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MARENGO COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.—This Institution, at Marengo, Ill., is now open, under the care of Rev. J. M. Jamieson, with bright prospects of usefulness.

BY THE concurrent request of three members, including the Secretary, a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary will be held in the Lecture-Room of the First Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh, on Tuesday, the 1st of could we be justified if, when it was a time December next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

E. P. SWIFT, Vice Pres't.

REV. H. S. USTIC .- This young brother, but recently ordained, and settled at Hamilton, O., died on the 31st ult., of Typhoid Fever. The brightest prospects of usefulness are, sometimes, the first to fade away. But it is He whom we serve, who shortens our days. He does wisely, in all things.

DEATH OF REV. D. J. AULD.-The Southern Presbuterian informs us of the death of this devoted servant of Jesus Christ. He had been laboring for a few years in Florida, and recently had been settled at Tallahassee. There is very great need of ministerial labors in the State. Who will fill the place of the deceased?

A Union -The American Presbyterian, and the Genessee Evangelist have united. taking the joint name. Rev. Mr. Stoughton, of the Evangelist, comes to Philadel phia, as a co-editor. The papers, both, were conducted ably, and in an exemplary spirit. The journal will hence be a welcome exchange.

THE PITTSBURGH CONVENTION FOR DE-CEMBER FIRST .- The Committee of Arrangements are sending out Circulars, requesting Ministers and Elders who propose to be in attendance, to intimate it, early, to this city. It is the desire to see a large assemblage, and to entertain all with Christian

in council assembled; and we should have given still more of them, but that the afof the Synodical matters in our next. for reference.

The Bible Society.

object, and although there are some financial and commercial troubles in our land, it is hope will have already dawned. hoped that the friends of the Bible will necessary to sustain that noble enterprise in Apostle would say? Is it so! And must

Synod of Northern Indiana.

the North-West. On the latter subject, the so essential, but still important, would they Directors were sustained, except as to the not be safe in the hands of other teachersexpense of the contemplated buildings. Re- | safe in the hands of seven Synods-safe in specting Dr. MacMaster's paper on Slavery, the hands of the General Assembly? the Synod say, "We do not see any thing inconsistent with the position of the Presbyterian Church on that subject." The proposed amendment to the Constitution, giving the General Assembly a negative control, was adopted. A minority desired to transfer entirely, and three members entered their protest because this was not

An Abstract of the Minutes is received, but the previous claims upon our columns, compel us to defer the publication for a

The Fast Day,

Let it not be forgotten, that the Synod of Pittsburgh appointed Friday, the 20th inst., as a Day of Fasting and Prayer. The low but he will heal.

God will hear, not for our services, but for any proposed measure, without censure. his own name's sake.

Synodical, or Assembly's Control. Our brethren of the North-West, have on hands a great and noble enterprise: a work worthy their labors, their prayers, and their contributions; and to do which aright, requires their entire unity in counsel and action. A Seminary where are to be trained, and whence are to issue, hundreds, yea, thousands of young men conscerated to the putting forth of an influence deeply affecting the temper, the spirit, the principles, the social conduct, the earthly joys, the immortal hopes, and the everlasting happiness, of myriads upon myriads of human beings, is a matter of interest to the whole Presbyterian Church, and to all Evangelical Churches; and to the entire country, and to the world. dwellers afar off, to look upon their movestituent parts of the General Assembly.

The immediate actors, then, will not expect ments with anathy. Those who are conwherever they may reside, concerned as they are in the peace and purity of their Church, and in the subjects and influence of her teachings, must feel the liveliest interest in the instrumentality which gives qualifications and character to her teachers. And we, the early advocates of a Seminary for the North-West, and circulating very extensively among the people of that region. a sheet to which they look for a portion of the knowledge which shall enable them to judge intelligently of Church matters—we certainly could not be expected to be indifferent; nor

These remarks are elicited by the communication of "West-by-North," in this week's issue. And as no man has a right to speak in such a way as to involve in responsibilities those with whom he is not connected, we justify ourselves in giving this paper to our readers, by informing them that the author is a Director, enjoying the confidence of the Board and of the Professors, and a counselor and actor, both now and from the incipiency of the plan of movement. He hence speaks by a quasi authority.

to speak, we should keep silent.

We have avoided taking a side in the unhappy controversy which exists, not because we had no opinion formed, but because we hoped that some arrangement might be made, by which all could co-operate; and we thought that the less said, controversially, and especially as it might affect persons, the better. And still, we wish not to join a party. We can most heartily co-operate with the brothren. (we say it from our very great confidence in their wisdom and goodness,) upon any plan on which they will agree-whether it be under Synodical control, or by the Assembly. Only let us have, in peace, love, and unity, the Institution which the Church needs for the training of | nine) Synods, as well as by the deep and

Now, cannot the brethren devise some ian, by which they can work, as one man! When the telegraph announced the election Rev. Dr. Howard, or Rev. Mr. Paxton of of Dr. Rice, we thought that divisions were healed. He declines. Well, what now is in the way? Is there a principle at stake? If so, what is it? Let it be distinctly brought forth; and be weighed in the bal-THIS WEEK we abound in records of the ance, against fraternal love, and Christian sayings and doings of ministers and elders, peace, and Church efficiency, and the joys of saved souls; and be then treated according to its worth. Or are the difficulties pers nal. fairs of an important Seminary were pressed or relating to persons? Who are those perupon us. We shall be through with most sons? Let them be weighed in the same balance—or rather, let them be informed of These transactions are of vast importance. the fact, and weigh themselves, and each The records should be extensively read, and ask his own mind, shall I now be the occathe papers containing them be preserved | sion of alienations between God's ministers? What am I, that I should be the subject of a contest, and hinder and mar such a work as is here needed? Let but the cause of The city Agent of the Young Men's Bible | the difficulty—the embarrassing subject—be Society of Pittsburgh, J. P. Smith, is now discovered, and distinctly stated, and closely soliciting the annual contributions to that scrutinized, in the light of sound reason and pure love, as they beam from on high, and

Is, then, the contest really as "West-byrespond to the call of the agent with all the North" intimates, about persons—a being liberality heretofore shown, and which is puffed up for one against another, as the supplying the destitute with the Word of an avalanche of threatening calamities whelm the Church for this! But, are these persons the representatives of principles? The contest is, then, for principles still. What, The meeting of this Synod, on the 15th then, are they? Are they essential in preult., at South Bend, was occupied mainly paring Ambassadors for Christ? Do they with Hanover College and the Seminary of belong to the soul's salvation? Or, if not

On some other matters in the communi-

cation, we shall present a few thoughts. 1. The remark of our correspondent, "North-West," which is criticised, is the

Matters have now gone so far, that this will be regarded as a test question. Do we so far honor the highest Judicatory of our Church, as to be willing to entrust to her the control of our institutions where our young men are to be educated, who are to go into all parts of the Church and labor for the establishment of the cause of God among us? Has our Church the confidence of those who owe their position, in situations of honor and responsibility, to her partiality? Or are we ready to declare ourselves, so far as we can do so, independent of the Church speaking through her highest Judicatory? When I so far lose confidence in the whole Church as to be unwilling to abide by her decisions, I wish, at once,

to withdraw from her communion There may be more point and force in this state of religion amongst us; the abounding than we were aware of; but it seems maniof iniquity in the land; the decline in the fest that it was intended argumentatively; charitable contributions of our Church: and and thus it is legitimate, and so it should be our Father's frown upon the missionary answered. "North-West" claims not to be cause in India and China, all call upon us an "Oracle." He submits his propositions for humiliation. We need to go, prostrate, to the usual tests of truth and value. What to a throne of grace, feeling our sinfulness, say common sense and Christian principle, helplessness, unworthiness, and ill desert; and Presbyterian Church order, to the correctthat we may deprecate God's wrath, implore ness and propriety of his remark? We his mercy, and plead his exceedingly great are not disposed to boast of our corresponand precious promises. He hath wounded, dent's "position;" but may be permitted to state that it is prominent, honorable, influen-And let us not make a mockery of our tial, and favorable to the acquisition of fast. Let it be an abstinence which we knowledge; and he occupies it well. As to shall feel, and which shall bring with it a his part in his Synod, we cannot see but sense of our feebleness; that we may go, in that his right to deliberate and vote, was as true humility, and with the earnestness of good as that of any other man, in that or in men ready to perish, to the fountain of full- any other Synod; and he ought to be acness. If the day shall be duly devoted, corded full freedom to use it for or against

2. We object to the word "outside," if

the application is to any member of the seven Synods, or of the nine, or to any member of the General Assembly. The Seminary is no private affair, for the accommodation of the few who led in the movement. It is for all.

3. The question of control is well argued, for the Synods. We feel its force, and commend it to serious consideration. But the not its advocates have the liberty of speech? Shall not judges hear each side? If we ourselves had been in the primary council, we should have insisted strongly on an appeal to the Assembly, to inaugurate the Institution, and to conduct it, as the others have been so happily conducted. Now. there are complications; but still, we feel strongly in favor of putting it entirely into and we cannot get rid of the thought, that the Assembly might be confidently trusted. Her fidelity to the truth of Christ, and her ove to the order of his house, and her kind and uniform acquiescence in the desires sent up to her from the regions where the Semnaries are located, challenge unwavering confidence. And the fact that three of the seven Synods, and two other Synods in the region, have asked a transfer, is worthy of consideration. But a fuller knowledge of the facts might possibly lead us to a very different judgment. We await developments.

4. We regret that the respected writer hould have felt it needful to make his remarks so personal, and to impute to brethren who differ from him in sentiment, a spirit so unbecoming. We trust that no one will ask us to be the vehicle of a retort. We would discuss principles, and examine the tendencies of plans and acts. leaving, as far as possible, motives with those who cherish them.

"West-by North," and his friends, in common with ourselves, and doubtless the minority, also, regard truth and righteousness rather than victory. They would not con- thus: ceal, nor misrepresent, nor have things viewed but partially. They will therefore look upon us as but in the line of our duty, in presenting a few thoughts simultaneously with theirs, adapted to enlarge the field of vision and aid inquiry. Let the right prevail, expresses the true spirit of the Christian controversialist.

The question of Synodical, or Assembly? is now, evidently, by the action of the Board of Directors, and by the writings of the 'majority" and "minority," and by the discussions and votings of the seven (or the open one. The sustentation and the labor will be mainly incumbent on those who re- in its maintenance, control, and government; side in the region of the Seminary's locaand teachers throughout the land. They and teachers throughout the land. They synod, that the Presbyterian Theological Seminary will write in our journals, and conduct our for the North-West, for which we have resolved moderate our Church Sessions, and deliberate in our Presbyteries, and vote in our Synods, and rule in our General Assemblies. They will go through the length and breadth of the land and the churches, and will share equally with all their brethren, in every position of power and influence. Verily the character of that Seminary, where the called and consecrated youths of some nine or ten Synods, and as many States, are to be trained, is a matter of immense interest to the whole Church. May the Lord give wisdom, and prudence, and kindness, and firmness to those entrusted with its management; that, taught of his Spirit, they may decide aright.

The Home and Foreign Record.

The November number of this journal has not received the usual notice, because of the ressure upon our columns, of the proceedings of Synods; and because those Church Courts have had, in their meetings, an unusual degree of missionary interest, which is given in the minutes and papers we pub-

THE RECEIPTS for Domestic Missions, in September, were \$4,723; for Education, \$1,512; for Foreign Missions, \$6,515; for Publication, (donations,) \$663; for Church Extension, \$464.

JACOBUS'S NOTES ON THE GOSPELS, as we are greatly pleased to observe, will herefter be for sale at the Board of Publication's Depository, and by their Colporteurs. His Notes on the Acts, now in a state of forwardness. will be added to the publications of the Board. The Board has been slow in adopting an expository work, but the selection made is judicious. Sabbath Schools, Bible Classes, and families, will now have ready access to a series of volumes, which they should all possess.

The Bible Cause in Westmoreland.

We are pleased to see, by the Herald, of Greensburg, that the Bible cause is receiving the attention and enjoying the beneficence of the good people of Westmoreland, Pa. Rev. Charles Thorn, the Agent, is greatly encouraged in his efforts to arrange for supplying the whole County. Three Townships have raised three hundred and fifty-eight dollars, and it is expected that the Townships will average one hundred dollars. The Presbyterian, German Reformed. Methodist, Protestant Methodist, and Associate Reformed Churches, are actively enlisted in the cause. The Depository for the County is in the Herald Build ings. Let every family have the Bible.

REVIVAL.-Rev. Samuel L. Houston informs the Central Presbyterian of a revival of Religion at Mt. Pleasant, Va. One hundred and four persons have united in the communion of the church; a great majority of whom were from among the oft

examined and long catechised children.

Colportage. We, last week, noted the late Con-

vention of Colporteurs, in our city. The work in which they are engaged is intimately connected with the aggressive influence of the Gospel. Christians, and members of Christian families, and a few others, we can instruct in our weekly ministrations in the churches, and by our religious journals. question has two sides. Much might also Colportage may also benefit these, but they e said in favor of the Assembly. And may do not so greatly need it. But there are the part of the humane and benevolent, and vast masses of the human family-myriads living in Christian lands, who will not attend church nor buy our papers, and who hence cannot be thus instructed. Such must be sought out; and Colportage is one of the means of finding them, and bringing them under Christian influence.

In this works the American Tract Society is an organization of immense efficiency. the hands of the Assembly, both on principle, Its plan of organization, embracing the lead and as a peace measure. It does seem to us, ing branches of the true Church, secures a safe and Evangelical literature, and a class of pious and sensible men as Colporteurs: and its unsectarian principles gain for it an access, a confidence, and a cordial reception, where denominational productions and labors would be rejected. Jesus Christ has an immense amount of work to be done, which Presbyterians cannot accomplish. This work we rejoice to see in progress, strictly denominational as we are, by an agency adapted to its nature; and it is our pleasure too, to commend and help that agency.

> But while we speak kindly of a general evangelical agency, let us not neglect our duty in our own Church. We have a charge committed to us-a flock to feed. The Pittsburgh Board of Colportage, is the immediate agent of the Synods of Pittsburgh and Allegheny. Let it be furnished with every facility for supplying the needy.

the North-West.

this right is now, for the first time we be- are these the only journals likely to suffer in lieve, formally asserted by the body. It is the present disastrous condition of business

withdrawn from its connexion with the other Synods, associated in the government of the said eminary. And. WHEREAS, By the action of some of the other

laced under the control of several Synods which re associated in its government. And, Whereas, The said action in removing the said Seminary, does not deprive this Synod of its interest in the funds of said Institution, nor of its

right to participate in the control of such Institution and its funds. And,
WHEREAS, It is the understanding of this Synod, that the Synods heretofore associated with this Synod, in the maintenance and control of the Institution, while located at New Albany, had no design to deprive this Synod of its rights in the radical interest which every Presbyterian control of said Institution, by its removal to Chi- by the Rev. E. B. Foster, pastor of the has in the character of the Institution, an cago; and further, that the Synods now associated in the government and control of said Seminary, ire that this Sybod sha

therefore,
Resolved, That this Synod now proceed to elect tion, but the products—the influence put four Directors of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary for the North-West, in accordance with forth—will be extensive as is the Church. Sec. 4 of Art. 2, of the Constitution adopted for The taught there, will go forth as preachers the said Seminary.

Resolved, That it is the earnest desire of this Resolved, That it is the earnest desire of this

Boards, and sit in our councils. They will to appoint four Directors, be placed under the control of the General Assembly, in the same manner as the Seminaries at Princeton, Allegheny, Against this action, five members entered

their protest, considering it "irregular, premature, and in the dark." Revs. W. P. Cochran and H. I. Coe, and Elders Joseph Charles and D. H. Bishop, were elected Directors.

ANOTHER CALL FOR A BOOK -The Synod of Northern Indiana, at its late meeting, adopted an overture, requesting the Board of Publication to issue in a permanent form, the Letters of "L.N.D." on the subject of Baptism, lately published in our journal.

CHANGE OF RELATION. -On the 4th instant the Rev. Wm. McMillan was regularly dismissed from the Monongahela Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Church, to connect with the Presbytery of Allegheny City, and was received by the latter Presbytery, on the following day.

Ecclesiastical. Rev. DAVID S. McComb's Post Office ad dress is changed from Viola, Delaware County, Iowa, to Algona, Kossuth, Coun-

Rev. W. Bushnell's Post Office address is changed from New Bedford, Pa., to Mount Jackson. Pa.

Rev. J. R. Duncan's pastoral relation to the churches of Allen Grove and Elizabethtown, was dissolved by the Presbytery of Washington, on the 20th ult Mr. D. has received a call to the church of Cumberland, in the Presbytery of Rev. W. C. DAVIS' Post Office address is

Wilkesbarre, Pa. Rev. R. W. MARQUIS has accepted a call from the church of Keene, Morrow Co., Ohio, and desires correspondents to ad-

dress him accordingly. Rev. F. C. Morris' Post Office address is changed from Mountain Home, Alabama, to Osceola, Mississippi Co., Arkansas.

Rev. C. R. VAUGHAN'S pastoral relation to the church in Lynchburg, Va., has been

declined the call to become pastor of the church in St. Joseph, Mo. Rev. ELIAS RIGGS, D.D., of the American

Mission at Constantinople, takes the Chair of Hebrew, in the Union Theological Seminary, New York, for the ensuing Rev. HUGH A. BROWN, late of Rockford,

Illinois, was installed pastor of the Beth-

tonsburg, Botetourt, Va. Rev. S. A. STANFIELD'S Post Office address

is changed from Harmony, Halifax, Va. to Milton, N. C. Correspondents and others will please note the change. Rev. Jos. C. HARRISON has removed to

correspondents to address him.

EASTERN SUMMARY. BOSTON AND NEW ENGLAND.

The Commercial Disasters are not ended but the sanguine profess to behold a brighter prospect in the distance. In the meantime applications for labor from the industrious, and calls for aid from the poor, are incessant. To meet the wants of the needy, and relieve the suffering during the approach ing Winter, will require great activity on also much wisdom in the distribution of charity, for it cannot be doubted that many mpositions will be practised.

The Boston City Missionary Society has been for many years, an efficient instrument for good, both of a temporal and spiritual character. For it is a great mistake to suppose that religious organizations of this kind employ themselves only about the soul, while the wants and comforts of the body are neglected. On the contrary, probably the most successful instrumentality for the relief of the physical discomforts of the poor, has proceeded from these Societies. During the last six months, the City Missionary Society, by its missionaries, numbering eight males and fifteen females, has made 20,747 visits, distributed 112,523 tracts, supplied 102 Bible and 131 Testanents to the destitute, induced 286 persons to attend public worship, and gathered into the Sabbath School 289 children. Such a result is full of encouragement to all who would honor their Saviour by engaging actively and devotedly in his service, however humble or self-denying the labor may be. The Universalist Quarterly Review has

been compelled to suspend, owing to the difficulty in collecting its dues. The Trumpet (Universalist,) and the Christian Register (Unitarian,) complain of similar neg-Synod of Missouri and the Seminary of lect on the part of their subscribers, and intimate pretty strongly that they will suffer Members of this Synod have always embarrassment by a continuance of such claimed a right in the new Seminary, but failure on the part of their patrons. Nor

affairs. The weekly circulation of many of WHEREAS, This Synod has always heretofore the large newspapers, both secular and remaintained its interest in the Theological Seminary established at New Albany, and has never ligious, throughout the country, is beginnery established at New Albany, and has never ning to be affected. And the friends of the religious press should bestir themselves if they would not have this great interest Synods, the said Seminary has been removed to crippled in its efforts in behalf of education, Chicago, in the State of Illinois, and there is sound morality, and pure religion.

The Third Annual Convention of the Sabbath School Teachers of Massachusetts. of which we gave notice some time ago, held its late meeting at Lowell. After the appointment of the Hon. Joseph White as President, and a number of Vice Presidents, an able and elequent sermon was preached city, on " The Relations of the Sabbath School to the Ministry." One feature of the Sabbath School, viz, the exposition of Scripture, was commented upon with great force and warm approbation, by the speaker, who declared that the ministers of the Gospel neglected the explanation of Scripture too much in their public services.

At one time Three Thousand Children were gathered in Huntingdon Hall, over the Railroad depot, where the singing was led by a choir consisting of four hundred children and youth, and appropriate addresses delivered by several eminent speakers, among whom was Peter Sinclair, Esq., of Scotland, now so actively engaged in the formation of Juvenile Temperance Societies.

It is pleasing to learn the Progress of Presbyterianism in every part of the land, notwithstanding the difficulties in its way, and the many foes who predict and seek its downfall. The Presbytery of Connecticut, organized a few years ago, held its last stated meeting at Deep River, Connecticut, on the 13th and 14th of October, and an adjourned meeting at Providence, R. I., on the 27th of the same month, to install the Rev. Mr. Gubby pastor of the Presbyterian church of that place. This Presbytery has now eight ministers and five churches, of which the one at Deep River, and the one in Providence, have been added during the year. The latter has been organized for several years, and has passed through much vicissitude and many troubles, but a fair prospect of growth and increasing usefulness, seems to open before it now. Rev Mr. Gubby was formerly a member of the Presbytery of St. Louis, and has been laboring in Providence with encouraging success, and good acceptance, for several

NEW YORK.

But little improvement is seen in the Money Market. The Banks have in their vaults at least \$16,500,000, but are still changed from Bald Mount, Pa., to contracting their discounts. The exchanges continue sadly deranged. The Dry Goods business is depressed beyond all former precedent. Large auction sales are taking place every day. The heavy jobbers, by opening their stores to the retail trade, are ruining the small retailers.

Considerable Quantities of Produce are brought from the West, but not enough to meet the demand; while large amounts are dissolved by the Presbytery of West | not found in the Western ports. The farmers are proverbially careful, and will not Rev. J. G. FACKLER, of Liberty, Mo., has sell at the present prices, nor for depreciated currency, or on doubtful or long credit.

The Scarcity of Labor may be judged from the fact that up to the time of the renewal of licenses there were in the city 5.510 carts regularly licensed; this number has now fallen off to 1,500. A gloomy prospect lies before the poor, for the approaching Winter, and, as usual, demagogues esda church, by the Presbytery of West and self-opinionated philanthropists, are beginning to take all possible advantage of the Rev. Andrew Harr's Post Office address present state of things, and to prepare the is changed from Charlotte C. H., to Pat- | way for the ultimate and great injury of the suffering class. Some of the infatuated leaders of the German and Irish laborers are exerting themselves to get up a bread riot. Hunger meetings have been frecovington, Kentucky, where he desires processions have been wandering about the feared it would turn out a Babel Union! from outside—from a few who confessed

the City Hall, and sent a Committee to wait | beloved English Bible. on the Mayor, who made them a characteristic speech. On the following day a crowd day, the 5th inst., as a day of humiliation of nine thousand marched through Wall fasting, and prayer, on account of the less Street, for the purpose of intimidating the state of piety in the churches; the calamin bankers. There was much noise, and every that has overtaken our missions in India ground were disregarded, and most inflammatory speeches were made. The avowed object of these demonstrations is to forward Mayor Wood's project of giving employment to the needy, on the public works, and paying in provisions, instead of money. On Monday last the mob charged Mayor Wood with humbugging them, and threatened to drag him out of his office. Certainly these are most unfavorable symptoms at the beginning of Winter. Great prudence and firmness will be required on the part of the friends of good order; while all demagogue-

present condition of affairs. out of the city, has fallen off at least onethird, and it is quite probable that there will be a still greater reduction.

The Election passed off with unusual quiet. Several causes contributed to this. The sale of liquor was prohibited on that day, under a penalty of \$50. No ticket stands were permitted to be placed nearer stration similar to the ones made in Your the polls than one hundred and fifty feet. And but little interest was manifested in the results. The usual banners stretched across the streets, bearing the names of the candidates, were not seen on this occasion.

Great Complaints are made concerning the insufficiency of the Post Office accommodations in this great city. The government has never yet owned a building for friends of the poor. this purpose, but has usually selected some old and dilapidated building in an inconvenient location. And now, when \$500,000 have been appropriated, it is affirmed the utmost penuriousness is manifested in purchasing a suitable lot.

The New York Historical Society is the most efficiently conducted institution of many. the kind in this country. Among its active members are found some of the most distinguished scholars, historians, lawvers, literary men, and Divines in the land. This Society has just completed a new and handsome fire proof building, at a cost of \$85,000, which was set apart to its appropriate purposes by becoming ceremonies, on the evening of the 3d instant. Addresses were made by the Hon. Luther Bradish, Hon. George Bancrost, and the Rev. Drs. Bethune and Adams. The opening prayer was made by Rev. Dr. De Witt. The room for the Library and Art Gallery is most admirably constructed. The floor is occupied exclusively by books; the first gallery by maps, charts, engravings, and | Theological Seminary of the North-West. files of American newspapers-the best collection of the kind in the United States:

the second gallery by paintings. The Third Presbytery of New York (New School,) installed the Rev. Henry Highland Garnet, pastor of the colored church in Prince Street, of which the Rev. Dr. Pennington was formerly paston on the evening of the 3d inst. The exercises were solemn and interesting, and continued to a late hour. About half the audience was composed of whites. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Prentiss, the charge to the pastor was given by the Rev. Dr. Hatfield. and the charge to the people by the Rev. Dr. Asa D. Smith.

The Rev. Dr. Black and Lady, of Sewickley, Pa., returned from Europe, in the Baltimore, last week, in excellent health. The Dr. was the Delegate of the New-Side Covenanter Church of this country, to the is the sole cause of the unwillingness of any Evangelical Alliance at Berlin.

The Eighty-Ninth Anniversary the laying of the corner-stone of the old John Street Methodist Episcopal church, was celebrated on Sabbath, the 1st instant. This corner stone was laid October 31st, 1768, by Emery, and Col. Webb, of the British army, who officiated in his soldier have. They offer a control that would secostume. This was the first Methodist cure to the General Assembly the opportu-Dr. Bangs, one of the oldest Methodist preachers in the city, took part in the exer- he has aided to defeat the effort to give the cises. Some time ago, there was much con- Assembly this control. He has helped to troversy concerning a removal up town, but | hinder a two-thirds vote for the partial the project has been abandoned by its

The perversion of Dr. Bush to Swedenborgianism, has not turned him sside altogether, from Oriental and Biblical studies. He now proposes to complete his Notes on the Five Books of Moses, and the Book of Numbers is already in the press of Ivison & mise was duly carried out by the majority of Phinney. His publishers state, that what Directors and Synods, and would have been ever changes of Theological opinion the carried by two-thirds of the Synods, had not author may have undergone within a few destroyed the measure by voting for another years, they will not appear in his Commen-scheme, which, at the time, they well knew taries. The learning and candor of Professor Bush, are indisputable, but how far he tors from that Synod had voted for the comwill be able to hold his present views in promise, and joined in giving hearty thanks abeyance while endeavoring to present the feated it knowingly. truths of the Bible, we are not able to say.

The Bible Revision, under the auspices of a part of the Baptists, does not proceed as rapidly as was anticipated. The final believe. But of this I will say no more at Conant, of Rochester; Hackett, of Newton; Roediger, of Halle, Germany; and one other, whose name is not given. The Greek Text, affairs, nor his public employments qualify published by Messrs. Bagster & Sons, in London, in 1851, with known errors cor- assumed to do. The utmost that he has rected, has been adopted as the basis of revision of the New Testament. A Hereu- of one or two others, who have been proved lean work is before this committee. They have sixty manuscript revisions of whole books of the New Testament, to revise. Of inary control. I have said we have other the Old Testament, only Job has been and better reasons for declining to put our printed, but Genesis is nearly ready. The Rev. Dr. Lillie, who was at one time, we believe, engaged in the work of revision, in them. connexion with this Society, is reported to have said, of the confusion of tongues introquently held in the public squares, and long | duced by the new Bible Union, that he streets with banners, demanding bread and We have no fears that this revision will that personal considerations moved them, A STATE OF THE PERSONNEL CONSIDERATION OF THE PERSONNEL CONSID

work. On Thursday week they marched to supplant, in any great measure, our cla

The Synod of New York observed Thurs. appearance of men prepared for a riot. The and the disasters that have swept over street was blocked up, the omnibusses were country. In many of the churches, green stopped, and frantic shouts rent the air. solemnity and tenderness were evident The few policemen who ventured on the while the prayers and supplications were of unusual fervency.

PHILADELPHIA. Business continues without improvement Sales are few, and at low prices. Here, as

in all the Eastern cities, monetary affairare still sadly deranged. The late revel, tions with regard to the Pennsylvania Ban's have increased the suspicion with which such corporations and moneyed men an viewed. It has been pretty well ascentained, that in any event, however it no. be with the holders of the bills, the stack holders will lose their whole investment ism should be rebuked, for this is not the But it appears that the affairs of the Ban agency to benefit the poor, or to improve the are in such a confusion, that no clue can be had as to its real condition. All the Direct The Business of all the Railroads leading tors have resigned except Mr. Allibone, the President, who is abroad, or, as many sar has fled the country. Public feeling is very strong against him, and all the remaining Directors have made oath that he has need two hundred thousand dollars improperly.

> Loud Complaints are beginning to h heard for bread and work. A small demon. York, has been attempted, whether in earnest or in sport, it is difficult to say; her it was promptly put down because of its saspicious character. Many Societies are being formed, to give employment, as far as possible, to the poor, and to supply the desting's Those who engage in works of this kind and not the street agitators, are the real

> There is much disappointment felt at the determination of the Pennsylvania Rail. road, to pay no dividend this Fall. Many private stockholders are loud in their complaints, and the city Treasury is in need of funds at the present time. But the action of the Company is warmly defended by

> The Third Anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association, was held on the evening of the 3d instant. During the year, six lectures were delivered before the Association, by Lieut. Maury; Rev. J. C. Fletcher, author of a late work on Brazil: Rev. Dr. Murray; and John B. Gough; and twenty-two sermons.

> The number of members at the present time is, active, 840; associate, 315; honorary, 27; life, 20; total 1202. The Report complains of the small degree of interest manifested toward the Association.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

DEAR DR. MCKINNEY :- With your permission, I would like to say something to your readers on two or three points connected with the Seminary; and if I should hap pen to exceed moderate limits, I hope they

will forgive me. I quite approve of your principle, to avoid personalities whenever it is possible. The practice of attacking persons, and attributing to them odious principles, has hereto-fore been the cause of all the embarrassment our enterprise has suffered. You, I fully believe, have not intended to aid in increas ing this embarrassment; and yet one of your correspondents, whom you seem to trust, has quietly done no little toward it. I refer to "North-West." In his article, published in your paper of the 17th of October, he plainly intimates that they who vote against putting the Seminary fully under the control of the General Assembly, do so because they have no confidence in that body. The matter is so handled by him, as to tend to create the belief that this distrust

one to transfer the Seminary at once. This though so quietly done, is a more outrageous wrong to many persons, than many injuries that are inflicted with more noise, and more indications of passion. He has no right to assume that his brethren are less loyal to the Church than himself. He has no right to hint that they have no other or better reasons for their action. They assert that they church in the United States. The Rev. | nity of correcting any possible evil; and yet he says they are afraid to trust the Assem bly with the care of their Seminary. And measure, when he knew that he could not carry his own. He has thus left the Seminary under the Synods alone—he and they who have voted with him; they are the responsible parties for this evil, if it be evil, while they can claim no credit for it if it be good, except that of being unwilling instruments in bringing it about. Let your readers distinctly understand, that the comprefor it; and then, in their own Synod, de-

"North-West" found out, before he voted in his own Synod, that there were not such majorities in favor of his ideas and schemes as he would lead your readers to Revising Committee now consists of Drs. | present, except to express my surprise that he should have assumed to be such an oracle Neither his geographical position, nor the length of his acquaintance with our Church him to pronounce on our business as he has been able to do, was to echo the statements to be as much involved in the error of 'counting without their host." as himself. But to return to the main question-Sem-

> the Assembly. I will mention a few ci 1. Those of us, who have all along been engaged in the effort to establish this Semi nary, cannot forget that the demand to

Seminary wholly under the care of the As-

sembly, with vacant chairs, than distrust of