Presbyterian

PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10, 1864.

TO OUR READERS

When, some two years age, I ceased connection with the Presbyterian Banner, it was my expectation that this retirement was final. My intercourse with numerous readers and patrons had been pleasant. All my relations with the gentlemen of the religious and secular press had been of the most agreeable kind. And in the varied work itself I had taken real delight. But. as I then interpreted the whole aspect of my life, my duties seemed to lie in another direction.

Yet, scarcely had I returned to the exclusive work of preaching the Gospel, when regrets from many quarters were expressed that I had not continued in my place as an editor of this paper. And ever since, from time to time have I been solicited to return to my place and work in furnishing Christian families with a newspaper suited to their desires and wants.

All this had not been anticipated, and until within a few weeks I had not the least thought of acceding to wishes so often and so kindly expressed. But, at last, without any voluntary suggestion, thought, or feeling on my part, the way was prepared for a return to associations and duties from which I had supposed myself forever separated. And after much meditation and prayer, after consultation with ministers, elders, and members of our churches, so far as circumstances permitted, and after receiving their unanimous and cordial advice to enter the field opened to me, I consented to sunder my pastoral relations to one of the most delightful churches in the whole land. To part from such a people, endeared by all the varied and tender associations of nearly sixteen years, and between whom and myself naught had ever occurred to mar our harmony or disturb our mutual confidence and affection, is no small sacrifice. It is a trial from which my heart would have shrunk, had not the voice of my brethren in the ministry and in the Church, so far as it could be heard, called me hither.

· Our predecessor, Rev. DAVID McKIN-NEY, D.D., after a long and arduous service for the Church in many ways, and also in this department of Christian labor, retires with strength and activity undiminished; as does his associate, Rev. ISAAC McKinney. They have our best wishes for their continued health, happiness, and usefulness. Dr. McKinney has, for many years, taken a leading part in all the movements of our Church; his influence has been widely felt; and he is still able and

ready to aid in every good work. We now enter upon our work, fully sensible of its great requirements, but also looking up to our Father who is in heaven. for his help, and earnestly desiring the indulgence and cooperation of the readers and patrons of the Banner, and of all the friends of our Lord and Saviour Jesus

It is to me a source of the highest gratification to be able to say to the public that Prof. ROBERT PATTERSON, formerly of Jefferson College, Pa., but now of Centre College, Danville, Ky, is to be associated with myself. He bears a name familiar for half a century to the people of Western Pennsylvania. He is an accomplished scholar, a forcible and polished writer, a man of the highest integrity, and at the same time the gentle and modest Christian. When Gen. JOHN MORGAN invaded Danville, Prof. PATTERSON had the honor of being pointed out to him, and brought before him, by MORGAN'S own brother, as the man who had done more than any other in that place to "corrupt the minds of the young men with Union sentiments." Such testimony to his loyalty must be regarded as of the highest order, especially when we remember that Dr. Robert J. Breckinginge lives in that town. Just so soon as the Professor can be released from his engagements with the College, will he enter upon his new duties.

It will be our united aim and effort to make the Banner such a religious newspaper as the advance of the world, the progress of the Presbyterian Church, and the growth of all Evangelical Churches, demand and merit. Our endeavor will be to build up the Church; to instruct, comfort and encourage the people of God; to show the evil of sin and the beauty of holiness; to diffuse the light of Christian joy and hope in every household to which we may be welcomed. To do this, we will seek to promote sound doctrine; to oppose error; to aid in the advancement of human knowledge; to relieve suffering; to inculcate kindness and Christian love; and to assist, according to our measure of ability and influence, in strengthening the hearts of all loyal people in this day of our nation's trial, and in suppressing, at whatever cost and for all time, an inexcusable and wicked rebellion, which has no parallel in the recorded history of the world.

To this work we have given ourselves. Your favor, consideration, encouragement and patronage, we ask. What we will do, we prefer not to promise; what we will strive to do, we have told you.

In behalf of myself and colleague, I give you these, our salutations.

JAMES ALLISON.

THE PRICE OF THE BANNER Was lately advanced by our predecessor to \$2.00 per annum. It should have been done long before, and is by no means too much, even if it be enough. We purpose,

much as it formerly did. We are glad to God. find that most of our subscribers fully understand all this, and, being unwilling to ask in our business what they would be un-

Secular weeklies, which are chiefly made eause they have no composition bills to pay. lowest rate which will afford us a fair living profit. To that we think we shall be entiability God has given us, to their profit. edification, and entertainment. We propose to spare no labor or expense in order to make the Banner a first-class religious weekly, filled to the brim with valuable and interesting original and selected matter. So soon as paper is cheapened suffi- mission as long as life remains; and many ciently to warrant the change, it is our de- who have passed into heaven, will praise

tures of interest. We think it better to make this explanation at the very outset of our editorial career, because we have already a few letters on hand from persons inquiring if they cannot have the Banner at such and Annual Report, which gave the following such rates. We beg to assure them that if we could make the reduction desired, and live, we should be glad to do so. Indeed it Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Chicago, and other more variety. Hence the religious newswould then be our interest to do so: but places: we will first have to double our circulation before any departure from our present prices would be justifiable.

We should be very sorry to lose any of the Banner's old subscribers from inability, or indisposition on their part to pay the advance. We would much rather work the harder to please, and make all readers so well satisfied that they shall think the Banner cheap at \$2.00 a year.

We are well aware that these are rather perilous times to embark in newspaper enterprises; but with the Divine blessing, and the generous aid and hearty God speed the storm, and come out into the broad sea of prosperity with our "Banner" aloft and

DEATH OF REV. FREDERICK MONOD.

This excellent man, whose name has been long familiar to the Christian Church in Europe and America, departed this life on the last day of the old year. His sickness had been long and severe, but the support of that precious Gospel which he had proclaimed for so many years, failed him not. He was a brother of the celebrated Rev. ADOLPHE MONOD, who after the death of CHALMERS was pronounced by MERLE D'AUBIGNE, to be "the most eloquent preacher of France, if not of the

evangelical world." Rev. FREDERICK MONOD was one of the young men, who while students at Geneva, were brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus through the instrumentality of the HALDANES. In 1820 he became associated with his father as one of the pastors of the Oratore, the principal Protestant church of Paris, where he remained until 1849. Then in consequence of the Latitudinarianism, Unitarianism, and Rationalism of the established Protestant Church, he, along with some other of the evangelical clergy, separated themselves, and formed the Free Church of France

In taking this step he acted in opposition to the will of many of his friends. His brother ADOLPHE did not go with him, but remained behind in the National Church, believing that with all its drawbacks, he would still be able to exert a wider influence for the Truth, while retaining that position, then if he cut himself off from all connection with the great body of French Protestants. Two other brothers also-Horace, a pastor of Marseilles, and WILLIAM—declined to follow him. Even his own son, John, a pastor of Nismes, held back. Hence the act of going out from the National Church was one of voluntary exile. It involved the most painful separation from friends, but so much the more was it a proof of his signal devotion to principle. He was the oldest Protestant pastor in Paris. He had been in that position twenty-nine years. Had he remained one year longer he would have been entitled to a pension from the French Government for the rest of his life.

Thus he abandoned for the sake of the truth a high position, a magnificent church. and a salary of three thousand dollars, to labor among the humble, to worship in a most uninviting edifice, and to depend for support on the voluntary recompense given by the people.

In a few years he undertook the erection of a suitable house of worship, and appealed to Christians in England and America for aid. With this object he visited this country in 1857, but owing to the financial embarrassments then prevailing, his pecuniary expectations were not realized. But in the great revival which was then prevailing throughout the country his spirit was greatly refreshed. And his son who accomhowever, keeping it at \$2.00, and shall ever God. This son afterwards studied theology multitudes that have emigrated to the meet however, keeping it at \$2.00, and shall ever the first Presbyterian church strive to make it worth much more than that. The price of paper, which is by far our most costly item of expense, has been fully doubled since the war commenced.

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'a journal, have increased in like proportion, | illness of his father, that he might receive | siderable part of all populations from doing | while the money we receive for the Banner his blessing before his departure, and close effective service in the field. It is a very does not go near so far, nor buy near so bis eyes when his spirit would ascend up liberal estimate to allow as remaining fit

THE CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.

The Second Anniversary of this noble willing to grant in their own, cheerfully ac- organization was celebrated in the Acadesary. No one, we feel sure, would be so of the 28th of January. The attendance matter, a course we would be compelled to pital, and on the field, we are fully peradopt in order to make up any deficiency. suaded that among all the benevolent and will be the conflict, and the less will be the deserving agencies at work for the benefit shedding of blood and the sacrifice of huup of transfer matter from dailies, can af- of our soldiers, no other renders so cheap man life. ford to sell somewhat cheaper than we, be- ly or so effectually the very aid needed by the sick and wounded at the right time, or But every line of the Banner is each week the instruction, religious and moral, such set up fresh, exclusively for it, and at an as is needed, by the souls of all. Since its advanced price; and we sell it at the very organization, it has distributed nearly one million dollars worth of hospital stores and reading matter, by voluntary unpaid agentled from our subscribers, for we intend to cy. In addition to this it has sent man devote our whole time, effort, and whatever | ministers of the Gospel to our different ar mies, who have preached the Word with great acceptance to vast multitudes of our brave men. And pious laymen have la bored under its supervision with most bles sed results. Many who still live will thank fully make mention of the Christian Com-

> through this means. The exercises were introduced with prayer by Rev. G. W. Musgrave D.D. This was followed by the reading of the exhibit of the work done by the Central office in Philadelphia, and the branches at but it is not enough. The soldier needs

Cash received at the Central Office and Branch Offices during the year..... Value of stores donated... the American Bible Society....... Value of Scriptures contributed by

the British and Foreign Bible Society.....Value of railroad facilities contrib'd, Value of telegraph facilities Value of delegates' services.... 72,420,00

Cash expended in purchase of stores, publications, delegates' expenses, Balance on hand at Central Cffice, 1st January, 1864. Balance on hand at Branch Offices, Christian ministers and laymen com-

missioned to minister to men on battle fields, and camps, hospitals, and ships during the year..... Copies of Scriptures distributed..... Hymn and psalm-books distributed... Knapsack books distributed...... Religious newspapers distributed.... 2,931,469

Powerful and stirring addresses were then made by Bishop JANES, Rev. J. R. W. TAYLOR, D. D., C. EDDY, BRIGGS and HOWARD. During the proceedings a magnificent Bible was presented by Dr. ALFRED NEVIN. on behalf of the clergy of Philadelphia, to the President of the Commission, George H. STUART, Esq., as a token of their appreciation of his services in this great and good work. Mr. STUART was deeply affected He made a few remarks, and then called upon Ex-Governor POLLOCK to reply in his place. This the Ex-Governor did most happily, though called upon so suddenly.

The effect of this meeting should be to give a new impetus to contributions of money and stores to the purposes of the Commission, and also to call forth the prayers of the pious that the blessing of God may continue to rest upon its efforts

THE EXHAUSTION OF THE ENEMY.

Very much has been said and written of ate about the failure of food and the depreciation of the currency as convincing evidences of the waning power of the rebellion. And so they are. But there is the rebellion is hastening to complete exhaustion, though its death thross may be violent beyond parallel. We refer to the fact. of the want of men to fill up the ranks of the rebel army, much less to increase its numbers. Turning to the census of 1850 wefind tabular statements of the ages of the the draft embrace the whole white male population between fifteen and fifty years of age, the following figures will give some

The white population of the several States now held under rebei control, be. DONATION TO THE CHRISTIAN COMMISSION. tween the ages of fifteen and fifty years, is The following from the missionaries of as follows, in round numbers, after adding our Board at Euttengurh, India, to Mr. G. about twenty per cent. for the average in H. STUART, will be read with interest: orease from 1850 to 1860:

297,000 160,000 Western Virginia reduces these figures The parts of North Carolina held by us

ssippi and Alabama held by us, at Deducting this sum from the preceding, 21 -12/10 475,000

This number is the complement of males

everything which enters into the cost of left for his home in Paris, owing to the the various dissbilities that hinder a con- for which, as Americane, we ought to be

for service as soldiers, three hundred thousand, which includes the soldiers already in the field; and many think it should be reduced nearly one hundred thousand. This should stimulate us to fill up our ranks quiesce in an advance so altogether neces- my of Music, Philadelphia, on the evening at once, that this wicked rebellion, which has devastated the South and filled the land unreasonable in these times as to wish our was very large, and the spirit of the im- with mourning, may be entirely and forever paper at or below cost; neither, did we sell mense assembly was eminently Christian | quelled in the Spring campaign. The at such unprofitable rates, would be like to and patriotic. This was right. For, after heavier our forces, the greater our unanimsee advertisements crowd out the reading much observation in the camp, in the hos- ity, and the more cordial and enthusiastic our support of the Government, the shorter

REMEMBER THE SOLDIERS. This is a season of the year when every patriotic heart is anxious to do something for the comfort and relief of the bodies and souls of our brave soldiers. Willing hands are busy preparing food and delicacies for the sick and wounded. Let these labors be continued : they are needed now : and will be needed hereafter.

But we must remember that soldiers have minds as well as bodies, and that the former need care as well as the latter. Only those who have been confined to the routine of camp life for weeks, particularly in the Winter season, can have any proper estimate of the craving of the mind for knowlsign to enlarge the paper, and add new fea. God throughout all eternity for that Sa- edge. How eagerly is every scrap of book viour whom they were led to know and love or newspaper devoured! With what anxiety is the coming of the postmaster looked for! Men will read there who never read at home. But the soldier cannot be encumbered with weighty books; they are too burdensome to be carried, and must be left behind. The tract is good in its place; paper supplies a want which nothing else can fill. Its freshness and its variety attract his attention, awaken his thoughts. and draw out his affections. The testimony of chaplains is unanimous in favor of the importance of the newspaper for the hospi-

tal and the camp. At present we are sending a large number of Banners to the camp, at the lowest price possible, but we would be glad to see the number quadrupled. Here is an opportunity for our readers to confer a benefit on the soldiers at a very small expense. Churches and individuals can contribute to the Christian Commission with directions to have the money expended in supplying the army with the Presbyterian Banner; or they can send the money directly to us, and we will faithfully apply it to sending Banners to the army through the Christian Commission, or to any corps, regiment, or person in the army that may be designated.

THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The meeting of our General Assembly in May, will be of considerable interest, because of the importance of at least three E. N. KIRK, D. D., and Generals subjects that will come before that body. The first, the Revision of the Book of Discipline, has alread occupied considerable time and attention, and is worthy of all the study and care which can be given it. The second is the New Hymn Book, concerning which initiatory steps were taken at the last meeting. This is a matter in which both ministers and people feel deeply interested, and concerning which thev will certainly make themselves heard. The Committee already appointed is an able one, and the action it has taken has received the general commendation of the Church—so far as any expression or intimation has been given. Whatever may be done, deliberation and careful inquiry will be necessary.

The third concerns the State of our churches in territory reclaimed from rebel control. This is a subject of weighty importance, concerning which our Church must legislate and act. Just now there are pastors, and the people round about have nex. Pittsburgh, Pa. none to break to them the bread of life. another, and still more decisive proof, that Already loud and carnest calls come from NEWS OF THE CHURCHES some of them for ministers, and the regular administration of the ordinances of God's house. The people who formerly occupied them, have been greatly lessened in / number, and deeply impoverished. Piety has declined; and wickedness has fearfully increased. So that this ground will be in white population of the several States. If a great measure missionary, requiring hard labor and much expenditure for its proper cultivation. But our Church must not draw back; she must do her part in the great work now before all the American Churches.

FUTTEHGURH, Dec. 5, 1863. My Dear Mr. Stuart:—I have much pleasure in sending you an order on the Treasurer of the Presbyterian Board of 300,000 Foreign Missions for seventy dollars. was contributed by the following individuals: Revs. J. L. Scott, J. Owen, R. S. Ful-1,637,000 lerton, A. Brodhead, W. F. Johnson. D. Wikoff. and E. H. Sayer, each giving ten dollars. We send it to you as the Chairman of the Christian Commission. and wish you and your Colleagues to spend 100,000 it as you may think best, in relieving the wants of the noble soldiers and sailors who are fighting the battles of our country. It may not be uninteresting to you to hear when and how the money was raised

Our annual meeting met last week in this place; and having learned by telegraph between the ages of fifteen and fifty, and be that Mr. Timcoln, our good President, had fore any waste and loss by the war. If we de appointed the 26th day of November as a panied him, and who up to this time had duct from it those killed and irrecoverably day of thanksgiving for the victories wouchbeen unmoved by the Gospel, was brought wounded in the various battles of the war it. An interesting service was held at 11 o'under its saving power and converted to —wasted by sickness and exposure—the clock, A. M. Mr. • wen conducted the

al men, in their efforts to put down the rebellion. A letter was written to Mr. Lincolo, thanking him for giving us the opportunity of uniting with our fellow-countrymen throughout the world in the observance of the day, and assuring him that the request made by him to his neighbors at Springfield-"Pray for me"-was daily remembered by us. It was further resolved that we would send a contribution to the Christian Commission, and here is the result. It is a small sum, for we are few in number, and our means are limited, but we pray that the blessing of God may go with I will only add that we have read with deep interest of the noble work in which you and your colleagues are engaged, and sincerely trust that none of you may grow weary in well-doing, while our beloved

country has need of your services. In behalf of the brethren whose names are written above, I am, very dear sir, very sincerely yours, R. S. FULLERTON.

Western Theological Seminary .- The Ananal Catalogue of this Institution reports: Resident Undergraduate. 1: Resident Graduates, 3; Resident Licentiate, 1; Senior Class, 44; Middle, 38; Junior, 27. Total, 114.

The Examination begins April 18th. Address before the "Society of Inquiry," by Rev. W. P. BREED, of Philadelphia, Tuesday evening, April 19th. Address by Chairman of the Examining Committee, Wednesday, April 20th. And Wednesday evening, April 20th, addresses by the graduating class, and farewell address to them by a member of the Faculty.

The health of the students and Faculty, we are pleased to learn, has been remarkably good the present session. And the attendance of the students upon their appropriate duties has been highly exemplary.

Young Men's Mercantile Library Association.—This Association has been affording ing the citizens of Pittsburgh, Allegheny, and vicinity, some rare entertainments this Winter, in bringing before them such noted lecturers as Dr. HOLLAND, JOHN B GOUGH, Prof. AGASSIZ, and Prof. TIFFA-NY. This week Prof. RICHARDS is delivmosphere.

An Imposter. - A clergyman in the interior of Ohio, informs us that a woman who passes under different names, has been imposing on many ministers East and West, representing herself to be a member of his church, and to be in distress because of the sudden loss of money. Let ministers and others be on their guard against such

The Home and Foreign Record.—This interesting monthly gives the following aggregate of contributions to the different mestic Missions, \$15,342.44; Education; \$2,368.23; Foreign Missions, \$15,526.14; Publication, \$2,155.83; Church Extension, \$1,143.63; Disabled Ministers, \$1,658.68.

Our Army Correspondents We are highly favored with the amount and character of our army correspondence. And if at any time we de not publish the letters of our brethren from this quarter, it is because of their delay in reaching us, so that they have been anticipated by others.

Our Market Reports are prepared exclusive ly for the Presbyterian Banner, and may be relied upon as absolutely correct. This is a matter which should be duly appre ciated by our country readers.

Presbytery of Allegheny City.—There will be a special meeting of this Presbytery on Thursday the 18th of this month, at teno'clock A. M., in the chapel of the Western Theological Seminary.

Letters.—Our friends are requested to observe the change of proprietorship in the Banner, and to direct all letters to multitudes of such churches unoccupied by JAMES ALLISON & Co., Presbyterian Ban-

AND MINISTERS.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Ald School -The Presbyter; of Cincinnati, says: "Rev. Dr. W. C. Anderson received a telegraphic dispatch from his church in San Francisco, announcing the failure (in health, as we suppose) of the young minister supplying his place, and the meeting was attended with great powasking for his immediate return to California. He expects to sail from New-York for San Francisco in a very few days. He leaves Mrs. Anderson for further medical treatment, with much fear as to the preservation of her sight."

The Rev. R. H. Richardson, of Red Mills, N. Y., has received a call to the First Presbyterian church of Newburyport, Maspondents will please notice the change of Mr. Richardson was formerly pastor of

The Rev. Jacob Belville, of Hartville, faith of his believing wife. Bucks County, Pa, has received and accepted a call to the church of Holmesburg, Pa. At his own request, his installation has been postponed until after the Spring meeting of Presbytery, by which time he expects to remove to his new field of labor.

At a recent meeting of the congregation of the North Presbyterian church, of Philadelphia, a unanimous call to the pastorate of said church was extended to the Rev. Robert Taylor, of the Second Presbyterian church, Germantown. Dr. M'Pheeters, pastor of the Pine Street

church, St. Louis, has been allowed to resume his duties, by permission of the President. He was suspended by military authority more than a year ago, on suspicion of a want of loyalty.

Recently the First Presbyterian church the first Protestant church which can lay

grateful, and expressed their heartfelt sym- | labors have been greatly blessed. At the | gy of the diocese in protesting against the pathy with the administration, and all loy- close of the sermon, the President of the views published by Bishop Hopkins on the Board of Trustees made the following state- subject of slavery, just previous to the late ment: Total cost of the church when com- State election in Pennsylvania. Part of pleted, \$4,375.00; amount paid, \$3,000.00; the Vestry sustain the Rector, and part on. amount due, \$1,325 Upon an appeal be- pose. ing made to the audience by the pastor, the deficiency was at once subscribed, the Governor of the Territory leading off with published a card, in which he expresses regoodly sum. All success to this new gret for having signed this protest church in that bistant part of our land.

The Presbytery of Susquehanna met on the 26th ult., at the Second church, Wyalusing, according to appointment, and in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. J. A. Rosseel, that a debt of \$9,000 remained on the of the Presbytery of Winnebago, who after- church, raised the amount. ward sat as a corresponding member. Owing in part to bad travelling, and the unpromising state of the weather, there was a smaller meeting than usual. The

occurrence which, it was remarked, no one present had ever witnessed since their connection with the body,) to wit.: Rev. C. C. Corss, who since the meeting of Synod in Wilkesbarre has been nearly disaoled with rheumatism, and Rev. J. Foster, who had not recovered from the severe illness which kept him from that meeting. Inter alia, the Presbytery had the pleas ure of receiving the Rev. Robert W. Mc-

Cormick, from the Presbytery of Ogdensburg; and the Rev. Andrew Montgomery, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Hudson. The church of Terrytown was received upon the report of a committee appointed at the last stated meeting to visit that date's shoulders." The stole, perhaps some

The Rev. James Gordon Carnachan was appointed Commissioner to the next General Assembly, and the Rev Hallock Armstrong, Alternate. Hiram Stevens, Ruling Elder in the church of Stevensville, was also appointed, and Bezaleel Gates, of Rome, his Alternate. Presbytery adjourned, to meet on the

11th day of March next, at 2 P. M., in the Collegiate Institute, Towarda, Pa.

Rev. Dr. Steadman, of the First Presbyterian church, in Memphis, has been ordered South from that city for disloyalty.

New School.—The Third Presbyterian church of Pittsburgh, destroyed by fire last Autumn, will be rebuilt on a lot secured on Sixth Street, and in a style of architecture worthy of such a liberal and enterprising dlebury, 5; Oberlin, 3; University of ering an interesting series of lectures on people. The pastor, Mr. Johnson, has Michigan, 2; and Haverford, Union Union Con. the Philosophy and Chemistry of the At- been greatly blessed in his labors since his versity of Pennsylvania, and New York location here.

> Reformed .- This denomination is making most commendable efforts toward the endowment of its Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. The success so far has been quite encouraging. By reports received from the Northern, Philadelphia, and Ohio throughout the three years, here, the jim Presbyteries, it is ascertained that, with a year is devoted to the study of the Series little more effort, the entire amount could be secured at once.

one of encouragement to the Board of Foreign Missions. The contributions, amounting to over \$9,000, have about met the immediate demand, but need to be con- elected Rev. J. Henry Thayer, of the Boards of the Church in December: Do- tinued at once to provide for moneys that were borrowed abroad during the past year | Prof. Stowe in the Professorship of Biblion by order of the Assembly, on condition hat the funds for their payment should be invested, and be thus at the call of the Board when needed.

Rev. B. L. Baldridge, of Leavenworth City: Kansas, writes us: "There is more interest just now in this city on the subject of religion than has ever been before. We have been holding daily Union prayer "solid men." This church is one of the meetings since the 1st of January, and the oldest and wealthiest in Boston, of which interest is increasing."

St. Paul's Classis in Crawford County, city, dating 1687, and formerly called Pa, a letter was received from persons residing in the town of Butler, Pa,, asking Rev. Mr. Freeman became rector, and duranteen an order of organization in the country of the country permission to organize a German Reformed

METHODIST.

op, shortly after his arrival in the city. was ult .. in the McGehee Methodist church assembled to hear him. But the pastor and stewards of the Church were different ly minded. Having possession of the this country at so high a price. building, nothing short of a military order could have prevailed on them to afford the distinguished Northern divine a hearing. He was not even invited into the pulpit but was permitted to sit in the audience in most unclerical fashion, while the Rev. Mr. try. On the 5th of January, Mr. Foley's Davis conducted the services.

The village of Hawesville, Ky., on the Ohio river, about 150 miles below Louisville, widely known as a very wicked place, has within a few weeks past been visited by a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirt, adding about 60 to the church. New Year's eve, when holding a watch-night, er, a number of the leading citizens of the place casting in their lot with the people of God. At about one o'clock in the morning, a staunch infidel, but respectable citizen, whose praying wife, long a member of the M. E. church, had exercised remarkable faith in his return to God, that night started from his seat for the altar of prayer -fairly throwing himself into the arms of the ministers, abjuring his hitherto insachusetts, and removed thither. Correst fidel course, and crying to God for mercyioined the M. E. church, and went down to his house justified. The case is the more noticable from the fact of his course in the North Presbyterian church of Chicago. the treatment of religion; and the great

Moses G: Buck, late of Bucksport, Me. ecently bequeathed \$1,000 to the first Baptist Society that shall organize in the first very much gratified at the effort I observe chool district in that town upon an open you are making in Pennsylvania in favor ommunion platform. Rev. E. S. M'Caughey, a United Presbyte- to endow, or at any rate to raise a sufficient rian Minister, was received into the Baptist fund to support a professorship in Liberia Sabbath of 1863. De table believing to

The First Church in Newport, R. I. claims to be the oldest Baptist Church on that the liberality of Pennsylvania may this continent There are six Baptist Associations in

700 members. been dedicated at Grand Rapids, Mich expected. There are now eleven students Elder Knapp has been laboring there, and in the College proper, and thirteen in with the Church by bapwith the series of the series of the series

EPISCOPAL. Considerable excitement has been caused any claim to architectural propriety in that in St. Reter's church, Pittsburgh, because of

Rev. Richard Henry Lee, Rector of the Episcopal church in Washington, Pa., has

Rev. W. H. Milburn, the blind preach. er, has recently left the Methodist and unifed with the Protestant Episcopal Church

Christ Church, in Lexington, Ky., with in a week after the public announcement The Missionary Bishop of the North

west has just completed a visitation of three weeks, riding "in a miserable stage was a smaller meeting than usual. The day and night, with only two opportunities two oldest members were both absent, (an day and night, with only two opportunities to change one's clothing, or to get a single night's sleep, and those two at distances of 600 miles!" He expresses the wonder whether Eastern brethren appreciate the toil and discomfort of such labers. Bishon Talbot has completed a similar tour of serve months among the mountains of Nebraska New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, and Idahoclerical visitation unequalled, it is believed excepting by Bishop Heber in India, and Bishop Mountain, Canada.

Bishop Odenheimer, of New Jersey, is recently ordaining a candidate, is spoken of as having, at a certain point in the service "reverently placed the stole over the candi. of our readers need to be informed, is sort of professional scarf commonly worn by Romish priests in Catholic countries. The Christian Times has no sympathy with such flummery, and asks for chapter and verse for the Bishop's proceeding. Whenupon a correspondent suggests that perhaps Eph. iv: 28 contains it—"Let him that stole," &c.

CONGREGATIONAL

The catalogue of Andover Theological Seminary for 1863-64, has just appeared and from it we glean the following facts Students-Residents, 6; Senior Class, 31 Middle Class, 13; Junior Class, 17. Total 68. Of these, 54 are from New-England and 38 from Massachusetts alone. All herst College sends 14; Williams, 11 Dartmouth, 9; Harvard, 7; Yale, 6; Nid. Free Academy, one each. Six did no graduate at any College

The distinctive feature of the course study at Andover is, that it concentrate, attention, as far as possible, upon single departments in succession. Thus, while at other Seminaries the different branches of study are extended in parallel course tures in the original Greek and Hebrew the second, to Systematic Theology, and the third to the departments of Ecclesias United -The past month has been tical History and Sacred Rhetoric. Ezgetical studies, however, are continued throughout the entire course.

The Trustees of the Seminary have Crombie Street church, Salem, successor to Literature.

UNITARIAN.

One of the most eligible pews in "Stone Chapel," of Boston, was lately sold at auction, and so spirited was the competition for it that it brought five theusand four hundred dollars. It belonged to an estate, and was bought by one of the the Rev. Mr. Foote is rector. It is the German Reformed -At a late meeting of fifth church in order of organization in that ing his ministry both he and his congrega-Church in that place. The petition was tion became Unitarian, and various alteregranted and arrangements for this purpose tions were made in the liturgy, resulting in the omission of the doctrine of the Trinity. Thus the first Episcopal church of Boston became the first Unitarian church, and still A great indignity was recently offered to uses the altered liturgy. This church has Bishop Ames in New Orleans. The Bish lately received a magnificent present of some elaborately designed windows, proannounced to preach on Sunday, the 17th | cured in Europe at the expense of one of the members of the church, which attract on Carandolet street, and a large audience the attention of all interested in such works of art. We doubt if there has ever before been sold a single pew in any church in

Literary Items.

The memory of Oliver Goldsmith has at last received due honor in his native counstatue of the poet, was inaugurated by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (Carlisle,) and a company consisting of the Lord Chaucellor, the Judges, the authorities of Trinity College, and most of the distinguished residents of the Irish Capital. When the green drapery which covered the statue was withdrawn, Lord Carlisle, in an eloquent address, characterized the poet and humanist so dear to English Literature. Apropos to the locality of the statue he said:-"Here, in front of his own University, when he was the obscure sizar-but when he has given occasion to every sizar since. to feel proud of his position—even here, where we are told that he was laid prestrate by his brutal tutor Mr. Wilder-the goodliest of the city-rank, amiability, talent. and beauty are gathered around the first statue to pay honor to his genius, before London has erected a single statue in the open air to any of England's mighty bards. A companion statue to Edmund Burke, proposed to be erected by the City Dublin, and will doubtless soon be ex-

In relation to the higher educational interests of Liberia, President Roberts Wrote to a gentleman of Philadelphia:-"I of education in Liberia, by proposing either Thurch by entire immersion, on the last College for at least five years. I sincerely hope that you may not on? succeed in endowing a professorship, but extend to the endowment of at least two or three scholarships to aid the great cause finnesota, 110 Churches, 75 pastors, and African civilization and enlightenment am glad to say that, so far, the College A new house of worship has recent succeeding as well as could reasonably

aging proofs of commendable progress. A Statistician has been at the trouble counting the number of words used by the most eminent authors. He has found, for new, growing, and important city. The the refusal of the Rector, Rev. Dr. Van Deus contain only 7,000 different words; all the pastor is the Rev. Alanson R. Day, whose sen to unite with the Bishop and other cler plays of Moliere contain but 8,000 difference of the sen of the Bishop and other cler plays of Moliere contain but 8,000 difference of the Bishop and other cler plays of Moliere contain but 8,000 difference of the Bishop and other cler plays of Moliere contain but 8,000 difference of the Bishop and other cler plays of Moliere contain but 8,000 difference of the Bishop and other cler plays of Moliere contain but 8,000 difference of the Bishop and other cler plays of Moliere contain but 8,000 difference of the Bishop and other cler plays of Moliere contain but 8,000 difference of the Bishop and Other cler plays of Moliere contain but 8,000 difference of the Bishop and Other cler plays of Moliere contain but 8,000 difference of the Bishop and Other cler plays of Moliere contain but 8,000 difference of the Bishop and Other cler plays of Moliere contain but 8,000 difference of the Bishop and Other cler plays of Moliere contain but 8,000 difference of the Bishop and Other cler plays of Moliere contain but 8,000 difference of the Bishop and Other cler plays of Moliere contain but 8,000 difference of the Bishop and Other cler plays of Moliere contain but 8,000 difference of the Bishop and Other cler plays of the Bi