olety. It is recognized among many de- ing out." minations, as the proper channel through assurance that our loss is her unspeakable gain, second Chris ians may exercise their benevo- we cannot but mourn the stroke that blasted the the and zeal in sending the Gospel to the dearest earthly hopes of a devoted husband and a hen, and diffusing it through our own fond brother, and diffused sadness through a wide No independent Societies are need- circle of friends. ough the activity of its members, to the out the young stranger in our cities, to procure him a suitable home and soinfluences, as well as religious instructher, and for the cause of Christ, if they ald throw their energies into the several gregations with which they are cond, introduce strangers to their notice. attend Bible Classes and religious meetunder their direction, rather than d their energies in outside Associations, attend their meetings at an hour, perof their own churches? One of the plaints against our city churches is their of friendly social intercourse, while it n part to remedy this evil that Chris-Associations were formed. But have he young men of our churches the ability semedy this evil, and to procure for selves and others a higher social inburse through their medium, than agh any outside agency? Ministers

be glad to co operate with them. as do, indeed, to some extent, in their latious, but which they could do much effectually through their churches, they must now often feel the need he presence and support of these men in their official labors. Some for larger charches have, indeed, own Associations, and all could find room for the efforts of all their young in their varied operations, while they, selves, would make their influence more ly felt, if exerted through these numerchurches, than if concentrated in a sinody. It is true, their influence is not entirely lost to the churches with which re connected; but could they not do for their prosperity, and for the welthe class they aim to benefit, if they ted solely under their direction, and gh the multiplied channels which they for their activity? There may not be me visible unity, in that case, of men rious denominations; but, as we have from the facts already stated in this r, such unity does not always imply posiharmony of view or action, and ought to be sought at the sacrifice of higher places and efficiency. At all events, ing ought to be allowed to cripple the arces of the churches, or to diminish atance on their established ordinances: it is for the interest, as it is the duty, hristians of all classes, to extend their

turn however, to another, though a fred topic, it may be mentioned, that the resby'e ian's Hint to New York," on reh Extension, has made quite a sensa-The point of its accusation, for it nts to that, is, that in twenty-five years. nadrupled; and that, though large statements, and shows that the populargely from foreign lands, and from ources which would naturally strength her denominations more than Old ol Presbyterians. But while the Pres ian is somewhat astray in its figures, spirit of its remarks, in this particular, en, in effect, endorsed and reiterated ur own ministers and laymen; indeed, hims one of the former as its authority "New York ought," it says, "to etter than this." And for years it has the burden of their complaint, that so has been done to extend our Church in growing community. They have ded its obvious inactivity, but shrunk encountering the difficulties that imits progress. And it is amusing to when a neighbor steps in and takes up, publishes their own admissions, how ful they are in apologies and explana-They will condemn themselves, and t their own children, but will not allow to interfere with their self or family pt that occurred in one of our Theo-

methods as promise to be most effec-

Seminaries. A distinguished Profesperable for his years, as well as piety rning, did not hesitate to rebuke the ts—of course in a dignified and Chrisanner-for their delinquencies. Not previous to an annual examination, he ound occasion to reprove a class for want of readiness in quoting Scripture It so happened that one of the Diof the Seminary did precisely the thing in the course of his examination same class; when, much to the ment of those who were in the secret, ofessor resented his interference, and defended the class, though they deserved the censure! hat we justly complain of in the Pres-

ian, is his ignoring what has actually done, and limiting our extension to first class church" This is a most unnate expression, as well as a great mis-Several useful and thriving congrehave been gathered, and plain, but ntial edifices have been erected. They deserve to be overlooked or repudi cause less costly or conspicuous than he has mentioned. They are doing l and important work, and among a f the population which "first-class would esteem it an honor to benbut which, from their location arments, they fail, in a great measure, to They have enough to struggle with without receiving "the cold shoulder" their brethren, especially from a paper ch is looked upon, in some quarters, as exponent and champion of Presbyte-

And this is implied as much in the phrase, est class church," as in altogether ignorunderstand by a "first-class" hotel, or at, or residence, then it implies that it is hurch for the rich and respectable; and these who serve or attend others, can dly aspire to their society. This insinuindeed, was not intended; but it is calated to do mischief, and is altogether aside in our theory of ecolosiastical equality, as is from the spirit of Christianity. Yours, &c.,

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate Testimonial of Respect.

Ataspecial meeting of the Puilalethean Literary. ociety of O'ome Insitute, the following pre mble and resolutions were adopted: Inasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God to move by death Mrs. M. V. Burgett, a much oved and fondly cherished member of our Sc-Resolved. That in this afflictive dispensation we ognize the hand of that God whose "dealings

general adaptation to the wants of are unsearchable, and whose ways are past find-Resolved, That, though cheered by the happy

Resolved, That while we deeply deplore the for these great ends, nor yet for supply- death of our beloved friend, cut down, as she the wants of the poor that come within was, in the midst of so wide a field of usefulness, influence. It is equally competent, we would cheerfully how to the will of Him who is too merciful to afflict but for our good; believing that though her earthly tabernacle be dissolved, she has a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. nfluences, as well as religious instruc
Resolved. That we deeply and a none y sympathize with the hereaved friends of her on whose

ng men would not do as much for one browso lately bloomed the bridal wreath, and desire that God would sustain and comfort them in their affliction. "For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: woundeth, and his hands make whole." Resolved. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the friends of the deceased; and also, that they be published in the Presbyterian Ban-

ner and Advocate. By order of Society. MARY S. DAY, Committee. MARY WILSON,

Canonsburg, Jan. 13th, 1857. For the Presbyterian Sanner and Advocate.

Supplies appointed by the Presbytery of Blairsville. Salem-Mr. Hill, Second Sabbath of February; Mr. Stevenson, Second Subbath of March; and leave to obtain their own supplies until the next meeting.

Livermore-Leave to supply themselves until the next meeting.

Centreville—Mr. Davis, one day, at discretion. Armagh-Mr Hill, one day, at discretion. The Presbytery of Blairsville held their usual Winter meeting in Biairsville, on the 13th and 14th inst. And although by the organization of the new Presbytery of Saltsburg, the number of members was diminished fully one balf, still there was left a Presbytery large enough for the profit-

able transaction of business. The number in at-tendance was, thirteen ministers and twelve elders; while three ministers were absent. The Sessions of Presbytery were opened with a sermon, by the Rev. J. M. Hastings, on a subject previously assigned him, which was made the subject of an interesting and profitable conference in the evening. This was one part of the exercises, new to me, but worthy of imitation by all

our Presbyteries.
On the second day of the Sessions, two of the andidates under the care of the Presbytery, deivered popular lectures, on the subjects assigned

The Rev. James Davis was elected Stated Clerk, in the place of Mr. McElwain, who, by the division, had become a member of the Presbytery of Saltsburg.

The organization of a church at Harrison City,

Consisting of fourteen mem-

Westmoreland County, consisting of fourteen members, was reported by a committee which had been appointed for the purpose.

The congregation of Beulah reported, that they had added two hundred dollars per annum to their pastor's salary. And I doubt not, at the Spring restrict of the congregation of the constraint of meeting, other congregations will make the same pleasant report, as it is evident that the present xpenses of living are so much greater than formerly, that many of our pastors receive a very nadequate support.

After the usual routine business of Presbytery,

they closed their Sessions on Wednesday evening

Current Review and Criticism. ence, by laboring for their prosperity in A book is just published entitled, Constitution OF THE HUMAN SOUL, by R. S. Storrs, Jr., D. D., (at Davison's.) Dr. Storrs is a polished thinker and writer. He has studied the King's English. and is sometimes lavish of its terms; yet he writes often with great vigor and point. His taste runs in the department which he has here embellished with a series of lectures, combining the Boyle Lecture and Bridgewater Essay, in a umber, while the population has, meantion in the style, which strikes one throughout as have been expended in the removal of not quite the calm and easy flow which would best ches, these have not contributed mate. | suit the great subjects. As regards the doctrine, to our denominational strength. The | we observe, that in the treatment of the conver, as you will see, warmly refutes science, or moral sense, a proper account is not made of the declaration of Scripture, that even comes short of the supposed number the mind and conscience is defiled. He asserts, 200 000. While it real increase has that without Revelation, men are able to attain the perfect and comprehensive law of virtue, as applied to daily life-able to arrive at the perfect moral law with the unaided powers which we p. ssess-(p. 140.) Has this, then, ever been done? When and where has any most enlightened heathen done it? He refers to the Golden Rule, as announced, in substance, by Confucius, before Christ. Gibbon has alleged, that it is found in Isocrates, four hundred years before Christ. But it is not the same. It is only the negative part of it. It relates only to the avoidance of injuries to another, which you would dread for yourself. It says nothing about doing the good to others which you would wish to be done to yourself. Dr. Storrs' book will be found to well repay the

reading. Among the choicest of the many Juveniles, is THE ADOPTED SON, (at Davison's.) This is a colection of narratives in illustration of the Lord's Prayer, and admirably suited to children's reading. If we must have stories, let them be pointed, not only with a moral, but with a Scripture line. The circumstance suggests an text; serving, thus, as pictorial illustrations of God's Word, and aiming to unfold and impress the truth of "the Book of Books" Perents would find it not only safe, but valuable.

In three large octavos we have Prescott's Robertson's Charles V., (at Davison's.) One is surorised, at first, to find the name of our great historian as the editor of another historian's work. But it is really no compromise of his position. The third volume, indeed, is entirely his own; and, on many accounts, may be regarded as the most deeply interesting. It treats of the monastic life of Charles after his abdication. Just now we happen to know of several "Reading Circles" among the young ladies-"The Irving," "The Ingleside," &c., which have chosen Prescott's Histories, as "Ferdinand and Isabella," "Charles V.," &c., for their weekly exercise.

# Rews Pepartment.

Kansas. The Topeka Legislature attempted a meeting at the appointed time, but failed to organize for vant of a quorum. Gov. Robinson had resigned, with the belief that the interests of the Territory would be subserved much better under the administration of Gov. Geary, than by any efforts which he could make. Lieut. Gov. Roberts is said to hold the same opinion, and did not attend. Some of the members had been arrested, under charge of violating the laws, and others were not present. On the failure to organize, a portion of the members held a meeting, in which the course of Gov. Robinson was disapproved of, and strong measures advised. It would hence seem that the Free State men are divided in sentiment. There their existence. For if it means what are also statements, that the ardent pro-slavery men desire to resort to aggression. But there is decided evidence that moderate men of both parties, will sustain Gov. Geary, and that hence the peace will be preserved, and the settlers bave the choice of their government and the making of their laws, after sometime, without constraint or terror. The Governor has succeeded, beyond the expectations of many, in dispersing hostile bands, The forts of Benium well constructed and shear in Construction of the Human Soul, and the workshop, or Christianity the Freeze below.

The forts of Benium were the same of the forest of the Human Soul, at Part of the Senate, and I we're Mathias Speaker of the Human Soul, at Part of Human Soul, and the strict of the Human Soul, the strict of the Human Soul, the strict of the Human Soul, and the strict of the Human Soul, the strict of the and in protecting the citizens. If he shall still

## PRESBYTERIAN BANNER AND ADVOCATE.

Items.

WASHINGTON AS A RESIDENCE.—It is said that Gov. Marcy will continue to reside in Washington with his family. Gen. Cushing will probably nake it his permanent residence. Both Northern and Southern people, who have been compelled to reside there for any length of time, are rectant to leave the place, and very anxious to get back to it, with or without office, but especially

A German paper, published in St Louis called the Auzeiger des Westens, says that the constituent parts of the population of the city and County of St Louis, as ascertained by the recent census, may be stated thus —Americans 38,000; Germans, 50,000; Irish, 36,000; French, 4,000; English and Scotch, 5000; Italians, Spanish, and other nations 6,000; Bohemians, 5000.

UNIFORM CURBENCY IN GERMANY .- The Curren y Conferences have recommenced. Travelers will a delighted to learn that they will soon be able to pay their way from one end of Germany to the other in the same gold or silver coin.—London

A year ago an exchange said :- "A pile o Breckinridge coal as large as a whale, contains more oil than a whale." This statement was idiculed. It is now proved to be true.

A MAMMOTH SCHEME .- The New York Herald says a scheme is on foot to fuse the two great Railroads in New York, the Central and Erie each built at a cost of forty millions. Then it is proposed to increase their stock to one hundred ions, to obtain the Hudson River Railroad, and finally nurchase the Erie Canal and its branches, which cost forty millions. This done, the Herald believes that State will be as much under the control of this vast corporation as New Jersey is under the control of the Camden and Amboy Railroad.

THE SLAVE TRADE is one of the lucrative branches of the commerce of New York. Ac cording to the commercial papers of that city, no less than from twenty five to thirty slave ships have been fitted out there during the last thre years, and though three of these have been seized. and forty six men held to answer under variou tatutes, only two convictions have taken place North American.

Lectures this season are general failures i New York. The cause is said to be the lack of novelty in the topics, matter and style of the lec-

THE GAROTE.—This new method of robbery has been introduced into New York, it having been successfully practised upon a printer one nightlast week. Garotting consists in seizing a man by the throat and choaking him so that he can give no alarm, while a confederate rifies his pockets. He is left strangled and almost senseless and before he can get breath, the robbers are heyond reach. This trick has been all the rage among the more daring thieves of London for a year or two past.

CUBA. - A letter from Havana to the N. Y. Times, dated December 25th, says: "We have another cargo of 319 Asiatics are rived here, decimated from the quantity embarked at Amoy, during a voyage of 226 days. They arrived on the 22d by a Holland ship, Bellona, Scriver, consigned to Torreis, Puentes & Co. hey have been already assigned to purchasers by the speculators in this trade, at \$170, and me of them resold at \$190 each.

There are in Boston two Protestant and one Catholic Church where the preaching is in

The Legislatures of Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois, Mississippi, Delaware, Michigan, Massa-chusetts, Iowa, and Kansas, are now in session A new marriage law, which has just been assed in Austria, recognizes the marriage of boy of fourteen with a girl of twelve as valid, but the parties are to be seperated until they are of age.'

WESLEYANS IN FRANCE.-The Wesleyans in France maintain 136 pulpits and 78 preachers of various grades, 29 Sabbath Schools, churches numbering 1130 members, and congregations amounting to 15,000 hearers. Mr. Bancroft is said to have realized fifty

dollars by his History of the United The first woman who appeared on the English stage was Mrs. Coleman, in 1656. Previously,

en enacted the women's characters. It is said that the dairymen of Lewis County, N. Y., have realized a profit of from \$30 to \$45 per cow during the past season. A Law in Kentucky allows any widow who has

child between six and eighteen years of age, to vote in the school district meetings. The Chinese in California have built a hospital a San Francisco. They have also a theatre of

Sugar Cane was cultivated in Los Angelos County California, during last season, with mark-

LOTTERIES TO BE ABOLISHED .- The people of Delaware have adopted an amendment to the constitution of the State prohibiting lotteries after Jan. 1, 1862. The Governor has signed the amendment, and he asks the Legislature to make ecessary legislation to carry the amendment into In Maryland lotteries will cease to exist on the 1st of April, 1859, in virtue of a provision of the State Constitution.—Baltimore Sun-

#### The Weather.

We have now had a month of intensely cold weather, and but little prospect of a speedy change. The suffering in our city is, however, not very great. Fuel is plenty and cheap. A few hydrants are frozen up, but still, water is good and adundant. Provisions and clothing are plenty, and houses for comfortable shelter are possessed. And work, too, may be had which is remunerative, by all the industrious poor. Hard cases there are, but they are mostly, if not entirely, the results of vicious or idle habits. The virtuous poor find wherewith to live, and have cause for thankfulness.

But the cold is very extensive, and all, in all places, are not so richly supplied. A letter from Salt Lake City, to the Baltimore Sun.

"We have dreadful accounts of the sufferings among the Mormon emigrants, by the hand-cart train, now in the mountains. The train contained three hundred and fifty souls, one seventh are already dead, and they are dying at the rate of fif teen per day. There are some six hundred morbehind, of whom we have heard nothing."

From Iowa, Kansas, and other places in the West and North-west, there are accounts of intense cold. Near the Missouri river, in Iowa, the mercury has been 30° below zero. And even in Virginia the people are harvesting their ice, and begin to talk loudly of an indipendence of the North in regard to this luxury.

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 19.—The snow is about eighteen inches, or two feet, deep on a level, and four feet in the drifts.

Boston, Jan. 19 .- We had, last night, the most tempestuous storm known here for years. The streets are blocked with snow. The railroad traveling will, undoubtedly, be suspended for some days. The thermometer yesterday, at Woodstock, Vt.

was 80° below zero, and at White River Junction 27 below. The snow is very heavy in that vicin-BALTIMORE, Jan. 19 .- Snow fell very heavily last night, accompanied with a violent gale. The

some places are six and ten feet deep. On a level, the snow is about two feet deep. streets are impassible for vehicles. The thernometer indicates fourteen degrees aboue zero The train which left Washington last night has MONTREAL, Jan. 19 .- The weather yesterday was the coldest of the season. The thermometer indicated twenty-two degrees below zero. To day

The Pennsylvania Legislature. respectative a mblage, shows their occupations be as follows:

SENATE-Lawyers, 17; farmers, 8; merchants, ; physician, 1; iron master, 1; coal operator, gentlemen, 2. ASSEMBLY-Farmers, 26; lawyers, 16; mer-

chants, 8; physicians, 6; lumbermen, 3; blacksmith, 1; druggists, 2; commission merchant, 1; iron founder, 1; artificial limb maker, 1; surveyors, 2; printers, 2; editors, 4; teacher, 1; iron master, 1; moulder, 1; drover, 1; carpenters, 4: contractor, 1: shoemaker, 1: potter, 1: cabinet maker, 1; mason, 1; gentlemen, 8.

#### Banking.

INDIANA BANKS FAILED .- Dispatches were re ceived in the city, on Saturday, stating that the Grammercy Bank, the Lafayette Bank, and Shaw nee Bank of Attica, had failed. The financial men of the East have, for a month past, beer prophesying a crisis among the Indiana and Illinois free banks, and it seems their predictions are about to be verified.—Dispatch, Pittsb'gh.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17,-Several of the city banks yesterday threw out the notes of the People's Bank Carmi, the Rushville Bank, Prairie State Bank, Washington Stock Security Bank, and Danville-all Illinois. The latter was partially secured i California bonds; the others were owned by the Grammerev Bank, Lafavette. The total circulation is \$825,000, and the securities, \$900,000, Missouri, Virginia, Louisiana, California, and Tennessee bonds.

#### California News.

The George Law arrived at New York on the 18th with \$1,250,000 in gold.

The Supreme Court had declared the debt of California, which is over \$3,000,000, to be unconstitutional, except \$300,000; this last being the the Portsmouth and Levant. The British Admiral, stitutional, except \$300,000; this last being the on the 15th, informed the European community amount to which the Constitution had limited that he deemed it inexpedient to disclose his fu the possible legal indebtedness of the State. It ture measures, but that he saw no immediate was thought that an act would be passed submitting the subject to the people, and that they would make its payment obligatory by a vote. The official vote of California is as follows:-Suchanan, 51,935; Fillmore, 35,113; Fremont,

There is a favorable prospect of the speedy ommencement of the Railroad between Oakland and Stockton. A disease, called the putrid sore throat, has prevailed considerably of late in different portions of the State, and has been particularly fatal among children.
Some fine cotton has been grown on the ranch

of Major P. B. Reading, in Shasta County. A paper mill is about being started in Marion The copper mine of Mr. Rodgers, in Hope Val-

ey, near the summit of the Sierra Nevada, proves he very rich. A convention of colored people has been held in Sacramento, for the purpose of taking measures to endeavor to obtain a release from their disability to give evidence in courts of justice against white men.

Recent disclosures have been made, which show that the amount of wretchedness and poverty existing in some parts of San Francisco, is sea exceeded by that of the purlieus of the larger Atlantic cities. Many rickety old buildings in the alleys and streets under Telegraph Hill, are found to be tenanted promiscuously by the vilest and most degraded of the human species. Crime and destitution, and suffering, here reign su-preme and call for the exercise of the strictest surveillance of the police, as well as for the aid f the charitable.

Our dates are to the 11th inst. There is no news, with the exception of the organization of the Legislature at Salem, on the 1st.

Nicaragua The affairs of Gen. Walker seemed to be not

improving. His forces were very destitute of wholesome food, and were rapidly wasting away | the treaty, the parties had met to consider under by sickness, and the Allies were becoming more courageous. Walker had seized the steamers on use. Recruits were expected, and supplies. On their speedy arrival, very much depended.

There is important news from Nicaragua, by he arrival at New Orleans of the steam Texas. The Costa Ricans, protected by the English fleet, had seized every steamboat on the San Juan River. The steamer San Carlos left Virgin Bay with passengers, on the third of January, but was captured by the Costa Ricans, soon after she got into the river. Col. Lockridge, with two hundred and fifty men, had possession of Punta Arenas, but the Costa Rican force of one thou sand men held every other point on the river. It is confirmed that Gen. Henningson had beaten the Allies at Granada, and joined Walker at Rivas. Walker's army is represented to have been in good spirits, and never more confident of uccess, while the allies were fighting among themselves.

The New Postage Law. According to the new Post Office regulations. pooks, not weighing over four pounds, may be sent in the mail pre-paid by postage stamps, at one cent an ounce, any distance in the United States, under three thousand miles; provided they are put up without a cover, or wrapper, or n a cover, or wrapper, open at the ends, or sides, so that their character may be determined, with-

out removing the wrapper.
Unsealed circulars, advertisements, business cards, transient newspapers, and every other arti cle of transient printed matter, except books, no weighing over three ounces, sent in the mail to any part of the United States, are chargeable with one cent postage each, to he pre paid by post age stamps. Where more than one circular is printed on a sheet, or a circular and letter, each must be charged with a single rate.

# Pittsburgh.

Asnes-Pearls, 71/2c. Pots, 51/2@60. 3%. APPLES—\$3.50@4.50 per bbl. BEANS—Small white, \$2.25@2 50 per bush.
SUTTER AND EGGS—Buttar, 20@22c. Eggs, 20.
DRIED PRUIT—Peaches, \$2 25@3.50. Apples, \$2.25.

Frathers—Western, 55@58c.
FLOUR—Wheat. \$5.62@6 25. Buckwheat, \$2.00@2.50 per 00 bs Ryc, \$8.70@3.76. @1.20 Byo, 60@65. Wheat, \$1.15@1.20. Barley, \$1.10@
@1.20 Byo, 60@65. Wheat, \$1.15@1.20.
LARD—1114@12e. try \$1.25 per 100 lbs LARD—111/@12c. POTATOES—Reds, \$1.00 per bu.

ASHES—Pearls, \$5.00. Pots, \$7.75@7.8736 per 100 lbs.
PLOUS AND MEAL—Wheat, \$6.50@6.75. Rye. \$3.50@5.25.
forn Meal, \$3.1214@8.25. Buckwheat, \$2.25@2.50 per Corn. Meai, \$0.1272 Oats, 48@50c. Barley, \$1.00 fbs. Grans—Wheat, \$1.70@1.72. Oats, 48@50c. Barley, \$1.00 = 132. Corn. 72@75. Rye, 85@98c. @1.32. Corn. 72@75. R Hav—\$1.06½@1.12½ Hors—7@10c.

Philadelphia. FLOUR-Wheat, \$6.371/206.50. Bye, \$3.50@3.75. Corn Meal, \$3.00. Grain—Wheat, 1.55@1.63. Rye, 81c. Corn, 68@64. Oats, 7@446. FEATHERS—55@58c. for Western. HEIRD FRUIT—Apples, 8c. Peaches, 8@10c. GINSING -50@55c. Hops -- 86011c. HOPS—S@11c. SREDS—Clover, \$7.371/2@7.50. Woot—Tub, 491/2c.

Baltimore. Asnes-Post, \$8 50. Pearls, \$7.50: Apples—\$3.00@8.50 per bbt. Dried Fruit—Apples, \$1.31a1.50 per bu. Peaches, \$2.25s

Frathers—45a50c. per ID.

Flour and Mar.—Wheat, \$6.87½. Rye, \$4.00. Corn eal, \$3.00@3.37½.

Grain—Wheat, \$1.55@1.58. Oats, 45@48c. Rye, 70@78c. Grain—Wheat, \$1.55@1.58. Oats, 45@48c. Rye, 70 Corn, 59@52c. Hors—10810/4c. POTATOEs—Mercer, 95ca\$1.00. Common do. 75a60c. LARD—Western, 124/@13c. BUTTES—Western, 14@16c. Northern Ohlo, 2022c.

# Foreign Intelligence.

The Cunard steamship America arrived at Halifax on the 19th inst., from Liverpool, with date

29th the troops penetrated to the palace, but were The list of members of the two Houses of this withdrawn in the evening.

The British loss was three killed and twelve wounded. Attempts at negotiation continuing fruitless, the city was bombarded ou the 3d and 4th of November; on the 6th, twenty-three war junks were destroyed by the British steamer, and further time was given, but the Chinese remained

> The naval force brought by Admiral Seymon to operate against Canton, consisted of three frigates, one brig and five steamers. The details are not different from the news brought by the City of Washington. Some of the forts taken ere burned. Others are occupied by the British artillery. One hundred and seven guns were spiked Notwithstanding the capture of the forts, the Governor refused the apology demanded. He, however, sent to the Admiral twelve persons purporting to be captured, but they not proving to be the same, the Encounter opened her fire on the city walls, the artillery co-operating from the captured forts, while a steamer proceeded up the river and shelled the forts on the heights.

On the 29th the walls were breached, and the city entered and subsequently abandoned. In the encounter the Baracante received eighty shots in the hull and rigging. The basque ports were captured on the 12th November. On the 15th the Chinese had re-manned the barrier ports and fired into the mail steamer Canton. The British loss is trifling. The English and American ladies were previously removed to Hong-K-ng, together with all the treasure. A detachment of marines rom the American ship Portsmouth guarded the

The Americans were also engaged against the Chinese. The United States ship Portsmouth had destroyed one of their forts in consequence of an

insult given the American flag.
The accounts of the American affair with the Chinese are not full. It is said that an American ship was fired into by a Chinese ship at Macid, where upon the Portsmouth proceeded to destroy it, at the same time notifying the Chinese authorities that unless instant reparation was made, hostile operations would ensue. The San Jacinto was at Whampod, anchored off the French Islands, with prospect of quiet.

The mail steamer met a French frigate ap-

proaching the seat of war. The Indian news contains nothing concerning the Persian expedition which had reached Bom pay, but reinforcements were to be forwarded im

mediately.

The warlike preparations in Prussia and Switzerland continued vigorously, but hopes of peace preponderated. Meantime the American Miniser has gone to Berlin to offer, it is reported, the nediation of the United States. Other improbable reports of the good offices on the part of the United States prevailed. The President's mes-sage to the Swiss federation is published. Its bstance is that all the foreign ministers at Berne made proposals that if the Swiss authorities would give up the trial of the prisoners, their respective governments would endeavor to induce the King of Prussia to recognize the absolute inlenendence of Neufcharel The proposal fell to the ground. The Federal Assembly before ad nurnment passed a decree that the Federal Council will continue the endeavor to rocure a pacific recognition of the independence of Neufchatel, approving the military levies as ordered, granting unlimited credit and authority to the Federal Council to take ulterior measures to defend the buntry to the last extent, and authorizing a loan of 80,000,000.

It is stated that a French army of six thousand inder Canrobert is to be assembled on the Eastern frontiers to meet emergencies. Berlin reports, which are probably exaggera-tions, assert that the French will occupy Neuf-chatel and Geneva, and Austria the Pas Devand; also, should these governments unite in the de termination to wring from Switzerland the conpession that her territory shall be no longer the arbor of political refugees.

The march of the Prussians against Switzerland is postponed to the 15th or later. Plenipotentiaries, with power to sign a treaty of peace, met at Paris on the 31st. A programme was read, stating that whereas a diffi what circumstances the difficulties could all be arranged. Complaints were exchanged; a con ciliatory spirit was exhibited; a new line will be be Lake, and had appropriated them to his own traced out as the Bessarabian frontier, Russia renouncing her pretentions to Bolgrad and the Isle of Serpents; the Delta of the Danube being given up to Turkey; in compensation, a district of land is to be ceded to Russia toward the

North of Moldavia.

The shares of the Atlantic Telegraph Company appeared on the London Stock Exchange on Wed sday, at thirty to fifty premium.

Diseatisfaction is again reported in the Neapol A letter from St. Petersburg, in the Debat confirms the account of a military force in Nev Banco, on the Caspain Sea, and says the whole Caucasian army is called with a brief notice to act with them.

The British Ultimatum to Persia The ultimatum proposed by Bord Stratford d Redcliffe to the Persian Ambassador now at Con tantinonle, is as follows:

1. The Shah will dismiss his Premier. 2. He will give satisfaction to the Persian sub ject, the original cause of quarrel with Mr. Mur-3. He will conclude a new treaty of Commerce. 4. He will admit British Consuls wherever

he British Government chooses to place them.

5. He will pay a war indemnity. 6. He will restore Herat to the Afghans, and will evacuate the Afghan territory.
7. He will undertake to refer to the arbitration of England all the disputes that may arise in the future, on the subject of Herat, between Persia and the Afghans.

LIBERTY OF THE PRESS IN SWEDEN .- The lib rty of the press has just achieved a triumph in Sweden. The four Chambers of the Diet have unanimously rejected a bill of last session, which erases from the Constitution, and places in the rank of ordinary laws that which guarantees the liberty of the press. In the Chamber of Nobles, one of the Ministers, M. de Grippenstadt, made a sort of apology for presenting the bill, saying, Ministers are men, and as such, are liable to commit error." The rejection took place, almost without discussion. in the Chamber of the Clergy, and of the Bourgeoisie. In the Chamber Peasants, fifty members spoke against the measure. The last speaker, in concluding, rail— The liberty of the press is the tongue of the nation; and the wish now is, to cut it out. Will you allow that to be done?" "No! no! A thousand times no! God preserve us from it!" was the cry of all the others. The Pre-ident then de-clared the discussion to be closed, and at once roclaimed the rejection of the bill.

# Motices.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Saminar for the North-West, is called to meet on the 8d day (Tuesday February next, at 7 o'clock P. M., in the North Presbyte rian church, corner of Illinois and Wolcott Streets, Chicago Business of vital importance demands the presence of every President of the Beard.

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JULIUS FOSTER, Stated Clerk. The PRESBYTERY OF WINNEBAGO will meet at Fondu Las, Wis., on the last Thursday, (the 29th) of January at 7 o'clock P M. . . . H. M. ROBERTSON, Stated Clork.

# Married.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., by Rov. R. B. Foresman, Mr-GROOGE LIGHTCAP to Miss Susan GROVER, all of Northampton In Superior, Wis, on Thursday evening, Dec. 18th, by Rev. J. M. Barnitt Mr. Perze Hoffenberger to Miss Dora Bosold, both of Superior, Wis. By the same, at the same time and place, Mr. Andrew Rourig to Miss Margarer Hoppenberger, all of Superior. On December 25th, by Rev. John Arthur, PRILIP McLair, Esq., to Mrs. Margaret Davidson, both of Yellow Creek, Columbiana County. O On January 1st, by Rev. J. P. Fulton. Mr. Robert Fergu-ion to Miss Euzabeth Patterson, both of Smith Township,

On the 15th inst., by Rev. Samuel Wilson, Mr. JERRMIAH BARD to Miss MARGERY, daughter of Mr. Robert Finley, of Dunlap's Creek, Pa.

Juanary : th, by Rev. D. L. Hughes, J. G. McDonald, M. D., to Mi . Isabella Counx, all of Spruce Creek Valley,

Huntingdon ounty, Pa.

January 15th, by Rev. W. F. Morgan, Mr. SAMUEL S. CALD. WELL to Miss NANUX REED, both of Rural Valley, Armstrong Dec. 7th, by Rev. Wm A. Fleming, Mr. Peter W. Peters, of farmington, Ill., to Miss Press A. Ringland, of Peoris County, Ill. On the evening of the 13th inst., by Rev. J. W. Hazlett, at the residence of the bride's father, Baldwin Township, Allegheny County, Mr James Morrow to Miss Jane

## Obitnary.

Dreb—In Eldred Township, Jefferson County, Pa, on the 22d of December, Mr. Andrew Gayley, in the 46th year of

DIED—In Superior, Wis., on Tue day evening Dec. 2d, ORVILLE A., son of John T. and Harriet Smith, aged 4 years, 3 months, and 3 days. "The child has gone, simple and trusting, into the presence of an all wise Father; and of such, we know, is the kingdom of God."

> —At New Berlin, on the 6th inst., Miss JANE COOK, a f elevated and mature piety. "To that glad city gone, whose street By seraph feet is trod. Where prophets, saints, and martyrs meet,

Died-In Philadelphia, on Monday evening, the 5th inst., George Charles, aged 10 months. Also, on Thursday morn-ing, the 8th inst., James Wright, aged 3 years—children of George Charles and Sallie B. Franciscus, "Alas! how changed those lovely flowers,

To hymn the praise of God."

Which bloomed and cheered our hearts; Fair, fleeting comforts of an hour, How soon we're called to part."

"Calm on the bosom of thy God. Young spirit. rest thee now; E'en while with us thy footsteps trod, His seal was on thy brow. "His golden locks, and sunny smiles No more will give us joy:

Ours only for a little while-

God claims our darling boy." Disn—In Manor Township, Armstrong County, Pa, on the 3d ult. of paralysis, in the 79th year of her age, Mrs Mary F. Ross, relict of George Ross, Esq.

The deceased, whose early life was passed in Washington County, when quite young became a member of Mingo church, under the pastoral care of Samuel Raiston, D. D. In the year 1800, she married, and removed to Armstrong County, where she resided until death removed her. She was remarkable for her quiet gentleness of manner, combined with great chaerfulness and energy of character. Her household will long miss her guiding hand and wi e counsels. She has left her descendants the example of a long and consistent Christian life, and the evidence, that for her to die was gain.

Tieb-On the morning of Dec. 5th, at the residence of her father. A. Love. Esq., of Athens County, Ohio, EMELINE L., beloved wife of Mr. Newton Patterson. After months of intense suffering, it has pleased "our Father" to summon home "an heir of glory." The tremb ling feet have pessed the cold waves of the Dark River, and the frail body of mortality sleeps side by side with that of a sister, called hence by the same disease, consumption, a few years since. The ransomed spirit has entered "the pearly gates;" and in the New Jerusalem, she experiences the "rest that remaineth for the people of God." Another vacant place is added to our communion table—another link to bind our little branch of the Church militant to the fall on a surviving brother and sister, and by that grace that supported her in the honr of trial, lead them to obey one of her latest requests, "Meet me in glory!"

Dien—On the evening of October 20th, at his residence in Rayne Township. Indiana County, Pa., Mr. WILLIAM McClusker, aged nearly 75 years.

A member, in full communion in the Presbyterian Church from early life, and for many years a Ruling Elder in the congregation of Gilgal, in the Presbytery of Blairsville, (now Saltsburg,) his uniform history was that of an upright, con scientious Christian, and a judicious church officer. A subject for a long time. during the latter part of his life, of a constant and severe neuralgic disease, his sufferings were constant and severe neuralgic disease, his sufferings were very great; but "he endured, as seeing Him who is invisible," and as knowing "in whom he had believed." His death was calm and peaceful. Having conducted, at the usual time, the accustomed evening worship of the family, in which he manifested remarkable fervor, he retired to bed, as he was wont to do, and closed his eyes to sleep; and in the solemn and undisturbed silence of that sweet sleep, his it aspects, and to a gentleman qualified to establish and conduct it well, he would give the situation on very liberal terms. Address,

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in the heavens." He had "finished his course." Life's duties done, as sinks the clay, Light from her load the spirit flies. While heaven and earth combine to say, How blest the righteous when he die

The deceased was the father of Rev. James W. McCluske of the State of Indiana Piep—At his residence, in Allegheny County, Decembe 18th, Mr. Thomas Simpson, in the 71st year of his age. For more than half a century, Mr. Simpson sustained the character of a Christian, acknowledged by all as exhibiting the characteristics of a true follower of Jesus. Slowly, but surely, his earthly tabernacle was taken down; but his hope did not fail him, that he had a building of God, "a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." He distrusted his own righteousness, but plead the atonement of Christas amply sufficient for every sinner. A short time before his death, he took affectionate leave of his beloved companion and dear children, committing each, separately, to the keep ing of Israel's God. To his son, (who is preparing for the Gospel ministry.) he said, "O! my son, if God spares your life to enter the ministry, preach Christ crucified as the sinner's only hope; and preach nothing else;" and in the tri-umphs of faith, and full hope of a blessed immortality, resigned his spirit into the hands of God who gave it. While on earth, he ardently loved the worship of God's house; and his seat in the sanctuary was seldom vacant; and we hope and believe his ransomed spirit now rests with God, in the heaven of his love. "Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they

may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." DIED—At Newcastle, Dec. 27th, in the 6th year of herage Mazzie M., youngest daughter of Wm, and Mary Watson. Though but a child, she appears to have been fully conecious of the fact, that her condition was critical, and that her dependence must be upon the Father of spirits. During her somewhat protracted sickness, she would sometime tur and request her father to pray for her. Many other striking indications of religious thoughtfulness, during the last month of her life, will long continue to produce a mournful interest in the minds of her parents, as they re cur to the scenes of her early death. And though the sur render has required a struggle, they nevertheless bow t the will of Christ, who has said. "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the king-

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