PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1863.

Acknowledgment —We have received from a "Subscriber," twenty dollars for Domestic Missions, and twenty dollars for Foreign Missions, all of which has been paid over as designated.

Ceneral Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.-This body met in Cedarville, Ohio, on Wednesday, 20th inst., and was 'opened with a sermon by the Rev. John DOUGLAS, D.D., of Pittsburgh, the retiring Moderator. The subject of discourse was, "The Imperishable Name," which was founded on Psalm lxxii:17. His name shall endure forever.

Dr. McLEOD presented a paper urging stops to be taken toward the amendment of the National Constitution, so as to give a distinct recognition of the being and supremacy of the God of revelation. Dr. DougLAS presented a paper on the same subject. Both papers were laid on the

### DREAMING.

To dream is not to live. The mind may be active while the body sleeps. In a dream, one may seem to do great things; but when he awakes, he finds that nothing has been done.

A traveller who was ascending to the summit of the monarch of the Alps, passed the night, as is usual, at the Grand Mulets. In his sleep, he threaded his way across glaciers, leaped the yawning fissures, climbed the icy precipices, till he stood on the summit. He awoke from his slumbers, and found the toilsome and perilous journey still to be performed.

And so men sometimes wake from a lifedream, and find life's great work still to be done. They have toiled, they have suffered, but they have done no more toward accomplishing life's great end, than did the dream-struggles of the mountain sleeper toward bringing him to the spot that has "A charm to stay the morning-star In his steep course.'

So far as men have failed to apprehend the true end of life; or, apprehending it. have failed to pursue it, their life has been no better than a dream. It has, with reference to desirable results, been as unreal as a dream. Time thus spent, is as truly lost as is time spent in needless slumber.

There is a great tendency on the part of many to dream life away. Hence the frequent calls to be watchful found in the Holy Scripture. "Awake thou that sleepest"; "Watch ye"; "Be vigilant". It is high time to awake out of sleep, and to enter with energy upon the work that God has given us to do.

## SABBATH . SCHOOLS.

These very important institutions, claim servants, the ministers and elders of the Church, than they usually receive. They are, or should be, worshipping assemblies The Divine Word is there expounded; and it should be done by duly authorized ministers of Jesus Christ, personally or through the agency of duly qualified teachers.

Parents are to look upon the Sabbath School, and to use it, not as their substitute but as their aid. And while it is a worshipping assembly, it is not to supplant or interfere with, or keep children away from, the regular sanctuary services. At the latter, all children should always

The Central Presbytery of Philadelphia lately adopted and published the following very important paper on this subject :

Resolved, That by the parental relation, and by Divine appointment, the religious instruction of children rests beyond avoidance upon their parents, and that a portion of every Sabbath day should be devoted by them to the performance of this duty.

Resolved, That parents should regard it as their duty to have their children, as far as practicable, in the house of God on the Sabbath, as worshippers, and under their special supervision; nor should they allow them to be absent from the religious services held on other days, except for weighty

Resolved, That the Session should exercise constant vigilance over the Sabbath School and its workings, its classes and the instruction given in them, to restrain evil tendencies, to provide, develope, and encourage good and faithful workers, and remove those who are incompetent or un-

Resolved, That the children of the Church should not be permitted by their parents to attend statedly the Sabbath Schools of other denominations.

Resolved, That mission schools are a valuable means of employing the energies of a church, increasing its influence and strength, elevating the ignorant and depraved, and evangelizing neighborhoods; and that our churches should exert themselves to establish and support such schools. Resolved, That the instruction in Sabbath Schools should be free from lightness, and, as far as practicable from secular matter, and should be grave and Scriptural, tending to holiness and salvation.

Resolved, That the Sunday School literature of our day needs revision and expurgation, and requires the attention of Ses. sions as to the contents of the library, and of parents as to the volumes perused by their children.

Resolved, That, in order to the highest spiritual advantage to be derived from the Sabbath on the part of the teachers, and in order to afford opportunity both for parental instruction at home, and for the children and youth to attend the regular services of the sanctuary, it is recommended to all our churches to have but one ses

sion of the Sabbath School on the Sabbath. Resolved, That it be enjoined upon all who have charge of our Sabbath Schools, that they instruct the children regularly in the doctrines of the Bible as they are em-

Resolved, That Sessions should direct special attention to secure that parents in their communion faithfully discharge the duties specified above.

Resolved, That pastors be requested to read these resolutions in their churches, and to preach on some convenient occasion on the subject of Sabbath School instruction and discipline.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1863. joyed a delightful passage.

of Peoria Lake; which lake is an enlargesippi and St. Louis, for boats drawing thirty inches, at the lowest stage of water. There is, on this river, an immense amount of business. The whiskey made here, and mostly sent away, is so nearly fabulous in amount, that we fear to make the statement. There is also an immense business done in the making of flour, which, with the whiskey, corn, and provisions, employs a great amount of transportation.

Previously to the commencement of the war, this business was done almost entirely with the South. That outlet being closed. shipments are now made to the East, principally by the railroads. The river route however, find a great lack of the habitual to Pittsburgh, and thence by rail to the leaders in the Assembly's business. Abatseaboard, would be used in part, but that ing the magnates of the South, who were the Government has taken up nearly all for many years in the habit of cheering the steamboats.

thousand. '\_ ze city extends about four of Drs. Honge, Spring, Musgrave, one and a half miles back. The ground INRIDGE, PLUMER, and other honored faage. From the bluff, a hill of some fifty in feeble ones. The work is likely to be feet in elevation in the rear of the city, all done, and well done. you have a prospect of the river, and of a

beautiful country for many miles. built; but the greater portion of it is seat- nance, M. NEWKIRK, Esq.; Mileage, A. tered; that is, there are many vacant lots, G. Contelyou, Esq.; Leave of Absence. and the occupied lots are large, say seventy J. Wood, Esq.; Foreign Correspondence, by two hundred feet. There is hence an Dr. BLACKWOOD; Theological Seminaries, abundance of room for front yards and Dr. CONDITT; Domestic Missions, Dr. Mogardens; and space for trees and shrub- FARRAN; Education, Dr. WINES; Forbery. The buildings are tasteful, and some | eign Missions, Dr. NEVIN; Publication, of them are fine. There are two Old Dr. HICKOK; Church Extension, Dr. J.

er churches the usual variety. tertaining the members of the Assembly, Systematic Benevolence, Dr. Young. and other persons having business with the body, are the best that we have witnessed Persons of all creeds volunteered to receive guests, and places were thus engaged for three hundred and sixty persons; and to most of them, members and others were assigned by name previously to their arrival. Committees were at the railroad depots, with omnibuses, on the arrival of every much more attention from Christ's official train, from Wednesday morning, and guests were transferred without detention or

> On the morning of Thursday, at 11 o'. clock, there were met in the First church. two hundred and seven Commissioners, and the Assembly was organized with the usual

THE OPENING SERMON. The opening sermon was preached, as is usual, by the Moderator of the last Assembly. Dr. BEATTY took for his text, Eph. iv: 7-" But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." The theme was well selected, and the exposition and application were peculiarly appropriate. The preacher spoke of the Church as being one body, but having many members, each holding a separate and appropriate place. There is unity and individuality; and to each individual is assigned his position and duty, as a part of the whole. What is our place? is the important question; and it is a comforting | kansas itself: thought, that, just where we are is where God's particular providence has placed us, and that the work we do, however toilsome, is precisely what the Master would have

Grace is a gift. Office is held at the Divine call. There should then be no envy, no rivalship in the way of supplanting. Each should be contented, and cooperative. All should work harmoniously and in sympathy. None should ask to be served; but ly religious papers, such as the men here all should seek to serve.

The ends which Christ would accomplish by the gifts of his grace, official and otherwise, are many. Unity is one. There is an essential unity in the Church; but it ation of the Commission. Yours respectis not yet perfect. There is "One Lord, fully, one faith, one baptism," but still there are diversities of manifestations.

Completeness is another end which Christ would accomplish. The individual is to attain unto a "perfect man"; and the body States Christian Commission, with my earn- taught in the schools during the year was will reach to the "measure of the stature of est recommendation. the fulness of Christ." This fulness, however, will be attained only in the world of glory.

Stability is a third end. The Church is not to be driven about by "every wind of

duty where Christ places us. Find out | Boston Society:

your work, and do it. 3. Encouragement. God gives to each a measure of grace, adequate to the accomplishment of his purposes. By using this incidental expenses, an expenditure of by the Rev. A. E. Campbell, D.D., Finanwell, the work will be done acceptably.\* \$24,547.61.

\*The similarity of the abstract here given, to that found in the Peoria Transcript, is accounted for, by the fact that we furnish copy to it, promising to take an ample reward in the use of its

Travelling by railear, and especially trav- ary in India, of our Foreign Board, for portage, and for district secretaries and elling toward the great West, has become twenty years. He has been home for a others engaged in distributing publications so common a thing, that descriptions of a few months, and expects to return to his and collecting funds, \$9,838.17. jaunt .can hardly be made interesting. station next Fall. He was chosen not only ment were: Donations, \$37,377.03; Lega-Suffice it to say, that we left Pittsburgh on | with great unanimity, but with enthusiasm. Tuesday, 19th, at 1 o'clock P. M., with ex- | He possesses great personal worth, but the | considerable surplus thus remaining is 'cellent company, and arrived at Peoria, choice was intended as a compliment to the distant more than six hundred miles, on mission cause. Dr. Morrison so regarded the year. the next afternoon, at 4 o'clock, having en- it; and not only does it express the Assembly's regard for the Foreign work, but Peoria is the second city in Illinois, in there is a hope that it will tend to inspire prising 10,208,000 pages. Volumes, inpopulation, and the finest in the State in the churches with a new, a higher, and a cluding stitched pamphlets in covers, 382, regard to beauty of site, and healthfulness. holier zeal for this field of service. Dr regard to beauty of site, and healthfulness. holier zeal for this field of service. Dr. Papers—Tract Journal, 647,800 copies; It is situated on the right, or Western side, Monnison's want of familiarity with the Child at Home, 1,595,000; Christian ment of the Illinois river. It is one and and his deficient knowledge of members' a half miles wide and seven miles long, names, will subject the House to some in- pages; papers, 2,872,800 copies. The river is navigable hence to the Missis- convenience, but this will likely be far copyrights, stereotyping, engraving, paper overbalanced by the benefits. The Dr. commences his work like a man of mind; and he will be well sustained by the excellent Clerks, Drs. McGILL and SCHENCK,

PERSONEL OF THE ASSEMBLY. In casting an eye over the House, many familiar faces are seen. There a e a few of the fathers, and some of the juniors, tion, and having experience, and who feel that the burden of sustaining Zion and carrying her onward, is still theirs. We, and helping in the guidance of their breth-Peoria has - population of eighteen | ren, we miss the familiar faces and voices

and we hope also by an orderly House.

The Chairmen of the Principal Committees are: Bills and Overtures, Dr. BEATTY; A small part of the city is compactly Judicial Committee, Dr. HUMPHREYS; Fi-

School Presbyterian churches; and of oth- M. Lowrie; Disabled Ministers, Rev. A. G. RANKIN; Narrative, Dr. BROWNSON The arrangements for receiving and en- Devotional Exercises, Rev. R. FRAME;

# ARMY CHAPLAINS AND THE CHRISTIAN COM-

It will be seen from the following resolution, that the greatest harmony and good feeling exist between the army chaplains and the delegates of the U.S. Christian

MURFREESBORO, Tenn., May 11, 1863. At the regular weekly conference of the army chaplains of the Army of the Cumberland, held in the Post Chapel in Murfreesboro, Tenn., this day-twenty-two chaplains being present—the following resolution was unanimously adopted by a ris-

ing vote: Resolved. That we hail with gratitude to God, the advent of the Delegates of the U. S. Christian Commission among us; that they have our thanks for the supply of religious reading furnished us; and that we assure them that we shall be happy to cooperate with them in sowing the good

seed in this vast field of labor. JOHN HOGARTH LOZIER. Chap. 37th Ind. Regt., and Post Chap., Murfreesboro, Tenn., President of Meet

There are now ten Delegates from Pittsburgh, laboring in the Army of the Cum-

Christian Work in the Army.—Religious Reading Matter. The following letter, dated Helena, Arkansas, April 28th, 1863, will explain

Brig. Gen. C. B. Fisk-Dear Sir :-We learn with much satisfaction of the disposition of the United States Christian Commission to continue, upon a scale of enhanced liberality, their benevolent contributions of moral and religious literature for the use of the officers and soldiers of the national army in the West.

The publications hitherto furnished are good, and a suitable supply of them highly beneficial, but we suggest that a few hundred dollars judiciously expended for weekhave been accustomed to read at their homes, would most fully meet their wants. If this suggestion meets your approval, we request that you bring the matter at as early a day as possible before the consider-

WM. A. PILE, Col. 33d Mo. Vols. WM. H. HEATH, Lt. Col. 33d Mo. Vols. Joseph Brooks, Chap. 33d Mo. Vols. M. H. HARE, Chap. 36 Iowa Vols.

CLINTON B. FISK, Brig. Gen.

### EASTERN SUMMARY. NEW-ENGLAND.

IT IS WELL KNOWN that in consequence doctrine." Christ being the Head, and of a diversity of opinion among the mana- in the Academy of Music on the 12th inst. his people the members, and all "fitly gers and friends of the American Tract joined" together, and animated by one Society, in regard to the publication of Rhode Island; Rev. Dr. Tyng; Rev. Chas. Spirit, the body is symmetrical; and its vital works of an anti-slavery character, a very S. Robinson, and others. The receipts of respectable minority, who favored these the year were \$19,257.07, and the expen-Dr. BEATTY then drew some practical publications, seceded from the main Society lessons from his subject: As; 1. Content- and constituted another American Tract bond and mortgage. The balance in the ment with our lot. Providence gives it. Society, with its headquarters at Boston. Treasury is \$438.51. The number of in-We have our position, success, qualifica- Having already given an extract from the mates during the year was 691, of which tions, enjoyments, as Christ pleases to give. Annual Report of the New-York organiza- 428 were children under sixteen. 2. A faithful and earnest discharge of tion, we copy a few items from that of the

> "The whole amount of publications disfributed among the army and navy, exceeds thirty-three millions of pages, involving, De Witt, in the chair. From the Treastogether with the cost of distribution and urer's report, an abstract of which was read

Rev. Dr. Morrison, the Moderator of to missionary and charitable institutions, to April 30th, 1863, were \$59,036.68; dischurches, pastors and individuals engaged bursements, \$58,760.80, leaving a balance in labors for souls, more than thirteen mil- in the treasury of \$275.88. lions of pages.

the present Assembly, has been a mission- | grants, \$30,705.39. Expenditure for col-

"The receipts in the Charitable Departcies, \$17,458.92. Total, \$54,835.95. The caused chiefly by the unusual amount of legacies received just before the close of

"There have been printed during the year: Of Tracts, 2,079,000 copies, comproceedings of large ecclesiastical bodies, Banner, 630,000. Whole amount of printing done-tracts and books-46,200,895

> "The cost of the above for editing, printing and binding, was \$59,410.27 Purchased of other Societies and book sellers, \$8,383.59. Total cost of publica tions during the year, \$67,793 86.

> "The receipts in cash for publications sold were \$52,149.19; from the Charitable Department for grants, \$30,705.39. Total receipts of this Department, \$82,

"Pleasing evidence has been furnished of the Divine blessing resting on the lawhile the great majority are the middle bors of this Society. God's promise has aged, men capable of great physical exer- been verified that his Word shall not return to him void. In the camps and hospitals of our armies especially, the distribution of religious truth has been attended by the outpouring of his Spirit and the hopeful conversion of souls.'

THE BIRTH-PLACE of Daniel Webster in Franklin, N. H., has passed out of the Webster name, having been sold by the widow of Fletcher Webster, to S. D. Colly. NEW-YORK.

THE CONVENTION of Laymen of the miles along the river, or lake, and about BOARDMAN, PHILLIPS, BACKUS, BRECK- Methodist Episcopal Church, which was held in this city on the 13th and 14th inst. rises as you recede from the water, at about there and brethren. The controlling of af- is represented by the Methodist as a dethree degrees, which affords perfect drain- fairs is pretty much in new hands; but not cided success, and as cheering in a high degree to the friends of Lay Representation. The following are a few of the Resolutions adopted by the Convention:

"Resolved, 1. That in the judgment this Convention, the time has fully come when the laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church should be more intimately unied with the ministry in the managemen of its general interests, and that the proper mode of securing this would be by providing for an equal representation of the laity in the General Conference.

" Resolved, 2. That we are led to ask for representation of the laity in the General Conference, from a conviction that, if once established, it would act beneficially upon all the interests of Methodism. The laity brought to share in the responsible care of Methodism, would rise to a higher appreciation of their duties; a new trust would be committed to them, which, we believe, they would accept with the determination to be faithful to its obligations; an abundance of talent which now remains unused would be brought into the service of the Church; the practical experience of laymen would be blended with the clear moral judgment of ministers in the examination, he discussion and the settlement of important questions, so that the two orders, acting together, would, in our judgment, form such a deliberative body as would be most likely to counsel and decide wisely for the

welfare of the Church. " Resolved, 3. That we ask a representation of the laity in the General Conference because it is right, as well as because it is expedient. Such an incorporation of the aity with the ministry in the government of the Church is in conformity with the order and usages of primitive Christianity as set forth in the New Testament, and is moreover one of the distinctive features of Protestantism, all the branches of which profess to found their systems of doctrine and government upon the Word of God. And there is, in our opinion, no reason why Methodism should permanently depart from these its proper guides in faith and practice, or continue under the odium which now rests upon us in this respect, in comparison with other Protestant Churches

"Resolved, 4. That no sufficient reason can be found for the seclusion of the laity from the General Conference in the necessities of the itinerancy. The history of Methodism has proved that the laymen of our Church are as much attached to the tinerant plan of preaching the Gospel as its ministry can be. They apprehend as clearly as the ministry the advantages of our peculiar economy, and they have proved as ready as their ministerial brethren to endure the sacrifices which it demands of both preachers and people. The fear, therefore, that the introduction of Lay Representation into the General Conference will of itself especially endanger the itinerancy is, in our estimation, groundless, and does injustice to the steadfast attachment of the laity to the cause of Methodism."

THE ANNIVERSARY exercises of the Sunday School Union were observed in New-York on the 12th inst. Interesting meetings were held in various churches in the afternoon, and in the evening a general anniversary meeting was held in Irving Hall. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Bell, of California; Rev. J. De Wit Talmadge, of Philadelphia; and Rev. Dr. Hoge, of New-York. The report Respectfully referred to the United set forth that the number of children 60,000; there were 5,000 teachers; the library numbered 90,000 volumes; and the contributions for missionary and charitable objects during the year had been \$18,000.

> THE TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY of the Five Points House of Industry, was held Addresses were made by Bishop Clark, of ses \$16,977.07, besides \$3,100 invested in

THE FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY of the American and Foreign Christian Union was held on the 14th inst., in Irving Hall, the President of the Association, the Rev. Dr.

"There was also granted in cash, to aid States, Mexico, South America, Sweden, the press abroad, \$1,000 Total value of Belgium, Italy, and Greece.

In the United States the missions are among the French, German, Italian, and liberal men would welcome Protestant missionaries. President Juarez is disposed to provide at his own expense a of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. place of Protestant worship in the city of Mexico.

MR. DELEVAN, the City Inspector for New-York, states the melancholy fact that there are in this city over six thousand families living in underground cellars, many of these the abodes of filth and the receptacles of disease, ill-ventilated, exposed to overflow from tides, rains, &c., and fitted to prepare their 18,000 occupants to become speedy victims of any epidemic."

THE NEW-YORK Observer states that fifteen years ago a benevolent gentleman in Boston made a standing offer to give onehalf of a ten or twenty dollar library (depending on the size of the school) to the two Sabbath Schools first formed and reported in each county West of the Mississippi River and East of the Rocky Mountains-on condition that the school applying should raise the money for the other half of the library. The result is that 2,043 schools have now been furnished with libraries under this proposition, costing the founder of the plan \$11,869.38. These schools have included 14,474 teachers, and 80,176 pupils:

THE price of Gold Coin was quite steady on Saturday at 1481 to 149 per cent. Superfine flour was quoted at \$5.20 to \$5.50

- PHILADELPHIA.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE NEW SCHOOL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH met on Thursday of last week, in the First Presbyterian church of this city. The open-Duffield, D.D., of Detroit, Mich. After and proceeded to the election of Moderreceived ninety-eight out of the one hundred and seventy-five votes cast, was declared duly elected.

On Friday, after a brief season devoted to religious exercises, the Assembly proceeded to the transaction of business. A committee of nine was appointed to draft a suitable minute on the state of the country. The Assembly then proceeded to the selection of a place for its next meeting, and Dayton, O., was, with comparative unanimity, decided upon.

from George H. Boker, Esq., Secretary of the Union League, in which it was stated that the names of the members of this Assembly had been placed upon the rolls of the League as visitors, and that a cordial invitation was extended to the members of the body to visit the League House. A prolonged discussion as to the propriety of visiting the Union League as an ecclesiastical body, took place, in which Rev. Drs. Smith, Skinner, Brainerd, Spearing, Clarke, meeting. Albert Barnes, and others participated, during which a spirit of the most enthusiastic patriotism prevailed. It was finally determined to visit the Union League Club

House, as an ecclesiastical body. During the afternoon session, the Report of the Committee on Correspondence and more friendly relations between the two bodies of the Presbyterian Church was read, and gave rise to a friendly debate. which was engaged in by the Rev. Dr. Cox, Rev. Dr. Barnes, Rev. Dr. Darling, newed and sanctified. The word means and others. At the close of the argument, prompt pompt to hear. Prompt at the the vote on the question was taken, result. place where the truth is preached, and ing in a unanimous vote in favor of the proposition.

The session on Saturday was a short one, and was occupied mainly with the reports of Committees.

THE ASSEMBLY OF 1863.

FIRST DAY-THURSDAY, May 21. The 74th General Assembly of the Presbyte rian Church in the United States was held in the City of Peoria, Illinois, on the 21st day of May, 1863, et seq. The opening sermon was preached which brings a man promptly to church, &c., are only institutions, ordinances, and from Eph. iv: 7, by Rev. C. C. Beatry, D.D., of among the very first, makes him prompt. means of grace which God has granted to After the sermon, the Assembly was constitu-

ted with prayer by the Moderator. Dr. Schenck, the Permanent Clerk, reported 116 ministers and

The Assembly occupied half an hour in devo-

tional exercises The Committee on Defective Commissions re ported. Their report was adopted; and the names recommended were enrolled, making 129 ministers and 78 elders, that is, 207 members [Roll will be given next week.]

Rev. Dr. Monnison, Missionary of Northern India, was nominated for Moderator; also Rev. Drs. A. Nevin, L. Young, and E. C. Wines. Dr. Morrison was chosen, having 159 votes. Rev. Dr. Knox, of Germantown, Pa., was sembly from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and from 3 to 6

Friday 10 o'clock was devoted to receiving reports from Theological Seminaries; Saturday, to Church Extension; Monday, to Disabled Ministers' Fund; Tuesday, to Board of Education; Wednesday, to Domestic Missions; Thursday, to Foreign Missions; Friday, to Publication. Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY-FRIDAY, May 22. Half an hour was occupied in reading the Scriptures, singing, and prayer. Minutes of yesterday were read. Twenty-six new Commissioners and enrolled... The Standing Committees were announced.

[See names of Chairmen, in editorial columns.] It was ordered that the roll be printed, for the use of the House. Reports from Theological Seminaries were called for, and handed to the respective Com-It was made the first order of the day, for to-

morrow morning, to fix the place of meeting for the next Assembly. The Complaint of Dr. R. J. BRECKINKIDGE and others, against the Synod of Kentucky, referred by the last Assembly to this, was taken up and referred to the Judicial Committee.

Irish Catholics, and confined principally to the great cities. As records Marian the great cities. As regards Mexico, many ferred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Judicial cases laid over by the last Assembly were referred to the Judicial Committee. A Memorial from the Presbytery of Chippeway was presented by Rev. Mr. Spear, relative to a union with the New School. It was referred to

a special committee.
Dr. Young offered a resolution of inquiry int the condition of the churches of West Virginia. Committed to the Committee on Bills and Over A letter from the U. S. Christian Commission was read, and referred to the Committee on De-

votional exercises.
Adjourned with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON! Dr. BLACKWOOD, from the Committee on Con respondence, nominated Rev. George Junkin, D.D., as a Delegate to the Synod of the Dutch Church; Rev. Dr. Grundy and John D. Thorpe,

Delegates to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church. They were appointed. The Committee on Devotional Exercises rec ommended that the last half hour of each day be appropriated to devotional exercises: adopted. They also nominated persons to fill the pulpits of this city on the next Sabbath. The subject of a new Synod out of parts of the Synods of New-Jersey and Philadelphia, was in-

lefinitely postponed.

The subject of a Church Commentary was aken up, and postponed till next year.

An Overture was presented from the Presby tery of Albany, requesting an order to the Board of Publication to prepare a Hymn and Tune-Book for the use of the Church. The paper was referred to the Committee on that Board.

Dr. BEATTY moved that Tuesday afternoon be

Committee on the new Book of Discipline

Agreed to. The committee of the last year on the Board of Publication being prepared to report, Monday afternoon was appointed to hear it. Synodical Records were called for, and handed o the chairmen of the respective committees Nominations for place of meeting of next Assembly—Pittsburgh, Washington, Boston, New-

Rev. Dr. DELANCY, formerly of New-Orleans. ing sermon was preached by Rev. George now a resident of Boston, spoke in favor of the latter place. He is now laboring, temporarily, in the First Presbyterian church in Boston. He the usual noon recess, the Assembly met is not a candidate for settlement there. He expects to return to New-Orleans on a restoration ator, when Dr. Henry B. Smith, of the vites the Assembly to Boston. The Eastern rail-road, the Canada railroad, and probably the to the members, in travelling.

The debate on the place of meeting was continued by Dr. Nevin, Dr. Lowrie, Mr. Tustin, Dr. Blackwood, Dr. Goodale, Dr. Beatty, Mr. Condinue Mr. Conduct Mr.

Goodhue, Mr. Crosby, Dr. Humphrey, Mr. Ran-kin, Dr. Ogden, Mr. Bates, and others, On-calling the roll, the vote stood—Boston, 136; Newark, 74; Washington, 15; Pittsburgh, 6. Half an hour was spent in devotion Adjourned with prayer.

PRESBYTERIAL NOTICES.

The PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY CITY After the appointment of the Standing Committees, Dr. Cox read a communication from George H. Boker, Esq., Secretary of The ordination and installation of Mr. G. M. Members of Presbytery arriving at Sharpsburg him,) do all things without any means. at 10 o'clock, will find conveyances to take them to the Pine Creek church

WM. ANNAN, Stated Clerk. The PRESBYTERY OF BLAIRSVILLE will meet, according to adjournment, at Union church.

West Fairfield, on the Third Tuesday of June, a Members coming by railroad from the West, will stop at Lockport; and coming from the East, will stop at New Florences, where conveyances will be ready to take them to the place of meeting.

JAMES DAVIS, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF NEW LISBON will meet, D. V., on the Second Tuesday (the 9th) of June next, in the church of Yellow Creek, at 2

For the Presbyterian Banner. Swift to Hear,

"Let every man be swift to hear."-JAMES i

We should be swift to hear the truth, be-

cause it is by the truth that we are re-

prompt to the moment, that no truth in the

invocation, or the hymn, or the chapter read, or the prayer, or the sermon, may escause you do not know what truth shall be are none the less ardent. Yes, these too the one to give a new impulse to your spiritual life, just as the sailor has his hand on the ropes, prompt to unfurl the sail and catch every breeze, because he knows not what one shall waft him on to the desired haven! Prompt at the place of hearing; and prompt in the act of hearing. The earnest and wakeful in hearing the word when it comes to be spoken. I notice that people who are late at church are always It is always a hopeful sign when the soul is glorious and rapid the expansion and God? Oh! say, "We love him because he growth of the whole beautiful flower! first loved us." May we all be enabled to Then look at the same flower opening in cast our crowns at his feet in heaven. chosen Temporary Clerk.

It was agreed to hold the sessions of the Assickly, and colorless, and odorless! Noththe twilight of a cellar. How weak, and Then, ing about it by which to identify it with the graceful flower which blushed in the sunlight. And look at a Christian who opens up his soul to the full rays of truth, as a man flings wide open his doors and

Dr. BEATTY also presented Correspondence slow to hear, you missed the truth, and halted by the way.

There is no mystery about this differ. ence between Christians of the same church or community. The man who is eager for Dr. Beatty also presented Correspondence of or community. The man who is eager for Robert Watt, Delegate to the General Assembly instruction, gets it; and the man who is indifferent, must abide the consequences of indifference. I sit down, sometimes, to read a newspaper to three or four people. Two listen, and one falls asleep. Meet the two to morrow, and they will tell you all the news. Meet the other and ask him about this or that, and he never heard of such a thing! Yet both parties had precisely the same advantages. This is one reason why sermons seem good to some and bad to others; the former listened and undergtood; the latter caught the meaning here and there, and it seemed to them a jumble of things, without plan or purpose. "Swift to hear." That is, a prime requisite for any intelligent, manly, self-reliant religion. He whose soul is not braced up by the truth, and whose path is not lit up by the truth, will be ignorant, and timid, and weak and wavering. To be intelligent, and brave, and strong, and decided, there is one thing we have all to be,

#### For the Presbyterian Banner, Smooth Stones.

"Swift to bear."

Israel must fight again. Two mountains dressed doubtless in all the sublimity and romance of nature, and from whose side had never echoed sounds less harmonious than that of the Great Creator's praise, uttered in language unknown to man, suddenly become the positions of two confronting armies. Column after column is stationed, and declivity after declivity serves only to mark divisions of human beings arrayed-for what? For life-for death! And now naught separates save a valley, across which parades the l'hilistian champion with a pride perhaps without a parallel since the angels sallied forth in open rebellion against the majesty of heaven. Israel is dismayed, and as he calls for an equal, none responds to his challenge. Thus, morning and evening for forty days, does he defy the people of the Lord. A lad from among the flocks, at his father's word, arises with some civilities for his brethren, and comes to the scene of contest. He looks upon the giant, and asking of him is mocked by his brothers; yet he persists, and declining the use of Saul's armour, takes five smooth stones from the valley of Blah, and with one of these, prevails, and a shouting people pursue the fleeing Phil-

istines ! There is instruction here for us. First. God sees fit to make use of very humble means sometimes; and through them does much for the happiness of his creatures and his own glory. Second Since all things beneath the bow of omnipotent heaven are used only as the means of God's glory, we must conclude that our surety of success does not depend upon the comparative greatness of the means, but upon fidence in Him who could (if it pleased In this case the armour of Saul seemed (to mortal eye) to be the appropriate habiliment in which to meet the giant, but it did not fit David. Third. We are here taught the danger and sin of attributing our success to the means, rather than giv-

ng God the praise. Will you meditate with me for a few moments, upon these three points. We, as sinners, as hearers and ministers, have become tired of the old smooth stones of the Gospel; such as are recorded in the fiftythird and fifty-fifth chapters of Isaiah, the eleventh of Matthew, and third and fourth of St. John, &c., and are striving after something novel-something new. We, as churches, are forgetting that the great King and Head of the Church "is a Spirit, and they who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth," and seem to think that her purity consists only in helpless names, pitiful fashions, and hollowhearted formalities. Oh, let us be ashamed of these things! Pure coin only becomes brighter with using. Although thousands have slaked their thirst at the fountain of life, and are now "bathing their weary souls" in the sea of everlasting rest, yet its waters are none the less cooling. Millions have lit their faith-torch at the glowcape you. Prompt to hear every truth, be ing fire of these old truths, still its rays

> will guide our feet, "Till we behold the clearer light

Let us not think that because we have a place in the Sabbath School, a name in the Church, or a seat among the people of God, that our title to heaven is sure. The two go together The very same feeling Church, baptism, the Lord's Supper, prayer, aid us on to glory. These cannot save us. "By grace ye are saved through faith." the Permanent Clerk, reported 116 ministers and the Permanent Clerk, reported 116 ministers and the Gomes and the come half an hour before the time, are the most wakeful. "Swift to hear"; eager for instruction; anxious for light; that is trated many about you, (and many dear ones, too, perhaps,) and straightened their Reader, have you been fed and clothed a great thing in any man's spiritual life. ones, too, perhaps,) and straightened their wide awake, and seeking on every side for Give God the praise. Have you been profresh light on its path. Truth has, on the tected as a soldier, whilst the agents of soul, the same effect that light has on death were scattered in wild profusion plants and flowers. Truth is the light, about you? Praise God. Have you found and so, the life of the soul. Look at a the Pearl of great price, and tasted that flower which opens its leaves out under the God is good? Praise the Lord. Have full sunshine-how green the leaf; how you grace to pray, keep the Sabbath, read strong the stalk; how rich the hue; how your Bible, &c., and through these, love

"We'll join the everlasting song, And crown him Lord of all."

J. M. H.

Clock of Conscience.—Have you ever heard of the great clock of St. Paul's, in windows the first sunny days of Spring- London? At mid-day, in the roar of busihow healthy his soul; how robust and vig- ness, when carriages, and carts, wagons, orous his Christian principle; how clear and omnibuses go rolling through the and decided his views; how warm and streets, how many never hear that great gushing his affections! You look at the clock strike, unless they live very near it. man, and marvel. How good the Lord must. But when the work of the day is over, and have been to this man, you think. You the roar of business has passed away murmur, and say, "Here is another in- when men are gone to sleep, and silence stance of that odious doctrine of Election. reigns in London—then at twelve, at one, Here is more favoritism—this man's soul at two, at three, at four, the sound of that strong and rejoicing, mine weak and sor-clock may be heard for miles around—rowing; his faith firm and overcoming, Twelve!—One!—Two!—Three!—Four! mine yielding and overcome; his views How that clock is heard by many a sleepclear and unhesitating, mine obscure and less man. That clock is just like the con-wavering: surely God has been good to his soul"! Yes, just as the sunshine is good to has health and strength, and goes on in the the flower which opens its leaves and drinks whirl of business, he will not hear his conin the rays; not good to the one which science. He drowns and silences its voice folds up its leaves through the day as the other did through the night. God is good allow the inner man to speak to him. But gether with the cost of distribution and cidental expenses, an expenditure of "Besides the above, there were granted of missionary and charitable institutions, to hurches, pastors and individuals engaged ions of pages."

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