Poetry.

The Invisible Cord. Along the smooth and slender wire The sleepless heralds run, Fast as the clear and living rays Go streaming from the sun; No peal or summons, heard or seen, Their viewless flight betray, And yet their words are plainly felt In cities far away.

In Summer's heat or Winter's hail, They speed their rapid course; They meet unmoved the fierce wind's rage, The rough wave's sweeping force;

In the long night of rain and wrath. As in the blaze of day, They run with news of weal or woe, To thousands far away.

But faster still than heralds run On that electric cord, Rise the pure thoughts of him who loves The Christian's Light and Lord; Of him who, taught through smiles and tears Vith fervent lips to pray, Maintains high converse here on earth

With bright worlds far away. Age, though no contward wish is breathed, Nor gutward answers given, The sighing of that humble soul

. Is known and felt in heaven. ng, frail wires may bend or break. "Those viewless heralds stray, BustFaith's least word shall reach the throne Of God, though far away.

Literary Flotices.

BOOKS sent to us for Notite, will be duly attended to. These from publishers in Philadelphia, New York, Sto, may be left at our Philadelphia Office, 111 South 10th 84, below Chestant, in ears of Joseph M. Wilson, Esq.

PROGRESS AND PROPERCY: Human History and Divine Design; is the title of a Discourse delivered in the First Presbyterian church, Ft. Wayne, Ind., by Rev. J. M. Lowrie, pastor. The Discourse is founded on 2. Pet. iii: 3, 4, and is an able exposition of the truth, that the wonderful events of the present century are under the Divine guidance, and are indications that the promises of the Bible are hastening to their

The Shusprold and the Common; or, The Eyangelical Rambler. 12mo., pp. 580. New Fork; Robert Carter & Brothers. Pittsburgh: J. S. Davison. 1858.

This is the re-appearance of an old work in a new dress and title. Upwards of thirty years agod, The Evangelical Rambler was a book well known and greatly esteemed in England It has long been out of print. As it is well known that from sixty to one hundred thousand copies of this book were issued from the press in England, whilst in America it obtained an equally great circulation, and as it is calculated to cast a flood of light on many subjects of importance in the present day, it has been deemed desirable to we think has been wisely done for it is an admirable book, and now that it will appear as a new one to the present age, we doubt not but that it will meet with a great

We have merely to say to the proof reader. not to the ordinary reader, that the entire want of any sign at the bottom of the last page, leaves the purchaser in doubt whether or not the book is finished. "Such slovenliness very seldom appears in the books, which the Messrs. Carter send forth to the reading public.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate. Presbytery of Redstone.

The Presbytery of Redstone, during its recent sessions, at Dunlap's Creek, received under its care two candidates for the ministry, and one licentiate, Mr. Watson Russell, from the Presby-The following report of a Committee on the Minutes of the last General Assembly was adopted, and ordered to be sent for publication in the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate, and also in the

The Committee on the Minutes of the General

Assembly, report that they find, on page 277, a suggestion made to the Board of Domestic Missions, in regard to the office of Assistant Secre-tary, on which they recommend the following preamble and resolutions : Presbykety, taking into view the many demands upon the Ercakury of the Board of Domestic Mis-

sions, and the consequent necessity of as rigid an accommy as may consist with efficiency of action; saving, moreover, in view, the known opinion of tried wisdom and fidelity.) that the office of Associate Secretary, involving an expense of mores of clock P. M.
than \$2,000 per annum, may be dispensed with.
Without detriment to the cause, without detriment to the cause,

Risolold, That, in the judgement of this Pres-

bytery, the office of Assistant Secretary is unnecessary, and should be abolished; and that we esary, and the best of solutions of the property of resolutioning its late action with reference to said office.

Resolved, That pastors and Sessions should

prosecute with energy the scheme of Systematic Benevolence, wisely inaugurated by the Church, and already attended with most gratifying results, as exemplified in the case of the Foreign Board, and of the Colportage department of the Board of Publication, whose receipts, in the miost of an unexampled monetary pressure, have been interested beyond those of any former year, without employing a single collecting agent. Nor should a failure of that admirable scheme ever be taken.

The name of a new church, recently by a Committee at the village of North East in Maryland, was added to the roll.

The question of giving our consent to the pressure, with its and adequate trial. In the meantime, the employment, by any of our Boards, of expensive collecting agencies, will prove a fatal obstacle to its success.

Resolved. That in all organizations created and

conducted by human agency, powers conferred are liable to be abused, a tendency from which our ecclesissical Boards, excellent as they are, cannot chim an entire immunity, it is therefore the right and duty of the Church to hold them to a strict accountability, as its servants, and to scrutinize their annual disbursements, and the best friends of the Board are those who would restrain them from extravagant and useless ex-

The following resolutions, adopted at a former meeting of Presbytery, were also ordered to be sent to the Banner and Advocate, for publication: Resolved Phat it is the duty as well as the privi-lege of every member of our Church; to contribute

annually and systematically to the funds of the several Bearing of our Church.

Risolved, That it be enjoined on all our pastors to inculcate this duty on their people, and see that they abound in this grace also.

Resolved, That it be enjoined on all our Church

Resolved. That it be enjoined on all our Church Sessions to see that every member of their respective congregations boundled on, at fixed and regular periods, to prove the sincerity of his love, by contributing as the Lord hath prospered him.

Resolved. That the Presbytery will, annually, at its stated Spring meetings, inquire particularly into the action, during the previous year, of the several churches under its care, upon this subject. In addition to the foregoing, Presbytery took action as follows, in relation to the state of religion:

Resolved. That in view of the importance of promoting a more elevated tone of piety in our churches, it be recommended to the members of this Presbytery, to all otiate, two and two, in visit. ing, and holding meetings for public and social worship; in their residence to come charges

Mount Washington .- Second Sabbath in No. vember, Rev. H. O. Roseborough. Second Sabbath in December, and administer the Lord's Supper, Rev. R. M. Wallace Spring Hill.—First Sabbath in November, Rev Dr. Wilson. First Sabbath in December, Rev. Blggs. First Sabbath in January, Rev. McClintock. First Sabbath in February, Rev. Flanegan. First Sabbath in March, and administer the Lord's Supper, Rev. J. R. Hughes.

In relation to the report touching the Associate Secretaryship, an earnest and animated discussion arose, in which quite a number of members participated. The report was finally adopted with entire unanimity, with the exception of the first resolution, on which there were two dissenting voices. After a very pleasant meeting, and the transaction of a considerable amount of business, Preshytery adjourned on the third day of its J. McCLINTOCK

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate. Presbytery of Allegheny.

The following Minute was adopted by the Presbytery of Allegheny, at their late meeting: The Presbytery, taking into consideration the great mercy of God in reviving his work in their bounds during the last year, feel called upon to place it on record to his glory, that he has re-membered us in our low estate, and extensively shed down his Spirit upon our churches. Such s isplay of God's mercy ought not to be forgotton by the Presbytery as such, nor by any lover of Zion. But Presbytery would urge the solemn truth upon their own hearts, and upon all the people in their bounds, that to relax their efforts. now, and to grow remiss in prayer, is especially offeneive to God, and dangerous to their own

souls. Presbytery, therefore, Resolved, That it be recommended to all our churches to unite in fervent prayers to God for the continuance of his gracious work, and that such other Scriptural means be earnestly employed as God has bitherto blessed, and as may m to pastors, Ruling Elders, and people, most

necessary.

**Resolved, 'That the recommendations of the Synod of Allegheny on this subject, he faithfully Resolved, That we, as a Presbytery, express a sense of our entire dependence upon the agency f God's Spirit to carry on his work of grace.

SUPPLIES.

Clintonville church—Fourth Sabbath in October. Mr. Kean. Second Sabbath in November, Mr. J. F. Boyd, First Sabbath in December, Mr. Millêr. Fourth Sabbath in December, Mr. Williams. Third Sabbath in January, Mr. Young.
First Sabbath in February, Mr. Walker. Fourth
Sabbath in February, Mr Munson. Third Sabbath in March, Mr. J. R. Coulter. First Sabbath

n April, Mr. Ogden. Westminster-Third Sabbath in October, Mr. J. S. Boyd. First Sabbath in November, Mr. Miller; to administer the Lord's Supper. Fourth Sabbath in November, Mr. Cunningham. Third Sabbath in December, Mr. Taylor. Second Sabbath in January, Mr. Hall. Fifth Sabbath in January, Mr. Miller. Third Sabbath in February, Mr. Ogden. Second Sabbath in March. Mr. Young. Fifth Sabbath in March, Mr. J. S. Boyd. Alade Run-Mr. J. S. Boyd, one-third of the time until the next meeting, except Mr. Miller, Fifth Sabbath in October, to administer the Lord's Supper, and Mr. Miller, the First Sabbath

Rich Hill-Have leave to employ Mr. M'Cready. Clinton-Have leave to obtain their own supplies until the next meeting.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

Presbytery of Saltsburg. REV. DR. M'KINNEY: The Presbytery of Saltsburg met at Parnassus on the 5th inst. Mr. Daniel W. Townsend was ordained and installed pastor of that church. The Rev. David Mills was suspended from the office of the Gospel ministry, for contumacy, and likewise found guilty of heresy of such a flag-

rant nature as, in the judgment of Presbytery, to infer deposition.

The Rev. Wm. G. Shand was released from his pastoral relation to the congregations of Washington and Centre. Five young men were received under our care.

as candidates for the ministry. SUPPLIES. Boiling Spring. Mr. Elder, Third Sabbath in Cherry run. Mr. Barret, Third Sabbath" in October. Messrs. McMillan and Stark, Third. Sabbath in November; to administer the Lord's

Washington. Mr. Elder, Fourth Sabbath in Leechburg. Mr. Graves, Fourth Sabbath in October: Dr. Donaldson, at discretion; to administer the Lord's Supper. Mr. James Caruthers, one day at discretion. In reference to the Associate Secretaryship, it

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Presbytery, the good of the cause of Domestic Missions.demands the abolition of the office of Assistant Secretary, as soon as it can be done by the Board. Presbytery adjourned to meet in Blairsville on the 22d of October, at Leechburg on the First Tuesday of January, and in Kittanning on the Becond Tuesday of April.

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Presbytery of Newcastle. At the late stated meeting, held at New London, all the members not residing in distant places, were present, and seven brethren sat as corres ponding members. Two candidates were taken under our care.

besides one at a recent adjourned meeting.
Mr. William C. Roberts was received assaylicen tiate, from the Presbytery of Passic; a call wa put into his hands from the First church of Wil-

to preach the Gospel. The Rev. John W. Martin was received from the Presbytery of New Lishon; a call was put into his hands from the congregation of Doe Bun, and a committee appointed to attend to his instal-

lation, on the 9th of November next, at 11 The names of the Rev. Henry C. Fries, and of the Laurel church, in Sussex County, Dela-ware, were removed from our roll, in couse. nence of the erection of the Lewes Presbytery, to which they were assigned by the late General

es, was postponed to our next stated meeting.

The Overture sent down by the Assembly, in regard to the demission of the ministerial office,

was deferred for the present. The Rev. William Chester, D. D., and the Rev. foseph McElroy, D. D., were elected Trustees of the Ashmun Institute, in place of two members of the Board, who had resigned. The Presbytery, being invited to attend the sessions of a religious Convention, to be held in the United Presbyterian Church at Oxford, on the 26th inst., cordially accepted the invitation.
The next stated meeting will be held in Wil-

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mington, Del.

Presbytery of Steubenville. ARCHER, O., October 7th, 1858; Mr. Editor:—The Presbytery of Steubenville has just closed an interesting meeting at Carrollton. During the sessions of Presbytery, that which attracted the writer's attention most, was the deep interest which was manifestly taken in the religious exercises with which the proceed-ings of Presbytery were frequently interspersed. During the past year, God has graciously poured out of his Spirit's influence upon some of the churches under the care of this Presbytery. May we not hope that he will still more abundantly bless II has been seen to be supported by the control of bless all her churches I send you the following excerps from our

minutes, which you will please publish in the Banner and Advocate: Rev. William Eaton was installed pastor of the church of Carrollton.

Rev. John S. Marquis was received from the Presbytery of Washington.

The pastoral relation between Rev. Biohard.
Brown and the congregation of New Hagerstown,
was dissolved. A call was placed in the hands of Mr. Brown; from the congregation of Oak Ridge.
The scene in Presbytery; connected with the dissolution of this pastoral relation, was peculiarly
impressive. The relation had subsisted for about Some of the Brown, from the congregation of Oak Ridge. The scene in Presbytery connected with the discene in Presbytery connected with the discene in Presbytery connected with the discener, and the presbytery connected with the discener, and the presbytery connected with the discener, and the reason which a minister the Lord's Supper, Rev. D. Frairchild.

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that he felt the growing infirmities of age disabling him for the labors of an extensive pastorals charge, although the people of his charge were anxious to still retain their pastor, asking only what labor he could conveniently perform. Yet the Presbytery deferred to his sense of duty, and the relation was dissolved. The Presbytery did so the more cheerfully, inasmuch as the congregation to which Mr. Brown is about to go, covers.

Doddsville, Huntsville, Glenwood, South Henderson, and Young America.

No report from the Commissioners to last Assembly, Messrs. Thomson and Goddes being both absent.

Rev. J. T. Bliss, of Altona, and John Clark, were nominated Commissiones to next General Assembly, at Indianapolis, as Principals; Rev C. Leavenworth: of Camin Creak and T. N. Avers ration to which Mr. Brown is about to go, covers. nt a small territory, and he can perform the pastoral labor necessary with much less physical effort. May the God of his youth and manhood not forsake him now, when he is "old and gray-Three young men were received under the care

f Presbytery, as candidates for the ministry, and three others were taken under its care, as heneficiaries. Presbytery postponed the consideration of the Assembly's Overture on The Demission of the Ministerial Office, until the next stated meeting. Presbytery enjoined upon the Sessions under its are, to take up collections in aid of the fund for Disabled Clergymen and the needy Widows and Printing of Deceased Clergymen," and report he results to Presbytery at its stated meeting.

SUPPLIES. Richmond church-Third Sabbath of October Ir. Agnew. Third Sabbath of November, Mr. Saatty; 10 administer the Lord's Supper, and ake up collection for the Board of Education. Third Sabbath of December, Mr. Grier. Third Sabbath of January, Mr. Campbell. Third Sab bath of February, Mr. Reid Third Sabbath of March, Mr. Comingo; to take up collection for loard of Foreign Missions.

Kilgore-Fourth Sabbath of October, Mr. Agnew. Fourth Sabbath of November, Mr. Knox. Fourth Sabbath of December, Mr. Patterson; to administer the Lord's Supper, and take up collection for Board of Education, Fourth Sabbath of January, Mr. Brugh, Fourth Sabbath of February, Mr. Eaton. Fourth Sabbath of March, Mr. Herron; to take up collection for Board of Foreign Missions Still-Fork Second Sabbath of December. Mr. Merrill. Second Sabbath of March, Mr. Reid;

to take up a collection for the Board of Foreign Centre-First Sabbath of December, Mr. Parkinson. First Sabbath of April, Mr. Knox; to take up a collection for the Board of Education. New Hagerstown-Fourth Sabbath of November, Mr. Chapin. Third Sabbath of January, Mr. Price. With permission to supply themselves for remaining time until the next stated

ROBERT HEREON. Very truly yours,

From the Knox Republican. The Presbytery of Schuyler.

MESSES. EDITORS :- The Presbytery of Schuyler, in Session at Carthage, Hancock County, I nois, from September 28th to 30th, passed the following resolution: Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to cure the publication in the Knox Republican of such portions of the Minutes as demand the attention of our congregation, and send a copy to ach church. The Presbytery met at 2 o'clock, P. M., Sep-

tember 28th, and was opened with a sermon by. Rev. J. H. Nevius, from Matthew xvi: 15—"Go ye, into all the world and preach the Gospel to Ministers Present-J. M. Chase, T. S. Vaill, T. M. Walker, R. C. Matthews, B. C. Swan, J. Worrell, I. Pillsbury, T. P. W. Magruder, I. N. Candee, D. D., W. Townley, J. T. Bliss, Hezekiah Hanson, C. Leavenworth, E. K. Lynn, J. H.

Ruling Elders Present-W. W. Baily, J. Campbell, A. C. Gregg, T. Boude, J. Mills, D. Campbell, S. H. McCandless, T. N. Ayers, S. R. Boggs, D. Finley, J. McKee, J. C. McGaughy, A. Mc-Millan, J. McClelland, W. Atton, T. Chapman, Ministers Absent-P. W. Thomson, W. McCand-

lish, J. C. King, J. McConnel, D. Monfort, D. D., J. J. Gray, C. B. Bristol, J. Marshall, S. Hart. Corresponding Members—Ray, Joseph Warren, D. D., of the White Water Presbytery, Ind.; Rev. George W. Ash, of Palmyra Presbytery, Mo.: Rev. S. M. Osmond, of Raratan, Presbytery N. J. Rev. I. Pillsbury was chosen Moderator, and Messrs. Townley and Hanson, Clerks. The Committee for that purpose reported the organization of a church at Young America, Warren Co., with twenty seven members; church received under the name of "South Henderson." Rev. G. W. Ash was received as a member of

Presbytery. His address is Warsaw, Ill... Rev. J. Warren, D. D., was received as a memper of the Presbytery. He is pastor elect of the Westminster church at Quincy. Mesers. Hanson, Walker, and Mark Graham, der, were appoint a Committee to organize a hurch at Warren, Henderson Co., Ill. Messrs. Vaill, Candee, and Woods, were coninued as a Committee to organize a church at Abingdon, Knox, Co., Ill.

Mesers. Worrell and Warren were appointed a Committee to organize a church at La Prairie on N. C. B. R., in Adams Co. Quincy was chosen as the place for next regular meeting of th Presbytery. Time, Tuesday, April 12th, 1859, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Rev. W. McCandlish was dismissed to Omahe Presbytery. His address is Fontenelle, Nebraska

The Missionary Anniversary was held Wednes lay evening. Addresses by Rev. J, Warren, D returned missionary from India, and Rev. I. Candee, D. D., of Galesburg. Messrs. Pillsbury, Matthews, Nevius, Gregg.

and Candee, were appointed a Committee to visit Rev. Mr. Lynn had leave to retain in his hands the call presented him from Aledo church, last Resolved, "That all the churches defray the xpenses of their ministers and elders to Presby-eries and Synods." The attention of Sessions is articularly directed to the above item.

MERCER COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, AT ALTON, ILL. The Committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the "Mercer Collegiate Institute" after having had the same under careful consideration, would reommend the following for adoption, viz.: Resolved, The Presbytery feel gratified in the knowledge of the fact that notwithstanding the pecuniary pressure of the past year, the Board en constrained entirely to cease their Treasury, have accomplished something in the way of building and have been enabled to continue the work. Resolved, That having accepted the liberal do-

nation made to our church, and having actually commenced and carried forward the enterprise thus far, through the blessing of Divine Provi-dence, we teel encouraged to sustain the Departnent already opened while we urge on the work

ion elsewhere and especially the members of the churches in this Presbytery should endow the Institution and do all in their power to place it upon in elevated and permanent basis.

Resolved, That, as members of Schuyler Pres bytery, we pledge ourselves, individually and unitedly, by circulating the supscription each in our respective churches as far as practicable to carry out the foregoing resolution; and we recommend the members of our churches and

other friends to do all in their power to aid in the present scheme of endowment. Resolved, That the Sessions of our churches respectively consenting, the collection for educational purposes during the coming year be appro-priated to the benefit of the Mercer Collegiate

Resolved, That Mesers. Graham Lee, Esq., Dr. . A. Maury, W. W. McCandless and Rev. Samuel

f Trustees, and to serve three years. Resolved, That nothing in the foregoing shall he considered to interfere in the slightest degree mit. Ekin an with any care, responsibility or pledges of this and Hudson. Presbytory to McDonough College, but that the that the sas fully commended to the patronage of second Tuesday of April, at 2 colook P. M. the churches under our care, as "Mercer Collegiate Institute." SUPPLIES APPOINTED. Edward's Church-Rev. Townley, two Sab

baths at discretion.

Doddsville. Second Sabbath of November, Revs. Chase and Leavenworth, to administer sac-Astoria. Rev. Brown, one Sabbath at discre-STATISTICAL BEPORT TO SYNOD OF CHICAGO. Ministers, twenty four. Churches, thirty eight.

Leavenworth, of Camp Creek, and T. N. Ayers, of Galesburg, their alternates.

Assessment of Commissioners' Fund to be ready Assessment of Commissioners' Fund to be ready for next Spring meeting of Presbytery: Bushnell, 60 cents; Kuoxville, \$4 00; Fountain Green, \$2.10; Monmouth, \$5.65; Carthage, \$2.60; Chili, \$1.60; Prairie City, \$1.70; Shiloh, \$1.20; Vermont, \$1.35; Ipava, \$1.15; Aktoria, 35 ets.; Hopewell, \$1.20; Macomb, \$6.00; New Mays ville, \$1.40; Galesburg, \$1.65; North Henderson, \$2.65; Fall Creek, \$1.20, Altona, 85 ets.; John Kroer, \$1.20. (nox, \$1.30; Oquawka, \$1.70; Aledo, \$1.20; Pope's River, 60 cents; Edwards, \$1.60; Doddsville. \$2.10; Huntsville, 60 cents; Camp Creek, \$2.70; Keithsburg, 70 cents; Westminster, Quincy, \$1.85; Mt. Sterling, \$2.25; Millersburg, \$1.60; Glenwood, 50 cents; Ellison, 60; Ellington, \$1.80; Mythe, \$1.20; Union, 45 cts.; South Henderson, 80 cents.

Resolved, That Presbytery notice the death of our worthy brother, Rev. John Marshall, a member of this Presbytery, who died at Doddaville, on the 23d day of August, 1858 as a great loss to this Presbytery, a painful affliction to his surviving widow and relatives, and to the people among whom he labored in the ministry; especially so as he was universally beloved as a faithful, de voted, and successful minister of the Gospel, and was removed from his earthly labors in the midst of his abounding usefulness.

Resolved, That Presbytery sympathizes deeply

to ple among whom he labored. That, while we bow submissively to the will of God in this event, we would receive the admonition to renewed diligence and fidelity, as we know neither the day nor the hour when we may be called to give an Resolved, That Presbytery accept the trust-committed to them by our deceased brother, in placing at their disposal a valuable portion of his ibrary, and that the books remain for the present

n the care of brother Pillsbury, subject to the order of Presbytery.

Resolved. That the Stated Clerk of Presbytery be directed to forward a certified copy of the above resolutions to the bereaved widow of our eceased brother.

SYNOD OF CHICAGO AT ROCK ISLAND, OCT. 21st, A. D. 1858. In compliance with an invitation received by Presbytery from Rev. S. T. Wilson, of Rock Island, it was

sland, it was

Resolved, That the members of this Presbytery will meet with the other Presbyteries comprising the Synod of Chicago, at Rock Island, the day before the meeting of Synod, for prayer and mutual counsel concerning a revival, and that our hurches in their assemblies for prayer on Wed pesday evening, (20th October,) be requested to remember the objects of the meeting at Rock

In view of the manifest need of a revival of religion in our midst, and also of the manifest goodness of God in pouring out his Spirit in some parts of our country, and the wonderful revival as the result of such ontpouring, and in view of the very evident connection, between prayer and these gracious results; therefore, Resolved, That we urge all our members to humble themselves before God, and pray carnestly and perseveringly for the outpouring of God's

Resolved, That we urge church Sessions, that that they lead their churches to such efforts as will tend to increase and cherish the spirit and practice of prayer in secret, in the family and in he church.

Resolved, That the third, day of November, 1858. (Wednesday,) be set spart in all the churches under our care, as a day of special prayer for revival, and that appropriate religious xercises, especially congregational prayer-meet-

ings, be part of the observance of that day. MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY. The Committee to examine them, reported as "The attention of Presbytery is called to the action of the General Assembly on p. 286, in reference to the proposed Commentary, and the Committee recommend that our Commissioners to the next Assembly at Indianapolis, be instructed Presbytery adjourned to meet at the Moderator's call during the sessions of the Synod of Chicago

at Rock Island. T. S. VAILL, Stated Clerk. For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate. Extracts from the Minutes of Cedar Presbytery, Iowa.

Presbytery met in Cedar Rapids. The opening ermon was preached by Rev. J. M. Jones. Rev. D. D. McKee was elected Moderator, and Rev. E. L. Belden, Temporary Clerk. Mr. D. D. Christy, a licentiate, was received

rom the Second Associate Reformed Presbytery Messrs. F. Smith and F. Breuckert, licentiates, ere received from the Presbytery of Dubuque. Committees were appointed to organize church-s in De Witt, Hebron, Millersburg, and on Old Rev. John Steel, of Lake Presbytery, obtained ermission to labor in our bounds

Calls from the Lisbon and Mechanicsville churches were presented to Presbytery, for the ministerial labors of Robert Boag, and accepted SUPPLIES APPOINTED. Hermon -Second Sabbath of October, Mr.

Christy; Fourth Sabbath of October, Mr. Belden; Second Sabbath of November, Mr. Jones; Fourth Sabbath of November, Mr. Christy Sand Prairie - Mr. Kirk, to administer the Lord's Supper, at discretion. Tipion .- Second Sabbath of October, Mr. Coon; Fifth Sabbath of October, Mr. Christy; Second Sabbath of November, Mr. Mason; Fourth Sab bath of November, Mr. Shearer; First Sabbath of December, Mr. Christy; Third Sabbath of

December, Mr. Hudson. It was resolved that Supplies to our vacant churches should take collections for the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions. The pastoral relation between Rev. F. A. Shearer and Iowa City church, was dissolved, and labors; but without seriously involving the he was appointed as missionary within the bounds of Presbytery. Revs. Fullerton, Morrow, Jones, and Walker,

were appointed to visit Iowa City church, and, if possible, effect a reconciliation.
The Committee, on Compensation to Supplies, nade the following report, which was adopted: Resolved. That our vacant churches, asking supplies, be required to compensate those sent. them for their services, and to defray their necessary expenses; and that, supplies, having fulfilled sary expenses; and that, supplies, having fulfilled their appointments, state in their reports to original donors to our church and of the effort of Presoytery, whether the requirement has been the citizens of Mercer Co., to erect the College attended to: Although Presbytery will not fix buildings, it is proper that the friends of educal any particular sum to be paid to their supplies, yet we have confidence in our vacant churches

that they will consider our Saviour's words, that "the laborer is worthy of his hire," and will do in this matter what is just and equal. Presbytery would further recommend to vacant hurches, to have on hand a contingent fund for this purpose, and that this fund be raised in the usual manner in which salaries are raised for stated supplies, or settled ministers. Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to make these resolutions known to our vacant

The Committee appointed to make arrange ments so as to have all our churches visited, and few days spent in religious exercises, made the following report, which was adopted: Davenport, Dr. Ekin; Le Clair and Princeton, endeavor to have the collections as full as possible.

Resolved, That these collections when made, be forwarded to the Board of Trustees, through the Treasurer of Presbytery, Rev. T. S. Vaill, of Knoxville.

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Presbytery adjourned, to meet in Lisbon the F. A. SHEARER, Stated Clerk.

SINFUL HABITS. Be not too slow in the breaking of a sinful custom; a quick, courageous resolution is better than a gradual deliberation; in such a combat, he is the bravest soldier that lays about him without fear or wit. Wit pleads; fear disheartens; he that will kill Hydra, had better strike off one neck than five heads; fell the tree, and Churches vacant: Vermont, Astoria, alpava, the branches are soon cut off.—Quarles delete F. W. JENK

Forms of Bequests.

When bequests are made to the Institutions of the Church, let the following forms be carefully observed. egacies are often lost to the cause which the testator degns to nid, by a defect in the will. Whon real estate or other property is to be given, let it be particularly de

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