWALS should be prompt; a little while before the year expires, that we may an Episcopal, and a Roman Catholic church. make full arrangements for a steady supply. THE RED WRAPPER indicates that we desire a renewal. If, however, in the haste is a County Academy, under the care of the of mailing, this signal should be omitted, we hope our friends will still not forget us. Rev. Mr. White, of the Episcopal Church; REMITTANCES.-Send payment by safe and also the "Witherspoon Institute," unhands, when convenient. Or, send by mail, enclosing with ordinary care, and troubling der the care of the Presbytery of Allegheny, nobody with a knowledge of what you are doing. For a large amount, send a Draft, er large notes. For one or two papers, send Gold or small notes.

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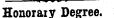
"SUBSCRIBER."-The request made was too late for this week. In our next issue we shall give the information desired.

the Rev. Dr. Swift, the last Moderator-Acts v: 29: "We ought to obey God rather THE CORNER STONE of Westminster than men." The next morning, the Rev. Church, Philadelphia, was laid on Monday Robert Dilworth, D. D., was elected Moderof this week. We congratulate a zealous ator, and B. R. Bradford, permanent Clerk. pastor and a struggling 'people.

Acknowledgment.

pressive of confidence in the American and We have received from "Pilgrim," five Pennsylvania Bible Societies, and their auxiliaries, and also commending the English dollars toward the purchase of a "bell" for version now in common use, as being by far the Indian congregation at Porter's village, under the care of Mr. Guthrie, whose appreferable to any other English version ever peal was published in the Ban ler and Adoffered to the world. vocate of September 6th. Will not others, In the afternoon, the members of Synod

whom the Lord has blessed, add to the were favored with addresses from the Rev. amount? It is greatly needed.



It will be remembered that Lafayette College, at the Commencement in July, conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on the Rev John Wier, of River Terrace, Islington, London. The Banner of Ulster, in

making the announcement, says : "Mr. Wier, who has now been for upwards of twenty years an ordained minister of the Gospel, is intimately known and universally respected by the ministers of the Presbyterian Church in this country; and in Newry, and our own town of Belfast especially, where he labored with so much acceptance, the announcement of the honor conferred upon him will be received with cordial satisfaction as a testimony at once to his character as a Divine and his success Mr. Wier is well known as the author of the 'Lectures on Romanism,' the greater portion of which have been stereotyped by the Religious Tract Society of London ; and as a

ing circulated by thousands by the same ex-

vide for an uniform method of trying Pres-be published in the Presbyterian Banner and Ad-byters. But when it is discovered that this violate, and in the papers of Easton and this vicin-of the people," at "moreover as leaders of of the people," It "moreover as leaders of the congregation they assist the priests in the Divine offics of worship." And as "Evangelists," hey preach the Gospel of the The Synod of Allegheny----Meeting at

is the foot of a gigantic system of Presby-The town of Butler, some thirty-two terianism, which, by absorbing the Episcomiles North of Pittsburgh, is pleasantly pate in a General Assembly without an exlocated, and surrounded by a fine agriculecutive head, will kick diocesan authority tural district; it is the seat of justice for down stairs, the Church may well draw back the county of the same name. The number in surprise.

We propose this week to recapitulate the of inhabitants is over fifteen hundred. objections to this most dangerous proposition, which we have heretufore dealt on formed, an English Lutheran, a Methodist, only in detail. They are:

First. It destroys the Episcopate. The executive government of the Church, on the diocesan theory, is vested in the bishop alone; its legislative, in the bishop, clergy, and laity in the Convention assembled; its judicial, in courts who are the bishop's appointces. But adopt their centralizing sys tem, of which this proposition is part, and what have you then? "Presbyterianism," cries the shade of that veteran opponent of Episcopacy, Dr. MILLER, "is a government

both males and females, though in separate carried on by bishops, whom we call presbyters, and laymen, in council assembled.' Fut the judicial and then the executive power of our Church in the General Convenplace, on the evening of Thursday, the 24th tion, and do you not have just this very thing? We retain, it is true, in what were amazing popularity as a preacher; his pubult.; and its members received a most coronce dioceses, lieutenants to carry out the decrees, of the central power; but even these she dows, like the bishops in the days of the Long Parliament, it will be thought convenient soon to strike away. But even if they remain, how do we distinguish ourselves from Presbyterianism, if this centralizing process is effected? Parity governs Presbyterianism: parity will govern us; for with both of us the first estate of our supreme council will consist of a body of equals, with no executive authority rising over them, and differing in no respect, except rank, from the co-ordinates, the laymen, who form an order in the same assembly.

Secondly. By fusing dioceses so vast and dissimilar as our own into one Central mould it destroys that individuality which is essen. tial to our ecclesiastical existence. , Of this we have an illustration in one of the projects by which our Church has been entertained by those respectable, but not very sagacious, gentlemen who have been engaged n the work of making machines by which the Church is to be hereafter worked entirely by rule, without the trouble of calling upon such discretionary agents as bishops ministers, and laymen. A court of twelve

clergymen is to be assembled. It would have been quite as sensible, so far as several of our dioceses are concerned, if it was provided that the court should consist of a thousand. Where, including the accused and his presenters, there are not twelve cler-

gymen altogether, one impossible number is as satisfatory as another. Or, to rise to the general proposition that lies behind this, where dioceses, such as ours, are co-extensive with sovereign States, each an empire by itself, with distinct usuages, laws, degrees of population and habits, each diocese, like each State, should be left to establish local laws most conducive to its own wants. Nor are the subject matters of trial less important in such a view than the mode.

Take, for intsance, the question of slavery. Take, for intsance, the question of slavery. Are we to have those delicate questions of discipline which an enlightened diocesan conscience can best settle, torn away from its proper sovereignty and cast into the vor-tex of a Presbyterian General Assembly, or into a court which that assembly may ap-

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From our London Correspondent.

There is, this, not only a confusion of terms, but a pretical denial of the destincrvingism in London described-Edward Irving and tion between straordinary and ordinary offihis Career-Analysis of Principles of "Catholic and Aposlolic Church"-The Sacramental Basis cers in the Chrch, which is so patent in the Acts of the Aostles, and in Paul's writings. One could no wish anything more effective to smash totatoms this system of false ana Aposious Church — Ine isacramenical Bass of the System—Apostles, so called, and other Officers—Illogical Arguments—Visit to the Irving-ite Cathedral—Morning Service—The Priest and Deacon—The Pyx and the Lamp—The Memorial Deacon—The Pyx and the Lamp—The Memorial Chopel—Art, in its bearing on a sensuous religion in England—The Highlanders at Wick—King of Prussia—Hungary and the Jesuits—Miss Vinktingale Nightingale.

state the ca, let Doctors Gandlish, Cum-ming or Cike (one or other) just get an opportunit of one hour's reply! Methinks LONDON, September 9, 1856. I have intended for some time to give it would be grand exposure, especially if the whole as clinched by the reading aloud you a brief account of Irvingism, as it exists in this metropolis, in connexion with a visit paid by me, some months back, to what may, without exaggeration, be called immortal ork on "The Suprem cy of the Pope," i which he proves, by irresistible logic agast Apostolic Successionists of all Churche that the office of an Apostle in the Irvingite Cathedral of Gordon Square. The name of Edward Irving; his beginning, as assistant to Chalmers, at St. John's,

the Chu h has ceased forever! But these modern Apostles" and "Angels" take good cze not to allow themselves to be Glasgow; his translation to Hatton Garden, Caledonian Church, London; his lished "Orations," and his peculiar, halfdrawn nto public discussion. O, no! too sanctimonious for this; and sublime, half-mystic style of thought, speech, They a and writing—these must be more or less fa-miliar to many of your readers. I remem-pose on the senses and imagination, by archigrandeur, by solemn chants and organs, and liturgic intonings, and ber reading, when a student, with a highly tectur pealin excited imagination, and a not unsolemnsedul sly to foster the idea that the temple ized spirit, his oration on "Judgment to ritual virtually remains, and that "the pries is the intercessor with God—all Come ;" and when, some years after, I heard him preach-although his mind was then much more congenial to them, just to their cousins of Rome and Ox-who, "with bated breath, and whispergradually darkening, and his heresy of the this peccability of Christ's human nature had 88 i been broached, and his fire and force were for umbleness," assume such airs of su-sanctity in these days. greatly abated-yet, what with his long, ing black tresses, silvered with gray, on his shoulders; his lofty, massive frame; his fine forehead, and bold features, (and one

Sall I go on now to describe my visit to the Dathedral? Why, as I like to do things throug b, and when touching this phase of meen error among us, to give to it, once eye, like that of Whitfield, having a turn, which could not be called a squint, and all, a clear and distinct prominence be-your reader's eyes, I shall add a few which had, somehow, a fascination about it,) his appearance made on me a most vivid ls on that point also, hoping that, with impression, which remains to this day. eekly opportunity now granted me. I shall Irving's condemnation, by the Scottish seedily make up for any arrears which, in Presbytery of London, was followed by present letter, I cannot overtake. the extravagances of unknown tongues, in

Regent Square church ; and when he died On a week day morning, some months ro, I was passing through Gordon Square, hear the New Road,) when I approached (repeating the twenty-third Psalm in Hebrew as he was expiring,) Irvingism, as it is popularly called, but as its friends he towering building of the Irvingites, aleady alluded to. I had often looked at it style it, "The Catholic Apostolic Church," gradually assumed a definite form, and i externally; but as I saw an open door, I resolved to ascertain whether I could effect now an established system among us. I have received-no doubt in common with an entrance. Walking through a long many others—a circular letter or address arched passage, called "The Cloisters," I "From the angels ordained over the churche came to an inner door, which evidently came to an inner door, which evidently opened into the nave, and through which I in England, by the Apostles of the Lord could distinctly hear the murmuring intona with the priests, deacons and people und This document, accor tions of some one conducting a service. panied by a lithographed letter, inviti tried to turn the handle, but failed, and, therefore, walked out again. In the area, special attention to the topics treated and suggesting "a personal interview,"'s found a man, besom in hand, who was a kind addressed "To all who profess the faither of beadle, or sexton, but dressed in a pecu-Christ, and especially to the bishes, liar black cap and costume. He civilly found a man, besom in hand, who was a kind priests and deacons, and as many as ear-cise rule or ministry in the Church of God." It begins by a reference to Chit's found myself beneath the roof of a noble warning, that he would come again and and spacious Gothic pile. I scarcely looked

At a kind of altar, with a white surplice

on, and his back turned to the people, stood

evening service every Lord's day. Their | Dr. Craig, of Hamburg, bore similar testi. Liturgy comprises a selection from the Mis- mony, at the last meeting of the Irish Gen. sal, the Greek Ritual, and that of the eral Assembly; and your own Doctor Baird Church of England. The ministers are I know, thinks highly of the king. It re. supported by "tithes offered by a willing | mains to be seen, whether the High Church people." As to Church Government, it Lutheran and Court Divines may not yet seems to be a union of Episcopacy and In- succeed in preventing the proposed meeting dependency, but preserving a kind of hier- of the Alliance next year. If not, may I archy. "In each particular church, the be there, to see and report !

angel, or bishop, is the chief pastor. Upon A deputation of Hungarian Protestants him, under the opostles (1) rests the govern-ment of that Church; and with him, and ing contributions for the support of a gymunder him, the other ministers, whether of | nasium, or public school, on the banks of the priesthood or of the deaconship, dis- the Danube. One result of the Concordat charge their several functions in the house between the Pope and Austria, is the discouragement and shutting up of these Proof God.

Such is a carefully prepared account of testant institutions, by the requirement of "The Catholic and Apostolic Church," in larger endowments than, without foreign London, and which, it appears, is the full aid, can be raised for their support. That development, both of the Church of the is the vile work of the vile Jesuits; but for past, and of the future. Thus only can Hungary, the oldest Protestant and Pressociety be purified at its fountain, and vice byterian Church in East Europe, there is be rebuked, crime repressed, and visible coming fast a day of jubilee-a glorious unity be restored to the conviction of an resurrection from the grave in which tyranny has entombed them ! unbelieving world !

"Ah, ye Apostles and Angels, Leviathan is not so tamed,"

sanctified and justified by any system which | Thither an address from eighteen hundred practically ignores what Paul said; "Christ work people at Newcastle, followed her: sent me not to baptize, but to preach the and she returned a reply so touching and Gospel ;" which exalts sacraments above beautiful, that I cannot help asking you to Christ; which knows nothing of justifica- print it, for the sake of its influence. espetion by faith without works, and by the cially on female hearts and hands, in the imputation of righteousness; and which

usurps, by its pretensions, not merely what once exclusively belonged to them that had "seen the Lord," and received their commission from his lips, "but also the functions of him who is a Priest upon his throne," and will bear no rival near it !

I should add to the foregoing, that the Irvingites profess to "have received, through that are deepest in our hearts, are, perhaps, what Irvingites profess to "have received, through the laying on of hands, the Holy Spirit of "She hath done what she could.' Those words promise

the questions involved in the controversies been my endeavor, in the sight of God, to do as of the day, is sufficiently suggested by the she has done. I will not speak of reward, when foregoing sketch. But it stops not there. It has influenced both Dissenting theology It has influenced both Dissenting theology and practice in England. Some of the Dis-senters are for a short liturgy, mingled with it is possible for me to receive from man. I free prayer. They chant in many new thank you all, the 1,800, with grateful, tender chapels built on the Medieval style of affection; and I should have written before to do chapels built on the Medieval style of architecture; sometimes a psalm; at all events, the "sanctus" before the sermon; Pray believe me, my dear friends, yours faithfully and so far, probably, they meet the Church of and gratefully, FLOBENCE NIGHTINGALE." England half way; and, accompanying it with evangelical preaching, they obtain being a Pusevite turned out false; and power over the greater number for good. it comes out that she was the object of dis-But this taste for the sensuous in building like to the Tractarian Miss Stapley, (daughand in worship, is deteriorating the health of ter of the late Bishop of Norwich, and since the churches; and the theology from the turned Papist,) who was at Scutari as a lady pulpit, erring rather by defect than misstatement, is too often, to say the least, diluted ; Charity. at all events, it is not that vigorous, bold, Puritan-like putting forth of the grand verities of late colleague to Rev. A. Barnes, of Phila the Gospel, which once prevailed. Cathe- delphia, after attending the Evangelical Aldrals, or churches built after their model, liance at Glasgow, and about to repair to Paris are not suited for Protestant worship. In as minister of 'an American congregation themselves, cathedrals are grand—bow there, died last week suddenly, of hemorgrand, look at what Melrose Abbey, as judged rhage, at Edinburgh. Dr. Guthrie, and the glorious old St. Magnus, of Glasgow, | hour of sorrow; and he was interred beside recently so thoroughly restored, is now. If | Chalmers, in Morningside Cemetery, greatly Popery be the right thing, cathedral service, lamented. pillars, altars, all are in beautiful accord-

the midst of them, by men of each of whom

Speaks out its thunders ; and by him,

Undoubtedly, judging from annual exhi-

bitions of paintings, models, and ecclesiasti

cal architectural designs, (very beautiful,)

the tendency to a sensuous religion is shown

widely to exist, and by them is widely fos-

tered. I see, even in Glasgow, churches

erected in this style; and one Independent

chapel, (a close copy of some Popish chapel

of the middle ages,) has up its steeple and

spire, and around its walls, stone figures in

niches, apostles and "saints," (I presume,)

with the "glory," in a gilt scroll, round the head of each! The barn-like structure

may surely be exchanged for a handsome,

commodious edifice, without going to such

I was not able, in my last visit to the

North, to penetrate so far as Wick, in

Carthness Shire; but "once upon a time,"

in returning from a deputation tour in Shet-

land and Orkney, on behalf of the Free

Church of Scotland, I had an opportunity

of seeing the large fleets of fishing boats

there, and the processes of curing herrings,

caught at this season in such vast quantities,

assembled for public worship in the open air, un-

der the ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Mackay, of

tuary, is equally becoming. On Saturday even-ing, thousands of them crowded the streets, and

during the four or five hours in which they con-

gregated there, scarcely a person the least affec-ted by drink was to be seen. The more men stu-

dy the character of the Highlander, the more they

will see the importance, in every point of view, of

giving them every encouragement, and showing them every kindness.—Northern Ensign.—The

John O' Groat's Journal states that of the vast num-

ber present at these services, only about one-tenth are females, and that nearly the whole as-

sembly is composed of strangers brought to Wick, to the herring fishing. Mr. Mackay appears to take a deep interest in his congregation, who fully reciprocate the attachment. - Wilness.

more with the last century.

In the points of contrast drawn in my

to the Christian character and influence of

and all manner of witticisms (which even

the Free Church, Inverness. Last Sabbath fore-

dangerous extremes as these.

observed:

In strains as sweet as angels use,

The Gospel whispers peace."

it can be said with truth.

"By him the violated law

New Testament model, then let us keep The American "difficulty" with the from Medievalism, while not ignoring | British Cabinet is settled ; but the treaty is good taste in ecclesiastic buildings; and let not yet published. us never teach the people that they are to Harvest is good, and Corn market going be taught religion by aught that is spectacu- down. lar; but rather by the full exhibition of Jesus Christ set forth evidently crucified in

Miss Nightingale has come home ; and landing without ostentation, she sought rest Neither can souls be arrested, wooed, nor in a rural retreat, and among loving relatives.

enterprises of Christian charity :

Miss Nigtingale has returned the following reply:-- "August 23. "MY DEAR FRIENDS.-I wish it were in my power to tell you what was in my heart when I received your letter; your welcome home, your sympathy with what has been passing while I have been absent, have touched me more than I can tell in words. My dear friends, the things

The bearing of art and architecture on whom I left in the graveyard at Scutari. It has permitted to do our country's work. It is what we live for. But I may say that to receive sym-All the rumors about this true woman nurse; and also to the Romish Sisters of J. W.

P. S -The Rev. R. S. Storrs Dickinson, by those glorious rains, was once; or what others, were with him and his family in this

The Czar was crowned at noon, on the ance ; but if Popery, or any imitation of it, 7th, at Moscow. We had the news by telebe contrary to the sublime simplicity of the graph, next morning !

Dr. Van Renselaer, the Rev. Dr Happersett, and the Rev. Dr. J. Leighton Wilson, upon the claims of the different Boards of the Church, of which they are the agents;

after which, a delightful season was spent in devotional exercises. On Friday evening, a sermon was preached

> by the Rev. B. C. Critchlow, on Systematic Benevolence, from Acts xx: 35: "It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Butler, Pa.

In addition to the Common Schools, there

of which the Rev. John Smalley is now

Principal. This Institution is intended for

The Synod of Allegheny met in this

dial welcome from the pastor of the Presby-

terian church, and the people of the town.

The Synod was opened with a sermon, by

Resolutions were passed unanimously, ex-

increasing usefulness.

The Reports of the Executive Committee, and of the Treasurer and Librarian of the Board of Colportage, were read and referred to a committee; from which a report was afterwards presented and adopted, approving of the conduct of the Board during the past year, expressing the deep interest of the Synod in the objects of the Board, as a writer in the fields of religious literature. and recommending Presbyteries in need of Colporteurs within their bounds, to nomi-

nate suitable persons f r that work. Exception was taken to the Records of writer of a considerable number of papers the Presbytery of Allegheny City, because which have been adopted, and are now be- that Presbytery had, in one instance, orcellent institution. The honor is as amply Mission, who had not been previously li into a court which that assembly may censed, and whose sermon appointed as a point? Will not a rupture of the Church trial for licensure, had been received as a

Episcopacy Contemplating a Change._

is here no Archbishop to rule the Church.

prerogative. It is an assemblage of bishops

and laymen, and is rather a Presbyterian

ity with the uniform Protestant spirit in the

country, and the popular sentiment. The

very limited powers entrusted to this Con-

vention, however, is found to leave the

from exhibiting a unity such as becomes an

orderly Church. To remedy the evil, in

part, it is proposed by some to give to the

own Church. The question has been much

and ardently discussed, and is a subject for

We give the views of the Episcopal Re-

corder on this subject. The Recorder.

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The monstrous plan for investing the

kingdom.

merited as it is considerately bestowed. Reformed Presbyterians.

In our issue of August 2d, we noticed sermon for ordination; and because that in the Minutes of the Reformed Presbyterian another instance a minister had been ornicants, as we found them reported, was been previously assigned, on account of 3710. We found, however, as we distinctly great affliction and personal illness. stated, that " quite a number of congregations had not reported their list of Commu- in the Park church, of the city of Erie, on nicants." The monthly journal of the the 4th Thursday of September, at 71 o'-Church, for September, took exceptions to clock P. M. The Rev. Henry R. Wilson, our statement, and affirmed that the num- D. D., was appointed to preach the annual ber of Communicants was much larger, but sermon before Synod. The subject assigned it did not tell us how many they were, nor | was Foreign Missions. give us any means of definite knowledge. The attendance of members at the late Now, the editor of that journal, in a private | meeting, was unusually large for this Synod, note, writes : "As nearly as can be ascer- amounting to eighty-four-forty-four ministained and known, you are warranted to say ters and forty elders. Many thanks are that the number of Communicants in the due the people of Butler for their attention Reformed Presbyterian Church in the Uni- and kindness to the members, which were ted States exceeds ten thousand."

most heartily tendered by a vote of Synod. We are thankful for the information. We | Synod adjourned on Saturday evening. are at a loss however to conceive how the respected Synod, whose Minutes we examine, can be satisfied with reports from pastors, so defective as to present only 3,710 when there are over 10,000 in the body. Churches are States, which holds its sessions triennially, not permitted to boast of their work; but was to meet in St. Luke's church, Philadelthey are bound to encourage each other, and phia, on the 1st inst. This body is a bond to give God glory for what he does in bless- of union to the denomination in this couning them. try ; but its powers are very limited. There

The Higher Law.

The Convention is a partial substitute, but In a letter from Dr. Scott, of San Fran- it comes a great way short of a Primate's cisco, published in the Banner and Advocate of Sept. 20, occur the words: "She (the Presbyterian Church) knows no North, feature assumed by Episcopacy, in conformno South, no 'higher law'-she takes the Constitution of the United States as it is, land, and with the civil institutions of the and the States as they are." A correspondent takes exception, and desires to see the matter corrected. The words do appear harsh and erroneous, when severed from the Church, as a whole, subject to some great context. But the very next sentence shows evils. There is a defective discipline, and that the writer did not mean to say that the a want of uniformity in some important Presbyterian Church repudiates the Bible, things, which prevent the denomination nor that she places any human enactment above it, or in comparison with it. "She." he says, "makes THE BIBLE AS IT IS, without the traditions of elders, or priests, or General Convention an appellate jurisdicrabbis, the only rule of faith. She teaches tion. This would increase, still more, its that 'God alone is Lord of the conscience, conformity to the General Assembly in our and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men, which are IN ANY THING CONTRARY to his Word.'" This, decision by the present Convention. we had thought, was sufficiently explicit; and especially as it was followed by references to the Confession of Faith, and by it will be observed, with all its Low farther quotations from that excellent sum- Churchism, and all its truly evangelical

spirit, is yet sadly frightened at this tenden-Take Dr. Scott's letter throughout, and cy toward "parity." It cannot bear the also the long extract which, on the previous thought of any farther approximations week, we gave from a sermon of his, on toward this distinctive feature of Presby-"The San Francisco Troubles," and it will terianism. We give its editorial of Septembe manifest that he is an order-keeping, ber 27th : Gospel'loving, and Bible-honoring minister CENTRAL USURPATION-THE NEW JUDIof Christ; and that he acknowledges, maintains. and advocates a law higher, incom-General Convention, by constitutional amendparably, than any thing which originates ment, with a complete appellate jurisdiction from earth. over the dioceses, is beginning, we are glad

Truly, there is a law above all human en- to perceive, to attract that attention which actments-a higher law than was ever made alone was necessary to insure its defeat. by Pope, Parliament, or Congress-a law Look at the proposition as it now peeps out which claims authority over rulers and under the skirts of the voluminous juwhich claims authority over rulers and dicial codes which some of our more ambi-people, and which binds masses and indi-tious canonists have prepared, and at the viduals. O that men would learn this law, first sight, it passes almost unnoticed. drink in its spirit, and walk by its precepts: Nothing seems so modest as to ask to pro-

ecessarily ensue? Thirdly. It breaks up the adaptation of Synod (Old Side). In giving the statistics dained and installed without having preached the States; by this new scheme, it will be in the States; by this new scheme, it will be in the trial sermon for ordination, which had a federal centre. Our only safe course is c to preserve the analogy originally intended, and to give to the General Convention only those reserved powers which the federal re-The Synod determined to meet next year both the judicial and the executive power will remain intact in the dioceses.

> It is a little amusing to witness this ' horror of "Presbyterianism." and "parity." that the tendency is thither. There is a long to this Church. power in revealed truth, and a spirit in man, | which, where there is light and liberty, will result in this consummation. Even Popery, cause of divisions in the Chuch? Why,

standing rule is, that the Bishops shall preach in the order of their consecration ; and by The General Convention of the Prothis rule the duty is now incumbent on the testant Episcopal Church in the United | Bishop of New Jersey.

> For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate. Board of Colportage.

the Presbyterian Rooms on the 24th of Septemper, the following resolutions were passed : Resolved, That Rev. L. R. McAboy and Rev. ames Allison be a Committee to visit the Synod Wheeling at their next meeting, and solicit heir co-operation with regard to the objects and ims of this Board. Resolved, That Rev. A. D. Campbell, D. D., and tev. M. W. Jacobus, D. D., be a Committee to olicit from any author such books as would be desirable to be issued by this Board, and to report their action in relation to the same at the ext meeting. S. M'CLUNG, President pro. tem.

B. R. Bradford, Secretary pro. tem. -----For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate

Testimony of Respect.

At a meeting of the Washington Literary Society of Lafayette College, on Wednesday, Sep-tember 17th, 1856, the following preamble and solutions were unanimously adopted : Whereas, By an all-wise dispensation of Divine

owhattan Harris, of Richmond, Va; therefore, Resolved, That in his death the Washington iterary Society has met with the irreparable loss of one of her most faithful members, who, in all desire for improvement, and determination to susain the honor and reputation of his Society, exerted an influence for good in all her acts, which will long continue to be felt, although his voice be hushed in the unbroken silence of the tomb. Resolved, That it is with saddened pleasure that we, as friends and com anions, unite in paying this last tribute of respect to our departed friend

him but to love him." Resolved. That while we would most sincerely

ful that our loss is his gain. This warning, that treasure up this dispensation as a warning, that we may so live that when we approach the bounds "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns," we too, may die in the hope that our Redeemer liveth ; and that, when memory recalls the scenes in which he performed a part, we should not think of him as cold and reathless in the dreary tomb, but as a spirit of glory in the blessed world of life and immortality, beyond the grave.

the evil world and bidden to the minage supper of the Lamb in the glory f the coming kingdom," was constituted a Pente- a "priest," reading, or rather intoning, from the Church to the people of the United States. cost for this high calling. She ebraced a prayer book; while behind him, a little to By our civil constitution, the sovereignty is in all who believed and obeyed the Gosel; and one side, knelt, surpliced also, a "deacon."

their charge."

strument of an adoption into the nw Cove- the altar. The priest uncovered the "connant, is an indispensable element i the con-stitution of the Christian Churc? And the altar, and kneeling, received from the lations necessarily require. By this means so the primitive Christians thus paptized, priest, (the deacon attending him,) the bread "partaking in the holy Euchant of the and wine in succession. This part of the flesh and blood of Christ, were hourished ceremony was ushered in by the priest turnunto eternal life." Here you we perceive ing his face to the people, and enunciating the Sacramental system fully recentized, in the text, "Christ, our passover, is sacrificed

common with Oxford and Rome Accord- for us," &c. After all had communicated, But our Episcopal friends may be assured ing to the circular, all baptized persons be- the benediction was given, with uplifted hands, and the little congregation went Next comes a lamentation over lost slowly away. All seemed of the better unity, (a new sect generally sets up an class, as such only could attend a morning ululatus of this kind !) What's the grand service. Many of them had the bearing of ladies of rank; and such, no doubt, they with all its wiles and energies, cannot inter- as "St. Paul has told us that God hath set were. [Mr. Drummond, M. P., the banker

pose an effectual barrier. Bishop Doane is to preach the opening sermon; this, however, occurs not by ap-pointment of the previous Convention. The building. When I looked at its noble roof, Body, must be a want of Apples, of course ! | And so, ask my logical presendents, its fine pillars, its Mosaic floor, its vast ex "If Aposities are gone, if thir place in the tent, its altar approached by steps, I spoke body knows them no more, hw can we expect of the beauty of the building. "Yes, sir," that unity will be maintaid?" Proban- he replied, "it is beautiful; and the house dum est ! And so, after futher lamentation of the Lord ought to be so." An elegant over disunion, and a som what liberal ad-mission that "not in an one exclusively, colors reflected through it, was burning, al-Board of Colportage. At a meeting of the Board of Colportage, held Church are baptized persons who are living told that these seven colors represented (if I as true Christians, to be und ;" after the am not forgetful, for it is some time since.) statement, also, that "either Rome, nor the seven churches, or the completeness of Constantinople, nor Calerbury, has pre- the Church; and the lamp itself indicated vailed to embrace with its separate told *Christ's presence* in the place; my attention all the sheep of Jesu" we are gravely being then turned to a *pyx*, or small box, exasked whether the true hd Scriptural hope actly similar to what you see in a Romish of the Church, "looking to be presented by church, and in which the consecrated host Apostles as a chaste vigin to Christ, can is kept! This last reminds me of what a ever be accomplished with the present or- poor Irish woman said to a lady friend of ganization, the existing neans of ministry?" No! The grand case of failure is, that "we have been conter to substitute for the ministries of Apostleand Prophets the in-HE is there !"

sufficient devices of ren," and "forsaking the ordinances of Go, have walked in the Chapel, behind the altar, separated from the devices of men !" Jence, not only "fail- church by a screen, in which the most exif persisted in, of quisite carving in wood, stone work tracery, Hence, "society stained glass, Mosaic pavement, were all to hence, rich and poor be seen. This was built by two sisters, in one another; heuce, memoriam, probably of a deceased friend, Whereas, By an all-wise dispensation of Divine Providence, the chilling hand of death, after the lapse of but a few months, has again appeared in our midst, and stricken down, in the bloom of vouth, our beloved friend and fellow-member.

the want of Aposes, or rather the contempt ing to converse about the system. He de-or neglect hither manifested toward the nied any idea of excluding all but his own 'Catholic Aposton Church." Therefore, party from the Catholic Church. After reour friends pleas with and warn us, and | ferring to the Episcopal Church, (from which her transactions, by his integrity of character, they bring tiding of "better things." The he said several clergymen had come over good news is, the God has vouchsafed to re- among others, the "priest" of that morn store Apostles and Prophets; and "an ample ing's service,) and also to adherents of the testimony" to this returning grace of Greek Church, Eastern Churches, and al God" was borne nearly twenty years ago, baptized persons, he was asked, "What do to the clergy and civil rulers, in which docu- you say of the Presbyterians ?" "We rement (had the but read it !) would have gard them as Christians, also." Baptism who, by his amiability and sweetness of temper, been found a etting forth of "the true regenerates, and brings into the Covenant; entwined himself around the affections of all with Constitution of the Church." Now the that is the foundation of the system, as well whom he became acquainted, and concerning whom it may emphatically be said, "None knew hower uninter that the factor of the system, as well testimony, hower, is repeated, that "no as of this apparently liberal concessionlower ministry than that of Apostles, can | There was neither time nor place for arguprepare the Clirch for Christ's second ad- ment; but, on the "Apostle" question. vent." Whatstrikes one who has studied suggested difficulties which he did not obvitender our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved vent." What strikes one who has studied suggested difficulties which he did not obvi-family, we with them should not repine at the in- this system, it is appropriation of terms in ate; and a personal presence in the Eucharist, scrutable dealings of a just God, but be ever mind-ful that our loss is his gain. That we should inc. and the setting up of offices on the Luciant dealers and reason ing, and the setting up of offices on the I pointed out was impossible; and all he strength of tese terms or names. So, be- could say was, (and what had Cardinal Wisecause there was an "angel" over each of man himself to say on the point?) "Our the seven surches, "angels" cannot be Lord says, 'This is my body,' and we be-ordinary misters, but a distinct order; so, lieve it is his body."

again, becake there were "some prophets in the early age," these were not extraor- Sabbath morning, with chanting and organ, dinary officers, (as we hold and can prove; and with the apostles, angels, &c., all in for where it the gift? where its manifesta- their robes; and at six o'clock every Sab-Resolved, That, in token of our respect for him tion?) busintended to be permanent, and bath evening there is preaching. Once a allegation that His Majesty was a man of Resolved, That, in token of our respect for him tion () but intended to be permanent, and who has been taken from us, every member of exist nove so the name "priest" re-this Society wear the usual badge of mourning for tained, overing the too manifest ideal of Eucharist here, by the members scattered occasion, at the late meeting of the Evan-

Ecclesiastical.

Rev. WM. T. ADAMS was installed at Deer Creek, Ill., on the 30th of June.

Mr. S. H. STEVENSON was ordained on the 16th of September, by the Presbytery of Peoria, and installed in the church of Clinton.

Rev. DAVID M'CARTER, late of the Presbytery of Donegal, was installed by the Presbytery of Marion, at Liberty, Ind., on the 2d of September.

Rev. S. HILL'S Post Office is changed from Newry, to East Barree, Huntingdon County, Pa.

Rev. J. P. COLWELL has removed from Sharon, Ohio, to Fredericktown, Ohio, and requests correspondents and editors to address him accordingly.

Literary Rotices.

BOOKS sent to us for a Notice, will be duly attended to. Those from publishers in Phila delphia, New York, de, may be left at our Philadelphia Office, 27 South 10th St., below Chestnut, in care of Joseph M. Wilson, Esq.;

going on, on shore. It is remarkable that HARPER'S STORY BOOKS. No. 23. The Alcove. a large proportion of the people who flock Here we have nineteen chapters of varied matthither for this purpose, are Highlanders; ter, with forty-five engravings, illustrating the and truly gratifying it is to find, from the letter press. The contents of the present number following, that the Sabbath is so devoutly carry forward the juvenile reader in the history of the family referred to in the volume on Timboo

THE HIGHLANDERS AT THE HERRING FISHING and Joliba, and Timboo and Fanny. IN THE NORTH .--- Never were there so many Highlanders, male and female, congregated together in Wick as on the two past Sabbaths, when they

WALTER BINNING, the Adopted Son ; or Illustrations of the Lord's Prayer. By A. L. O E., author of the "Claremont Tales," &c. 18mo., pp. 142. New York : Robert Carter & Brothers, No. 530 Broadway. 1856.

noon, the park where they meet, was densely packed; and on a moderate computation not few-This title only refers to one-third of this volpacked; and on a moderate computation not rew-er than five thousand people were gathered into that spot. The appearance of this huge congre-gation was truly striking; their grave, serious, ume, as there are bound up in the same cover another excellent production, by the same writer, denominated True Heroism, numbering 147 pages: and worship like deportment; the striking resand still another called Wings and Stings, exteremblance in dress, features, &c.; the attention to the various services, and the beautiful music, ing to 130 pages. The finest Evangelical spirit which was heard at a great distance, all struck pervades these little works. They are admirably the beholder with feelings akin to awe. And it suited for the young. gives us pleasure to say that the conduct of this interesting people, when out of this natural sanc-

Our Board of Publication have issued THE DUTY OF PRAYING FOR OTHERS. By Rev. W. Romaine, A. M. 18mo., pp. 82. FORGIVE US OUR DEETS. By John Hall, D. D. 18mo., pp. 34. Together with

Fract No. 190. THOUGHTS ON SECRET PRAYER. By Rev. W. S. Plumer, D. D.; and Fract No. 191. THE PIOUS ARTIFORR. Written for the Board by a Retired Officer of the Army. We are glad to see such excellent and suitable racts added to the stock already possessed by our Board.

TALES OF SWEDEN AND THE NORSEMEN. 18mo., pp. 364. New York : Robert Carter & Brothers, No. 530, Broadway. 1856.

last, between the North and the South of Great Britain, I should have added that of This is a capital boys' book. It contains EIZ family prayer; in the former case largely tales of Sweden, and five of the Norsemen. prevalent among all classes, even the peas- They are illustrative of the scenery and the bisantry and fishermen ; in the latter, greatly tory of the North of Europe; and as the latter neglected. I trust, however, that there is part bears on the period when the hardy advenan increase of domestic piety in the South, turers of the shores of the Baltic sought out for as compared with thirty years ago, and still themselves more Southerly homes in Normandy and Britain, the value of the book as an incen-Turning to the state and prospects of the tive to the study of history will be obvious. We kingdom of Christ in Germany, I may men- always have great pleasure in commending a welltion, that much damage has been done

written and useful book, such as this one is. the king of Prussia, by caricatures in Punch, TRADE AND LETTERS; Their Journeyings round the world. Three discourses delivered before the Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco and publicht discourses of the Francisco, and published at the request of the Association. By W. A. Scott. D. D. 18mo., pp. 168. New York: Robert Carter & Brothers. 1856.

the space of thirty days. Resclued, That a copy of these resolutions be sacrifice, hd a voluntary confession, and "the over London, and who worship in differ-sent to the family of the deceased, and that they grace of absolution." "Dearons" are not ent chapels; and there is a morning and tive contradiction to the slanderous report. San Francisco to secure the publication of these

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