LES MISERABLES. - We are no friend of rovel-reading. There are but very few novels that we would recommend at all to our readers. We feel more like saying, Have nothing to do with any of them. Of the few, however, which may possibly be read without harm, if not with positive advantage, we would mention the celebrated work of Victor Hugo, entitled Les Misérables, of which Jean Va jean, now before us, is the fifth and concluding volume. This work has been favorably noticed both by the Protestant press of France, and the religious journals of Great Britain and America. We cannot give it our unqualified approbation, though we readily commend it as a superior and comparatively unexceptionable work of fiction.

"Les Misérables" is published by Carleton, New-York, and is for sale by Henry Miner, Fifth Street, Pittsburgh.

THE SLAVE POWER: Its Character, Career and Probable Designs; Being an Attempt to Explain the Real Issues Involved in the American Contest. By J. E. Cairnes, M.A., Professor of Jurisprudence and Political Economy in Queen's College, Galway; and late Whately Professor of Political Economy in the University of Dublin.

Professor Cairnes has given to America and the world a book of no ordinary merit. The subject of slavery is viewed mainly from an economic standpoint. It is treated practically and philosophically, and with a comprehensiveness of view in the highest degree creditable to the writer. Americans may not accept all the conclusions of this transatlantic work, but it will meet in the main with the hearty approval of all true friends of freedom. It will generally be conceded that the author has shown that whatever other issues may be involved, slavery is really at the bottom of our civil difficulties. We commend to the earnest consideration of all. the question discussed by Professor Cairnes: Whether the Power which derives its strength from slavery, shall be set up with enlarged resources and increased prestige, or be now once for all effectually broken." The book is for sale by H. Miner, Fifth Street,

For the Presbyterian Banner Synod of Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 14, 1862. EDITOR OF THE BANNER :- Along with the Narrative of the State of Religiou, send you the following brief notes of what was done by the Synod of Ohio, at its late meeting in Bucyrus, commencing on the 9th instant.

In the absence of Rev. George L. Kalb the Moderator, who has entered the army as a chaplain, Synod was opened with a sermon by Rev. J. M. Drake, from Isa. lii 1. Rev. J. E. Alexander was elected Moderator, and Rev. L. B. W. Shryock and J. C. Tidball Clerks. The attendance was smaller than usual, but the meeting was one of much pleasure and profit.

The condition of the country and of the Church, in these perilous times, produced a tender and solemn interest, and gave direction to the devotions, and, to some extent, to the doings of the body.

ing was that of Systematic Benevolence. and the peculiar necessities of the Boards. addressed the Synod on Friday evening Synod in earnest appeals. A strong impression was made, and the following Paper was adopted:

"The Synod has heard with deep inter est the statements of Rev. Dr. Lowrie, in reference to the interests of the Boards; and although it does not propose any new methods of operating in the collection of funds, yet by the imminence of the peril existing to the Boards, and by the evident call of God's providence to greater fidelity in these times of trial, on the part of the Church, it would urge on all our congregations increased liberality in sustaining the Boards, and upon the Presbyteries strict attention to the 2d and 5th resolutions adopted at the last meeting of Synod."

part of this resolution."

copy of this Rule, and insert it in their Record Book.

It was resolved to concur in the Memorial of the Synod of Allegheny, requesting the President of the United States to appoint a day of fasting and prayer, in view of the distressed and distracted state of the country: and in case the President does not appoint another day, Synod appoints, for this purpose, the First Thursday of November.

the office of Stated Clerk, in consequence of his removal from our bounds, Mr. J. D. Smith was elected in his place.

After a cordial vote of thanks to the good people of Bucyrus for their generous hospitality, Synod adjourned to meet in the First church, Zanesville, on the Third Thursday of October next, at 7 o'clock J. D SMITH, Stated Clerk.

STATE OF RELIGION.

The committee appointed to draw up a Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of this Synod, beg leave to report, that they have read nearly forty (40) reports from the churches under its care. and find nearly all of them indulging in the language of lumentation over the state of piety prevailing in their midst. There are, however, a few things which relieve the gloom of the picture presented. The ordinances of Divine appointment, with a few exceptions, are well attended; and the number of members is somewhat increased. The churches are generally distinguished by peace and harmony, although two or three are distracted by political differences. Another pleasing feature is, that a spirit of decided loyalty to our free and beneficent Government pervades all the churches, and gathers fresh strength as the rebellion discloses more of its ungrateful and wicked character. Hundreds of ardently pious men, as well as thousands of others baptized and religiously trained within our pale, have voluntarily given their lives to the service of their country. Yet, with all this hearty and self-denying zeal to maintain the authority of the Government, it is deeply to be deplored that the spirituality and devotional feeling of the Church are declining, and that iniquity abounds in the forms of frand, avarioe, intemperance, pro-fane swearing and Sabbath descoration.

A stement missing them the tremendous deal or good to the world, no one can doubt, appear by their Commissioners, " to show contest in which the nation is engaged. That, in faithful hands, it may do yet more, cause, if any they have, why Presbytery Now, is it not astonishing that the follow- must be the prayer of every earnest Chris- should not accept the resignation." ers of the Lamb should evince less fervor tian heart. But that its Constitution is The churches of Prairie, Farmer's Creek, and frequency of prayer, both in their open to serious objections, can hardly be Wyne, and Frankville, obtained leave to homes and at the social prayer meetings, questioned. It is a close corporation. It supply themselves, until the next stated during this appalling crisis? Surely there is largely an irresponsible body. Its char- meeting of Presbytery. There are brethnever was a period when the children of acter and operations depend upon the char- ren at present laboring in these places. Zion should so tir themselves up to call upon acter and will of its Managers. There Occasional supplies were appointed for the God's name and to lay hold of his strength, were at this meeting some three or four churches of Mt. Vernon and Pleasant that he may preside over the deliberations thousand friends, patrons and supporters Point. of the Cabinet and endow the army with of the Board, not one of whom had a right patriotism and indomitable courage, as to cast a vote in the election of its officers, when putting down a rebellion which not or open his lips in regard to its manageonly aims to overthrow the best earthly ment. This may be the best that Congre-Government, but to extend the bondage of gationalism can do. Still we apprehend the African race by making it the corner- there is a more excellent way.

stone of a new Republic. Why then are the members of the Church not rushing to the mercy-seat instead of forsaking at? Two reasons may be assigned: one is the fact attested by many of the reports from our churches, that not a few of the professors of religion have their minds so engrossed with the matters pertaining to this convulsion, that they follow the example of the multitude in conversing about buttles, &c., and perusing the secular newspapers, during the holy hours of the Lord's day. That very day which was designed to stem the torrent of worldliness is so perverted to political discussion, or to the increase of intormation respecting the war, that they have no time, or assuredly no inclination, to adhere to the good old practice of catechising their children, and pressing home upon their consciences the vital truths of

the Gospel. Another reason why so many are backsliding is, they do not perceive clearly, nor acknowledge with contrition. that apart from the wickedness of human agents, this civil war, with all its horrors, is a judgment from heaven on account of national sins. Too many forget that the sins of this nation are more criminal in the sight of God, because committed in spite of greater light and more abundant mercies.

past year there has been only a slight diminution of the usual contributions. If so, then it is palpably evident that the present. amount collected by the churches of this Synod is not a tithe of what they ought to give, and of what they would give, did the constraining love of brist pervade their hearts. How trifling the sum, \$3,500, contributed to all the Boards, contrasted with the millions of dollars possessed by our churches! Is not such a thank-offering from those who proclaim that they have been bought with a price and are not their own, almost an insult to pur heavenly Father, who spared not his own Son, but freely gave him for us all? How urgently are the pastors, elders, and churches of this Synod called upon to mourn over their

past short-comings and inconsistencies, and to wrestle with Jehovah, that he would revive his work in the midst of these years of bereavement and desolution; and that he would bring out of the raging elements around us, issues which will be at once glorifying to God, and fraught with blessings to all races of mankind.

J. E. ALEXA DER. Moderator.

Springfield Mass.,)

New-England Correspondence.

The American Board of Commissioners

ally, however, it is a Congregational insti-

given their strength to this Board for

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nently satisfied with this form of develop-

paratively nothing to show as the result.

The subject which awakened most feel-Rev. Dr. J. C. Lowrie, of the Foreign Board, and was followed by various members of

fields do not furnish ground for Presbyte-The following was adopted as a Standing rianism. Perhaps the unpublished history of the American Board would show a " Resolved. That at the annual meeting foresight in the Old School Presbyterian of this body, each representative of our Church, which the liberality of the Newchurches shall be called to report whether School prevented. We believe it to be any thing has been done for the different Boards and objects of beneficence; and if that the natural and demanded developnothing has been done, to give the specific ment of Presbyterianism in the foreign reason therefor: and if no sufficient reason can be given, the disapprobation of Synod shall be stated and recorded. And if any church shall not be represented, it shall be its duty to report to the Stated Clerk of as in the Sandwich Islands for example, expenses, we regard this as indicating such, Synod, in accordance with the foregoing would have been Presbyterian in their unholy rivalry as requires us to grebuke them sharply wild M CIVAG M. O. zw form, if the missionaries had been allowed them sharply. [The Stated Clerk takes the liberty of to organize the churches according to their requesting all church Sessions to make a convictions of duty and expediency.

ment for their church life, remains to be seen. It is hardly probable. The following are some of the statistics Frelinghuysen, LL.D., Thomas S. Wil-ministry. liams, LL.D., Thomas McAuley, D.D., The chu The Rev. M. A. Hoge having resigned

> Six persons have entered upon the missionary work, for the first time within the

901.82 from foreign lands,) \$247,488.22; legacies, \$73,225.86; other sources, \$18, 366.49: total, \$339,080,56; Owing to the retrenchments effected by the missionaries, and the donations which were made by English friends to them directly, the ex-

pastors. As yet there are none in the The Rev. Wm: Buchfell was received 2d " "December Mr. Waugh African, Syrian or China missions. The from the Presbytery of Chippewas His 4th XI and mill and Mr. Blayney! Ceylon, Mahratta and Sandwich Islands, have each four. The Madura mission has man Presbyterian schurch of MeGregger, six, and there are eleven in the three mission an enterprise recently commenced with fa-

sions to the Armenians of Turkey.

There have been seventeen deaths among the missionaries during the year: nine ceived from the Presbytery of Chicago hold communion season.

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For the Presbyterian Banner. In Memoriam.

CANONSBURG, Oct. 13, 1862. At a meeting of the Philo Literary Society, held on Friday evening, October 11th, the following resolutions were unanimously

riend and fellow-member, Wm. I. Nevin; remonstrating against a dissolution of the therefore, be it

Resolved, That whilst we humbly sub-mit to the decree of Him, who "doeth all mit to the decree of Him, who "doeth all between pastor and people things well," we sincerely lament the loss of one, whose manly qualities, intellection of one, whose manly qualities, intellection of the matter, Presbytery granted tual capacities, and high sense of honor, the request of Brother Conkey an Brother rendered him endeared to usall. O alle

Nevin; the Philo Literary Society has lost one of her most valued members and sincere friends.

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With respect to the grate of liberality, ber him as a gentleman of exalted charactery. The stated meeting of Presbytery will be respect to the grate of liberality, ber him as a gentleman of exalted charactery. Tuesday of April 1863.

John M. Boggs, Stated Clerk. almost all the reports state that during the and as a member in whom we all recognized an untiring zeal in the promotion of our

mutual interests.

Resolved, That to the bereaved friends. of the deceased, we tender our heartfelt sympathy in their sad affliction. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the parents of the deceased; and also to the Pittsburgh Evening Chronicle, and the Presbyterian Banner, for pub-

lication THOS. MACCONNELL, Jr., L. E. HAUGHAWOUK, WM. L. UHALFANT,

Presbytery of Saltsburg. 22 hon ,ed

The following supplies were appointed by this Presbytery, at its Fall meeting in, the Central church, Oct. 8th:

Warren Dr. Donaldson 3d Sabbath in Oct., to administer the Lord's Supper. Mr. McElwain, 1st Sabbath in November. Mr. Orr, 3d Sabbath in November. Mr. Rice, 1st Sabbath in December. " and her bend

Pine Run-Mr. Townsend 4th Sabbath of October, to administer the Lord's Supper. a Mr. Spargrove, 2d Sabbatho in Nivember. Mr. Graves, 2d Sabbath in Deby agreement with pastor. we remember 13

logical Seminary, and requested the editor Thursday of February as a day of prayer of the Bunner to publish it, viz.: for Volleges, and also urging them to take for Foreign Missions has just closed its of the Barner to publish it, viz:

"That the present condition of this up collections for the cause of Education time-honored, God-honored Institution; en-, on that day and complete were appointed.

The following supplies were appointed. Fifty-second Annual Meeting, in this city. This Board, as your readers know, was at one time the agent of Old and New School Presbyterians, (before the division,) the titles it to the ardent sympathies and practitles it to the ardent sympathies and practical cooperation of all the Presbyteries in this region of the Church. Believing that the Directors were compelled by a just regard to wide spread public sentiment to accept the tendered resignation of Dr. 2d sabbath in November Mr. Agnewing accept the tendered resignation of Dr. 2d sabath in December Mr. Dinsmore, Plumer's professorship, notwithstanding 4th and 100 meters of Mr. Fulton and 100 meters. Reformed Dutch, and Congregationalists. The O. S. Presbyterians and the Reformed Dutch having now their own Boards, this organization is in the hands of the New School and the Congregationalists. Virtutution. Our New School brethren, having

his acknowledged eminence in prety, tal 2d -13.55 v. January Mr. Fulton ents, and previous popularity, we think it 20 and the result of the received doing should be the occasion of either 4th and of the received drawing odiam on the Seminary, or of study 136 and 16 and dents withdrawing from it by the conni-Moreover while we believe that this Prest the Synod of Baltimore, at Harrisburg. bytery as a body, and all its members in heir individual capacity, should use their influence with such students as payatheir among the facts yet to be brought fully out, | own way, to patronize our own Seminary, we think it morally wrong to allow those students who live on the churches bounty, field, was checked by the Congregational hand which controls the Boston office. to expend it needlessly in travelling to and from distant Seminaries. And if it be so Unless we are entirely mistaken, some of that other Seminaries as an attraction to

> oiy, O. Mr. DAVID M. BARNES tingston Township. <u>Westmoreland</u> For the Presbyterian Banner.

mon by Rev. H. W. Biggs in an initive bedoes "I The Rev. William M. Robinson, of the The number of members in attendance Presbytery of Zaocsville, presented the of the Board's history for the past year:

Seven corporate members have died

Mr. John Lutz was received under the since the last annual meeting:

Theodore, care of Presbytery, as a candidate for the

The churches of Springhill, Fairmout, Thomas Suell, D.D., John Wheeler, D.D., Kingwood, Sewickly, Mt. Pleasant, and Charles White, D.D., Hon. William Pen-Tyrone, obtained leave to produce their Atkinson, Clerks, No. on the Charles White, D.D., Hon. William Pen-Tyrone, obtained leave to produce their Atkinson, Clerks, No. on the Charles White, D.D., Hon. William Pen-Tyrone, obtained leave to produce their Atkinson, Clerks, No. on the Charles White, D.D., Hon. William Pen-Tyrone, obtained leave to produce their leaves to produce the leaves to p

year; and eleven have embarked for posts of business, Presbytery finally adjourned sistry, and one was received and beneficiary,

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English friends to them directly the expenditures have amounted to only \$322,—Dubuque, Tucsday evening, September 8th, 4th 298.64. The year began with a debt of at 73 o'clock P. M., and was opened with 1st \$27,885.54; it closed with a debt of \$11, a sermon by the Rev. Wm. P. Carson: and 3d 103.32.

Number of missions, 20; stations, 110; Moderator, and the Rev. J. L. Wilson, 1st. 3d First Presbyterian church in the city of 34

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number of ordained missionaries, 144; Temporary Clerk.
whole number of laborers, 1,075; pages printed last year, 10,229,200; number of churches, 173; whole number of pupils in schools, 8,489.

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vne, Tuesday, September 16th, at 8 o'clock That the American Board has done a A. M., at which the church was cited to

A petition was received from members of the church of Forreston and Lime Springs, for a separate organization at Forreston. Presbytery appointed an adjourned meeting at Forreston, October 22d, at 7 o'clock P.M. sov Adjourned Wednesday evening.

According to appointment, Presbytery met at Bellevue, Tuesday, September 16th, at 8 A. M. The proposed resignation by Rev. John Conkey, of the pastoral charge of that church, came up for consideration. Mr. Conkey was heard, stating the reasons why he wished to resign. The church were WHEREAS, It has pleased an overruling also heard, through their Commissioners, Providence to remove from our midst our Hon. J. B. Booth and Mr. A. Kiscaddon,

both parties that entire cordiality existed Noerr was appointed to preach in the place Resolved, That in the death of William the First Sabbath in October, and to de-

relation. Altawas pleasant to learn from

clare the church vacant.
This church, though few in numbers, is the most liberal and enterprising in the Resolved, That although the hand of Presbytery. They have a beautiful house disease removed him ere he could seal with of worship, free from debt. The town of his blood his devotion to the cause he loved, Bellevue is finely located on a high bank of we deem the sacrifice of his life as truly the Mississippi, back from which is said

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hattach quod) garoffor the Presbyterian Baimers nis que president of Carlisle. The Presbytery of Carlisle held its Fall meeting at Bedford, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. I. N. Hays, from Luke xxiv: 49.

The attendance was small, and but little business of importance was "transacted. though the meeting was a delightful one. The sessions of Presbytery were interspersed with appropriate religious services.

The free conversation on the state of religion revealed a degree of liberality among the people perhaps never before surpassed Our contributions to the various Boards of the Church have been equal to, if not larger than those of former years; and in addition to these, liberal donations have been made for the relief of our sick and wounded soldiers. In this we may mark one good effect of this dreadful war "it is enlarging the liberality of God's people.

The other evidences of our spirituality are not so encouraging, though we have still had some precious tokens of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relacember. Mr. J. E. Caruthers, one Sabbath tion existing between the Rev. S. H. Henderson and the church of Big! Spring minute in relation to the Western Theo- upon the churches to observe the last

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call vance or permission of their Presbyteries: of the Moderator, during the sessions of W. T. B., Temp. Clerk.

Presbytery of Washington.

The Presbytery of Washington met agreeably to adjournment, in the Presbyte rian, church, of Claysville, October, 8th 1862, at 11 o'clock A. M., and was opened the most interesting missions of this Board, themselves, engage to pay such travelling with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. S. J. Wilson, D.D. Thirty ministers and twenty four Küling Elders were present. In Revi George K. Scott, of the Presbytery. of Wooster, Revan Henry L. Doolittle, of the Presbytery of Northumberland, and

Presbytery of Redstone.

Rev. High Craig a member of the Ten

This Presbytery met at West Newton on
the 7th inst., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. H. W. Biggs.

Wasual certificate of dismission, and was received as a member of this Presbytery. The opening sermon was preached by the Moderator, from Rom va 855 544 abox - 201 33 Rev. J. P. Caldwell was chosen Moderator. own supplies till the next stated meeting Atkinson, Clerks, 20 and elder of the own supplies till the next stated meeting at Three young brethren were taken under After dispatching a considerable amount care of Presbytery, as candidates for the minutes of best the amount of the care of the car

which they had previously occupied, of the secondiday of its sessions, to meet and recommended to the patronage of the Eighteen persons are under appointment. The entire income of the year has been as follows:—Donations, (including \$14, 901.82 from foreign lands.) \$247,488.22;

The Presbytery of Dubuque met in the 4th Sabbath in October Mr. Wotring "November-Mr. Todd." " December — Mr. Blaney.
" December — Dr. Stockton "January"—Mr. Wotring.
"February —Mr. Hervey

git that beached and taken has been at the state of the School for each property was appointed at Belie-(dition of entering apon trials for licensure, a diploma from some accredited College. Any exception to this rule shall be founded upon special reasons.

II. Inasmuch as the practice which has of late prevailed, of licensing candidates to preach at the end of the second year of their Theological course, is attended with great evils, the Presbytery being manifestly without an adequate basis of judgment as to their qualifications at this immature stage of their studies, and they themselves being thereby subjected to hindrances and temptations to neglect for the remainder of their course; therefore, Presbytery will not ordinarily license candidates until they shall have completed the regular course o studies, as prescribed in our Theological Seminaries.

III. In the reception and care of beneficiaries of the Board of Education, Presbytery will be guided by the rules adopted by the Board, and sanctioned by the General Assembly.

After a pleasant and harmonious meet ing, Presbytery adjourned to meet in Wash-

ington, during the recesses of Synod.

ALEX M'CARRELL, Stated Clerk. P.S.—The paper on the State of the Country, passed by the last General Assembly, was unanimously adopted by this Presbytery and spell spell included



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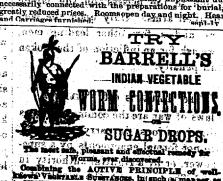
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