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Synod of Northern Indiana on the Seminary of the North-West.

The following is the action of the Synod of Northern Indiana, which passed by a vote of 28 to 13:

"In reference to the action of the Generpl Assembly in organizing the Theological Seminary of the North-West, as shown by the Minutes, we feel constrained to state, (lest our silence should be misconstrued,) that said action was not in such consonance with our views and judgment on this subject, as to leave this Synod under any other obligations or relations to the Seminary at Chicago, than it sustains to any other Seminary under going to church, they had driven their em. the care of the Assembly."

Synod of Indiana.

This Synod, at its late meeting, took the following action on the Seminary question :

The Synod would express its high regard for the authority of the General Assembly to whose wisdom they had submitted the organization of a Seminary for the North-West but they feel constrained to dissent from its action in the case.

1st. Because in that action the known wishes of this body were disregarded in the | with it. It was not his official prerogative organization of that Seminary

2d. Because in this Synod although representing one sixth of the Church membership within the limits to be served by that Seminary, and notwithstanding it has borne the burden of theological education here for inquisitor, to look out bad motives for good nearly thirty years, yet is represented by but deeds ; or secular reasons for religious one Director in a Board composed of forty duties. members; and for these reasons this Synod declines to recommend that Seminary as now organized to the churches under our care, preferring to give our support to other Seminaries for the present.

Liabilities of Pewholders. The obligations and responsibilities under which pews are held in churches, is a mat- ence ? Many men, also, are under the

Fines on the Mode of Going to Worship on the Sabbath-A Symptom of an Anti-Religious Inquisition. We, last week, gave information relative to two cases in which the Mayor of our city imposed fines of \$25, each, for driving carrisges, with families, to church on the Sabbath. The Dispatch of October 21st, thinks we did not do the Mayor full justice. We

Whatover opinions may be entertained of the Mayor's recent decision in the Sunday carriage cases, he is at least entitled to a fair hearing. The Banner and Advocate, in publishing his deci-sion, acts candidly, but when it deduces the following conclusion, it does so in the face of the decision itself. It says: rons who would still need a conveyance. might attend church without molestation. Synodical Meetings.

These are seasons of reunion among "If, then, the Mayor's views are to be acquiesced in as a fair exposition of the law, he evidently regarding the going to a place of worthip on the Lord's day, as being a 'worldly employment, (11) hird persons may not drive carriages to meeting on the Sabbath." brethren, and occasions for forming new acquaintancer, which are to be highly ap precisted by ministers and elders. The Now, the question which was involved in the large numbers assembled, of men of kindred earing and decision was not whather "going to spirit ; their object, the noblest of all ; the place of worship on the Lord's day " be " worlddeep interest they feel; the hospitality exemployment," but whether driving a carriage r hire, either to church or elsewhere, on San tended to them by God's good people-all y, be such employment. The Mayor came to contribute to make the meeting of Synod an clusion, under the law and the facts, that

annual period of delight. Recent meetings the driving for hire was worldly employment; and so concluding, very properly exacted the penalty. demand our attention. The subject is one of vast importance. SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH. It is a beginning. It is, or may be, the The members of this Synod, in large

entering wedge of interference on the part numbers, met in the Second Presbyterian of the civil magistrate, in matters of religion. shurch, Pittsburgh, on Thursday, the 20th inst The opening sermon was preached by Mayor Weaver is an excellent officer. We honor him, and would cheerfully vote for Rev. A. Donaldson, D. D., and commanded his re-election. But we think that, here, the attention of a large audience. Rev. he made a mistake. We have a right to Samuel C. Jennings, D. D., was chosen Moderator. The Sessions continued till The case was this. The Mayor had two

Tuesday evening, and were manifestly the men arrested and brought before his trimeetings of Christian, brethren. There was hunal. He there proved that they had been love to each other, and zeal in the Master's to church on the previous Sabbath; that they were men hired by the month, to make The amount of business done was very arge, and some of it was of vast importance. garden, drive a carriage, &c.; and that, in The Minutes, in full, are given to us for

ployers' families in the carriage. We compublication, and will appear, probably next mend the officer for his zeal. He is bound week. by his oath to enforce the laws. If the law The two items which elicited most diswas broken, he is justified in demanding the ussion were, Sabbath Observance, and the penalty; and even if he was mistaken, it action of the Board of Domestic Missions may be that he should be commended for in appointing two Secretaries in the office an honest effort to protect the Lord's day at Philadelphia. In both cases the papers xpressing the views of the House were from desecration. But, is going to church dopted, nem. con. In the latter case, that in a carriage, an unlawful act? If so, the Mayor did right to restrain it. If it is not s, the Board's appointing two Secretaries, an unlawful act, he had no right to interfere in existing circumstances, the discussion

Board. It wishes the Board to have

SYNOD OF WHEELING.

Synod. On the afternoon of Wednesday.

sion. Dr. Edgar was welcomed by the

Moderator, Rev. Dr. J. I. Brownson, in a few

pertinent remarks, and responded happily.

humorous, pathetic, argumentative-just

drew from many members, expressions of to inquire whether one of the inmates of the strongest disapprobation. The Synod, however, regarding the subject as being in the carriage was a poor man, and received wages. He had no right to look beyond the hands of a Committee of the General the overt act. The law makes no officer an Assembly, and hoping for a remedy next year, and also, feeling intensely for the missionaries now toiling for the Church and expecting their sustenance, earnestly recom-The use of a carriage and driver is, with mended to their churches to make, this year, their usual contributions; adding, at

many persons, a necessity. Their distance from church, their age, infancy, widowhood, the same time, the caution, that these coninfirmity, make it impossible for them to tributions were not to be construed, in any use the "primitive" manner of traveling. wise, as approving of the Board's useless They cannot reach the church on foot. expenditure in the appointing of two Secre-Would the Mayor then forbid their prestaries to do one man's work. This Synod

Many poor men would thus lose their This Synod consists of about one hundred | troduce children to amusements of which | places; but far more would find the house ordained ministers, and one hundred and their innocence is the highest defence; a of God brought near them, to their own and seventy three churches. A very large protheir families' joy. Religion would, as we portion of the ministers are young men. Comthink, be a great gainer This gain, how paratively few of them are past middle life. ever, we would much rather have by the We were struck and pleased with the vigor ly orime against your child and your own soul and order with which the Synod entered soul. * * * The Shaker Dance, both assumption of unwarranted and dangerous upon its business, and our only regret is, power on the part of civilians. So have that we could remain only a short time to listen to its deliberations, and mingle with it, that aged widows and other feeble perits excellent members.

A full abstract of its proceedings will furnished to our readers in due time.

The town of Mansfield consists of nearly seven thousand inhabitants, and is one of with a lady's person, which some dances not the most important points in the State. only justify but demand-for I should like The Presbyterian church in this place has been greatly blessed within the last two years, and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Bargett, If the prevailing tendency of this more prihas much to encourage him with respect to the future. A new and attractive church edifice will soon be completed.

The Ancient Church.*

To start from the right point, and to conduct our investigations upon true principles, are necessary to arrive at just conclusions. Because of failures in these particulars, many learned researches and labored disquisitions in science, history, and theology, are worthy of but little confidence, and productive of but little benefit.

The early history of the Christian Church is an attractive subject of study, and has received the attention of men of great intellect and great learning. But many of those who have entered most deeply into

this rich and inviting mine, had been pre viously committed to some particular system of the Church not based entirely on Scripture, but partly on tradition, and partly on expediency, while, others have been enraptured with some philosophical scheme

of their own. Not so with Dr. Killen, su. upon his subject with only the Scriptural view of the nature and order of the Church,

which is essentially Presbyterian, and consequently he avoids many perplexities and is in a position to set forth the true idea of the Church as taught by Christ and his apostles, and to detect the means by which error was introduced, and to note its suc-

cessive steps and fatal results. Thus he is able to show that between the days of the apostles and the times of Constantine, the Christian Commonwealth changed its aspect ; how the Bishop of Rome, a personage unknown to the writers of the New Testament, rose into prominence. and at length took precedence; how rites and ceremonies of which neither Paul nor Peter ever heard, crept silently into use, and afterwards claimed to be Divine institutions; and how officers, for whom the primis composed of the most firm friends of this itive disciples could have found no place, disoursive ? nd titles which they could not have under Zion's Herald and Weslevan Journal, the organ stood, began to challenge attention, and to of the Methodists of New England, is greatly be named apostolic. Our author, with opposed to the action of many of the leading great candor, patient research, and abundant | Methodists of New York, with respect to the aplearning, lays bare the cause which produced proaching General Conference, an account of these changes, and marks the stages of this which we gave some time ago. In the number for last week, is a reply of the New York men to ecclesiastical revolution. In doing this, he the editor's strictures, and also some remarks by brings forward many remarkable facts and the editor, which indicate great opposition of testimonics which had escaped the notice views between the two parties. of previous historians. His exhibition of The Synod of Albany, at its recent meeting in the spurious character of the Ignatian Episthis city, occupied its attention very considertles is a piece of masterly criticism. Altoably with the prospects of Presbyterianism in gether the work is a most valuable and this locality. The Synod recommended the Com mittee on Church Extension to appropriate three timely contribution to ecclesiastical history, thousand dollars to aid the church of East Bos. which we can heartily commend for thorton, of which Rev. Mr. Johnston is pastor, and oughness, vigor, and accuracy. In a assumed the responsibility for two thousand-dol-"Prefatory Note," the author pays a high lars more. As soon as these sums are realized compliment to the enterprise and liberality this church will be free from debt. The church of Mr. Scribner, which all who have the formerly known by the name of Knoz, has bepleasure of his acquaintance, will admit to come the First Presbyterian church of Boston This congregation is now paying a rent of \$1,000 be well merited. per annum, and giving its pastor, Rev. David Magill, formerly of Philadelphia, a salary of

you wish to dance, dance; but to thrust your children on to doubtful ground, to defend or shield your doubtful act, is a coward. character, its spirit, and all its relations and surroundings, could never be, and never has been, pleaded as a justification for the World's Dance, in all its length and breadth ; no one ever made it a sober ples. But the Domestic Dance is and has been used for just such a plea. * * * If any man should, in a promenade, take those liberties to know how they are to be gotten through without-it would make many a chaste

check crimson to the deepest purple. * vate form of the Dance, be to evils in the same direction, and of the same character. as in the case of that more public form, which we have all condemned : if there be also an incurable liability in this more private form, to like or equivalent abuses with the more public form; and moreover, if the relations of this more private to the more public, be such as inevitably to compromise he one with, or justify and abet the one by the other-I cannot see how any one can consistently or rationally consent to counte nance the one who admits the evils of the other. And much less can I see how the higher obligations resting upon a Christian, will permit him to lend his countenance to uch a train of consequences.

EASTERN SUMMARY.

Boston and New England.

The Atlantic Monthly that has been so ably onducted, but that has, at the same time, been made the medium of so much dangerous error, has at length been purchased by Mess rs. Ticknor & Fields, for the sum of \$10,000. This will be gratifying news to many who will expect a great change in the temper and tone of this monthly with regard to Evangelical religion: thor of the volume before us. He enters This will require the dismissal of some former contributors, but if success is to be attained, no other course can be taken.

A new and enlarged edition of the Posts and Poetry of Vermont, by John G Saxe, will soon be difficulties encountered by others; while he published by Brown, Taggard, & Chase. Mr. Saxe is a defeated candidate for the office of Governor of Vermont. As a poet, lecturer, satirist. and wit, he has few superiors.

> The sale of the Miscellaneous Library of the ate Hon. Ruius Choate, was well attended ; the bidding was spirited, and the prices obtained were good-in some cases high. Some idea of the food upon which this great mind fed, may be obtained from the books put up to be his companions on his last voyage. They were, "Daily Food," "Bible," "Patrick and Lowth's Commentaries," "Owen's Commentary on Mark," "Luther on the Psalm's," "Lewis' Six Days of Greation." "Hengstenberg on the Psalms," "Homer's Iliad," " Greek Lexicon," " Georgics of Virgil," " Bacon's Advancement of Learning," and "Shakespeare's Tempest." If such were the books used for recreation, can it be any wonder that his intellect was manly, energetic, and

New York.

spicuous way to promote the interests of Romanism. On last Wednesday evening week, Dr. J. T. Nichols, a recent convert, delivered the introductory lecture before the Cummings' Literary Union, a Society under Catholic Influence, on the "Duty and Destiny of Young American Catholics." He took the position that Romanism must soon be the dominant form of religion in the United States, and that upon young Roman Catholics the duty of spreading its principles chiefly rested. He considered the city of New York a most inviting field for active efforts in extending Popery. The Jews of this city are rapidly increasing in

nmbers and wealth, and naturally feel a disposition to preserve their own distinctive religious features. For this purpose they are advocating the formation of a consistory of delegates from each congregation in the United States. This body, after the manner of the British Jewish Board of Representatives, would attend to the advancement of Jewish interests by convening and acting for the mass, as occasion requires.

The Mariners' Church, corner of Madison and Catharine Streets, has been blessed more highly during the last year, than any other in the city. Over two hundred have been hopefully converted; some of these may be now found on board fifteen ships in the United States Navy, where in many instances they have established the daily prayer meeting. This enterprise has accomplished an amount of good that only eternity will disclose. Here the Gospel has been preached forty years, by such men as Rev. Ward Stafford, Rev. Henry Chase, and now by Rev. Charles Jones, who spent more than ten years on the ocean, as an active sailor, thus having peculiar facilities for reaching the men who do business on great waters. During three years of his ministry, at this point, he has conversed with men born in eighty nine different countries, and speaking thirty-eight different

languages. The Synod of New York met last week, in Dr. McElroy's church, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. S. Irenmus Prime, D.D., from Ezekiel this interesting exercise. ii . 5. The concluding part consisted of a sketch f the life and character of the late Rev. J. W. Alexander, D.D., in illustration of the truth that a faithful minister of Christ could not fail to therein, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.' leave his impress for good upon the people among whom he had ministered. The Rev. Wm Bannard was elected Moderator. During the meetings, the Rev. Dr. Krebs submitted an able and interesting report on public schools, which was received with deep interest, and ordered to be published. Thus it will be seen that this Synod, occupying so important a position before the Church and the world, repudiates practically and entirely the whole Thornwell theory of the Church. And present indications lead us to believe that this will be the significance, in various ways, of almost all the Synods of our Church at their recent meetings. One of the most important subjects brought before the Synod was the matten of the Choctaw Mission, lately discontinued by the American Board. The Hon. Walter Lowrie, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board o Missions, declared that the present and prospective liablities of our own Board, rendered it impracticable to assume the responsibilities o this Mission, even if the brethren composing should wish to come under the care of our Board. At length, the Rev. Dr. Spring proposed the fol-

adopted : Resolved, That if the Executive Committee deem it expedient to take the mission to the

ability and position is employed in some con- | but a gradual, thorough change, manifesting itself in many ways—in the improvement of his home, his dress, but most of all in his attendance at the house of God. He always came clean and neat, was very attentive to the instructions from God's Word, and seemed willing to give up every thing that stood in the way of serving God. While living in his heathen state, he had two wives. But as soon as he became convinced that he ought not to live so, he gave up the one be had taken last. She afterwards was converted, and nuited with the church. Soon after, he and his wife cast in their lot with God's people. To the last, he was a serious, humble, consistent Christian. Just before he died, he said his only hope was in Jesus. His death was sudden and unex-peoted ; but he seemed ready. All looked upon bim as a good man, and felt that he was gone to be forever with the Lord. Many tears were shed at his grave.

The Temperance cause is still attended to, particularly at Tallahassee and Kowetah. We hope it will spread its blessed influence over the nds of the Presbytery, till all these tribes

become sober and godly. The Creek hymn book has been revised and en-larged, and is now in press. The translation of the Scriptures is still in progress, and we hope the time will soon come. when all of God's Word will be given to this people.

JOHN LILLEY, R. M. LOUGHBIDGE, Committee. W. S. ROBERTSON.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate

Interesting Exercises.

During the sittings of the Presbytery of the Creek Nation, at the Seminole Mission. on the 6th of September, two young Creek Indians were set apart to the work of the ministry, both of whom were former pupils of the Presbyterian schools, and for several years acted as interpreters in preaching. Mr. David Winslett was ordained as an Evangelist, and Mr. Joseph Perryman was licensed to preach the Gospel.

Mr. Winslett was licensed about two years ago, by the Presbytery, to preach the Gospel. Proving himself worthy of the sacred office, Presbytery determined to set him spart to the full work of the ministry. Accordingly the 6th inst. was fixed upon as the time for

Rev. R M Loughridge preached the ser-mon, from Jeremiah vi: 16-" Ask for the old paths, where is the good way; and walk Rev. I. R. Ramsay presided, propounded the constitutional questions and offered the ordaining prayer, during "the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery." And Rev. John Lilley gave the charge to the newly ordained minister.

Immediately after the ordination of Mr. Winslett, Presbytery proceeded to the licensure of Mr. Perryman, he having taken all the preparatory steps in the study of Theology, Church History, &c , required by Presbytery. The Moderator propounded the constitutional questions, and in the name of the Presbytery gave the candidate his charge and license to preach the Gospel. Both of these young men are of spright talents, pretty good education, and bid fair

o do much good among their people. R. M. LOUGHRIDGE, Stated Clerk. Tallahassee Mission, Creek Nation, September 28th, 1859.

For the Presbyterian Banner, and Advocate Letters

F THE REV. JOHN SMITH, A PRESBYTE. lowing resolution, which was unanimons BIAN MINISTER, TO HIS BROTHER, THE BEV. PETER SMITH, A METHODIST PREACHER. DEAR BROTHER :- The delineation of sharacter in the Bible, like every thing else found there, is perfect. Only men of genius, or inspired men, could have drawn those master-pieces. All antiquity had but tion of the Synod was quite different from that one Homer, and modern Christendom has not furnished three writers able to sketch this point it may be proper to brate that it has such life-like characters as we have in the Scriptures. Memoirs by the dozen are annually thrown before the public, but which of them delineste with perfect truth and impartiality, real men and real women? Look at "Sprague's Annals of the American Pulpit," a work of merit, the labor of more than one cultivated mind, the labor of years. Compare now with these the biographical sketches of the Bible. Here the subjects did not sit for their likeness, prim, and stiff, and starched, combed and dressed up for the occasion; they were taken just as they appeared in every day life. The deformities as well as the excellences, what was good and what was bad, the striking faults and the striking virtues, are all before us. We blush to hear Abraham tell a lie; we are shocked to see Noah drunk; we stand confounded at the flagrant adultery of David ; Peter's fall, and the cowardice of James and John. take us by surprise; and we wonder at Paul and Barnabas' getting into a quarrel. Unlike modern character mongers, the Bible presents us with one, and but one perfect portrait, and that portrait is perfect only, because the Great Original was absolutely perfect. Equally clear and correct is, the picture of human nature in general. The outlines Rev. ALEXANDER SWANEY was installed are bold and distinct, the touches remarkably simple and striking, representing the thing itself to the life. The whole is of a dark and gloomy aspect. Men do not love God. They refuse to put their trust in him. There is no desire to please that glorious Being. His favor has no attractions : his wrath inspires no dread. Rebellion is the rule; obedience the exception, and the exception has its root always in grace. Native born, obedient and loving children, there are none. All are children of disobedience by habit; by the force of example, and by what is more powerful than habit or example, by nature. In search of happiness, the bowels of the earth are torn open, the depths of the ocean are sounded, and the blue vault of the sky is pierced, but happiness is no where to be found. The whole universe, in all its lengths and breadths, in all its heights and depths, is not of dimensions vast enough to fill the fatal void effected by the agency of sin. The Arminian theory makes God the author of all this evil. This is indeed a grave charge, and one that ought not to be lightly made ; but it is a charge not difficult to prove. Pelagianism and Naturalism, whose God is not our holy Lord God, reject the doctrine of original sin with contempt and, as a matter of course, the arguments by which it is established. You receive the dostrine, and impugn the Divine justice. Arminians hold in the fullest sense the depravity of human nature, and then with strange inconsistency, contend that men are, not to blame for their depravity. But surely somebody must be to blame. There is guilt some where. Totally depraved, yet without guilt ! A race of totally depraved innocent creapreach the Gospel, and still another who has tures I This sounds somewhat odd been preaching two years as a licensed preacher, Listen to what the Bey Dr Poeta Listen to what the Rev. Dr. Poster has to say on this point. He is contending that of the church where he was once a pupil in the every human being is entitled to a share of school. A day school is doing well here, taught grace, and takes the sinner's part in the following style : The Kowetah church now numbers thirty-nine "Let it not be said he (the sinner,) brought this disability on himself. If this were so, it would relieve the case. But here, as well as some of the missionaries who this is not the fact. This disability came labored for them, have ceased from their labors, with him into the world; it was communicated as a part of his existence ; . it was his very and essential nature. And now, was he to blame for an existence and nature which were forced upon him-which never

practical importance. Judge Galrecessity of hiring themselves to make their braith, of Erie, Pa., has recently decided living. The position in question .is one of the following points :

1st. Pewholders in a church are liable, under the established general rules and regulations of the association, for increased pro rata assessments laid by the Trustees of the Association, on the value of the pews, to raise the necessary means of defraying the proper and current expenses of the as sociation, notwithstanding in the deeds originally given to the pewholders for their pews, a specified lower rate per cent. was reserved

2d. The Trustees of a religious association may adopt by laws or resolutions to equalize the amount necessary for its support, and assess the proportionable amount on each pewholder, though there is no provision in the Constitution, or Articles of Association, authorizing them so to do.

3d. Property in a pew is a mere easement, being confined to the right to sit therein during public worship.

Rev. Dr. Edgar.

This good brother has been busy, for some days, instructing and delighting our people and churches. He is a gentleman of full medium size, and something over sixty years | shall take the family to church on the Lord's of age; strong, energetic, voice powerful, day? Must he be punished for this? If and a good deal Irish; has much action it shall be part of a man's bargain, in while speaking; and, when on the stand, hiring, that he shall continue to plow, or has much the appearance of a pretty rough Irishman. The attractions of his oratory will punish him for the deed; but are, good sense, clearness, vivacity, earnest- | if he shall bargain to feed his employer's ness. A man must be very defective in intellect who can sit within the sound of his

voice, and not be attracted. Last week he addressed the Synods of Wheeling, Ohio, and Pittsburgh. On Sabbath he preached in the churches of Drs. Douglas, Rodgers, and Swift. On Monday he addressed the Theological students, and Sabbath, work for hire, but are not fined for on Tuesday evening he spoke for near two their Sunday labor. It is not, then, the hours, in City Hall, on Ireland as it was fact that a man is hired, which constitutes and is.

Our citizens, well as they may have known fine. The law takes not cognizance of this Ireland, by residence, by reading, or by feature of the transaction. The deed itmingling with her sons, will know her much | self must be unlawful to bring it under the better still, by hearing Dr. Edgar. We wish the Doctor all success in his mission.

Be Cautious in Repeating Anecdotes. The Independent was induced to publish an anecdote to the effect, that at the General Assembly at Indianapolis, the Moderator was detailed to preach, on Sabbath, to

a colored congregation, and was refused the can tell. pulpit, because he was the holder of a slave. We think that the good sense of our In publishing a correction of the mis state. worthy chief magistrate will perceive that ment, which we could do from our own he has no right to inquire beyond the overt knowledge, we gave an anecdote of a simiact. If the act is lawful, he will not seek to lar character, which, till this hour we had know whether the actor did it from the love supposed was a veritable fact. It was, that of it, or from conscience, or for a compenthe Moderator of the Assembly, at the sation. And going to church is lawful.

meeting in Lexington, had attended at a We before admitted, and lamented too, church of the colored people with the in- that some men sin greatly, even in going to tention of preaching, but that his services meeting. Those who thereby keep their were declined, because the pastor in charge employees from worship, commit a great had appointed for that day, a particular wrong. To keep a man engaged all mornsubject, on which he himself wished to in- ing with the horses, and then make him sit | choice was unanimous, and an acceptance struct his congregation. The Presbyterian | in the carriage on the street during worship, Magazine, for October, of which the Mod- is an outrage. The Church member erator of the Lexington Assembly is the who may be guilty of this, should be discieditor, informs its readers that this, like the plined. The preacher's voice should be loud Indianapolis statement, was all a mistake. | against it. The employer who does so He was most courteously received, and should be marked, and should be visited preached his sermon. with the indignant frown of all Christians:

This double admonition may make editors and if there is any law which can reach with a striking and appropriate sermon from Even our little children are pressed on to The Fire Department, at the late triennial Condoubly cautious about giving either oredit him, let it be enforced. Such, however, Luke xii: 50, "I have a baptism to be the scene, in all their guileless gayety, to vention, numbered one hundred and twenty combecome immortal, glorified bodies or currency to anecdotes wherein colored | was not the conduct of Mr. Logan and Oak Ridge church, Seminole Nation, has fifty- at any period he consented to, and which disarm our opposition, and disguise to us the panies, and six thousand men. Mayor Tieman baptized with; and how am I straitened ations and Moderators of General Judge Lowrie. Their drivers had perfect till it be accomplished !" The preacher the dance, to sweeten and beautify that Apevil. But I submit if this last shift to cover made a speech, in seven members. Six united with the onurch this year. Two of the members died. One was a young woman, one of the first pupils of the school. She made considerable progress in study, soon learned much of the English language, and was used by her friends as an interpreter. She united in marriage with a young man a member Assemblies are made to figure conspicuously. liberty to worship with them, if they chose. this department, back to the days of the Knickconsidered his subject under three divisions : ple of Sodom, which while "fair to the Ours we had from gentlemen seemingly the Mr. Logan, as we understand, has conerbockers. 1. What this baptism was. 2. Why he seeming," is ashes and bitterness to the most trust-worthy, on the very day succeed. | cluded to carry up the case of his driver to was straitened until it was accomplished. ore-I submit, if this plea in defence of The American Institute is known throughout the ing the one on which the event should have the courts. We are glad of it. We want country, principally on account of its fine exhibiunited in marriage with a young man, a member not. If he believes that men are guilty for the dance be not a confession of weakness. 8. The liberty afterwards enjoyed, united in marriage with a young man, a member of the church, and helped him much in learning to read in the Creek language. We hoped that she would be long spared to her friends, her husband, and the Church; but the Lord has seen fit to take her from us in early life. Our loss is belief. If he believes that men are not guilty for being depraved and corrupt, own belief. If he believes that men are not guilty for being depraved and corrupt, tions and annual fairs. But it has in it an element occurred. But now the Independent and a legal decision. If the Mayor is sustained, is it not too much like pleading the act for The Rev. James M. Platt, pastor of the minors and infants, to shift real responsibilfor practical and permanent good, in the shape of a ourselves having been deceived by what the our people must build churches nearer home. library of no less than ten thousand volumes, for First Presbyterian church of Zanesville, ity for a wrong or doubtful action? "It is Magazine calls "two black crows," we ad- The expense to even a very few families, of | was elected Moderator ; and the Rev. Wm. wrong to dance," say we ; and you say, the use of its members, and practical men of all vise our contemporaries to regard such purchasing horses and carriages, and of E. Hunt, pastor of the Presbyterian church "Ah I these are only children." Yes, they callings in life. things with great circumspection, lest possi. keeping up the establishments, with the in Coshocton, and Rev. R. C. Galbraith; they know not the vanity of the world. everything in their power to retain the youth of her gain. She loved to sing God's praises on he makes God the author of sin. her gain. She joyen to sing trou's praises on earth; now she can unite with the redeemed in glory, in singing the wonders of redeeming low. The other was an old man, whose heart the Lord stirred up to attend to the salvation of his . bly there may come a third and lead some driver's charges added, would build a neat pastor of the church at Lancaster, Ohio, Bat you do and we'do blame that parental their Church, and also to increase its memberchurch, and comfortably sustain a pastor. were elected Clerks. blindness, fondness, or vanity, which will in- ship. For this purpose, every new convert of soul. His reformation was no hurried matter, wretched trash printed at your Book Concern?

confidence of the churches; and to this end ease, and respectability. Must it be declared it asks that much work shall be well done. unlawful, and so be abolished, and the poor without a needless consumption of sacred thus deprived of its benefit? For it is a funds. Its ministers and elders teach the fact that in Christian families, oft times, the people that giving to the Lord, through this carriage and driver would not be kept, only Board, is a duty, the exercise of a grace, for the purpose of taking the family to an act of worship. They urge even the church.

poorest and the youngest to give ; and when If a man may not employ another to drive they have induced, under this view of duty, his family to church, may he do the deed grace, and worship, their widows and their himself? Surely he may not do that which laboring poor, to cast their dimes into the he may not employ another to do. Must, Lord's treasury, they cannot bear to have then, the whole community be deprived of nore than twenty thousand of these offertheir means of conveyance, and be obliged ings expended in the sustentation of a useto either walk to church or stay at home? ess office. They ask that the Board shall And how is even walking to be protected be restored to the confidence of the churches. long? Is it not a secular employment-a by such an arrangement as shall combine thing which one does every day in the efficiency with economy. week? Is it not servile labor, in one sense? On the subject of Sabbath Observance, Or is the legal point this, that he who matter, just now, of peculiar interest, the

drives to other places on week days, Synod's action will be issued, not only in may not drive to church on the Sabbath. the Minutes, but also in a small pamphlet. Or is it this, that in the laborer's Persons who would have copies may obtain contract for service and wages, it is understood that, as a part of his duty, he

at our office. Price \$1:00 per hundredfifty copies, postage paid, for \$1 00, or ten popies, postage paid, for twenty-five cents. This Synod met in Steubenville, Ohio, on dig, or build, on the Sabbath, the law Tuesday, the 18th inst. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. D. R. Campbell of Wintersville, and evinced talent, judicious cattle on the Sabbath, the same as on ly called into requisition. A minister should the week-day, the law will not touch always throw his whole soul into his dis. him. Why this difference? He is, in course, when he speaks for God; and when each case, receiving his regular monthly he may anticipate such an audience as the hire, but in the latter, he is not transgressmeeting of a Synod affords, he may well ing the law. The hired sexton, and hired consecrate much energy to the preparation. ferryman, and hired cook, work, on the So did the preacher on this occasion, and with great success. The attendance of members was very large, and the whole transactions were harthe offence. This plea will not justify the monious. Devotional exercises formed a leading feature in the assemblings of the

law's condomnatory sentence.

The Mayor was hence wrong-decidedly wrong-in inflicting the fines. He has commenced an operation which, if sustained, would clothe the magistrate with inquisitorial powers. And whither would it lead ? It commences an anti-church inquisition ; and to what extent it might progress, none

what an address ought to be from such a man and in such a presence. The affairs of Washington College re-

ceived due attention. The collection of the endowment fund, both as to the interest and the principal, unhappily languishes. In other aspects, the College flourishes. Rev. the friends of genial, cheerful, pure pleas. James Black, of Connellsville, Pa., was elected to the Chair of Languages, made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Wines. The choice is most judicions. Mr. Black is yet a young man, and is possessed of scholarship and an aptitude to teach. The is anticipated.

The details of business will likely be furnished to us for publication. The Synod adjourned on Friday morning. THE SYNOD OF OHIO.

yet within their hearts. This body met in Mansfield, Ohio, on the evening of the 20th inst., and was opened

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*THE ANGIENT CHURCH ; its History, Doctrine, Worship, and Constitution, traced for the first three hundred years. By *Rev. W. D. Killen, D. D.*, Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Pastoral \$2,000, and is ready to pay down \$10,000, to assist in building a house of worship. Dr Backus, of Schenectady, suggested that the them at the Presbyterian Book Rooms, or at our office. Price \$1.00 per hundred— Theology to the General Assembly of the Presby-terian Church in Ireland. Pp. 656. New York : Charles Scrübner. Pittsburgh : John S. Davison. church should assume the responsibility for \$20,-000, and that forty men could be found, of whom he would be one, willing to contribute \$1,000

Christian Amusements.

be secured for building a church edifice worthy We commend to the attention of our of the Presbyterian Church in the metropolis of readers, the following extracts from a late New England. At length, the congregation was sermon by Dr. Heacock, of Buffalo, without recommended to mature its plans, and to report regard to connexion. Let Christian par- at some future day, how much money would be ents ponder carefully the views with respect | needed. The meetings of the Synod were attend. to dancing, presented toward the close. ed by many persons with great interest ; and the Probably the late developments concerning Rev. Dr. Blagden, senior pastor of the old South church, and other Congregational ministers the moral atmosphere, breathed at "hops" welcomed the Synod with great cordiality. and "balls," in high places, may lead some of the apologists for this so called amuse Business of all kinds, though the great sales ment, to reconsider their former conclusions: are over, is still quite active.

Is it quite fair to represent the Church as acting on this subject of amusements. toward her children, the part of a morose o give good securities, find not the least difficulty and sour stepmother? The Church is not in obtaining loans. omniscient; and she may have in other The daily Flour and Grain Receipts are quite days erred in this matter, for she was not large, and, as a necessary consequence, there infallible. Yet, notwithstanding her errors, no upward tendency in the prices. she has shed the kindliest light that has

peculiar interest was given by the arrival of ever been shed on the social life of the The Stock Market is firmer than some time Dr. Elliott, of the Western Theological world, and there never will come a time ago. Owing to the Large Importations, a heavy Seminary, and Dr. Edgar, of the Irish Mis. when she can go so far as to set aside all amount of goods; are left over ... This has led self-denial. In the cultivation of her carmany of the jubbing houses to dispatch agents, nest religious life, she may at times have with samples of their goods, to almost all the gone too far. But the Church no more cities and large towns in the country, for the denies the social life to her children bepurpose of effecting additional sales. In this On the forenoon of Thursday, he made a cause she forbids its excesses, than she does way, no doubt inland purchasers will be able to long, and quite interesting address. It was a business life. And if she prohibits one buy many articles during the Winter at their own form of amusement, is the weak, querulous doors, on much more favorable terms than they cry to be raised-the Chutch is unfriendly could have done, some weeks ago, in New York to a cheerful social lite ? Look at facts. itself. These agents take their samples to the Does the Church hold this frigid attitude cities and towns, and then order from the estab toward her children, barren of all kindlilishments with which they are connected, such ness, and only prolific of prohibitions? Is this the reputation of the Protestant Clergy? | goods as they may have sold. A considerable trade is carried on in this way every season, but No intelligent student of their lives will it is probable that an unusual amount will be say it. They are genial, cheerful men; and done during the coming Winter.

ures, joys, and amusements? Go. ask the children of her Sabbath Schools; led out good sized street, right through the guarter now each Summer to their glad festivals in the known as the Five Points, that will do much to woods, and the recurring annual festivals of rid that place of many of the wretched creatures the Winter. The whole spirit of this Minthat have so long occupied it. The principal istry betrays the wish to impart pleasure, cause of delay arises from the difficulty found in joy, amusement; only pure and simple ones. the way of the assessment of damages to certain Whence too, came that finest and noblest of properties. But the enterprise has been underall the annual domestic festivals, consecrated taken, and before any great length of time has to home joys and pleasures, Thanksgiving ? elapsed it will be consummated It was the birth of the old Puritan Piety. We can forgive them much of their rigidity, since this indicated that the unsealed spring of human joys was bubbling and purling

THE INNOCENTS

Thootaw Indiana noder the care of th Synod of New York pledges itself to use its pest efforts to increase its contributions to the Board as much as may be necessary to meet the responsibility.

From this, those of our readers who are also readers of the Presbyterian, will see that the acreported in the Presbyterian of last week. At been suggested that probably the best thing that could be done for this mission, would be for its special friends among Congregationalists, New School Presbyterians, and others who have always contributed liberally toward it, to continue their benefactions, at least for the present. In this way, the wants of the missions would be supplied, no additional burden would be laid on any Missionary Society, and the benevolence of former patrons could be continued. This idea is certainly worthy of consideration. Philadelphia.

It has been ascertained that the Present Population of the consolidated city of Philadelphia is about six hundred and eighty thousand inhabitants: This includes what was formerly the city and county of Philadelphia.

Ecclesiastical.

Rev. W. H. VAN DOREN has declined the call to the church at College Hill, Ohio. each toward this work; thus \$60 000 would

Rev. A. B. GILLELAND having removed from Venice to Millville, Butler County, Ohio, correspondents are requested to address him at the latter place, instead of Ross Post Office, as heretofore.

pastor of the congregation of New Hagerstown, by a Committee of the Presbytery of Steubenville, on the 3d inst. Rev. A. L. KNOX, of the Muskingum Annual Conference, was received by the Presbytery of St. Clairsville, at its late meeting.

Mr. SAMUEL RAMSEY was licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of St. The Money Market is easy, so that parties able Clairsville, at its late meeting.

> For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocat Narrative of the State of Religion in the

Bounds of Creek Presbytery. This Presbytery includes the Creek, Seminole and Cherokee Nations. In the Cherokee Nation we have but one minister, and no churches as yet, the ground being occupied by sister denomination In the Creek Nation there are two churches or ganised, and four other places of preaching. In some other parts of the country, God's Word in occasionally proclaimed to the people.

At Tallahassee Mission, preaching has been conducted regularly during the year. The church now numbers forty-seven members. This year five were added to the church-four by certificate and one by profession of her faith. Here, also is a Manual Labor School, of eighty pupils, (of both sexes,) which is doing a great and good work for the Creeks, in imparting knowledge to their sons and daughters, and training them for fature usefulness. At Kowetah, preaching is also regularly held.

This is the oldest mission station in the nation The missionary has labored here, many years, and much good has been effected. A boarding school was kept up here many years, and Goo has blessed the labor of his servants in this de-An Act has been passed for the opening of a partment. Six who were once pupils in this school have gone to different parts of the Nation to teach school under the patronage of Govern ment; another has just now been licensed to is now an ordained minister of the Gospel, and is appointed by this Presbytery, to take charge by one of the old pupils.

members. Two Indian men united with this during the past year, on profession of their faith The whole Number of Emigrants that have ar Some that have been gathered from the heathen rived at this port during the nine months of the present year, is sixty two thousand five hundred and gone, we believe, to their reward in heaven. Their bodies sleep in Jesus, near the Mission, and twenty ; a large falling off from some former waiting the resurrection morn, when the trump of God shall call the dead to life, and then they will