

ious, unnecessary, and inconvenient to the business community. It is the important legal question connected with the removal of the public buildings occupied by the Supreme Court of the United States from the old Congress building under the recent act of Assembly can be safely taken.

A friend of the New School Presbyterian Publication Committee, desiring of encouraging those qualified to serve the cause with their pens, offers a prize of one Hundred Dollars for a book for the Sabbath School to be awarded by the Committee and published by them, the value to amount to about two hundred and fifty pages.

The Committee consent to adjudge the prize. With regard to the class of books desired though they would not prescribe fiction wisely used and subordinated to the truth taught, yet a volume to be approved must possess the elements of positive usefulness.

Manuscripts can be sent to Rev. J. W. Dulles, Philadelphia, at any time previous to October 15th.

Rev. ALBERT BARNES and Dr. BENJAMIN J. WALLACE, Chairman and Secretary of the Church Extension Committee of the Presbyterian New School General Assembly, publish an appeal for funds. They say that the appropriations now made will soon exhaust the treasury, and that judging from the appeals which are now coming in, a much larger amount will be needed than was expended last year. It is the means to be provided for the extension of the General Assembly in its last session--to keep out of debt.

One THOMAS CURTIS, and one J. L. Hatch, of Philadelphia, have written a letter to the Japanese Embassy, which they denounce a warning reference to the introduction of the Christian religion in Japan. The following is a copy of the curious epistle. The italics are ours:

PHILADELPHIA, June 14, 1866.

To His Highness the Prince Simeon Dogen No. 401.

It is known to our wise men, that during the stay of the Japanese Embassy in this country, and while returning on board the United States steamship, various attempts will be made to introduce into your country the Christian religion, the object being the introduction into your country of Japan. This communication is written to His Highness the Prince, most respectfully to warn and guard him at all times against the efforts of Christian priests, who would thus introduce with the Japanese people and their religious institutions, and the writer would further inform the Prince that the great majority of the scientific and philosophical men of this country are in favor of the introduction of the Christian religion. Signed, with the greatest respect,

(Attent.) J. L. HATCH. THOMAS CURTIS.

But slightly on the fibre, and may be mixed with the starch. One ounce of the salt is dissolved in one quart of water, and applied either by itself or in the starch, and dried in the sun. The only objection is the expense of the salt.

This species of the solar system, or some of them at least, appear to be thickly populated with small planets, or asteroids, invisible to the naked eye, or of the ordinary telescope. No less than forty-seven of these young planets are now known to exist between Mars and Jupiter, and every few months we hear of a new discovery. The largest of them is said to be only forty miles in diameter, and the smallest only four.

THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE. It is expected that the Superintendent of Printing will advertise for proposals to execute the recent law establishing a Government printing office, and more especially as there is believed to be a combination of interest on the part of Congress, to compel the purchase of Mr. Wendell's establishment. A suitable site for the building and new materials can be obtained for the \$150,000 appropriated by Congress. The Committees of Printing will be required to see that this new enterprise is properly started, and after fair competition.--N. Y. Tribune.

BLANKETS took their name from Thomas Blanket, who, in 1840, first set up looms for weaving them, at Bristol.

THE first panorama exhibited in London was painted by Barker, in 1793, and represented the objects about Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight.

The first large ship of war built in England was in the reign of Henry VIII. She was named the Great Henry, and cost \$1,000.

RELIGIOUS TOLERATION in Norway--Norway, thanks to the freedom of her State Constitution, has never participated in any considerable extent in the persecuting spirit of her sister kingdoms--but there have been considerable civil disabilities under which the dissenters from the Established (Lutheran) Church have labored, such as inability to hold office, liability to taxation for the support of the Established Church, &c. One of these, the restriction of office to members of the State Church, seems to be in a fair way of removal. At the present session of the Storting, or National Assembly, a resolution was proposed which contained this article, received sixty-seven votes in its favor, to forty-four against it, only seven short of the constitutional two-thirds. At the next session of the Storting, in 1863, it will undoubtedly pass by the constitutional vote. As many as fifty, or by one, the barriers to religious freedom.

THE FIRST locomotives in the United States were imported from England in the Fall of 1829, or Spring of 1830. The first Stephenson locomotive ever imported was the Robert Fulton, in 1831, for the Mohawk and Hudson Railroad. The first locomotive built in this country was constructed at the West Point Foundry, in the State of New York, in 1830, for the South Carolina Railroad.

The means already furnished and pledged for these purposes, were well known even to the confession, that the people can be carried through until the returns from their own labors, by the blessing of God on their lands and industry, shall fully enable them to sustain themselves.

They have begun to harvest a fair crop of cotton and wool. The wheat and other vegetables are affording them some valuable portions of their maintenance, and their corn is very promising.

The demand on the provision fund has been diminished for some weeks, and we can confidently rest on the hope that within two or three weeks more it will be reduced to a very small amount, simply enough to meet special cases.

As Winter is rapidly approaching, it is very desirable that any donations of clothing, now ready or provided, should be sent on, as they will be a great aid to the people in preparing to meet the severity of the approaching Winter.

The Committee desire distinctly to add, that the demands for the prosecution of the spiritual work amongst them are unaffected by the above statement. Church buildings, schools and school-houses, books and teachers, are still to be supplied. And the work of organizing, compacting, and training them into working, stable Christian Protestant churches is but now beginning, and its difficulties and obstacles to be appreciated. A great deal has been done also in saving to them their property, and enabling them to get the benefits of their property. Shows the promise of the growing crops not to be greatly disappointed between this and the season of gathering, this whole people will be once more in a condition to maintain themselves. To the spiritual department of the work we trust the hearts and the hands of God's true people will be put out, and they will be consistently carried out forward with increasing breadth and power.

M. W. STAPLES, C. A. SPRING, W. LINDSLOD, J. C. MATTER, W. M. SCOTT.

THE PRESBYTERY OF LANARK SHIPPEN will meet on Wednesday, August 28th, at 7 1/2 o'clock P. M., at the residence of J. M. BARRETT, School Clerk.

### General News.

#### Atlantic Monthly.

The number for August presents the usual variety and the average quality, with the exception of the "Professor Stone," which is objectionable in sentiment, and is beginning to be dull. For sale by Hunt & Miner.

#### Paranoma.

The last Arctic Voyage of Dr. Kane is now on exhibition at Masonic Hall. That voyage is one of the wonders of the age. The exhibition is splendid. All should view it. It is to be open every evening this week. On Wednesday and Saturday afternoons there are exhibitions at 8 1/2 o'clock, specially for the children. To the afternoon exhibitions the children are admitted at ten cents. Let them enjoy it.

#### Harper's Magazine.

The number for August is unusually attractive. The opening article is the "Red River Country," which is the first of a new series of descriptions of that North-western region. A paper on "Japan" embodies the results of the observations of Mr. Oliphant, who has given the best account yet published of that singular people. The biography of Dr. Davies does justice to the memory of one of the most remarkable men Kentucky ever produced. Mr. Trollope's lively American story is certain to be read, and the admirers of Hawthorne will not be disappointed by his four features on the Georgia published by the Atlantic Monthly. The appearance in England. For sale by Hunt & Miner.

#### The Eclectic Magazine.

The Eclectic for August contains elegantly engraved likenesses of Sir Robert Peel, and H. R. H. Albert, Prince of Wales. The letter press contains a brief biographical notice of each. The Prince is here apparent to the British throne. He is now in his nineteenth year, and has a high reputation for morality and intelligence. On the 11th inst. he embarked on the steam frigate *St. George*, on a visit to Canada, to be extended to the United States. This event makes him a person of great interest to our sight seeing and wonder loving population, just now. His arrival at St. Johns, N. F., is noted.

Among the excellent articles in this number, readers will be most interested in the two by Richard Henry Stoddard, one of our best writers. The other is "The Great Armada Fight, Austria and Hungary, and Concerning Growing Old."

#### Mixed Blood--Osteoons.

The following is from the *Alexandria (Va.) Gazette*, of the 9th inst.:

At the recent session of the County Court, two men of mixed blood appeared before the court, and having proved themselves to be osteoons, they were ordered to leave the county. The court heard the evidence, granted the petition, and ordered the men to leave the county. The process is to release the parties applying from the obligations and penalties attached to free negroes by the laws of this commonwealth. The application was made on the following section of the Code of Virginia:

"Of the court of any county or corporation, upon satisfactory proof by a white person, of the fact, that there is any person, who is of mixed blood, resident therein, a certificate that he is not a negro; which certificate shall protect such person against the penalties of the laws which relate to free negroes are subject as such."

This, it is believed, is the first application for this purpose, and the result will be an important precedent.

### Foreign News.

The Canada arrived at St. Johns, N. F., and the *Hero* and *Ariadne* on the 24th. European dates are received to the 16th inst.

The first of the week reached John on the 24th, and landed on the 25th, amid great demonstrations.

GREAT BRITAIN.

In the British Parliament, the Ministers were questioned as to the transfer of the Galway contract to the Canadian line. Mr. Gladstone said that he had not intended to transfer the line on his own responsibility, and whatever course might be taken, would be submitted to the House of Commons. He had received from the Government not to assent to the annexation of Sicily to Piedmont. Lord John Russell replied that the Government could not do so. He was in the great principle, that the people had a right to choose their own Government without interference.

It was stated in Parliament that the British forces in China had reached seventeen thousand men.

The Bombay mail to the 7th. It had been received by the public telegraph on Wednesday.

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### Obituary.

ROBERT S. DAVIS, Bookkeeper and Stationer, No. 30 Wood Street, Philadelphia. Died on Saturday morning, the 14th inst., at the place of residence, at the age of 47 years. He was a native of Pennsylvania, and had spent his life in this city. He was a member of the Christian Church, and was a man of high character and integrity. He is survived by a wife and several children. Buried on Monday morning, the 16th inst., in the city of Philadelphia.

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### Married.

On Thursday, July 26th, by Rev. W. M. Wilson, of Philadelphia, Pa., was married, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Thomas Wilson, of the City of Philadelphia, Miss Mary Ann Wilson, of Philadelphia, Pa., to Miss Jane Wilson, of Philadelphia, Pa. The bride was attended by her friends, and the ceremony was witnessed by a large number of friends. The bride and groom departed for their new home on the following day.

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