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CHANGE OF TERMS, &c.

We find it necessary to modify our terms and, after much thought, and some consultation with our brethren, ministers and others, we propose the following : 1. The price of the Banner, on and after

January 1st, 1864, will be two dollars a year, in advance.

2. A minister, or other person, sending us TEN names (new or old) and twenty dol lars, will be entitled to an additional paper. And also one additional for the next ten : &c. i levin

N. B.-Ministers of small means. and having no charge, can have their paper still for \$1.50.

\*\* \*- Theological Students can have the Banner still at the dollar.

mo Ministers who have been subscri bers. but have become unable to pay, will have their paper continued gratuitously.

3. Commendations of Schools, Books, &c., Notices of "Surprises," &c., "Cards," and all other matters which are mainly of personal interest, will be charged for, at 10 cents a line.

Though we have put the Banner, by the above, more on a business footing than formerly, we still adhere to the CO-OPERA-TIVE principle. Our desire is, in conjunction with Pastors and Elders, to train the young for honor and usefulness, and to help all onward in the way to a glorious immortality. We hence labor assiduously, and use money freely, to give the Banner the very best practicable adaptations. Our Foreign Correspondence, our Summary of Eastern News, and our War Articles are highly commended. Our Editorials discuss matters of living interest. Our General News is comprehensive. Our Book Notices are honest. Our Selections are varied and instructive. Our Correspondents write well. Families which grow up, being habitual readers of the Banner, will be intelligent, enterprising, liberal, and virtuous; as well as sound in the faith. We hence ask Ministers and Elders, whose duty it is to nurture the people, to make the Banner their co-adjutor. Have it, if possible, in every family.

God.

We also ask all our readers, including la

THE WEEK OF PRAYER. commenced, and very extensively sanc- very would have died out gradually. As 10th, is recommended as a season of is yet to be determined. prayer.

the war. The war is but the first act in During the last ten years of our pasto rate, we statedly observed the nine days the drama. The contest for the negro-adincluding the first Sabbath in January, as mitting him to be the subject of the controversy, as he is mainly with the South a time of religious exercises in the congregation. Public worship was attended every and partly with the North-has cost the country, on both sides, the life of say, evening; and for half the time, or more, about half a million of white men, and we had the assembled congregation, and about three thousand millions of money, preaching, through the day. One of these besides inestimable suffering and waste. occasions was the distinct manifestation of And the cost yet, in blood and treasure, a revival which added one hundred and till the war shall end, none can tell. fifty hopeful converts to the communion, ( The point now aimed at is, personal freein the course of the year; and was followed, the next year, by an addition of dom to the negro. This we have desired, and have, in some measure, labored for, sixty others. It was always a communion

season, and a refreshing, if not a reviving time. We once or more spoke discouragingly of the multiplying of special days, annually occurring, for special services. A few such,

slavery exterminated by the loving spirit of however, are beneficial. Scripture, we the Gospel-that God, in his abounding think, indicates that an occasional free-will mercy, would enlighten and transform both offering in this line, may be acceptable to master and servant, and dissolve the voke. God, and may secure a blessing. History But God now, as often, mingles judgments shows that the thing may be greatly abused. and mercies. May the mercies abound. The Romish Church has gone into a great excess. The Protestant Church begins to show a little tendency in the same way.

to mere personal freedom, are put in for Of the Day of Prayer for Colleges, we the blacks, which possibly may lead to new highly approve. And the Week of Prayer, contentions. now just at hand, may be in a high degree The next contest about the negro will be useful. If duly observed, if will result in for his political equality. The purpose to great blessings to pastors and people, as well as to the heathen world. The Hearer effect, this is already declared. His employment in arms is to be used as an overof prayer will answer to the glorifying of whelming argument in favor of his right at his own name, in giving to his Word a life-producing power, and in spreading the ballot-box. Is he competent to rule the intelligence, the education, the business of truth's sacred influence. .

the community-for every voter is a ruler? The season of the year named, is the And could Republican institutions subsist, most favorable. At that time men's duties if over a million of men so ignorant and in the labors of life, are the least pressing. uncultivated as are the black race at pres-It is a time of comparative leisure to the ent, were added to the list of voters? husbandman. Out door demands for labor are remitted. Men are at home, with their | Have we not already too many voters who cannot read their Bibles, nor the laws, nor families. They may well give a few days, earnestly and sacredly, to their souls and to the newspapers, nor even their own ballots ? And would a Northern community submit

it is coming; nor at the cost now involved;

now threatened. We had hoped to see

quietly to this? Or would a contest of The leading theme of prayer is, according to the call, the spread of the Gospel in words be all that would occur? Students of human nature and civil history may the heathen world. A noble theme! Immensely extensive! But to pray aright. ponder such questions.

This second war for the negro being car there must be knowledge. There must be emotion. To this end there is room for ried in his favor, the third would be for his much instruction, and much re-considera- social, his full equality with the white race. on-the condition of the heathens, their There are already a few, though very few numbers, their exposedness-the work of who intimate that this is their purpose. It the missionaries, its happy influences, and follows, legitimately, as some would plead, its present inadequacy-the love of God in from the preceding. Founded upon his the gift of his Son-the obedience, and suf- sovereignty as a voter, would be his claim ferings, and intercession of JESUS-the to the Legislative Hall, to the Judge's erpower of the Gospel, and the nature and mine, to the Governor's and the Presiwonders of the change it produces-the dent's chair, to our parlors, and to marriage call for self-consecration to the work-the with our daughters. Can Anglo-Saxon. need of benefactions, and the certainty and and Celtic, and Teutonic, and Scandinavian freedom with which they will flow from a intelligence, and refinement, and conscious treasury controlled by a rightly disposed superiority, and pride, and prejudice if mind. All these are appropriate to the you please, be brought peacefully to bear secred week. They afford themes for the all this? preacher and exhorter. They furnish a The right of the Negro to "life, liberty, rich variety. They are adapted most bene- and the pursuit of happiness." we admit as ficially to affect the heart. Those who lead | being equal, naturally, to our own. / But the meetings need be at no loss for a vari- has he this right in the same house with us? or in the same social community? Or ety of interesting matter. It will add greatly to the personal bene- does God, by the distinctions he has made fits of the Week, and to an appreciation of between us, intend that he and we shall conthe Gospel, and hence to the ardency of stitute different communities on this exprayer, to have communion at the table of tensive and variegated globe? While he is with us, we must treat him humanely; the Lord a part of the social exercises. Another great help to edification, to a but must he abide with us forever? Or has God sent him here as to a school, to be general attendance, to elevation of feeling, educated and returned to his home, to ocand hence to ardency in prayer, will be the cupy that portion of God's earth to which services of one or more ministers in connexion with the pastor. The idea of con- he has adapted him, and which the white race cannot occupy and live? cert, requiring the same week to be observed It is not our present purpose to attempt in all the churches, is unfavorable to this joint ministerial labor. But still it can, to an answer to our questions; nor to open some extent, be accomplished. In cities our columns for their discussion. We but and large towns, pastors can readily unite. indicate one tendency of things now mov-In congregations near to Seminaries, Col- ing, and invite our readers to serious leges, and Academies, a minister without thought. It is the prerogative of man to charge can often be obtained. And in think. Thought, rational thought, prevision, the power of adapting means to an end. thickly settled country places, ministers, and their people generally, may come to- is man's glory. To look before him, to count the cost, to avoid evil. to secure fugether and join it the same exercises. There is much in united labors. God made ture benefit, is his duty. God made him capable of this; and has given him reason. us susceptible of emotions which are elevated by society, by variety, and by numbers and memory, and history, and revelation. congregated. This indicates to us our line | that he may exercise this power to his safe ty, his advancement, and his joy. of duty, by wisely observing which minis-

slavery. So we said from the beginning of | prosecuting the war because it will help | In accordance with a custom recently the war. If the war, had been short, sla- the negroes; the moment they find or fancy it will not, they are for peace. Mr PHILLIPS would infinitely prefer disunion tioned by the Churches, the first week in the war is protracted it is vanishing rapidly. with the abolition of Slavery to the Union January, Sabbath the 3d to Sabbath the Whether it and slavery shall end together, without it; and so would the great body of those who accept him as their political

> But the Negro question will not end with guide." "It is becoming fashionable in some quarters to speak of this as 'unconditional loyalty.' The men in the Southern States who are for abolishing Slavery are called by some of our leading political journals, unconditional loyalists,' while Union men like Governor BRAMLETTE, of Kentucky who are not in favor of it, are sweepingly and remorselessly denounced as Semi-Se-cessionists. Nothing can be more false or unjust. The question of abolition has nothing whatever to do with the question of loyalty. A Pro-Slavery man may be loyal, while many Anti-Slavery men are certainly and conspicuously disloyal. That man is loyal who is for sustaining the Gov ernment, crushing the rebellion and preserving the Union without regard to Sla ever since we began to estimate personal If Slavery stands in the way of this very. rights; not, however, in the way in which result he is for destroying it; if it gets out of the way he will not abandon, the Union for the sake of destroying Slavery. nor in view of the consequences which are This is the only line of distinction that

> can be drawn. an pe grawn. The time that Mr. PHILLIPS and everybody, else, North and South, whatev er may be their opinions on the subject o Slavery, should understand that the Constitution is, the supreme law of the land and that by its provisions the Supreme Court is the highest judicial tribunal of Portentous clouds, however, still hang over us. Other claims than those which relate and all proclamations issued by the President. must abide by its judgment. Every citizen, every inhabitant, black or white must hold his rights subject to its decis ions. And there is nothing in his nature position, or relations to the Government which can make the negro an exception to this necessity." Preserve the foundations.

THE INCREASE OF PRICE. So far we have heard not much comlaint about the advanced terms of the Banner. The thing is so reasonable, and the reason is so obvious, that the mind must approve. Quite a numbér have taken occasion, before January 1st, to renew their subscriptions at the old rate of \$1.50. Some have promptly tendered the \$2. We equest large accessions.

Pastors, we trust, will not let this year end, and the new year far progress, without some considerable effort to have ALL the people of their charge supply themselves. The Banner gathers information from far abroad, and communicates in a way adapted peculiarly to family wants. The Senior and Junior editors both devote their time and intellect to the work - no pastoral

Improve the day.

Gilt Medals .- We have received from Messrs. J. C. GARRIGUES & Co., 148 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia, a beautiful Gilt Medal, designed as an attractive reward for meritorious Sabbath School scholars. On one side is represented the Holy their welfare.

Bible, surrounded with the words, " Search The pastor's last words to his people were, "Give them my blessing and my the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life." On the other side we love, all, officers and members; tell them to preserve unity, fidelity and steadfastread, "Awarded for good conduct in Sunday School." less."

The price of the Gilt Medals is \$6.00 per dozen. Silvered Medals of a similar design are sold for \$3.50 per dozen. Sabbath School Superintendents and others wishing these Medals, will address Messrs. GARRIGUES & Co.

"Cyprian's" second letter arrived after Mr. Beecher's speeches in England as flaour space was engaged. It will appear next week.



tion of Connecticut give 15 subordinate able whether the public mind should be associations, with 351 ministers, of whom agitated with overnice distinctions on the 168 only are pastors, the rest being en- subject proposed for debate. Mr. B. suggaged as stated supplies, teachers, or chap- gested, however, that Dr. Cheever might lains, or being without charge. The set forth his views in his own journal, the churches number 285, comprising an ag- Principia, and promised that he would re- is more like the Ironsides than any of the gregate membership of 45,887; of whom | ply through the Independent, provided any | monitors. She is again in the water, and more than two-thirds are females. The arguments should be advanced which he before many days will be at sea. She cost statistics show a decrease of membershipmight deem worthy of attention. Dr. C. cannot well, in view of this conditional 1.671 having been received into communion with the Church, and 1,869 having been clause, feel complimented by the utter insttention of the Independent to the criticisms lost to the Association by removals. The contributions average \$2.55 to each church on Mr. Beecher which have appeared regularly for some weeks past in the editorial member.

columns of the Prnicipia. REV. DR. HOPKINS, President of Williams College, Mass., has three sons connected with the army. One is a chaplain ; the other two are in the field, as officers.

not in their zeal become blinded to the try-AT A LATE meeting of the Hartford ing complications in which the whole sub-County Temperance Society, the following ject is involved, and which render it a Gorwith other resolutions were adopted : dion knot that must not be severed with "Resolved, That the practice of drinking wine and other fashionable intoxicating reckless disregard of consequences by the beverages being revived in some communisword of the impatient conqueror.

ties, is a prolific source of intemperance, and should therefore be abandoned and reprobated.

"Resolved, That strong, and earnest Post, the following editorial paragraph on efforts should be made by the friends of Temperance to save our young men who are forming habits, which if not forsaken, will lead them to a drunkard's grave.

in the Temperance enterpise sufficient to re- lish antagonist. To rejoice in prize-fight five dollars and thirty cents-the "love reform the entire community; that this power victories would be to glory in our shame. spect and esteem " are invaluable, making

Saviour, secured his everlasting salvation. | the impressive funeral services held in the | standing attitude, and think that in all se church of which Dr. H. was pastor, the cial meetings, either standing, strictly, or kneeling, should be adopted. In other mi, Evangelist mentions, among the closing innor matters connected with the forms and services of the Dutch Church, as witnessed cidents of the occasion, that the Seventyhere, I am inclined to favor the old customs first Regiment filed through the aisles to of our country Dutch churches in New take a last look of the form of their late York; for they are more impressive, and Chaplain, who had endeared himself to neither novelty nor age can eradicate the their hearts by his affectionate interest in influences they make upon us in early vonth.

> REV. JAMES MAY, D D., a distinguished slergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, died last week at his late resi dence in Philadelphia. For many years Dr. May was connected with the Theologi IT SEEMS that Rev. Henry Ward Beechcal Seminary at Alexandria, Va., and the time of his death, he held a professor er, though sufficiently decided and uncompromising in his opposition to slavery to ship, in the Episcopal Divinity School lease most people, falls considerably short recently established in West Philadel of the fanatical extreme on which Dr. phia. His remains were followed to Cheever is disposed to insist. Regarding the grave by the Episcopal clergy of the city, and students of the Divinity School grantly reprehensible, Dr. Cheever some He was greatly respected and beloved throughout the Episcopal Church, and his time since challenged the former to a public loss will be greatly felt. debate on the relations of the Constitution

to slavery. The discussion was declined, THE PHILADELPHIA North American however, mainly on the ground that in Mr. of the 22d inst, says in regard to the relation THE MINUTES of the General Associa- Beecher's opinion, it was at best questionram Atlanta :

"The ram Atlanta, refitted and put is order, is likely to be only less formidaki than the Ironsides. The talk at the Narr Yard is, that she will go down to Charles ton to take the place of the Weehawken that sunk at her anchorage. The Atlanta a million of dollars in currency."

The Continental Monthly,

The Continental for January is the first of the hird year. The work has attained a character which promises permanence. The articles are usually, of the solid caste. Politics, finance history, philosophy, biography, poetry, &c., a receive attention. It is published by John ; All good men should pray and labor for the ultimate and utter removal of the great Trow, 50 Greene Street, N. Y., at three dollar. sin and curse of slavery; but they should or at five dollars for two copies.

> For the Presbyterian Baun Beneficence.

"To the Rev. John Y. McCartney, Pasta of the First Presbyterian Church, Tem. peranceville :

With love, respect and esteem of the congregation. Wishing you a happy Christmas, with many happy returns, we Yours, truly. remain

The above inscription on a neat port. the subject of the late International Prize- monnaie, speaks for itself. As an expres-Fight. For ourselves, we do not regret sion of affection, as a kind greeting it is that Heenan, the so-called "American most welcome, and will not soon be forgat. ten. Even without the accompanying "Resolved, That there is a moral power Champion," has been beaten by his Eng- ten. Even without the accompanying "Greenbacks"—one hundred and twentythe gift truly munificent.

dies and children, to aid us in extending our circulation. Get us one subscriber, get another, and still another. Get enough to have your own paper free. Or get enough to have a paper free for some poor family. Do good.

## A CONFERENCE MEETING.

A two days' meeting has been appointed by the Presbytery of Huntingdon, to b held in the Borough of Huntingdon. Pa. commencing on Monday evening, January 25th; and continuing till Wednesday eve ning. The attendance of all the ministers and elders of the Presbytery is urged; and the Presbytery "most cordially invite all other brethren who may be disposed to attend."

Preachers are named for the mornings and evenings. The subjects proposed for discussion are as follows :

"1st. Conviction of sin, or soul-troubles an essential qualification for preaching the Gospel.

"2d." Our experience as ministers in being providentially directed to preach par ticular sermons, and their results. "3d. Closet experience as ministers and elders.

"4th. The Apostle's utterance 1 Cor 9th chapter, 26th and 27th verses : 'Lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.' "5th. The connexion between bringing the tithes into the storehouse, and God's

blessing. "6th. The kind of cooperation ministers have a right to expect from elders. "7th. Should the ordinance of the Lord's Supper be celebrated more frequently than is now common in our churches?"

... Collection for Foreign Missions .--- The first Sabbath in January will be the day set apart for the making of contributions to send the Gospel to the heathen through the agency of the General Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions. Who has a heart to give? A serious thought of the condition of the heathen world, and of God's great goodness to us, and of the benefits of Christianity, and of our duty as the servants of Jesus Christ, and of the incomparable superiority of eternal over temporal things, will make us not only "cheerful," but liberal givers. See the address of the Board's officers, on our first page.

Resolutions of Respect.-It is very com mon for literary, religious and other bodies to pass resolutions of respect for deceased or retiring members, pastors, and others, and order them published in the New-York Observer. These are invariably to be paid for at one-half the rate of ordinary advertisements. and whenever they fail to ap pear, the cause will be readily understood -N. Y. Observer.

" The Observer's terms for advertise ments is twenty cents a line, and for Business Notices, twenty-five cents a line.]

Worthy of Imitation .-- On a Thursday evening in the early part of this month the Sabbath School of the Central church Pittsburgh, (Dr. JACOBUS',) gave an en tertainment for the benefit of the Christian Commission. One result was a contribution of two hundred and twelve dollars toward the temporal and spiritual benefit of the soldiers.

"The Missionary Box " is concluded, this

The Negro Question has caused us much ters and people will find great profit. anxiety. The war with the rebels, terrific May our brethren, while, during the enas it is, we have regarded as the smaller suing week, they lead the devotions of the part of the difficulty. It is foreign from people in praying for the heathen, find our homes. The other questions, if untheir own souls edified, and many added to happily they should become a matter of their churches, of those who shall be saved. contest, will bring the calamity to our very

THE NEGRO QUESTION.

The N. Y. Times of Dec. 22d, has some, The weal or woe of the United States is pertinent remarks on the subject before us; involved in the Negro Question, far beyond and being a leading Administration jourthe possibility of estimation, or of even nal, it affords ground to hope, that Mr. probable conjecture. Very great advanta-LINCOLN is not to go with the extremists. ges have been derived from the labor of the Under the heading, "Rights of Negroes," blacks. And their numbers, their physical it says: power, their capability of enduring toil,

"Mr. WENDELL PHILLIPS complains of and their docility are such, that, by a wise legislation and by just and kind treatment. it leaves the negro in the hands of the they may be happy and highly useful in Supreme Court, so far as the federal power the community. But if they are to be the is concerned.' We should like to know subjects over which battles are to be fought, where Mr. PHILLIPS would have him left. not oppressed any of its sections or parts White men of all classes, and grades, from pro and con, they will be the occasion, if the President down to the humblest citinot the cause, of unutterable calamity. zen, are 'left in the hands of the Supreme

The present civil war was, in its origin, Court.' That is for them the highest trivery much on the negro's account; and bunal in the land. Why should the negro for his sake; prominently, is its very long claim or expect any other? "The fact is, Mr. PHILLIPS, and the facontinuance. If the war had been truly

doors, and hearths, and domestic altars.

natics who follow his lead, have become and strictly waged on the principle on which the Administration set out, that is, the suppression of the rebellion, eighteen over his wrongs that they cannot conceive months would, in human probability, have that anybody else has any rights. They sufficed for the full accomplishing of the elaim for negroes virtues, immunities, privileges and rights, which they would never

duty. But the negro question becoming leges and rights, which they would never The End of the Tear. The year 1863 has no guile." When-in answer to the call ing prayer; not only continuing the usage for volunteers on the occasion of the rebel of the Protestant churches of Europe, but week. We need hardly ask the attention. more and more involved, produced compli- fess to support the Constitution until it almost expired. Is its work done? All ef those who read the former number. Just stand by and behold the opening of that box! See the evidences of glad hearts! Rejoice with that family, made happy by the wiedom and kindness of the friends of Missions. Then, as friends, also, do likewise. Missions. Then, as friends, also, do likewise. invasion, last June the Seventy-first Reg. evidently receiving the apostolic injuncof those who read the former number cations; promoted divisions at the North, stands in the way of their schemes for ne- done? What yet is wanting? For the he desires henceforth to be addressed tion, For ye are bought with a price; Rev. W. REED has changed his Post On address from Malta, Ohio, to Trented Mo. Rev. GEORGE C. LUCAS was installed Is tor of the First Presbyterian chui-Woodbridge, New-Jersey, Nov. 30th.

charge, no school, no business of any ki is prosecuted, dividing their attention.

A "big paper," like a gross corpus, has never been our ambition. A body of moderate size, composed of bone, muscle and sinew duly proportioned and well put together, and animated by a lively and vigorous soul, excels in worth. So of the newspaper. Not its size, but its character. makes it desirable. The Banner sheet is not the largest; but we labor most assiduously to have every column worth the time required to peruse it; every sentence edifying. We could fill a sheet twice the size with half the labor which one of us performs. Matter is so abundant-in books, pamphlets, periodicals, exchanges, the voluntary contributions of our excellent correspondents-good matter too, good "Sun day reading." Sea We could thus fill even a double sheet, with less than two hours of daily toil. But then we would not have the readable, the attractive, the time-saving, the comprehensive newspaper, treating all the main subjects of living interest with vigor, and adapting them to the wants of a busy people seeking knowledge. We hence select and condense, that we may save the reader's time while we give him the most valuable information .....

If our subscription should be very great y enlarged, we may enlarge our sheet, in readers so desire it. Or if the prices of printing paper and labor should greatly de cline, we may spread out; though our own taste and judgment are decidedly in favor of the smaller sheet The present price is likely a fixture for some time. If money should come in very, fast, we purpose to neither waste it nor hoard it; but to apply it to the procuring of still more mind, or to the extending of our columns.

### THE "FOUNDATIONS" PRESERVED.

On the late Thanksgiving day, Rev JAMES I. BROWNSON, D.D., Washington Pa., preached from the words of the Psalm ist, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do ?" ... The exposition is orthodox, and the Divine benefactions which call for thanksgiving, are well presented.

As a sample of the correct view of Dr BROWNSON, relative to the aim, and end to be accomplished by the nation, in the prosecution of this calamitous war, we quote as follows :

"That the people of this nation mean to crush this iniquitous rebellion, at all hazard, and by whatever means, necessary to this end. Men may differ, honestly or otherwise, about subordinate questions, but the President's plan of reconstruction, that the great heart of this people beats responsive to the fact that we are, under God, and before the world, a nation-that we have a legitimate and good government, which has -that the dearest rights and interests o all concerned are included in its preservation-and consequently, that the war must go on, notwithstanding its cost of treasure and blood, until the Constitution and laws shall have been maintained and enforced everywhere, and, by unconditional surrennatics who follow his lead, have become der, Secession is brought to a perpetual complete monomaniacs on the subject of end. It must be so; for by a single step the negro. They have brooded so long backwards, we come, of necessity, to anarchy and the rupture of every tie that has bound us as one people."

may and should be controlled by the Temperance men and women to that glorious end.

"Resolved, That the circulation of the pledge be thoroughly attended to." We have always favored Temperance organizations, and especially the old-fashioned Societies; but we are not prepared to say, in the language above quoted, that "there is moral power in the Temperance enterprise sufficient to reform the entire community," unless it be meant that this moral power is under the direction and control of that if he who was put forward by his the Spirit of all grace. Moral influences. friends as the American champion had independent of the Gospel, are not to be permanently relied upon. Christians should, try to an amusement, as it is called, which therefore, as far as practicable, unite with is disgusting and degrading in its nature, others in the Temperance enterprise, and its incidents and its influences. England infuse into it the saving leaven of religion. IT IS STATED that every man belonging Even there it is forbidden by the laws, to a little church not far from Springfield, Mass., (Mittineague,) is regular and constant in his attendance on weekly pravermeetings. It would be well if the same, which has no single benefit to recommend or anything like it; could be said of churchit, but a thousand evil effects to condemn it in the eyes of all worthy people." es generally. If it be true that punctual-REV. DR. MCCLINTOCK, now in the ity of attendance on the weekly prayer American Church at Paris, is about to remeetings is a fair test of a flourishing state turn to New-York. St. Paul's church has of religion, alas for the spiritual condition tendered him a call, which it is supposed

of Christians in all our bounds! THE BOSTON SANITARY FAIR closed on Monday of last week, and is spoken of as in all respects a successful affair. The net receipts amount to about \$140,000. THE FARMER'S MONTHLY, in noticing

the influence of small farms and ownership in fee on the farmers of New-England, savs :

sionary in Minnesota, at an annual expense "A great interest is felt by the Newof \$400, and also meets the expenses of a England farmer, not only in his own farm, but in all social and political matters ; habyoung girl in a Protestant school in its of attention, observation and frugality, France - a convert from the Romish are created. He not only looks sharp after | Church. his crops and stock, but equally so as to the roads, the schools, the taxes, and the

expenditure of public money." increased about 50 per cent. in New-York. THERE is no scarcity of recruits in Mas. At a late meeting of liquor dealers held at sachusetts, but it is said they are held back the City Assembly Rooms, the following by interested parties in order, to obtain a scale of prices was adopted : Brandy, 10 to larger bonus. The authorities of a town 15 cents a class; gin, rum, and whiskey, in the vicinity of Boston were offered, the 10 cents; inferior quality, 6 to 10 cents; other day, a sufficient number of volunteers good ale and porter (bottled), 5 cents; ale, in one lot to fill the entire quota of eighty, 10 to 12 cents a quart. Had the price upon payment of the sum of eight thousand dollars. The offer was declined.

IT HAS been decided to have semi-annual Book Trade Sales in Boston. The first, it

is contemplated, will be held early next month. THEBE is an old gentleman in Bolton. Conn., who has in the United States ser-

vice four sons-in-law, seven grandsons, thirteen nephews, and one daughter (as hospital nurse)-in all, twenty-five of his family connexions.

### NEW-YORK.

REV. J. PARSONS HOVEY, D. D., late pastor of the Eleventh Presbyterian church. N.Y. city, died on the 16th inst., after an as a noticeable feature, by way of contrast illness of about six weeks. . The Evangelist between the Reformed Dutch and Presbynotices in terms of admiration and love the terian churches in Philadelphia, the posmany excellences of the deceased, and deepture of prayer. He says: ly laments his loss. He was, it says, "truly a good man; one who served his Master different habit of sitting has been acquired ; with uncommon meekness, gentleness, and some fixing themselves in an attitude fafaith ; one who followed the Apostolic ex- vorable for repose ; others, by the listlessample, in simplicity and godly sincerity, ness of their demeanor, seem to lack in rev. having his conversation in the world. He erence ; at best, their actions ill-become so was an Israelite indeed, in whom there was Presbyterians, on the contrary, stand dur-

The Post says : "The general feeling on this side of the water among the decenter classes in regard to the result of the recent prize-fight in England, is one of unalloyed satisfaction. It is not a case in which victory was to be desired, or in which any one solicitous for his country's honor would care to have

he will accept.

or \$400 for each evening.

THE NET PROCEEDS of the course of lec-

the reach of the poor, who suffer most from

its use, we would have been better satisfied.

Peale's Portrait of Washington.

brands, \$7.65@\$9.50.

AT A. LATE sale of paintings in New-

GOLD, on Dec. 28th, opened at 1517,

and closed firm at 1528@1521. Flour-

In the former, a lazy and seemingly in-

\* PHILADELPHIA.

WE ARE PLEASED to quote from a lead-

ing secular journal, the N.Y. Evening

the success credited to America. There are many peculiarities in English life and character which we can imitate far more credita MESSES.EDITORS:-Allow me to acknow! bly than the brutal practice of prize-fightdge the kindness of the people of Bridge ing. There can be no doubt, moreover. beaten his antagonist, a considerable im-pulse would have been given in this counis the only civilized nation on the face of the earth which tolerates the custom. though these are often rendered ineffective by public opinion. We should not like to see the United States share with England in the disgrace of encouraging a pastime

leaving many indelible marks of their visit, both in our home and our hearts. Then gifts amounted in all to about one hundred and fifty dollars ; but we prize more highly the evidence of their cordiality and good will. Our prayer is, that God may reward them with gifts of his Spirit, more to be prized than much fine gold.

GEO. W. CHALFANT.

For the Presbyterian Bannet Thanksgiving Donation.

According to our custom, the three churches of Delavan. Illinois, united in obtures by the Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Cox, on serving the day of Thanksgiving. After "English Poetry," just given at Clinton service, the Presbyterians poured into the house of their pastor like a swarm of bees Hall, amounted to the snug sum of \$1,200, In a short time the table was well lade: with the bounties of the past year, for THE CLINTON AVENUE Sabbath School which we had just met to thank the Great n Brooklyn, supports a Sunday School mis- Giver.

In pleasant intercourse the day and eve ning were spent, by both old and young As an expression of their kindness and memorial of their good will, they made u their pastor's family a suitable and valuable donation, for which they have our sincere thanks. And may rich blessings, both THE PRICE of retailed liquors has been temporal and spiritual, be theirs, is the ardent prayer of their pastor. S. M. TEMPLETON

Donation Visit.

For the Presbyterian Banne

MESSRS. EDITORS :-- Permit me, through the columns of your paper, to express my heartfelt thanks to the members of Cherry tree church and other kind friends, who been so raised as to place the liquor beyond made us a donation visit on the 3d instant. They came, carrying baskets filled with various kinds of eatables, and soon a table was spread with a bountiful and delicions dinner, of which the whole company par-York, the sum of \$1,350 was paid for took. After a season of friendly and Christian intercourse, we engaged in brief relig-ious exercises. Toward the evening they retired, not however without leaving many substantial tokens of their kindness, vir-Extra R. H. O., \$7.49@\$7.60; Trade tea, sugar, butter, dried fruit, beef, pers. turnips; horse-feed, articles of clothing. 201 other things, good and useful, to all which was added a considerable sum a A CORRESPONDENT of the Christian Inmoney. In the evening our young friends telligencer, writing from this city, mentions came to see us, also bringing with the many nice things, including another poes et-book, the contents of which, when and ed, to the money previously presented. amounted, almost to fifty dollars. After an hour or two of social enjoyment, we self arated, our hearts no less firmly bound to gether with bonds of love. May they all, both old and young, enjoy God's richest blessing. J. P. KENNEDY

ECCLESIASTICAL.

Rev. WM. M. BLACKBURN, of Erie, Pa. cepts the call to Trenton, N. J., where

In addition to the above, many other kind things might be acknowledged; among them, ten dollars from Miss M. E. C---and fifty dollars from a single member, (8 C.: Esa.) of the Mount Washington church

God bless those who "devised" and did these "liberal things." J. Y. Mc.

> For the Presbyterian Bannet A Surprise.

port and Martinsville, among whom I have abored for a short time, manifested in a recent liberal donation of money and stores. Amid the almost impenetrable darknessed last Tuesday night, we were completely surprised by a large body of our Christian friends and neighbors, who speedily filled our little house. After spending several hours very agreeably to us all, and uniting in some appropriate religious services, they retired to their homes; but not without