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a (Studying the Catechism.-Mr. BREWSTER makes a generous offer. Read his letter to A. W.

Recipes .- Our fourth page, this week presents a number of recipes of great val. ue, for which we anticipate the thanks of our lady friends. We invite special attention to the one respecting bread-gentlemen love good bread. The "Lung Protector" is admirable for both ladies and gentlemen who are specially liable to colds.

Going to Synod.-Excursion Tickets wil be sold at Pittsburgh, Greensburg; Blairsville, and Indiana, to Johnstown, on Oct. 19th and 20th, good for return trip till October 27th, to delegates presenting creden tials to Synod. Brethren will please note the importance of having Credentials, to satisfy the officer who sells tickets, in or der that they may be accommodated.

Bevival,-There has been, for some time quite an encouraging attention to religion in the little church at Pine Creek, in Allegheny City Presbytery, Rev. J. W. Por-TER, pastor. The Sabbath School has had an attendance of one hundred and seventyseven. The prayer-meetings have been crowded. On last Sabbath twenty-one new communicants were received, on examination, of whom six were then baptized. The interest, we learn, continues unabated. May we not hope that this Autumn and the coming Winter are to be a season of revivals? Let God's ministers and people both labor and pray.

· SYNODICAL MEETINGS.

THE SYNOD OF OHIO is to meet in Zanes ville, Ohio, on Thursday the 15th inst., a 7 o'clock P. M. Our friends are requested to hand in lists of subscribers, and make payments for the Banner, to Rev. WM. M. FERGUSON.

GETTING OLD: Book. This is one of the very serious faults of the ministry of our day. As an event it is not new, for, since time began, men, priests and ministers as well as others, have grown other sources old : but as a fault it is recent, or, if not

more heinous in the ministry than it was formerly. A man past the meridian of life-say past forty-five, ought to be, and some really are, for many years, far more valuable than they were during the early period of their labor. Their theological acquisitions, their growth in grace, their versions of the Psalms, interspersed among increased wisdom and prudence, their the hymns. knowledge of human nature, their experi- On this point the Committee divided, ence in dealing with inquiring souls, all fit them for far higher degrees both of social and spiritual usefulness. And yet, men of

that age, or a little unwards, who have need to leave a charge, find it very difficult. tained in the new book, and not in the old to obtain a new settlement; and sometimes persons are found even who will try to shove off a pastor who is advancing in life. | ring that the psalms and hymns in the new What then is to be done? We love to see our young brethren settled; and it gives us pleasure when we know that a congregation retains, or finds, a pastor to whom years and experience have given wisdom; and we sympathize with the god- ample Indexes, after the style of the best

ly men who are slighted because they are It was moved and adopted, that the Gen old. But what shall we do, or say? All evils cannot be cured ; and such as are incurable are to be borne in meekness. But we know that very many evils may be prevented : and hence that homely saying : "An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure." Let it not be supposed however, that the "growing old" can be prevented; and yet, on this subject, much might be said.

And first, let the younger brethren note this fact, and keep it steadily before them, that they are rapidly hastening toward the sonal expenses of the present committee, inday when they also will be "getting old." 2. Let the young live within their means, and save and lay by a little, however slender their income. Save something and put it to work, as a coadjutor for relief in that with the members of the committee. evil period of "getting old."

8. Keep your body vigorous, and your mind active, and lay up great treasures of knowledge, and improve your opportunities of experience. Thus even when "getting old" you will have much strength, and you will be so really valuable that your congregation cannot part with you, or, if thrown out, others will hasten to open for you a door.

4. Be not given to change. Hold on to

bly order the preparation of a new Hymn- | missions should be released from these re-2. That the new book contain a selection from the hymns of our present collection, with the addition of the best lyrics from 3. That a collection of suitable tunes

recent, it is in our day regarded as a fault Ir inted, to be bound with the new book, or separately, as may be desired. prose version of the Psalms, with other poetical portions of the Scriptures, and ancient hymns of the Church, be prepared, to Spirit in the conversion of souls, which be bound with the book, or seperately. Further, it was moved the book also co tain selections from the different metrical some preferring that the psalms taken from.

Watts, or other authors, be printed sepa rately in the new book, as in the present collection. Also, on the motion that the hymns con be arranged in the order of subjects, and printed as a supplement to the old book, the on them in their thoughts. They will Committee were not agreed ; some preferbook being kept distinct, as in the present collection, the hymns should be published. in a separate volume for week-day and other service. It was moved and adopted that the vol

umes herein provided for be furnished with modern books of Church Psalmody.

eral Assembly be requested to appoint a committee to carry out the plan here recommended, and submit, the book they may prepare to another Assembly-this commi to be authorized to procure all book needful to the prosecution of their work Board of Publication being instructed to provide for these and the necessary person al expenses of the committee. It was also moved and adopted that the treat him as a fellow immortal.

General Assembly be requested to instruct the Board of Publication to defray the percurred in attending on the present, and any further meetings. Resolved, That when we adjourn, it be meet at such time and place as the Chairman shall designate, after correspondence

The committee then adjourned with

THE NATIONAL FREEDMAN'S BELIEF ASSO-CIATION.

This Association was formed in New York, in February 1862. It professes to be neither partisan nor sectarian, but purely charitable. It would do good to the RECEIPTS in August; Donations, \$1,974.78; colored persons freed by the war : adminis-

tering to their physical and moral benefit.

strictions as soon as possible. "3. There are encouraging signs of progress. Such are the applications now pending before the Committee for appointment as missionaries; and such the call for more laborers from most of the missions, with the application for funds to build some chapels and dwelling-houses, and to sup-4. That a selection from the authorized port additional schools-evidence of the growing work of the brethren. Still more cheering , are the influences of the Holy have been granted in an unusual degree at several stations. It is also a proof of the grace of the Holy Spirit, that the churches, in their gifts, from the 1st of May to the 1st of September, have made an advance over the amount given in the same months

last year. The rate of exchange is still very unfavorable; yet there has been some improvement in this respect. "We group these things together, as encouraging. We regard them as pointing to further progress. They are very briefly stated ; but we hope our readers will dwell serve to show that the blessing of God is still resting upon this work, and that his people are called upon to support it by their gifts and by their prayers, under the assurance that the great Redeemer is going before them."

RECEIPTS in August, \$8,397.15. PUBLICATION.

This Board is still diligent in its attentions to the brave defenders of our country -the well, the wounded, and the sick. And it is not forgetful of the spiritual wants of rebels who fall into our hands. The rebels, when captured, we treat not as foes. Each has a soul that is precious. to employ the requisite musical talent, and Each also is a man whom we would win to negotiate questions of copyright; the back to the Government, in obedience and love. Hence while our public authorities generously treat him as a man. Christians The Board wants aid. It is a good medium of bounty. Those who wish to use the Christian Commission as their medium, may still use our own Board to a good ex-

text; according to this action of the last Assembly: "Resolved, That it be recommended to our churches, in making contributions for the purchase of books and tracts for the

benefit of our brave soldiers and sailors. that they forward the amount contributed to our Board of Publication, with the explicit request that the Board supply the Christian Commission with books and tracts, for the benefit of the army and navy, to the amount contributed for that purpose."__ in a second second second second

Sales, \$7,081.28 CHURCH EXTENSION. discourse with the consideration that though | 8th inst., in regard to the funeral rites ob- | dispatched to the South Atlantic ocean, the neighborhood in which the Alabama has churches and ministers and people may served in the case of the deceased sailor, recently been committing depredations. It change, the Church and the Gospel, like is also said that the steamer Grand Gulf is will be read with interest : Jesus Christ, continue the same yesterday,

scene was presented. About twenty-five of the shipmates of the deceased, accompanied IN REGARD to Church Government, Conby one or two officers, assembled at the hos gregationalism occupies an intermediate

ground between Independency and Presbyterianism. Its Ecclesiastical Councils somewhat resemble the judicatories of 'our 'own' Church, though their control over particular churches and ministers is less authori- each a lighted candle. A padre, or Russian tative and extensive. It appears from the Congregationalist, that while it is generally regarded as a settled principle that a Council is necessary to the settlement of a dinarily worn, except that it was without some parts of New-England that, in cases of dismission, the Council may be dispensed with "as a needless formality, givtion." The Congregationalist shows by a number of conclusive citations, that Congregationalism has always favored the present custom of dissolving the pastoral rela-

to-day, and forever."

tion, by an act of a Council, and adds :

"We should think any Congregational Council would hesitate a great while before proceeding to install a minister who had left his former charge with no recommendation of Council; and nearly as long before proceeding to install any candidate in a position not Congregationally vacant. The very absence of a Council is irresistable ground of suspicion that there was some pastoral heresy or parochial shortcoming which was felt to be indefensible, and so the parties separated on the ground of think surely that no minister, in his senses,

could wish to invite such a suspicion." AN ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL was lately convened at the Congregational church in Richmond, Vt., with a view (according to

the letters summoning the Council) of examining and ordaining a candidate. As the understanding both on the part of the church and the candidate was that the ordination was to take place without installation, the propriety of such a course was discussed by the Council, when the following resolutions were adopted, with but one dissenting voice:

" Resolved. That this Council decline to proceed in the ordination of the candidate. without pastoral charge, in compliance with enter upon his labors. the call of this church.

"Resolved. That, while we decline to ordain, it is out of no want of confidence in the candidate, or of interest in the welfare of this church, but from a settled conviction that the practice of ordaining young men as evangelists, or without pastoral charge, recently becoming so common among us, is merous other afflictions that flesh is heir to, niurious; both to the ministry and the

"On Saturday a tender and impressive under orders for the same destination

For the Presbyterian Banner Extract from the Minutes of the Miller's Run pital, to pay their last tribute of affection Soldiers' Aid Society.

to their lamented comrade, who, in this strange land, had been thus suddenly called WHEREAS, In the wise dispensation of Providence, our beloved friend and late away from earth. The sailors, standing in the room where the dead was lying, held member, Miss Mary J. Coulter, has been called from time to eternity; and whereas, priest, who, we presume, was a chaplain of it is proper that this Society should render he fleet, officiated on the occasion. He some tribute of respect to the memory of was dressed in his official robes, with a deceased; therefore,

Resolved. That while we humbly submit black hat on his head, similar to those orto the will of "Him who doeth all things minister, the opinion is gaining ground in a rim. With a censer in his hand he well," we deeply mourn the loss of our walked around the coffin, waving it over | warm and generous hearted, and beloved the sleeping corpse; when presently the friend and member.

whole group of mourning seamen broke Resolved. That by her death, this Sociforth in a plaintive and beautiful chant, the sty has lost an active and influential meming unnecessary trouble to the denomina padre at intervals uniting his voice in the ber, who by her fine social qualities, noblesoft and tender strain. The scene was pe- ness of character, and Christian example, culiarly affecting; and though the words | endeared herself not only to the members spoken and sung were not intelligible to us, of this Society, but also to all who knew eing the modern Greek, yet no one could her.

fail to admire the soft melody of the dirge, Resolved, That in the firm belief that or prevent the tender emotions of sympa- our loss is her gain, we beg leave to sympa. thize with her parents and friends, and to thy from swelling his heart.

"At the conclusion of the service, each mingle with them our tears of sorrow over of the sailors leaned over the coffin and the grave of our youthful and lamented impressed a kiss of friendship and affection | friend.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolu. on the face of their departed brother. The tions be sent to the parents of the deceased. remains were then conveyed to Greenwood, where the Russian seaman reposes quietly and also to the Presbyterian Banner for publication; and that a copy of them he beside thousand of our own denarted ones. to await the summons of the last great entered on the Minutes of this Society.

day.' THE HOWARD Mission and Home for little Wanderers certainly reflects credit on least said soonest mended.' We should its benevolent founders and managers. -It is doing much good and promises much for the future. Since its opening on the 7th

fighter. Tom Hyer:

ult., "three hundred and seventy-nine The Presbytery of Redstone held its children have been received, of whom one stated Fall meeting at Brownsville, begin. hundred and seventy-five are Irish, one ning October 6th. Rev. Watson Hughes, hundred and sixty-one Germans, twenty- the last Moderator present, opened Presby-

one English, seventeen American, two tery with a sermon. Rev. J. R. Hughes was elected Modera-French, two Italian, one Scotch. Two tor, and Rev. N. H. G. Fife, Clerk. hundred and twenty nine are Catholics, The meeting was tolerably full. Busi

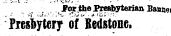
one hundred and forty-nine Protestants, ness was conducted with dispatch. Har. mony characterized all our transactions. A call from the church of Round Hill

DR. W. A. SCOTT, formerly of Califor for the pastoral services of Rev. J. Logan ia, has accepted the call to the Forty-secnia, has accepted the call to the Forty-sec- Sample, a licentiate of the First Presbytery ond Street Presbyterian church, N. Y. city, of Philadelphia, was placed in the hands of late Rev. Dr. Rankin's, and will shortly Presbytery, and retained.

A call formerly placed in the hands of Presbytery, for the pastoral services of Rev. A LEADING New-York journal has the W. L. Boyd, by Sewickley church, for twofollowing in regard to the notorious prize- thirds of his time, was, on his being received as a licentiate from St. Clairsville Presbytery at this meeting, placed in his "This veteran pugilist, the 'chief of the hands and accepted by him.

American prize-ring,' having for some time Presbytery will hold an adjourned meetlabored under the torturing gout and-nuing, November 3d, at 11 A. M., at Sewickley church, at which time Mr. Boyd will be ordained and installed. Rev. Dr. S. Bowery Theatre, last evening: Mr. Hyer, tional questions, and make the ordaining ome years ago, was considered to have no prayer; Rev. R. F. Wilson, preach the sermon; Rev. J. Stoneroad, charge the and those who could well juage of any man the people. The people and that time in the ring. His Round Hill was chosen as the place for the stand Spring meeting. Rev. J. M'Clintock resigned the office of Stated Clerk, having served for the pastyten years. Presbytery unanimously ivan in fact, with all his experience, being tendered him a vote of thanks for the worthy, faithful, and diligent manner in which he had conducted the duties of this office. sponded with an overflowing house, hun- Rev. R. F. Wilson was chosen his successor. Presbytery adjourned on the evening of the 7th, to meet at Sewickley church,

MARY ALEXANDER. MAGGIE A. MORGAN JANE A. GILMORE, Committee For the Presbyterian Banne



THE SYNOD OF WHEELING will open its sessions at New Lisbon, Ohio, on Friday, 16th inst., at 4 o'clock P. M. Our senior editor expects to be present on Friday evening and on Saturday forenoon, and will be pleased to receive many subscriptions. THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH is to hold

its meeting in Johnstown, Pa., on Tuesday, 20th inst., at 7 o'clock P. M. We hope to find many of our friends there, and to do much business for the Banner. RENEWALS and NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS are earnestly solicited.

SEWICKLEY, ITS CHURCHES. A CORNER STONE-AN ATTRACTION.

There is a rich and beautiful little valley on the right bank of the Ohio, a few miles below Pittsburgh, in which stands the neat village of Sewickley. The valley, some five or six miles in length, is dotted with delightful private residences, where many Pittsburghers spend their evenings and their Sabbaths, each with his own family. Sewickleyville contains about a thousand inhabitants, and three churches-a Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, and African. The Presbyterian church is a large stone structure, of the best style of architecture and in excellent taste. The Methodist church is a neat and comfortable frame building, of full medium size. The African church is quite small.

The Protestant Episcopalians, few in number, but zealous in their cause, lately commenced an enterprise, and for some months occupied the old Presbyterian church. This, however, was but the first step in their race. On Saturday, 10th inst., they laid the corner stone of a church edifice. There was a respectable attend ance. Rev. Dr. PAGE, of Allegheny City, officiated, and delivered an address. Beys. Dr. PRESTON and Messrs. TEN BROECK, Swope, EDMUNDS, and TSCHUDY, were present.

Very recently the United Presbyterians initiated efforts to raise a congregation and a church. They are, as yet, so few in number that there is room for them in the Presbyterian church; and they agree so nearly with Presbyterians in both doctrine and worship, that the movement seems to be in advance of a real need. Still, every people have a right to a choice ; a right to be fully pleased, if they can; and any who are willing to incur the responsibilities of a church organization are to be unmolested in an honest and Christian attention to their spiritual interests. The United Presbyterians, equally with the Episcopalians, have the good wishes of all their brethren, so far as they follow Christ.

From these movements we anticipate both temporal and spiritual benefit to. Sewickley. The older church organizations can, without being injuriously weakened. spare those who have heretofore worshipped with them, but whose predilections are more favorable to one or the other of the new societies. There are still some families to be gathered into the fold of Christ, and also some, long within, who need to be greatly stimulated in their Christian activities. Both these classes may be benefited by the new movements. The new churches also, by furnishing an abundance of room and by the opportunity of choice

and cherish more and more, an early love. Grow so rapidly as to keep greatly before your people, and able to give them things new, as well as old. Keep up with the improvements, variations and tastes of the day, so as to be still young as well as old; still a participant in the ardor of the Christian's first love, while able to coupsel those who are almost ripe for glory; still ready to clothe the truth with new adornments, and to present brighter views of heaven. Be of those who "still bring forth fruit in old age-fat and flourishing."

5. By fidelity and kindness, by real benefits bestowed, so bind to you your equals in age, and so attach to you their children, that the thought of turning you off when you are "getting old" can never find a lodgment in their heart. This will be bet. LEY, who will be pleased to meet with our ter to you than the Aged Minister's Fund, ministers and people, and to preach and before the National Sabbath Convention, at better than an interest in an Annuity Of. lecture in our churches, giving all needful Saratoga, Dr. Philip Schaff gives the folfice; it is just the thing which the aged information and directing our beneficence lowing instance of the praiseworthy regard ministor needs for his sustenance, his use- in the way in which it may be most effect- of the early New-England settlers for the fulness, and his joy.

CHURCH PSALMODY.

The interest taken in this subject is by no means beyond its merit. Very much of truth's power upon the heart is conveyed delay is a thing very unusual for this thither and made effective by metrical comjournal. positions, and by the music used in social worship. Too much wisely directed attention is not likely to be given to this The prosperity of our Church, and the very important portion of our ecclesiastical responsibilities

The Committee appointed by the last General Assembly, on this subject, has met and organized; and we have been kindly furnished with the following record of its transactions:

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON PSALM-

Publication Rooms, Philadelphia, Sept. 29, 1863. The Committee on Psalmody appointed by the last General Assembly, met at eleven o'clock A. M., on the call of the Chair- and to every inhabited hill and plain." man, Dr. J. T. Backus, and opened its sessions with prayer.

On motion, N. C. Burt was appointed Secretary. The following members of the Committee were present :- Drs. J. T. Backus, S. I. Prime, H. A. Boardman, William Blackwood, Charles W: Shields and N. C. Burt

Communications were received and read from the following absent members : Dr. Willis Lord, and ruling elders David Keith and Mr. Kennicott. Dr. Potts, a member of the Committee, made known, through the Chairman, his intention not to serve many ministers, but good ministers. on the Committee. Also, through Mr. Keith, communications were received from

Dr. R. W. Landis and the Rev. James H. Brookes. The question having risen as to what

are the proper powers of the Committee. on motion, the following minute, offered by Dr. Boardman, was adopted :

"This Committee has not been empowered by the General Assembly to prepare a new Book of Psalmody. 7 Its proper function is to consider and report to the next facts : to improve the Psalmody of the Church : indicating, should a new book, or essential modification of the present book be recommended, the plan to be pursued in prepar-

ing the volume." After a season of conference, the Committee adjourned with prayer, to meet at half-past four o'clock P. M.

o'clock, and after further conference, ad. little more than replace those who were the good old way of prompting by reading, which they afford, will still increase the to morrow morning at ten called to their rest last year. but was overpower "2. The missionary work, in most of sistency of the choir, and retired from the ribs, He was immediately taken to the tions." The may refu Law one of the action inducements to our city friends and others, to gain for themselves sweet homes in our charming little valley. If all, the old and the new, are what they should be, they will attract numbers to their communions, and will rejoice together.

these there are already about two hundred thousand, and the number increases Every congregation needs a house of worrapidly." Their wants are very great, ship; and with many congregations, help Mostly they are ignorant. Many of them to build one is help just where it is specialare aged and infirm. Many of them are ly needed. And now when it is so difficult women and children. They are all desti- to obtain real estate security, under which tute of funds, and most of them are very to invest money, we advise our readers to deficient in raiment. They need food and employ the agency of the Church Extension clothing at once. They need aid to reach | Board. They can invest, every month, a places where they may labor. And where few theusand dollars most profitably. many of them congregate, they need them; and look for a return when and schools. And they need the more charity where no money will pay interest, except from the fact that many of their able. that which has been lent to the Lord. bodied men are being enlisted in the army. RECEIPTS in August, \$1,986.54.

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The Association has now in Pittsburgh its Pennsylvania Agent, Rev. WM. BRAD. ive of good.

HOME AND FOREIGN BECORD." The Record, for October, did, not reach our table till the 10th of the month. A

DOMESTIC MISSIONS. We often plead the cause of this Board

safety and glory of our country are so inpurer, a more elevated, and an all-pervading piety. The war has much of its horrors fully preached and honestly received, would remove the evils which caused the war, and would give us a lasting and honorable peace. Help every feeble church, and send the Gospel herald to every city and town,

RECEIPTS in August, \$2,438.22. EDUCATION.

If the Church would have ministers, she must prepare them. And she will have just such, and so many, as she makes. Ministers are as really from God as are the rains of heaven and the fruitful seasons; and they are as truly from man as are the harvests we reap, and the bread on our tables. If we shall do our part, God will surely do his; and we shall have not only

RECEIPTS in August, \$1,883.01. FOREIGN MISSIONS. This Board claims the liberality of the

churches, and merits it. Under the heading, "Things to be Considered," it says : " Many of the churches make their annual collections in aid of foreign missions,

This Board must not be forgotter Ťrv

EASTERN SUMMARY. NEW-ENGLAND.

IN HIS excellent Essay on the Anglo-American Sabbath, read some time since day of sacred rest:

"The history of New-England commences with the politico-religious covenant of the Pilgrim Fathers; signed on board the Mayflower on the day of its arrival in Cape Cod harbor, on the 11th of Novem-ber, 1620, which laid the foundation for independent, voluntary, democratic selfgovernment in Church and State, and was olemnly inaugurated on the day following by the strict observance of a Puritan Sabath. During the following weeks of anxious and dangerous explorations for a safe timately connected with its efficiency, that harbor and settlement on terra firma patriotism as well as Christianity impels nothing could prevent the Pilgrims from us. The war is on us from the want of a spending every Sabbath in religious retirement, which invigorated them for the severe labor of the week. And when, on the ever memorable 22d of December, they from the want of religion. The Gospel, landed on Plymouth Rock, not even the pressing necessities of physical food and protection, nor the cry of some Indian savages, who threatened, as they thought, with an assault, could induce them to break the first Sabbath in their future home. They were still without the shelter of a roof. But it was the Lord's hallowed time, and the work of building must wait."

> THE ONE HUNDREDTH Anniversary of the Old South church. Worcester, Mass. was celebrated on the 22d ult. There was a public meeting in the morning, a dinner in the afternoon, and a social reunion in the evening. The prominent feature of the occasion was the discourse of Rev. Dr. Bacon, of New-Haven, delivered at the morning. meeting. The Boston Recorder says of Dr. B.'s address :

"He began with the felicitous remark-Some things remain unchanged. Nature has moved in cycles without progress. Progress belongs to the sphere of the human, and is found in the science, not in the facts of nature. History belongs not to nature, but is a record of events occurring in connexion with man's intelligence and voluntary powers, and hence never repeats itself.

" Some things have changed. " Costume. in this and the succeeding months.' For manners, times, and the style, if not the Assemly what measures should be adopted their use, we state the following important matter of sermons, have in ascentury changed, for better or worse. The changes "1. Agreeably to the instructions of the which mark the century in respect of polast General Assembly, all the brethren litical affairs were outlined in an interestunder appointment as missionaries, who ing manner. Then the dominion of man could go out this year, either have been over the riches and forces of nature was sent, or soon will be: two families to happily illustrated. The religious aspects China; one to India, besides Mr. Morrison of the different times were then sketched. returning to that country; one missionary The next Sunday after the town had voted soon to be sent to Corisco; and another, in to have the singing conducted by the choir

churches, and ought to be discountenanced. "Resolved, That we believe one of the great wants of this clfurch to be the labors and influence of a permanent pastor, and that whenever it shall see its way clear to call the candidate, or any other acceptable brother, to the pastoral office, we will heartily bid them 'God speed,' and gladly cooperate in its consummation."

BRQUESTS to philanthropic and religious objects answer many desirable ends, and are in the main highly commendable. We think however that men of wealth greatly enhance both their usefulness and happiness by giving of their abounding means in their life-time, while they can themselves attend to, and rejoice in, the judicious disposition of their bounties. The following, from an exchange, is pertinent to the subject : Same durate

"Mr. James Brewster, of New-Haven, Conn., has recently erected, at an expense of \$8.000. from his own funds, a building for an orphan asylum. At its dedication, he stated that some time after forming the resolution to do what he could for such an institution, he appropriated the sum of \$5,000 in his will for this purpose; but after feeling it would be better to carry out his plan by himself rather than leave it to any executors, and have the work done while he was living, rather than when he was dead, we went forward, and now has real rejoicing in his timely and noble munificence."

THE Congregationalist says :

"The sermon on Future Punishment, by Dr. Todd, published in these columns last Winter, has since been published as a tract by the American Tract Society, both Boston and New-York, and Dr. Goodell of Constantinople writes in a recent letter, that after having been preached very extensively in Turkey, it is now printed in the Turkish language and in Arabic."

NEW-YORK.

'AT THE LATE meeting of the East Genesee Conference, the Committee on the State of the Church, recommended, among other things, " that the delegates to the next General Conference be instructed to use their influence there to restore the supernumerary relation, to extend the term of service to three consecutive years, and to

favor lay delegation." The Committee on Camp Meetings recom

nended the month of June as the most suitable season for holding the meetings; objected to the practice of continuing these meetings over the Sabbath ; and concluded their report with the following resolution : "That we do disapprove of frequent appeals and collections at camp meetings, for even the most deserving charities, as tend

to discourage a general attendance." THE REPORT on the subject of Temperance, which was adopted by the General Association of New-York, at its late annual meeting, closes as follows :

"Until the Church of Christ feels its responsibility in this matter, and resolves responsibility in this matter, and resolves reviewal of the records of the church gives strife; we regard the maintenance of the Government in its purity and oneness, as from the pollution of the drunkard, re- the following figures: Admitted to the strain the hands of its members in social church during the last twelve years, 632 religious, of our own land, but also of the

is numerous friends tendered him a welldeserved testimonial benefit at the New Wilson will preside, propose the constituequal, as a pugilist, in the United States, for themselves. Although both men were superior fighting men at the time he engaged them they were easily defeated, Sul-

out a child's play to Hyer. A most atractive bill was offered, and the public' redreds being turned away. The performance was well received, and on Mr. Hyer's appearance his reception was a perfect ovaion. The house rang with cheers from the November 3d, at 11 A. M. throats of stalwart men, and the fair sex waived a perfect snow-storm of cambric.

The old admirers of pugilism were in strong force, and those who were prevented from attending by business or indisposition sent two or three friends as proxies."

We can scarcely believe that the "overflowing house " spoken of above was: comoosed of the better portions of New-York society. It is hard even to believe that the ceived in answer to a letter of inquiry. sentiments of the paragraph are really the sentiments of the editors of the exchange t both of the press and of respectable society;

THE Examiner, under the heading, "A Novelty," says :

"A lady of no less fashionable associahose of profit or economy to be out of the reward is unlimited. question. * * * Mrs. Willis will be very appy, if she succeeds at once in benefit. ing her own and half a dozen other daugh ters, by this arrangement, and inaugurating

beneficent improvement in the customs of affluent society."

PHILADELPHIA.

THE EPISCOPAL Recorder, of this city, says that conscript clergymen, in paying the sum required in lieu of personal service in the field, "are only bearing a burden common to the whole community, and from which they have as little claim to be exempt as from any merely pecuniary tax."

It adds, however : conscription absolute, the religious sense,

church under the active ministry of its pas-

The Committee met at half-past four ful for these new laborers, though they will one of the deacons attempted to hold on to

B. F. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

For the Presbyterian Banne Mr. Brewster and the Catechism.

MESSRS. EDITORS :--- It may serve a useful purpose in the way of stimulating our young people to the study of the Shorter Catechism, if you will publish the following communication which was lately re-

Rev. A W ----: Dear Sir :-- I from which we quote. We trust, for the cred. this day received from our esteemed friend, Dr. Prime, yours of the 10th inst., asking it both of the press and of respectable society, that the objectionable notice above cited study and recitation of the Shorter Cates but the biassed report of some sporting chism, which I now give you. As the correspondent, which has unguardedly ap- | agent of others, I feel authorised to encourpeared in print under the editorial sanction. age, by the offer of a Clasp Bible, all who will by persevering and undying zeal, comply strictly with the conditions named in the enclosed form of certificate,* to be furn-

ished when the promised rewards are called tions than Mrs. N. P. Willis proposes to for. The terms named may seem hard, and receive into her family and educate with even arbitrary : but I trust they will be her own daughters, six little girls. The approved by you, as they have been by a motive for this unique expedient is properly large number of clergymen in your State. left to be conjectured, being, in fact, no-body's business. Excellent reasons for the induced to engage in this good work, the plan may, however, be imagined, assuming time in which they can earn the promised

Very respectfully and truly yours, L. BREWSTER

* "Certificate of Recitations, with names and ages. The individuals named herewith, have recited to me personally, the whole Shorter Catechism at one time, separate from others, with-out prompting and perfectly, with the exception of the number of words mentioned." (These exceptions embrace six words, viz .: omitted, misplaced, or miscalled, all told.)

For the Presbyterian Ba Presbytery of Ohio.

The following action on the State of the Country, was taken by the Ohio Presbytery at its late meeting in Canonsburg :

WHEREAS. There exists a most wicked, causeless, and atrocious rebellion against next Winter, as is proposed, by making the the constituted authorities of the land; and whereas our Government is struggling to put down all its enemies and maintain law and nity, will require that the clergy should be order; and whereas the exigencies of the times demand that every Ohristian natriot. and especially every minister of Christ,

ton Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, that integrity and unity of the nation; there should make all proper efforts to secure the

Resolved, 1. That whilst we repudiate

A SAILOB belonging to the Russian fleet of members now on the roll of the church Resolved, 2, That this Presbytery most now at anchorage in New-York harbor, fell is 463. The debt of the church was en- cordially endorses the proceedings of the a few months, to Shanghai. We are thank- in the 'ruleable' instead of usual ' way, AFTERNOON. recently from the rigging of one of the tirely removed during the past year, and last General Assembly, "enjoining upon ships, breaking one of his legs and several general prosperity attends all its institu- all the people of God who acknowledge this Church as their Church, to uphold aco'clock. September 30th. The Committee met at 10 o'clock, A. M., and opened its session with prayer. The following motions were made and unanimously adopted: 1. That it is desirable that the Assem-The following from the the Assem-1. That it is desirable that the Assem-

"Should, however, this law be amended

purpose of such meetings, and calculated as well as the moral safety of the commuexempt."

THE Presbyterian says of the Kensingit " has grown to be a strong and vigorous

tor, Rev. William O. Johnstone. A late every thing like party politics and party bors' lips, and lift them above political and persons on examination; on certificate, highest importance, if not essential, to the bors' lips, and lift them above political and persons on carmination, on corminate, ingress importance, in nor caseman, and persons persons. Baptized, 590; liberties of all lands; and that we earnestly and vending, all else will be in vain." married, 566; buried, 610. The number Christians be directed to this end.

ing to distract attention from the great