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to REV. DAVID MCKINNEY. Pittsburgh,

A. W. Black, D. D., of Sewickley, Pa., and George H. Stuart, Esq, of Philadelphia were appointed, at the late meeting of this Synod, delegates to the Evangelical Alliance, to meet at Berlin. Prussia.

THE ECLECTIC MAGAZINE OF FOREIGN LITERATURE .- The June number of this valuable monthly is promptly on our table containing a fine engraving of Jenny Lind, and well filled with choice articles, from the European Reviews and Magazines. W. H. Bidwell is the editor and proprietor.

THE PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY RE VIEW, JUNE, 1857 .- This No. contains eight articles: 1 Exclusivism-Part 2. 2. Thoughts on Attic Tragedy. 3. Will the Jews, as a nation, be restored to their as well as they learn of us, what the disciples of own land? 4. MacWhorter on the Memorial Name. 5. American Literature. 6 History of Public Worship. 7. Notices of new books.

Sudden Death.

Rev. W. C. Kniffin, near Lexington, Ky., died suddenly, on Sabbath morning, May duty of sustaining the Board was universally ad-31st. He was in a feeble state of health for vocated. There was not the shadow of a censure some time. On that morning, he went to cast on the brethren for the indebtedness incurred his spring, and stooping down for a drink of (eleven thousand dollars.) It was caused by the cool water, fell in and was drowned. He their control. The heathen themselves made the was a good man, and a faithful laborer in the demand. They were stretching out their hands vineyard.

Change of Time. The meeting of the General Assembly, they not confide in the churches whose agents of for next year, is appointed to take place on progress they are? the FIRST Thursday in May, instead of the Third Thursday, as has been usual. The change is made in consideration of the Southern latitude of New Orleans, and its unhealthiness when the season becomes far | brethren spoke feelingly and to edification. The advanced.

Western Theological Seminary.

⁴ The General Assembly of 1857. The multitude of subjects which come before he Assembly is such, that we cannot enlarge upon them all. We notice a few of them in our editorial columns, that our readers may have a glimpse of the more important transactions. In other columns, and in smaller type, we give more extended notes of the Proceedings, THE SABBATH. Sabbath, the 24th, was a delightful day. Ine

churches were thronged, and we have reason to believe that the Gospel was faithfully preached. There may have been something of man's sinful. frailty in the manner, and even in the spirit. Pride and vanity beset the best. These are great tormentors of the truly devout minister. In making his best efforts, he is annoyed. And it is not always great efforts which convert men; neither is it on great occasions that hearers

always receive the most benefit. But great occasions and great efforts have their uses; and we rejoice when there are good, as well as great men, to meet them. We shall allude to but one of the many preschers of the day; and that one is the Moderator of the Assembly, Like the Great Master, he preached the Gospel to the poor. He proclaimed the blissful glad tidings of a free salvation, in one of the large African churches. whose organization numbers sixteen hundred members. Truly, it would seem that, in this place at least, there is no respect of persons-or if respect, it is, that God hath chosen the poor of

this world, rich in faith. The attainments of these people we know not but they appear well. and have the means of grace, and enjoy those neans. Sixteen hundred colored members in one church ! and there are other colored church? es here. Verily, if the sons of Africa are made the Lord's freemen, they may bless the Providence that alloted them a home among Christians, even though it be a home in bondage; and if our Southern brethren afford to their servants, churches, and preaching, and time to attend upon the ordinances, and the liberty of choice among evan-

gelical denominations, we may well perpetuate with those brethren our ecclesiastical connexions; and we may also learn something of them, Him who is no respecter of persons, owe to every being that possesses a human soul. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions was the theme for Monday.

The discussion was carnest and able. Some diversities of views on minor points were presented, but there were no opposing sentiments. The demand for labor, and by circumstances beyond to God. They were crying to Christians for help. What could the Board do ? Must they not respond in the spirit of Christ? Might The call is now upon the church for vastly increased liberality. The addresses of Secretary Wilson. Mr. Rankin, of the China Mission, and Dr.

Thornwell, of South Carolina, were listened to with profound attention. Dr. Adger and other Report of the Committee, fully sustaining the Board, was adopted with entire unanimity ; being

first amended by the addition of a resolution licentiate

for its success, but not that practical desire | scription, and our readers' time would justify the which would make us ardent co-operators. We perusal. think the work should be accomplished; but do ot approve of the soliciting of distant and feeble ongregations, which can scarcely procure for creased. The contributions, though more

hould be done by men of large means, and who short of the demand There are many congregaesteem splendid houses a necessity. The Pres- tions now aided by the Board of Missions, bytery of Baltimore, which embraces Washington which, if they had church edifices, could sustain City, should do it, and Philadelphia, New York, themselves. It would be economy to help such Richmond, and Charleston, should aid them. Vhy beg the country over for the means to build single church? Why expend on one erection he funds of charity, which would give effective supplying their pressing wants? The Assembly again commended the cause to the favorable regards of the Church and country. THE ASSOCIATE REFORMED SYNOD

THE SOUTH. This is one of the smaller orthodox Presbyte an bodies. For the first time, they sent a Delegate to our Assembly, in the person of REV. N. GOBDON. Between Mr. Gordon and the Moderator, the usual courtesies passed, and with evident cordiality. We note it in the proceed-

ings. SERMON ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS. The Annual Sermon on Domestic Missions was reached on Tuesday evening, by REV. DR. OWARD, of Pittsburgh. The rain, which fell opiously, prevented the large attendance which vening: but a house nearly filled testified to the interest felt in the cause, by members of the Managers appointed an able Committee of Chris-Assembly and by citizens. As the theme assignd was Home Missions, Dr. Howard very approact, that Jesus was a home Missionary. He ame to his own. He labored, his life long, with the Jews; and, with very slight exceptions. reached to Jews only. And when he sent forth he twelve Apostles, he bade them go, not to the Gentiles nor to the cities of Semaria, but to the ost sheep of the house of Israel. And when he when, finally, he instructed his servants to go nto all the world, they were to begin, first, in Jerusalem. In all this there was most clearly indicated, the duty of evangelizing our own coun-

trvmen. The preacher beautifully and forcibly presente he reason of our Saviour's course, and urged he importance of our acting on the same princile. There were ties of kindred and the impulses Providence, to receive the Gospel, and fitted to listribute it. They had colonies-the dispersed Israel-trading colonies, in every principal city and country; colonists who kept up a constant intercourse with home. And we are repared of God to receive the Gospel-a free. untry, an untrammelled Church, boundless pportunities for education, are our heritage. them, the Society should be rebuked and rend we possess the greatest facilities for spread-. ing the influences of the Gospel-a people gather-i doings, and is, by his efforts, injuring one of the ed from all lands, trading with all nations; spessed of immense wealth, in our soil, mines, orests, lakes, rivers. If this nation should ecome truly and thoroughly evangelized, what a werful instrumentality would it put forth oward the evangelizing of the world! The Sermon was a good successor to that of

Ê. CHURCH EXTENSION.

The interest in this enterprise has greatly inthemselves comfortable places of worship. It than double of last year, still, however, fall

churches promptly and liberally. An animated discussion was had in the As- effort. It would be a precedent of bad omen. mbly, on the Committee's rule, not to aid any | We might soon look for an Episcopal Bible, church which sent abroad solicitors. They allow a Methodist Bible, a Congregational Bible, Slaaid to fifty feeble congregations in comfortably every church to choose whether it will apply to very and Anti-Slavery Bibles-Bibles of every them, or send abroad ; but not to do both. The kind. The variations would at first be very Assembly sustained them not fully in this. We fear small, but they would become great. Confidence an injurious result. Otherwise the Committee in the English Bible would fail.

was fully approved; and was commended to the confidence and liberality of all the churches ture of things, we prefer that they should be This is the youngest of our Church enterprises. made by the united wisdom of Christians. And It is not yet duly appreciated ; but, through the let every denomination be watchful, and, at the persevering industry of its conductors, it bids fair | same time, generous and truthful. win its way to a general and generous regard. Our Church has set a good example. The sub-

THE AMERICAN BUBLE SOCIETY. Some ten years ago, the American Bible Society, finding the variations, that had crept, and time, examinations will be made. The Society were still creeping into the English Bible, through | will revise, its work, and if, any thing wrong is errors of the press, changes in orthography, and discovered, it will be rectified. The confidence other constantly operating canses, had become in the Society should be unabated-it should be very numerous, conceived the idea of a thorough | even the greater, from the very fact of this disrevision, embiacing the leditions in most re- cussion, It is now demonstrated that the churches had waited on the instructions of the previous pute, as far back as the first, which was have their eyes, upon it, and will guard its corprinted in 1611. To accomplish this work, the rectness with sleepless care.

tian ministers, who, after some four years of labor, had their task executed ; and their revised ristely directed the minds of his auditors to the Bible was adopted and published. It has hence been in circulation some six years. And it is only recently that the question of the Society's right to do what it has done, has been mooted. In making the revision, the Managers put into the hands of the Committee, their own standard Bible; the Oxford Bible, published in 1767 by Dr. Blaney; the London. Edinburgh, and Glasommissioned the seventy, it was to go into all gow Bibles; and the Translatore' Bible, first edithe cities whither he himself would come. And tion 1611; six copies. The result is, an alteration in the heading of many chapters, the change of a few words, of some capital letters, some spellings, some italics, and of some of the punctuation of a release so so for the ash This action of the Society was assailed with

great earnestness in the Assembly, by Dr. R. J. Breckinridge, who had prepared an Overture requesting the Assembly to disapprove of the Society's work, and to arrange for the publishing, patriotism. The Jews also were prepared, in | by our Church, of an English Bible, which we might regard as a Standard. The Doctor, as Chairman of the Committee of Overtures, reported his own paper; and, on its coming before the House, made a speech of some three hours in length. The subject is of immense importancewell worthy the brother's zeal, and the Assembly's time. If the things charged are all as he stated claimed; if the speaker has misconceived its noblest and most useful institutions in the land, or in the world, his error should be exposed, and the Society vindicated.

The Managers of the American Bible Society, in their zeal for the perfectness of their edition. of the Scriptures, may have gone too far; and even though they may have introduced no error Aonday evening, and would be a worthy compan- into their copy, they may yet have assumed a ion to accompany it, on printed pages, on visits power, in revision, which was not theirs, and the throughout the land. We shall hope to meet assumption of which is a dangerous precedent. he Society was organized to print the Scrip the additional Professor. They also alluded to a tures, and circulate them. Its Constitution, and happy combination of circumstances, which indiits professions to the Christian community, bind cated the man, and the means of sustenance. it to publish the English Bible, as in use at the The principal opposition to the measure was Vednesday evening. The weather was delight. time of its organization, (1816,) without note or nade by Dr. R. J. Breckinridge. He objected an ann haig (comment. -1455 - 13 Story strongly to the youthfulness of the nominee, and Now, has the Society exceeded its powers? Dr. to his having never been a pastor-objections Breckinridge says that it has. The Managers both of which would have combined to rule the think it has not; but they say that if it has, it now eminent Professors at Princeton. Dr. Hodge will retract every thing done beyond what was and Dr. J. A. Alexander, out of that Institution ; properly within its province : that, though a voland one of which would have excluded Professor untary institution. it is not antagonistic to the Green. Dr. Breckinridge also objected to the Church, but auxiliary; that it is composed of nomination, because made at the suggestion of Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Dutch Reformed, Methodists, &c., &c.-composed the Directors. This objection bears strongly gainst right reason, and against every successful of all Evangelical Christians: and that it is not nomination hitherto made for any of our Seminabout to contend against the Church, nor against any branch of the Church. Only point out, its ries. All such nominations have come, either directly or indirectly, from the Directors, the wrong, and it will retrace its steps. This is surely Faculty, and other immediate friends of the Infair. Rev. Mr. McNeil, one of the Secretaries, stitution interested. And who so competent to was in the Assembly, and spoke on the subject. cominate, as those who have the care and respon-His explanations seemed to be highly satisfactory, sibility of an Institution, and who know its We may be permitted now, in connexion with | and his promises on the Society's behalf were all wants? And who would vote for a nominee that could be reasonably asked. He gave a very brought before the Assembly from any other interesting statement of the History of the Engquarter? And who would accept a position lish Bible, and of the labors and carefulness of cess. There may be too much, even of a good] the Society in their work. without the knowledge that he was the choice of. those for whom, and with whom, he was to serve? But, has the Society exceeded its powers? The Dr. B. objected still farther that Mr. Wilson was vork is evidently well done. in the main; if not not an ordained minister; and that hence, by entirely. But had it a right, under its constitu-Seminary regulations, he could not be elected to tion, to do it; or should the Church, in some of a Professorship. The Seminary regulation is te Ecclesiastical organizations, have done it ? this: "Sec. 2. No person shall be inducted into That revisions are needful, is most evident. the office of Professor of Divinity, but an or-There is never an edition printed, without errors dained minister of the Gospel." (Digest, p. 414.). of the press. These errors are copied, and others It is thus manifest that ordination is a pre a ided. Orthography changes, taste in the use of equisite only to the Professorship of Divinity; and rdinarily if not always, would greatly pefer that | capitals changes. If the Bible in the impression that, even for this, a licentiate might be constituheir entertainer and instructor should send them of 1611, were before us, it is supposed that not tionally elected, though, before being inducted one person in twenty could now read it—scarcely into office, he must be ordained. Strange that read it with the use of a Dictionary. There must, this should have so far escaped the notice of a necessarily, be revisions. Such is the state of hu-Theological Professor hims. If. man affairs. Who shall make these revisions? The discussion on the part of the Assembly, Why, every publisher makes a revision, every therwise than as above noted, was most cordial : proof reader makes one, to some extent. He tries to and we congratulate Allegheny on the attainment.

nor can allow, on our part, of any, even the smallest, de parture from the original principle on which that Society was founded; and to express the settled conviction that the continued support of that Society, by the Presbyteriar Church, depends upon the strict adherence of the Society to those clear and simple principles. A set of the Society to 4 The Board of Publication of the Presbyterian Church will consider and report to the General Assembly, a plan for the preparation and permanent publication, by the of the common English Bible in a form suitable for pulpit use with the Standard text unchanged, and the usual access ries to the text common y found in pulpit English Bible from 1611 to 1847.

This would certainly look very much like the beginning of a Sectarian Bible on our part. It would justify, in some measure, the Campbelite

Now, as revisions are indispensable in the na-

ject has been discussed freely, and been referred to the Assembly of next year. In the mean

WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - A FOURTH PROFESSOR. The subject of a Fourth Professor at Allegheny, occupied some time in the Assembly on Friday and Saturday, of last week, and elicited considerable animation on the part of different speakers. It was brought up by a telegram from Pittsburgh, informing the brethren here that the Directors, in a meeting regularly called, nnanimously passed a resolution requesting that the Chair of Ecclesiastical History shall be filled by an appointment by this Assembly; and nominating Mr. Samuel J. Wilson for the position, he being a young man, tried in the Seminary as to his capabilities, and possessing the full confidence of the Faculty, the Directors, and the Students. A conference was called, on this information, of gentlemen from the region interested ; and the avement having the approbation of all present, the Committee on Seminaries were so informed. The matter was, by them, then brought before

> the Assembly. Mr. Wallace, of Redstone, represented that resbytery as being opposed to the employing of more than three Professors in any Seminary; but said, that if the Assembly gave its other Seminaries four, he then wished that the Western should be put on a full equality. He had no idea f seeing it but a second class concern. The counry was worthy of the highest regard by the Assembly : and the interests of the churches there, and of the Church at large, demanded that this Institution should be of the first class; capable of furnishing the very best facilities to the very large number of young men who resorted thither for their Theological education.

> Mr. M'Clung, of Saltsburg, stated that that Presytery was opposed to a Fourth Professor at llegheny; that the churches had been already heavily taxed to sustain it; and that it would not be right to place upon them new burdens. Other brethren from the region most interested. uttered with earnestness their strong desires for

slave States; the 2d year twenty-two in nine dif. , and fifty dollars were asked for this chier ... erent States ; and the 3d year, forty in eleven in the end, the congregation contributed states. Addresses were made by the Rev. John thousand six hundred dollars-sufficient tor. Todd, D. D ... Of Bittsfield, Mass., and the Rev. Dr. chase a lot, and erect a suitable building. Bethune, of Brooklyn, New York.

On Tuesday 25th inst., the AMERICAN EDUCA-TION SOCIETY held its 41st Anniversary. Rev. Dr. Humphrey presided. The number of young men assisted last year, was three hundred and thirty-two, of whom eighty-four were new beneficiaries. The available funds have been \$29,-505.32; and the disbursements, \$26,239. The balance in the treasury April 30th, was \$3,239.90. The speakers were Rev. J. C. Bodwell, of Framingham, and Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, of Brooklyn, New York.

On the same day, at 3 P. M., the address be fore the CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. was delivered by the Rev. Ray Palmer, of Albany, N. Y. The subject was "Preaching and Preachers of the Past."

The BOSTON CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY SUPPORT ed, the past year, twenty missionaries-seven males, and thirteen females. The number of visits made by these Missionaries during the quarter, was 10.337; number of families visited, 2,385; number of sick persons visited, 1,283; number of funerals attended, 7; tracts distributed, 53,-792; Bibles, 75; Testaments, 182; children gathered into Sabbath Schools, 254; into public schools, 30; regular meetings held, 501; number converted, 23; employment furnished to 48; pecuniary aid furnished to 612; garments distributed, 1,690; number of temperance pledges ob-

tained, 12. A rich merchant has offered \$1,000 toward the support of an additional missionary in the Southern part of the city, on condition that besides, this one, the number, of last year be kept, up. Are there not opportunities for a like liberality, by some of the wealthy Presbyterians of Pittsburgh ?? and minute and age The EMIGRANT AID SOCIETY held its Annual meeting on the 27th ult. From the report of the Directors, it appears probable that the investments, with some advance, will be re-paid to the: stockholders. The receipts for the year have been \$42,000.

The Maine Conference of the METHODIST EPIS-COPAL CHURCH has passed a resolution denound ing the use of tobacco as an expensive and needless indulgence, unfavorable to cleanliness and good manners, and unbecoming Christians, espe cially Christian ministers. The Hon. JAMES BELL, U. S. Senator from New Hampshire, is dead.

NEW YORK.

The 27th Anniversary of the BROOKLYN SUN-DAY SCHOOL UNION was celebrated on Tuesday the 27th ult. Over twenty thousand children and teachers walked in procession. At a meeting of the LIQUOR DEALER'S Associ-TION, last week, a resolution was passed that not a single member of the Association should petition for license under the new Excise law and that if any one did, he should be expelled from the Association. There are in the city fifteen hundred liquor dealers not connected with the Association. Robert D. Holmes, Esq., has been appointed Excise Commissioner, and has

accepted the office. In the IMPORTS OF DRY GOODS for last week there has been a decrease of nearly one half compared with the corresponding week of last year, and a considerable falling off compared with the same week in 1855. all to be a same us

following is the principal of these resolutions :

Resolved, That the Associate Reformed Church

Synod, and overtured by the General Synod

does hereby declare her acceptance of the Testi-mony proposed as a basis of union by the Associ-

of 1856, to the Presbyteries, in the confidence

that any modifications or amendments necessary

to harmonize said basis with the faith and prac

tice held in common by the two Churches, or ren

der it more entirely acceptable, will be in due

time effected by the united Church, and in the

confidence that reasonable forbearance will be

exercised toward any member of either body, that

may feel constrained to dissent from any article

A delegation arrived from the Associate Synod.

now sitting in Philadelphia, and presented a re-

port of the action of that body on the proposed

basis of union, showing that the Synod had

accepted it, after some slight amendments. A

protest was entered, signed by Dr. McCarrell, and

fifteen others, on the ground, that the action of

the Synod was unconstitutional and void, because.

of the complex and uncertain vote of the Presby-

teries; and that, therefore, the Synod had no-

constitutional right to act in the case at the

present time. The Rev. Wm. McMillin, and two

against the Article on Covenanting, and on

constitutional grounds. These protests were

answered, by the adoption, after amendment, of

a report by Messrs. Findley, McKinstrey, and

Huey. The, Rev. John R. Clement, and the Rev.

Dr. Forsythe, were appointed delegates to the

General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian

Church : and the Rev. Dr. Forsythe was also ap-

pointed a delegate to the Evangelical Alliance, to

tory of Presbyterianism." Standard Presbyterianism."

An audience of three thousand five hundred

crowded Musical Fund Hall, to hear John B.

Gough, on the subject of Temperance, previous

to his departure for Europe, on another lecturing

tour... Early in the morning, not a single ticket

could be procured. George H. Stuart, Esq., pre-

The LIQUOE DEALERS of Philadelphia City and

County are forming an Association, to resist the.

present License Law, or to seek its repeal.

large Committee has been appointed to report a

The MAIN LINE of Pab ic Works is advertised

for sale on the 24th instant, at the Merchants'

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Constitution and By-Laws.

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ate

corps. The endowment is now needed. And meet in Prussia, next November. The memorial

there is now encouragement to work. Let the b for the establishment of a Mission in India, was

sided.

Exchange.

in the basis.

The GENERAL SYNOD OF THE ASSOCIATE RE-

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, VI The Rev. Wm. J. Hoge was inaugured Professor of "Biblical Introduction" in the Seminary, on the 12th of May. The child to the new professor was given by brother, the Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D. Richmond, Va. It is said that Dr. B Smith will remain in connexion with Seminary. For the first time since its or gin, this Seminary has four regular prof. sors. The plan of instruction devised ; its venerated founder, the Rev. Dr. John H

Rice, is now filled.

Ecclesiastical

Rev. SAMUEL FINDLEY, JR., was installa pastor of the Sixth Presbyterian church Pittsburgh, on the evening of the 2d May. Rev. Dr. Marshall presided and proposed the constitutional questions, Rev Lea preached the sermon, Rev. R McPherson gave the charge to the pastor and the Rev. S. C. Jennings the charge h the people. Mr. Findley requests co. respondents and others to address him -Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rev. J. A. CAMPBELL'S Post Office address is changed from St. Mary's, Ohio, to Fletcher, Miami, Co., Ohio.

Rev. HENRY McDONALD having received . call to the churches of Ebenezer and Fayette, his Post Office address is changed from Clinton, La, to Fayette, Jefferson County, Miss.

Rev. WM. DALZELL'S Post Office address is changed from Mansfield, Ohio, to Kenton, Hardin County, Ohio.

Rev. WASHINGTON MAYNARD was installed pastor of the Truro church, Columbus Ohio, on the 22d of May.

Mr. H. S. USTICK has been ordained and installed pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Hamilton, Ohio.

Rev. F. N. EWING was installed pastor of the First Presbyterian' church. Blooming ton, Illinois, on the 10th of May.

Rev. J. A. BALDWIN, late of Lancaster, Pa. was installed pastor of the Presbyterian church of New Providence, New Jerser, on the 12th of May.

Rev. P. W. THOMPSON'S Post Office address is now Prairie City, McDonough Countr, Illinois.

Rev. JAMES M. CROWELL'S Post Office address is changed from Parkesburg, Pa. to No. 414 South Fiftcenth Street, Philadelphia.

Mr. W. B. SCARBOROUGH has been ordained and installed pastor of the churches of Taneytown and New Windsor, Maryland.

Messis. Thomas M. Carter, Rudolph SHIDE, A. H. HOLLOWAY, and A. C. KEMPER, students of Danville Theological Seminary, were licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Transvla nia, at their late meeting.

march income oceedings of the General FORMED CHURCH, closed its Sessions last week. 1857. The great topic of discussion was, the union with FOURTH DAY -- Monday, May:25. the Associate, or Seceder Church, on the basis The Assembly met in the Second church, and was opened ith singing, reading the Scriptures and proper. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved. that had been presented to both bodies. The discussions were earnest and animated. Great di-With the leave of the Asrembly, the Moderator, added the Committee on Theological Seminaries; D. J. Towneer Ruling Eldenfrom the Presbytery of South Carolina. Dr. Damont, from the Committee to nowinate Delega o Foreign Bodies, made a report, which, on motion of J versity of opinion existed. At length the basis of union was adopted, by a vote of sixty-five to thirty-six. Nine were excused from voting. The

the promise of usefulness given by Mr. Wilson during his past connexion with the Institution.

Southern Presbyterian Review. for April

This Review, commenced in July, 1847. has been suspended for a time, but accord- they should live unto the Lord. ing to a notice accompanying the present number, it is expected that it will be issued regularly. The suspension was brought 1 Constitution of the Presbyterian Church. quently. by Rev. Samuel R. Baird. 2. Christian Missions and African Colonization, by Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D. 3. The Martyrs of Scotland and Sir Walter Scott, by Rev. J. H. Jews to the Trinity, by Rev. Thomas Smyth. D. D. 5. Historical Sketch of Systems of Theology, by Enoch Pond, D. D. 6. Adger, D. D. 8. Critical Notices.

Home and Foreign Record.

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS. A letter is presented from the Rev. J. W White, of Middletown, Pa, giving a cheering account of a late work of grace in the Presbyterian church of that place. RECEIPTS for April : At Philadelphia, \$6,526 72 at Louisville, \$2.199.86. Total, \$8,726.58.

BOARD OF EDUCATION. The number of students in the Theological Seminaries of our Church is given as fol-Albany, Ind, reported, 13; Danville, Ky., 36. Total, 299.

RECEIPTS at Philadelphia, in May: Fund for Candidates, \$8,166.46; Fund for Schools and Colleges, \$628 26; African Fund, \$87.02. Total \$8,881. At Pittsburgh in April, \$820.-84; at Louisville in April, \$410.50. BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mr. and Mrs. McMullin arrived safely at Leavitt was married to Miss Shurman, daughter of the late Rev. Mr. Shurman, a respected missionary of the London Mission- | have an abstract of it. The Committee's report, ary Society, in January, but is compelled to on the Report of the Board, was read by Dr. return to this country on account of impaired | Leland. The Board was cordially sustained. health.

RECEIPTS in April : From churches, \$15,215.48; from legacies, \$2,252.76; from Synod of Re formed Presbyterian Church, \$2,160 00; Misous, \$4,064.25. Total receipts in April, \$23,692.49.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION. During the month, several new books have been published, among which we notice the Selections from Rouse's Version, now incorporated in our book of Psalms and Several times has it been commended by the Hymns, in a separate form. Price 10 cts. | General Assembly; and by the Synod of Phila-DOMATIONS for Colportage and Distribution Funds, delphis, and by the Synod of Baltimore. The \$2,278.43. Amount of sales from April 1st to April 30th, inclusive, \$4,991.82.

CHURCH EXTENSION. BECENTS for April: At St. Louis, \$772.00; at purchase a very eligible site, but not sufficient to

Presbytery of Ohio, and for several years Iy, a special collection to clear off the indebtedness. Tutor in the Hebrew, and Instructor in and replenish the exhausted Treasury. This Church History in this Institution, has collection, it is intended, shall not interfere with been elected by the General Assembly to the regular contributions. These are to be con-tinued; they must be increased, to meet the the regular contributions. These are to be confill the vacancy in the Professorships. This growing wants of the heathen world. The day appointment will receive the cordial appro- of conducting our Missionary affairs on principle, bation of the friends and patrons of the as a part of worship, and as demanded by allegi-Seminary who know its requirements, and ance to our Lord, as well as our prayers and hearing of the Word, seems to have dawned. That principle is to become all-perveding and effective. Men will yet feel that they are the Lord's, to serve him always and in all things their perons, offspring, property-their all; all will be

"holiness to the Lord." It will be so. It should be so now. Ye are Christ's. While men live, The sermon in the evening was on the same

subject which had occupied the Assembly's attention through the day. It was preached by the Rev. Dr. Humphrey, of Danville Theological about by the failure of its patrons to pay Seminary, and was a masterly treatise on the punctually their dues. This Review contin- | subject of Missions. We hope it will be publishues to give the name of the authors of its | ed, and we will take pleasure in recurring to the articles. The articles of the present No. are : great truths which it sets forth lucidly and elo-

EDUCATION,

On Tuesday the Report of the Board of Education was before the House. It had not been printed, and no abstract was furnished. We are hence not so fully possessed of its condition and Bocock. 4. Testimony of the Ancient operations, as we are of those of the Boards of Missions. And the time occupied on it was not near so great as that devoted on yesterday to the Foreign cause. This we would wish not to attribute to any defective appreciation of this Idolatry, by Wm. A Scott, D. D. 7. Wig- vital interest of our Church; and yet we cannot fall's Sermon upon Duelling, by Rev. J. B. | entirely repel the rising thought that there is a halo in the distance, attracting our admiration

and drawing us to a work far nobler, as we imagine, than that of training up boys at home. But how can any enlightened Christian regard the Education cause as of but secondary importance? The preparation of the men is surely the first thing in both time and order. If men are not, they cannot be sent. Christ called and taught, and prepared his heralds before he sent them forth into the world. Can there be preaching, without preachers; or missions without missionaries? We must have the men. The praver to the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers, implies that there are laborers on hand ; lows: Princeton, N. J., 114; Allegheny, or, it implies both their preparation and their Pa, 81; Union Seminary, Va, 25; South- sending. What will all our contributions and ern Seminary, S. C., probably, 30; New prayers for the Foreign field avail, if there*are no ministers ?.. Can missions live without men to send ? Education, as conducted by our Board, is the calling, and training of the men. It is es. sential. It furnishes, under God, the motive power of missions. It is the missionary spirit in the well prepared men, that awakes the interest in the churches, and incites and impels them to liberality and prayer. All this, however, was substantially embraced, and parts of it made their station, Futtehgurh, in February. Mr. prominent, in the exercises of Monday; and hence need not, so soon, to be at large reiterated. The substance of the Board's Report was stated by Dr. Van Rensselaer. We may yet

> THE METROPOLITAN CHURCH REV. J. M. P. ATKINSON, agent for the collegtion of funds for a church building in Washington.

which may correspond with the style of the place, and be adapted to the wants of the floating population of the city, and the numerous strangers who flock there, reported progress; but not that progress which would indicate the speedy accomplishing of the object. The enterprize has been before the Church for a number of years. from 15th April to 15th May, 1857, inclusive, Presbytery of Baltimore, have had it in charge. Agents have been employed to travel far and solicit funds. Money enough has been obtained to

Philadelphis, \$242.00; at Pittsburgh, \$90.88; at Cincinnati, \$95.21. Total, \$1,200.86. to it, we feel like many others a great desire even if our own powers were adequate to the de-

SERMON ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION The sermon on Education was preached by Dr. lumer, of the Western Theological Seminary, on ful; and as many people as could get within the each of the speaker's voice, embraced the oportunity of listening. The aim of the discourse was to show the importance of having a ministry well prepared for their work. And this was done a a manner which must surely confirm the atachment of Presbyterians to the principles of their Church in this line, and enlist their sympa-. ies anew in behalf of our Educational provisons. But we have already said so much on this ubject, that we forbear to multiply words, for he present. The Assembly has asked copies for the press,

on their errands of influence

f the sermon on Foreign Missions and of that on lomestic Missions. It needs also the discourse which speaks of the due preparation of the laorers. ur commendations, to notice a failure which occurred in each of those excellent discourses. The failure was one and the same-a failure of ex-

thing, and then, all that is added, beyond enough, detracts from the benefit of what had gone before. Vhen we have but one sermon in a whole week. its xcellence may enlist us, and enchain us, far beond the hour; but when, at the close of ever rearisome days of mental effort and attention, we re to have a sermon each evening, the capabiliies of endurance in poor mortals ought not to be oo severly tried. An audience in such cases, way a little too soon-a little before they are atiated—that their appetite may be keen for the next evening's repast. And it may be well for is to take this hint to ourselves, and restrain our oluble pen; or direct it to another subject.

PUBLICATION.

The Secretary of the Board presented its conition and prospects, in a manner quite encourging. An abstract of the Report to the Assemly is given in another place. There is a gratifyng progress in every department of the operaions, as exhibited. We have not yet had leisure o examine the document throughout. Should we hereafter find anything which needs, and would likely be benefitted by our comments, we shall how would it proceed ? Would it take some one notice it. The press is one of the guiding and uling powers of the day. It should be eminenty in Christian hands, in all its departments. The Church should use it in all ways in which it can e made effective; but especially in the producion of books and tracts. Benefits have evidently esulted from the strictures made last year, upon portion of the spirit then manifested. The ants of the people have been since more extenively looked after, in the issuing of a largely in- Well, this is just what has been done by the Bible reased number of books, embracing music books, all adapted to family and Sabbath School wants. The Assembly expresses gratitude for these proactions, and cheers the Board onward. It also gives a very strong recommendation, almost enjoining the issuing of some of our standard works, tively, are yet printed. They have it in the form further comment till next week. n the German language. This will be a new step, of a large pulpit Bible, an octavo Bible, and a in a right direction. . The importance of this Board increases with

very difficulty which encompasses the American Tract Society. That hitherto eminently useful astitution, has been involved in trouble. Whether | column of proceedings. We should greatly depwill be long able to publish books commanding the confidence of the churches generally, comes to be doubted. But the field for us is evidently would regret the referring of the matter to our nlarging. We have no idea that our Board shall Board, embracing, as the Overture asks, a revision e a grasping concern, nor a supplanter of any of all editions of the Scriptures, from 1847 back thing else that is good ; but we wish to see it so to 1611. conducted that it shall be adequate to the richest

Supply of the wants of our own Church, and inviting to all who love precious truth.
The sermion on this subject was appointed for Thursday evening, to be preached by DE. STAUR.
Tox, of Chillicothe, Ohio. It will doubtless be a worthy successor of the excellent: discourses not ticed already; but we fear that room will fail us to epeak of every good thing at the Assembly, and from the equation in the excellent and society.
To speak of every good thing at the Assembly, and from the equation is been, warm and unantimous supporters of the American Bible Society.

follow a copy, but he will not reprint manifest errors. He will correct them. How far does his duty go? How many good copies may look at, in correcting his proofs? Suppose now that our Church, as requested i

proper wisdom and energy be found on the part of thereferred to the Board of Agency, with power to those entrusted with affairs, and a kind Provise act. During the meeting of this Synod, the Rev. the Overture, should so separate itself from the. dence will smile propitiously ... Unity, harmony, Dr. Forsythe delivered an address, on the "Hissisterhood of Churches in Christ's great family, as to set about making for itself an English Bible, and an overpowering love to the Redeemer's cause, will attach us to our Institution : and we will not of the editions in use in 1816 as the standard? rest till we shall see it not only well manned, but Which, one, for they are various ? Would it take adequately endowed. And why should any faint ? Has not the Lord the Oxford Bible of 1767 by Blaney? Or the Lon-

don Bible? or the Edinburgh, or Glasgow? blessed our region with an abundance of good ' Or would it take the Original of 1611? And if things? And suppose much has been given, has it should select one, as the standard, would it not the Lord entrusted us with still more? And copy the manifest misprints ? If not, how would does he not love a cheerful giver ? We rejoice in the decision of the Assembly, and shall unite corit correct them ? Would it not refer to the dially with the Trustees and Directors, in accomother editions, which were in highest repute? plishing the endowment.

Saturday afternoon was occupied in arranging Society. And it was solemnly affirmed by Mr. McNeil, that the copy of the Society, which is for new Presbyteries and Synods in Northern Missouri, Southern Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska, the result of the late revision. is nearer to the Monday was taken up with miscellaneous busioriginal of the Translators, than any other copy extant. ness, which, with other matters, we defer for And of this revised edition only a few, compara-The Assembly adjourned finally at 10 o'clock, Monday evening. Brevier, while they have tens of thousands of the

to rotein motion of Dr. M'Gill, C. C. Jones, D. D. principal, and s, D. D, principal, and D. Kirkpatrick, D.D., alternate, were app te annual sermion on Domestic Missions, be by of 1555. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The order of the day was taken up, and in the absence of the Ohairman of the Committie on Foreign Missions, Dr. J. L. Wilson wascalled on to make such remarks as he deem ed proper in that connexion. Dr. Wilson proceeded to remark that the Report of the Board would be sent abroad through the churches, and the missionary journals would contain all the news necessary to afford full, information in reference to the progress of this work. Dr. Wilson said he had been warned not to make allong speech, no doubt with a good motive. But is it right, when we speed twelve or fourteen days together, to apportise only one hoar to the great missionary work among the heathen? There have been a greater number of failures of realth, among missionaries, within the year, "then mail. The isfation at: Canton has been given up. failures of fealth, among missionaries, within the year ani usual. The islation at Canton has been given up This is a discouraging circumstance, but otherwis has been greatly prospered. More than one hu fifty souls have been ascertained to have been confifty souls have been ascertained to have been converted dur-ing the year at Missionary Stations. One chur hat home has relinguithed her pastor to go abr ad a nother one has iten up one of her leading Ruling Eiders. a man or wealth ard intelligence, and five of her members. These churches have been greatly prospered in consequence of their sact-fices. Dr. Wilson then glanced at the progress of the work, at each of the Missionary Stations under the care of the Board, and gave a most encouraging; account of their pro-gress.

press. Dr. Adger. Chairman of the Committee on the Report the Board, then read the report of th Oar Church, which rumbers 2,320 ministers. and 233 755

present time. The new, which advantum, and two others, protested against any terms of communion additional to those now held. The Rev. J. T: Pressly, and seven others, protested, because of the form, against the 8th and 9th Articles; also,

past vent, to only about \$207,000 Heat \$11.000 received for m the United States Government for the American Indians, that is only about \$166,000. Our Board, report a balance against their freesury of \$11.0.0; "They also report a wide and effectual door opered for us in India, China, Siam Africa, and our own Indian tribe...; They ireport a pressing, nece sity for more meney to support the work, as i now stands, and more meney to support the work, as a good Provider ce is opening the way for it to be extended And this Assembly is a ked to adopt ance measures as will place this great matter on a proper footing before our chirches, not only relieving the Board from its present debt, but, enabling it to enlarge its operations.

perations. I: "TherAssembly would respond to this call by reiterating o, and before all our churches, the testimeny of the As-mbly at Buffalo and the Assembly at Asshville, that I b-is a characteristic and monentiand of the the spelie of the support and propagation of t spelies a grace of the Spirit; that it is a first, and an e no, and a means of grace; take, but is a front, which to ony of those Assemblies; that offerings of money for the be Lord ire acts of worship which ought to b stematically and solemnly performed in all our churchs d by every Christian

systematically and solemnly performed in all our churches, and by every (bristian. II. The A' sembly would also declare; (speaking to itself in the ministersiand olders here present, and through them to each and every minister and elder in all our bounds.) that not only is it our individual duty to exercise this lib-erality, and make these offerings, but moreover that it is the official duty of cyery one of us to set forth this testi-mony in our several churches, until they all practically re-ceive the same.

the official duty of 'very one's out more very that it is the official duty of 'very one's of us to set forth this test-mony in our several churches, until they all practically re-ceive the same. If i ways and the set forth this test-matter of Foreign Missions, the Assembly would recom-mend the following amongst other modes and ways of training our people it the grace of giving: (a.) That our, Sunday Schools be enlisted, by partors, in the good work of contributing for Foreign Missions. The aggregation of meny's particles is always a mighty this: and in this case the many small' streams would, by flowing to ceither, make a great river. But far more than this, the children of the Church would thus be receiving an educa-tion in benefulnes and beneficence. (b) 4That our, Sunday Schools be sufficient to the stream this cause, iff order that the work may grow and spread, because, iff order that the work may grow and spread, because iff order that the work may grow sud spread, and in proportion as it does grow and spread, because the waters fill the seal; that our ministers also treach that it is needful to increase greatly, the number of missionaties in heatthen lainde 'and, that, to this end, more of our your? men must willing y offer there so this work being there its moved by the Holy Spirit, and there in housed by their the state is the court in the our missies also teach that it is the joyful privilege of plous parents. Heat work, the first Sunday evening in every month, or on other occasions, and from sime to time, let the people heat from their is most gibrions, exaited, and, happy eer ice. More-over, the first Sunday evening in every month, or on other occasions, and from time to time, let the peries theat first foreign dissionary, so as to know what is being done by ion it is encoceas them. (c) That, to this end, our ministers take pains, them-selves, carefully to read the Home and Foreign Record, and Foreign dissionary, so as to know what is being done by our missionaries; and that they also further

 the operations of this Society. The issues exceeded those of the previous year by four thousand volumes. The income for the year has been sand volumes. The income for the year has been systems of the previous year by four thousand volumes. The income for the year has been systems of the previous year by four thousand volumes. The income for the year has been systems of the previous year of the year has been systems of the previous year of the year has been systems of the previous of the Diocese to be flourishing; while in other sections, greater zeal and efficiency are three years of the existence of this Society, there there years of the existence of this Society, there have been contributed to its funds, \$24,828.95, of which \$8,556.74 came from New England. Different New England gentleman have contributed in five ted, \$1,000, \$500, and \$300, each., During the, is tyear, eleven missionaries were aided in five
 is year, eleven missionaries were aided in five IV. With respect to the debt of \$11,000 which has been

The EPISCOPAL CONVENTION, of the Diccese of Pennsylvania, was in session last week. Five, candidates, all natives of Philadelphia, were ordained deacons. During the year, Bishop Potter Eastern Summary. has confirmed one thousand four hundred and BOSTON AND NEW ENGLAND. sixty-two persons; admitted seventeen candidates The 48th Anniversary of the MASSACHUSETT to the diaconate; ordained four deacons as BIBLE SULIETY was celebrated 'on Monday afterpriests; consecrated five churches; and laid eight noon, the 24th ult., in the Central church. The corner-stones. He has also preached one hundred last year has been one of marked prosperity in and sixty-three times, baptized twenty-six chilthe operations of this Society. The issues exdren and one adult, and officiated at ten mar-

should Mr. Wilson accept, of a full professorial

The discussion in the Assembly was protracted and animated. For some notes, of it, see our. recate the publishing of a Bible to which might be prefixed the epithet. Presbyterian. Hence we



common edition.

The Overture is as follows: