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THE TRUE PRESBYTERIAN.

the above appellation, is before us. We

noted, two weeks ago, the Prospectus, and

gave the names of the editors, Rev

STUART ROBINSON and Rev. ROBERT

MORRISON. When a stranger comes to be

interest in any community, there is a gen-

eral desire among the people to know some-

thing of him, and a perhaps equally strong

desire on his part, to become known.

Toward the gratifying of this mutual wish

we propose to present some of the peculi-

arities, or rather the one claimed peculiar-

ity of the new journal. It is thus stated

"The distinctive feature of the paper

shall be the exemplification in practice,

and the advocacy of the theory of the sep-

aration of spiritual from secular matters.'

We regret the indistinctness in the state

ment of this " distinctive " feature. PAUL

speaks of a spiritual body, but that is to

exist after the resurrection. Secular mat-

ter we see continually, but of spiritual

"matter" we have no knowledge either as

existing in this world, or to be expected in

the world to come. Perhaps it means

Then we are not told how the "distinc-

tion" promised is to be "exemplified:"

whether by placing the spiritual and the

secular in parallel columns, that the dif-

ference may be observed by contrast; or

by treating them in different articles; or

by discussing abstractly, the duty of "sep-

arating" these things ; or by its speaking

wholly of the one, and utterly ignoring

the other. We suppose this last to be the

meaning of the utterance. Sundry re-

marks in the journal indicate this, and the

word " practice," in connexion with exem-

plification, indicates that this may have

But to which of these, the secular or

the spiritual, is the journal pledged? We

suppose the latter, for it speaks of itself as

being "devoted wholly to religion." And. now, what is the religion of the

True Presbyterian; or rather, what are we

to understand by the "spiritual?" We

ought to be at no loss here, for we have the

paper before us, professing itself to be

"the exemplification in practice," of this

its "distinctive feature." In looking, then.

over its ample pages, we find some excel-

lent religious articles; but we also find

much that we, in our common sense judg-

ment, cannot say is wholly religious. For

instance, we see business' notices, and ad-

vertisements-" marble works," " Black-

wood's Magazine," "British Reviews."

Are these religious-and especially are

they spiritual? We find articles headed.

"To our Friends ;" "A word to Subscrib-

been the writer's mind.

things-spiritual things, or subjects.

PITTSBURGH, SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1862.

TEN CENT STAMPS. Our friends will please not send u these, nor any of the large stamps. W cannot use them, and our Postmaster will not exchange for them. Send only THREE cent and ONE cent stamps.

The Thanksgiving .--- We see by our secular exchanges, that the President's Proclamation, inviting Christians to thanksgiving has been responded to with much earnest ness. Dispatches from Boston, New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and other places note its observance on last Sabbath.

Going to the Assembly .- Arrangement are in progress for the passage of Commissioners to and from the General Assembly at half-fare. We have already promises of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago, the Cleveland and Pittsburgh, the Steubenville and Indiana, and the Central Ohio roads. We hope to be able to state matters more definitely and fully next week.

Liberal Donation .- The Rev. C. C. BEAT-TY, D. D., Principal of the Female Seminary at Steubenville, Ohio, and well known as the liberal patron of Allegheny Theolo gical Seminary, has donated to the Library of this Institution about five hundred valu able volumes, which will be of great use to the large classes of Theological students who are annually resorting to this School of the Prophets.

Concert of Prayer .- The call, in another column, for a Continued Concert of Prayer is commended to the attention of Chris tians. There are precious promises connected with our agreement in asking, and our perseverance in seeking. The card can be cut out, and pasted within the cover of the family Bible, or in some other conve nient place for reference. It is sent to us by Rev. J. H. MORRISON, returned missionary from India.

Commissioners to the General Assembly are requested to forward their names to the Rev. J. D. SMITH, Columbus, Ohio. On doing so, they will be informed, by mail. of the name and residence of the family who will entertain them during the sessions of the Assembly.

Members who have relations or friends in the city, with whom they expect to lodge, will please inform the Committee o Arrangements of this fact, by letter.

Arrangements with Railroad Companies for half-fare tickets, will be published as soon as made.

ers;" "The Times, and their Difficulties The Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the for Pastors;" " Politics and the Clergy;" Theological Seminary at Princeton, will be "Position of the Church in Kentucky;" observed(D.V.,)on Wednesday, April 30th.

useful and acceptable, we can conceive; | try, the British Provinces, and Great | The first number of a journal claiming but it will require talent, learning, and Britain for the year 1862, together with those piety far beyond the ordinary lot of mor- of the late Rev. FRANCIS HERRON, D. D., tels, to sustain it as a weekly.

the noblest attainments.

maelitish tinge. It may yet improve.

PROVIDENCE OF GOD.

dels who had attained to leading political

This almost total ignoring of God, in our

fundamental law, is a sin. It is also, doubt-

less, one cause of the corruption which has

been prevailing and growing in high places

and of the extensive practical infidelity in

conducting public affairs. And thus it is

positions.

enly Father.

the late Rev. NICHOLAS MURRAY, D. D., Our brethren ROBINSON & MORRISON, ex-Moderators of the General Assembly of have made an elevated profession. We our own Church, and the late Rev. ALEXtrust it will yet be manifest that they aim ANDER MOLEOD, D. D., ex-Moderator of a resident, and to take a part in affairs of as high as they profess. And we will rethe Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian joice with them when they shall exhibit Church of North America.

Then we have brief, accurate and well-We have received the second number of written biographics of the ministers and. the True Presbyterian, and sorry are we to more distinguished Elders in all these diffind no improvement in its spirit. It has ferent branches of the Church, who have also a very, very great admixture of the died during the year, historical sketches of secular, and even something of an Ishseveral of their leading churches, resolutions adopted by each body on the state of the country, returns of Presbyteries on manses.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE BEING AND together with some valuable suggestions on manses, along with complete lists of the

names and Post Office address of all the The Constitution of the United States i ministers in the great Presbyterian family sadly defective. We are a Christian peoin the United States, the British Provinces. ple. The Christian Religion is recognized by our Courts of Justice as part of the law and Great Britain. Nor must we forget of the land. But still, our Constitution to mention that there have been introduced. histories of all the various plans of benevomakes not the slightest allusion to Jesus lence, such as the Boards of Foreign Mis-Christ, the author of our religion. His name is not in it, neither directly nor by im. sions, of Publication, of Education. and plication. Nor is the name of God in that Church, Extension, with the income of important instrument. His name, law, and each. The utility of such a work must be worship are implied, in an honor done to evident to all.

No similar publication, in Europe or the day of sacred rest, and in the provision made for the oath. Otherwise the America, contains such a vast amount of ecclesiastical information, of the very kind Constitution, as to the letter of it, is Godneeded by every minister, elder, and inless. This sad deficiency of a religious eletelligent Christian. We trust that the lament, was owing to evils resulting from the manner in which Church and State were bors of Mr. WILSON will be fully apprecia united in lands whence our fathers had re- ted by the Church, and that he will receive cently escaped, to the prevalence of the the pecuniary compensation so fully earned. The volume contains nearly four hundred French philosophy during and for some time after the close of the Revolutionary pages, and is sold for \$1.50. struggle, and to the influence of a few infi-

For sale in Pittsburgh at the Presbyte rian Rooms, Hand Street.

UUR ARMY .--- AN OPINION OF FOREIGN OFFICERS.~

A few months ago it was fashionable for Europeans to speak very contemptuously of our extemporized soldiers. Recently their language is greatly changed. We see the cause of the Divine displeasure, and of British Albion quoted as saying:

"Where the strength lies, and to whom the chastisement which has been inflicted will be the victory, it is none of ours to upon the nation. God will be feared and predict; but this may not be an unfitting had in reverence. This cause of the war opportunity for putting on record the opin we are pleased to see departing. There is ions of several competent and impartial no movement toward remedying the radical judges as to the material of which Genera defect, but, under the smartings of the chas-MCCLELLAN'S army is composed. Not few British officers from regiments sta tening rod, we are returning to our Heavtioned in Canada, or employed there on special service, have recently been permit-

Since the breaking out of the war there ted to examine with professional eye their have been several recognitions of God, of a bone and sinew, their equipment, their discipline, their manœuvres. It comes within very important character, by those high in our personal knowledge that several of authority. And now, in another place, we these our soldier countrymen, whose opin print the order of the Secretary of War to ions are of the greatest value, report their the Army Chaplains. And here we give unbounded surprise and admiration at the the President's acknowledgment that our effective and promising condition of the recent victories are the vouchsafements of thousands of troops whom they have seen Of the fighting qualities they may have Almighty God, and that thanks are due to something to say hereafter, for-thanks to

Donelson and Island No. 10 were our | and its grant to a Boston merchant in 1676, | Virginia. The contest between the High Church and Low-Church Episcopalians has Sunday morning benison on week-day where its title was retained till subsequent to the Revolution. From this spot the in no degree been lessened. This Church.

scholar through a lifetime.

the public through that channel.

NEW-YORK.

"Nor are these isolated historical facts. History is full of them. The British forces assailed us on Lake Champlain and at New- some other plants. Orleans on Sunday, and were defeated. We assailed them at Quebec; our army was repulsed and its leader slain. We began the battle of Monmouth and had the worst of it. NAPOLEON began the battle of Waterbattle of Blenheim, which has been repeatedly cited by the Herald, with its usual accuracy, as a successful Sunday battle, was not fought on Sunday, but began

prowess

on Wednesday. "We content ourselves with the simple American Minister, Lord Stanley, Sir trine of a personal reign of Christ. collation of these suggestive facts. Let Emerson Tennent, and Messre Lampson a law as old as creation, which claims quite ameliorating the condition of the poor of other use of one-seventh part of time than London. the work of willing human butchery."

We are not to regard the Sabbath under the impression of a bargain with God, the compensation for which is to be uniform victory. There are many obstacles to success, beside that of profaning the Lord's day. God may righteously chastise for other sins; but let us avoid the additional

provocation of violating the fourth commandment. And if we would be uniformly blessed, let us keep all God's precepts, serving him in fear and love.

THE CANADA OBSERVER.

This is a new Presbyterian weekly, published at Toronto, by WM. OLIVEB, B. A., editor and proprietor. It is a small double sheet, well executed, at two dollars a year. In speaking of the purpose and plan of to cash and short credit, and only for the the paper, the editor says:

number of the homes, where we trust it is yet destined to visit, it will be the only newspaper taken. Hence the necessity of making it a medium of general intelligence; of giving in its columns all that is really of importance in what is transpiring on the world around us ; in short, of making it a

sheet what may be called a purely religious newspaper. We do not presume to occupy the place of the pulpit, the Sabbath School, or the religious magazine; but rather to aid and cooperate with all in the great objects aimed at.

"Our aim will be not so much to give a fixed amount of what might be styled religious matter, as to leaven every subject on which we may touch, with that highest of all influences, and to treat all matters from the lofty stand-point of eternal truth." This is after the pattern of religious journalism in Great Britain, and the oharacter to which the religious weekly press ter by the admirers of the most distin-

in the United States is tending. guished purely literary man this country The editor's field is different from that has produced.

of the pastor, and of the Tract Society, and SOON AFTER THE RISE of the Southern of a Book Publishing Board. He should rebellion, Rev. Mr. McNeill, a native of take up all important public, events, record North Carolina, and who had served for a mer he purposes to erect a ten-pin alley them, and send them to families through a few years with great acceptability as Coor- and a number of handsome Summer-houses religious channel, and in connexion with dinate Secretary of the American Bible

English obtained tobacco, the potato, and which claims to be the only Church, is really more divided in itself, more widely sen-

arated in its own communion than any MR. GEORGE PEABODY, the celebrated other two Protestant denominations. London Banker, is a native of Danvers. THE PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA. Massachusetts, and has given at different times unmistakeable and munificent evi- of the United Presbyterian Church, lately oo, and lost his army and his empire. The dence of his regard for that town. This met, and was opened with a sermon, accordgentleman has consummated another of ing to appointment, by Dr. Cooper, on the

his benevolent schemes, in a correspondence "Millennium," from Rev. xx:4: "They now published, in which he places \$750,- lived and reigned with Christ a thousand 000 at the disposal of Mr. Adams, the years." The Doctor advocated the doc

A call from the Sixth church, addressed testimony to the supremacy and stability of and Morgan, as trustees, for the purpose of to Mr. Thomas Lawrence, a licentiate of a law as old as architering and stability of sustained as regular, and presented.

IT IS SAID that Mr. George W. Childs. PRESIDENT WOOLSEY has presented to (of the late firm of Childs & Peterson.) has the College Library of Yale nine hundred offered \$10,000 for Parson Brownlow's volumes from his Greek collection. This forthcoming Autobiography. Mr. Childs is a most important acquisition, comprising, as it does, many very rare and valuable met with quite a success in the works of volumes collected by the care of a real Dr. Kane.

THE ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH firmly but kindly resisted the apnlication of the Rev. Dr. Wadsworth for a THE SPRING TRADE has opened with the dissolution of the pastoral relation. So dry-goods jobbers, moderately, but the urgent were the people that the Presbytery purchases are made for cash and short sent back the application to the congregacredit, and by parties who are considered tion. But when it was found that the Dr. safe. The ratio of bad debts is much less had made up his mind that it was his duty than usual, and all parties are shaping to go to California, the congregation yieldtheir business with a prudent regard to the ed, and he was dismissed. He has accentunsettled state of the future fiscal laws, the ed the pastorate of Calvary church. San tariff, taxes, and currency questions. This conservative policy of limiting transactions Francisco, of which the Rev. William A. Scott, D.D., was formerly pastor. actual wants of trade, will tend to protect

THIS CITY has been for many years disthe business community against the evils which may flow from speculations, induced tinguished for its philanthropic and humane by the excessive issues of paper money institutions. Among these is a private in-The New-York banks are managing their stitution for the insane, called Clifton Hall, affairs in the same prudent manner, by of which the Philadelphia North American weekly increasing their specie reserve, and speaks as follows: obtaining control of their capital by sales

of the Government loans they took. Rates Dr. Robert A. Given, the medical superof interest still continue moderate, the ntendent and proprietor of this excellent supply of money being greater than the institution for the abode and appropriate

treatment of the insane, has just sent in his second annual report to the "Board of Su-THE Freeman's Journal has been again pervision." We have more than once borne dmitted to the use of the mails. It is testimony to the favorable situation of Clif guite probable that hereafter Mr. McMaster ton Hall, on the score of the beauty and healthfulness of the surrounding country, may be more discreet in his deliverances to and the variety of prospect enjoyed by its inmates. Nothing deterred by the hard-The first volume of the LIFE AND LET ness of the times, Dr. Given has made ERS of WASHINGTON IRVING, by his 'many improvements, useful and ornamenephew Pierre M. Irving, has been pubtal. Ice and carriage houses have been lished by Mr. George P. Putnam. There erected, roads laid out, fences set up, is every probability that this work will deer-park enclosed, and a great variety o shrubs and trees, evergreen and deciduous. have a large sale and be eagerly sought af planted. A large fish-pond has been constructed, from which he anticinates much pleasure and benefit to the patients in boat. ing, fishing and skating amusements in which they may indulge without fear of ac-

cident, as the depth of water has been kep. the designs for which are in the hands. the builder." We are quite safe in asserting that. whether we look at the internal arrange. ments of the house for comfort and health or at the external advantages of the scenery, air, exercise and recreation, as a means or ministration to a mind diseased, Cliftor Hall, under its able, and conscientious su perintendent, offers every inducement for it, as they would in a safe and pleasant nome. 🞡 Clifton Hall is situated on the Philadel phia, West Chester, and Media Railroad about eight miles from the city. 4 61 3468

"It must be remembered that in a large

complete family newspaper. "It is not our intention to make our

The order of exercises will be as follows A meeting of the Alumni will be held at 11 o'clock A. M., in the Oratory,

Dinner will be provided at 11 o'clock P. M.

A discourse will be delivered in the First Presbyterian church, by Rev. Dr. SPRAGUE of Albany, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Trains arrive at Princeton Station, from New-York, at 9 A. M., and 12 M.; from Philadelphia, at 8 and 11.15 A. M. and 12 M., and leave both ways, at 6 and 8 o'clock P. M.

Those who may prefer to remain over night are requested to apply immediately on arrival, to the Committee of Arrangements, (Prof. MOFFAT and C. W. HODGE,) when accommodations will be provided.

A FIFTY-THREE YEARS' PASTORAL LABOR. It was our privilege, on Sabbath the 6th inst., to be present on a Communion occasion, in Bellefonte, Pa. The congregation of Bellefonte dates from about the commencement of the present century. Rev. HENRY R. WILSON, D. D., was pastor for a few years. We are not certain that he was the first pastor. He removed thence to Carlisle, Pa., in 1808. The following Summer Mr. JAMES LINN, then a young licentiate, now Rev. JAMES LINN, D. D., visited the place. In November, (1809,) Mr. LINN having accepted calls to the congregations of Bellefonte and Lick Run, was ordained by the Presbytery of Huntingdon, and installed in charge of the two congregations. This extended charge he retained for nearly thirty years. The congregations having flourished, and each having become able to sustain a minister, it was thought best that they should be made two charges. Dr. LINN then devoted all his attention to Bellefonte, where he still continues in the honored and endearing relation, which was constituted nearly fifty-three years ago.

About a year since, Rev. J. H. BARNARD was installed associate pastor with Dr. LINN. One gentleman, a member of the church in 1809, still survives, but is very feeble. One lady, who professed religion, was baptized, and united in the first Communion under the young pastor, still is a joyous helper in the Saviour's cause. The feelings with which a minister will contemplate a charge, all of whose communicants except one or two, have been added during his period of service, nearly all of whom have been converted by the Lord's blessing upon his labors, most of whose members he has baptized, and many of whom and even of their parenti, he has united in marriage, must be truly parental. The ties which bind Dr. LINN to the people of Bellefonte, are to be severed only by that power which severs from all things here below.

Of some ministers it is said that they outlive their usefulness. It is not so with our revered father. And it is seldom, if ever, so with one who abides by his first charge; or who continues harmoniously, lovingly, and in faithful labors with an early charge. It is the changing ones who, in advanced life, find themselves in a conto yield an increase.

which exhibit the secular as prominently as do articles similarly headed, in other religious journals. Even the New-York Independent hardly goes beyond it in secularity. We believe it utterly impossible to separate the spiritual and secular while man is in the body. God has not made "spiritual matter," but he has joined spirit and matter in man, and the wants of both claim man's attention-

claim it religiously during his entire secular duration. But does the new paper, by the word

spiritual," mean the meekness, kindness, forbearance, forgiveness, heavenly-mindedness of the Gospel? Let us then try it on this score. The Presbyterian Standard and Expositor, of Philadelphia, in noticing the Prospectus of our friend, took some liberties in the way of conjecture. The response from Louisville reads, in part, as follows:

"Now we are disposed to make all allowance for the Standard, upon whose ecclesiastical brain there seems never yet to have impinged an idea of more density and definiteness of outline than a roll o Mississippi fog. If such an idea as that of the True Presbyterian-the idea of a journal devoted exclusively to religion, as distinct from any questions of North or South, abolition or slavery-should accidentally get access to the thinking apparatus of the Standard, it would not be easy to forecast the consequences.

"When the Standard first ' came out.' LINCOLN. year or more since, a kind lady friend ordered us a copy. In spite of the ner-vous shrinking of our natural man from its formidable double sheet of platitudes, without sign of oasis or single shrub of living idea to relieve the vast waste, we undertook to read several numbers."

Is this " the exemplification in practice' of what we are to understand by " the spiritual"? Is this a specimen of the temper and spirit of the new journal?

Again : The Presbyter noticed the Prospectus, but did so rather in a strain of pleasantry than of courtesy. The answer is long, and sharp. One paragraph reads thus:

"We fear that Dr. MONFORT-in the prominent position to which accident has aised him-is destined to the fate of many a harmless and amiable man who, elevated above the sphere in which nature placed him, and in which he might have been esteemed. is elevated only to be laughed at. We can remember when he was known in the Church solely as the gentle creature,

on which the brilliant and gifted Balaam of the New Albany Seminary rode, when, the work this week. in the interest of the abolition Moab, he sought to curse the Southern Israel. If ever known to break his natural silence, it was only when goaded by his passionate rider, to remonstrate mildly, 'Am I not taking service as is here rendered to the Kentucky; the second, the valley of Vir. thine ass."

Are the things here named and alluded to, things spiritual, in the estimation of of the different branches of the Presbythe True Presbyterian? Are Dr. Mon- terian Church in this country and in FORT, Dr. MACMASTER, the abolitionists, Europe. And the leading Methodist and the Southern slaveholders, BALAAM and BALAAM's animal, things spiritual? And is the spirit here exemplified to be transfused into the readers of that journal? | auspices, because of its predecessors.

Alas, we fear that the new comer does not know what spirit he is of. That a journal treating only of matters nexion which the people wish to sever, and strictly religious say of Christian doc- It has fine steel engraved portraits of the Sunday fighting and the rebels took it up, in a field which their labors cannot maked: trine, duty, and experience, and narrating Moderators of the highest courts of the we have had only victories to record, and Tung fi only ecclesiastical intelligence, might be different Presbyterian bodies in this count they only defeats and surrenders. Fort

dered to him by all the people, in their assemblages for public worship:

PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT. WASHINGTON, April 10 .- By the President of the United States of America-A Proclamation :- It has so pleased the Almighty God to vouchsafe signal victories to the land and naval forces engaged in suppressing an internal rebellion ; and, at the same time, to avert from our country the

dangers of foreign intervention and invasion. It is therefore recommended to the people of the United States, that at their next weekly assemblages in their accustomed

places of public worship, which shall occur after notice of this proclamation shall have been read, they especially acknowledge and render thanks to our Heavenly Father for these inestimable blessings; that they then and there implore spiritual consolations in affliction by the casualties and calamities of sedition and civil war, and that they reverently invoke the Divine Guidance for spir-

itual councils to the end that they may speedily result in the restoration of peace, harmony and unity throughout our borders, and hasten the establishment of fraternal relations among all the countries of the earth. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington this 10th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and of the Independence of the United States the eightysixth.

By order of the President, ABRAHAM

WM. H. SEWARD, Sec'y of State. The reading of this proclamation will cause rejoicing in myriads upon myriads of Christian hearts. When we thus speak,

we would not be boastful of our religion, nor pride ourselves on the discharge of our Christian duty. We would rather be humbled by the thought that National Christianity is so rare as to justify a special notice of the event before us. Revealed

religion should guide us, nationally and individually, in every thing we do.

THE PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL ALMANAC The fourth volume of this important and reliable "Annual Remembrancer," of the Church, has just come to hand. We have

frequently spoken of the high estimate placed upon the previous volumes, but we are free to say that the present one excels them all in every particular. And we regret that our limits will not allow us to

ment, and an increased number of topics.

our Heavenly Father, and should be ren- the unexpected and exceeding courtesy o General McCLELLAN-some of these gentle men have been allowed to accompany the headquarters of the United States army in its expected onward march. This obligation, we need scarcely say, is far more ap preciated by military men than any reviews or entertainments got up for their benefit. while those who could not remain to avai

which they have been received."

SABBATH-DAY BATTLES.

themselves of this privilege, are neverthe-

less most grateful for the hospitality with

Firmly as we believe in the "decrees o God," we have an equal faith in human responsibility, Divine judgments, and an executive Providence. Ged ordained the Sabbath as a day of sacred rest and worship, and he promised to his people Israel behalf of all who have been brought into that if they would observe it according to his directions. he would "cause them to eat, or drink, or whatever ye do, do all to ride upon the high places of the earth." The spirit of that promise holds good at all

times and toward any people. Its verification seems to be signally manifest toward the parties now waging a warfare for supremacy on the soil of the United States. The "Confederacy" is a rebellion most wicked ; but still, while our armies violated God's Sabbath, he would not be with them. Their hearts grew weak and they fled before their foes. Since they have observed the Lord's day, they are courageous and successful.

So signally marked, in this respect, is God's providence, that it is noted extensively by the secular press. We are pleased

to be able to quote as follows, from the New-York Times : "SUNDAY BATTLES .- The late terrible

struggle at Pittsburgh adds; another to the long list of Sunday battles. The facts are so clear in this and numerous other conflicts, and the results have been so uniform and decisive, that comment is not only warranted but demanded, alike by philoso phy, patriotism, and piety. The general statement cannot be gainsayed, that the more important movements of the National forces, in the early stages of the present war, were made on Sunday, and that they were undeniably failures. PATTERSON'S

column was constantly notorious for its manœuvering on Sundays-and for little else. Big Bethel, Bull Run, and Ball's Bluff, were the great blunders and defeats of attacking armies on Sunday. All these engagements, excepting Ball's Bluff, under the now imprisoned Gen. STONE, preceded Gen. M'CLELLAN'S noble Sabbath order. Thenceforward the rebels have made the give a fuller and more complete notice of Sunday assaults, with invariable loss of the battles thus waged. Mill Spring opened The editor and publisher. Mr. JOSEPH their career of Sunday fighting, which M. WILSON, of Philadelphia, is admirably closes with Pittsburgh. The battle of qualified for such a laborious and pains- The first of these battles cost the rebels Winchester was begun on Sunday morning. Church. The three volumes previously is- ginia; and the third, the Mississippi Valsued received the unqualified approbation ley. The Merrimac, too, after its destructive Saturday's raid, ran a muck against the Monitor on Sunday, and has spent a

month in repairing damages. "Add to the facts, that most of the Congregational journals have awarded them Generals Commanding whose names figure the highest praise. The present volume as assailants in these battles, were slain in makes its appearance under most favorable them, or are in disgrace, on account of them, and there is food for reflection in these bits of history. What has become But it is a great improvement upon them, of our Gen. PIERCE, of Big Bethel memcontaining more matter, a better arrange- ory? What of Gen. STONE? Where are ZOLLICOFFER and SIDNEY JOHNSTON? In

Gospel truth, a Gospel spirit, and events Society, resigned, and hastened to share directly ecclesiastical. Christians are in his labors and sympathies with the insur the world, and are affected by all public af gents, to the great grief of many personal fairs. Their children grow up in the world, friends. The vacancy, thus created has and are to live and act, to suffer and rejoice now been filled by the election of Rev. Dr. in the world, and to be judged at last and Taylor, pastor of one of the Reformed Prohave their eternal award, according to the testant Dutch churches of Philadelphia. things done in the world. They should Beside his many genial qualities as a Chris. the most sensitively affectionate persons tu hence be early, truthfully, and extensively tian gentleman, Dr. Taylor, should he ac- place their afflicted relatives or friends informed in worldly affairs, and have their cept the appointment which has been tenknowledge through the purest channels, dered him, will bring into his office a repuand in company, with the higher truths tation for catholicity of feeling, and for and the heaven-born spirit. Sinful as great singleness of purpose in prosecuting earth is, still, God has not divorced earth whatever worthy work may have been enand heaven. The secular and the spiritual trusted to his hands. are conjoined. Attempt not to separate Rev. Dr. Brigham, the Semior Secretary, them till you are ready to meet the "dishas devoted nearly forty years of untiring solution of the earthly house of this taberefforts to promote the prosperity of the So nacle," but strive to have them so related ciety, and with a measure of success rarely that the spiritual shall rule, "whether ye attained by a single individual in any one

the glory of God." begun his public life in its service, he has continued steadfast in the same even until

ugmented usefulness and beneficence. THE CASE OF DR. HAWKS, one of the largest in existence, has been lately fin- most popular preachers in the Episcopal ished by Mr. Alvin Clark, of Cambridge, Church, has been at length disposed of.

We have already stated that the vestryservatory, St. Petersburg, hitherto considu men of Calvary church have requested Dr. Hawks to withdraw his letter of resignation. At the vestry-meeting last night a, communication was received from the Docthe Greenwich Observatory is twelve inches tor, in which he says that his duty and his conscience require that he should adhere Munich of seventeen inches. On being to his letter, of resignation. It is to be hoped that the vestry will no longer oppose turned upon the star Sirius, Mr. Clark's the Doctor's conscience and convictions of fol accepted. The example of Bishop Polk has led so

many clergymen to the ranks of the rebel sionist turn of mind. A residence of a might afford him, if not a parish, at least a

department of Christian labor. Having

THE NEW-SCHOOL PRESBYTERIANS have organized a new church at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-first Street, MESSRS. GOULD & LINCOLN will issue which promises to be one of the most proin a few days, "Introduction to the Study minent churches in the city. The Rev. of the Gospels," by Brook Foss Westcott. Dr. Prentiss, formerly of the Mercer Street church, and brother of the late Sargent S. B. Hackett, D.D. "The Annual of Scien- Prentiss, the eloquent Mississippi lawyer THE LATE HORACE HOLDEN, Esq., di-

rects in his will, his wife and children to continue the benevolent contributions given by him, for many years, and to increase if

PHILADELPHIA THE BUSINESS OF THIS CITY has greatly improved. Buyers are abundant, and large sales are made for cash or on short time. And Government work is employing a large number of persons, in all its various departments.

THE BILL granting a charter to an Epis-Roanoke Island," beginning in 1584 and copal Theological Seminary in this city, ending with the battle fought there the has been passed by the Legislature of present year. It gave the details of the Pennsylvania. This Seminary is expected experiences of the three colonies sent there to be under the control of Low Church by Sir Walter, Raleigh, and tracing it down Episcopalians, and to take the place of the

SUGGESTIONS TO THE LORD'S PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE EARTH, FOR A CONTINUOUS CONCERT OF PRAYERS IN THEIR CLOSETS.

ore at least 1,000,000 of S. S. Teachers in the world.) MONDAY-, Christian Missions. TUESDAX, Bible Societies. WEDNESDAY-Abolition of Slavery-and Intemperance. THUBSDAY-Tract Societies. FRIDAY-Outpouring of the Holy Spirit On all manking. SATURDAY — Ministers of the Gospel, (supposed to be about 50,000.) N POPULATION OF THE WORLD. Protestante 189.000.000 Jews..... 5,000,000 Mohammedans..... Heathen 788,000,000 Total. Res Intended for pasting in front of Bible.

ECCLESIASTICAL.

SAMUEL S. SHRIVER, JOHN J. BEACOM. and WILLIAM W. MOREHEAD, of the Western Theological Seminary, were licensed to preach the Gospel of Christ, as probationers for the holy ministry, by the Presbytery of Blairsville, at their late meeting, 9th inst.

Rev. J. G. CONDIT'S Post Office address is changed from New Vernon to Sandy Lake, Mercer County, Pa.

Rev. W. W. EELLS, of Carlisle, Rev. T. K. DAVIS, of Middletown, and Rev. JOHN H. SYMMES, of Cumberland, Md., were dismissed from their respective charges, at the late meeting of Carlisle Presbytery.

Rev. WILLIAM PRIDEAUX accepted a call to the Schellsburg church, and arrangements were made for his installation by the Presbytery of Carlisle, at its late meeting

Messrs. D. C. MARQUIS and ALBERT DIL-WORTH, students of the Western Theological Seminary, were licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Beaver.

Messis. Josias H. Young, Francis J. COLLIER, JOHN L. SEMPLE, CHARLES T. MCMULLIN, and Mr. OSLER, students of the Princeton Theological Seminary, have been licensed to preach the Gospel

Messrs. WILLIAM COLEMAN and GEORGE T. CRISSMAN have been licensed by the Presbytery of Chillicothe.

Mr. MATTHEW L. ANDERSON was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Allegheny, at its late meeting, on the

great telescope revealed an extremely mi- duty, and that his resignation will now be nute companion star distant about 10' lowing, which was probably never before seen by mortal eye. The telescope was made for a Mississippi College, at a cost of army, that there must be many openings at \$11,000, but the war has annulled the the South for good preachers of a secescontract, and it is now for sale. Efforts are making in Boston to secure it for that few months among the rebels with whom eity, but it will probably be sold to some Dr. Hawks is supposed to sympathize foreign purchaser.

DURING the last week there has been an unusual stir in the Boston Custom House, owing to the recent large increase of busi-

ness. It will have an Introduction by Prof. H. tific Discovery" for 1862, will be imme- and politician, will be the pastor. diately issued from the same press.

GENERAL LANDER, a short time before he died, wrote a poem, which, during his last illness, he desired his wife, in the event of his death, to send to the Atlantic their means should justify it. Monthly. It will appear in the May number of that periodical, with the title "Under the Snow;" it is quite striking, both in thought and diction. Gen. Lander's sister, the sculptor, has taken a studio in this city. for a short time. 22010/02100

AT THE LATE MEETING of the New-England Historic Genealogical Society, a paper was read entitled "The History of

EASTERN SUMMARY. now, witnessing in each successive year its BOSTON AND NEW ENGLAND. A MAMMOTH TELESCOPE, probably the Mass. The acromatic object-glass is eighteen | The Evening Post contains the following and a half inches in diameter. Those of account:

Harvard University and the Pulkava Ob-i ered as the finest in existence, have object, glasses fifteen inches in diameter. That of in diameter, and one has been made in placed in a temporary tube lately, and

