# PRESBYTERIAN BANNER.---WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1863.

courses preached were able and appropriate.

lanthropists were cheered and impressed

anew with a sense of their religious and so

cial obligations. The Times of the 27th

ult. says : " Charity seems to have walked

abroad. Many a heart beat loudly yester

day, to the music of joy and gratitude, in

haunts where naught but silence and sor

help brought to the sick, and words and

acts of comfort to the distressed and sor

THE VALUATION of the State of New-

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## Banner. Presbyterian PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2, 1863.

Ar Having purchased for our office the "Right" to use Dick's Accountant and Dispatch Fatent, all, or nearly all, of our subscribers now have their papers addressed to them regularly by a singularly unique machine, which fastens on the white margin a small colored "address stamp," or label, whereon appr ars their name plainly printed, followed by the date up to which they have paid for their papers—this being authorized by an Act of Congress. The date will always be advanced on the receipt of subscription money, in ecacl accordance with the amount so received, and thus be an ever-ready and valid receipt; securing to every one, and at all times, a perfect knowledge of his newspaper ac-count, so that if any error is made he can immedifiely do-text it and have it corrected—a boon alike valuable to the publisher and subscriber, as it must terminate all painful wisunderstandings between them respecting accounts, and thus tend to perpetuate their important relationship. \*,\* Those in arrears will please ren it.

Lectures .- The course of Lectures and Readings before the Young Men's Library Association, commenced on Tuesday even ing. Mr. VANDENHOFF was secured to oc cupy the platform. Others are engaged, and announcements will be made in the daily papers.

Prepay Postage.-The Department now forwards letters which are not prepaid, and charges the receiver double postage This is unreasonable; and the only protection one has is to leave all such letters in the Post Office. This remedy it is our purpose to apply; and we recommend it to all others.

Our rule is, prepay postage. In sending letters, we never vary from it: and we wish to have it work both ways.

A Rebuff .-- A few weeks ago the Presby ter gave a leader on reunion with the New School, zealously advocating the movement The Herald, the New School organ in Cin cinnati, republishes its neighbor's article and is ready for the movement, on a condi tion. It says :

" Portions of our Church were exscind ed. Of course, they cannot return until the exscinding acts are repealed. The matter, therefore, seems to us very simple. Let those of our Old School brethren who are in favor of reunion move in their Assembly for the repeal of that action which led to the division in 1837-8. If they are successful in that movement, the negotiation will not be tedious or difficult. Until that is done, the door remains shut in our faces, and it is useless to open the window and invite us to climb in."

We look for far more of efficient labor, and far more of true brotherly feeling, on the part of these two branches of Christ's family as they now are, than we could expect from an amalgamation. Each is large and strong enough to work. Each respects and loves the other, as a neighbor, and as cooperating in the Master's great work. But crowd them into one house, make them

THE LATE THANKSGIVING. It is thought that, in Pittsburgh, no day

been so much desecrated.

Stores and shops were generally closed; live?' will be settled at a self-sacrifice far and the people, in their holiday attire, smaller than the value of Christian ordinflocked to the churches; where the minis- ances to the community. The question can ters of JESUS CHRIST led them in prayer be answered in no other way. We do earnand praise, recalled to their minds God's estly press this subject on such societies as abounding mercies and benefits, and gave them sound instruction. And doubtless many a hearer gave hearty thanks to the barrassments." Author of all good, and joined ardently in

and retired with Christian emotion to par- took place on the 18th ult. Gov. Gilmore take rationally of earth's bounties.

part of the day, if we may credit reports College, were present. Gov. Gilmore, in in the daily press, was very extensively de- behalf of the Trustees of the Institution, The hearts of Christians, patriots and phivoted to dissipation. The taverns, grog delivered an appropriate address of welshops, theatres, and other places where sin | come to the newly-elected President. The runs riot, were crowded. The revelry and | inaugural address of the latter is highly drunkenness is said to have exceeded that of any day in our city, for a long time. Such evils are greatly to be deplored. But in times of prosperity they will characteristics." abound. Every public day will thus be abused. We do not say that this should prevent the appointing of a day of thanksgiving; but it is a reason why we should mourn, as well as rejoice. And it is a powerful reason why haunts of dissipation should be suppressed. Why is it that a humane people will tolerate grog shops? Governor (Bradford) sent out a company It is astonishing that enlightened Pennsylvania, and especially that Christian Pittsburgh should not remove, utterly, all cred the fruits of their labors. So they public temptations to the vice of drunken-

ness.

Home and Foreign Record.—The December number completes Vol. XIV. The Quarto form will now cease, and the Octavo. or Pamphlet form will be continued.

| Receipts in October:   | 1          |
|------------------------|------------|
| Domestic Missions,     | \$6,856.28 |
| Education,             | 2,622.15   |
| Foreign Missions,      | 12,369.74  |
| Publication-Donations, | 970.65     |
| Sales,                 | 7,066.19   |
| Church Extension,      | 1,374.15   |
|                        |            |

Rev. Dr. McLaren .- Many readers will be pleased to hear again from our good brother, of the 10th Pennsylvania Reserves. A faithful chaplain in the army deserves universal esteem. He contributes to the efficiency of the army and to the personal denominations. It was intimated that if comfort of the men, while he reclaims other denominations would yield the less wanderers, and guides many in the way to essential articles of their creeds, and submit

aid for the emergency by extra appeals to Nov. 19, contains a list of acknowledgchurches and individuals able to come to ments by the treasurer of the N. S. Presof public thanks giving has ever been more the rescue. But this cannot be the main byterian 'Committee of Home Missions,' generally observed, as to the form; and dependence. If our parishes will unitedly among which we notice the following : that, perhaps, but few such days have ever and heartily and perseveringly take hold of Pompey Hill Congregational church, N.Y., \$40.00 136.60

the business of saving their ministers from Oxford such straits, the question, 'How am I to Prattsburg Congregational church Ladies' Home Mission Society,

"None of these churches appear in the 'Minutes of Assembly,' with the designa-tion of Congregational churches. We are therefore at liberty to surmise that other churches, not so specified in this acknowl know that their pastors are in the trying condition of our brethren. God will bless them in saving his servants from their em-and yet contribute their funds to rub out the order of the Pilgrims from the regions which were planted and nurtured by their THE INSTALLATION of Rev. Dr. Asa fathers."

supplication for new and continued favors, Smith, as President of Dartmouth College, THAKSGIVING DAY seems to have been

and staff, distinguished members of the Ju-All, however, did not do so. The after diciary, and many of the Alumni of the spoken of in our Eastern exchanges. His theme selected was, "The American College, considered in its proper functions and

THE FOLLOWING, quoted by an exchange row had prevailed. Many a sad and deso-rom "Elliott's History of New-England," late home was invaded by the kindly, and from "Elliott's History of New-England," is interesting, as alluding to the first Thanksgiving" in America: " In 1623-two centuries and a half ago

rowing. Much good was done yesterday--Winslow, writing to England, mentions much more than past years have record ofthat after the gathering of the harvest, the and may it be the initiative of what makes thrice blessed and thrice happy those who for game, that they might furnish more dainty and abundant materials for a feast, administer it."

and rejoice together after they had gath-WE SEE it stated that Dr. E. D. Hudson Clinton Hall, Astor Place, New-York, is got their game, and they cooked it, and engaged, by order of Surgeon General Ham hey feasted Massasoit and ninety of his mond, of the United States Army, and Sur-Indians; and they thanked God with all their hearts for the good world and the geon Whelan, of the Navy, in supplying good things in it. So they kept their first soldiers and sailors with artificial limbs thanksgiving. Governor Bradford said: 'Nor has there been any general want among us to this day.'" THE VALUATIO

York, as just determined by the State A SERIES of Sabbath evening lectures by Board of Equilization for 1863, amounts leading Episcopal clergymen, has been comto the inconceivable sum of \$1,454,454,817 menced in Boston. The introductory dis- The County of New-York supplies \$547, course was delivered on Sabbath evening 416.031, toward this total; Albany County, week, by Rev. John Cottan Smith, of New-York. The theme was the "Protestantism of the Episcopal Church." According to the Recorder's report of the lecture. H10,051, towardethis total; Albany County, \$39,940,693; Kings County, (Brooklyn and vicinity,) \$38,147,604; Genesee Coun-ty, \$15,934,530; Erie County, (Buffalo and vicinity,) \$47,068,595; and Westches-the County of the lecture. the Recorder's report of the lecture, ter County, \$41,685,997. The poorest is

"It was argued from the history of the Hamilton County, in the Adirondae region Episcopal Church in its fidelity to the fun- which it seems could be bought for \$605, damental principle of the Reformers-jus- 016. tification by faith-that that Church affords THE Evening Post, in noticing the new the best basis for a union of Evangelical marble store of Mr. A. T. Stewart, on Broadway, says : "The interior arrangements of this im-

should make a special business of securing Board? The American Presbyterian of his remains having been removed from in our public journals that our men are have read them; but they can't get over Panama for this purpose, and a mural tab-let has been raised over them.

#### ECCLESIASTICAL.

Rev. A. H. SEELEY was installed pastor of the Presbyterian church at Smithfield, Duchess County, N. Y., on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1863, by a Committee of the Presbytery of North River.

Rev. E. D. YEOMANS, late of Trenton, see, much less to be in them; that the more New Jersey, was installed pastor of St. Peter's church, Rochester, N. Y., on them. Monday evening, the 9th inst.

Mr. J. M. MAXWELL, late of the N. W. Theological Seminary, was ordained, on the 6th ult., by the Presbytery of St. Louis, and installed at Kirkwood, Mo. have taken place on the Rapidan.

Rev. A. H. SEELEY was installed at Smithobserved in New York with more than ord field, N. Y., on the 10th ult. inary interest. The several churches were filled with attentive audiences. The dis-

Rev. CHAUNCEY D. MURRAY, of the Reformed Dutch church, has accepted a call from the Westminster Presbyterian church. New-York.

Rev. PHILIP H. MOWRY has received call from the Mahoning church, Dan ville, Pa., of which the late Dr. Yeo-

mans was pastor. Rev. E. C. TRIMBLE, of Tennessee, has To Mr. Moore and the Sabbath School Class,

in Monengahela City, Pa. been invited to supply the Goshen congregation, in Oldham County, Ky DEAR FRIENDS :- The copies of the Mr. F. A. WOTRING, late of Washington Presbytery, was ordained and installed at Banner, which you have been kindly forwarding to me for the soldiers, have all been

here.

God rest upon it!

Yours. &c.

Portage City, Wis., by the Presbytery of Winnebago, Oct. 27th. The pastoral relation existing between Rev.

WM. PRIDEAUX and the church of Schellsburg, has been dissolved by the ing, as you may suppose, a large number ot correspondents, and a great many sol-Presbytery of Carlisle, and Mr. J. H. of correspondents, and a great many sol-Donaldson has been engaged to supply diers' letters, reports and appeals to write. Then, since my return from Gettysburg the church for six months. and the Rappahannock, my mother, worn Rev. HALLOCK ARMSTRONG has been in

stalled in the church of Monroeton, Pa. Rev. J. W. WIGHTMAN has been installed.

by the Presbytery of Carlisle, at Waynes bore', Pa.

### For the Presbyterian Banner

of the Potomac, Western Virginia, and the Another Letter from the Christian Commission. Western Army; nor have I been able to DEAR FRIEND ALBREE :- The operaobtain the one tenth of what I need, and can take and use to the greatest advantage. tions of the Christian Commission are so ex-This grieves me, for I believe that so long tensive and varied, that to give even a synopas God calls me to labor for our dear solsis of the same would require more ability diers and sailors, he will furnish the means; and time than I have now at command. consequently, when these are wanting I cannot but fear, lest my work should be Our headquarters are now with the Army of the Potomac, at Brandy Station, Culpepper County, Va. Our corps of dele- hindered. Yet even if this should be true, gates is strong in numbers, and very zeal- I ought to be thankful that he has allowed ous and harmonious in all their movements, such an unworthy instrument to do as The field and hospital work is very great, much, and to know that on various battleand is most efficiently and systematically fields and in many hospitals throughout managed by our excellent Field Agent, Mr. our land, the suffering and dying have Cole. Each delegate has his own sphere of given me, as precious legacies, blessings operation, and of ocurse has his own pecu- which I would not exchange for much gold: liar experience in dealing with the sol- It is cheering to you to learn, that in

all your stores are distributed. Then you

see you, smile, ask you in. Down you get

on your knees, crawl in, talk, pray, exhort.

a group of eight or ten of the "boys,"

diers. He also sees peculiar scenes and two years and more spent in this good incidents, and hears peculiar things, totally | work, having distributed thousands of Tesdistinct from all others. Nothing can be taments, books, hymn-books and papers, I

more interesting than the relation of many | have always found them most eagerly and

of these by the Commissioners, in the even- gratefully received, and generally carefully

ing, when we all return to our headquarters' | read, and then sent home. In the hospital

tent. Volumes of wonders might be writ- at Winchester, Va., a soldier who had been

ten on these singular recitals. We go out confined to his miserable room for months,

in the morning with reading matter and told me he thought the reading matter I

some hospital stores, to certain brigades or had given him from time to time had

in our public journals that our men are nave read them; but they can't get over "anxious for a fight," "spoiling for a 'pitch in' to the enemy," &c., &c. Now, this is not true. Whilst they will fight, and expect to fight, when they meet the and expect to fight, when they meet the and expect to light, when they men who enemy, yet hundreds of veterans-men who have to four chapters daily; three or four were with McClellan on the Peninsula, or have torn up their cards, and resolved. with Pope at Manassas, or at Antietam, or give up card-playing altogether. Gettysburg, or Winchester, or Fredericks- these men belong to a class that never this

burg, or Chancellorsville, or in all these of such a thing as reading the Bible, burg fights—have told me that so dreadful are it struck them as strange for ladies to tal such an interest in them. such battles that they never want again to Next day, in going through the hospits

of these they are in, the more they dread which was full of typhoid fever cases, I was told that a young soldier had just been ac This is written in the midst of a field cidentally shot, and was in one of the room. where three or four terrible battles have not expected to live. He belonged to its been fought, and the sad marks of the same same regiment, and as I leaned over him are quite enough for me. Although before in sincere sorrow, I inquired if, in the this is read, another shocking slaughter may scarcity of reading distributed the day is fore, he had been supplied ? His ere The enemy dashed in on us, last night, [brightened; "O yes," he said, "You gap and took 120 men, and some wagons. me a little Testament, some tracts, and Nothing is thought, however, of such forays Sunday School paper with our flag on it Well. William," I replied, much gratifie to think that he at least had not been be The Christian Commission is doing a noble work. May the blessing of the Great glected, "I suppose your time was so show that you did not have a chance to read apin them." "I took my Testament to h ZED. tent that evening, and read three or for chapt.rs." And his captain told me that For the Presbyterian Banner when he was first wounded, fearing that he would not live, he had sent for him and . told him he wanted his Testament to BALTIMORE, Nov., 1863. home to his sister, the tracts to one brothe and the Christian Banner to another.

remember him by. This boy and his brat ers had been turned out of doors by their received, and would have been acknowlrebel neighbors in Virginia, and were conedged before this, but for the fact that I pelled to conceal themselves in the wood have scarcely had a moment's leisure, havuntil they could enlist in our army H. afterwards recovered, and his gratitude t me was great. I have often thought then is no one who has not the means of ascen taining the name of some soldier. It man ters not whether he is a stranger to you a out by exposure and fatigue, was seized not : from the public lists select a name i with fever, and since her convalescence my you know of no other, and from time to time has been fully, and more than fully time send him good religious papers to occupied, in endeavoring to obtain supplies read, perhaps writing a line to tell him of books, papers, stationery, and delicacies, that you were mindful of him. I think his to take with me this Winter to our sick reply will be a pretty sure evidence whethand wounded in South Carolina, the Army

er he appreciates it or not. You know little how intensely lonely and dreary, at times, is the life or a soldier Who can tell but, coming to him thus in his thoughtful hours, some little word like good seed may spring up in the heart d your brave defender, preparing him for ; useful Christian life, or for a happy death on the battle-field. He most especialineeds all the good and holy influences you can throw around him. And at the same time cannot you send to me, for distribu. tion, directed to the care of G. S. Griffith Chairman of Christian Commission, No. 77 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, a box dried and canned fruits, stationery, gooi reading, pickles, cocoa, butter, &c., &c., These will be faithfully distributed, and a letter written to you about them. Let me know before sending them.

Remember me earnestly in your praver

responsible in common for the peculiarities of either, hamper them in their spontaneous outgoings, and the results could hardly be otherwise than painful.

SUFFERINGS OF THE UNION PRISONERS. The reports of the sufferings of our prisoners now in the hands of the rebels, are harrowing to the feelings of humanity. Many of them speak of cruelty too unnatural to be received with full credit. There is however no room to doubt but that they are subjected to very great suffering. The supplies sent to Richmond, by the Sanitary Commission, afford relief to some, but they are far from being adequate.

Some Surgeons recently released from the Libby Prison, Richmond, have presented, over their proper signature, a statement of facts to the War Department. We give a few extracts:

"We enjoyed for several months daily access to the hospitals where the sick and wounded among our Union soldiers received treatment. As a result of our observation. we hereby declare our belief that since the battle of Chickamauga, the number of deaths per diem has averaged fully fifty The prevailing diseases are diarrhoa, dysentery and typhoid pneumonia. Of late the per centage of deaths has greatly increased-the result of causes that have been long at work, such as insufficient food, clothing and shelter, combined with that depression of spirits brought on so often by long confinement. It may seem almost incredible, when we affirm of our personal knowledge that in the three hospitals for Union soldiers the average mortality is near forty per day, and upon the most reliable testimony we are forced to believe that the deaths in the tobacco factories and upon the island will raise the total mortality among all the Union prisoners to fifty per day, or 1,500 monthly.

"Startling instances of individual suffering and horrid pictures of death, from protracted sickness and semi-starvation, we have had thrust upon our attention.

"The first demand of the poor creatures from the island was always for something to eat. Self-respect gone, hope and ambi-tion gone, half-clad, and covered with vermin and filth, many of them too often beyond all reach of medical skill. In one instance the ambulance brought sixteen to the hospital, and during the night seven of them died. Again, eighteen were brought, and eleven of them died in 24 hours. At another time fourteen were admitted, and in a single day ten of them died. Judging from what we ourselves have seen and do know, we do not hesitate to say that, under a treatment of systematic abuse, neglect and semi-starvation, the number who are becoming permanently broken down in their constitutions must be reckoned by thousands. We leave it for others to say what is demanded by this state of things.'

What shall be done? What can be done? Humanity would shudder at the thought of retaliating upon the prisoners held by us. That must not be. Two things we must do. First, we must submit to their unjust demands, (but they contend that the injustice is on our part). We can thus release all our men now prisoners at once: except the colored captives and their white officers. It is not to be endured that our brave men should die such deaths as are narrated, at the rate of one thousand five hundred per month. And for the colored men and their officers we must fight,

woods all around ring with sacred song. Finding that I had not enough to supply fore, Thus you go from day to day in this al- all, I directed one to come in that evening Resolved, That whilst we are sorry in the supply fore. and recapture, or retaliate. most boundless army. You have access to and bring a list of all who wanted them. It part with him, yet we believe we should then our ministers must shift for them-THE Independent complains of the policy | street. Secondly, we must raise men enough to men here you would not have at home ; nor was a long walk, but I had scarcely reached not, and therefore will not oppose the dis selves, as best they can. But we are sure of putting Congregational churches under ONE means of supplying the needy in overwhelm our foe. Make our armies so have I heard as much profanity as is usual the hospital and had my fire lighted to pre- solution of said pastoral relation. that almost any people can, if they will, the care of church courts belonging to the City of Brotherly Love, is soup sociein our villages and towns on occasions of pare some delicacies for the sick, when he public meetings. And I have seen in two made his appearance with a knapsack to in this opportunity of expressing our imstrong that no battles need be lost and no save an economical pastor from either leavinter more of our men be made prisoners. ing them, or plunging into such a slough other denominations. It says: 83,000 pints of soup, 896 pounds of bread and 7,600 pounds of Indian meal. weeks but one drunken man, and he was an understrapper of the shoulder-strap order. Man in the analysis and the visit was often re- upright man, a sincere Christian, and and destrapper of the shoulder strap order. "Who, five years ago, could have preof debt as above indicated. There is too will be well if our sympathy shall be awaked much produce of the ground and the manu- dicted that Congregational churches in the by these sufferings, and a universal deterfactory, all over this region at least, to put State of New-York would divert their con- THE late George R. Gliddon, well known Men in the ranks cannot get intoxicating peated. One night he said : "You can'nt energetic, faithful, successful, and self-sat mination be formed to end the war by a us at fault in this conclusion. There may tributions away from the American Home as a writer and lecturer on Egyptian An-Irinks in the army, There is one mistake abroad in the land do n't think they would have taken them Signed: MICHAEL HAYS, Ch'n. drinks in the army. combination of force, righteousness, and be some exceptions in missionary churches, Missionary Society to put them at the disposal tiquities, was buried in the Laurel Hill that I would correct. We sometimes read from a chaplain, or if they had, would not Thomas Foy, Sec'y. and, if so, then the Home Mission Board of an exclusive Presbyterian Ecclesiastical Cemetery, Philadelphia, on the 14th inst., magnanimity.

life everlasting.

## EASTERN SUMMARY. NEW-ENGLAND.

ACCORDING to the Congregational theory of Church government, an ecclesiastical Council derives its power to ordain a minister from the particular church which has convened it. There would the latitudinarian liberality of the Church son why, independently of the intervention of a Council, a church could not proceed to ordain its own pastor just as it ordains its utter ruin. deacons. In an able and interesting article in the last Congregationalist, the theory is distinctly stated, and their practice is explained by a reference to what the writer designates as the fundamental and distinctive principle of Congregationalism, viz.:

other." He says :

"The ordination of a pastor in a given church is not (as the ordination of a deacon is) a matter which concerns only the less pleasure. According to a leading secinternal affairs of that one church. It is a ular journal, all the public halls for danctransaction in which the communion of ing are engaged every night for the Winchurches one with another is concerned. By virtue of that intercommunion of our churches which, not less than the independence of each church, is essential to Congregationalism, a pastor in any church sus- Winter will see twice the money spent on tains important relations to neighboring fashionable amusements ever yet expended churches and to the entire commonwealth of the Congregational churches. The neighboring churches have a right to know important not only to its own interests, but also to theirs, and to the general interests of Christ's kingdom. They have a right to is fit evidence that the man whom it has chosen is duly qualified, and is called of God to the office to which he has been invited by the church and parish. Such is New-York Academy of Music were about the fitness—such the necessity—of an ec- \$4000. In his speech at Brooklyn, Mr. clesiastical Council for the ordination of a Beecher uttered the following magnanipastor.'

other parts of the land, the anxious ques-|spond: tion is earnestly asked by inadequately compensated ministers, "What are we to feel each other's hearts more nearly-when do in these trying times?" The strictest | more and more themes for national discuseconomy was requisite in the case of many, sion are to be those that turn upon the in order to live on their salaries when common ideas and common feelings-for money was worth its nominal value, and we need no other. We do not need Great when the necessaries and comforts of life Britain for any material reasons. For could be obtained on reasonable terms. moral reasons we need her. And I say Now, however, when \$600 is not worth a mill over \$450, and when excessive prices heeds us. for the hope of civilimust be paid for almost everything, and zation, these two nations of the earth, carwhen, moreover, the minister, unlike most rying a civilization which is derived from, other people, derives no counterbalancing and which carries with it the common peoadvantages from the exigencies of the times, none can wonder that in public as well as tions all forbid that we should ever cross by the domestic fireside, the care-burdened hands in strife and struggle. But while pastor should seriously ask, "What shall other nations are beginning, though with we do?" The Boston Recorder, in reply to slow steps, to look to the rising sun ; while

suggestions which will commend themour own poople. The Recorder says:

and congregations concerned. Apparently, other, loving, or hoping to love by-and-by, similar, are doing all they can in this direc- | ery part of the earth the influence of Christion. But are they? If absolutely so,

yield the Liturgy and admit extemporaneous prayers, and other less important modifications, thus making the doctrine of justidoxy."

as is here proposed when, in consequence of

NEW-YORK. DISSIPATION in New-York city, instead of being diminished by the trying circumstances in which our country is involved. seemes to be exceeding all previous bounds. "The communion of churches one with an- Regardless of the fearful evils, present and prospective, to which the war is subjecting us, the young people of New-York seem

> determined to run the full round of reckter; private balls and parties were never so numerous; theatres were never so thronged; and it is safe to say that this

in a single season in the metropolis. THE WELCOME given Mr. Beecher on | met in their annual convention in this city

how that church proceeds in a matter so | his return from Europe, has been enthusi- | on Friday, the 20th ult., and continued in astic in the extreme. The reception given session until the following Monday. The him by the citizens of New-York, as well amount appropriated for the ensuing year know whether the proceedings of that as that tendered him in Brooklyn, was un- was: for Foreign Missions, \$202,934.14 church, in the election and introduction of der the auspices of the Sanitary Commis- for Domestic Missions, \$192,250.00. its pastor, are orderly, and whether there sion; and the financial proceeds of both Among the special items, we notice the apoccasions were devoted to the benefit of this propriation of \$35,000 for mission work in excellent Association. The receipts at the the South.

A CORRESPONDENT of the N.Y. Advocate and Journal, writing recently from Philadel

phia, says : mous sentiments, to which every philan-

IN THE EASTERN States, as well as in thropist and Christian should cordially re- looked better at this season than now. A "The day is coming when nations are to

more than that-for moral reasons she needs us. For the sake of man, and for

an anxious query of this kind, offers some even in Russia her frosts begin to glitter in that light that ere long shall melt them, let not these foremost of nations that have selves, we trust, to the Christian notice of stood in witness for liberty, and all other blessings of free government, fall out by "We see no quarter from which to expect the way; but shoulder to shoulder, heart

tian civilization and human liberty."

to Episcopal ordination, that Church might | mense edifice are in character with its im posing exterior. On the underground floor, below the basement, are four steam boilers, of fifty horse power capacity each, fication by faith, the doctrinal test of ortho- which operate separately or in connexion. These are used in heating the building and

in driving the engines. The space in the It seems very strange that arguments building heated by them is 1,819,550 cubic should be advanced for either the practica- feet, and thirty-eight thousand lineal feet bility or the desirableness of a union such about twenty-five thousand dollars.

therefore seem to be no special rea- of England, she is at the present time per- of six horse-power each. There are also plexed beyond measure with heresies which | five elevators, each worked by one of the she cannot control, and which threaten her engines. These elevators, which are a novelty in their operation, are placed near the side of the building, where goods are brought in or taken away. They are about five feet by six in height or length. A large cylinder on the engine has a wire cable wound around it, and this cable ex tends to the top of the building, where i passes over a pulley and is fastened to the elevator; and in order to ascend or descend it any person may easily set the engine in motio

> THE PRICE of Gold fluctuated during the past week between 1534 and 143, clos ing on Saturday at 1462. On Monday of this week, it opened at 147, advanced to 149, and then declined to 1471. Superfine State and Western Flour was quoted, on Saturday, at \$5.85@\$6.10.

## PHILADELPHIA.

ask how they are getting along. "Oh! pretty well; but this is not home." "No," we reply, "there is no place so sweet as home; but don't you think you can deny defence. vourselves some home comforts for a time. in order to do your duty to your country ?" "Oh, yes, yes." Then we tell them how the Bible says of this world; that it is a field, and the new Cemetery at Gettysburg, win, formerly governor of Libby prison. vale of tears, and points us to heaven where they would have realized as they cannot do will lead all who have come up through THE GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMIT TEE of the Methodist Episcopal Church unfrequently shed a tear as you speak of field was broken up, I did not cease, with | eral, and often in silver and gold. that dread eternity to which many of them the supplies I had and could procure, to their eternal condition. Here is one who is a father. He has a wife and five small children at home, far, far away in New-England or in the West. He shows you a power of doing good. And as my desire is letter from them. They are in actual want, to do good for his sake only, I trust he will but he can do little for them. He asks hear my prayer. "Philadelphia, always beautiful, never you to write a letter to them for him, as he has neither, pen, ink, nor paper. Of course walk in Chestnut Street is good for soul

papers to pious soldiers in the army, and you do it then and there. He gives the they were welcome messengers. Amongst and body. It is the finest street in Amermaterial; you put it into form; you get at some donations sent me, was one that isa, except Broadway. How patriotic it is his heart; for, as he talks about the home touched me very much; it was a little he may never again see, many tearssfoll girl's copies of the Child's Paper, for one down his bronzed cheeks, and many sobs | year ; and from the manner in which they had been kept. I knew the dear child had convulse his swelling bosom.

prized them highly. Could she have seen the bright faces of some of our boy-soldiers Again and again, day after day, you go through these scenes. Those poor men bless you, and regard you as their true friends.

You go into a hospital. A soldier is dying. His brother, or some dear ac- ready. When we do anything for Jesus, it ble and resolutions were unanimous quaintance, is near. He bids him farewell, is such a blessed privilege that we need no adopted : and kisses him, saying: "There is a kiss other reward. Many an orphaned child for mother, there is one for father, there is throughout our land cherishes as a price- Knox, has notified us that he will ask the one for dear little Johnny," &c., &c. Oh! | less treasure the little book sent by the | Presbytery of St. Clairsville, at its next but such scenes are affecting! It makes father whose unnumbered grave forms one meeting, to dissolve the pastoral relation one feel and confess that MAN is our of the many that now thickly cover the between him and this (New Birmingham brother!

some regiment. This is Col. —, a home to go to, and consequently no desire ficient support: And, whereas, we believe good, kind man. How social he is. He to leave the hospital, which to the rest was that he is worthy of and well qualified it says, "Can't you preach us a sermon?" so dreary—"Oh but that was a comforting a more extended field of usefulness: And "What? just now?" "Yes." "I can." book you gave me!" "What was it?" whereas, he has labored among us since Trumpet blows immediately. The "blue- was my inquiry. "Words of Healing," he 1860, and did not forsake us under adverse birds" know what it means, and come out replied. And an incident occurred in Vir- circumstances, but continued with us he strong. Now, stand you in the midst, and ginia which was deeply affecting : I had the last year, especially under very greatery yourself. No need of a written sermon. One well extemporized will do. Virginia regiments who had been entirely portunity of becoming acquainted with b You sing; oh what singing; hundreds of neglected. Great was their eagerness to character as a man, a Christian, and a mile strong voices joined make a camp and the obtain hymn-books, Testaments, and papers. lister under varied circumstances; there

V erv truly yours. JANE BOSWELL MOORE For the Presbyterian Banne Johnson's Island,

This island, which is one and a half miles long and one half a mile in width, is regiments in the different corps. The sol- saved him from idiocy! To supply our diers see you coming with the papers on army with even reading matter sufficient directly in front of Sandusky at about three your arm, and the tracts and books in your for a few hours in a week, requires a vast miles distance. The name is derived from well-filled haversacks. The comercanning amount, and one which has not yet been a farmer who has resided there and now to you, and settle around you like bees, till contributed. As a general rule, a soldier's leases it to the Government. Col. Hofis, unless marching, or at work on fortifica man, of the Army, selected this location for walk around among the tents. Here you tions, a pretty idle life. Many hours pass, the rebel prisoners, which is now, I be see the poor fellows lying in their "dog on picket as well as on a sick bed, whose lieve, considered liable to some objections tents," reading. Sometimes they look up, loneliness would be greatly relieved by in point of safety.

good religious and improving reading. At this time 3,000 rebel officers are con-And the influences of war, at best, are so fined there, among whom are the celebrated Out you crawl again, look around, and see terribly demoralizing that it seems to me Jeff. Thompson and Gen. Polk, of Missouri the Church, and the Sabbath School as a whose property was estimated before the branch of the Church, ought to be doubly rebellion at \$2,000,000. These two perstanding round a big log-fire. You go up. branch of the Church, ought to be doubly rebellion at \$2,000,000. These two per-"How do-do, Chaplain ?" greets you. You awake, doubly active, earnest and unceas-sons are differently affected by incarcetaing in all efforts in behalf of those who, tion. Thompson labors constantly, has perilling everything-health, limbs, life, ing made a fence around the rebel grave aye, how often even heaven itself, in our | yard and wrought industriously at the tun nel or ditch through which the prisoners Could the children of your Sabbath purposed to escape. Gen. Polk is in mis-School have stood with me, lately, by the erable health, dispirited and heart-broken. thousands of filled graves on the battle-Another tall and showy officer is Col. Good-

The prisoners were allowed many luxuthere is no war, misrule, anarchy, sin, or otherwise, the urgent necessity for this ap-suffering, and where Christ our best friend peal; and they would also feel, as I did, including theatricals, with printed handthat the only balm in the midst of that bills and a band of music. This order et great tribulation to fountains of living great depth of anguish, the only thought things is now, with good reason, entirely water, and God will wipe away all their from which I took comfort as I recalled reversed. Before entering the prison, each tears. By this time your audience has in- the awful sights, the mangled bodies, the one is required to deposite his money with creased two fold, and you go on in a kind groans, cries and shrieks of anguish, was Col. Pierson, and when he chooses makes of sermon. The dear fellows listen as you in the reflection that from the day of that an order for any sum he may desire. Conpoint them to the Lamb of God, and not awful slaughter until every hospital on the siderable sums have been given up by sev-

The ditch above alluded to was discovmay be hurled in a few hours, by the weap- do everything in human power to relieve | ered in the following manner: A letter ons of the enemy. You close your little their agony. And as I stood by graves was handed to one of the guard, with five exhortation. Some come to you, and make filled with hundreds to whom I had thus dollars if he would mail it, which led to vour personal acquaintance; ask you per- ministered, could I feel unmoved? Oh suspicions, and it was handed to Col. Pierhaps, to take a walk with them "without no; amid tears of bitter anguish the prayer son. On opening it a full description of the camp." You go. They tell you how went up to God to open and enlarge my the ditch was found—that it was completed deeply they feel both their temporal and path before me—to bestow abundantly upon —all things ready, &c. The premises were me grace and strength; and, for his own | examined and found as described, with a glory's sake, not for any unworthiness in man in the ditch. The letter was the the feeble instrument to take from me the mailed, and the Post-master required to se cure the person calling for it. The Colone now has the letter, as it has not been called For a long time I sent my own religious that the conspirators were discovered. for, probably owing to the fact being known

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For the Prosbyterian Banner.

## Church of New Birmingham.

To the Presbytery of St. Clairsville Ohio:

At a meeting of the Presbyterian church and congregation of New Birmingham and drummers as I told them who had sent Guernsey County, Ohio, held in their them, she would have been well repaid; church in New Birmingham, on the 17th but no doubt she had had her reward al- | day of August, 1863, the following pream

WHEREAS, Our pastor, the Rev. A. battle fields of this rebellion. Said a poor Presbyterian) congregation : And, whereas Now let us go to the head-quarters of desolate boy-who had no friends, and no fit is impossible for us to give him ast

the depot, two sets of double and two of

See the Stars and Stripes waving from a hundred flag-staffs! How I love that old moral sentiments-those that are allied to flag, now that it means liberty and union Stripe no longer for the slave, but only for traitors and rebels. It is half-mast to-day in honor of the heroes who fell at Gettys burg. One's attention is arrested on Chestnut street at a number of ladies dressed in mourning apparel. I speaks a sad fact. War has claimed his bloody offering of many households and hearth-stones." AT SIXTEENTH and Market streets, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company are erect-

ing a mammoth freight depot, intended for the receiving and forwarding business of the Philadelphia and Erie line. When complete, it will be the largest depot for freight purposes in the city. The front, on Market street, will be of iron, ornamented with handsome columns, and wil be 214 feet in breadth. It will have two elevations of twenty-five feet high. with skylights at the sides and between the ele vations. The skylight will be eighteen feet in height. The building extends to a general relief but the individual churches to heart, bearing and forbearing with each Filbert street, a distance of 306 feet, and will have large cellars for the storeage of as our correspondent says, his and others let them stand together, to bear out to ev- freight. There will be six tracks entering single tracks leading up and down Market