THE PRESBYTERIAN BANNER AND ADVOCATE

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Synodical Convention at Cincinnati. Our brethren have had a most delightful neeting. Rev. W. L. Breckinridge, D.D., of Louisville, Ky., acted as Moderator, and

assembled was : Synod of Cincinnati-

Ministers, 62; Elders, 54. Synod of Ken-

tucky-Ministers, 20; Elders, 18. Synod

of Indiana-Ministers, 32; Elders, 16;

Synod of Northern Indiana-Ministers.

15; Elders, 8. Other Synods-Ministers,

9. Making 138 Ministers, and 97 Elders.

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER :--- I hasten.

at your request, to give you a brief account

of the gracious time we have had here dur-

ing the sessions of the Synodical Convention.

us !" He who came from Paran and Teman,

whose glory covered the heavens and praise

filled the earth, and who went forth, of old,

We have sat in heavenly places together;

we have felt the sheddings of God's gracious

influence, descending, as the dew of Her

mon, upon our souls, refreshing us all, and

causing us to dwell together in unity. The

last day of the Convention especially, was a

day, I am persuaded, that will never fade

from the memory of any who participated

in its proceedings or were subject to its sacred influence. "Lord it is good to be

here !" was the language, no doubt, of every

The attendance has been large, and fully

ip to our expectations. Pastors, elders and

private members from all parts of the four

Synods represented in the Convention, and

from other Synods also, were present with

earnest hearts to pray and wait before God

for his blessing. I need not enter into any

details in reference to the business transac-

tions of the Convention, as I hope all the

There could have been no better test of

the interest felt by all, far and near, in the

Convention, than the inauspicious character

of the weather on Tuesday, February 9th,

the evening of which was the time for as

a greater part of the day and the whole of the

sembling. It poured torrents of rain, during

minutes will appear in your paper.*

heart.

The God of the Hebrews hath met with

CINCINNATI, Feb. 12th, 1858.

Total, 234. Others were still arriving.

taine, and the Rev. John Crozier, of Illinois. TERMS.== \$1.50, in advance; or in Clubs as Clerks. The Convention met on Tuesday al.25; or, delivered at residences of Subscrie bere, \$1.75. See Prospectus, on Third Page. R & N E WAL & should be prompt; a little evening and continued in session until a late hour on Thursday night. The exercises while before the year expires, that we may make full arrangements for a steady supply? THE RED WRAPPER indicates that we throughout seem to have been most interesting. This week we have only room for the desire a renewal. If, however, in the haste letter of our correspondent and the well of mailing, this signal should be omitted, we hope our friends will still not forget us. written, able, and appropriate Pastoral Letter REMITTANCES .- Send payment by safe prepared by the Rev. Dr. MacMaster May hands, when convenient. Or, send by mail, enclosing with ordinary care, and troubling this meeting be followed by precious seasons nobody with a knowledge of what you are of refreshing in all the churches represented doing. For a large amount, send a Draft, or arge notes. For one or two papers, send Gold by these Synods, and throughout all the er small notes. shurches of our denomination. The attend-TO NAKE CHANGE, Send postage stam er better still, send for more papers; say \$3 or Seventy numbers; or \$1 for Thirty-three ance on the morning after the Convention

DIR.ECT all Letters and Communications to REV. DAVID MCKINNEY. Pittsburgh

TO BIBLE DISTRIBUTORS .- See "Bible Notice" of C. Thorn.

MUCH MATTER, prepared for this issue has been laid over, to make room for the Pastoral Letter sent out by the late Convention at Cincinnati., This will explain why some of the communications of our valued correspondents do not appear in this number, and, also, the delay of several obituary notices. Some items of news also are necessarily omitted, on the belief that there is a for the salvation of his people, even the ware doon interest fe it in the Convention. Holy One of Israel, has met here with us!

Commissioners' Funds.

The Treasurer of the Presbytery of Ohio, in sending us the following note, shows his forethought:

The Pastors and Sessions of the Ohio Presbytery, are respectfully referred to the following extract from the Minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery: "Resolved, That the Treasurer of Presbytery be directed to call the attention of the churches to the importance of contributing at an earlier period than usual to the Commissioners' Fund, and with increased liberality." R. MoPHERSON, Clerk.

To meet the spirit of the above resolution, it is desirable that collections be taken up so as to be paid over during the month of March. To

odate pastors, arrangements have been made with Mr. Culbertson, at the Colportage Book Rooms, to receive payments. It is hoped that congregations will at least double their usual LUKE LOOMIS, Treasurer of Ohio Presbytery.

"How is it?".

Under this caption the North Carolina Presbyterian, states that in Charlotte, S. C., the usual Synodical collection for missionary purposes was \$80.75; and that, two weeks evening. Still the brethren kept coming in, later, the Methodist Conference took up some by boat, others by railroad, and still \$1200 for the same object. Now, why this others by private conveyance, until the numdifference? It may be that the Methodist bers who came to attend the Convention difference? It may be that the Methodist ministers make their whole donation for the In some cases, whole sessions came bodily, year at the time of Conference, while Pres- | leaving none behind. erian ministers make their donations at

Rev Danville, was listened to by a large auditory churches. We have no favorable idea of with breathless attention. The First Presmaking a show. Liberality is commendable; byterian church of our city was crowded to its utmost capacity, notwithstanding the and it is allowable to provoke to love and storm of rain! The text was from Acts i: good works. A little rivalship in doing 8; "But ye shall receive power after that and might he so conducted by Evangelical the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Solemn, profound, impressive, and instructive was the treatment of the subject as a branch of the great and fundamental Doctrine of the Spirit. Most clearly was it shown that the pirit and Word of God are the agency and astrumentality for the conversion of sinners: that the Word of God is drawn out from the lepths of the eternal mind by the Spirit of God, and revealed to men; that this revealed for holding a Convention of the Elders and truth of God's own mind and will for our salvation, has been infallibly communicated to men, even by inspiration, so that we now a future day. This Convention is to meet have infallible truth and an infallible record; and further, that the same Spirit who redeclared object is to consult and pray for the vealed this Divine Word, now works, by the Word, in the souls of sinners, enlightening them in the knowledge of this Word, and giving them to behold therein the glory of to be considered are the present inadequate God in the salvation of men. There is a support of the ministry, and the means to conformity between the Spirit and the Word; be employed to elevate the standard of their characteristics of truth, light, love, faith, are reciprocal and designed to work very worthy object. We commend the the soul of falsehood, darkness, enmity and thought to all Elders and Deacons. show the absolute folly of trying to convert men otherwise than by the Spirit and Word of God! And, then, the Holy Spirit is promised to, and dwells in the Church, to enable the ministers of the Word to "preach members. From this small beginning, "a the WORD in demonstration of the SPIRIT and of POWER! We have the Word, but we want the power. That power to preach, to believe, to understand, and to feel the have been secured to the people. And on Word, to save and be saved by it, only comes 17th of January last, the new church edi- from the Holy Ghost. "Ye shall receive fice was dedicated to the worship of God. power, after that the Holy Ghost is come This is the first Presbyterian church build upon you !? The way to get this power is to pray and pray in faith, as was illustrated ing created in North-Western Iowa, and no in the case of the Apostles. And the promother edifice of the kind is to be found with- ise of Christ was not only to them, but to us. in one hundred and twenty miles West, or A Fentecost of power was the fruit of a Pentecost of prayer ! The whole discourse was solemnly and admirably suited to the time, and I believe has made, under God, a rian church of Cincinnati was set apart to lasting impression. Nothing could have The sermon of Rev. Dr. Thomas, of New Ibany, was equally well received, and beautifully appropriate - Its connexion with, and relation to that of Dr. Humphrey, was seen by all. The text was in Ephesians iv: 11. ingly destitute part of the city, and has at 12: "And He gave some Apostles, and some present a membership of forty, but with a Prophets, and some Evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints; for the work of the ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ." Dr. Thomas adverted to the fact that last night we saw Jesus on the Mount of Olives fixed in Pittsburgh on the evening of the conversing with his disciples, just before his ascension, and saying to them, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." To night, said he, we besented, mostly from the First and Second hold Jesus enthroned in glory, shedding churches, by nineteen persons, who entered down his coronation gifts upon his redeemed into the organization: Messrs. Luke Loomis body, the Church. The human instrumentalities then, for carrying on the work o salvation, was the subject. The idea of the and Dr. James King, was chosen Deacon. text he took to be this, that Christ has given These brethren had previously exercised; in all these, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pasother places, the offices to which they are tors, teachers, for a setting in order or train now chosen, and hence needed not ordina-tion. The choice here was unapimous, and the building up of the body of Christ! The design of the officers of the Church is they were duly installed. The congregation to work by and through the Church, training is served by Dr. Jacobus, by appointment the saints in prayer, in faith, in labor, in of Presbytery. It meets in the building love for a service, none other than the building up of the body of Christ. They were to be examples to the flock in all things, ance is very large. This property is held by and them, so far as they were followers of a Committee of the Presbytery of Ohio, and Christ, the flock must imitate. All must is to be transferred to the new congregation work steadily, onwardly, prayerfully, faith-

thus work. I cannot give the beauties of this discourse, or put on paper the thrills of feeling that now and then vibrated through the house in the souls of all. Many an elothe Rev. E. B. Raffensperger, of Bellefonmany, as did portions of the discourse on the previous evening. The crowd was greater, if anything, on the second than on the first night, the weather being good. The exercises of the Convention were de praise to God; also from 3 P. M. to 4 P. M., while the remaining portions of the forenoon and afternoon were given to exhortation.

The topics presented, you will find in the minutes of the body, as also the speeches. Many times the presence of the Spirit was deeply felt in the house. Never can those who were present, on the last day especially orget how solemn and intense, at times, the interest became. The congregations were most unexpectedly large. They varied, all the time, from eight hundred to one thousand souls. You may imagine how thrilling the singing was, as from all voices, and no doubt from all hearts, the songs of praise rose, like sacred incense, from those vast assemblies! How, at times, were we re-

minded of heaven's praises ! How glorious it was to sing ! The exhortations to confession of sin; to repentance; to devotion; to liberality; and the discussions as to the means to be used in, and the mode of conduct-

ing a revival, were interspersed with praise and prayer. Among those whose remarks vere received with thankfulness and profit y the Convention, were the Rev. Dr. Hoge, Columbus, and Rev. Dr. Rice, of Chicao-remarks; all of which were the result great experience in the work of God. A etter also, from Dr. Jacobus, of your city, to a member of the Convention, sending us a word of encouragement, was read before the prethren, and produced a deep impression. The last evening of the Convention was levoted to hearing the Address to the hurches, prepared with great care by Dr. MacMaster, read, and devotional exercises Phe Convention had agreed to have preach ng in the Central church, but so full of nterest was the afternoon's exercises, that he vote was reconsidered, and the service ecalled. We felt we were nearer a throne grace than yet we had been ! We wanted still to remain there: After the address. able and impressive, to which the whole iouse intently listened, was read and adoptd, the President of the Convention sugested that we all now spend our last moients together in looking to God! It was solemn time ! Never shall we forget the olemn sensation that pervaded the house, as, just at this moment, Dr. Humphrey rose and sadly moved, that when we do adjourn, we adjourn "to meet no more?"-no more, altogether, as now and here! His last addi-

They were words of love to us, and of enouragement. He begged us to think of each other in our prayers-to plead for the

"Blest be the tie that binds

the Spirit comes upon us, it is that we may were received one hundred and fifty-nine children; one hundred and forty-nine were discharged; and two hundred and nine is the number now resident. The buildings quent passage brought tears to the eyes of are excellent, and the superintendence ad mirable. All the inmates have employment and instruction. There is worship in the Chapel, conducted by Evangelical ministers, every Sabbath afternoon. Two weeks ago votional and hortatory. From 91 A. M. to it was our privilege to lead in this exercise, 10 A. M. we engaged in solemn prayer and, addressing, one of the most structive audiences. The officers of the Institution deserve the gratitude of the community.

Revivals. Every week brings to our notice some recious evidences of revival. In some places a few mercy drops are falling, but in others the mighty shower is coming down. PITTSBURGH, PA .--- On last Sabbath fourteen were received on profession of faith in the Fourth church, Rev. Samuel Fulton pastor, of this city, and a number by certifiate

LEATHERWOOD, PA.-A delightful work of grace has been in progress for some time in the church of Lestherwood, Presbytery of Clarion, and thirty, nine have been already received into communion of the church by profession of faith.

INDIANA, PA .- The church at this place, ander care of Rev. Andrew McElwain, has enjoyed a reviving time. At a late communion twenty-five new members were ad mitted; and it is expected that from ten to twenty will be received on the next occa ion. safe as mainers one

HOLLIDAYSBURG .- The great kindness of God is still manifest in this place. The additions to the Presbyterian church now number fifty-four; to the Lutheran one hundred and three; to the Baptist near forty; and to the Methodist about eighty.

VALPARAISO, IND .--- In the church at Valparaiso, Indiana, between twenty and thirty express a hope in Christ, and others are inquiring. Letter next week.

TALLADEGA, ALA .--- The Rev. Dr. Nall, formerly pastor, of the Second church of Mobile, prosecuted his work as Synodical missionary in Talladega, Alabama, for two weeks. The first fruits are over sixty hopeful conversions in that town. The work was still in progress in great power. Mr. Mo-Corkle, the pastor, was having the aid of Rev. A. A. Porter, of Selma. Private letters speak in raptures respecting the great grace of God.

In the Mariner's Baptist church, New York, they have some seventy hopeful conversions." In the Broome Street Presby terian church fifty-two, and in a Congregational church of Brooklyn one hundred and sixty-nine.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate

EASTERN SUMMARY. BOSTON AND NEW ENGLAND.

The Legislature is determined to have hereafter, but one session per day, and that in the afternoon. The forenoon will thus be given to Committees for the careful preparation of reports and business. No doubt too little time is given, in most legislative bodies. Ecclesiastical not excepted, for digesting and examining the various measures proposed, and hasty and imperfect legislation is the inevitable consequence.

Several interesting meetings have been held in the State House, at which important information was communicated by gentlemen connected with the various Reformatory Institutions, to promote increased attention to the subject of home education. No one, not acquainted with the annals of crime, has any proper conception of the vice and misery springing from a neglected or evil education at the parental fireside. To reform the young, is now a great object among Chris tians and philanthropists; but we must go a step farther back to reach and remedy the evil. Parents must be brought to feel their responsibility, and to perform their duties to their children.

The State Prison at Charlestown now con tains four hundred and ninety convicts.

Great regret is felt for the loss of the Statues of John Adams and Daniel Webster The Oxford, in which they had been shipped, was abandoned at sea, and the whole cargo has gone to the bottom. The statue of the former was intended for the chape of the Cemetery at Mount Auburn.

The Libraries at Harvard' are rapidly pecoming places of reference from all parts of the country. They are open to all visitors. and their use is as free as is consistent with the safety of the books. The different collections now comprise one hundred thousand volumes, and about thirty thousand pamph ets. These have been received, for the most part, from publishers, authors; and friends of the Institution. The income from the library fund, is only \$300 per annum. Donations of books and pamphlets, on al subjects, are respectfully asked from all parts of the United States.

The series of Discourses at the Pitts Street hapel, the character of which we have already described, is attended, with great interest. The fourth of the series was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Nehemiah Adams, of the Essex Street Congregational church, to a crowded audience, from 1, Cor. ii: 2. In the first part of the discourse, the speaker dwelt upon the Scriptural warrant for the Congregational system; its various characteristics, and benefits; and how it is distinguished from the systems of the Baptists and Episcopalians. When he came to the Tractarian branch of the subject, he held forth. oldly and truly, that the Plenary Inspira

appearance and pleasing address, well adapt-

of the net spread for their feet. This vice has reached a frightful extent in this great city and will require time, judgment, perseverance and inflexible integrity for its suppression.

More of the large failures and extraordinary defalcations lately brought to light, can be traced to this origin than is generally ion in our churches, venture to address you, suspected.

The New Mayor is beginning to show more independence of character and less pying the same office.

purchase of a lot for Engine No. 4.

action of the Common Council in appropriating \$2,000 for a public reception of the Rear Admiral of the Turkish Navy, now on a visit to this country, for the purpose of Turkish Government. This was: all right; but immediately afterwards this same Board rendered itself ridiculous by the passage of cussion of these topics, let us inquire what a bill to refund ex Mayor Wood \$10,000, spent by him in testing the constitutionality known the salvation of God to men, and o of the Police bill passed last Winter.

A large meeting was called at the instance of the historian, George Bancroft, and others, to assemble in the Academy of Music, on the evening of the 12th inst., for the spurpose of hearing ex Governor Walker and ex-Secretary Stanton on Kansas Affairs. At the appointed hour, an immense assemblage their carnal mind, and the corruption of convened, but was denied admittance to the their whole nature, and the unmortified rehall, because it had been expressly stipulated in the lease that the large hall was not to be in those who are born of God and numbered opened to political meetings. However, speeches were made by Mr. Stanton and others in the open air, which were rapturously applauded the second

The Collins Line of Steamers, notwithstanding the elegance, speed and national character of the vessels, is a peculiarly unfortunate concern. It has been the pride eral neglect of a due use of the Word of of the nation, and has drawn largely from the public treasury for carrying the mails. But one reverse after another has occurred, the pulpit. the line will sail from this port, until the dnes from the Government, amounting to \$160,000, have been paid; as Brown, Brothfarther advances. All this has taken place

An Address,

ed to lure the unsuspecting into the meshes To the Churches in connexion with the Syn. ods of Kentucky, Cincinnati, Indiana and Northern Indiana : BRETHREN BELOVED IN THE LORD :---

We, a company of Ministers and Ruling Elders of the Synods of Kentucky, Cincin-

nati, Indiana, and Northern Indiana, as. sembled together in Convention for conference and prayer, to seek a revival of relie. in order to engage your co-operation in

seeking for this great blessing. There are various topics belonging to this general subject, the discussion of which, it disposition to cater for popularity, than have the time allowed, would be appropriate and been manifested in late years, by those occu- profitable. Among these, are, the true ba ture of the plessing which we seek, a revival of religion; and the evidences of the fact,

It has been usual for the Firemen to have that the present state of religion in (m all their demands met, since their numbers churches is such as exhibits the urgent need and influence are so great that to refuse to of such a revival. The first of these topic accede to their demands, is to raise a storm we must, however, here assume to be in som good measure understood. The evidences of opposition net easily resisted. However, of a great and urgent need of a general re-Mr. Tieman has dared to risk their disappro-vival of true religion, alas, abound on all wation by refusing to sanction a bill for the hands! They are found in the conformityin different degrees indeed, but yet general

and widely prevalent-of the members of The Board of Aldermen has vetoed the the churches to the world in the various forms of worldliness; in the absence, very extensively, of any proper state of family religion; in the existence, more or less, of offences, on the part of Christians, sgaingt the law of Christ; and in the abounding of having two ships of war constructed for the ungodliness and sin in the world without, for whose salvation the Church is set.

I. But, waiving here any particular dis. are THE CAUSES of the want of greater success in the work of the Church in making the consequent low and defective state of religion among us, which is generally an knowledged and deplored.

The general cause of this state of things which underlies and comprehends all other causes, it ought never to be forgotten, is the alienation from the life of God which he longs to fallen men, the darkness of their understanding, the enmity against God of mainders of all this which are found, even among his saints. But, without dwelling here on this general and radical cause whose influence is every where, and in al times-universally-felt in hindering the work of the Church, let us specify some of those particular causes of the evil state of things which appear among ourselves.

And, among these causes, we note, as the first and principal of them all, the gen God, in the private study of the Scriptures by the members of the Church, in Catechet ical instruction, and in the ministrations of

until it has been announced that no ship of It is an established principle of our Church, and of all Christians every where, that the Spirit of God maketh the reading. and especially the preaching of the Word an effectual means of convincing and coners & Co., of Liverpool, refuse to make any verting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort through faith unto sal while parties in Philadelphia and New York vation. Such is the testimony of the Scrip tures themselves. It is the commandment have been willing to perform the same mail of our Lord himself : "Search the Scripmrea: for in them ve think t This city is ever alive to the advent of a eternal life; and it is they which testify of notoriety, nor'is close inquiry made as to me." And, in his sacerdotal intercession hotoriecy, nor is close inquiring in his prayer for his people to the rather of the peculiar merit in character or otherwise, lights is, "Sauctify them through thy truth; of the object of attention, if it has only been thy word is truth.-John v: 39; xvii: 17. Seeing, then, that the Word of God is of such excellency and such efficacy; the sword of the Spirit, quick and powerful, sharper than any two edged sword, piercing to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, of the joints in her own way, the "Wits and Women of and marrow, and a discerner of the thought and intents of the heart; the rod of his strength, by which his people are made willing in the day of his power; the sincere milk, by which they who are born of God the curriculum of studies, so as to place the grow; the bread and the meat, by which Institution on an equal footing, with the his children are fed; light to their eyes, and Universities of Europe: With this object balm to their souls, giving light and life, and health and blessing; can it be doubted that if this blessed Word of God were duy used; according to the design, for the puferent departments, that no facility may be poses, and in the manner, for which it is given, it would produce its appropriate learned and yet popular in character, has effects? And is it not apparent that the exceedingly defective and low state of religion of which we complain is, in chief part, owing to the neglect of the use of the Is it not true that there is, with the members of the Church generally, a great neglect of the private study of the Scriptures for the ends for which they are given? "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine. for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteous portance as a means of mental training and ness."-2. Tim. iii: 16. Are the Serip development, the sources of knowledge tures fully, thoroughly, faithfally studied which it opens, and the place it ought to plication, for these ends? Of the righteout with prayer, with meditation, with self-aphold in Collegiate education. The advocates man, whose delight is in the law of the of this science have heretofore insisted too Lord, and who meditates thereon day and exclusively on the benefits of its practical night, it is affirmed, that "He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his ficient distinctness, its value in mental dis dis leafalso shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper: he shall be as a tree planted by the rivers of water, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh ; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither ness. The additions to the buildings and ac- shall cease from yielding fruit."-Ps. i: ? commodations, are now under roof, and will 3; Jer. xvii: 8. Is it not the want of this soon be ready for occupancy. These will so often makes the garden of the Lord as a cost about \$100,000, \$25,000 of which are the wilderness a salt land not inhabited? heath in the desert; the parched places of And so, also, is it not true, that there is a great neglect of a due use of the Divine Word in Catechetical instruction of the people, of all classes, all ages, and all degrees of attainment? The Catechetical exercise is confessedly the form of instruction best adapted to excite and secure the attention of the learner, to ascertain the state of his patients discharged, there were 74 cured, 12 acquaintance with the subject of his study much improved, 23 improved, 8 stationary, and to communicate to him clear, precise, and 17 died. The Hospital has been full and definite knowledge. This form of instruction was a powerful means of the im. provement of the people in Divinc knowledge, in the ancient Church ; and we cannot but think that the extensive disuse of it is among the causes of the unsatisfactory state of religion in our own times. Often, the people, failing to acquire from the ordinary forms of religious discourse, a distinct un derstanding of the elements of religious knowledge, while for the time they ough to be teachers of others, they have net that one teach them which be the first principles of the oracles of God, are ever lear ing and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. And so again, is it not true, that there I a great failure of a due use of the Word God, in the general neglect of the exposition of the Scriptures in the ministrations able, and faithful minister of the other the pulpit? Let us not be misunderstoed branch of the General Assembly, died at However free we who are here assembled to his residence in Mercer County, Ky., on getber in this Convention may be to censur ourselves, we are very far from depreciation the preaching of our brethren in the minis WASHINGTON, O.-A precious revival is try: On the contrary, we believe that as a general fait at the second ministers in progress. Many students of the Academy is in many respects distinguished by a high rejoice in hope. Effect next, was a student of the Academy is in many respects distinguished by a high rejoice in hope.

tional words melted the assembly into tears,

outpouring of the Spirit, and to labor in ove for Jesus Christ. The motion was carried, with a sigh from many a breast. How soon were we to separate I How soon to say farewell ! The Rev. Mr. Henry, of Chicago, was called upon o lead in prayer. We sang the hymn:

the times when collections are taken in their denominations that benefits would result.

Convention of Elders and Deacons.

At the late Sessions of the Synod of North Carolina, in Charlotte, a preliminary meeting was held by the Elders and Deacons there present, to make arrangements Descons within the bounds of the Synod, at in Greensborough, on the 24th inst. The Church, and devise means to promote its. welfare and usefulness. Among the things benevolence in the churches. This is a

New Churches Dedicated.

One year ago last October, a church was organized at Fort Dodge, Iowa, with five good prayer-meeting, a flourishing Sabbath School, and the regular means of grace," eighty miles North.

Last Sabbath, week the Ninth Presbytethe service and worship of God! The ser- been more appropriate. mon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Rice, of Chicago, and the dedicatory prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Biggs. This church was organized four years ago, in an exceedgood prospect of increasing success.-

Central Presbyterian Church.

A church, thus designated, was organ-10th of February, by a Committee of the Presbytery of Ohio. Certificates were preand John S. Davison were elected Elders, known as the Fifth church. The attend. when it shall have been duly incorporated. Church room in our city was greatly needed in the Church ; to gather in and increase it and the prospect is, that a large number of unitathe edifying of itself in, love, When

The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above."

As we sang, the Spirit of God drew us loser together, and we felt it was hard to part. The "tie," indeed, was a blessed one. The hymn was the last to be sung. Some one moved that the Convention keep on still longer. It was seconded, and again the voice of prayer to our heavenly Father was heard earnest, heartfelt, imploring prayer for more! Professor Rogers, of Oxford, led this time. After singing again the hymn : "Salvation ! O the joyful sound !"

the President arose, and said, " The time has come when we must part-let us pray! Those words "let us pray," how sweet, how sad! That prayer will be remembered y all. It fell from the lips of the President,

Il anointed with holiness and grace; and while it shed a blessing upon us all, it blessed elayed still longer!

ban we have had, i. e., a longer time of it. We lost a part of the first day, in completing the organization, and settling some unnecessary questions. But we made up for the loss, the last evening. And now, we say, God

s indeed the hearer and answerer of prayer We send word to you, greeting; that your God, of whom you have said that he has blessed you, is our God, too, and has blessed us; and our prayer is, that no longer we may be a strife unto ourselves, but that we' nay dwell together in the unity of the pirit and bond of peace-forgiving and forgiven ; experiencing in our souls the earnest of that Divine blessing, the consummation of which is "life forevermore." May God, in his infinite mercy, so grant !

San Francisco.

Some of the newspapers in this city appear to take quite a laudable interest in the affairs of the Church. We notice in the Times, especially, extended and seemingly. fair notices of the sermons and lectures delivered by pastors in the city. The *Times*, of December 22d, has quite a

by Dr. Scott, of the Calvary Presbyterian church, being one of a course delivered by that laborious pastor, on the Exodus of the Bible, in which infidel objections are refuted, and the truth of Bible history vindisated.

The same paper, under date of December 29th, notices very favorably the discourses of Dr. Scott and Dr. Anderson, on the last Sabbath of the year. Other Evangelical Churches are also spoken of. That the daily prints should thus notice religion and its eachers, and be acceptable to a community in so doing, argues favorably for the public taste, and for the moral prospects of the city.

House of Refuge.

REFUGES belong to the Reformatory neasures of the times, and are among the sues of Christian benevolence. Youthful derelicts, and children who have none to control them, are sent there to be restrained coverned, taught and employed; and thence in due time to be bound out, according to law, in families which will afford them good Rev. G. W. COONS has resigned the care of

homes.

The Bible Society.

We have reason to believe that many pastors and churches felt, as represented below. But the cause of apprehension for evil, is now removed. It will be long before another attempt will be made, through the American Bible Society, to innovate upon the good old English Bible.-ED.] DR. MCKINNEY :--- We have received two

circulars from the Bible Society, calling for funds, to which we do not see fit to respond. until the Board of Directors do actually re-

trace their bold and presumptuous steps, and give us our old Bible, with its Evangelical headings, instead of those loose generalizations which they have substituted with so by those who heard it. much temerity; yea, and I might say, with such an apparent spirit of accommodation to the carnal views of those who would treat, for example, that excellent portion of the God, our Father, for his love and kindness Old Testament, the Song of Solomon, as a to us, his unworthy children. Every word mere love ditty. Perhaps this may be too, ank into our souls. O that we could have severe an animadversion on their proceed-

ings: but let any one compare the headings Some who were present at the Conven- of the new edition in that Book with the tion in Pittsburgh, say that you brethren there had more of this blessed experience headings in the same Book in the old edition. and he cannot but feel as if there were a wonderful falling off from Evangelical sentiments in the direction of Latitudinarianism. Let not the ancient landmarks be removed. L. N.

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Acknowledgment.

Rev. J. T. Bliss, Walnut Grove, Ill., speaking of the kindness of the people of his charge, says:

The most of the families composing the John Knox Church, with a part of the Altona people, made us a call in the P. M. of the last day of worth about \$100,000, but one half of this consists of the Seminary buildings, grounds, 1857, having their wagons and carriages laden with provisions of all kinds, and, various other and library, leaving only \$50,000 of a permanent investment for the support of the seful articles to the amount of \$40, which, with Seminary. This Theological Seminary has former presents, during the year, would amount to at least \$100. Having expended nearly all always been considered sound and reliable. our salary in 'building, we were greatly relieved and has done much for the churches of that presents, but the noble spirit which part of New England in which it is located.

accessible in this.

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prompted these kind people to give of their earth-ly substance, and the pleasant, social interview enjoyed with them, were more valuable still, and will be remembered with pleasure many days

It was truly one of the pleasant, "Sunny spots of pastoral life. When the public servants of Christ are thus reminded that their labors are appreciated, and the fruits begin to appear, how cheerfully can they go forward in the proclamation of the glorious Gospel of the blessed God, lean-ing upon all sufficient grace ! parties.

Colesiastical. full and very satisfactory abstract of a lecture Rev. W. MORRIS GRIMES has received call from the church of McConnellaville Ohio:

> of Hartford, young men seem to be the Rev. W. J. ALEXANDER having taken special subjects of this blessed outpouring charge of the congregation of West Union, in the Presbytery of Washington, his Post Office address is changed from Canof the Holy Spirit. Indeed, many years, have passed since there has been such a nonsburg, Pa., to Dallas, Marshall Coungeneral awakening among the churches ty, Va.

> Rev. JOHN EKIN, D.D.-The notice which great anxiety to hear the Gospel, and the we copied from an exchange, last week, Word is "in demonstration of the Spirit, that this brother had been called to Fairand of power." view, Pa., was premature.

lev. JAS. NAYLOR, of Mechlenburg Coun ty, Va., has received a call to the church at Middleton; Carroll County, Miss. Rev. T. R. MARKHAM was installed pasto of Fulton Street church, New Orleans,

on the 24th ult. Rev. T. C. STUART'S Post Office address is changed from Fort Smith, Ark., to Pontotoc, Miss.

Rev. THOMAS H. URMSTON has declined are beginning to venture largely and risk the invitation from the church at Shreve much. And every effort is made, as before, port, La., and accepted one from the to raise the price of certain stocks and to church at Trinity, La. depreciate others. Rev. JOHN A. "SMYLIE has removed from

The Mayor has caused quite an alarm Liberty, Miss., to Livonia, La. among the Gambling Establishments. His police have arrested some of the principal the churches of Sharon and Augusta, Ky. The Fourth Annual Report of the House Rev. THOMAS G. SMITH, of Cincinnati, has agents in this destructive business and are of Refuge, for Western Pennsylvania, is received a call from the church of Shel- on the alert for others. Many of the keep.

tion and supreme authority of the Word of God-both Old Testament and New-is the only rule of faith and practice recognized by the denomination he represented. Then such as to create a sensation. Kossuth, he set forth clearly, and ably defended, the Jenny Lind, and Rachel had their ovations. Supreme Deity and true humanity of the And now Lola Montez is saluted by crowds Redeemen's person, and his expiation of the in Hope Chapel, to listen while she discourses, sins of men by his death on the cross. In the conclusion he spoke, with great force, of Paris W and the two is in the source some of the experimental tests of a sound

service at half the cost.

and saving faith, which give their invariable The Trustees of Columbia College are testimopy in favor of the truths he had been making the most strenuous efforts to enlarge declaring. This able exhibition of the Congregational system will not soon be forgotten in view, they are selecting able men, in ad-At a late meeting of the Historic-Genea dition to those already employed, for the diflogical Society, Professor Stowe, of Andover. read an instructive paper on the "First Prowanting. A system of public lectures, moters and Settlers of Massachusetts Colony." The part especially new and valuaalso been introduced to awaken attention to ble, was that which related to the principal the course marked out. Professor Charles promoters of the enterprise in England, who Davies, formerly Professor of Mathematics Divine Word? never came to this country. The author at West Point and author of a well known

obtained the materials for this, part, in a visit system of Mathematics, has delivered his to the mother country, since they are not inaugural address on the "Nature and Utilities of Mathematical Science," in which The Trustees of Bangor Theological he speaks of the forms of language it employs, Seminary have issued an earnest appeal to its value in practical mechanics, and its imits friends and patrons, for additional contributions to its funds. This Institution is application, and have not set forth, with sufcipline and accuracy.

PHILADELPHIA.

An unfortunate collision has occurred be-The Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane, tween some of the students of Yale College continues to grow in reputation and usefuland the firemen of New Haven, in which one of the latter lost his life. The utwost rudence and energy was necessary on the part of the Faculty and many citizens, to prevent an open conflict between the two still to be provided, owing to the unexpected. reverses in trade. During the last year, Powerful Revivals are in progress in the 140 patients were admitted and 134 discharged, leaving at the close of the year shurches in Litchfied and Hartford Counties; 230 under treatment. The whole number Connecticut. In the churches of the city in the Hospital for the year was 364; of these 177 were males and 187 females. Of the throughout the Eastern States. There is during the whole year, and many applications for admission had to be declined. The last year was productive of a large

increase to the inmates of the House of Refuge.

The Rev. Benjamin F. Templeton, pastor One not acquainted with the events of of the Lombard (colored) Street Presbytethe last few months would not suppose any sudden depression or great revulsion had rian (New School) church, died on the 7th inst., of congestion of the lungs. He was occurred, if suddenly placed in the midst of a modest, amiable and good man. Some the excitement pervading Wall Street, at years ago he labored for a time as a minister this time. Merchants are more wary than in Cincinnati, and afterwards in Pittsburgh. for many years, but the dealers in stocks

> DEATH OF ANOTHER MINISTER.-The Rev. Thomas Cleland, D.D., a well known, the 31st of January.

rejoice in hope. Letter next week.

