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### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1862. THE PLACE OF MEETING.

Ser M.

THE PULPIT AND THE NATIONAL CRISIS. Such is the title of a sermon by the Rev. N. L. RICE, D. D., just published by CHARLES SCRIBNER. In common with the from each other, on lots so large as to greater part of the religious press at the afford a garden, and also a front yard with North, we took ground in opposition to trees and shrubbery. The site is an extentwo discourses by the same author, preached sive plain, sufficiently elevated to be dry some time ago with respect to the duties of and healthy. It has some beautiful the Church, ministers, and Christians, in churches, and buildings for charitable inthe fearful struggle in which our country stitutions. The State House is large, and was then and is now engaged. Owing to is one of the most beautiful public buildthe position in which those discourses ings we have ever seen. The Legislative placed Dr. RICE before the people, he has Hall, in this building had been tendered to thought it necessary to preach and publish the Assembly, by a unanimous vote of the this discourse, which is widely different in Legislature. It was cordially accepted; many respects from the one to which it is and affords a most commodious room. fitted an appendix. The text is Matt. xxii: 21 up in the best manner, so retired from the After showing that the ministry and the streets as to be entirely free from noise, pulpit should not be perverted to political easy of access, and furnishing accommodapurposes, for which neither we nor the tions for visitors. The use of the State great body of the religious and secular Library was also tendered to the Assembly. press of the North never contended, but during its Sessions. always opposed, he proceeds to define his position with regard to slavery and the rebellion, showing that he has always opposed BACKUS, D.D., of Baltimore, preached the the perpetuation and extension of slavery, opening sermon, from Heb. xii: 28and that he is an out and out Union man, and against all secession either of the radi cannot be moved. let us have arace cal abolition stripe, or of the radical pro whereby we may serve God acceptably, slavery kind. This sermon will do much with reverence and godly fear." The to satisfy the public mind with regard to preacher intimated, at the outset, that the position of Dr. RICE.

### OUESTIONS FOR THE BANNER.

1. When a Session refers a case to Presby tery; with all the records of Session in the case, and these records contain many written testimonies; when the whole records of the Session are by Presbytery referred to a judicial committee to report thereon, is it constitutional (or according to the practice of any superior court) to decide thereon. only hearing the recommendation of the committee, "without first hearing the records of the lower court," and giving a hearing to the prosecution ?

Answer -The records should be read, including the testimony, and the parties should be fully heard by the court before a decision is made. Truth will always bear a full and candid investigation, and even if a prosecutor be manifestly in error, it is yet both wise and righteous to let him be fully heard. Such a course belongs to the spirit of our Church Government, and tends to a peaceful settlement of the difficulties.

-112: When a petition from a disaffected party, who by false representation has se duced many to join in a petition for the removal of a pastor, is presented to Presbytery, is the Presbytery justified in acting on this petition, whilst obstinately refusing to hear testimony that many of these names are those of persons who have no right to vote in the church, and many more have

Neither has the Department of Distri- | The pastor would not need, after a twenty | bution been pressed so vigorously as in years' labor, to say mournfully to his peoformer years, nor has the Department of Sus-Columbus, Ohio, where the General tentation been so prosperous. As these are teachers, ye have need that one teach you Assembly of the Presbyterian Church intimately connected, we will present them | again which be the first principles of the (O. S.,) is now in Session, is the capital of together, using something of a tabular oracles of God." We might still have as Ohio, and a beautiful city of some twentyfive thousand inhabitants. The streets are form : ○ } € Sales—At Depository, (p. 26,)......\$19,448.94 By Colporteurs, (p. 26,)...... 14,052:01 wide, and cross each other at right angles. The houses are generally built separate

Total sales .... \$88,500.95 pts-For Books sold, (p. 81,).... 81,031.18 Deduct for Books got at other houses, to fill "orders;" (p. 31.)..... 1:607.64

Actual Receipts, from, sales.. \$29,423.54 COST OF CONDUCTING BUSINESS. s-Editor, &c., (p. 31). Solicitor and Porter, (p. 31,). Superintendent of Colport-age, and part of Cor. Sec. salary, charged to Col-

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Add salaries and expenses of colporteurs, and freight on books to them, (the col-porteurs being really sales-. 14 562.97 men,) .....

Total cost of conducting the business ......\$29,866.55 BENEFACTIONS, &C. Donations-By the churches for Col-\* 

Rome; by the crusades, the Reformation;

ples "when, for the time, ye ought to be many "babes" in our churches as we have ...\$19,448.94 at present, and as much need of milk; for conversions would be more frequent; but we would have a large increase of "men," and a growing demand for "strong meat." nessee. The preaching of which we speak might

be a modification, and a vast extension, of what the Bible class is in some of our churches. The need for something of the kind is surely very great. The good aimed at is immense. If people were brought to speak more on divine things, they would think more, and feel more; they would read more, and hear better; they would grow more rapidly, and more nearly approximate

"the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Will not our pastors and elders try it-

try/it fairly? They may at least improve and extend their Bible classes; and enlist in them more and older persons.

THE LAST SERVICES have been held in the Bowdoin Street church, Boston. The congregation does not propose to disband immediately, but a committee has been authorized to dispose of the house of worship whenever an advantageous sale can be effected. This step, which will probably

result in the complete absorption of this church by others, has been brought about not from the want of financial ability, but tals, and also among the prisoners, many of from the want of a congregation sufficient to warrant the outlay, owing to the contiguity of other Congregational churches. The Bowdoin Street church was organized about 1825. The Rev. Dr. Payson, of could not restrain some expressions of dis- | Portland, was the first pastor sought, but he declined. The Rev. Dr. Lyman Beecher, in salaries, &c., and the small amount of who had been twenty years settled at Litchfield, Conn., was then called. He accepted the call, owing to the insufficient salary given by the Connecticut congregation. This was the time of the revival of Evangelical religion in Boston. For a few years previous to this time there had been scarcely any additions to the church. In 1823, when five young men publicly joined bly met in Baltimore. It was up again at the Park Street church on profession of faith, it was considered a remarkable event. And then, too, was the high day of Unitarianism-of Gannett, of Ware, of Norton. and above all, of Channing. But then the Evangelical pulpit was very ably represented.; As the Independent says, Dr. Lyman Beecher was at Hanover Street!

where the Bowdoin Street church was first thorough. Let it be no "white-washing" | located ; Dr. Wisner was at the Old South; Dr. Edward Beecher at Park Street: Dr

the heroic Tennessean their undivided attention. After a brief review of the origin and progress of the rebellion, Mr. Brownlow proceeded to describe its effects upon Tennessee, and gave a detailed and highly interesting account of his personal experience, concluding with an earnest appeal in

MESSRS. SHELDON & COMPANY have removed from their old quarters in Nassau Street, to Broadway, corner of Worth Street. The present location is in every respect preferable to the old one, and we anticipate for this firm in its present place logue of books has always been of a high order, but the addition to their list of the famous Riverside publications make them second, to no house in America. In a second to no house in America. In a short time we expect to be able to invite the special attention of our readers to some Heb. xii : 28—"Wherefore we receiving a kingvery high order.

"THAT liberal and enterprising publisher, Charles Scribner, has just brought out "Lectures on The History of the Eastern Church. With an Introduction on the Study of Ecclesiastical History. .. By A. P. Stanley, D. D., author of "Life of Dr. Arnold." "Sinai and Palestine," &c. From the second revised London edition. Elegantly printed at the Riverside Press, on laid tinted paper, in one volume, octavo, with map of Eastern Churches, cloth, gilt. Price \$2.50.

The great division of Ecclesiastical History, which is the subject-matter of the present volume, has never-been thoroughly discussed by any English historian. Dr Stanley brings to the task a perfect knowledge of the authorities, a personal acquaintance with the East, and a power of word painting that gives a charm to his work perfectly unique and unexampled by any previous volume on Ecclesiastical History The great Epochs of Eastern Christianity. the Counsel of Nice, the Conversion and Career of Constantine, the Rise of Moham- lows :. met and his Religion, the Progress and Establishment of Christianity among the Russians and Wild Tribes of the Northare all presented with the vividness of a succession of actual pictures that charm the Mohawk. reader, and introduce him to a field of study almost entirely new.

THAT EMINENT SCHOLAR, Rev. Dr. Edward Robinson, Biblical Professor in Union Theological Seminary, has sailed for Europe in the Bremen. He has suffered for Bedord, a year or two past from an affection in one New York, of his eyes, and goes abroad to recruit his general health, in hope of thus restoring the part which is specially ailing. All the friends of sound learning and sacred sci-

ence will cherish sincere concern for his IV. SYNOD OF NEW-JERSEY. restoration to health, and the more as it is Blizabethtown, (S.S. Sheddan, V. L. Lockwood, understood that Dr. Robinson's magnum Passaic. David Irving, N. Brunswick, JJ. M. McDonald, pus, his exhaustive treatise on Biblical Ge

was an ovation. The house was packed tion of souls; his tender regard for the welwith an enthusiastic audience, who gave fare of the sick and dying. And whilst California, they feel thankful that his labors have been owned and blessed, they trust that his life may be spared for future usefulness, wherever Providence may call him." The recommendation was agreed to by

the congregation, and they were subse-quently unanimously adopted, and the Clerk of Session directed to place the same on record, and furnish Mr. Banks with a behalf of the suffering loyalists of Ten- copy, and send the Presbyterian, and Presbyterian Banner each a copy for publica-

WM. C. MCCORMICK, CI'K.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GEN. ERAL ASSEMBLY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 15, 1862. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (Old School) convened at the First Pres-

of their more recent issues, which are of a dom which cannot be moved, let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and godly fear."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Moderator called the General Assembly to order and offered prayer. The list of delegates was then read ; but during the reading; on motion of Rev. Dr. Hoge, the further reading was suspended; and on his further motion, a committee on cre-dentials was ordered, to whom were referred all nformal credentials, with instructions to report at the afternoon session. Rev. Dr. Hods then communicated the Reso-

ution of the House of Representatives tendering the General Assembly the use of the Hall of the House for their sessions, with a note from Dr. Awl, State House Superintendent, informing them that the Hall of the House was prepared fo their accommodation. The tender was accepted. Dr. Hoge also communicated the joint resolution of both Houses of the Legislature tendering the

use of the State Library during the session, which was accepted. The Moderator announced the names of Rev Dr. Dumont, Rev. Dr. Chester, and Elder D. Crawford, as to constitute the Committee of

After singing and prayer the Assembly adredentials. urned to meet in the Hall of the House of Repesentatives, at 4 o'clock, P. M. Mill inter

AFTERNOON SESSION .- 4 P. M. After devotional services, the Secretary, Rev. Dr. McGill, read the names of the delegates entitled to seats in the Assembly. They are as fol-

I. SYNOD OF ALBANY. IL ELDERS. MINISTERS. PRESBYTERIES J. W. Kinnicutt. B. R. Allen, G. H. Robertson, H. D. Pearse. John Kelso. J. N. Crocker, S. H. Gook. H. H. Curtis. S. E. Lane, S. N. Campbell,

> II. SYNOD OF BUFFALO. James Gardner. Wm. E. Jones, James Remington H. T. McNair. J. W. Adams George Patt Čity. III. SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

> > F. Stead, McDougall

eorge Junkin,

F. Halsey,

s Smith.

VI. SYNOD OF BALTIMORE

J. G. Ralston, W. C. Roberts

'd, ∫ J. H. Grier, | H. L. Doolittl

J. C. Backus, Cyrus Dickso

I. A. Brown, S. J. Nichols.

Hugh O. Ros

George Marshall, Wm. M. Pažton, William Edgar, C. P. Cummins, W. F. Morgan,

John Coulter

L. R. M'Abo

J. W. Scott,

C. C. Beatty, John Moffatt, Wm. Daizell,

James Hoge, J. J. Wolcott, J.M. B. Miller,

W. M. Robins

T. Beer,

R. Key, John McLean

T. F. Cortleyou, Wm. McMillan, Alex. Telford,

R. J. L. Matthews.

W. P. Koutz; J. T. Killen, W. M. Donalds:

N. S. Palmer, W. A. Holliday,

D. A. Wallace. A: McFurland,

S. M. Osmond, J. M. Chase,

J. C. Barr, { R. G. Thompson, M. W. Staples.

Jacob Liesveld. W. J. Monteith,

Jas. A. M<sup>2</sup>Kee, John Frothingham.

E. L. Belden, John M. Boggs,

H. I. Coe, A. P. Forman, A. A. Mathers.

Stuart Robinson, J. L. M'Kee,

[R. A. Johnston

R. F. Caldwe N. F. Tuck.

XIX. SYNOD OF IOWA.

XX. SYNOD C. C. P. Taylor, J. L. Wan. i River, D. L. Hughes, J. Caldwoll, J.R. 10 Wm Elliott. A. M. Rogers. XX. SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.

Wm. Bishop. G. S. Woodward.

XXII. SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

XXIII. SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

XXI. SYNOD OF UPPER MISSOURI.

A: McFurland, John Dale, James E: Marquis, A. N. Denny, R. Conover, B. C. Swan,

XV. SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

XVI. SYNOD OF CHICAGO.

XVII. SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.

VIII. SYNOD OF ST. PAULA

Morton,

ames Anderson.

Allegheny City.

Washington,

tenbenville.

St. Clairsville, New Lisbon,

Marion, Zanesville,

Wooster,

XIV.

Rock River,

Dane, Milwankie,

St. Paul,

Cedar

Lake Supe

ux Oity,

Fairfield,

Dickson, W Dickey,

Septimus Tustin

VII. SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.

VIII. SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.

IX. SYNOD OF WHEELING.

X. SYNOD OF OHIO.)

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XI. SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.

XIL SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.

XIII. SYNOD OF INDIANA.

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.

Nathaniel Williams, Joshua Robinso J. N. Kemper, H. Stoddard: A. J. Reynolds, H. H. Leavitt, B. F. Costlaron, Joseph Anders

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J. Van Kuren. H. S. Banks. Jos. Banks. D. H. Hundting D. M. Maclise. Lowrey, P. B. Heroy, Thos. M'Cauley, D. N. Lord, David Conger, A. B. Belknap, W. N. Belcher. Davidson, M. Stevenson Lowrie, . Stoddard H. Dumor R. McFarlane W. M. Pierson

thews; Ruing Edger, C.O. Waters, W. B. Shith,
H. R. Kenneay.
CHURCH EXTENSION. Ministers, R. Conver, L.
R. McAboy, H. L. Doolittle; Ruing Eiders, W.
Blair, H. Stöddard.
NARRATIVE. Ministers, W. P. Breed, B. Dickson, J. J. Wolcott; Ruing Elder, J. McVay.
DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES. Ministers, Jas. Hoge, W. M. Robinson; Ruling Elder, David Taylor. FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE. -Ministers. S. P

CORRESPONDING BODIES. General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church Rev. S. T. Stewart. General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church -Rev. S. T. Stewart. General Synod of the Reform -Rev. Elbert S. Porter, D.D. The following Synods are not represented Synod of Virginia, North Carolina, Nashrille, South Caro-lina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Memphis, Arkanas, Texas, and Northern India.

XXIV. SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC

Alex. Scott.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Nominations of candidates for Moderator were

made as follows: Rev. Dr. Beatty, of Steabenville; Rev. Dr. Rev. Dr. Deauty, or Orabertanic, act. Dr. Scott, of Washington (Pa.) Presbytery; Rev. Dr. McDonald, of New Brunswick; Rev. Dr.

Dr. McDonaud, of Hew Diamonica; Kev. Dr. Musgrave, of Philadelphia; and Rev. Dr. Ches-ter, of Burlington, N. J. Dr. Scott and Dr. Musgrave withdrew their names, and declined being candidates. The vote was then taken, and Dr. Beatty received 198 votes, and Dr. McDonald 16.

Rev. A. A. Hogue, of Ky., was elected Tempo. rary Clerk. ary Clerk. Dr. Hocur then moved that the daily session

of the General Assembly commence each day at 9 o'clock in the morning, and close at 12 M., and the afternoon sessions commence at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock, and end at  $5\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock; and that the last half hour of the afternoon session be devoted exclusively to religious exercises. Agreed to.

OBDER OF BUSINESS.

Dr. HOGUE offered the following : Resolved, That the following be the order of business at 10, o'clock A. M. of each day : Friday Reports of Tecological Seminaries. Saturday Reports of Standing Committees and Board of Publications. Monday-Report of Board of Domestic Mie

sions. Tuesday Report of Board of Education. Wednesday-Report of Board of Foreign Mis

Thursday\_Church Extension. After prayer by the Moderator, adjourned.

second Day.

FRIDAY MORNING-May 16.

The Assembly was opened with prayer by the

Moderator. The Moderator announced the Standing Com mittees as follows:

COMMITTEES.

ON BILLS AND OVERTURES .- Ministers. J. C Backus, Geo, Jünkin, R. J. Breckinridge, B. P. Stead, W. C. Röberts, E. L. Belden, A. Scott, S. Mitchell; *Ruling: Elders*—H. H. Leavitt, D. M. Lord, T. G. Rainey, A. Cameron, D. Comfort, F. McLean.

JUDICIAL COMMITTRE. -- Ministers, Geo. W. Musgrave, Cyrus' Dickson, S. Rebinson, John Moffat, B. R. Allen, J. M. Boggs, J. C. Lowrie; Ruling Elders, H. K. Clark, W. M. Belcher, James L. Gwynne, John McCoy, J. H. Patterson.

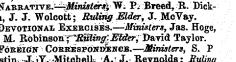
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES .- Ministers, Robert THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES. Annactor, Robert Davidson, Wm. Chester, Geo. Marshall, R. F. Caldwell, R. G. Thompson, Wm. A. Holliday; *Ruling Elders*, Wm. B. Canfield, M. C. Grier, C. Chapin, H. Curtis, Charles D. Campbell.

Chapin, H. Curtis, Charles D. Campbell. DOMESTIC MISSIONS. -- Ministers, J. M. McDon-ald, Wm. Bishop, A. P. Forman, Jas. N. Crocker, C. P. Cummins; *Ruling Elders*, W. L. Candee, D. M. Hunting, W. P. Inskeep, James Miller. FORSIGN MISSIONS. -- Ministers, W. M. Paxion, J. F. Hulser, J. M. Stranger, D. M. Paxion,

J. F. Halsey, J. M. Stevenson, David Irving, James Anderson; Ruling Elders, J. F. Janviers, J. Woodruff, D. R. Breeze, James E. Bell.

BOARD OF EDUCATION. - Ministers, John W. Scott, J. H. Grier, Geo. Hale, W. M. Donaldson. J. L. McKee, A. Denny; Ruling Elders, Thos. H. Brooks, W. Sargent, J. P. Wykoff. BOARD OF PUBLICATION.-Ministers, S. P. Mc-

Pheeters, James Sloan, J. G. Ralston, R. J. Matthews; Ruling Elders, C. O. Waters, W. L. Sutton,



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at Philadelphia, much dissatisfaction with the Board's management was expressed. And now again the matter comes up. It might be well for the Board to ask an investigation, and for the Assembly to institute it. But if anything is done, let it be

## as the Apostle was speaking of things which might be shaken and removed. and which were to give place to that which could not be shaken and would remain, his text was adapted to the times.

Some expected, hence, that we were to have a discourse on our national affairs, and a few even thought that we might have something tinged with pro-Southernism, as Dr. BACKUS resides in a Slave State. But all such fears were vain. We had an excellent Gospel sermon, stating some of God's plans in bringing his good purposes to pass, and showing the Christian's duty and the brightness of the prospects with which he is cheered. The application of the subject to our country's turmoil, and the benefits which were to follow and flow from the present distress, were all left to

THE ORGANIZATION.

At 11 o'clock, May 15th, Rev. JOHN C.

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which

the sound sense and good hopes of the hearers. The "kingdom" here spoken of. was said, was the kingdom of Jesus Christ, already set up, which must progress till it would embrace the universe. It would prevail and abide. The "shakings" which were now in the world, were no new thing. God had so promoted his kingdom, in Egypt, Judea,

Total given away by the The Secretary in commenting upon his Report, spoke in glowing terms of the ben eficial labors of the colporteurs among the soldiers, both in the camps and the hospi-

whom received visits, books and tracts with great joy. But still, some of the ardent friends of the Board, while they applauded its course relative to the army and navy,

satisfaction at the large amount expended production and distribution. The large amount of capital with which the Board has been supplied, and the liberal donations to its colportage and distribu-

tion funds, they thought should have been productive of far greater results. And this is no new feeling. An inquiry

quite a contest on the subject. Last year,

was suggested years ago, when the Assem-Charleston. At Indianapolis there was

EASTERN SUMMARY. BOSTON AND NEW ENGLAND.

been obtained by false statements made to the signers?

A petition got up privately, for the removal of a pastor, should never be entertained in Presbytery, so far as to be the basis of final action. A Presbytery, on hearing such a potition read, may dismiss it without further inquiry; or they may examine into the number and churchstanding of the signers. They may then express disapprobation, if the thing is wrong; or they may give advice adapted to circumstances; or they may order a meeting of the congregation to consider the subject. No action affecting the character or interests of either minister or church member, is to be taken without hearing all the testimony which may bear on the case; and nothing which affects the relation of pastor and people is to be done on the representation of individuals. A congregational meeting is necessary. The right of petition is to be guarded by a Presbytery but it must not be made a covert means of injury. Those who draw up, circulate. and sign petitions, are to be held responsible: ค.ศ. เอปฐายี รู. ค.ศ. สีหระดับ สะวัตร

### THE LATE BISHOP MEADE.

This venerable Bishop of Virginia, died on the 14th of April. He was one of the most truly pious, Evangelical, and earnest Christians under the Episcopal name. His last words were:

"The prospect of rest from sin and suffering is attractive, though I am willing to remain and, take my part in the labors and trials which may be before us. My hope, is, in, Christ, 'the Rock of Ages.' I have no fear of death, and this not from my, courage, but from my faith. The present seems a proper time for my departure. I am at peace with God. through Jesus Christ my Lord, and in charity with all men, even our bitterest enemies. All that has ever been said in commendation of me, I loathe and abhor, as utterly inconsistent with my consciousness of sin. ] commend you, and all my brethren, to the tender mercies of Christ, and pray for his blessing on the Church in Virginia." In his lifetime he had done and endured much for the good of his fellow men, and had suffered much persecution because of his interest in the slave. And he protested to the last against the fraud and force by which Virginia had been dragged into the infamous confederacy of rebellion. "But it is painful to know that after this crime had become an accomplished fact, Bishop MEADE went, heart and soul with this wicked secession. And even in his last moments he encouraged those around him to an unwavering support of the traitor government.

To one of his clergy, Bishop MEADE said on his death-bed, "Speak boldly to your people ... Tell them to persevere in sustaining their country in this struggle. The war against us is iniquitous. I am persuaded that God is with us, and will give ns success." And to Assistant-Bishop JOHNS, he said "" I trust the Seuth will persevere in peparation. I believe there are thousands in the North who condemn the course of their Administration toward us, and instime will express themselves openity entributer of loss set What fatal spell could have bound such a man in such a fell delusion?

by persecutions, and by wars. God determines secular affairs, so as to subserve his purposes. He restrains and controls. He permits wicked men to bring evil upon themselves, that they may be overthrown. Good men sometimes counsel inactivity. vision, are concerned. depending upon time to produce desired changes. God chooses storms, calamities, national convulsions, at the means of destroying the wicked. The nation that will not serve God, must perish. Human progress springs from national convulsions. Troublous times produce great men, and great reformations. They make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Not that these shakings themselves produce "the great change ; but God uses them as occasions when, by his Word, his servants, his

Providence, to be held. Church, he advances the kingdom which GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE NEW-SCHOOL cannot be shaken. PRESBYTERIAN CHIRCH. The kingdom of Christ is ordained to This body met on Thursday morning, in extend, not only over all the world, but Cincinnati, in the Second Presbyterian over all the relations of men. The truth church.

as it is in Jesus, is the effectual means of There were, as we learn, twenty-one progress. The Church brings the truth to Synods represented, as follows : --- Albany, bear upon men. She applies the means. Utica, Geneva, Onondaga, Susquehanna, She is now working. She labors in hope. Genessee, New-York, Pennsylvania, West God has promised; has begun his work; will finish. Let us have grace to serve. Let us enter with sympathy into the Divine nois, Peoria, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and plans, serving acceptably associated to Missouri.

There were present one hundred and After sermon, the Assembly was constituted by prayer, as is usual. Rev. CHARLES six ministers and eighty-six Elders. C. BEATTY, D.D., of Steubenville, Ohio was elected Moderator of the present As-York, preached the opening sermon. sembly, by a vote nearly unanimous, over The following officers were elected :two hundred members voting; and Rev. A. Rev. GEORGE DUFFIELD, D. D., Modera-A. HOGUE, of Kentucky, was chosen Temporary Clerk. Clerk; Rev. WILLIAM STERLING, Perma-THE STATED AND PERMANENT CLERKnent Clerk, pro! tem.; Hon. WM? H. SHIPS.

BROWN, and Rev. FRANK F. ELLINWOOD, Rev. A. T. M'GILL, D.D., has most ac-Temporary, Clerks. Same Ki Sauin . 193 ceptably served the Assembly as Perma-Calling the roll, electing officers and disnent (Recording) Clerk; and the Assemtributing papers and documents, occupied bly now wished to raise him to a still the afternoon drama of a sola of higher, though less laborious office. This The attendance is unusually large, and was rendered practicable, by the resignathe greatest interest, it is said, is manition of Dr. LEYBURN, who had held the fested in the proceedings. office of Stated Clerk. Dr. M'GILL was hence advanced to the vacant chair : and

And the other books were small, there

Dr. SCHENCK, Secretary of the Board of Could not the Gospel be effectively Publication, was made Permanent Clerk preached to adults, on the Sabbath School Both positions are well occupied. system? Preaching from the pulpit does BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

ADULT SABBATH SCHOOLS.

quire. But if the difficulties could be over-

not sufficiently rivet the attention: and en-The Annual Report of this Board came gregation. It is hard for a pastor, always up for consideration on Saturday. The and only thus preaching, rightly to divide troubles of the country have seriously the Word. He cannot know the capacity affected its operations. It has got no contributions from the South, and has been able to make no sales there. And in, the stood. He cannot so well speak a word in North it has suffered to some little extent. season. The statistics of the Report are so di-

vided and so commingled, that it is not easy to get at the condition of the business. The Report has been distributed in the the half of the public services on each ers discounts at three and a half per cent. Assembly, and will be sent to all pastors. be found in the way. It will require much We will attempt an Abstract and analysis, to some extent, for the benefit of other talent, and much study. People will hesireaders. The Department of Production has not sarily both expose their ignorance and exercise much thought. They would rather been extensively wrought. The Report says, "sixteen new books, of which have go to church where they can sit unquesbeen printed 92,750 copies." This seems tioned and listen, or sleep, or build their no doubt that the foreign demand will conto count high, but it embraces " Soldiers' airy castles, or be amused, just as circum. | tinue until July on a large scale, and will Pocket Book, price 5 cents, 76,750 copies." | stances may enlist them, or fancy may re- | relieve our markets of the surplus.

cess. Let it be done by a committee composed of men who are able, fearless Greene, of beloved memory, was at Essex honest-men who love the cause, and in Street; Dr. Skinner, now of Union Theowhom the dissatisfied, as well as others, logical Seminary, had just begun to preach have confidence. The cause of benevoto the Pine Street church; Dr. Jenks was lence, and the credit of Church super- in Green Street and Dr. Justin Edwards at Salem Street Jeremiah Evarts, that PLACE OF NEXT MEETING. noble Secretary of the American Board,

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We always like to see a desire maniand Elias Cornelius, Daniel Noyes, the fested by brethren, to have the Assembly sound counsellor, and Dr. Pond, then editmeet with them. Those of the West sel- ing the Spirit of the Pilorimswand Drs. dom neglect to put in a claim, and this Wood and Porter and Stuart, of Andover, time they succeeded. The contest lay and good old Dr. Holmes, of Cambridge, mainly between Washington, D. C., and (O versatile and witty son, respect and Peoria, Ill. The latter place obtained a spare the faith of thy father 1)----will Boston majority of votes, and there the General ever see such days again? Assembly of 1863, is, under a favoring

ZION'S HERALD, the organ of the New-England Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, speaks thus of the surplus of ministers in that Church : The announcement made last year that

there were a greater number of eligible candidates offered to our annual Conferences than were required to properly fill up the work, has been repeated with increased emphasis, this Spring. Probably the numbers of candidates is not proportionately greater than at other times, but the demand for new men in our ministry is actually Pennsylvania, Michigan, Western Reserve, much less than formerly. Some of the an-Ohio, Cincinnati, Indiana, Wabash, Illi- nual Conferences have refused to admit any on trial, however worthy and promising the applicants might be; and others, though their ranks were already crowded, have admitted a few of only the most eligible, rather than incur the risk of losing them; finally Rev. Dr. Condit, of Auburn, New- by a temporary rejection. It is probably true that had not a single candidate for the travelling connexion been received by any of the Conferences of the Eastern and Middle States, at their late sessions, the tor; Rev. E. F. HATFIELD; D. D., Stated | bishops, would have found but little difficulty in supplying the work. This is an unprecedented fact in our Church's history, and it is all the more wonderful on account of its territorial extent and continuance through a series of years.

This increase of ministers in the various denominations, "is plainly teaching the Church the great duty of making immediate preparation for ocupying the waste places in our land and in the world. She will be unfaithful to her trust if she does not seize upon this opportunity, and supply ample means to enter more largely than ever upon the work of evangelizing the world. PR. Countrie NEW-YORK. W. A. State

THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY are pursulighten the intellect of multitudes in a con- ing steadily the same cautious and prudent course of buying and selling, moderately and for cash and short time. They re quire very little accommodation from banks, and the accumulation of money pressing on nor the attainments of each anditor. " He the market for employment, owing to this cannot know whether he is properly under- want of demand from legitimate business, and the creation of paper money by the banks and Government, has reduced the rates of discount. The range of the mar-Suppose some of our gifted ministers ket for money is from three to five per cent. and elders try the Sabbath School plan for and some banks have offered their custom-Lord's day? We know that difficulties will for sixty to minety days' paper. The Spring dry goods trade at private sale is almost closed, but there are still auction sales, at which full assortments are offered tate about attending where they must neces- in small lots, adapted to the class of pur-

chasers now in the market Prices are low, and the season has been unsatisfactory to importers. The produce trade is not so active as dealers expected, but there is

THE PUBLIC RECEPTION OF REV. W.G. being only one in 8vo. and two in 12mo. | come, what vast benefits would result ! BBOWNLOW, at the Academy of Music,

West Jersey ography, which no man living is so well able to treat, is still unfinished. Raritan.

THE last mail from Europe brings the Susqueha Luzerne, Burlington intelligence of the death of Rev. George W. Bethune, D.D., at Florence, on the 28th of April, whither he had gone to re-Philadelph cuperate his, shattered health. The news will be received with sorrow by the whole -rnila Centra Christian community, by whom he was so Philada, 2d, well known and so highly esteemed.

Dr. Buthune was born in New-York in Donegal, Huntingdon March, 1805, and entered the ministry in 1826, officiating first in the Presbyterian church, but soon became connected with the Dutch Reformed. He was first settled at Rhinebeck, afterwards at Utica and Philadelphia, and in 1849 received a call to Carlisle. Brooklyn, where he remained nearly ten Winches years in charge of one of the largest con- Lewes, Potomac, gregations in that city. He resigned this connexion some three years ago, and went to Europe to recuperate his failing health. On his return he became associate nastor Blairsville Slarion, Saltsburg, of the Twenty-first Street Reformed Dutch church in this city, but his health again becoming impaired, he once more left for Allegheny,

Europe early last Fall. Dr. Bethune has written both prose and poetry. In 1847 he published anonymously an edition of Izaac Walton's "/Complete Angler;" in 1848 appeared a volume of poems entitled, " Lays of Love and Faith?' Besides collections of sermons, his other works are. "The Fruit of the Spirit;" "Early Lost ;" "Early Saved ;" and ""The History of a Penitent." In character he was just, humane and genial, and he was heartily beloved by all who had the happi- Hocking, ness of his acquaintance.

Dr. Bethune justly ranked among the West'n Res first preachers in America. His sermons were carefully, logically, and elegantly written, and delivered with a rare eloquence. Nature had bestowed upon him a liami, i) Jincinnați most musical voice, of which he made a full use (in In this connexion we recall the won-Oxford, 194 derful impressiveness with which he always read both the Scriptures and hymns. Not unfrequently were his anditors so held by his reading that the falling of a pin could be heard in any part of the house. This power was not artificial at all, but almost a part of his nature. He could no more help Lake, Ft. Wayne, Crawfordsvil Muncie, reading well than speaking eloquently. As a platform speaker, too, he had few equals. for the proof of which we need only allude Kaskaskie to the many occasions on which he was called upon to address public audiences on secular subjects. His last effort of this kind was made, we believe, at the great Union meeting at Union Square, on the Schuyler 20th of April, 1861.

## For the Presbyterian Banner Testimonial.

At a meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian church of Altoona, held in their church on Monday, April 28th, 1862. Hon. James S. Gwin presented the following preamble and resolution, with the rec ommendation, that they be submitted for the adoption of the congregation, which Dub were read as follows, to wit. :

"WHEREAS, The Presbytery of Huntingdon, at its late meeting, appointed the I was Rev. D. Stuart Banks, to labor as a missionary in their bounds until its next meeting in October, and in obedience thereto he is about to remove from us to assume the Latayette, duties assigned him ;; therefore. duties assigned him ; therefore,

duties assigned nin ; therefore, find the Plate, "Resolved, That the congregation of the First, Presbyterian church, of Altoona, Missouri, St. Louis, the the second secon whose pulpit he has supplied during the ill health and absence of the pastor, Rev. A. B. Clarke,) cannot part with Mr. Banks without bearing testimony to his zeal for the Spiritual interests of the church-to Louisville, his persevering efforts to advance his Mas- Muhlenburg, their high an Transylvania, ter's cause, and expressing their high ap-

preciation of this talents and ministerial W. Lexington, labors; his earnest solicitude for the salva- Pasicah,

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BEVISED BOOK, OF DISCIPLINE.

Rev. Dr. BEBORINELOGE, chairman of the Com-mittee on the Revised Book of Discipline, sub-mitted the following report to the General As-

sembly. According to the lorder of the Assembly of 1861, the committee convened in the early part of August of that year, at the city of Allegheny -four ministers and one elder being present-and spent four days on the work that had twice before been submitted to the Assembly. The committee then adjourned to meet in Washington City during the Autumn of that year. The tate of the country at the period appointed for that meeting rendering it impossible, in the judg-ment of the chairman, for the committee to hold profitably, if at all, he made advertisement of that fact, and proposed a meeting of the com-mitteento be held in Columbus, on the day preceeding the present meeting of the Assembly, in this place. In the mean time the edition of the Discipline, as revised by the committee at Alle-gheny, was printed by the Board of Publication, and two interleaved copies were sent to the Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, as far as they could be reached; and a sufficient number of opies were reserved to furnish each member of he present General Assembly with one. A coniderable number of Presbyteries have made written suggestions to the committee some approving the book as altered some disapproving certain alterations—some suggesting further alerations, and a very few advising that the work should be arrested for the present.

A meeting of the committee took place, as previously advertised, at this place, on the 14th nst., five ministers, and one elder being present. After considerable conference, the only affirmaive conclusion reached, was an order directing he Chairman to report to the Assembly, that in the judgment of the committee, the Assembly bught to postpone any decisive action on the subect of Revised Discipline, until its annual meeting in May, 1863.

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Chairman of Committee. The report having been accepted, was dock-

Dr. McDoNALD offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The Rev. John Leyburn, D.D., has vacated the office of Stated Clerk of this body.

therefore, Resolved, That the Rey, Alexander T. McGill. D. D., be, and he is hereby transferred from the office of Permanent Clerk to that of Stated Clerk. and that the Assembly do now proceed to the election of a Permanent Clerk.

Dr. McGILL, being inquired of, stated that he had been authorized to say that the former Stated Clerk had resigned. Accordingly the resolution of Dr. McDonald prvailed. Thereupon it was ordered that an election for Permanent Clerk be eld. Messrs. Hale, Nevin, Schenck, and Davidson were nominated. Drs. Nevin and Hale requested to withdraw their names, and were eroused. On call of the roll, the vote resulted in 126 for Dr. Schenck, and 99 for Dr. Nevin. EThe Order of the Day was now called-to hear Reports from different Boards and Theological

On motion of Dr. MUSGRAVE, Dr. Jones read the report of the Trustees of the Fund for Disa-bled Ministers, &c. On motion of Judge Leavitt the same was accepted and referred to appropriate committee:

committee On motion, the Assemblysheard reports from the Presbyterian Historical Society, by Dr.

Dr. NEVIN humorously remarked that he applauded the Moderator's knowledge of human plauge the inductator standwledge of numa-nature in asking a report from him just at this moment, as it must be known that a defeated candidate could not be expected to make a long report upon apything." He would therefore be brief. He remarked that it had often been said that, "there is nothing old in America, why then should we have a Historical Society ?" But, if there is nothing old, there is much that is new; But. if and the sconer we begin to collect, the more per-fect would be our work. In Lancaster, he had been under the tree where Whitfield had preached when houses were too small to hold the crowds that thronged to hear him. And while preaching, some mischievous youths climed the tree and threw down nuts among the people, to the no small merriment of the ungodly. Seeing this, Whitfield, pointing to the ringleader, should, 'Zaccheus, come down !" The youth, then a stu-