### PITTSBURGH. SATURDAY. APRIL 28. 1860

General Assembly of the Presbytorian Church The General Assembly of the Presbyterian

Church in the United States of America Wil hold its next meeting in the First Presbyterian church, Rochester, New York, at eleven o'clock A. M., on Thursday, the 17th of May, and will be opened with a sermon by the Rev. WILLIAM L. BRECKINGIDGE, D.D., Moderator of the las Assembly.

The Committee of Commissions will meet in the Lecture-Room of the church on the Wednes day evening preceding, at eight o'clock, to receive Commissions, and on Thursday morning the day of the meeting, at nine o'clock, for the

JOHN LEYBURN, Stated Clerk.

ALEXANDER T. MOGIEL. Permanent Clerk. P. S .- Stated Clerks of Presbyteries are re spectfully requested to make out their lists of persons entitled to the Minutes on a separate sheet, and to send that, together with moneys for the Minutes, to G. H. VAN GELDER, Esq., TREASURER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 820 WABNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

The Committee of Arrangements request Commissioners and others, who expect to attend the meeting of the General Assembly, which convenes in the CITY OF ROCHESTER, MAY 17TH. next, to forward their names and Post Office addresses to SETH H. TERRY, ROCHESTER, N. Y., as soon as may be.

Places will be assigned to all such before their leaving home.

Those who do not send their names in season will be provided with places on their arrival, on application at the Rooms of the Committee, at the First Presbyterian church. Due notice will be given of any arrangements

made with Railroad Companies, for a reduction of fare. Dated, Rochester, April 5th, 1860.

SAMUBL MILLER, LEVI A. WARD, FREEMAN CLARKE, SELAH MATTHEWS, SETH H. TERRY,
Sub-Committee of Arrangements

Rev. James Rodgers, D. D .- This beloved brother, of the United Presbyterian Church, has been released by his Presbytery, on account of continued ill-health, from his pastoral charge in Allegheny City.

Another Venerable Minister Dead .- The Rev. E. F. COOLEY, D.D., one of the oldest ministers of our Church, died suddenly on last Monday, at his residence near Trenton, N. J.

Church Commentary. - By special request, we give to our readers the action of the Tombeckbee Presbytery, on the Commentary question. Our own views we presented when the question was fresh. We expressed our opinion decidedly against the General Assembly making any such at- we regard it as no way at all a duty to antempt, and gave our reasons. These we still believe to be valid

### THE EDUCATOR.

The number for April completes the first volume of this educational monthly. The editor, Rev. SAMUEL FINDLEY, has performed his part well, and the publishers are entitled to much credit for the taste and spirit they have displayed.

The May number will be the beginning of a new volume, which the editor assures us will be a great improvement on the previous one. Terms. \$1.00 per year.

## PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF

The report of this meritorious institution for 1859, is before us. It is replete with interesting facts concerning its objects and the modes of its management. The whole number of pupils during the year has been two hundred and one; of these, one hundred and fifty-six have been supported in whole or in part by the State of Pennsylvania; twenty by Maryland; eight by New Jersey; four by Delaware; and thirteen by their friends, or the Institution. Of those supported by the State of Pennsylvania thirteen are from Allegheny County. The specimens of composition by the mutes, given in the report, are quite creditable.

# CHANGE IN THE MANNER OF DIRECTING

Congress having amended the Post Office laws, so as to allow publishers to put on each paper the date to which the subscription is paid, we have concluded to adopt the plan. We commenced, last week, with a part of our issue, and hope to progress till every paper shall bear, weekly, together with the subscriber's name, the date to which he has paid. This plan has advantages. It is a re-

ceipt weekly sent, saves expense, and keeps subscribers always informed of the time when they should renew their subscription and prevent the stopping of their paper. N. B. In some cases the indication of payment is given when we have not actually received the money—it is, when a friend has raised a club and sent on the names, making himself responsible to us. We cheerfully give a short credit thus, though we still hope for great promptness.

# OPRESBÝTERY OF ALLEGHENY CITY.

This body met at Beaver, on Tuesday of last week. In addition to the usual routine business, the services in connexion with the ordination of Mr. WM. E. McLAREN. as a missionary to New Grenada, were of unusual interest. The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. SWIFT, under whose ministry Mr. McLanen had been brought into the Church. The charge to the missionary was given by his father, the Rev. J. F. McLaren, D. D. These exercises were very solemn and very touching; the people present were greatly interested; from them, many prayers will go up for the safety and success of our young brother in the arduous work to which he has devoted himself.

On the following day the Presbytery came up to Manchester and ordained Mr. the Germans. The sermon was preached by the Rev. WM. Annan, and the charge was given by the Rev. Dr. PLUMER. During these sessions, several young men were are not in possession of their names when writing this, we must refer our readers to the abstract furnished by the Stated Clerk. The Rev. JAMES ALLISON, and Mr. ROB-ERT DAVIS, were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly, and the Rev. HEN-RY R. WILSON, D.D., and Mr. J. C. LEW. rant. To have responded to these desires, \*Have we not nearer one hundred and sixty. alternates.

#### BOARD OF PUBLICATION DR. EDWARDS [ But, under a pretence to respond, the chief SECRETARY SCHENCK.

The N. C. Presbyterian, of April 14th, matters of inquiry, as silent as the tomb. published two weeks ago.

Secretary SCHENCK seems, with others, efit. In the Board of Publication, it has produced improvements in our Church Mu- Dr. EDWARDS' present letter: sic, our Hymn Book, our Confession, our S. S. Visitor, &c. And it, or something Record, this emphatic declaration, "The Board and its officers now address themselves to the work of the year before them, greater progress and usefulness." In our Domestic Board it has changed a Secretary who, by the Board's showing, did not work a third of his time, into a now reputedly diligent laborer, and has added, the last year, some ten or twenty per cent. to the Board's income, and to its working force in the mission field. Truly Zion's friends, and all the real friends of our "benevolent enterprises," are encouraged to point out abuses and to call for reforms, even though, there-

#### troversy." The Secretary says further:

by, they subject themselves to some "con-

"I beg to assure you, Messrs. Editors, that no officer or friend of the Board. wishes to repress inquiry or to shun investigation into its affairs. Far from it. Nothing affords them greater pleasure than to use every proper opportunity, in every proper way, to explain and vindicate the plans and efforts of this important Board." Oh, that this were so! really so! Controversy would then, on this subject, soon terminate. There might be inquiry, investigation, and perhaps discussion, but no controversy. But hear. The Secretary

"Nevertheless the officers and friends of the Board do not believe it either a duty or advantageous to attempt an answer to everything which may be stated in every cent. religious journal, however sure they may be that the statements are unfounded. \* But especially do eight per cent. swer the calls for information of those the sales of the Methodist Book, Concern, ham we know to have that i

already.' Ah! Here it is. The "proper opportunity" is not when inquiries come through a "religious journal;" and the "proper way" is not in the columns of a Church Would the people then hear? And there it in no way at all a duty to answer the calls for information of those whom we the last Annual Report. This sounds strangely. May not one ask for the sake of confirmation; and especially number for five years before the last was ask for the benefit of the great body of Church members, who like to derive knowledge, when it is practicable, from the foun-Church condescend so far as to gratify their

employers in this!?

Dr. EDWARDS, is as follows: confirmed on the spot by the Rev. Dr. that the Secretary held up this balancesheet (not 'the little abstract of the cash

"Now, Messrs. Editors, when I know that those 'respectful calls for information'. to which you allude, have in nearly every case, come from persons who already had the very information they professed to seek, I think it quite unnecessary to repeat to and a still greater variety of queries. They were answered—every one—so as to satisfy that body and lead it by a unanimous vote to a declaration that the Board of Publication is a valuable arm of the Church, and has proved itself to be an efthe Assembly satisfied, so also was the monthly issue of more than five hundred satisfied, it appears that your correspondent The Botschaffer, 27,000
The Child's Paper, 300,000

#### was not satisfied. A man convinced against his will

His articles, written at sundry times since the last Assembly met, present not one new allegation. This has been the ground of my silence. I have read nothing that had not in the most public manner possible al- and fanatical—which already, by the close ready received an answer."

Did not the Secretary know that Dr. EDWARDS, and the public also, had all this each—and the mechanical department of Synodical bodies, on the other. information "already?" Then, on the principle he had just stated, why repeat it. Surely the reader of Dr. EDWARDS' arti-LAUNITZ as an Evangelist, to labor among did not inquire into the existence of a mortifying to see our inefficiency continue Chairman of a Committee on the subject, hence he is not answered by the reply that to put forth its energy? From our knowlthere is such a paper, and that it was held edge of business, and of the Board's affairs, licensed to preach the Gospel; but as we and had been in the hands of a Committee. fidently, that it does not do one-half the All this was "already known " What he amount for the spread of religious knowldesired was, the contents of a real Bal- edge, which it might do and should do. ance sheet the Board's capital, its real We speak not to injure its credit. This estate, materials, stock on hand, debts, would be suicidal. We but adopt the only credits, &c., &c. Of all this he was igno means known to us, which are likely to rant: Of all this the Church is still igno- awake it to efficiency.

officer of the Board, is, on these essential

on the Board of Publication-ITS EFFI- answer, and then evade the point? How held in the First Presbyterian church, CIENCY-and one from Dr. Schenck, in could the Secretary say, "I have read no- Pittsburgh. This was the thirty-third response to that of Dr. EDWARDS which we thing that had not in the most public manner graduating class in this Institution. The possible, already received and answered?" Dr. EDWARDS is still really unanswered as to deplore "the existence of so much con- to the information he desired. Many quetroversy about each and all the benevolent ries of ours, and of our correspondents, are the following gentlemen delivered oraenterprises of the day." We join in de-still unanswered. To these there has not tions: WILLIAM T. BEATTY, Pantheism; ploring the "existence" of the controver- been an attempt at even an evasive answer. sy, and especially do we regret its necessity. With these facts staring us in the face, But so it is. Public servants must be what must we think of the assertion: "I often called to account, and if there is an have read nothing that had not in the most unfaithful one, then comes the "controver- public manner possible, already received an sy." A free people will be guardful of answer?" May we, in charity, think that their rights, and they will not permit a the Secretary had but glanced at, not read, threatened conflict to impose upon them Dr EDWARDS' letters, and had not at all eternal silence. Agitation, though it be seen the interrogatories which have appearpainful, is often an essential means of ben- ed repeatedly in our columns? We will now give the main portions of

"Nor is it a question whether the Board else, has brought forth, in the H. and F. it might have done has it met our fair expectations—has it fully and properly employed its facilities? This is a matter of legitimate inquiry to every member, and lover of our Church. And yet for the want with the strong desire and determination, of such fullness of report as I have already by God's help, to make it a year of still indicated, it is a matter of difficulty. We do not know what facilities the Board has had at command. Is its financial basis the original, \$50,000, with which it was endowed in 1839, or is it the quarter million, which, as stated in my last, is now said to be its capital?

"In default of this information, import ant as it is, we are still not without means of making some comparisons which are pertinent and instructive. The reported sales of the Board of Publication during the year 1858-'9, amounted to \$69,087.24. The average amount for the five years preceding was \$72,542.06. Here then is a decrease of more than five per cent."

"Now let us look at the Reports of other Boards whose operations are somewhat similar to those of the Board of Publication. and which are consequently as liable to be affected by the hard times. "1. The Presbyterian Publication Com-

mittee-of the New School branch of the

Church. Sales upwards of one hundred per cent. advance. "2. American Baptist Publication So ciety. Sales for 1859, \$32,535.66 showing an increase above 1858, of twenty-four per cent. and above their average sales for seven years past of more than eight per

"3. Lutheran Board of Publication new institution—sales more than one hundred per cent, above those of last year. "4. American Sunday School Union Sales for 1859 advanced twenty-five per "5. American Tract Society at New

York. Sales for 1859 advanced twenty-"6. A similar statement of advance in New York: was recently made in my hearing before the Philadelphia Conference,

"Let us now look at the Board's efficiency in the way of Colportage. Here it would seem we have all the data necessary paper! Why? Would this be too public? for an estimate. The Churches contributed for this work \$24,817. This is the largest is this important speciality: "We regard amount ever placed in the hands of the cent. advance on the three years preceding know to have that information already." The number of Colporteurs employed was one hundred and forty-three. The average

two hundred and ten-a decrease of thirty

but I have not the figures at hand."

semble i demonstrative de la companya della companya de la companya de la companya della company "In the Department of Production the tain heads? Cannot the employees of the figures are more encouraging, The number of new Books and Tracts issued is really an advance—not less than sixty per cent. on the average of five previous years Dr. Schenck's response to the article of being fifty-one Books and nineteen Tracts. May the shadow never be less "Your correspondent in the paper already So far so good. Yet I see that the Boston referred to, and whose article is chiefly oc- American Tract Society (a schism from cupied about the importance of a balance- the great Society of New York) in its first sheet from the Board, has entirely failed to | year of existence has seventy seven Books tell your readers that he made that same and forty-five Tracts. And Messrs. Shelstatement substantially to the last General don & Co., Publishers of New York, have Assembly. He has also failed to state that in less than a year issued one hundred it was there replied, first by a member of Sabbath School Books of seventy-two to Testament and all its blissful subjects for the Assembly and afterwards by the Secretary of the Board, that that balance-sheet let it not be said that the Board cannot was then in the house; that it had every compare with private establishments in the year been carried to the Assembly precise- way of publications. Why should they ly in accordance with a rule adopted by not-if only the managers of its trusts and the same Church Government and that body years before; that it had been give themselves to the work as individuals mode of worship, how could they exclude placed along with the Annual Report and do to their private enterprises? Is it was a supplied to the could be a s a variety of other documents in the hands romantic to hope that this may ever be the of the Committee of the Assembly on this case? Nor let it be repeated, as was Board for their examination, (a statement strongly urged on the floor of the last Assembly, that our Church cannot compete CHAPMAN, of North Carolina, Chairman of with voluntary, irresponsible institutions. the Committee.) He has also failed to state I subscribe to no such concession—specially when I find these very institutions borrow ing from us for their efficiency. Old Schoo account') in his hand when speaking, and talent and energy are employed in the high said it would be read instantly if the Assembly desired it, and that the reading was | Union, and the American Tract Society in at New York.

"And now a word about the Periodicals issued by the Board. These are two, the Home and Foreign Record and the Sabbath-School Visitor. Of the former there is a circulation of seventeen thousand six hundred and fifty copies while we have them the same story. Your correspondent, sixty thousand families\* in our church of March 31st brought forward in the last and of the latter a circulation of fifty-eight General Assembly a variety of statements thousand, while we have one hundred and six ty thousand children in our Sabbath-Schools The American Sunday-School Union publish three papers, the Times, Gazette, and Banner-of the first more than twenty thousand copies monthly; of the second more than forty thousand copies monthly ficient and honored instrumentality in the of the third more than one hundred and hands of God's servants.' Not only was twenty-five thousand copies weekly-a total Church at large, as I learn from numberless | and fifty thousand copies. The American letters from leading ministers and others in | Tract Society, New York, publish two paevery part of the land. But although the pers in English and one in German, viz.:

"And for myself I am bold to say, while all respects, that they deserve their preëm-Boston American Tract Society, provincial of its first year, has secured for its Tract Journal and its Child at Home, a circulation of more than one hundred thousand these papers is far superior to that of the

Record and the Visitor." It is mortifying to be compelled to make

would, have been to give "information." thousand families!—Ens.

CONCLUSION OF THE SEMINARY TERM. On Wednesday evening, of last week, the

concluding services of the Commencement contains another letter from Dr. EDWARDS, Why this concealment? Why pretend to at the Western Theological Seminary, were church was filled to the utmost limits. The exercises, were commenced by a prayer from Rev. Mr. Robinson, after which SILAS G. DUNLAP, Revivals; DANIEL W. FISHER. The Divine Human; SAMUEL J. NICCOLLS, The Atonement; Jos. WAUGH, A Tribute to William Tyndal. Dr. ELLI-OTT then presented diplomas to the graduates, and Prof. WILSON, in behalf of the Faculty, delivered an impressive address to the class. He closed by presenting each of them with a Bible. Mr. R. B. MOORE delivered the valedictory, and in behalf of the class responded in a feeling manner to Prof. W.'s address. WM! E. McLAREN had been designated by his brethren for this service. has done a good work; but has it done what but was prevented by temporary ill-health The exercises closed by the congregation singing: "Say, brothers, will you meet us?"

### The following are the names of the gra-

duates: Andrew W. Boyd, Mechanicstown, O.; Wm. I Beatty, Kirksville, Mo.; David R. Colmery, Allegheny; Silas G. Dunlap, Apple Creek, O.; Richard J. Evans, Ebensburg, Pa.; Daniel W. Fishard J. Evans, Ebensburg, Pa.; Daniel W. Fisher, Arch Spring, do.; James D., Fitzgerald, Chambersburg, do.; Charles, P. French, Lindley's Mills, do.; William Greenough, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Richard H. Jackson, Salem M. Roads, Pa.; Wm. F. Johnson, Richmond, O.; Robert P. Kennedy, Allegheny, Pa.; Samuel P. Kinkaid, Baldwin, do.: John Launitz, West Manchester, do.; win, do.: John Launitz, West Manchester, do.; Nosh A. M'Donald, Shade Gap, do.; Samuel G. McFarland, Cherry Valley, do.; Wm. E. McLaren, Allegheny, do.; Francis I. Moffatt, New Castle, do.; Wm. J. Moffatt, do.; Robert B. Moore, Pennsyille, do.; Wm. C. Neely, Sewickley, do.; Samuel J. Niccolls, Westmoretand County, do.; Samuel Ramsey, Hopedale, O.; Lawrence M. Stevens Menure do. Lohn P. Stockrence M. Stevens, Monroe, do.: John P. Stock ton, Cross Creek, Pa.; Edward P. Swift, Allegheny, do.; Joseph Waugh, Wellsburg, Va. -twen

The residue of the class, not having at tended the full three years' course, did not receive diplomas

These young brethren go forth on the most important mission. They are to be ambassadors for the Lord of all. The immortal state of thousands, yea, tens of thousands, is to be connected with their ministry. Every pious mind prays that they may have grace sufficient. The exercises of the evening were deep-

ly interesting. Three members of this class are to go under our Board of Foreign Missions, to Siam-Messrs, Daniel W. Fisher, N. A. McDonald, and Samuel G. McFar-LAND Besides these, Mr. W. F. Johnson, is to go to Northern India. He is a from this Seminary. One is appointed to South America, Mr. WM. E. McLAREN: one to the Kickapoo Indians, Mr. ROBERT J. BURTT; and one to Lake Superior, Mr. CHARLES P. FRENCH.

The second number of this journal is now before us, giving evidence of talent, zeal,

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Board for the purpose, and it is twenty per and enterprise. We trust that it is destined to a long and vigorous life, with great wisdom and much favor from on high. The contents are: I. Foreign Missions; II. Letters on Psalmody; III. The First Adam and the Second: IV. Verity of the Old Testament History; V. Secondary Use of the Ceremonial Law: VI. Systematic Beneficence; VII. Short Notices. The article on Psalmody is the conclu-

sion of a Review, by Rev. J. T. PRESSLY, D.D., of Mr. Annan's late work. It is characterized by the evasions and assumptions customary with our brethren when they treat of this subject. To adhere to a literal version of the Book of Psalms, adapted as they were to the Old Testament worship, and to exclude all other portions of God's Word to exclude even the songs of the New praise is essential to the distinctive existence of the denomination. Adopting, as they do, the same Confession with us, if it were not for their Psalmody. And yet they cannot obtain, for use in song, a literal version of the Psalms, nor find one precept in the whole Bible, binding the Church to the perpetual use of that one book, and of that alone, in the singing of praise. Mr. Annan's book must possess a great amount leither of truth or of speciousness. It gives our friends an immense trouble.

#### PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE—RECONSTRUC-TION OF BOARDS.

This Presbytery seems to have enjoyed their late meeting greatly; in a fraternal spirit, and in the transaction of important business. A writer in the Presbyterian. calls it a "model meeting." The dismissal of Rev. THOMAS E. PECK from his connexion with the Central church, that he might attend, upon his professional duties in the Union Theological Seminary, is to be regarded as the discharge of a duty. We are opposed to the dissolution of pastoral relations, except when there is a fully adequate cause; and we think that the causes alleged are, often, far from being ad-Assembly was satisfied, and the Church was The American Messenger, circulation ..... 196,000 equate. And we think, also, that Presbytery has the right to judge, and should judge, in every case; and that they should say it with regret, that these two sets of in some cases, interpose an authoritative periodicals are so much better than ours in veto! But the veto is an implied censure to justify which, there should be some very inent success. And there again is the important reason such a reason as w would not suppose to exist in connexion with a judicious, and well informed minister, on the one side, and the Board of Directors in a Theological Seminary, and two

This Presbytery disapprove of the pro posed re-construction of the Boards. This is the proposition of the Rev. B. M. SMITH. cle, must have perceived that the writer, these statements, but it would be still more D.D., of the last Assembly. Dr. SMITH is manuscript called a Balance sheet; and perpetually Cannot the Board be incited which is to meet next month. Our Boards we regard as excellent, and should be sorry to see any attempt at a radical change. in the Secretary's hand at the Assembly, and of its field, we hesitate not to say, con- Keep them alive, wide awake, and active; keep up the attention of the churches toward their working and a deep Christian interest in them, and their experience and occurring necessities will effect all good and wholesome modifications.

> The New S. S. Visitor is greatly praised by the Presbyterian of last week. A copy to us has not yet arrived.

As frequent inquiries have been made on this subject, we would state that according the college studies; besides, a large space has to the information we have been able to been given to the religious history of the institu- Rev. John M. Krebbs, D. D., Rev. Gardiner obtain, those who leave Pittsburgh at 1 tion, mostly prepared by Prof. Albert Hopkins. o'clock in the morning, will reach Rochesfor the same evening; and those who leave Pittsburgh at 1 o'clock and 45 minutes in the afternoon, can arrive at Rochester early Richards, and Nott, were instrumental in set- as to consolidate the existing Boards and the the next morning. Probably it would be ting into operation those agencies by which the best for those who may be able to attend American Church was awakened to the perform- of two—the Presbytery adopted the following: the devotional meetings contemplated previous to the meeting of the Assembly, to leave Pittsburgh at 1 o'clock and 45 minutes on Monday afternoon; or if they cannot leave on Monday, they can go at the same time on Tuesday.

#### CHURCHES OF BLUFFTON AND NEW-LAN-CASTER.

Where congregations enjoy the labors of devoted minister of Jesus Christ, for successive years, the attachment becomes very strong. That attachment gives facilities for still greater usefulness, and the field where it exists, should not be left by the spiritual husbandman, unless under some plain call from the Master. But there are of these comes, it is pleasing to find the people accord to their pastor honesty of esteem and confidence.

A case of this kind we note in the churches above named. Rev. WILLIAM M. DONALDSON had served them for eleven years, with great acceptance. Feeling it his duty then to ask the Presbytery of Ft. Wayne for a dissolution of the relation, the worth and high usefulness. This, it is true, is nothing singular. To love and be for the remarks we just made.

### REV. HENRY GRATTAN GUINNESS.

This well-known Evangelist is at present laboring in this city. He preached last Sabbath afternoon to the congregation of Dr. PLUMER, and in the evening in the First Presbyterian church, Rev. Mr. PAX-TON'S. Upon both occasions an immense the adjoining States. concourse of people were present, and hundreds left without being able to obtain admission. He is preaching every night during this week, in the First church, to very large audiences.

Mr. Guinness makes no pretensions t elegant oratory, or profound argumentation; his sole aim, as is plainly evident, is to preach the Gospel plainly, Scripturally, brother of one of the martyr missionaries and feelingly, that he may win souls to Christ. Transfer Leide he

### REVIVALS.

Millersburg, Rev. J. A. E. SIMPSON ""This church has enjoyed a precious visia series of meetings, and received a large week; and on Sabbath, April 1st, which sons, some of them young and some of them indeed. heads of families, sat down for the first

time around the table of their Lord." "A deep seriousness pervades the minds of many, and there has, perhaps, never been a time in Millersburg when persons of all classes have been as easily approached on the subject of religion. We would brary, collected with much care and at great exbe thankful and take courage.'

## EASTERN SUMMARY.

BOSTON AND NEW-ENGLAND The Expenditures of the New England me tropolis are not according to any parsimonious

The American Board of Foreign Missions is by no means in a prosperous condition with has been lately published, and, alas for the theo ing to its supporters and its very many well model philosopher could say most snappish, most wishers throughout the world. The debt is un provokingly sarcastic, and most uncivil things of removed and the contributions are falling off, those who surrounded him, and who sustained The Presbytery of Richland has dissolved The receipts for the first seven months only for the same period, last year. This leaves a Humboldt was a partaker of many of the infirmsum of no less than \$282,000 to be secured during the remaining five months. Cutting off the ed. the purifying influences of the Gospel, on hi Choctaw Missions has not benefited the Board, at | soul. least in a pecuniary point of view. Its officers

The Proper or Boston still retain the custom that has fallen into disuse in so many other of their ablest orators on the Fourth of July. The speaker before the city government on that

Everett. . no wholes is the among appropriate MESSES. GOULD & LINCOLN have in press Dictionary of Christian Churches and Sects work for reference.

The FRIENDS OF SCIENCE will be sorry to learn that Prof. Agassiz is suffering much from weakness of the eyes, which is a great hindrance to his scientific pursuits.

The Boston Post says that the CRANBERRY FEVER is raging with great violence at Cape Cod and vicinity. Nearly every piece of marsh, swamp, or upland that can be made available for the culture of this berry, has been secured by capitalists, that it may be devoted to this purpose: So great is the demand for the Cranberry, and so profitable has its cultivation been herotofore, in this region, that the excitement concerning it, promises to rival that of the Morus Multicaulis, of which most people remember mething, or that of the Carbon Oil, which prevails so generally just now in Venango County and the adjoining districts. By official statistics ducing a crop whose aggregate value was rethan \$45 per acre.

A HISTORY OF WILLIAMS COLLEGE is now in an interest in the great work of missions. It will consist of a large octave volume, of five use of the congregation of Revi Henry Ward hundred pages, with engravings. It will contain Beecher, is not advancing as rapidly as was exan introduction, by Gov. Washburn, a memoir of pected: an introduction, by too. Washington, Joseph The lowest bidders for the work are as lonows. the life of the Founder, prepared by Hon. Joseph Carpenters' work, G. Riker, \$44,650; masons' Carpenters' work, G. Riker, \$44,650; masons' work.

THE TIME OF GOING TO THE ASSEMBLY. the several Presidents, and the history of their S4,800: from work, Kent & Dougherty, \$2,270

As frequent inquiries have been made on buildings; libraries, apparatus, and progress in The religious history of this Institution has degree. It was here that Newell, Hall, Rice, ance of its duty to the heathen world. The history of such an Institution prepared by a competent hand, cannot fail to be a success.

soon publish a new work on the Law of Na-

The Providence Press contains the following notice of the venerable Holmes Greenwood, who lately died in that city, at the age of ninety-five, that will be perused with interest by readers familiar with the history of the Revolution.

"He was, says the Press, one of the last, if not the last survivor of those heroic men who endured the pestiferous woes of a confinement in the Jersey prison-ship. Mr. Greenwood, we be lieve, was a native of Seekonk, but most of his life was passed in this city. During the Revolutionary War, young Greenwood served on board a Rhode Island privateer, and was cabin-boy at a time when one of the richest prizes ever taken was captured, a prize so valuable that the share calls which must be heeded; and when one of the two cabin-boys amounted to \$1,000. On the next voyage he was captured himself, and conveyed to the Jersey prison-ship, in which floating pest-house he was confined four months, purpose, and assure him of their continued and finally escaped by answering to the name of a lad whose exchange was ordered after his emancipation had been decreed by a higher pow-

The last meeting of the METHODIST. CONFER-ENCE of Providence was remarkable for the presence of a very unusual number of old Methodists, both preachers and laymen. Rev. Mr. Snelling was there, who saw Washington and Hancock at their last meeting. He assisted in carrypeople remonstrated; but still, Presbytery ing the table to Boston Common and placing it | sion, the whole subject was referred to a Comhaving granted the pastor's request, the under the Old Elm, that the celebrated Jesse Lee people continue their testimony to his great might stand on it while preaching. Father Snel- Phillips, Dr. Hoge, Rev. Samuel Alexander, Mr. ling is the only survivor of the first Methodist Moses Allen and W. Staples, were appointed class formed in Boston. There, too, was the such Committee. venerable Rev. Daniel Webb, who, at the ripe loved, is the happy lot of many pastors and age of eighty-two, is still on the effective list. many people. But it serves as an occasion He is probably the oldest Methodist preacher still engaged in the regular duties of the effective ministry. And the laity were headed by William Pearce, of Bristol, who entertained Bishop Coke known as the State House, which contains the on his last visit to this country.

### NEW-YORK.

Business continues active, though the large sales to the distant South and the far West, have been mostly completed. A brisk trade is now in The Auction Sales are still immense, and in many instances the importers of fancy goods are

losing heavily. The IMPORTATIONS have fallen off while there considerable increase in the exports. Money is as plenty as ever, and can be had at rates unusually low.

BISHOP HUGHES is ever active and restless advancing the interests of the Papacy, and i just now greatly exercised about the straits to which poor Pius IX., is likely soon to be refaithful to their head, and prayers have been ofthority of the Pope. And the Limerick (Ireland) Chronicle gives information that a "Papal Brigade" is now organizing in New-York, to tation of the Spirit. Nearly two months case the emergency of his affairs in the Italian ago, the Methodist Episcopal church held a States should require their valorous presence protracted meeting, during the progress of The same paper also says that the "Tipperary which one hundred and twenty or thirty! Artillery," have been invited to cross the Atlantic

presented themselves as inquirers. At the and become American citizens, and join this force close of their meeting the Lutherans held of pious crusaders. This whole report sounds amazingly like a canard, but if such designs have ever entered the brains of any of the Pope's menced in our own beloved church, on devoted servants, their realization will do but little fied with the treatment received by their memo-Wednesday night, March 28th, and were toward settling the Italian difficulties. If the rial, at the late meeting of the Philadelphia continued through the remainder of the Pope is dependent for his crown upon the military prowess of the followers of Bishop Hughes, the was our communion Sabbath, fourteen per- poor old gentleman is in a deplorable condition

The HISTORICAL SOCIETY has at length secured Abbott's Museum of Egyptian Curiosities, so that all fears of its removal from this country may be laid aside. The same Society has in contemplation the purchase of an Egyptian Li- of by the Philadelphia Annual Conference, figured so conspicuously in the discussion of the subject of the unity of the human race, some

Our readers will remember the offence given in many places last Winter, to the religious sense of the public, by BAYARD TAYLOR, in his noted lecture on the great German Savant, Baron Hum scale. The entire outlay of the city for the boldt. Mr. Taylor spoke of him as so amiable, so present year, is estimated at \$3,034,080; while benevolent, so full of good will to men, and so relithe income from the water works markets. | gious by nature, that it was not necessary for him &c., is \$672,175, leaving \$2,361,905 to be raised to go to church, and attend upon the reading of the Bible, and other Christian duties, like other people. But the correspondence of this Nestor of Science respect to funds. Its condition is really alarmary of Mr. Taylor, it reveals the fact that his him. A perusal of this correspondence will satamount to \$153,952, which is \$10,000 less than isfy Mr. Taylor and all others, that after all ities of fallen man, and that like others, he need

The Subject or the "Enie Rule," that is, the and patrons will no doubt leave no proper means "Rule" proposed by the Eric Conference to be untried to make up all deficiencies, and to be presented at the General Conference of the Meable to present an encouraging report at the an- | thodist Episcopal Church, to meet at Buffalo next week, was discussed at great length at the late meetings of the New-York and New-York East Conferences, but in both instances failed of adopplaces, of having an elaborate speech from one tion. This "rule," if adopted, would exclude all slaveholders from connexion with that Church But from the action of the Conferences at their day, for this year, will be the Hon. Edward late meetings, it is evident that such a rule doe not meet with the approbation of any considerable portion of that den

An Errorr of a singular kind has been lately from the Earliest Ages of Christianity," by the made for the purpose of conciliating the favor o Rev. J. B. Marsden. The well-known ability of the Italians toward the Episcopal Church. A the author, and the high character of the pub pamphlet has lately been issued in this city in lishers, lead us to expect an exceedingly valuable. Italian, containing an address to the Italians on the true method of reforming the religious abuses of their native land—it being to make the people Episcopalians. A sermon by a Rev. Dr. Randall. of Boston, on the Episcopal Church, is added with remarks upon it by the author of the pamphlet, applying the principles of the sermon to

the work of the Italians in Italy. A new movement has been made for the bene fit of the Noronious Five Points, in the establishment of out-door preaching in this abandoned place. A portion of the buildings known as Cow Bay, have been demolished, the grounds have been levelled and fenced, and a rough temporary building provided, with seats, has been crected On last Sabbath this place was thrown open for public worship. There was a large attendance and from the adjacent buildings many listened. for the first time in their lives, perhaps, at least for the first time in years, to the proclamation of it appears that in 1855, there were in Massa the truths of God. Rev. Dr. Hoge (Pr. Spring's chusetts no less than three thousand one hundred colleague,) preached in the morning; Rev. Dr.

Hiscox in the afternoon; and Rev. Mr. Managaria a converted Italian, to his countrymen in their own turned as \$146,074, being an average of more language, in the evening. There was very little disturbance, though the police were not notified to be present. The service is to be continued, press that will be welcomed by the graduates and have signified their willingness to assist in it. and a considerable number of eminent clergymen

The proposed New PLYMOUTH CHURCH for the

White; and biographical sketches of the early work, Green, \$52,500; stone outters work, friends and patrons of the College; a memoir of John Price, \$42,259; roofing, White & Kenney,

LOOSEMENT PROPERTY

The PRESBYTERY OF NEW-YORK held its Spring session last week, in Dr. Potts' church. The Spring, D. D., Hon. Walter Lowrie and Mr. Walker, were elected delegates to the next Genbeen a remarkable one; the blessing of God's errl Assembly. With regard to the proposition grace has always rested on it in a remarkable that the present system on which the Boards of the Church are constructed shall be modified so working Committee-making one body instead Resolved, That the Presbytery of New-York

hereby expresses its approbation of the system on which the Boards of the Church are constructed, PRESIDENT WOOLSEX OF YALE COLLEGE will may be made to reduce them to mere Executive With regard to the Board of Domestic Mis.

sions, the following was passed: Resolved, That the Presbytery sees no good reason for agitating the question for removing the seat, of the Board of Domestic Missions from The sum of \$500 was appropriated to aid the

pastor of the German church, on Madison Street. and the appropriation to assist the Rev. Mr. Wilson, paster of the colored church on Seventh Avenue, was increased from \$500 to \$600. After a long discussion with regard to the

Twenty-Eighth Street church, the Presbytery decided that a Committee should be appointed to raise, on behalf of the Presbytery, \$4,000 to purchase the mortgage on the church. Dr. Hoge, from the Committee appointed to report a narrative of the general result of the

verbal statements made on the previous day. read an interesting narrative, noticing particularly the German church in Madison Street, the Mariner's church, and the Nineteenth Street church. The document was ordered to be printed. Rev. Samuel Alexander presented the petition of the North-West Presbyterian church in Fif-

tieth Street, (New School.) to be admitted under the care of the Presbytery. After some discusmittee of five, to report to the Presbytery. Dr.

#### PHILADELPHIA.

EVERY STRANGER, upon visiting this city, pauses almost involuntarily in front of the venerable pile of brick buildings on Chestnut Street, famous Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776. The erection of this building was commenced in 1729. and completed in 1734. It has nearly the same appearance now that it had in 1778, though some few inconsiderable changes have been made, progress with New-England, Pennsylvania, and The bell that still gives forth its notes from the cupola, was brought from Europe in 1752; but owing to a crack received at its trial ringing, it lost its tone, and had to be re-cast. This was done by Isaac Norris, Esq., Speaker of the Colonial Assembly, who inscribed on it the motto which it still bears, indicative of its, future use: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land, to all the inhabitants thereof." (Lev. xxv:, 10.), When the Declaration had been signed, July 4, 1776, this bell sent out its loud peals. Some of the enemy heard the sound, and resolved upon the destruction of the bell. But, afterwards, when the city was taken possession of by the British, duced. The people have been exhorted to be they discovered that the bell had disappeared. By patriot hands it had hear place chandelier that lighted the "Hall" the night before the Declaration, still hangs there. And in the same place may be seen the pew in which fight in behalf of his "Holiness, the Pope," in washington, Lafayette, and Franklin sat, when attending Christ's church, on Second Street.

The PENNSYLVANIA BIBLE SOCIETY will hold its Fifty-second Anniversary in the church on Washington Square, on the 2d of May. The LAYMEN OF THE METHODIST CHURCH of this city, desirous of the introduction of laymen to the Conferences of that Church, are not satis-Conference. A Convention of Delegates from the Methodist Episcopal churches of this city, favor-

able to lay representation in the Conference was held last week, in the Trinity church, in Eighth Street. Twenty-three churches were represented. A series of resolutions were adopted, after considerable discussion. They declare that their memorial was not satisfactorily disposed and unless the next General Conference shall pense, by the late George R. Gliddon, Esq., who sdopt some action favorable to a recognition of the rights of the laity in the government of the Church, its prosperity will be greatly retarded. Five thousand copies of the memorial to the General Conference and the proceedings of the Convention were ordered to be printed for general distribution.

The New School Presenteries of this city appointed the following delegates to the General Assembly at Pittsburgh : From the Third Presbytery, Revs. Henry Darling and J. Glentworth Butler, and Hon. Joseph Allison and M. P. Frazer; from the fourth Presbytery, Revs. Albert Barnes and John McLeod, and Messrs. David Thomas and Dr. J. M. Paul.

## ECCLESIASTICAL.

the pastoral relation between Rev. Mr. BURGETT and the church of Mansfield. The Rev. HENRY R. WILSON, D.D., who has been supplying this church for a few months, has been unanimously and cordially invited to become its pastor.

Mr. J. C. IBWIN having removed from Groveport, Ohio, desires to be addressed, for the present, at Olivesburg, Ohio. Mr. JAMES H. MCNEILY was licensed to preach the Gospel; by the Presbytery of

Nashville, at its late meeting. Messis. Washington A. Hooper, Fran-CIS M. WOOD, and W. G. WHITE, were licensed to preach the Gospely by the Presbytery of Miami, at its late meeting.

Rev. ROBERT TANNEHILL, of Uniontown, Belmont County, Ohio, has been installed pastor, of the church of Grandview, Washington County, Ohio, and his Post Office address is changed accordingly. Messis. Thomas H. Hoge, John H. Nes-

were lieensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Chicago, at its late Rev. Dr. THOMAS E. PECK has accepted

BIT, and GUSTAVUS DEMARS, (French)

the Professorship in Union Theological Seminary, Virginia. he Presbytery of New Albany, at its recent sessions in Jeffersonville, licensed

R. C. M'GEE, a student of Danville Seminary; W. B. TRUAX, a student of the Chicago Seminary; and R. J. L. MATTHEWS, to preach the Gospel. Rev. R. W. LANDIS, D.D., was received from the New School, by the Presbytery

of Transylvania, at its session in Leban-Rev. W. A. HALL, ia student of Danville Seminary, has received and accepted a call to become co-pastor with Dr. Butler

of the church in Port Gibson, Miss. Messis, I. J. Long, ALEX, HENRY, WM. GEORGE, J. C. RANDOLPH, and W. R. MOORE, Alumni of the Seminary at Danville, were licensed to preach the Gospel, at the recent sessions of Transylvania

### Presbytery. PRESBYTERIAL NOTICES.

O'Rhe PRESBYTERY OF WINNEHAGO will hold an adjourned meeting at Portage City, Wis., on Wednesday, May 9th, at 7 o'clock P. M. H. M., ROBBRTSON, Stated Clerk. Il The PRESETTERY OF DUBUQUE will meet at Independence, on the First Tuesday (1st day) of May, at 7 o'clock P. M.
JOHN M. BOGGS, Stated Clerk.