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FITTSBURGH, MAY 16, 1857.

TERMS .- \$1.50, in advance; or in Clubs \$1.25; or, delivered at residences of Subscribers, \$1.75. See Prospectus, on Third Page. while before the year expires, that we may the author, as he was about to descend into make full arrangements for a steady supply THE RED WRAPPER indicates that we desire a renewal. If, however, in the hasts of mailing, this signal should be omitted, we

hope our friends will still not forget us. REMITTANCES.—Sond payment by safe hands, when convenient. Or, send by mail, enclosing with ordinary care, and troubling 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

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#### General Assembly.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America will hold its next meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Kentucky, at eleven o'clock, A. M., on Thursday, the 21st of May next, and will be, opened with a sermon by the Rev. Francis. McVarland, D.D., Moderator of the last Assembly. the Lecture-room of the church, on the Wednesday evening preceding, at eight; o'clock; to receive Commissions, and on Thursday morning, ceive. Commissions, and on Thursday morning the day of the meeting, at nine o'clock, for th

same purpose. ALEXANDER T. McGill, Permanent Clerk.
P. S. Stated Clerks of Presbyteries are re spectfully requested to make out their list of persons entitled to the Minutes on a separate sheet, and to send that, together with moneys for the Minutes, to G. H. Van Gelder, Esq., Philadelphia, Treasurer of the General Assembly.

#### To the Members of the Assembly.

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 20, 1857. Notice is hereby given to the members of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, that their lodgings will be assigned to them immediately after their arrival in the city of Lexington, Ky.; and that they are privileged to travel on the packets of "the Cincinnati and Louisville Mail Line." by Captain Shuley, President, from St. Louis to Cincinnati or Louisville, "for half fare either way," and that the "Covingtor and Lexington Railroads," by their Presias they come, to return free of charge, upon producing the certificate of the officers of the G. A. that they were members.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS. Chairman Committee Arrangements:

LETTERS ON BUSINESS.—Persons sending us lists of subscribers, and especially in making remittances, will please direct their letters, always, (as requested above) to REV. DAVID MCKINNEY, Pittsburgh, Pa. Serious losses have occurred, by a neglect of this request.

respondent. It will appear next week

COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY .- We see it stated that a member of Dr. Phillips' church, for the endowment of a Professorship in this numbers of his admirers will decide that in dicInstitution, with the asheaps with

WASHINGTON PRESBYTERY. We are Tequested to give notice, that such arrangements have been made at Lower Buffalo, that the brethren appointed to supply there need not arizen, they mean an electron bearing

laborer has just entered into his rest. He and that profound attachment to spiritual died at his residence in Landisburg, Pa., on the 7th inst., after a sickness of five days.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY tain the idea that Geology is a science will receive through Tickets to Cincinnati, which seeks to overthrow the Bible and that by the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne, and Chicago all Geologists are infidels, the great lights and Railroad, and on presenting the Certificate

OUR FIRST AND FOURTH pages this week present articles somewhat longer than usual, but they possess superior merit. The sketch of the ancient history of Infant Baptism, is admirable. Let none pass it without a pe-

THE WELSH PRESBYTERIANS in Philadelphia, are likely to have a church edifice The congregation is very small, but the cause is good, and the benevolent may well lend their aid; a corner stone for the building, was laid on Lombard Street, above Fifteenth, on the 29th ult.

work, of which we shall speak in our Literary cles having taken place in the history of Notices, may be had at our office, on terms, the globe, the work before us carries the most reasonable, by persons who shall call argument a step farther; and the last shred for it soon. It would be a valuable present is torn out of the hands of the greatest and to a child or friend. We are authorized to most plausible of Scottish unbelievers. As sell it at fifty cents. It is a volume of 408 the Development Theory and the Infinite

### Worthy of Notice.

The Methodists have ever been a zealous people; in extending their denominational peculiarities; and of late years their efforts on behalf of education have been exemplary. I wenty-three years ago, as we see it stated, the first Methodist missionaries were sent to the Pacific coast to labor among the Indians in Oregon. Now they have two well organiguinized, Conferences there—Oregon and Calizion fornia, with an aggregate of 103 traveling and 99 local preachers; 4,925 members, 7,-000 children in Sabbath Schools, two Universities, and five Academies under their control.

Notices of Schools.—As we continue to receive requests to call attention editorially to schools in which the parties feel an "interest, we must repeat, what we have said before, that if we give such notices in one means our columns would be unduly occupied with matter of this description. Our advertising department is alike open to all. and the public can be readily reached in that way."-Presbyterian.

lo Notices such ashere alluded to by our contemporary, we insert in reading columns of News Department, or in advertising colto time, as the parties may choose, on business with the parties may choose the parties of th

## The Testimony of the Rocks."

We take up this volume with a peculiar solemnity. We handle it with feelings of mingled reverence and wave. We almost expect to behold it draped with the emblems of mourning; and in glancing over its pages, the impression seems to deepen upon us that it has been handed to us by the grave. The Testimony of the Rocks is a great work, and eminently worthy of the elevated fame of the author. It is great in all those elements which characterized the volumes that had already carried the name of Hugh Miller into every educated circle in the wide realm of civilization, and justly raised him to the highest rank among the thinkers and intellectual giants of his native land. Having said this, we have awarded the highest eulogy to the book in our power. It is not more pictorial and felicitous in its descriptions than the Old Red Sandstone. It is not more profoundly philosophical and acutely logical than The Footprints of the Creator, a work which for its combination of research, learning, philosophy, logic, and style, is without a parallel. It is not more elegantly literary, and transcendently eloquent than the First Impressions of England a work sing which learning, anecdote, poetry, philosophy, and eloquence, seem gracefully striving for the mastery. But the Testimony of the Rocks presents a combination of all the qualities so conspicuously prominent in the works which we have enumerated.

Unlike them, however, it will be received with certain feelings of distrust. Christians, all, were delighted with the Footprints; but some persons will be disposed to reject many of the author's conclusions in the work before us.d We do not speak here of the Atheistical leaders against whom he wages battle with undiminished prowess, but of those believers in Revelation who are by no means prepared to admit, as he does, that the Noachian Deluge was not universal. With Dr. Pye Smith, Mr. Miller argues against the universality of the Flood, though he contends with great power for dent, allow members, paying the usual fare the fact that the family of man was swept off the face of the earth, as the Mosaic record testifies; and he adduces an array of causes, the united action of which he contends will fully account for all the varieties of the human family which are now found scattered over the globe. His speculations in these Lectures will no doubt be used in an unfair manner by skeptics, to the injury of Revelation, while many will regret to see the Author who believed that the Flood was miraculous, proceeding to show how, by the operation of those laws which are in daily action on our sea shores, the facts connected "NORTH WEST."-We are pleased to see | with the Deluge could be rationally accounted for. An/incipient Rationalism will be detected here; or such a seeming tendency in that way as will give pain to the advocates of an implicit faith in the plain statements of the Bible. So, also, in his chapter N. Y., has donated thirty thousand dollars on the Vision of the Creation by Moses. Great this section his fancy was permitted to roam unchecked by the restraints which he so well knew how to apply to others who were accustomed to mistake imagination for philosophy.

In this volume there is, however, a delightful manifestation of that deep-toned REV L'W. WILLIAMS.—This devoted reverence for the authority of Revelation. religion, which characterizes all his other treatises. It is certainly worthy of note, that while the community generally entermaster-minds of the science have been humof the officers of the Assembly, they can re- ble and devout believers in Revelation. Sedgwick, Buckland, Pye Smith, and Hitchcock, are names that may be mentioned in this connexion; while, in the bands of Hugh Miller, Geology has supplied the most powerful arguments which have ever been brought to bear against the infidelity of Hume and other skeptics. In all the reas sonings of Beattle, Brown, Chalmers, and others, on the subject of miracles, as against the position of Hume, there is much to satisfy the mind; but in the hands of Miller, the very stones of the field cry out against him. The records of Geology, as written in the structure of the earth, are the infallible demonstrations of the reality of miracles. Conclusive as the argument in M'ILVAINE'S EVIDENCES. This excellent The Footprints: was, on the proof of mira-Series of the Atheist are equally disposed

of, so is also the ingenious assumption of Hume, that the creation is a "singular effect "-an effect without a duplicate; and that without other experiences of creations by the same causative agency, or other measures of its power, it was pronounced illogical and rash to infer the possibility of another scene, a new heaven and a new earth, which by faith the believer is given to realize. In the lecture on the bearing of Geology on the two Theologies, this cavil is answered in the most triumphant manner; and it is shown that the history of the fossiliferous strata is really a history of successive creations, rising by an ascending scale, and affording such an array of facts that the induction of the Christian philosopher is amply sustained.

Our space forbids us to enter into a detailed examination of the work. It is judiciously illustrated with wood cuts, and prefixed to it is a memorial of the author. and an affecting account of the melancholy close of his life, and of his funeral obsequies. Hugh Miller, in departing from this

The Testimony of the Rocks, or, Geology in its Bearings on the Two Theologies, Natural and Revealed. By Hugh Miller, author of the The old Red Sandstone of Footsteps of the Greater, &c. , &c. , With Memorials: of the desples. The, religious, newspaper, 7, as 70 death and character of the Author 12 mo, 1 as the educational enterprise, needs sustered by York? Sheldon, Blakeman & Co. Cincinnati:

George S. Blanchard. 1857.

# THE PRESBYTERIAN BANNER AND ADVOCATE.

troubled scene, left none to fill the place in science which he occupied. There was no flattery in the remark of Dr. Chalmers, on the occasion of the death of Sir Walter sistence of the afflicted is of little value. I have been grieved to know, that notwithstanding Scott, that Hugh Miller was then the brother Martin was so well and so favorable greatest man in Scotland. The enloyed known in this vicinity, as the former pastor of greatest man in Scotland. The eulogy might have been uttered before the demise of the great novelist, and with equal truth sent to him through you. Will you do me the the work before us possessed. In him there

seemed to be, as it were, a concentration of he eminent attributes of nearly all the renarkable men in modern times who have een distinguished in Scotland. Acutely metaphysical, he roamed over all the terriory that Hume, Reid and Stewart had culivated, selecting all that was valuable, and detecting all that was false in their respective systems. Without professional trainng, he had mastered the results in Physics, of Leslie and Forbes, and he ranged. with entire freedom; with Jameson and Fleming, over every department of Natural Science. Intensely poetical, there are many of his effusions that will take rank with the productions of Burns and Tannahill, while his Traditions of the Highlands, and his contributions to the Tales of the Borders, show how closely he was allied to the mental structure of Scott and MacKenzie. In the nonument to his fame, in which he demonstrated his extensive and profound acquaintance with political economy and the science of government; showing how justly he may be placed by the side of Adam Smith. Theology was not his profession ; but in clearness of conception of Divine truth. and in the apprehension of the relation of doctrines and principles to each other, whether purely theological or pertaining to the frame-work or government of the Church. ne was in nothing behind, and in many was peerless. As a possessor of all the rerequisites to the cultivation of that department of thought, he stood alone. Some men might be familar with Botany and Mineralogy, while they were defective in Zoology. Others might be acquainted with the details of these sciences, but, wanting in the logical faculty, they lay at the mercy of any bold dogmatiser. Every reader of his works will perceive that his intimacy

Why So Backward?-A Response.

Backwardness in relieving those who have

uffered under calamitous dispensations of

Providence, we have noticed as a feature

quite too prominent in Christians; and we

have thought it to be more painfully manifest

in our own people than even in some others.

The duty of affording relief is admitted to

to, and those acquainted with, the sufferers.

ity is not equal to the emergency, they

should so make known the facts of the case

Canton Mission, is one which demands gen-

eral sympathy and aid; and doubtless the

Board will receive extra supplies adequate

to their restoration. But even there, there

vere individual sufferings. The brethren

vere robbed, by the devouring flames, of

books, furniture, manuscripts, &c., to the

ery great diminution of their means of

mfort—has anything been yet done for

them? Have personal acquaintances, and

churches which knew them in former times,

and heard their voices and enjoyed their

reaching, done what they could and should?

Baptist Missionary Magazine, the readiness

with which the churches shared in the losses

of the Bassein Mission. Rev. Mr. Van

Meter, in a letter to the Home Mission,

"In this connection we wish to make par-

icular mention of the prompt and generous

fferings sent us by nearly every church.

upon hearing of our serious loss by the great fire of March last Most of the

they had to give; others living farther off,

or because they had not completed their

ubscriptions, did not send in till after some

veeks : and hence also our delay in report-

ing the same, as we wished to give the

whole sum at once. The total thus given is

the praise of his grace and the credit of

this people, a few items as to the liberality of

individual churches. Take first the church

free-will offering on their part in this our

time of need. This church is giving a full

support to their pastor Myat Keh. and sus-

taining their common school, &c., &c.,

Po Lo, the pastor of the church at Naupay-

eh, said that he was away from home, at the

time, but immediately upon learning of the

fire he hastened home and was engaged all

the night before coming in, in collecting

the donation for us. He brought nearly

In sympathy with a brother, whose serious

loss we noted some weeks ago, we have just

received the following Response, with the

"BEAR YE ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS"

ter with which was sent five dollars toward help. May 20th.

inclosure specified:

527 rupees."

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We have been pleased to notice, in the

is to procure relief from a distance.

sound and valuable counsels. with Mineralogy, Botany, Zoology, Conchology, and the Cognate Sciences, was only part of a large, attentive, and delighted equalled by his wondrous powers of description and closeness of severe reasoning: while over all, and ever visible, his realization of the Supreme Being, whose glory he the object of universal research, and which perceived in all the varied manifestations of it is the life's business of ministers to cominfinite wisdom and power, which he de- municate. . Do a**rtific** aces di

lighted to trace in every object of his re-Return of Mr. Speer. the authority of Revelation, and his unfeigned religion and devotedness of soul. invested him with a dignity to which no mere votary of unsanctified learning has ever at-

hinese Mission, also goes East to day, having been forced by ill health, to leave temporarily this important field of Christian enterprise: Last Sabbath evening (yesterday,) Mr. Speer took his farewell of his Califor nia friends in Musical Hall. The house was be most incumbent upon those who live near crowded; his theme, China and the Chinese. Aside, therefore, from the interest taken in Such ought certainly and speedily to make the subject itself; many of the friends of the ip the loss, or to replace it so far as to make Rev. gentleman manifested their respect for the afflicted comfortable; and if their abil- him by being present; and they did well; for of the hundreds of ministers who have come to these shores, many of them pious, intelligent, and self-sacrificing men, not one has so entwined himself about the hearts of The case of the losses of brethren of the our people as Mr. Speer.

Liberia.

We see, in the Hollidaysburg Register, letter from Charles Deputie, dated Marshall, Liberia, March 4, 1857. The writer notes progress and prospects, and also tells of some of the difficulties, necessarily incident to new says: "Tell Mr. Coplin for me, that I don't want his assistance. I have wheat flour, sugar, coffee to drink, from my own lot, good milk to put into it, dig my own potaters to boot." Mr. Deputie is a Christian and a worthy man. He will let his light shine for benefit, we trust, among both emigrants, and natives; and we shall hope to hear of his "boys" growing to be great and good men.

This brother, whose pen has oft con tributed to the enriching of our columns had been brought near to the borders of the hurches made up and sent in at once what grave, but is now being restored. A private etter informs us that his disease was of the brain: His eyes were severely affected. He is still unable to read or write, except a very little. His pulpit is supplied. The Lord afflicts in mercy. Ministers may be greatly benefited, and their qualifications for usefulness much increased, by being brought to look upon death as very near, at Ko Soo. Within a very few days after and thus contemplate the needful preparahe fire, their pastor and deacons came in and tion for the great change which awaits all, laid down before us the handsome sum of and appreciate the richness of the promise sixty rupees. We declined taking so much, but they insisted; saying that, it was sent by many individuals, as a most hearty and in which the believing soul triumphs.

Presbyterian Meetings. The chief Judicatories of different branches

General Assembly, Lexington, Kentucky, Thursday, May 21st, 11 o'clock A. M.

General Assembly, (Cumberland,) Lexington, Missouri, Thursday, May 21st. General Synod, Reformed Presbyterian, (Covenanter,) Cedarville, Ohio, Thursday,

Rev. W. W. Harsha, elected first President of Dixon Cellegiate Institute, under the new Charter, has tendered his resignation to take effect September 1st, 1857; and Alexander M. Gow, A. M., of Washington, Pa., has been elected to the vacancy. Mr. Gow has signified his acceptance of the posi-

favor to transmit to him the accompanying five fulness. Very seldom does the Author of our being invest a single mind with such an with the expression of my deep felt sympathy, array of qualities, as the gifted author of making it fifty. May the spirit of all grace put year. Revival. afflicted brother in bearing his burden, according to their several ability, and as members one

> Such contributions, though few in num ber, are cheering. But, should they not be numerous? Are not such things the evidences of union with Christ, which shall be brought forth by himself to manifest the ustice of his award in the day of judgment. See Matt. xxv: 31-46.

> another. It may appear ungracious in one who has been so tardy, to exhort others. But the Master says, "Whatsoever ye would that others

Western Theological Seminary—Exami-

The examinations at the Theological Seminary commenced last week, on Thursday, and were kept up steadily until Tuesday noon. They were conducted in the presence of a Committee of the Board olumns of The Witness, he erected a lofty of Directors, and attended also by clergymen and others, in the vicinity and from a distance. We heard it repeatedly remarked, by the Committee and; others, that they had never heard more satisfactory examinations in the several departments. The young men were generally present, and displayed great readiness and accuracy in their replies. descioned for all

On Saturday morning, at 9 o'clock, the Rev. Wm. Speer, who has just returned to this, his native city, from California, addressed the students, in the chapel, on the corresponding with the cost to him and the things he was confessedly shead of Chal- subject of the Chinese Mission, and left a good to them. mers. In Geology, his favorite science, he fine impression. He is a graduate of this Seminary.

On Tuesday noon; at the close of the examination, Rev. Dr. Campbell, from the Committee of the Board of Directors. delivered an address to the students, full of

On the evening of Tuesday, Rev. S. I. Prime, D. D., of New York, addressed the Society of Inquiry on Missions, in the First Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh. The Students, Professors, and Directors, formed audience. We should be pleased to see Dr. Prime's Address in print. His subject was TRUTH; the very thing which should be

safe arrival of the Rev. Wm. Speer and fam- would be fully two pretty thick octavo volily last week, from the scenes of his late bending over his pen thinks of doing, and lahors in San Francisco, to the home of his more than some do in a year. In the next youth in this city. Mr. Speer, though evi- place, I have to do as much speaking every dently in feeble health considers himself week as a lawyer at the bar in good pracgreatly improved by the voyage.

The San Francisco correspondent of the

Rev. William M. Ferguson.

of the Presbyterian family, meet as fol-

General Assembly, (New School,) Cleve land, Ohio, Thursday, May 21st, 11 o'clock

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"Unionist,) New York City, Wednesday

Dixon Collegiate Institute, Ill.

tion, and is expected to enter upon his la-

CINCINNATI.—The Central church lincinnati, under the pastoral care of Rev. N. West, has been enjoying a precious reviving time. At a recent communion, sixeen members were received on examination, and eleven on certificate. The next week, four young men applied, and were received

to membership. Some eight or ten others. are inquirers. A private letter, speaking gratefully of God's grace to pastor and people, says: "One of the most cheering features of the whole work is, that many of the nembers of the church have really been revived. The church has been sanctified. The unction is still upon them. They PRAY for perishing souls." Christians, alas, in most of our churches, greatly need the reviving influences of God's Spirit. It is vigprous life in the Church, which God makes the means of new life to men dead in trespasses and sins. When drowsy Christians are truly awaked, a work will be done for

Labor and Compensation.

Christ amongst the previously unconverted.

That the laborer, is worthy of his hire, is a Scriptural decree, as well as a dictate of common sense. On principles of equity, every man who labors, has his just claim upon those who derive the benefit of his knowledge, skill and toil; and, in a measure

Let this principle, the enunciation of which surely meets with an affirmative response in every breast, be applied to the services of the ministry, and what will be the result? Can it be said that the custom ary stipend is any thing like a remunera tion? We propose the question, and to aid in its solution, we add a brief extract from remarks of Rev. Dr. Alexander of Edinburgh:

In speaking on the subject assigned him, viz., ministerial support, Dr. Alexander said-I am ready, without any beating about the bush, to say we are all underpaid for what we do. I was talking lately with a London business man-a successful merhant. He said to me. "And if it be a fair question, what do you get?" I told him. "Well," he answered, "is that all you get?" "Yes, and compared with what many of my brethren get, it is pretty fair." "And what do you do for that?" I said that I would enlighten him upon this:-Our readers will be pleased to learn the "In the first place, I compose and write what umes-about as much as any literary man tice. Then, in the third place, to do as much visiting as a surgeon in average practine would do. And in the next place, I New York Observer, says of this missionary: think I write as many letters as many of you The Rev. Wm. Speer, and family, of the great merchants do." "Well," he said. is yours an extraordinary case?" I said "Not at all; a man's duties correspond with his sphere, but many of my brethren do as much, some of them perhaps a little more." "Well," he said again, "they may say as much as they please about ministers getting too much for their work, but none of

> Eastern Summary. BOSTON.

us would do half your work for four times

your pay."

The Congregational Board of Publication actively engaged with the object of its organization. The works of Robinson, Shepherd, Edwards, Bellamy, and Hopkins, have been already published; and also the life of Nettleton, the Memoir of Judge Phillips, Primitive Piety Revived, Practical Evangelism, and Dr. Hawes' Lectures to Young Men. The Depository is in Boston, No. 16 Tremont Temple.

The NINETY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY of Widow Polly Clark was celebrated at Plymouth. Mass... on the settlements. Toward the conclusion he 17th of April On that occasion a large number of her descendants, kindred, and friends, assembled to salute her with kindly greetings. Her son, Rev. Joseph S. Clark, D. D., Secretary of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, recited some of the wonderful events that had toes, and have good, lively boys to catch oys- taken place in her life time. The capture of Quebec, the conquest of Canada, the termination of the Old French War, the death of Whitfield, and the great revivals attending his labors, all the events of the American Revolution, and all the modern missionary enterprises, except those of Elliot and Brainerd, have occurred within the period of her life 🧀 The Publican-Recorder has suffered a heavy

loss in the death of its junior proprietor, Henry Martyn Moore, on the 30th ult., at the early age of twenty-nine. It has been owing, in great part, to his skill and taste that the Puritan Recorder has become a model of newspaper typography. He was a devout Christian, and a most estimable man in all the relations of life. pneumonia, accompanied with inflammation From this paper we also learn that it is quite probable a majority of the District Associations nave voted in favor of discontinuing the corres; undence between the Congregational Associaions and the two General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church. The paper itself is also in favor of such a course, for three reasons 1st. Because of the unkind feelings kept alive between the bodies. 2d. Because of the unpleasant discussions that arise in the bodies themselves, on this account. And 3d. Because the object for which the correspondence was begun is now no longer accomplished. The information inended to be communicated, is now given through. the newspapers greatly in advance of the statements of the delegates.

The REV. MR. LIVINGSTON, recently pastor of the Congregational church in Mattapoisett, has sailed for England to visit his brother, Dr. Livingston, the celebrated African explorer: The SENATE OF MASSACHUSETTS has adopted an address to the Governor, which has been sent to the House for concurrence, asking the removal of Judge Loring, because he sat as Commissioner in the case of Anthony Burns, and because he holds two offices—that of Judge and Commis-

The REV. E. H. NEVIN, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, was installed pastor of the Plymouth church in Chelsea, on the 30th ult. The corner-stone for the new chapel at HARVARD COLLEGE, to be called Appleton Chapel, was laid on Saturday morning; the 2d inst.

sioner—contrary to the personal liberty act of

BRATION was held at Hartford, on the 28th ult. I forty thousand six hundred and twelve ta-The Governor of the State, the Hon. Albert Day, have been visited, two hundred and thin. presided. The first Sabbath School was organized in this State, in the year 1805, under the have been circulated, and the entire receipts he pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Porter, afterwards President of Andover Theological Seminary. The Convention was favored with the presence and counsel of the venerable Chief Justice Williams, nearly eighty years of age, but still a Sabbath School teacher in the church of Dr. Hawes. Would that such examples could be

more frequently found. NEW YORK.

The pastor of Sr. George's Church, Rev. Dr. Tyng, sailed in the Arabia for Liverpool, to be absent several months. The vestry of his congregation voted him leave of absence, and also the sum of \$1,500 to defray expenses. His church is one of the most earnest and active in New York. The pew rents amount to \$12,000 of Sabbath Schools was delivered by the Reper year.

The following, which we clip from the Evan gelist, presents the contributions for each of three years, to religious and benevolent objects; also the statistics of the church and the labors of

the pastor. \$16,039.29 For the year 1855 24,887.83 32,654.90 For the year 1857

\$73,582:02 Parish Statistics.—Families belonging to the congregation, about 500; Persons, about 2,500.

Parochial Services by the Rector.—Communicants, last year, 852; Added, new Communicants. 41; Communicants from other churches, 28; Died, 8; Removed, 2; Present number, 911 Marriages, 31; Baptisms—Infants, 36; Adult 13; Confirmations, 40; Funerals, 15; Sermon s-Infants, 86; Adults and Lectures, 200; Absent from the pulpit, two Sabbaths in the year; Pastoral visits, about 800

A few Sabbaths ago, ARCHBISHOP HUGHES and large number of his friends went to State Island, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a new church. At the close of the services the party retired to the house of the rector where the exercises do not seem to have been of a very edifying character. The reporter of the Tribune savs:

After the party had partaken bountifully of the good things of this world, the Rev. Mr. Lewis rose, and in an appropriate manner proposed drink-ing a bumper to the health of the most Rev. Archbishop, to which the latter briefly responded, and in compliment to Mr. Jignoux, the liberal donor of the land for the new church site, requested all to again fill their glasses and drink to the health of that gentleman, which was done after which, in answer to the "last bell," those bound for New York found it necessary to hurry to the boat.

The RELIGIOUS INTEREST in many of the Presbyterian churches of New York does not seem have abated, but rather to have increased. In some of the churches prayer-meetings are still held every morning.

The MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, formed in 1820, has now five thousand members, and a library of fifty thousand volumes.

The Rev. Dr. CHAPIN, Universalist, has con to the aid of Dr. Bellows, in a sermon advocating the Theatre. Sermons in opposition, have been preached by the Rev. Dr. Van Zandt, of the Ninth Street Reformed Dutch Church, and by the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, in Brooklyn. The Evangelist and Observer, have each a long article on Dr. Bellows. But the Examiner (Baptist) of New York, makes the severest thrust we have seen. In a short paragraph, which we give, the uselessness of any farther pother with Dr. Bellows is most effectively shown:

are dealing hard blows upon Dr. Bellows, for making a speech at a dramatic festival, and sub-sequently delivering an address in favor of the theatre. But why should it be thought a strange thing for a Unitarian minister, of Dr. Bellows stamp, to become the apologist of theatrica amusements? We have not heard of any thing in his religious belief or life that would preven him from being a theatre goer, or actor. And who knows but that the worthy gentleman intends to exchange the pulpit for the stage, inasmuch as he regards the latter as particularly well adapted to moral instruction. Dr. Chapin, the Universal ist orator, did the very natural thing, on Sunday last, of eulogizing the stand taken by his Unitarian brother."

Last week ten thousand passengers were land ed at Castle Garden, a greater number than during the same period any time since this station was opened for the reception of foreigners. A spacious and beautiful building has been erected by the ladies of the METHODIST EPISCO-PAL CHURCH on 42d Street, near 8th Avenue, for the benefit of the aged and infirm members of that church, destitute of means and friends to care for them, which was opened with appropriate ceremonies on the 27th ult. A large and interested audience was present. The edifice is 82 feet long, 62 wide, and four stories high. This Association was organized seven years ago, ander the title of the "Ladies Union Aid Society." Since that time, the aggregate number under its care has been about thirty, for whom was authorized to hold meeting at the Se there has been expended \$13,500. The value of inole mission, and in the country around the property now possessed, exclusive of liabili- the absence of an ordained minister. ties, is \$25,000. A collection of \$700 was taken.

The Church should care more for its poor. The financial year of the AMERICAN BIBLE So- may be prepared for enter ng upon the we DIRTY, closed on the 31st of March. The re- of the ministry. And we hope the ceipts during the year have been \$441,805.57, may call others to engage in this glore exceeding those of the previous year \$19,000. During the same time, seven hundred and forty great things in our denomination in thousand copies of the Scriptures have been ssued, an excess over the previous year of one hundred and ninety-eight thousand. The issues were, Bibles, two hundred and forty-four thousand : Testaments, four hundred and ninety-six

The Injunction granted at the instance of MAYOR WOOD, against the new Police Commissioners, has been dissolved, and they have entered upon the discharge of their duties.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Cunningham. charged with the murder of Dr. Burdell, has rendered a verdict of acquittal, owing to the insuf- in breadth, on the Arkansas river. Note ficiency of the testimony; and Eckel, supposed these are educated persons. And the to be her accomplice, has been set at liberty on his own recognizance.

The buildings on the ground lately purchased at SEGUINE'S POINT, for the Quarrantine Station. have been burned, as it is supposed, by persons in the neighborhood hostile to the proximity of from the practice in these parts, of him the location. At least twenty or thirty were en person to strike for a blacksmith. gaged in this work of incendiarism. The resident These strikers and ignorant preaches dence was insured for \$12,000, and the forniture was worth \$5,000, and the outbuildings were

PHILADELPHIA Priscore A Conference of ministers and elders of the Associate and Associate Reformed Churches. was held in the First Associate church of Philadelphia, on the 22d ult. A friendly interchange and in truth, until the kingdoms of of sentiment took place, and an ardent desire for world, shall become the kingdoms of the Union of the two bodies, was expressed. An Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. occasional interchange of pulpit services among in Yours truly, WM. H. TEMPLETON the Churches represented, was recommended. At the same time it was resolved that this course of action should not be understood as countenancing the practice of indiscriminate ministerial

The Philadelphia Home Missionary Society has published a long and earnest protest against | Tuesday, the Zoth inst., fur. James | was ordained to the work of an Evangelist the recent action of the American Home Missionary Society, with regard to affording aid to churches connected with slaveholders.

The Fourth Anniversary of the Pennsylvanis Branch of the AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY, WAS held on the 7th inst. The services were introduced with the reading of the Scriptures by the Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, and prayer by the Rev. W. P. Breed. Addresses were made by the Rev. J.
Wheaton Smith, and Rev. Thomas Brainard. The Connecticut State SUNDAY SCHOOL CELE- colporteurs have been employed, one hundred and cing the year, one hundred and fifty-three commended the Ashmun Institute.

thousand nine hundred and fifty nine volubeen \$59,217.40.

On Tuesday evening, the 29th ult., Mr. i SNYDER was examined, and ordained to the work of the ministry, and installed pastor of . Springfield Presbyterian (New School) chunby the Fourth Presbytery of Philadelphia.

The second Anniversary of the Philadele. SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION Was held on evening of the 5th instant. G. H. Stuart. P. presided. The object of this Association is. establishment of Sabbath Schools in destiparts of the city. During the year, ten School have been established, in which there are present two thousand seven hundred pupils, ninety-five teachers. An address on the effect Cookman, lately of this city.

The REV. DR. HAPPERSETT, one of the Sec. taries of our Board of Domestic Missions, arrived at San Francisco. On Sabbath. A. 5th, he preached to the congregation of Scott, in Musical Hall, temporarily occupied til the necessary repairs are made in the chawhich was fired, some weeks ago, by the torei the incendiary.

Ecclesiastical.

Rev. JOHN R. FINDLEY was installed past of the church in Mercer, Pa., on the 29th ult.

Rev. J. C. BARR has been released from his pastoral charge at Princeton, Ill. Mr. H. M. Scudder was licensed to prese the Gospel by the Presbytery of Ebeneze

at its late meeting. The Presbytery of Madison has refused t dissolve the pastoral relation existing he tween Rev. J. G. SYMMES and the

church of Madison, Ind. The pastoral relation between Rev. Thousand S. CROWE and the church of Hanover Ind. has been dissolved at his own

quest. Rev. DAVID HULL'S Post Office address: changed from Watsonstown, Northumber land County, Pa., to Lycoming Cree

Lycoming County, Pa. Correspondent will please note the change. Rev. WALTER POWELL, late of Princes Seminary, has accepted a unanimous c from the First Presbyterian church

Lancaster, Pa. Rev. D. A. MURDOCK'S Post Office addres is changed from Sidney, Iowa, to Man ville, Kansas Territory. Correspondent

will please note the change. Rev. DABNEY C. HARRISON has been cured as Stated Supply to the First Pra byterian: church of Lynchburg, V. during the leave of absence of its pass

Rev. Mr. VAUGHAN. Rev. C. W. LANE, Professor in Oglether-University, was ordained at the late # sion of Hopewell Presbytery, Ga.

Rev. JOHN JONES' Post Office address changed from Washington, Ga., to Rous

Rev. J. L. WILSON'S Post Office address changed from Cascade, Dubuque Count Iowa, to Scotch Grove, Jones Court Iowa. Correspondents will please the change.

Rev. Dr. Scott, of San Francisco, Cal., 1 declined the invitation to the West Ar Street church, Philadelphia.

> For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocat Kowetah Mission.

CREEK NATION, March 26th, 1857 MR. EDITOR :- An interesting meeting of the Creek Presbytery closed here is Monday., Mr. David Winslett, a Cre man, who has been an interpreter for seve vears or more, and for some time under the care of Presbytery, was licensed to presthe Gospel. His trial sermon was we good. Under his pastor, brother Louridge, he has frequently held meeting, at we have much hopes of him being a very ful man. He is the first who understan the Muskokee language, that has be licensed, by the Presbyterians, to preach

Last Summer, Mr. John Lilley, missis ary among the Seminoles, was licensed this Presbytery, to preach the Gospel. has been a missionary twelve years, and labors have been much blessed. For seyears before he was regularly licensed.

Another candidate was examined in of his studies, and we hope, in due time, work; and that this may be the beginning

Nation. In the free conversation on the state religion, all said that the prohibitory light law had, in a great measure, put a stop drunkenness. The great obstacles in way of propagating the Gospel, were to be, the opposition of the powers of de ness, scarcity of interpreters willing to gage in the work, and so many ignor preachers. It was seriously said there . too many preachers. As an example, in a year past, three or four have moved a region of five miles in length, and one ... was, and is occupied, by a minister classic and theologically educated, besides "strikers." Persons are so called who preand talk at meetings, but are not ordaine the working I suppose the term is den

not knowing much, generally have zeal for the building up of their own nomination, than Christian love, and un in working for the interest of the Reder ers kingdom at large.

May the Banner and Advocate contin to wave, and plead for sound doctrine, Christian love, not in word, but in de-

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Lake Presbytery.

At an adjourned meeting of Lake Presby held at the church of Rolling Prairie, Ind Tuesday, the 28th inst., Mr. James M. M. sermon was preached by the Rev. S. C. Lev The Rev. A. Y. Moore presided, and the Rev. C. Brown gave the charge to the evangelist. The Rev. S. C. Logan, having received and cepted a call to the Fifth church of Cincinn O., was dismissed to the Presbytery of Com-

The Rev. J. C. Brown, by order of Presbitt reported a Pastoral Letter respecting 1 prayer-meetings, which was adopted, and order to be read in the churches, and published in