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THE LATE REV. G. W. THOMPSON, D. D.

The death of this widely-known and eminently useful minister of the Gospel, is mourned with great lamentation. We knew him, and loved him. Many hours of delightful intercourse have we had with him. And with great interest have we listened to the gracious words which so often fell from his lips. He fell asleep in JESUS on the 28th of Jan., 1864.

As many of our readers are anxious to know the particulars connected with his sickness and death, we give the following account from a correspondent who was often with him in his closing hours :

"Services preparatory to a communion season were commenced on the first of Jan-, nary. During the "Week of Prayer " it became evident that the Spirit of God was in our midst, and before the close of the week, the number of the inquirers had reached nearly one hundred. Rev. J. J. HAMIL-TON preached morning and evening, and Dr. THOMPSON followed with words of exhortation and warning. The communion. (Jan. 10th) was unusually solemn. Mr. HAMILTON preached during the following week, until his strength was exhausted. During all this time, Dr. THOMPSON, in addition to his labors at the church. conversed with inquirers during the day at his own house-one day with nearly forty. The following week Rev. W. P. COCHRAN assisted him. Dr. THOMPSON had an attack of jaundice, but attended church, and labored there and at home as usual. He appeared to recover of jaundice in a few days, and when Mr. COCHRAN was obliged to return to his own charge, Dr. THOMPson preached several nights. His last sermon was the ' Pharaoh Sermon,' preached Friday night, Jan. 22d.

"During all the meetings he seemed especially burdened about unconverted church members. Nearly all his remarks were directed to them. Night after night he urged and entreated even with tears, that 'those, who have a name to live and are dead.' would not continue to live 'as the enemies of the cross of Christ.' Sometimes he seemed almost in agony for their souls On Saturday morning, Jan. 23d, he rode to Perryville with the writer of this article. On the way home he spoke of feeling very unwell. In the evening he was unable to preach. On Sabbath morning his symptoms were so much worse, that we began-to fear for his life. Two physicians were in almost constant attendance. We hoped and prayed that the Lord would be pleased to spare his life, but on Thursday forencon it became evident that he could not recover. The physician told him gently and kindly, that he could not live much longer. He listened calmly, almost with a smile, till the physician ceased speaking, and then with perfect composure replied : 'The Lord's will be done.' Turning to his wife, he tenderly asked : Mother, (he always called her mother) can you say that ?' Having arranged some business matters, he gave his family an affectionate farewell. In the midst of tears we tried to commend him and his family to God. "About half an hour before he died, he said: 'And what shall I say to my dear people? Put this inscription on my coffin: Remember the words which I spoke unto you while I was yet with you.'' Some moments after, his wife asked him : ' Is your trust in Christ firm?' He replied : 'Oh, yes! and yet it is only a poor sinner's hope.' He lay quiet a little while, and then asked us to sing the 90th hymn : • "." There is a fount in filled with blood.' &c. During the singing of the hymn, a heavenly smile lit up his countenance, and thus he passed away, calmly, peacefully, to join in the song of MOSES and the Lamb. His mind was clear to the last, his faith firm. Truly, he fell asleep in JESUS. His work is done, his battle fought, his victory won. What he did during his life, and how he did it, will be told, I trust, hereafter. The palm and the crown are his. May they be hours, too."

quaintance plumes himself upon a facti- it is the organ, and liberal to its cotempo- Gospel. May the Good Shepherd enable tious reputation he has gained for profound raries who may honestly differ with it | me to lead them to still richer pastures and oracular wisdom. He walks with a cane, Success attend the Bahner." and discourses at the stores and post office The Commercial says that it has no per-

upon orthodoxy and the Constitution as it is, employing an authoritative style of as-sertion which brooks no controversy. By a mere accident, in connection with the "Mr.

"Mr. ALLISON has, for many years, been temporary interruption of the mails, I dispastor of the Presbyterian church at Secovered that he was wholly indebted to a wickley, one of the most delightful transmontane religious journal for his sen- churches in the whole land,' and assumes timents. His mind is in truth nothing but the responsible and laborious position of an old mirror-a mirror that reflects for editor at much personal sacrifice. He is him with singular fidelity among admiring an accomplished scholar, a chaste and vigneighbors, the pseudo-conservatism of his orous writer, and possesses a cultivated favorite paper. So it often happens that taste."

men who are destitute of original powers of reflection may yet, by means of a newspaper, wield an extensive influence in their Our predecessor, sometime ago, raised several communities. How important, then, for the interests of society, that a sound and loyal religious paper should supply the simulated originality of these

would be moulders of public sentiment. Some twenty years ago I preached a sermon in the Western Penitentiary. I stood aloft at one end of the great middle hall, along which a solitary turnkey slowly walked to and fro. like a sentinel on duty, during the service. So far as the scene appeared to the eye, this official constituted my entire audience. I felt indeed unusual embarrassment at first, when the distant five papers at \$1.60 each. But owing to recesses of that vast bleak passage-whose walls were lined on either side with sombre balcony ranges, and checkered above and below with long, gloomy-looking rows of barred noticed the card, and with a single excepapertures-returned something like echoes tion it has been misconstrued. That of derision to my declamation. It required it was withdrawn with good reason will besome moments' reflection to assure me that evident upon the slightest consideration. my discourse was not a farcical soliloquy, and that I was really addressing a large. though invisible audience.

The religious editor, in like manner. at the same time. The person receiving speaks from his sanctum to a grand, unseen the five papers must pay the postage on all. auditory. He does not, like the pastor, distribute four of the papers to others, and behold before him a sweet landscape of then collect the amount of postage due sympathetic faces; nor is he reassured and refreshed like him in his work by a similar from each. This was a trouble that no one atmosphere of congenial saintly sentiment. would be likely to take unless having a the Presbytery," and installed pestor of His sphere of duty has nevertheless its apgreat deal of leisure, and taking a great propriate honors and recompense. His delight in making small change. This will well-considered words of instruction are make it evident to all that such an arrangedistributed afar off, and seriously pondered in thousands of quict households, edifying the judgments of grey-headed men by counto all concerned. try firesides, and kindling in the breasts of

the meditative, everywhere, the chaste excitements of Christian charity. The pastor's work is local. - His spirit is inwrought into and bound up with the life and interests of his particular charge, animáting constantly its sacred polity, and interweav ing with its unity-thus making that unity more distinct-the more forcible characteristics of his learning and piety, like threads of gold in a woot of tissue. The tendency of the pastorate is to clannishness. It is, on the other hand, the honorable province of the religious journal to promote assimilation and a spirit of fellowship among all CLARKE and W. W. WATERS. Both of the charches of its communion, remote or these gentlemen are men, of experience, the examinations and parts of trial, except near; and dexterously pruning off repulsive and energy in the book-trade. provincialisms, and lopping the fungous growths of urbane exclusiveness, to gather CLARKE was for many years known as the and approved by the stated meeting prethem into a grand fraternal circle and join active member of the old, firm of C. M. them hand-in-hand around their great de- REED & Co., Washington, Pa. And Mr. nominational institutions and organized modes of dispensing abroad in the world this house for several years, and has such that wealth of grace and doctrine with which God has endowed them in the agadditional recommendation is unnecessary. gregate. When we survey under such an aspect the province of religious journalism, There are some features of this Estabit seems indeed difficult to place too high lishment to which we wish to call the spean estimate upon the dignity and scope of cial attention of our readers. Here can its mission. always be found a full supply of the Stan-How pleasing the reflection, Messrs. dard and popular works, such as are needed Editors, that there is a class in society, distinguished above all others for its incorrupt by scholars, divines, readers of rare books. and generous instincts, and commanding and the people in general. And we can the unquestioning reverence and affections of all, whose opinions and conduct in life to the city themselves, they can order their are, in great measure, controlled and tempered by our religious journals. I of course refer to the class of thoughtful Christian rates as if personally present. women. The patient ministries of this This firm possesses great facilities for obclass, as it is represented in the chartaining any publication issued in any part acter of mother, wife, sister or teacher, are like gentle rains in their influence. disclosing in all the walks of life, whether in the country or city, the loveliest agency and yet the most general and perhaps the most potent which God in his tures in Practical Theology, has presented benign providence has employed "to redeem our nature from the general curse.' It is your enviable prerogative to advise and instruct this class, and your privilege to maintain in honored remembrance its unobtrusive worth and labors of piety, and asfor all the rising ministry. We notice sure in it that constant faith which beleaguers daily with prayers the throne of grace, and relies trustfully, in the face of furnished three pastors to churches of current skepticism, upon the Divine prom- Philadelphia : Rev. DAVID A. CUNNINGises for the conversion of loved ones. True HAM, Rev. JOHN EWING, and Rev. ROBT. female beauty is that which is chastened by TAYLOR-and this in addition to Rev. N sanctity of thought. EX-PASTOR.

more refreshing streams. sonal acquaintance with Prof. PATTERSON,

OUR TERMS.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Old School,-At a recent adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Louisville, Rev. S. R. Wilson, D.D., lately pastor of the Grand street church, New-York city, was received as a member of Presbytery, and installed as pastor of the Mulberry church. Dr. Wilson's Post Office address is Shelbyville, Ky.

Rev. Robert Morrison, of the True Presthe price of the Banner to \$2.00 per anbyterian in Kentucky, retires, leaving Rev. num. To do this was necessary on account Dr. Stuart Robinson, to be its principal of the increased rates of paper, labor, and editor. Dr. Robinson has been spending all the et ceteras of a newspaper establishseveral months in Canada, owing to the ment. But a week or two afterwards, he conviction of the Government that his stated in a card that, owing to the fact presence in Louisville was not desirable, that a little expense in mailing could because of his want of earnest loyalty. be saved by sending packages to one address, he would give five papers At a meeting of the Presbytery of St. Clairsville, held in Martinsville on the to one address for \$8.00. This was 12th ult., Rev. George W. Chalfant was received from the Presbytery of Carlisle, and the difficulties connected with this, the is supplying the churches of Martinsville offer was not continued; yet many persons and Kirkwood. A call from the church

of Bellair was put into the hands of Rev. James D. Fitzgerald. Mr. F. obtained leave to hold the call until the next meeting. At a meeting of the Presbytery of High-All the five papers were to be directed land, called for the purpose, held in Law-rence, Kansas, on the 29th of January, Mr. to one man. They must all begin and end William A. Starrett, a licentiate, was re-

ceived under care of Presbytery, and a unanimous call being placed in his hands from the Union church of Lawrence, he was, after due examination, solemnly ordained " by the laying on of the hands of the church.

The prospects of this heretofore stricken people, are truly encouraging. They are a harmonious and earnest little band, corment would be complicated and annoying dially attached to their young but able pastor, and determined to go forward in the

Through the efforts of one of the members

of Presbytery, a fund of nearly three thou-

sand dollars has been raised for the erection

A FIRST CLASS BOOK-STORE. An establishment of this kind is a credit

of a house of worship, and the work will to any community, and a means of enjoybe commenced as soon as the Spring opens. ment and usefulness which cannot be easily God bless the little flock and their pastor, over-estimated. We are pleased to be able and grant them abundant enlargement. to remind our readers of the superiority so At the last stated meeting of the Philadelphia Central Presbytery, held at Alex-

long maintained by the book-store of Mr. R. S. DAVIS, on Wood Street. Mr. DA- ander church, two new candidates for the ministry were received, and four other can-VIS has lately associated with him in his didates were examined with reference to increasing buesiness. Messrs. SAMUEL A. their being licensed in April. A standing rule of this Presbytery requires that all

intelligence, the calling Torth of new labor-W. W. WOODEND. Woodland Cliffs, Feb. 6, 1864. ers for the field, and ample means for their support." METHODIST.

The Post Office address of Rev. Alexander Clark is now Philadelphia, Pa, instead of New Brighton, Pa. Rev. J. M Thoburn, Missionary at Nyne | nial of regard, they invited myself and fam-

as far as he may have opportunity, "with

a view to the dissemination of missionary

Tal, India, is now delivering lectures in the | ily to meet them in the Salem church on churches of Pittsburgh and vicinity, on "India and its people."

and religious exercises, a person appointed The first Methodist who ever stepped his by the congregation, made a donation to foot in the streets of Boston, was Charles myself and family, amounting to a little Wesley, a brother of John Wesley, one of over a hundred dollars. Considering the the great hymn-writers of the world. He number of communicants (only 41), may sailed from Liverpool for Charleston, S. C., we not say you have done nobly? "Fear and the ship being disabled, she put in here not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." in 1774 and remained two weeks. During Also, on the 28th of January, according

that time he preached several times, and created considerable sensation.

Rev. W. E. Perry is the presiding elder friends, met at the church ; and after parof Trenton (N. J.) District, and it is stated that his preachers are "triumphing in evmade their pastor and family a very liberal ery place." Some three hundred persons donation. After singing and prayer, they were taken into the communion of the were dismissed. Another pleasing feature Church, on probation, during his last quarwas, that in the afternoon and evening terly round. This district promises to advance nearly or quite \$3,000 above it last many of the youth of the congregation been ministers of the Gospel, and above year's contributions to missions.

The Christian Avocate and Journal says:

"We are happy to learn from Zion's Herald, that there is a fair prospect of having a Free Methodist church in Boston. presented their pastor's wife with a roll of Let the experiment be tried. It cannot fail to be a success and an honor to Meth- ed to about one hundred and eighty dollars. odism. We understand the Unitarians have free churches in Boston; why not our heartfelt thanks to these kind friends. Methodists?"

been appointed by the Baptist Home Misof putting loyal ministers into the abandened rebel Baptist pulpits of the South.

The friends of the Rev. Dr. Fuller, of Baltimore, are making strenuous exertions

to convince the public that he is and has been a truly loyal man from the outbreak of the rebellion. Rather a difficult task. great work that opens up before them.

Rev. P. A. Wood writes to the Examiner from Richie, West Virginia: "I hope the n Washington. Baptists of West Virginia have your sym-When the late Marcus Morton, says the pathies. We have been passing through fiery trials during the last three years, and

how much longer they will last the Lord only knows. As a denomination we have hitherto stood connected with the South in missions, and all the benevolent operations of the day. We depended on them for our religious and denominational literature. But this wicked rebellion has rendered it impossible for us ever to work with them again. We must turn our eyes North and East

For the Presbyterian Banner. the personal supervision of Prof. Name Our Saviour says, "Where your treasure | said to be unusually good

s, there will your heart be also." The A gentleman in Lawrence, Mas converse of this is true-where your heart is, \$25,000 to Oberlin College. H. there will your treasure be also. This prin-Oberlin graduate The President of W ciple has been manifest by the members of ren, N. J., railroad, gives \$30,000 for h the Salem church and friends of other de-Arnold Guyot's professorship in Prince nominations, in their very liberal donation College. Prof. Bartlett and Rev. given to me and my family. For the last two years I have supplied this church Hammond, of Chicago Theological nary have returned from New-York w one-fourth of the time. And as a testimothe endowment of another professorship \$25,000-completed.

The Board of Overseers of Harvard the 20th of January, where they had prelege have raised the tuition to one hund, pared a bountiful dinner. After dinner and four dollars a year. They have pointed a committee "to see what method can be taken to give a truly universit character to the theological department inviting all Christian denominations is i State to endow professorships therein be filled by suitable men among the selves."

The friends of Dartmouth College o previous arrangement, the members of Boston and vicinity, are interesting Cool Spring church, and other Christian selves, just new, in the work of colard its endowment. This is as it should taking of a well prepared dinner, they No college of our land can show a fact record, in respect to the number of en tive workers for God and humanity with it has sent forth into the various walks life. Nearly one-fourth of its Alumai in called on their pastor at his house, and them have been some of our most detaafter some refreshments were served, they missionaries, such as Goodell, Poor, 7. sang several very appropriate pieces, and ple, Spaulding, and Wright; while him were led in prayer by their pastor. They of its sons have been distinguished in the then retired, not however until they had | important spheres.

Varieties.

The Montreal Witness asks for a scientif explanation of the fact that this has i the mildest Winter ever known in Lar Canada, and the severest, perhaps known in the Western States, and even far south as St. Louis and Washington

The Twenty-first Indiana regiment, which is at New Orleans, now numbers thirde perhaps the strongest regiment in the same vice. The Seventeenth Indiana, which participated in thirty-two engagements. recolisted and been armed with the Sta cer repeating rifle.

The Washington correspondent of the W. cester Transcript, who has examined , Internal Revenue returns, says that toks pays a tax of \$2,850,000; leather tom-When the late Marcus Morton, says the Springfield Republican, was Governor of 700,000; and then malt liquor, \$1,500 and Massachusetts for the first time, he one day Pedlers pay \$300,000 for their license

addressed his council upon his intended ap- and those who ride in carriages 82500 pointments, and among other matters he It is an interesting fact that the sale alluded to a petition from a young man who desired the appointment of messenger to confiscated estates now making at Beaut the Governor and Council. The applicant S. C., is carried on from the verandah had then just commenced his public career, the Edmund Rhett House, where has having spoken at political meetings with than ten years ago the rebellion was broken at political meetings with excellent effect. The Governor remarked: ed over by the very men whose estates a "I have considered his case and I shall pass under the hammer. It is singlish to find mission bodies. Yes, in our help-lessness, wo must look to you of the North and too good a mechanic to fill the position." too, that the chairman of the Tax Commi-sion, Dr. Wm. Henry Brisbane, is the mark

bills. The donation of this church amount On behalf of myself and family, I return And my prayer is, that "when the Son of BAPTIST. Rev. J. W. Parker, D.D., of Boston, has hear him say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for sion Board to superintend the great work you from the foundation of the world. Inasmuch as ye have done'it unto one of the least of my brethren, ye have done it unto hundred and fifty men fit for duty. It J. W. M'CUNE.

Personal.

Jones, the Cincinnati sculptor, has just inished a fine bust, draped, of Secretary Chase, which will be at once put in marble by order of the friends of the Secretary

REFLECTIONS ON RELIGIOUS JOURNALISM.

The following is by a new contributor, from whom we expect frequent valuable favors of the kind now presented to our readers. He has an original way of "putting" things, which cannot fail to please and instruct.

MESSES. EDITORS :- There is a sort of intrinsic charm tacitly accredited in the popular mind to print. An incident or oircumstance, which would arrest little or no attention stated in manuscript or told orally, assumes some value the very moment it is enshrined in printed characters. Our country people, those especially of a spectacled age, treat printed matter with extraordinary reverence. This popular homage led me a few days ago into a train of reflections upon the responsibilities, sacred, civil and social, connected with the successful publication of a religious newspaper like the Banner, whose weekly editions penetrate in this Presbyterian region to the farthest solitary retreat in the country. It would not be courteous, however, to offer any speculative counsel or criticisms at so early a period of your editorial career. I shall content myself now with some general reflections upon the province of religious journalism.

It is wonderful how many men of pretension are really blanks in society-how many require daily a book or newspaper to furnish them with ideas! A felicitous paragraph will start the mental clock-work of this class of persons, and whilst it continues in motion they require, like the Ancient Mariner, listeners, and accordingly will hasten from point to point among their neighbors, airing their borrowed NOTICES OF THE CITY PRESS.

We hereby tender our thanks for the kind fied with the number of new subscribers. and cordial greeting the present editors and proprietors have received from the secular | the Banner. If each of our present sub- | people. press of this city. The Gazette thus introscribers would procure a new one-and it duces us to its readers, after noticing the could be easily done-a great impetus retirement of Rev. Dr. MCKINNEY : would be given to our circulation, and a "He is succeeded by the Rev. JAMES ALLISON, who, that he may assume this more far-reaching position of influence in the Church, is about to dissolve his pastornames, and the work will be speedily done. al relation with the Presbyterian congregation of Sewickley, in which he and his We respectfully ask our readers to make people have lived for many years in mutual the effort now and they will be surprised love and confidence. As we know him well at the result. -as we do also his associate, Prof. ROBERT PATTERSON-we cordially welcome them

both to their new and responsible field of labor.

"Mr. Allison entered upon his new field of labor this week, and it is with pleasure we transfer to our columns an extract from his opening address to his readers.

"We forgot to mention that Mr. Allison was formerly one of the editors of the Banner. His position, therefore, is not to him a novel one; and after giving what we have just quoted, no assurance is needed of his eminent qualifications."

The Chronicle says :

"We feel sure that, under the management of such young, energetic, and in every-way competent men, the Banner will flourish as it never has done before. It will be the aim of the present proprietors to make the Banner a first-class religious weekly, as good as any published in the east. That they can do this with proper tact, push, and liberality, we have not the slightest doubt. This is the centre of Presbyterianism; and the Great West needs. and will liberally support a real good religious

Mr. ceding that at which the candidate expects to be licensed. It is a good rule for all concerned. WATERS has already been connected with

On the 9th instant the Rev. Thomas J Biggs, D.D., departed this life at Cincina high reputation among its patrons, that | nati, Ohio. He was born in Philadelphia in the year 1787, graduated at Nassau Hall, and afterward was a Professor in Princeton College. In 1830 he removed to Cincinnati, and became one of the Professors in Lane Theological Seminary at its organization. Here he remained many years, until the division in the Presbyterian Church, when he resigned his professorship and became President of the Cincinnati College, with the lamented Gen. O. M. Mitchel and assure our readers that if they cannot come | Charles L. Telford among the members of the Faculty. He was the last surviving books by mail, and obtain them at the same member of the convention that founded the American Bible Society.

New School.-Dr. Nelson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, St. Louis, made an appeal to his congregation a few Sabof the world, in the shortest possible time. | baths since in behalf of Home Missions, especially in view of the wants of the Allegheny Theological Seminary .--- Rev. Dr. | State and Synod of Missouri. Donations

BEATTY, in addition to his valuable Lec- and subscriptions were made to the amount of \$2,000. It will be very gratifying to the friends who came to the relief of this to each of the students of the Seminary, a church when treason was sweeping over copy of Dr. SAMUEL MILLER'S Volume, the State, to see that the church is now entitled "Clerical Manners and Habits," a strong in its vitality, and blessed with men book admirably suited to be a Vade Mecum | who have wisdom to "discern the signs of the times," and to prepare for the thorough that, within a few weeks, Allegheny has their Synod, and the resuscitation or leorganization of loyal churches in its bounds. At a late meeting of a Ministerial Conference, in Philadelphia, when the question

of the relation of science to the pulpit was under discussion. Dr. Barnes said, that W. CONKLING, of the Arch Street church were he to live his life over again, he

would devote half of the Sabbath day min-New Subscribers .- We are highly gratiistrations to expository preaching. He regards it as the most Scriptural and effective added to our lists since we took charge of method of presenting the Gospel to the

United.-Rev. J. B. Scouller, at present residing in Newville, Cumberland County, Pa., has declined, on account of physical great benefit would be conferred on many last Spring to deliver the oration before the persons. Let our friends show the first meeting of the Society of the Alumni Banner to their neighbors, and solicit their of the United Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Allegheny, Pa.

> Vigorous efforts are about to be made for the endowment of this Seminary. It is proposed to raise at least \$30,000, if not \$50,000, for this object.

To Correspondents.---Many thanks to-our Reformed Dutch.-Rev. Dr. A. R. Van friends for communications. We hope Nest, Jr., formerly of the Union Associate many more will write for us upon topics of Reformed church, Newburg, N. Y., and living interest. A single paragraph in a more recently an associate pastor, with the late Dr. Bethune, of a Reformed Dutch paper so widely circulated as ours, may | late Dr. Detnune, of a Later paper so widely circulated as ours, may | church in New-York, is temporarily suptouch many hearts and influence many plying the pulpit of the American Chapel lives. But such articles are always most in Paris, the Rey. Dr. M'Clintock having acceptable and useful to readers, which are withdrawn, with a view of returning to this

EPISCOPAL.

Trinity School, a well known Protestant Episcopal educational institution, of New-York, has, through the fortunate termination

of a lawsuit, come into the possession of property, real estate and funded, to the value of \$3,000,000. The suit has been extended

Mr. Oscar B. Thayer, late a Methodist wise they cannot be acknowledged in the minister in charge of the church in Dixon, has publicly announced his withdrawal from the Methodist Communion, and has applied to be received as a candidate for Holy Orders, in the Episcopal Church.

> The Rev. R. W. Oliver has resigned the charge of the parish of Altoona, Pa., forthe purpose of proceeding to Kansas to ad-

for that food for the mind, which is almost as necessary as bread to the starving."

CONGREGATIONAL.

From the correspondence of the Independent, we learn that there are six Conregational churches in Chicago, viz : The First. Dr. Patton's with nearly 500 members : the Plymouth, Rev. J.-R. Shepherd's. 225 members; the New-England, Rev. S. H. Nichols, 162 members ; the South, Rev. W. B. Wright's, 59 members; the Salem, Rev. S. S. Smith's; and the Union Park, associated with the Seminary and ministered to by the Professors.

Rev. J. Henry Thayer accepts his election to the Professorship of Biblical Literature at Andover, and tendered the resignation of his pastorate to his people-the Crombie Street church and Society-on Sabbath, February 7. He will soon leave for Europe, intending to spend the Summer in Germany, and enter upon his duties at Andover in the Fall. this country.

We learn that Rev. Dr. Cooke, of Lynn s very low, his body being paralyzed, but his mind retaining its usual clearness. It is thought that he cannot survive many days.

Dr. Cooke was for many years editor of sad fact that of nearly three thousand five the Puritan and Recorder, which did such hundred colored soldiers in camp on the noble work in the defence of Bible Orthoeastern shore of Maryland, not one can either read or write. doxv.

Several distinguished citizens of New-The friends of Bangor Theological Sem-York, among whom are Messrs. Hamilton inary will be rejoiced to learn that its four Fish, Peter Cooper, and William E. Dodge, professorships are at length endowed with having become alarmed at the extravagance a fund of twenty thousand dollars each. The endowment of the third professorship in administering the municipal affairs of was accomplished last year, and that of the | that city, have ofganized a Citizens' Assofourth has just been completed by the mu- ciation, opened an office, and seriously set nificence of some friends in New-York and to work to agitate for reform. In 1855 the city and county debt was \$14,000,000, and Massachusetts. in 1862 it had reached \$28,251,000.

itorial staff of the Independent.

dore) Parker Fraternity Rooms" in Bos-

Literary Items.

OUAKERS.

We have looked with some interest over an "Epistle to the Members of the Yearly State, by the legislature. Meeting of Friends, held in Philadelphia, in which the whole duty of Friends in this great crisis is treated. It advises those to late a member of the House of Represenwhom it is addressed that there is great tatives from the Ashland district in Kensolicitude felt that the former "testimonies" of the body should be fully maintained. But it renews no testimony except that against all war, and therefore against the war in which the country is engaged. It recognizes "the wickedness and enormity of the rebellion," but affirms that the our Government. He was born in 1817. "religious belief" of Friends restrains them as much from taking part in the effort to suppress this rebellion as any other. It carries out the principles then announced to all their consequences, and insists that "Friends" cannot pay commutation money, gards as a gross assault.

inasmuch as "the money is demanded as an equivalent for military service ;" and it exhorts upon those who may "be called upon to suffer for this precious testimony, to 'bear it in the gentle, non-resisting spirit of the Lamb of God." And it administers the severest of all the tests which can be applied to principles, when it warns those to whom it is addressed against any "business which depends for its emoluments on its connection with war."

ROMAN CATHOLIC,

ton, agreeably to public advertisement. Where could a more suitable place have Bishop Wood, of the Roman Catholic been found for such a gathering? diocese of Philadelphia, has created a sensation by denouncing all organizations of a political, social, or religious nature, whose

members are in any way bound together by secret oaths or rules. His attention was The University of Chicago has resolved to called to the subject by the spread, in power and influence, of a society known as and board, to the sons of deceased soldiers, the Fenian Brotherhood. For its advocacy for which a fund is being raised. To avof the Fenians, the Bishop withdrew his commodate these orphan students, and oth- Rev. Thomas S. Leason, Brookville sanction from the Catholic Herald, and has ers, the work of building has commenced, caused a "pastoral" to be read in the va-rious Catholic churches throughout the that object the munificent sum of \$10,000. berland. diocese, addressed to the Irish Catholics, who are warned against all association with

tracted sectarianism. Christians of all de-come visit and kind words of greeting, in the afflicted region of country adjacent Northern Illinois, secured \$1,500 lately in and Rev. W. F. Morgan, Rural Value nominations, but more especially of the bringing with them "green nominations, but more especially of the various branches of the great Presbyterian Church, will be glad to give such a journal Church, will be glad to giv in the afflicted region of country adjacent Bishop Duggan, of Chicago, has issued the small towns of Somers and Caledonia, have gone to the Army of the Potential expression or fundity. A good newspaper has become indispensable to such men—as necessary in fact as a breakfast of beefsteak and coffee, to qualify them for achieving a clever, well-spent day. Without it their prestige in the community would goon suffer an eclipse. A good old gentleman of my acindispensable to such men-as necessary in fact as a breakfast of beefsteak and coffee, The Treasurer acknowleges the foll "

What did you say was his name?" asked who, more than twenty years ago, was a a councillor, who had not listened very en from the State because he would liberate attentively. "His name," replied the Goyernor, "is Nathaniel P. Banks."

The stated meeting of the Managers of -Dr. Malan, of Geneva.-The British Stan-American Bible Scciety was held at the dard of January 22d, brings us the intelli- Bible House on Thursday afternoon. gence that this distinguished minister and inst., Wm. B. Crosby in the chair. Comnoble champion of the Gospel, is alarming- munications were received from the Marly ill. The information is conveyed in the | land Bible Society in relation to the disc following extract of a letter from his bution of the Scriptures in the South daughter : " My beloved father (Dr. Ma- from the United States Christian Commlan) is not recovering. He is getting very sion, with an account of the distribution weak, and the severe cold of the season ag- books granted by this Society, amount gravates all his symptoms. My last letter to five hundred and sixty-sight thousand eccived this morning says that, though no two hundred and seventy-five volue. mmediate danger is apprehended, yet his Grants of books were made, amounting weakness and sufferings may soon cut him | nearly seventy thousand volumes, for the off. His perfect trust in God, his gentle- army, and for distribution in Richman ness, submission, and patience, are to be and Georgia; to Confederate prisoners ... mentioned to the praise of the Master he Johnson's Island and Columbus; for an has so long and faithfully served. God himself has been his help. My father asks for the prayers of all his friends in A.; with several smaller grants, include: twelve volumes in raised letters, for the blind. In money, \$2,600 were granted General Butler proposes to establish a common-school system at Norfolk and Fortress Monroe, modelled upon that of Massa-

the American and Foreign Christian Univ. for distribution of the Scriptures in Ital. Greece, and elsewhere. An agent was a chusetts. This will insure the education pointed for Nebraska and Dacota territof hundreds of colored children. It is a ries, and another for South America.

The first annual meeting of the Unit-States Commission for the Relief of National Freedmen, representing vari Freedmen's Relief Associations in the La tern, Middle and Western States, was h in Washington on the 5th of Februar 1864. The following resolutions

unanimously adopted : Resolved, That this Commission responses fully address themselves to the President the United States, in the expression of it earnest desire, that measures be adopted give to the slaves made free by the pass of the Government, a legal and quiet

Governor Carney, of Kansas, has been session of adequate land for their resident elected United States Senator from that and support, as rapidly and as early as responsibilities of the Government render possible. James B. Clay, a son of Henry Clay, and

Resolved, That we have learned, with great pleasure, that initiatory steps been taken in Congress to establish a Ba tucky, has recently died in Montreal, a fureau of Emancipation, or Freedmen's Atgitive. He thoroughly sympathized with the rebel movement in the South, and since view of the urgent necessity for some surhis flight to Canada has been actively en- action on the part of the Government. gaged with Vallandigham, Morehead, and no time be lost in following up those set other fugitives in concocting plots against by final action.

Resolved -- That this Commission experi-Geo. W. Curtis, heretotore an editorial conto the Executive and to Congress their de tributor, has now become editor of Harper's | conviction of the importance and neces Weekly. The Independent gives this gen- of the adoption of measures whereby all tleman a spirited defence from the severe scendants of the African race in our criticism of The Round Table, which it re- | try, enlisted in the army and navy. sha placed in all respects, as regards pay. Wendell Phillips Garrison, son of William ing and consideration, on the same int with other soldiers and sailors in the same

Lloyd Garrison, a graduate of Harvard College, has accepted a position on the edof the United States. Ordered, That copies of the foreresolutions be transmitted by the Secretar

"A Grand Ball and Supper," " In memory to the President of the United States at of Thomas Paine," author of the Age of to the chairmen of the appropriate comm Reason, as well as " Common Sense and the | tees of the Senate and House of Reason. Rights of Man," was given, and "came tatives. off" on Friday evening last, "at the (The-

United States Christian Commission.

The Army Committee of Western It. sylvania presents the following report operations during the month of Jar 10 Rev. Robt. M. Millen and Aug the of New Castle, Pa. ; Rev. Cyrus Cumb of Mt. Jackson ; Rev. A. Calhound. give a free education, comprising tuition peranceville; Rev. W. M. Coleman. burgh ; Mr. Geo. Burns, Clinton. Rev. W. F. Johnston, Belle Centre. Rev. J. M. Carr, St. Clairsville, Ohi.

weekly, containing news of all the Church-Rev. M. Roberts, of North Man Rev. P. C. Pettibone, of Burlington, the Ohio; Mr. J. Calhoun, Hookston mindful of their pastor's welfare, on the ev, and free from bigotry, and a too-con- 5th of February surprised me with a wel-Agent of Beloit College for Wisconsin and Rev. A. H. Holloway, Smith's Mile secret societies of any and every kind.

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brief and full of thought, without formal country. introductions or labored endings.

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