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al. 25t or, delivered at residences of Subscrip bers, \$1.75. See Prospectus, on Third Page. RENEWALS should be prompt; a little while before the year expires, that we may make full arrangements for a steady supply. THE RED WRAPPER indicates that we set forth in other connexions. It is hence desize a renewal. If, however, in the haste of mailing this signal should be omitted, we hope our friends will still not forget us. REMITTANCES.-Send payment by safe the Scriptures, is an immense work ; and hands, when convenient. Or, seud by mail, enclosing with ordinary care, and troubling nobody with a knowledge of what you are doinge For a large amount, send a Draft, er large notes. For one or two papers, send Gold or small notes. TO MAKE CHANGE, Send postage stamps,

or better still, send for more papers; say \$7 for Seventy numbers, or \$1 for Thirty-three DIRECT all Letters and Comm to REV. DAVID MCKINNEY. Pittsburgh

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Foreign Missions.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE NORTH-WEST .- As may be seen in our "Notices," the Directors of this Institution are to meet in the North Presbyterian Church, Chicago, if unaided. on Tuesday the 3d day of February next. "Business of vital importance," says the President of the Board, "demands the pres- was with men of old. Then, they were ence of every member."

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN of the West, is the name of a new paper, published at Monmouth, Ill., DAVID MACDILL, D. D., Editor : the first No. of which is now before us. It is a sheet of about the medium size of religious papers, and promises fairly for usefulness. It will maintain the sentiments of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. It has our cordial these works, of immense value, and the rewelcome.

CHANGE OF NAME .- The Legislature of Pennsylvania, being duly requested, have changed the name of the "Board of Missions" of the General Assembly, to the Board of Domestic Missions. The former was, until now, the corporate title. Custom has been fixing upon the institution the latter title, and it is, by proper authority, henceforth legalized.

REVIVAL IN PERRY COUNTY, PA .--- By be really truthful, requires a very great deal a letter from Rev. L. W. Williams, Landisof honest impartiality, as well as knowledge burg, Pa, we are pleased to learn, that there and perspicacity. The References are a is a most precious and wonderful out-pourcommentary on the text, and they may be ing of the Spirit of God upon two of the so selected, as to mislead and pervert. They churches under his care. In one of them, may be so made as to favor Calvinism. Arminfortu-four persons have been awakened and janism; Unitarianism, or any other peculihopefully brought to Christ, and twenty nine | arity of religious sentiment whose advocates in the other. The work was still in pro- are wont to refer to Scripture as their supgress, and communion occasions were con- porter. Such will refer to passages which templated shortly. May the Lord's favor seem to sustain their own views, and will continue and be greatly extended. keep out of sight such as would present truth in its varied but fuller aspects. We Death of Dr. Harris. may illustrate by an example : Take John Dr. John Harris, President of New Col- x: 30, "I and my Father are one." The lege. London, has ceased from his labors. Unitarian will refer you to 1. Cor. iii: 8, His works remain, a monument to perpetu- | "Now he that planteth and he that waterate his memory, and a means of benefit to eth are one;" and Gal. iii: 28, "Ye are many generations. He is best known to all one in Christ Jesus." The Trinitarian American Christians by his prize essay en- | will refer you to John xvii: 11, "Holy titled Mammon, a work which has put forth | Father, keep through thine own name, a decided influence in favor of systematic those whom thou hast given me, that they beneficence. Another excellent work of his, may be ONE. AS WE ARE :" and v. 22. "The is The Great Teacher. A third important glory which thou hast given me, I have production is spoken of as having been nearly given them ; that they may be ONE, EVEN completed, of which "Pre-Adamite Earth," AS WE ARE ONE;" x: 38, "The Father is "Man Primeval," and "Patriarchy" are in me, and I in him;" v: 23, "That all sections. He was but in his 53d year at the men should honor the Son, even as they time of his death. honor the Father;" xiv: 9, 10, "I am in the Father and the Father in me;" and he A Sabbath for Printers. would likely add, Matt. xi : 27 ; xxviii : 19 ; It is well known that, in offices of daily John i: 1, 2; xvi: 15; 1. Tim. iii: 16; morning papers, the compositors have been, | Titus ii: 13; 1. John v: 7, 20; and other and mostly are still, employed a large por- passages, proving the equality of the Son tion of the Sabbath. For this there is no with the Father, and the unity of the real necessity. Good management, with godhead. We have here presented a proper diligence on week day hours, can ac strong case, in illustration; but it is barely complish all the work. We are hence a sample of what may be done by truthful pleased to see the following announcement | collations, or by wrong, or partial, or mixed by the Philadelphia Daily Times : references, putting the inquirer in the way "The office of the Times will be closed at of error ; by misleading him, confusing him, eleven o'clock this (Saturday) evening, and or insinuating doubts, in regard to the diwill not be opened till half-past twelve vinity of Christ, the doctrines of redempo'clock A. M., Monday morning. tion, election, man's sinfulness, human " In making the above arrangement, we wish our friends and patrons to understand | inability, or any other important Scriptural

work-especially the plan of the work. themselves, and to such as may occupy the surate with the extent to which its books are Dr. Blaney. On publication, we submitted A handsome collection for the Board of Foreign The Bible, in two sizes, is imported. A copy, same apartment with them, or may enter circulated. The Board, therefore, may issue Reference Bibles; Dr. Lee's, of Edinburgh.* is before us, pocket size, and nearly execut their room to bring friendly relief, is immi-In the study of the Bible, we are to make t, as much as possible, its own interpreter. ted. It will doubtless be issued in large nent. Passages in which it speaks of the same, or

We bow submissively, and would learn to numbers; and the high testimonials in its f similar subjects are to be compared. release the mind, in due season, from in shelves, and our people not be benefitted. favor will procure for it an extensive sale. What it says of a subject incidentally, is to It then becomes the Christian press to deal tense study, to keep dangerous weapons at a be interpreted by what it says, on the same with it uprightly and fearlessly. Its adapta- distance in our sleeping hours, and, above subject, directly. What it says on a doction to influence is great. If good, it should all, to be prepared to meet our God at trine or duty in one connexion, is to be colbe aided; if evil, it should be hindered, by his summons, however sudden. lated with the manner in which the same is

being exposed * The many duties and cares which devolve The Presidency of Jefferson College. Last week we announced the fact, that npon the editor of a weekly journal. do not Rev. Dr. Alden had been unanimously permit him personally to give such a work elected President of Jefferson College. The some other plan must be devised. The folthe full and minute examination which the case demands. We hence refer the task to friends of the College will be pleased to lowing is suggested : our ministerial brethren who may have more | learn, that he has concluded to accept the leisure; and especially to the Professors of appointment, and will enter upon the dis-Theology and of Biblical Literature in our charge of the duties of the office as soon as each of our country congregations to put a Seminaries, who are not only instructors, but his relations to Lafayette College can be ter- horse to a light wagon, and visit every also watchmen placed on the highest towers minated, without detriment to that Institution. At farthest, it is expected he will in our Zion. possesses a unity. The Author of each The value of a good Reference Bible we enter upon his work at Jefferson, at the comestimate more highly than we can tell. mencement of the term, in May next.

Every family should have one, and every minister more than one. That which we from the Presidency will not separate him of such books as he thought might be deprefer, and have mainly used, is Scott's. from the Institution which owes so much to Some object to Scott's References, that they his services, and to those of his venerated are too numerous. They are not so, for our father. He will remain connected with the taste. The time expended in examining Institution, and will perform, as a Professor, the nearest depository to be filled. On the arthem all, on any passage, we regard as well such services as his health may allow.

Dr. Alden has, for more than four years, employed. And there is safety in having them numerous. The very matter of their held, in the College of the Synod of Philanumber brings before us the subject inves- delphia, a Professorship, to which he was tigated, in a variety of aspects, and helps to appointed by a unanimous vote of the Synod, as ure us that we have really the mind of and of the Trustees of the College. Though the Spirit. These references are found in Dr. Alden had served the cause of education most of the editions of the author's for many years without the bounds of the Commentary, but there they are in volumes | Presbyterian Church, in one of the best so numerous and large that the use of them | Eastern Colleges, yet the Synod were satisis inconvenient. While a student, we fied of his continued attachment to the docfound them in an Octavo (W. W. Wood- trines, government, and usages of the Presward's.) The edition is out of print. We byterian Church, in which he was educated. have often since sought for it, or something both as to his Collegiate and Theological similar to it, to present to a friend, but Course, and hence did not hesitate to try, and every block in the cities, in the sought in vain; and have wondered why commit to his hands the Professorship such a treasure was not on the shelf of most intimately connected with the formaevery bookseller. If all were like ourselves, tion of opinion-that of Mental and Moral our Board might, with great benefit, furnish | Philosophy. He has also carefully inst ucted | each Senior Class in Lafayette, in the Con-In regard to Dr. Lee's work, we leave it, fession of Faith, with the Commentary pubfor the present, under the remarks of our lished by the Board of Publication; and correspondent, and of the publishers. But we have learned that the young men have to our readers we recommend a diligent pe- been quite as much interested in that study

Dr. Alden had his Collegiate Course in as suggestive of thought-but seek the Union College, and his Theological at Spirit's illumination in a careful reading Princeton, and it is well known that of the Word, chapter by chapter, and follow he has been steadily opposed to all those measures and isms which are disapproved of by the various Presbyterian bodies who have been accustomed to patronize the College over which he is called to preside. We trust that they will give

rest upon the people.

Simple Method of Colportage.

ganized and well established churches. We

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ple have no means of easy access to the cen-

tral depository, the books will groan on the It is wise, therefore, in the Board, to organize a system of Colportage, by means of which its publications are brought home to every family within the colporteur's field of operation. But let any one think for a moment of the numbers of our churches, and Dr. Lee refers to Isaiah xliv: 6; to suit his the extent of territory over which they are spread, and he will easily see that a great number of our people can never be supplied by these agents of the Board. 'For these,

During the Winter months our rural opulation have very little work to do. How easy would it be for two young men in family in the congregation, and supply them with reading for the Winter with books selected from the catalogue published by our Board! The pastor, from his acquaintance with the people, their tastes, wants, and de-We learn that the retirement of Dr. Brown gree of intelligence, could make out a list sirable. One of each might be ordered at first, and could be carried around as samples; then, after the whole congregation had been canvassed, an order could be sent on to rival of the books, they could be all distributed on the first Sabbath, after service, at the church.

This plan is simple, and very easy of execution, and can be easily repeated every year; and thus can all of our familics be kept constantly supplied with religious reading of the most profitable character. The only possible objection that can be urged gainst it, is the trouble of canvassing the ongregation. But when we look at the mount of labor performed by our politicians in the late Presidential canvass, this sinks into insignificance. I was told by a prominent member of one of the political parties, that they had, by a sub-division of labor, canvassed every township in the counarge State of Pennsylvania, so thoroughly that they could tell to within a few hundred votes how many each party could poll, before the election took place. Now, "they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible." If this can be done by the adherents of a political party, whose main inducement is place and power, surely there can be found in every congregation, two persons, at least, who will undertake like labor to supply their brethren in the Lord with the "bread of life."

Western Missouri.

The following letter gives information from region, of which we are pleased to hear. True, we heard much of it during the last year, but it was in a line quite unfavorable. Let us now learn something of the good which is being done; and of the prospects of things still better; and of the wants, the desires, and the facilities.

GREENFIELD, Dade Co., Mo., Jan. 5. New-Year's Donations. REV. DR. M'KINNEY :--- I am some times led to think that less is said in the re-Not a few of the pastors in city churches seem to have been very kindly remembered ligious newspapers, of Western Missouri, than almost any other portion of our counby their people at the beginning of the by their people at the beginning of the try. I feel tempted to say a few things of vear. The Rev. Dr. Budington, pastor of what the Lord has done for the land where Congregational church in Brooklyn, was he has placed my home, at least for a time. presented with \$500, as an evidence of the We are probably not advancing as are other lively interest felt by his people in his min- Western States, in the cause of correct reistry and himself. Synod of Missouri set off four or five min-The Rev. Dr. Cheever received a purse | isters, and a few churches, on their Western containing \$400, and his wife one contain- border, as the Presbytery of Upper Mising \$200, together with an elegant piece of souri. As late as 1849 there were not furniture. The Rev. T. L. Cuyler, pastor of more than nine ministers and perhaps sixteen churches. Last September our numa Reformed Dutch Church in New York, bers were twenty ministers, (excluding two has politely informed the public that "his missionaries among the Indians,) living in congregation, without consulting a word Missouri, and above forty churches. At with the pastor, had taken the gross liberty the request of Presbytery, Synod, in October, divided it, making the Missouri river of raising his salary." Dr. Boardman of the line. The North side retains the name our own Church, about the same time, re- of Upper Missouri, and South is called ceived a present of \$10,000 from his people the Presbytery of Lafayetie. Ministers, to aid him in the purchase of a suitable churches and members are nearly equal in each. Of the last, in the two Presbyteries, there are about twelve hundred. We hope, ports that the Rev. Dr Magie, pastor of the ere long, together with a Presbytery in First church in Elizabethtown, N. J., re- | Kansas, to be organized into a Synod. The ceived a purse of \$2,500. No doubt there Presbytery authorized by the last General His first training, along with common family were many other instances of equal liberali- Assembly in Kansas is said to be not yet organized. But there are there now, in cluding the missionaries to the Indians, four or five ministers, who might be conted pastors in country and village churches, stituted a Presbytery by proper authority. Is it the work of the General Assembly, or rather of the Synod of Missouri?

jected to the new method adopted in printing the References-one objected to the reference at Job xix: 25; and from another we had the substance of the articles in the Witness, to which you refer-containing, however, several loose charges not appearing there; for instance, under 1. John v: 20, purpose, the reviewer quoted the first paragraph of Isa. xliv: 5; applying that in illustration of Jude iv. Again-to illustrate Col. i: 16, he applied references given under 1. Cor vii : 6. In another place, he

accuses Dr. Lee of suppressing the references in Canne's Bible, (an old work not consulted,) at the latter clause of the verse, John x: 15. On turning to Canne's Bible, we found no reference to exist there. Further, we found the great bulk of the references objected to, to be those existing in our ordinary Bibles. Such as it was, we submitted the paper to two clergymen of the Free Church, who obliged us by a careful revision of the Bible. We were assured by both, that the allegations of the writer were unfounded. The question assumed greater gravity, upon the appearance of the articles in the Witness We had no reason to doubt Dr. Lee's faithfulness in the discharge of his task, and were well aware of the great labor and pains he had taken; but we had no disposition to trifle with, or treat lightly, charges of such serious import, and again solicited the opinions of a number of our

most eminent Divines: one of whom. a member of the Free Church, got several of his brethren to assist him in collating and comparing the References. We were gratified to receive from all an assurance, that the insinuations in the Witness were unfounded But as it appeared to some that unfavorable inferences might be drawn from the Reference at Job xix : 25, we represented that to Dr. Lee, who at once assented to a change. and has furnished us with an additional body of References to verses 25, 26, and 27 amongst which it may be sufficient to par ticularize 1. Cor. xv: 49-57. The neces sary alterations are being made at press and our intention is, to print cancels, and insert in what remains of the edition. It is a fact, however singular, that amongst those who appeared swayed by the articles in the Witness, we did not find one who had exam ined the Bible for himself.

We have in such cases invariably supplied copies, with a request that faults might be pointed out to us, receiving promises of compliance in return. Although the work has been thus in the hands of its opponents for some time, we are yet without a single note or comment upon it from any one of their number. Surely that heresy must be more than hidden which escapes would be willing detection. The Witness spoke of the easy mindedness which had led so many of our clergy, upon what he presumed slight examination, to express a favorable opinion of

the work. We can only say that not one of sured us that they have regularly used the Bible in their study, with a growing con-

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sary of the Female Missionary Society celebrat of Dr. Happer delivering an address. It is a weather der to me, and to many, how our foreign missionaries, without opportunities of cultivating the art and practice of preaching, and who mostly go out at so early a period of their ministry, so soon become effective preachers in their own language. to home congregations. Busied for years in the to home congregations. Dusied for years in the study of foreign language, preaching mostly in a foreign language, and rarely in their own, and then to small gatherings of people, it would be unreasonable to expect much readiness and impressiveness of elocution; and yet with a very few months' practice, most of them can hold their place beside our best preachers. Why is it? It is because their whole heart is in the work; and earnestness in the work controls and stimulate all their powers. Let home preachers take a hint and learn a lesson from this.

Brother Happer gave a lecture on China and the Chinese, the evening before his departure, at the request of a number of our citizens; and ; was truly a treat. For an hour and a half h held a large audience in fixed and unflagging aitention; and whilst as a literary, political and statistical discourse it abounded with interest and information; it was a telling argument for Christian Missions. It elicited a spontaneous vole of thanks from the auditory, and, in addition, two resolutions, unanimously passed, expressive, lst, of increased interest in China as a field of Chis. tian enterprise, and 2d, of disapprobation of the iniquitous contrahand opium trade, as carried or y nominally Christian nations, and in violation f the laws of China. It is our opinion that British philanthropists can with a bad grace talk f our curse, whilst they make no resistance to that dreadful iniquity, the East India opium trade.

Ecclesiastical.

Rev. H. H. WELLES' Post Office address is changed from Kingston to Forty Fort, Pa.

Mr. G. W. MECHLIN, licentiate of Allegheny Presbytery, has received and accepted calls from the united churches of Glade Run and Concord, Presbytery of Saltsburg. His Post Office is Dayton. Pa.

Mr. JAMES SINCLAIB and Mr. PETER VEEDER, members of the Senior Class in the Western Theological Seminary, were licensed by the Presbytery of Ohio, at its late meeting.

Mr. I. N. McKINNEY, licentiate of the Presbytery of East Alabama, has been received by the Presbytery of Obio. and has nocepted a call to Montour's oburch. His ordination is to take place at the stated meeting of Presbytery in April.

Rev. C. B. KING'S address is Savannah, Ga.

Rev. DAVID MAGILL, who has served the Union Church, Philadelphia, for s ne time, was installed on the 13th inst.

Rev. GEORGE C HICKMAN. of Port By D. N. Y., has removed to Portage (r Wisconsin, to take charge of the cluch there.

Eastern Correspondence.

NEW YORK Jan. 17, 185 MR. EDITOB :- The Young Men's Chin tion Association in this city, have not some stirring meetings lately, and others are still in prospect. A series of rese them has desired to retract what he said; | lutions, embodying essentially the views but several of the most eminent have as | held by the Republican party in the late, election, were sumetime since, introduced, and though opposed by many of viction of its appropriateness and value. the ablest and wisest of the members, some But for the delicacy of mixing up gentle- of whom concur in the sentiments they express, the effort to lay them on the was unsuccessful. There was a spirited de bate on the occasion, but the friends of the resolutions prevailed, and next week is ap pointed for their discussion. Some appr hension is felt lest the subject of contenti thus introduced should not only distract the harmony, but destroy the usefulness of the Association. The impropriety of this more ment is so obvious, that the eyes of some its advocates may be opened, if their zeal not moderated, previous to the discussion. As a Society for mutual improvement, ad embracing men of different political parties, as well as of different religious opinious. it cannot be wise to force on a contest which can hardly fail to result in strife and alunation. Though slavery be "the sum of all villanies," does it come within the province of the Association to pronounce its condemnation ? Cannot its members maintain a good conscience without committing it to the views of one or another of the prevailing political parties? Why not allow it to pursue its legitimate ends in peace, and free, il possible, from that spirit of partizanship which is so baneful in its tendency, though so rife in our country ? Surely there ought to be some relati ns of life and of society which his opinions may be, we are fully assured it cannot disturb. But if it has already separated churches, it will not be surprising with care and good judgment; framing the if it should divide this Society. Its practical effects have been already felt in exreader. We hope, on a careful inspection cluding one of the daily papers from the of the work, you will come to the same con- reading-room, on the ground of its immorality; really, no doubt, on account of its here, (not of the Established Church,) who, political sentiments. If it is to sit in judgment on the Press; and to banish all papers be sure I set to work very religiously to which are obnoxious to any of its members. compare the passages adduced by the critic probably few of any description will be left for their perusal. Certainly, in the view of many, the paper excluded is far less immural or objectionable than others which have not of some good man's over hasty zeal to get a been assailed. The Directors, indeed, have The ordered it be restored; but its mere esciusion, and the pertinacity with which this to the original Scriptures-a principle the step was defended, shows the hold which party spirit has upon some of its members and augurs unfavorably for its future harmonv. The question suggests itself whether after all, these Associations are called for by the exigencies of society, or as fruitful i good as they are liable to evil? The re ligious instruction and social elevation the young men of our oities, are most desirable objects. But can they not be effectually secured through existing institutions, as through these Associations? Then rapid and general formation throughout the country, seems to imply their necessity but novelties are always taking, and it would not be wonderful if they should decline s rapidly as they have risen. There is a tet dency to multiply Societies for every variety of object, while they sometimes conflict with each other, or are so nearly allied in t-eil aims, as to be needlessly numerous and expensive. They sometimes, too, assume the inefficiency of the Church of Christ to accomplish the same ends, if they do not absolutely ignore its existence. Now, to apply these remarks to Young Men's Christian Associations, without any view of disparaging their usefulness, but rather in the way of inquiry, would not the J. M'CLINTOCK. same time, energy and money expended upon them, yield more pleasing and permanent results, if employed in existing institutions? Every city, for example, has libra. ries and societies which would furvish young men with equal, generally with superior literary advantages, to any they cau enjoy through their agency; while the several churches are capable of meeting their social and religions wants as effectually reached during this week, "be hid, it is hid to without, as with their assistance. And the objection to them is that they in a measure ignore these churches and cripple their energies, by withdrawing from them labor hina. This beloved brother preached eight ory solemn, lucid and impressive sermons to us, with an earnestness and affection of manner that will make him long and tendaely remembered.

obliged to receive truth and rebukes, almost entirely from the herald's lips. The Word was written, but copies were few, and access to them was difficult. Now. they are many, and in the hands of all. And God in his good providence, is daily increasing the facilities for the study of his Word. The acquisitions of the wise, the learned and the industrious, are recorded, and systematised. and printed, and sent everywhere. Among sult of great labor, and directly adapted to

render it possible for every man of ordinary power and culture of intellect to make Revelation its own interpreter to him, are REFERENCE BIBLES.

manifest that to get a proper knowledge of

that if each one is to commence the task of

himself, without any aid from those who

have "searched" before him, his attain-

ments must come far short of perfectness-

so extensive is Revelation, so many things

does it embrace, so frequently and in such

varied combinations and associations are

truths presented. The Bible, in all its parts.

portion is one and the same. But God

spoke at sundry times, and in divers man-

ners-by prophets, evangelists, and apostles

-by direct utterances, by types, by para-

bles, and by providential teachings. All

these are to be read, studied, compared,

and, made to interpret and illustrate each

other. What a task ! Who has the mind !

And the leisure ! Not one in ten thousand,

But now, happily, it is not with us as it

Reference Bibles are numerous, and of very unequal value. In some, the parallel passages noted are so very few, that they aid the investigator but little; while in others they are so numerous as to deter any but the man of patient toil, from examining

them. To make a Reference Bible that shall

the work ; but tastes differ.

rusal of the Scriptures. Use Reference as in any part of the College Course. Bibles and consult Commentaries, as aids-

his guidance in doctrine and duty.

*On the passage above quoted (John x: 30,) Dr. Lee gives as references, John xvii: 11, 22: Cor. iii: 8: Gal. iii: 28.

We should be greatly obliged to our Board of Publication, for a good Reference Bible. The plan of Lee's we regard as excellent. The support. erences are not crowded into the margin, but follow each verse, in a smaller type. If Scott's

that the Times will be issued and served at | truth. the usual hour on Monday morning, containing all the news by telegraph and otherwise. precisely the same as if the office were open during the day. On the London Times, and other papers in that city, labor is suspended on the Sabbath. We believe it can This communication was occasioned by a be done on the Morning Times, without paragraph in our London Correspondence, keeping from our readers the news which they have been accustomed to have spread before them on Monday morning."

A Transford of the Puffing. Extravagant language is very much the habit of the times. Newspapers are greatly blamed for it; and they are deeply guilty. But they are not alone, nor yet chiefly chargeable with dereliction in this line; neither in their editorials, nor in the pieces ence given is Job xlii: 10-17, by which he which they admit. Even the extravagances they utter in their advertising columns, are exceeded, often, in social intercourse, and from the grave. An apologist for Dr. Lee lets out the secret that the latter does not hold that by people not a little censorious of the printers, But we do not excuse the latter. They are, or should be, the guardians of propriety. They speak to many, and it is their duty to reprove. They should hence be examples. In accordance with this sentiment we are pleased to see, quoted from remarks by a member before the Associated Press, the following :

"A very offensive feature of the journalism of the day is the system of universal and indiscriminate 'puffing' of every person and thing for which some slight equivalent may have been given. The public are fast place in our first issue after the reception of losing confidence in editor's notices of exhi- their article. We trust that it will be carebitions, books, quack medicines, charlatans, fully read. It seems fair. We have also and humbugs; and until the press shakes off the habit, and abandons the idea that everything, good, bad, or indifferent, has to intelligent and highly respected clergymen be commended; for a notice of which they of the Scottish Churches commending the have been slightly, complimented, the readers of journals will think the space devoted to such notices very poorly occupied, and will very properly give up paying any atten-WE MERCHARD THE GRANT

These remarks have been suggested by a communication, presented in another column, from COWAN & Co., of Edinburgh the publishers of Lee's Reference Bible. in our issue of Nov. 29th, which is as follows :

The Witness has dealt very severely with a new Reference Bible, edited by Dr. Robert Lee, a clergyman of the Establishment in Edinburgh, whose tendencies are toward Germanism. He has thrust out the references usually found in our Bible, and substituted others, which are designed to give another interpretation of many important texts, from that ordinarily received. Some of these bear on the person of the Saviour. A notable instance is that in Job; "I know that my Redeemer liveth," &c., in which the only referwould have it understood that only Job's temporal restoration was meant, and not the doc-trine of his faith in one who would redeem him the resurrection of the dead is taught in the Old Testament! There seem good reasons to suspect that, as to the evidence for Christ's Deity and work, from the Old Testament, it is regarded as nul-where there are not express quotations in the New! A semi-skeptical Scottish artist not long ince gave me some indications of the very liberal endencies of this gentleman, which to a certain class of minds are very attractive. Thus dangers hicken on every hand. The very air seems poisoned with heresy, and numbers of professed Christians suspect no danger, and are being drawn into the snare.

This is brief, but plain and severe; and if it is a mistake, should be promptly corrected. We hence give the publishers a before us documents signed by numbers of

*Tus Holy Biscs, with the Marginal References Revised and improved. 16mo. By Robert Lee, D. D. Ediaburgh, 1855. Published by Coven & Co. Pittsburgh: sold by Wm. S. Rentout

re considerated too numerous, they might be reised and abridged; and if imperfect, the deficiencies might be supplied; but if abridged, it hould be done sparingly, as well as judiciously We like copious references, that we may be satis-fied that the full exhibition of the Divine teachings on the subject examined, is before us. And here might he two classes of references, the one o passages more nearly parallel, the other to ose more remote and suggestive. The former night be placed, as are Lee's, immediately folowing each verse, and serving for a more hurried xamination; the latter in the margin, and to be used when the subject could be fully investigated. A good Reference Bible and a Commentary, adapted to families and Sabbath Schools, are eviderata in the Preshyterian Church and should be promptly supplied by our Board. It is to neet the demands and supply the wants of the hurch, as would not be met by the trade generlly, that the Board was organized, and endowed with such liberality. We know that the duty we here suggest is exceedingly difficult, but it inrolves no impossibility; and we urge it on behalf of the myriads of our retired families, who are n moderate circumstances, and of the tens of nyriads of our rising race.

Death of Hugh Miller. This distinguished Scottish Geologist and dwelling. And the New York Times reefender of the Bible and its precious truths, now no more a dweller on earth. He commenced life in what are called its lower walks. and Christian instruction, was in the school ty which we have not noticed. But we are of hard industry; but soon, from working afraid that many learned, worthy and devo a quarry and dressing stone, he became one of the most distinguished in the walks | eking out a living from very small salaries, of science. He early and ably esponsed the have not fared correspondingly well. In ause of the Free Church, and was made some of these places the people have mani-Editor of its leading paper, the Witness. He is now gone; and the circumstances of them the bread of life, by donations some his death add greatly to the sadness felt at what liberal; but in many places nothing his loss. He evidently died by his own has been done. But it is not too late yet; hand, and there is not a witness to tell us "material aid" of this kind is always in how, or why. But the absence of all mo- season. Let something be done in this way tive and of all predisposition to such an act, now; and as soon as possible let the salaries and the excellence of his Christian charac- | of pastors be raised, that they may have an ter, afford to us the assurance that it was adequate support, and many blessings will not of design. The London Christian Times thus speaks

the event:

We regret to annonnee the sudden death of Mr. Hugh Miller, the well-known writer on geology and editor of the *Winess* newspaper. Mr. Milter was found lying dead on the floor of his bed-room, on Wednesday morning, shot through the heart with a pistol bullet. That he died by his wn hand there seems to be no doubt; but the cirimstances, under which the melancholy event making commendable efforts, by Colportage, appened do not lead to the supposition that his leath was an act of intentional suicide. For some time past Mr. Miller had been in a some-what indifferent state of health, brought on by over study in the preparation of a new work on geology. He suffered considerably from nervous excitement, and, though at all times a man of ecentric manners, an unusual strangeness was recarked by his acquaintances. The evening before is death he was to have delivered a lecture on "The Iosaic Creation" to an audience at Portobello, a bathing place in the neighborhood of Edinburgh, where he resided. He had prepared the lecture, out the state of his health prevented his delivering t, and it was read in his absence by a friend. the course of the day, Mr. Miller saw his medical adviser, to whom he complained of headache, brought on by the want of refreshing sleep. Folowing the directions he received, he took a warm bath and retired to rest at an early hour. He had or some time been in the habit of keeping a ago to break into his valuable museum. No ex-

osion was heard during the night, and it was ot till the morning that the body was found lying near the bath-room. These circumstances seem to prove that the melancholy event was urely accidental, while the state of Mr. Miller's nind, as well as his general character and posi- done thoroughly. O for wise, zealous, deion, preclude the idea of premeditated or intentional self-destruction The keeping of deadly weapons in a bed-

room may, sometimes, be a necessity. But it is a dangerous one. The thing should

"Our Free List."

fested their regard for him who breaks unto "Through the kindness of a few liberal and enlightened friends, we have been enabled to cirulate weekly, during the past year, nearly three hundred copies of *The Missionary* to worthy but struggling ministers, missionaries and widows, to colleges, seminaries, reading rooms and charitable institutions of our own and other churches. No list has given us greater pleasure or yielded more abundantly than this. We have eccived letter after letter of thanks, while in many instances its perusal has been instrumental in doing much good by awakening an interest for the suffering, strengthening the hands of the missionary, and making the widow's heart to sing for joy.'

The Board of Publication-An Easy and Thus discourses our neighbor the Missionary. We wish that we could use simi-The following letter is from a layman, ar language. And why should we not be who is a decided friend of Church efficiency, to enabled? The Presbyterian Church has nany members who possess wealth, and knowledge. Our Board of Publication is many widows, enfectled members, and ministers who are poor, and to whom, with their to circulate their books. But Colportage families, the weekly visits of the Banner cannot be expected to do a tithe of the and Advocate would be a great consolation, work which is needed. We do not ask it to and the means of invaluable instruction. attempt the whole work of distribution. We In what way, then, could a few dollars be do not regard it as at all in the line of duty, more beneficially disposed of than through nor the best for edification, that the Board the medium we offer ? should send colporteurs into regularly or-

The Witness Newspaper, Edinburgh, and Dr. Lee's Reference Bible.

colporteurs there as we are to sending paid EDINBURGH, Dec. 24, 1856. collecting agents. In either case, a distant TO THE EDITOR OF THE BANNER AND AD-Board is sending, at a great expense, labor-VOCATE NEWSPAPER, PITTSBURGH, PA. Sir :- Our attention has been directed ers to do what the Pastor, and Elders, and to a notice in your paper of the 29th Novem-Deacons, and Female helpers should do, as or some time been in the habit of keeping a a matter of official and social duty, and edition of the Bible, lately published by us, a strong apprehension of danger from house-breakers, for which, in reality, there was some reason, as an attempt was made not very long The plan suggested by our correspondent in the University of Edinburgh. As the is excellent. But there may be other good discredit upon the work, and imputes unplans. We would urge no special form of sound views of Christian doctrine to the doing the thing; but let it be done, and editor, we beg to lay the facts of the case before you.

About three years ago, we purposed pubvoted, working Church officers, and laborlishing a new edition of the Bible, with References; and being aware that numer MR. EDITOR :- The importance of our ous errors have from time to time crept into Board of Publication, as a lever of great mor- our ordinary editions, we arranged with Dr. al power requires no proof. But our people Lee to collate them, placing in his hands, never be done by those subject to night should bear in mind that its measure of use. for that purpose, the Royal Quarto Bible,

men in an unpleasant controversy, we could exhibit names that would stagger credence in any anonymous writer. Without presuming that the References are immaculate, we believe that by their publication we have added something of value to our common stock of Biblical lore. They carry with them no ordinary amount of approval. We have faith in the discernment of a candid public to let the matter rest there; if error can be pointed out to us, we are ready to correct and will thankfully acknowledge the atten-

Respecting Dr. Lee personally, we submit that it requires more than the opinion of any semi-skeptical Scottish artist to attach heresy to any clergyman appointed to a charge in Edinburgh, and subsequently nominated, solely on account of his talents and learning, to fill the Chair of Professor of Biblical Criticism and Biblical Antiqui ties in our University. It were strange, indeed, even in a more lax state of religious opinion than we trust exists in this country, could any man retain such a position, and either hold or teach the opinion insinuated by the writer in the Witness. There are few able men without detractors, and Dr. Lee may be no exception; but whatever that he has edited the Bible in question References so as to be a real benefit to the clusion as one of our most eminent Divines after the controversy, wrote us: "You may in support of his very serious charges. What was my relief to find that the whole affair was a mere brutum fulmen, the result hit at an ecclesiastical adversary." References are framed with a strict regard value of which will be apparent to every student; but a fact that must be kept in

mind in any article of criticism ; disregard of it has led the writer in the Witness astray on points at variance with the opinion of correct and competent scholars. We remain, sir, your obedient servants,

COWAN & CO., per D. Nichol.

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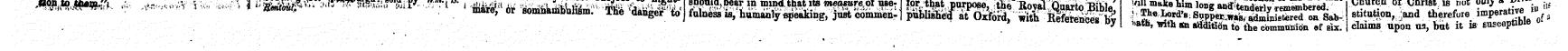
REV. DE. M'KINNEY :---If, in the view of the Divine Redeemer, a kind office done to himself by Mary of Bethany was worthy of permanent record as a memorial of her affectionate devotion o him; and if, in the judgment of the Apostle of the Gentiles, the ministering of the Philippian (hurch seasonably to his temporal necessities, was worthy of honorable mention in the Epistle addressed to them; the undersigned, through the medium of your columns, may be allowed to mention a recent very seasonable gift of about ninety dollars from the people of his charge. This he does, merely as expressive of his grati-tude to them, and to the great Giver of every good and perfect gift. Such instances of kindness not only evince a generous people's appre-ciation of the religion of Christ, but, in the Apostle's view, are an odor of a sweet smell, a

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HOLLIDAYSBURG, Jan. 15, 1857. DR. M'KINNEY :- A series of religious exerises, extending over a week, has just closed in his, your former pastoral charge. We think devided good has resulted, not only to some who have not professed Christ, but more especially amongst he people of God-in reviving their graces, and timu ating them to more devotedness and industry in Christ's work. Certainly if the Gospel, as bem that are lost ;" for it was most lucidly and lithfully preached. The pastor was aided by rethren M'Lean, Clark, Hughes, and Elliott, and biefly by Rev. A. P. Happer, M. D., of Canton, all make him long and tenderly remembered.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate. CABMICHAELS, Jan. 16, 1857.

sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God.



ing, praying and liberal Christians!