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Percency on sed to ther See carried And OUR EASTERN SUMMARY, for this week has been obliged to yield its space to the report of proceedings of the Convention of the members of Allegheny Synod.

THE PROPOSITION of TOW A Theologica Student," is worthy of attention. The writer, as we understand, is worthy. Can barcompany of missionaries be formed for WChina? Who responds?

New Orleans.

oil The prevalence of the Yellow Fever in offibuted Time and attention are devoted. Ministers and Physicians proffer their aid. The Bible Rooms, 197 Camp Street, is the head quarters for the enrolling of the names of volunteen benefactors. The Young Men's Christian Association are peculiarly active. Of them, the Commercial Bulletin says: "This is one of those excellent institutions

which are so creditable to our city, and which have been the means of exalting it in the estimation of the world as a place where the sick and destitute are sure to find, istance. The Young Men's, Christian Association was organized a few years since, for the laudable object of mutual culture, of moral and religious habits and association, thus qualifying its members to be good and useful citizens, and carnest, pious men.
Their efforts have been crowned with success: and, in their limited sphere, they · Have done much good. Now. in this season of sickuess and distress they nobly propose to extend their area of usefulness, and, following in the track of that noble Association, the Howards, they are ready to devote themselves to the calls of suffering humanity. They have made, in another column. a strong appeal to the humane and benevo. could harmonize, we greatly doubt; or, lent; which we trust will be promptly to whose works, when put together, as they eral of our merchants and others have con-

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"tributed liberally?"

The two articles of which we gave notice "last-week; on the subject of uniting the two poser of the Commentary remarked, that Presbyterian Colleges, in Western Pennsylvania, appear on our first page. Our notice when he afterwards talked of calling upon which we give an appropriate place.

b there, should be a union; but we have not The conflict between these prominent yet seen the day when we deemed the thing Professors of Theology in four Church, on practicable. We hence would have pre- the feasibility of this great work, is a pracferred not to be called upon to publish the tical proof of the absurdity belonging to the articles of "John," We could not, hew plan, Dr. Hodge and Dr. Breckinridge o swen, interpose our seto upon bringing before have been interpreting and commenting on o the cohurches sovimportant a subject, in so each other's passages, and however "strikdexcellent a spirit. The articles we now ing the sense," in either case, the other prowpublish; show most conclusively that our tests that he "cannot subscribe." Nor could Simpressions are correct. There can be no we hope for much more satisfactory results union, with that degree of cordiality which should they undertake, "by appointment of would make a union desirable. Brethren the General Assembly, each for his part in 6. will hence consider whether any farther agi- the patchwork-Commentary proposed. For etation of the subject, at present, would tend example; at the outset, Dr. B. calls for a Pto benefits of man

purpose of arbitrarily closing our columns sent? Then, on the Roman question, so against others a Possibly we may be less idealy involved in interpretation, Dr. B. sanguine on the subject, than are some of already announces that he cannot again with our brethren, on account of our little incli Dr. H. What a field of difficult nation toward great, rich, and over towering already! Then, on the "Fider institutions. The Colleges are already ex. D. H. and polority of the Currel institutions: The Colleges are already ex: D. H. andia mojority of the nicellent, both of them, and there is wealth utterly dissent from Dr. B. enough toleidow them both, if due interest class of these Commentators would the Gencan be awakened. Washington is, of course, eral Assembly appoint and adopt? And if Presbyterian, being under direct Ecclesias itical control. Lefferson is also Presbyterian be—assemuch so, possibly, as any College that it would not be discarded by the in the land. Its Prustees are all Presbyte Assembly of 1860? rians, and most of them, we believe, are Whatever Dr. B. may say of "the uniform ministers. Its Faculty are all Presbyterians, and constant faith of the Church, according vand four of them are ministers. The preach- to the sense of our Standards," 'all know ring, the Bible Classes, and prayer meetings, very well that while there is such a faith, are Presbyterian. And the instruction, even as expressed in our excellent Summary, there to the extent of using Fisher's Catechism as a are many passages of Scripture, and Biblical text book, is Presbyterian. And the guar- subjects, about which Presbyterians may nantee for continuance in the faith is, that lawfully differ. A multitude of these, often the Institution is not only at present con- important, are not embraced, or are not trolled by, but it is essentially dependent opened up in our Creed! They are differupon, the three sternly orthodox denomina- ently held and expounded by different Standtions, the General Assembly, the United and Commentators of our own Church; and Resbyterian Synod, and the Reformed ministers and members may receive them, Presbyterian Synods. These truly sound some one way and some another, in the exbodies, vigilant for God's truth, even to the eroise of that right of private judgment pins of the Tabernsele, have its guardian secured to us by the Reformation; e. g., the hip, sustenance, and control

secand blessed of God; and their influence on forth with proof texts in our Standards, the addies: ni May, they so live and labor, while but a very little way, on many subjects, harmonious spirits, for greater efficiency in velop; and give reasons, we begin to diverge. The endorsement of the Assembly before-

On this subject we gave our readers, two weeks ago, an extract from the Princeton Review. The article is attributed to the pen of Dr. Hodge. It forms part of his notice of the proceedings of the General Assembly. Thus taken up, we could not expect to find in it the system, order, close reasoning, and guarded expression, which well settled opinions of its author, the result of much knowledge and deep thought, while t is liable to some criticism:

The article of Dr. Breckinridge, in reponse, which we published last week, has nuch of the Doctor's wonted strength, with reatly more of milduess than is customary with him when he faces an opponent.

An Assembly's Commentary is no new thing in Calvinistic history. The original Assembly of Divines, at Westminster, felt the want, and provided for it. They produced and published a Commentary on the whole Bible, called the Assembly's Annotations, in two volumes folio. It has been long out of print, though copies are in a few private, and in some of the public Theological dibraries.

This work was, of course, able and ortholox-"a sound, godly, and thorough Commentary upon the whole Word of God, composed in the sense of the constant faith of the Church of God, as that is set forth in the Standards of the Westminster Assembly." being the production, and having the approbation of the Assembly's members. other dity, gives an opportunity for the exer- Dr. Breckinridge, then, in his advocacy of construction control of the arrangements made from the good old way. He might have for its afficient exercise. Money is congon back greatly farther than the Bicengone back greatly farther than the "Bicentenary of the Westminster Assembly," to prove that he was proposing a matter which occupied a place of deep interest in the

Church's heart. But whether the historical reference would make much for the cause pleaded by our brother, is doubtful. The Church suffered the work to become obsolete. Why? Evidently it did not meet her wants. Our people desired Commentaries. They have used them. Presbyterians have used them in their time of need, friends and timely as as much, perhaps, as any other people. Then why not use that of their revered Assembly? Evidently because they found something which suited them better.

It may be doubted whether there can be any combination of men-except under inspiration—which could successfully unite in the production of an extended popular work, like this, where homogeneity is required. Two or three, led by a similarity of taste and mental character, might do so; but that there should be a body of men selected by others for the purpose, and brought together, who could harmonize, we greatly doubt; or, produced them, would make such a whole as to possess the beauty, symmetry, and consistency requisite to acceptance. We remember that when the Assembly was talking on the subject of a new metrical version of the Book of Psalms, the distinguished propoets could not be supplied to order; and

of them has called forth still another, to the Synods to supply each its five expositors, we thought that this class of scholars would It iwas our lot to be an Alumnus of one of be just as scarce upon order, as poets would these Colleges, when feeling between them be. We have no idea that they will ever be ran very high. We read the published ar found. Men willing to try their hand at ticles with great interest, and have noticed such writing may come forth on call, but the progress of affairs ever since, and have real expositors are quite as scarce, to say the rejoiced in the Lord's blessing upon them, least, as are first class poets; and when such in making them the means of very great are found, modest though they be, they are likely to stand, each on his own responsibil-On some accounts it is very desirable that ity.

particular edition as the text, antiquated, This remark we do not make with any not in common use. Would his brother con-

first verse in the Bible. Bach College, as we said, has been owned And even on the leading doctrines, set each other has been to provoke to good phrase, "the sense of the constant faith of works." They dwell, side by side, in peace, the Church of God," may be deceptive. An hander, their worthy Curators, and pious Fac- entire harmony of sentiment among us, goes they are two; and if the two shall ever be- beyond the actual general statements in the come one, may it be a commingling of Confession. As soon as we branch out, de-

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without giving great offence, nor without ach multiplication of Standards or such which to determine who are recti in Eccle-

Church districtly discards and resolved upon, ow would the Church get her Commentators? Would she choose from the long list authors, prepared with so many different not appoint men of whose ability, as comnentators, she had no knowledge. Men could not wisely be appointed to such a forth into the wide world as the deliverance

an obligation either expressed or implied, dread the speculations which would creep in. to receive and adopt it Such would be a formation will not relinquish, not even in field of execution. nonor of the men who claim the distinction must look for tried statesmanship.

work with any kind of assurance that when take the labor? a And who is to bear the expense ut contra out sensiones et ele

who?

primatur, as sound, godly, thorough, and | and the foundation of all that follows. lapted to the want.

For example: after Dr. Jacobus' Notes on the Gospels had been in use for some uthor for their issue from that office. This the Board have done. And it is known that the same author is engaged in the preparation of a Series of Commentaries on the entire New Testament, in the same ap-

Similar remarks might be made relative to the valued Commentaries of Professors of the Old and the New Testaments; and whose labors are still progressing. And if there are others if Mr. A., or

or. B., or Prof. C. chooses to write, let him do it, submitting his work to the practical suffrage of the Church, and through her approval of his labors, manifesting that he is called of God to this service. So far as the Church shall approve of the book, by putting it in use, will it be a Church Commentary in fact, and no farther than this ought any man's production to be so regarded. Only in this way is it likely that the desired

end will ever be accomplished. The Board have long and anxiously had this matter before them. They have been autious, but wise in their caution. The Asembly has approved, thus far, and the prospect for an advance is favorable. A Commentary thus brought forth, is not an Assembly's deliverance; but the author's. Its authority is its truth; and its sanction s that which the favor of the churches where it has been used, has secured for it: and the whole Church is responsible for its teachings only as she is for any of the other issues of the Board. The Assembly might, it is true, "require" the Board to issue an expository work, original or selected, "as setting forth the faith of the Church of God," but, unless she meant to ape the Papacy, she could not require the churches to receive it is a debage.

Any such plan as Dr. B. proposes, must result in failure. The appointment of the Assembly would not secure the best services.

state, explain, rebut, defend. Hence there as such, after it was written, would not outset, the hurtful error entertained by must, very soon, be great warrieties, if not adapt it to the wants of the churches, and many of high repute in exegetical study, divergencies, and the General Assembly hence could not make it circulate. The from the days of Augustine, and especially could not pretend to sanction any one class, work would be varied in its merit, as to by some of the later German critics, that of these, as "the faith of the Church," scholarship, spirit, and appress to teach—a Mark was dependent on Matthew; and he without la rejection of all the others, nor piebald—a Mosaic, he artistic sense. adopts the only safe theory, that the second

every passage of Scripture, by the General let us guard against a flood of "endless disdictum, and would be received and regarded duced by the wholesale work proposed. If even to the writer's other publications." s the faith and teaching of the Presbyterian we are to have a hundred or two of writers, Church, quoad hoc. Are we ready for any by authority, then truly might there be expected, janglings in Sessions and Presbytean enlargement of the test of orthodoxy, by ries about the sense of the Church—on the "demiurgic days;" "the Geological theoia? Would Dr. B. be willing to have the ries;" "the flood" and its ocean of ques-Assembly issue its Commentary, if it should tions: the "Old Testament Slavery" quesontain Dr. Hodge's views of the validity of tion; the thousand and one questions on Romish Baptism, which the Church does prophecy, fulfilled and unfulfilled; "the not receive? Or would be be satisfied if it idea to 6 the Church; the status of inbould set forth, as absurd, his own doe- fants," &c. Shall the Church now define trine on the "Elder Question," or on the herself, for all generations, and at once issue "Millenarian Question of which the her settlement of the sense of every passage

of Scripture & o o to see constant of the Who can think, for a moment, of a work of six large volumes, from so many different of Synodical nominees? Surely she would measures of fitness, which shall be a Commentary, ex cathedra, claiming credence from all our membership, and to be sent of the Presbyterian Church on these and on And it is pretty certain that our Assem- all other Scriptural topics? The programme, ly will never delegate an hundred men, or like a well drawn and ornamented chart of ifty, or ten, to prepare a Commentary, with a city of lots, may be very attractive, but we

It is idle for Dr. B. to say that no Asfool-hardiness of which an Assembly will sembly's endorsement, and no Church aunot be guilty. There is no man in the thority is implied. What, then, is wanted? Church, nor any set of men, we venture to Why, surely, this is the very thing aimed at say, to whose exposition of the whole Word | --- an interpretation of Scripture which shall of God, or of any one Book thereof, or to pass every where as the Assembly's author whose work on Theology, an Assembly would | ized statement in accordance with the Church pin their faith beforehand. They would Standards, on all points of Biblical studysift, search, and prove, before they would on History, Geography, Chronology, Philosadopt. So. Dr. B., and Dr. H., and all ophy, Geology, Botany, Criticism as to the other Doctors, whether Commentators or Hebrew, Greek, and English text, &c., &c., Theologians, have found and will find. To as well as in regard to Christian doctrine and thus examine and decide, is a right which Church order. A grand conception for the the Church, in this year of our glorious Re- study, but a grand impracticability in the

For these reasons we think that so importof having fought her battles. The Gener- ant a work can and will be best accomplished ds in the Mexican war, however brave and by leaving it, as at present, to the free acuccessful, cannot claim, as of right, that tion of the Church, without any such comthey shall be made Presidents. The country plicated machinery as is proposed. The gifted sons of the Church are now, all and Then, if none can be appointed to the equally, called to try their hand. Let the churches use, extensively, what is worthy, done, it will be accepted; who would under- and thus encourage still farther productions?

The Gospel by Mark.\*

The study and elucidation of the Four committee of the Assembly? A board of later times some of the most pious and able any subject of prayer, or topic of conversation which he may desire. eterans of the war of 37? The Execu- interpreters have set themselves to the exive Committee of the Board of Publication? | position of these incomparable narratives. | while the prayers offered be brief, and definite in Nor can it be thought strange that the at- address the Convention on these topics, should not Manifestly the only way of obtaining a tention of the learned and pious should be exceed ten minutes each. Commentary for the Church, is to encourage early and continuously drawn to these por- chapters of Timothy, were read by Rev. Dr. Swift, the efforts of those whose taste inclines tions of the Sacred volume, whether we who then proceeded to address the Convention: them in that way, who show themselves consider the dignity of the subject, as the fitted and called to the work, and who pro- Life of Christ, all of whose words and actions so than any other circumstances before. This is the case to-day. Unlike our usual method, we duce such volumes, adapted to meet ac- are great, and worthy of the most devout knowledged wants, as the churches shall attention, or whether we consider the rela- cises and prayer. It was apparently suggested ind, on examination, to be "most sound, tive value of the Gospel History, as springgodly and thorough." And when these ing from its connexion with the rest of works have gained this approval, there is, revelation. Without it, neither the Old thus far, a Church Commentary, in the very Testament history, nor that of the Apostolical best sense; that is, a Commentary upon Church, would be of any intelligible import. which the people of God have set their im- It is the winding up of all that went before,

For the most part, the results of learned inquiry were hidden in ponderous tomes, in a dead language, or in the mire of German time (the first volume for several years.) and Rationalism, until our own day. The peen found to be profitable in families and "Notes" of Barnes were the first successful Sabbath Schools, some two or three of the attempt at the interpretation of the Gospels. lynods, if we mistake not, requested the in such a way as to make the labors of schol-Board of Publication to arrange with the ars aid the common mind in understanding the letter and spirit of the inspired text of the Gospels. And notwithstanding great and acknowledged defects, they are still widely used, and have done a good work, especially in the hands of judicious teachers in our Sabbath Schools. After him, came "Jacobus' Notes." distinguished by a more complete harmony; a more terse and vigor- from the cities where God is wonderfully present Hodge and Alexander, on particular Books ous style; a more thorough analysis; a more suggestive interpretation; more distinctive doctrinal statements; and by being far more rafe and reliable.

And still, there is room for others to labor in bringing out the riches of God's Word, to the apprehension of the pious and intelligent. Those eminent Biblical scholars, Drs. his unsurpassed work on the Romans, and in later times the latter has made himself most, widely and favorably known, by his learned works on Isaiah and the Psalms. Now they have set themselves to the work telligent readers, in which the results of the the hearts of his people to pray for us. most thorough, extensive, and varied learning, and the most searching criticism are presented, without compelling the reader to follow them into the very minutize of that plete. In this undertaking, Dr. Hodge has already sent out his volumes on Ephesians valuable volumes on the Acts of the Apostles. And now we have another installment from Dr. Alexander, in the new volume on Mark.

"To those acquainted with the author's previous works, it is unnecessary to say anything of her faith a spring, and she crept under the table the care, learning, and ability displayed in the care, learning, and ability displayed in poverty, wretchedness, and sinfulness, say, God this: It will have a wide circulation, be will not bless us. carefully studied, and held in high estima! tion. The author repudiates, in the very

Great care is needed, on the part of the Gospel has an independent character and thereby establishing a greatly extended Con- churches, that all emoneous Commentaries, value of its own; that a history it is comfession of Parth, which would be a test of (such as Barnes' &c.,) even though fasciplete in itself, and was intended to answer a orthodoxy, and a source of grief and nating, be rejected; and sound ones be specific purpose, and make a definite im-volume is complete in itself, " leaving noth-Assembly, would be, in effect, a Church putations," such as would likely be intro- ing to be eked out or supplied by reference,

> THE HIGH SCHOOL-Classical and Comnercial, at Lawrenceville, N. J., under the care of Revs. Hamill, sends forth its Cataogue. During the last three years there have been, in the Institution, one hundred and eighty-one pupils. The present number is ninety four.

> > Synod of Allegheny.

According to an invitation given, the nembers of this Synod assembled on the vening previous to the time of its regular neeting. An appropriate and excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. B. C. Critchlow, of New Brighton, after which, there was an adjournment until nine o'clock next

Upon re-assembling, Rev. Loyal Young, D. Moderator of Synod, was appointed Chairman, and Rev. E. E. Swift, Secretary, A student of the Seminary, Mr. Wm. E. IcLaren, has kindly furnished us with the ollowing interesting report of the proceed-

Rev. Mr. Paxton led the Convention to a thron f grace, beseeching the presence of Father, son and Holy Ghost, and God's blessing on the occedings of the day. Hymn 470 was sung:

"From every stormy wind that blows, From every swelling tide of woes, There is a calm, a sure retreat,

'Tis found beneath the mercy seat." et Rev. Mr. Shields led in prayer, offering special etition for the conversion of young men The Business Committee recommended to the nvention the following exercises and topics of onsideration, viz.:
1. That either continuously, or at intervals, the

whole of Paul's 1st Epistle to Timothy, be read in Convention during this day, attended with psalmody and prayer. 2. That the following questions be considered in the order in which they are proposed, viz.:

I. In what manner can we render this and the pproaching meeting of Synod, most acceptable of God, and most useful to ourselves, to this com-

nunity, and the cause of Christ?

II. What are the indications of Providence eading us to hope that the approaching Autumn and Winter, may be characterized by the special manifestations of Divine grace in a general re-

rival of religion.

HI. After the close of the Session of Synod, and our return to our respective fields of labor what method can we as pastors, and elders, adopt in order to awaken and combine the activity and influence of the officers and members of our churches to promote a renewed revival of the work of God?

IV. Are we authorized from the Word of God to suppose that such general outpourings of the Holy Spirit, as are now sought and measureably oved, when it is finished? If there are Gospels received much attention at a very prosect of the latter dev glory of Zion?

3. It is understood that it be proper at any prors, who shall correct them? Will it be early age of the Christian Church. And in stage of the meeting for any member to propose

4. The Committee further recommend that their character, the remarks of the brethren who

We are often apt to think that the circumstances have been invited to spend a day in social exerbecause this was a year when the Judic the Church might expect to find Christ ready to more solemn is, that this is the first Synod that is to test the question before the whole Presbyterian Church, whether Christ is to take his place in the churches and carry on his blessed work. The first question asked in all the churches will be, How was it with the Synod of Allegheny? If they hear that God was not here, it will go like a withering blast to them. "If they hear that God has been with us, great will be the effect. We have been brought together, and I believe the Holy Shost has brought us together. Another thing that makes this meeting very solemn and import. ant, is that since the last meeting of Synod, God has given a more gracious dispensation of his Holy Spirit, than for twenty or thirty years, and now we come to render thanks. Those of us who remember how we were weighed and depressed ith the woes of Zion, will rejoice to day; and our hearts will be glad when we think of the multitude of young people brought into the Church during the past year. If we have no real thanks in our hearts, God will say, "Away with your vain oblations!" O we have need to give nanks if we would expect God to answer our prayers for additional blessings! One other hought-how can we render this meeting most nity? You have seen what blessed influences go these cities. What intelligence will we carry home with us from this place? Perhaps the firs thing you will hear after your return home will be, that God has poured out his Spirit here.

Prayer by Elder Brackenridge.

Hymn— Savious, visit toy plantation."

Rev. Dr. Young, mentioned a fact for the er couragement of the Convention. After our Convention last Fall, I returned home and found an earnest desire on the part of the people who had not been here, but had heard that God was Hodge and Alexander, long since turned with us, that he would revive his work in the their attention in this direction. Years ago, on a hed of sickness. I often visited him, church. Soon after one of my elders was laid the former had acquired high distinction by and his first inquiry ever was, "What evidence is there that the Lord is about to revive his work?" And when he learned that one or two churches were revived, his spirit revived; but he died, and he saw no more of the work. But his beloved laughter was soon after a sharer in God's mercy just as I was about to leave home, I visited a si elder, whom I never expect to see again in the of preparing commentaries for the use of sure, he said, "I hope and pray you will have flesh, and as he gave my hand the parting presministers, Sabbath School teachers, and in- gracious time at your Convention and Synod. And so through the Church, God has put it inte The Chairman read the first topic for consider ation and called for a general expression of opin

Father Murson, (of London, Pa.,) said hi mind had been disturbed and confused. scholarship with which avery page is so re- reach it. But he had tried to cast himself on God, and then he found relief. This has the applying faith which brings us to the feast which the Saviour has appointed for us. We are not to and Corinthians, and Dr. Alexander has two put our own unworthiness between God and our ouls. Jacob's "I will not let thee go," was the result of his sense of unworthiness. Let us go to him, but let us not believe or say that God wil not meet a poor creature in the dust. I may jus as well say, I did not believe, or rather I had fear approaching unbelief that God would not hearme, but how was it with the woman of Canaan? When the dogs were mentioned, it gave

Dr. Elliott repeated the idea of the last speak er, that the exercise of faith was an indispensable element for the attainment of the blessing w is the service of humanity, and of the Lord's Now and Expositor; commenting on the hand, would not make the work "sound, is the service of humanity, and of the Lord's Now and Expositor; commenting on the hand, would not make the work "sound, charles Scribner. Pittsburgh: John S. Davison.

Sound: Whole Scriptures;" must thus branch out, godly, and thorough; and her endorsement less they were, so far as outward appearance is coneek. We do well to keep in view the manner ;

accord, unless we have unity of feeling and object. Our object is to seek of God, in the manner he prescribes, for the powerful influences of the Spirit of God on our own souls, and on the com-munity around us. Let us ask ourselves, "What brought us here?" Is it because, through the journals of the day, somebody asked us to come journals of the day, someoutly asked for the sense be accomplished, if this rule of action were here? Or, to meet friends? Or, for the sense be accomplished, if this rule of action were great essential object of seeking God's blessing? Are we here to wait for the promises, as the early disciples did? They did not receive a fulfillment of the promises in a day, or in two days. They waited not in idleness, but in the exercise of prayer and conference. They spoke often one to nother, and in the exercise of faith and prayer they waited until God came; and O, what a day that day of Pentecost was! God will—O, he will come and bless us! Has he not done it? Last Fall he did it. Will he not do it again?

Rev. Mr. Blackburn referred to another scene, in connexion with the day of Peutecost. The places.—Acts ii. Is not this applicable to us? Are there not "devout men" here? And shall beloved Tyng, "Stand up for Jesus!"

Rev. E. E. Swift led in prayer.

" Alas! and did my Saviour bleed, And did my sovereign dia? Would he devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?"

Rev. Dr. Swift read the third chapter of Tim-

indications of a revival during the Autumn and winter. The indications are before our eyes. God has disp ayed his wonders to this very end. God's grace is not exhausted. God has shown God's grace is not exhausted. God in the specific same upon the Church, what he is willing, what he is able to do.) When ing, and when the Spirit came upon the Church, we speck of faith, he challenges our faith, and in old Father Patton, that aged servant of God, we speak of faith, he challenges our faith, and invites us to cast ourselves on him. We cannot but was thinking much about the Millennium, and be remember how we came together at the December thought it would shortly come; and at the meeting, with distress and misgiving that was shameful. And when he outpoured his Holy ing to Grant's Hill, he said, "There, perhaps, some Spirit, we said, "I love the Lord because he of you will see the glory of the Lord's coming?" hath heard my voice and my supplications; beisth heard my voice and my supplications; because he hath inclined his car unto me, therefore to inquire. Do these showers indicate the will I call upon him as long as I live." We were | coming of the mighty Prince to establish his dolike men who had made a great discovery, as of precious gold; and now that we have found so much, we must work on. We must not sit down and take our ease. The boatmen on Galilee for before you, fathers and brethren. I see ministers and take our ease. The boatmen on Galilee forand take our ease. The boatmen on Gathee for got how Christ had just fed the five thousand. We forget the wonders he has done. Christ comes to us as to the blind men, and says, "Believe ye that I am able to do this?" And the poor, miser able, sightless men said, "Yea, Lord." And he said, "According to your faith be it unto you." They had not seen the Lord, but we have seen him as we have never before done. I know the fathers have seen greater things here, and I know that we live, as in Samaria and Capernaum, where such things have been accustomed to be seen. But there is danger that we may be like Capernaum; "And thou, Capernaum, which 'art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to We, too, may be brought down. Christ takes us, as it were, to the pinnacle of the temple, and shows us all the kingdoms of the world, and says he will give them to us, for they are his to give; and now, will we take them? We need not argue as to the prophecies, this one or that one; it is enough to know that the knowledge of the glory of the Lord will cover the seas. God is provoking our expectations of the Millennium. If the present blessings continue, it will not take long to bring the Millennium. But we must not nit down. It is not one battle, but it is like the advance of an invading army, where one battle is the platform to another. It would be dishonoring to God to sit down now. Has he not chosen us We love him because he first loved us, and now has revealed himself in a new Apocalypse, at the beginning of which Jesus says, "I am coming," and at the close of it, "The Spirit and the Bride

say, come."
Rev. Mr. Kean addressed God in prayer. Rev. Mr. McMillan, by invitation, made so appropriate remarks. The morning session closed with prayer, by Dr. Reynolds.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Christ, My brethren, just have faith in God. Jesus lives. Behold I am he that was dead . At 2 o'clock, the Convention re-assembled. The Chairman read the following reduest: ! A mother desires the prayers of the Convention for herself and her children." Rev. Mr. Findley led in

Pre 116th Psalm, second part, was then sung: "What shall I render to my God For all his kindness shown ?" &c:

Rev. Mr. Critchlow read the fourth chapter of Timothy. The fourth topic was then taken up. A centleman (name not ascertained,) referred o the 51st Psalm. When we lose the joys of salvation, in vain we attempt to teach others. Rev. James Coulter said, there were some things n the ordinary practice of Christians, which deserved to be looked after. He had been a professor of religion for thirty years, and no Christian brother had ever come to him and put the question, "What is the state of religion in your soul?" If we, as ministers of Christ, feeling that commuaion with God is the joy of our hearts, set ourselves apart to that kind of conversation, our joy may be expressed to the edification of our com-panions. We want more of this. Another matter was, the want of encouragement extended to the Eldership. We should go to them and make their hands strong, and their hearts burn. We should excite in them a disposition to speak freely to others about their souls. We and they are called to watch for souls as those who must give account. He had known good men in the Eldership, who had great difficulty in speaking to souls for whom they were shedding tears. He could name con-

gregations where the Gospel was preached with zeal and faithfulness, yet the minister labors alone. The Sessions are composed of godly men, who love their pastors, but they lack in this, that they do not come out boldly to make their arms

Elder Davis led in prayer. Dr. Elliott referred to the Eldership. He strongly recommended Sessional meetings for prayer and conference. He had known cases where such a prayer-meeting in reference to the state of the Church was powerfully instrumental in promoting a revival of religion. In his own experience, as a pastor, they not only united in prayer, but the pastor indicated particular topics for the next meeting. Then, when they came to gether, they talked these matters over, and stirred p each other's hearts to greater devotion. Personal visitation was suggested, as of vital importance. The elder ought to go to his neighbor and say, "My friend, how is it with you? Have you family prayer in your house?" And to the young men and women the question should be put, "How is it with your soul?" If they can't go among the fashionable, and what are called the higher classes, let them go among the poor. Old Furman, two hundred years ago, tells of a man who had grace chough, as he says, for ten men, but who got into darkness and despondency. He had an eminently pious tenant. He went and talked with him; and told him his case. "Tell me, honestly," said he, "if you see what is the cause of my darkness." "O yes, every body sees t. It is your love of the world that causes it."

is sorrow, confessing his sins, and God did re-

store him to the joys of salvation. Elder McCurdy offered prayer. Father Munson addressed the ladies in attendance at the convention Did John Bunyan ever forget the language he (being a wicked man then,) once heard, when two women were telling what God had done for their souls? This had more effect on him than the rebuke he received from a woman for his profenity. The tearful eye of the mother or sister is eloquent; the sorrowing countenance often speaks more than words. The boy that was swearing looked around and saw the teardimmed eye of his mother, and heard her simple ejaculation, "is it possible!" "Why," said the boy, "father swears!" But the tears that bedewed her cheek were never forgotten, and they had the desired effect. O, sisters in Christ, if you have been remiss, be revived, and go along with us. Paul was assisted in his labors by the wo men. They ministered to his wants, How often too, Christ took notice of women We have females who are witnesses in foreign lands, and perhaps some of you will be willing to go and take the place of those who, a short time ago,

were murdered there. Greater piety is wanted. The mother and sister have a department in God's great building, which is of late enlarging so fast. Mothers should think to do more than lead their children to the verge of time; they must lead them beyond to a world of happiness, eternal happiness, where Christ is. Rev. Mr. Hall wished to give currency to a while weeping they can look upward, and see the suggestion which appeared in the Presbyterian or loved one at the right hand of that blessed Jesus, Samer, to the effect that since we have Young whom he loved and served on earth; and we do Men's Christian Associations in all the cities and large towns, Young Women's Christian Associations should also be formed. He referred to the large numbers of young women in the factories, who are poor, but whose souls are none the less

valuable for that, who are the subjects of but little Christian effort. He believed the whole secret of

believer, as soon as he is a believer, should begin

to work for Jesus. We want more than keeping

the coming Millennium is individual effort.

C. visited every family, and acquainted himself with their spiritual condition. What might not dopted by every child of God! The Convention united in singing Psalm 130th "From deep distress and troubled thoughts. To thee, my God, I raise my cries," etc. Dr. Swift led in prayer, and Convention. He urged prayer for more justifying faith, and a continued realization of Christ as a Saviour, and recommended that every Christian should always go provided in his itinerations with tracts and religious publicatione, as a means of be-coming constant co-workers with God in converting sinners from the error of their ways.

ferred to the life of Dr. Chalmers, as an exempli

fication of what individual effort can do. In his

parish, in the city of Glasgow, there were ten thousand souls. Followed by a single elder, Dr.

Rev. Mr. Allison read the last two chapters of

The fourth topic was then taken up. Dr. Swift thought this a deeply interesting

topic. The Church, ever since the fourth cen

tury, has been praying for the Millennium, and the coming of Christ. Probably more prayers are before God's throne for the reign of Christ,

than for any other one subject. The question is

not as to prophecies, but as to how the Millen-

nium will come. Are these scenes of revival the

little pencillings on the dark cloud, that announce

the rising sun? If so, these revivals are doubly precious; first, for the good done now; and second, for the anticipations they hold out. When Christ comes, he will propare the way by showing the Churchtthat all the help comes from him. Thirty-five years ago, when we were pray-

. Dr. Plumer—I have felt more like sitting still

and students before me whom I have taught one-

third of their course, or one half of their course,

or the whole of their course, whom the Lord has

thought worthy to receive greater success in the

ministry, during the last year, than me. I thought I would keep quiet to-day, and pray.

God is with us, my brethren. If I was ever in an

assembly where the spirit was present, it seems

to me it was here this morning. Father Munson has told us something of the old revivals; but

never was there a time when it seemed so easy

for souls to be born into the kingdom of God. I

shall quote a text which is often quoted: "Open

better in its connexion: "I am the Lord thy God which brought thee up out of the land of

Egypt; open thy mouth and I will fill it." A year ago the Convention met, and we were in Egypt. All was dark but God's promises. But

he brought us up and filled our mouths. O, let

One aspect of these revivals is their hearing or

onfidential friends, when I came here, that i

God would raise the number of students in the

Seminary to eighty, I would think it a sign that

tion. The next year we had seventy-nine; the

next, eighty one; the next, eighty five; and this

year we have already more than a hundred. The

Dutch Seminary at New Brunswick has a larger

accession than ever before, and dear old Princeton

has the same. If God would pour out his Spirit

for ten years, we would have as many students

as four Professors could possibly instruct. O, that we may have the Spirit of God with us; that

our Seminary may be illuminated by the light of his countenance! None but He that made the

world, can make a minister of the Lord Jesus

the ministry and the Seminaries. I said to m

thy mouth and I will fill it."

minion till the race is redeemed.

Timothy. Rev. Dr. M'Laren offered prayer.

Apostles were not only with one accord in one lace, but they were afterwards laboring in many t not be noised abroad? Shall we not preach Jesus more faithfully, and adopt the motto of the

Hymn 59th was sung:

othy. The second topic was then taken up.
Dr. Jacobus said, the question is as regards the

Father Coulter led in prayer. Father Munson referred to the notice taken of the revival across the Atlantic. The Evangelic Churches in Scotland and England are seeking the outpouring of the Spirit. and praise, and the Apostolic Benediction, to meet in the chapel of the Seminary on Saturday

morning, at 81 A. M. The devotional exercises of the Synod on Friday, from 3 to five o'clock, were a continuation of he precious scenes of Thursday. The hearts of all went up in fervent prayer, and God was evidently present. If we could present in print the words of supplication as they were addressed to throne of grace, a better idea of the tone of

the exercises could be gathered, than from mere bstracts of speeches. On Saturday morning, the chapel at the Seminary was crowded. Dr. Jacobus presided. Adresses were delivered by Dr. Young, Father Coulter, and Dr. Swift. The exercises were solemn, and we trust blessed to the spiritual joy of

very heart present. O, that God's people would everywhere humble themselves before the Lord, and from the dust cry unto "the God of them that do repent;" ther would be hear the voice of their supplication, and for Jesus' sake restore unto them the joy o ais salvation. Then would Zion rejoice, and God's Spirit would be poured in plentiful effusion to the glory of his name, in the conversion

of multitudes from the error of their way. For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate Presbytery of Zanesville. The Presbytery of Zanesville, at its late meet-

ng, transacted the following, with other items After the reading of a circular relative to the support of "disabled clergymen," &c., it was resolved that all our church Sessions be enjoined to take such action upon the subject as to afford all our churches an opportunity of contributing,

annually to this object. The Trustess of Miller Academy report that Institution in a flourishing condition. They proposed a plan for raising an endowment fund worth at least six hundred dollars per annum. Presbytery approved the plan, and directed them, if practicable, to carry it out. It is hoped that this will be successful, and that the Institu-

tion will soon be placed upon a firm basis. After considerable discussion, Presbytery postponed its decision, until its next stated meeting, upon the subject of "Demission of the Ministerial Office," as referred by the last General Assembly. The following supplies were appointed for the

Mount Pleasant church, viz.:
Mr. Ferguson, First Sabbath in November; to administer the Lord's Supper. Mr. Hamilton, First Sabbath in December. Mr. Kelly, First Sabbath in January. Mr. Platt, Second Sabbath in February. Mr. Duncan, Second Sabbath in March. Mr. Willson, First Sabbath in April. 'I see it!" said F., and he went and told God of Mr. Milligan, one Sabbath, at discretion. Since the last stated meeting of Presbytery, the following installations were reported as having taken place, viz. : Rev. W. Morris Grimes, pastor of the McConnellsville church; Rev. John

L. Duncan, of Buffalo; and Rev. John Arthur, of Mount Zion and Hopewell. WM. M. ROBINSON, Stated Clerk.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate Testimonial.

The undersigned Committee, appointed at a meeting of the congregation of the Sixth Pres-byterian church, to prepare resolutions expres-sing the feeling of the church in reference to the sudden death of our former pastor, (Rev. T. B. Wilson,) and also to invite our present pastor, Rev. Samuel Findley, to preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion, reported the following, which was unanimously adopted: WHEREAS, An All wise God, in the mysterious dispensations of his providence, has suddenly removed our former dearly beloved pastor (Rev. T.

B. Wilson,) from earth to heaven, Resolved, That while we, his former flock, bear testimony to his faithful discharge of all the duties of pastor (while in our midst,) let us recall to our minds the many earnest appeals he made to us to be faithful, and let us never forget his dying words, "Raise the standard of the Cross Higher, Higher, Higher, Higher, Higher." Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the family of the deceased, and rejoice to know, that

most affectionately commend the bereaved wife, and the two dear little fatherless boys, to the kind care of Him who has promised to be "a Husband to the widow, and a father to the fatherless." Resolved, Thay our pastor, Rev. Samuel Findley, be requested to preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion, at his earliest conveni

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