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Convention for Amending the U.S. Constig Intion .- The Proceedings came to hand too late for this week.

Deferred .- Several articles prepared for this week are laid over for want of room. Among them are the acknowledgments of receipts for the Boards.

Rev. Alexander Clarke, of Clarke's School Visitor, has become associated with Rev. T. H. STOCKTON, in a pastoral charge in Philadelphia. It always gives us pleasure to note the useful employment and honorable advance of our editorial brethren. The School Visitor is a well conducted and highly useful journal.

A Question .- What would our brethren ministers, elders, and church members, think of the publishing of a Monthly Magazine in Pittsburgh ?--- say 32 pages, 8vo., neatly gotten up, truly Presbyterian, doctrinal, practical, social, literary. Price at say \$1.50 per annum. How many paying subscribers could be had? If you think it worth while to give your views, DAVID M'KINNEY, address Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Miscegenation"-is the title of a large pamphlet which advocates "the blending of the various races of men." It tries to argue from revelation and nature the propriety and the benefits resultant, of an admixture of races, the white and the black, the Irish and the African. Health. strength, beauty, and many excellences are to come from this general intermarriage and admixture. We have not had time to read enough to ascertain how much of seriousness there is in the author's mind. He conceals his name. The work may may be had of H. DEXTER, HAMILTON & Co., 113 Nassau street, N. Y.

The Biblical Repertory. - The January number of this highly-valued Quarterly has reached our table. It is rich. Contents-I. The Union of Church and State; II. DAVIDSON'S Introduction to the Old Testament; III. The Late Rev. JAMES HOGE, D.D.; IV. Can God be Known? V. SHEDD'S History of Christian Doctrine. Short Notices. Literary Intelligence. We again commend this excellent work

VALEDICTORY. Good manners require us to say, "Good- ly, bitterly, and for pecuniary gain, one- tend to, yea, who should lead politics. bye," "Fare ye well," when a separation from friends becomes necessary. And separations do take place. To them, all, sooner or later, must submit. Now, for more than eleven years we have paid weekly visits to facts needful to a correct judgment. our kind readers. The publication of the Banner has never tailed, for a single week.

On two occasions, caused by our removal them. To this test they can bring the edfrom Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, it was one day late; and twice, perhaps, it was itor. And still, the editor of the religious detained a day by the breaking of the paper has a wonderful influence. He gains we said but little about slavery. We then, press. But a number never failed. our confidence, and the confidence of all as now, regarded it as a sin against God, a

A change has come. Suddenly, unsought, unannounced, unexpectedly, we stop. But in this "we" the Banner is Christian experience; points us to the way | taught those principles and inculcated that not meant. It is only the editors. The tending heavenward; cheers us in our sor- spirit which would undermine it. eradicate Banner will live. We trust that it will rows; elevates our hopes. He grows in it; and we were cautious to say nothing flourish for generations. Sustained by our confidence. He gets possession of our which would needlessly excite prejudice. abler hands, guided by wiser heads, imbued hearts. Hence the man who furnishes our and exclude us from the locality of the with a deeper piety, may it be a guide to paper should be thoroughly orthodox and evil. We wished our newspapers, tracts, entirely truthful. God's people, till the millennial day.

Our work has been very pleasant. We labored assiduously, but never grew tired. We have had annoyances, but, how small said so, because he transfuses himself into excellence, and guided by the Master's they were, compared with our consolations ! | us, and especially into the young of our spirit, to find perpetual access to Southern We hence give up our chair not from wea. households. They catch his spirit. They minds. We still believe that we were riness nor dissatisfaction; nor yet from adopt his mode of thinking. They imbibe right. Since access to the South is preconscious feebleness. Neither do we retire the peculiarities of his feeling. His mode cluded, and since the circumstances forced from a want of support. Our receipts from of expressing thought, his style of writing, upon the country have placed us under subscribers have been larger since the com- his energy, vivacity, conscientiousness, or varied responsibilities, we have not been mencement of our 12th volume than they the want of these, or the opposites of these, reticent. The Banner was the first paper, were in any four consecutive months for are transferred. The full grown man can- in modern times, to present to the public several years-quite enough larger than not escape some influence. The young are our Church action of 1818; and it has last year to meet the increased expense of deeply affected. Both may be unconscious maintained, unequivocally, that slavery,

paper and wages. Thanks to our friends. Why then retire? you ask. It is in tain. The editors of our journals, and 'espeaccordance with an original purpose. We entered our work as proprietor, publisher, cially of our religious journals, should be and precepts. Our feelings against slavery and editor, with a determination not to our wisest men, our best men, our most are intensified by the war, but our views of carry so large a task into the feebleness of perfect men. They are really, to a great its immorality are as before. The thing is t age; and now that an opportunity has come extent the MODELS after, which our chil- a sin, to be repented of and abandoned at to us, unsought, vigorous though we feel, we dren's minds, tastes, activities, conscience, once. yet embrace it. If the call had been to style of thinking and writing, are formed.

or wife.

give up the labors of proprietor and pub- Then, in selecting your newspapers, these would gladly have hearkened. But it was a look at their editors, and ask yourselves: that God has something for us still to do. spirit of my child conformed ?* We are permitted to introduce, as our These remarks apply forcibly to the se-

successor, Rev. JAMES ALLISON. Mr. ALLISON is no stranger to our readers. For some years he was our correspondent, over the signature, "Sigma." For other years he prepared the "Eastern Summary," and most of the "Book Notices," and occasion- We may be made wiser thereby. We may

paper, and that produced by an editor deep- | Christians are the very men who should at- ! sided ? No man understands any political God's ministers and the religious press, question who reads only a one-sided news- should teach the fundamental principles of paper. The editor will lead him astray. government; the equity, morality, social He has not, and he cannot have, the full rights; and the people should conserve, administer, and purify the social system. In religion, so far as sentiment is con- These are Scriptural principles. God has cerned, readers have an advantage. They revealed and sanctioned them, and on them have the infallible Word of God to guide we have spoken and acted.

> THE BANNER AND SLAVERY. During the first half of our existence

our household. Then, he visits us weekly. horrid sin; but a sin, as we supposed, to be Advocates our religious faith; tells us of extirpated by the Gospel. We therefore books, all filled with truth and abounding

But we began our remarks by saying that in love; and our teachers, doctors, lawyers the editor should be a Model man. We ministers, educated to freedom, samples of

of what is occurring; but an effect is cer- that is, Southern'slavery as sanctioned by The par value of the pound sterling is law, is a sin: Service is no sin. It is

But we have not taught that the civil ruler is entrusted with the sword, to lisher, and continue those of editor, we daily or weekly visitors to your house, take punish sin. Romanism is a sin; but, not to give up the three responsibilities togeth- Are these the models to which I, as a wise Spirit, which is the Word of God," is the 1 ly service, and is fitting us, we trust, for an er. Hence we retire; hoping, however, Christian parent, would have the mind and weapon ordained for its extirpation; and, more yet, it is not the civil magistrate, but

the minister of religion, who is the ordained of God, to be the operator. And so we lection of a pastor, and also of a husband say of slavery. God has not commissioned President LINCOLN to punish the sin of

slavery. -. That would be a sorry mixing of the temporal and spiritual power. That

It is well, occasionally, to look back. would be Church and State with a venally an editorial. He is well acquainted be brought to a deep repentance. And we geance. It would be a real Papism. Mr. with the Banner's business. He is sound may, too, have our gratitude wondrously LINCOLN is too good a man to assume such expanded : and all know that the Lord a prerogative. To judge of sin, and to ex-

sin of having a Unitarian for a Chaplain in | 'morality and knowledge is necessary to INRIDGE. He was calm, clear, and attraction of having a Unitarian for a Chaplain in | 'morality and knowledge is necessary to INRIDGE. good government.' Let it be confessed Congress-" denying the Lord that bought that religion has a civil value and redounds to the good of the State as well as the inthem." What so heinous in God's sight, dividual; that it is unpatriotic to be wickas the denial of his Son? Then see the as the denial of his Son? Then see the dividual; that it is unpatriotic to be what "raffling"—gambling—at our Sanitary ed; that he is a bad citizen who is a bad some, fulness events connected with his Fairs for the army; and the drinking, dancing and gavety at Washington, and in wicked thing.' * * * We can never all high places. Think also of the vast do without religion-less now than ever

nation.

multitude of other sins, and of their hein- Nor will mere reputable professions and ousness; and estimate the result, if all common-place attainments in piety suffice should be put into the scale. Note also Personal piety, high, firm and aggressive is the great duty of the hour. Mighty bethat God will not tolerate in his own favorlievers, men who ' live by taith of the Son ed family what he patiently bears with in of God,' men mighty in the Scriptures, men of princely might in prayer are called for others. Such thoughts may lead to humility, and penitence, and avert the Divine to be pillars in a shaken Church and to be shields and swords to an imperilled State. anger.

OUR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The letter from London, for this week. did not arrive in time to appear in full. We regret the delay; and yet we wonder at the regularity with which that correspondence has reached us. Never has our is as apt as it is legitimate. It imports the valued friend failed to write, and never has presence, the righteousness, the wisdom the mail. by land or sea. lost one of his letters.

We bequeath to our successors, and to the readers of the Banner, a rich inheritance in the "good will" of Rev. JOHN WEIR. D.D., of London. Dr. WEIR feels like belonging to the editorial corps of the Banner. His letters are a feature in our journal. They are not excelled by those of any writer from abroad.

The correspondence is now very expensive, owing to the high rates of exchange. \$4.84. We usually, before the war, bought. United States, and who has thus far adright, when regulated by Gospel principles | at \$5. For our last draft we had to pay \$8 per pound sterling. Still, we would continue the correspondence. We trust that, there will be no rise, in the rate of exchange which will make the dropping of it is God's special handy work. Divine a necessity. We bid "Good-bye" to Dr. WEIR, with profound emotion, and the highest esteem. In heaven may we meet, 'to join in adoration and praise to Him who from his first estate of honor and excelthe literal sword but "the sword of the has honored us with a position in his earth. lence, he is involved in a great catastrophe; sin has entered into the world and death by sin, to jar man's relationships, embitter inheritance with his saints above.

THANKSGIVING SERMONS.

We still receive, occasionally, a sermon preached on Thanksgiving day, November 26th, 1863. Nothing can be more appropriate than the giving of thanks to God. The holy angels praise God; and much more should men. Bliss to man is not only a gratuity. It is favor bestowed upon the unworthy. It is bounty in good things to those who deserve nonght but the infli

tive. We have before us a pamphlet called a "Life." It gives a very brief sketch of the Archbishop's past, but narrates with ed; that he is a bad outzen who is against death and burial. It is published by T thine enemies, then keep thee from every B. PETERSON & BROTHERS, Philadelphia For sale by H. MINER, Pittsburgh.

> EASTERN SUMMARY. NEW-ENGLAND.

A MASSACHUSETTS REGIMENT, ON it. arrival at Boston from the seat of war, on Sabbath, the 17th ult., was received by a military escort, and, at the State House We glory in having a righteous cause, but was welcomed by a speech from Governme it were even better for us to be a righteous Andrew. A salute was fired on the Com mon, and a dinner was given in Fanenal "2. Second only in importance to this Hall to the regiment. The sin of slaver is our duty to be loyal. Public attention has cried long and loud to Him that rule has quite recently been directed to this word as one that is unsuited to our land in righteousness, and the North is doub and to these times. * * * The word less suffering with the South for its com plicity in this heinous social wrong; hu the cry of other sins besides this di and beneficence of LAW in the land, and it breathes of that good citizenship which tinguishing National one, has gove m submits to Law in its requirements and up- to provoke the indignation of the holds it in its ministrations. Law is su- mighty, and, among these, by no mean preme; not passion, not interest, not expe-diency, not faction, not force. This is the least is, the flagrant and offree diency, not faction, not force. peated violation of the Sabbath by the creed and this the hope of the loyal manconstituted authorities of the country Let us be loyal. Loyal to that Constitution which enshrines our national life. Loyal The Christian public should frown upon all such instances of Sabbath desecration as to that policy and to the specific enactments which our people pronounce in the name and strength of the Constitution, that to which we have just alluded. If we would confidently expect the Divine bless through their Representatives. Loyal to the distinguished citizen who has been ing upon our efforts to suppress this wieled rebellion, we must honor God by respect. duly, that is, in all and the only forms known to us, called to be President of the ing and observing his sacred ordinances

AN IMPORTANT family breach has co ministered public affairs with such purecurred in Boston. At an anniversary ness, wisdom and energy. * * "3. In the third place, let us learn to: meeting of Abolitionists, January 28th appreciate man. The religious, the Scrip-Wendell Phillips, as published, and Wm tural estimate of man is the true one. He Lloyd Garrison, the more than twenty limning has shadowed forth in him a Divine | years leaders of the ultraists, came them selves to loggerheads. portraiture-he is made in the image and

ikeness of God. He is the object of God's Speaking of the President, Mr. Phillip special care and love. He is now far fallen hie

> "Either the North must rise in the opinion of unanimously crushing the Preident into submission or we must have different leader for the next four years."

his pursuits, dash his joys and madden his Mr. Garrison, in reply, referred to Mr. heart, yet, as offset and cure for all this sin Phillips' recent remark in Music Hall, the and misery, a mystery of mercy, a Glorious the President's character was a sun Redemption is revealed. For God so bright that we could not see the few spos loved the world that he gave his only beupon its surface, and to-night the gentleman gotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal had spent an hour in blackening Mr. Lit. coln all over, styling him a hypocrite, and life.' The soul of man, undying as its ready to sacrifice the honor of the North Divine original, has susceptibilities and caa sham peace. pacities which eternity alone can fully de-

velope and God alone can fill. * * ANOTHER QUARREL. of some duration "The negro is the proscribed one of our is waxing stronger and stronger. It re. day, and it is in reference to him that our lates to the errors of Charles Beecher specially

to our readers. Ministers who have it not, are destitute of knowledge which every Presbyterian pastor should possess. Every true Presbyterian-reading and thinking men-would be benefitted by its perusal.

Washington and Jefferson Colleges .- We are sorry not to be able to announce some advance toward the Union of these two institutions. A correspondent, on our first page, speaks of the desired event rather despairingly. We must confess to some disappointment of expectation at the little progress made, or rather, at the absence of progress. If the Christian public really desires a union, as we believe to be the fact and if the same public furnished the funds which endowed, so far as endowment has progressed, both the colleges, then, to press the Trustees of both, is the public's prerogative.

A Call from Memphis.---We have a letter from Memphis, pleading earnestly for an Old School Presbyterian minister. Who will so? Let him correspond with Mr. ANGUS CAMPBELL, of that city. There are four Presbyterian church buildings in the place, but one of which is used for the first paper we produced in Pittsburgh. worship, and that is controlled by Government. The preachers, of course, are of different denominations, being the chaplains. Our Old School brethren are very desirous to have a pastor of their own. Some help would be needed for a little time.

Our Board of Missions should at once send a wise and able man into that country, to aid in resuscitating churches and obtaining preachers.

The True Presbyterian.---We give to our Louisville contemporary its own chosen name, though we regard it as utterly a misnomer. We speak of it now, to state that Rev. ROBERT MORRISON has retired leaving Dr. STUART ROBINSON sole editor. Dr. ROBINSON remains still in Canada whither he fled on account of his sympathy with the rebellion. He has abundant leisure to write, and he forwards his editorials by mail. The paper is published once in two weeks. We regret that the proposed orthodox paper in Kentucky has not come into being. The delay in the enterprise is owing to the fewness and feebleness of the churches in the State. One Synod, and that so awfully distracted by the war, can hardly be expected to sustain a weekly journal.

Another Minister Gone.-We have just learned that Rev. GEORGE W. THOMPSON. D.D., Academia, Pa., entered into his rest. on the 28th ult. Particulars of his sickness and death we have not heard.

We knew Dr. THOMPSON well. Often did we take sweet counsel together, and go to the house of God in company. He was one of the most devoted laborers, and most successful pastors. Genial in spirit, always courteous, cheerful, lively, he was the life of the social circle, and ever welcome. His preaching was entertaining, instructive, powerful. As a Presbyter, he was punctual in his attendance, active, pleasant, and always about as nearly right as falls to the lot of good men.

With politics, that is, with partyism, we throw Sabbath-breaking into the scale. The deaths of Drs. CLARK and THOMPson is quite a stroke on the Church. . They were among the best preachers; in the prime of life; in the zenith of usefulness. Why is it? Lord, "Thy will be done."

the work can amore.

in the faith, a good theologian, a thorough

sor of Mathematics in Jefferson College, is Blessed be the Lord. to be co-editor and co-proprietor in the Banner. Professor PATTERSON is well THE BANNER was established. It was re- making its inhabitants to become "the known to the Christian community in this | garded by most men, by even intelligent | sons of God." region. He is a gentleman of devoted and good men, as an experiment, wild, if piety, an enlightened conscience, and much not reckless. Some allowed it six months

learning. He is also a good writer, and of life; others, twelve months; a few conable in the defence of the truth. Our junior editor who, though in deli- being. And God smiled graciously. When treason became a fact, we said, supcate health, has rendered most acceptable His Providence said, let it live and flouraid, retires with the senior. He has, since ish; let it be a guide and a light. Blessed October 1862, prepared the Summary of be God. Eastern News, and written the Book No-

THE BANNER was commenced in Philatices, and made the Selections. Our young delphia, as a "Cheap Paper," in the Aufriends, and their mammas too, will long | tumn of 1852. "Cheapness" was strictly remember him. Almost every good article subordinated to goodness, and was predicathey have found, for a long time, in the ted on a circulation of 30,000 to 40,000; Youth's Column, has been of his choice. which number it was supposed the Assem-His heart was in his work. bly's influence could readily obtain. When Of our associates in bringing out the the Assembly declined to act, private en-Banner, we speak with esteem and love. terprise was consecrated. Two good farm-The foreman, JOHN M. IRWIN, wrought on H FINDLEY IRWIN, compositor, began with us in May, 1856; and JAMES M. IRWIN, book-keeper, in September, 1858. These all continue in their positions, and and with a composition of near 100,000 times intimated, and we still believe, that help us to an assurance that our subscribers ems. It was afterwards enlarged, the price the Government could have utterly broken will be well served. N. M. POINDEXTER, compositor, entered in June, 1857, and still 1855, it was removed to Pittsburgh, and in eighteen months from their attack on occupies his post. We regret to break con- further enlarged, and the price put at \$1. Sumpter. The country had the strength, nexion with men always faithful; but we 25. Recently, the rise in paper and wa- and the Government should have used it. shall have the benefit of pleasant reminiscences.

Brethren, old and young, one and all, give us your prayers. We have served you faithfully. Though in weakness, and with the lowest rate at which it can be produced. in any other hands, would have been ad mistakes occurring, still in sincerity and On this principle we commenced our inves- ministered more successfully than it has love. May God bless you, with all temporal prosperity, and all spiritual consola- 1852; and from it we have never varied. men, and speculators, and aspirants, would tions, with meetness for heaven. and with And God has given us success. Blessed have harassed any President. a crown in glory. be God.

Grace, mercy and peace be with you. THE BANNER AND THE CHURCH. Brethren, we, Senior and Junior, say to We have sustained Presbyterianism, in you, most affectionately, FAREWELL. doctrine and order, with entire heartiness.

A MODEL MAN.

are not fetters. It is a well-fitting gar-Every man should be a model: But ment, which chafes in no part. It conthere are some men upon whom the obligastrains us not, in thought; word, or deedtion is most pressing. The father, the pasthat is, in it we feel perfect freedom, our tor, and the editor should each be as near volitions being in accordance with its rules. to perfectness as may be within the reach. To erect THE BANNER we left one of the of humanity. most delightful pastoral charges. We un-

Of the editor we now speak more partic- dertook it, as we would a foreign mission, cut off. How would it be with this nation, ularly. His influence is far reaching. It from a sense of duty. We hence gave to if God should adjust his scales, and test us is not so great upon the individual as is it a heart's consecration. We wished to do by the equipoise of righteousness? Would the father's; and perhaps not so great as good-to instruct, to cheer, to train, to the pastor's; but he reaches such vast mul- help pastors to produce an intelligent, titudes as to make the aggregate of his active, earnest, law-abiding, God-serving rebels to be great sinners, and ourselves as good or his evil to be vastly beyond that of people; happy in time, and fitted for a comparatively righteous. They have taken the others. The editor of a daily, or a blissful immortality. We were determined up arms against their Government. This weekly, journal, reaches tens of thousands; not to "make a gain" of God's Church is their crying sin. This justifies the war often he reaches hundreds of thousands. And we have not made a gain of it; though, against them. But God looks at other He gives information. He selects facts, even at our low rates, we could have man. sins besides rebellion. Now suppose that colors facts, suppresses facts. Where men aged to save money. But we never drew God should cast the enormous Southern take but one newspaper, they, their wives, from the paper even the interest on our in- | sin of slavery into one side of the balances, and their children are deeply within the vestment; no, not the full average of our and then place some public Northern sins editor's power, as to their sentiments and family expenditures. Still, we have had a in the other side, and so test the two peosocial movements. You know how it is in joyous toil, and, what we call, a great pros- ples, what would be the result?. Look at perity. We give thanks. Blessed be God. the thing truthfully. Look at it in the politics; and you see it also in religion. THE BANNER AND POLITICS.

Presbyterian, a sprightly writer, a close ob- loves a grateful heart. We thank God for tirpate sin, is the work of evangelists. Let, server of events, industrious, energetic, his goodness. He has given to THE BAN- then, ministers, let all Christians do their possessed of business tact. He will go to NER a duration beyond the predictions of duty in the Gospel. Let them " speak even wise men, an influence which none truth," and speak it "in love." The coun-

RETROSPECT.

Mr. R. PATTERSON, now Professor in the thought it could ever obtain, and a prosper- try's arms, we hope, will soon suppress the there evil in the city," asks the prophet, vealed.' He can receive the Holy Ghost. College at Danville, Ky., formerly Profes- ity which demands of us unfeigned thanks. rebellion's "war power." Then let the Church again advance, and fully possess

It is now eleven and one-third years since the land, and make it freedom's home, by

THE BANNER AND THE WAR.

We entered into the war with sadness, but not with hesitation. When Secession fided in the hands and mind which gave it came into being, we at once denounced it. Philadelphia. press it. Enforce the laws. Preserve the country's unity. Do so, at any expense. Make no compromise with traitors in arms. We have sustained the Government heartily, though we have not approved of all the public measures. We condemned the early haste, because, being unprepared for the fight, we must certainly suffer damage. And we have condemned delays since, because they have been needlessly protracted, and have caused great losses and sufferings. We have condemned the selfish contracteders lent, without interest, perpetually if ness of parties and partyism, because these need be, \$100 each. (That money is now waste the nation's strength. We have returned.) No other person offered aid: pleaded for the use of means adequate to and none was asked. The paper-was.com- the end desired, because it is thus that God menced at \$1; on a sheet of 24x36 inches. | works. We did believe, as we have several continuing the same. In the Autumn of down the military power of the rebels withges, and all other things, has made a far- Still, we support the Government. It is ther advance in price necessary. The prin- the duty of every man to support law and

ciple was that the people of God are enti- order, against rebellion and disintegration. iled to a truly good religious newspaper, at And we do not know that the Government. tigations, in 1849, and our publication in been by the President now in office. Party

May the Lord give peace to the country -peace on righteous principles; and to this end may he bless our brave soldiers : and especially may he give wisdom, strength, firmness and energy to the President of these It has been, to us, no trammel. Its bonds United States, that righteousness may triumph.

WEIGHED IN THE BALANCES.

God represents his equity by the simile of a balance. BELSHAZER was weighed in the balances, and found wanting ; and was we not be found wanting?

We are in the habit of adjudging the light of Scripture. Suppose he should

binds. It is for us to recall that he is made tions of evil God deals with men in judgment, as

really as in mercy. His hand is in each ; in the evil as truly as in the good. "Is 'a partaker of the glory that shall be re-"and the Lord hath not done it?" We He can believe on the Son of God. He should note God's will and purpose in can shed the tear of true penitence. He can thrill with the love of God shed abroad each, and from both we may learn wisdom in his heart, and can rejoice in hope of the and derive benefits; because God means glory of God. He can reach heaven, with all for benefit to those whom he loves. But abundant entrance to its society, service, thanksoiving is our present theme, and we triumph and blessedness. thanksgiving is our present theme, and we direct attention to two sermons thereon; one preached in Pittsburgh, the other in country's behalf, that we be consecrated to

of a catholic philanthropy

SERMON BY DR. LORD.

THE PITTSBURGH SERMON.

"THE PRESENT crowned with Goodness, the FUTURE full of Hope," is the title of a member that our government in its form discourse by Rev. W. A. DAVIDSON, pastor of the Methodist church, Liberty street, model which was given to God's Israel, as form any part of the programme for raising Pittsburgh. Mr. DAVIDSON, possessed of most fitted 'to make ready a people prepared for the Lord,' and to enshrine the a noble spirit of patriotism and an ardent desire for human liberty, enters into his has ever been, the wisest and most benefisubject enthusiastically. Among other cent government in the world ?" things, he gives thanks for "ABRAHAM LINCOLN, a wise, faithful, honest, and eminently conscientious President. The second WASHINGTON of his country. Raised up for the times as MOSES was for his. * in building upon those true foundations. * * He planted his feet on the eternal There is patriotism, and there is Chrisprinciples of truth and justice; and there he stands to-day, firm as adamant."

Speaking of the Future, Mr. DAVIDSON most unnatural, most inhuman, most un- glorify a people. "Politics" of this kind, dishonored grave. And when their funeral Heaven's ordained messengers. rites are to be performed, this nation, instead of chanting a requiem, shall celebrate a jubilce; instead of weeping, there shall be shouting."

THE PHILADELPHIA SERMON.

"TRIAL AND DUTY" is the title of a sermon preached by Rev. J. EDWARDS, D.D., in West Arch Street Presbyterian the first order. Street church, Philadelphia. The text is, Esther iv : 14-"* * And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" The preacher makes a beautiful recognition of God's providence. " For of him, and through him, and to him are all things." Happy are the people of whom God approves. All things shall work for their good. He will interfere at the precise time of need-even when every thing seems to be against them-and will effect their salvation. Therefore let us make God our friend. Let us ever do what is pleasing in his sight. Let us not think that because the enemy is wicked, and is almost exhausted, we are therefore safe, and may become unrighteous in our demands,

my may repent, and God may pity him, and may deliver him, as he delivered the rules.

and do, in order to an ultimate triumph Rule, and how it Worked ;" also, two beau- had been sent within the rebel lines and an honorable peace, Dr. EDWARDS tiful tracts of a devotional character : Among other items of interest he men savs :

turn to him in sincerest, heartiest homage guished Prelate of the Roman Catholic subscription, for that definite purpose. In politics every man should read two or

book on the Atonement. Mr. Beecher de. in God's image, that he is endowed with nies, not original sin, but, original holi. immortality, that he, equally with any, may | ness. He holds. says the Congregational be a subject of the grace of Christ, and ist, that,

"Adam was born as we are-not, as commonly supposed, holy, and then falling, He fell before he was born here. Mr. Beecher combats the Mea that the races fell in Adam, as not supported by Scripture. as not valuable, as a heavy load to piety, and an incubus to faith.'

God says. Adam was made "in the image "4. In the last place, 'such a time as of God." An errorist of Mr. Beecher's this ' demands that we be in earnest on our | cast has gone so far as to be properly classed with unbelievers. our country's service and salvation. Never

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yet have we indicated a hearty and an adequate estimate of our country's worth and WE LATELY gave credit to an announceour country's danger. Do we indeed rement in the New-York papers that raffling and other species of gambling were not to and spirit is a near approach to that Divine money at the approaching Sanitary Commission Metropolitan Fair. It is to be only faith that saves, and that it is, as it feared, notwithstanding, that the hopes of those who oppose this species of immorality We love to get hold of such a sermon. may after all be disappointed. The Managers of the Fair have, it appears, formally There is thought in it. There is conservaadvertised the contemplated introduction of tism. It holds to the true foundations of the lottery system as a prominent feature liberty. There is progress here-progress of the enterprise. It is possible, however, that in thus publicly braving and outraging tianity. There is truth and love. There the feelings of the Christian community, is that which preserves a country, and saves the managers may overreach themselves the soul. It honors God, and directs to and fail in the accomplishment of their obsays : "Slavery and rebellion ! two of the those ways in which God will graciously ject by provoking a recourse to the laws of the State framed for the prevention of the godly things that ever cursed this or any "at such a time as this," become the pul. practices complained of. The Observer other nation; it is peculiarly fitting that pit. Sentiments thus Scriptural have a after quoting from the Revised Statute of both should be buried together in the same proper utterance when they proceed from the State of New-York on the subject, concludes with the following pertinent remarks which may not, we trust, be lost upon

the Managers, nor upon the enlightened After the above was in the printers' public. Our contemporary says : hands, we received a sermon preached

"Under these statutes it is plain that in Buffalo, New-York, November 26, 1863, the Managers of the Fair have already adby Rev. JOHN C. LORD, D.D. Time and vertised their purpose to violate the laws, space require that our notice of it shall be and this advertisement is itself a ground exceedingly brief, though its merits are of for action. It is the duty of the Grand Jury to prevent the violation of the law which is proposed by the Managers. And Dr. LORD's text is, Ps. xciv: 20if this should be neglected, the persons "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowoffering any goods whatever in a raffle or ship with thee, which frameth mischief by a lottery 'shall forfeit three times the value law ?" The "iniquity" of the rebellion is of the article so put up, and ten dollars made most clearly manifest. We wish the more.' A piano valued at \$500 is to be raffled for, or an affghan, or a shawl, and sermon could be read by every man, North the lady who offers it for that purpose will and South; read calmly and prayerfully. be compelled to. pay to the overseers Dr. LORD is no fanatic, no ultraist. But of the poor \$1,510 under the process he is decidedly anti-slavery, and strongly of law ! This is a plain case, and when we refer to the Art Union, a popular institution, beneficent and salutary in its intention, which was broken up by the action not but have a happy influence. There is the law of the State, the Managers of the so much of Gospel truth in them, such a Sanitary Fain will see the danger of lot ing this illegal and immoral practice on the community."

MR. BIDWELL, one of the Managers of the American Bible Society, New-York, in a late address before the Berkshire County Bible Society, stated that the number of Bibles and Testaments printed and issued pleased with those intended for the young. amounted to 1,200,000; of which 500,004 In speaking of what the nation is to know We, have now before us "Aunt Betsy's had been given to the army, and 300,000 "Morning Sacrifice," and "Evening Sac. tioned that the Society's buildings and "1. Our first and great duty is to God. rifice." Call at the Book Rooms, St. Clair grounds are now worth \$300,000; and that of this amount not a dollar had come from the general contributions to the Society

Life of Archbishop Hughes. This distin- but that the whole was secured by private With politics, that is, with partyism, we throw Sabbath-breaking into the scale. able on each side. Who ever heard of a just Judge and an impartial jury giving a verdict on the hearing of but one of the attorneys? How then cap you decide on a political question when you read but one of the political question when you read but one of the political question when you read but one of the political question when you read but one of the political question when you read but one of the political question when you read but one of the political question when you read but one of the political question when you read but one of the political question when you read but one of the political question when you read but one of the political question when you read but one of the political question when you read but one of the political question when you read but one of the political question when you read but one of the political question when you read but one of the political question when you read but one we should the manage of the politics, that is, with partyism, we thread the manage of the politics, that is, with partyism, we thread the manage of the politics, that is, with partyism, we thread the manage of the politics, that is, with partyism, we thread the manage of the politics, that is, with partyism, we thread the manage of the politics, that is, with partyism, we thread the manage of the politics, that is, with partyism, we thread the politics, that is, with party is a constrained to the politics, that is, with party is a constrained to the politics, that is, with party is a constrained to the politics, that is a poole to the politics, that is a poole to the politics, the should be that the should politics, the should politics that the should politics and obedience. Not that the State should Church is likely to live long in the memo- WE UNDERSTAND that on Sabbath d

for his country. Such preaching as the sermons of Drs. EDWARDS and LORD canrespect for law, so devoted a patriotism, such deference to the Divine will, that every hearer and reader must afterwards be more a patriot, and more a Christian. vindictive, oppressive, exacting. Our ene-

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It is time to seek the Lord, and the earlier Street, and obtain them. in our affliction the better for us. We should know him and recognize him in these events; we should honor him and