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NEEDLESS ALABMS.

The Gospel has been the object of hatred and unceasing assault by the enemies of the truth, from its first promulgation until now. Nor_does it seem probable that Satan and wicked men will speedily discontinue their attacks. The effect has been to disquiet the Church of God and fill the minds of his people with alarm in every age. Many have stood aghast as heresy and error have given birth to one monstrosity after another. And not a few have been almost ready to tremble at every advance in Science and every discovery of learned research, lest some new enemy to the Truth and the Church might be unearthed.

But these fears have all been groundless. The foundations remain as firm as at the first. Not a single assault has been successful. The Chariot of Salvation in its onward progress has crushed in the dust one after another of its proudest and most defiant enemies. No weapon formed against Zion has been long successful ; and the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ have no cause for dread lest they should be driven from the field. Infidelity and error have no inherent vitality; they spring of corruption; and to corruption they must return. They speak great swelling words, but they fall before the sword of the Spirit. And a stronger faith, a warmer love, and a more active zeal, will at all times assure the hearts of the pious, and put the enemies of Divine truth to flight.

In support of this it is only necessary to refer to the fate of all the different attacks upon the common faith of the Christian world during the last one hundred years. each of which threatened untold damage, and had the effect of producing more or less alarm. The English Deism of the eighteenth century was chilling and blighting, but it has been buried in a grave from which it will never rise. ROUSSEAU and VOLTAIRE sowed seeds all over the continent of Europe, the growth of which was rapid, and the harvest of which was most calamitous. But their works are now unagain. read and will soon perish. TOM PAINE was a monster of wickedness. At one time he led many astray. But no respectable man can now be found who will admit himself a reader of the "Age of Reason Much less will he admit himself a follower of the blasphemous and drunken PAINE The Rationalism of Germany, which so grievously tortured and eliminated God's Revealed Will, and which beguiled so many in England and this country for a time, has been long in its dotage, and will soon die of complete exhaustion. The "Vestigos of Creation " was heralded by a wondrous braying of trumpets; the skeptical were exuberant with joy, and some believers were almost ready to quail at once before such a pretentious adversary. But the first touch of the scientific hand, to say nothing of the quick and powerful sword, shivered the "Vestiges" so completely, that the broken fragments can never be gathered up again. The "Rosetta Stone," which was to overturn Divine Revelation but confirmed it. And the excavations at Nineveh and Babylon, which were to throw discredit upon one part of the inspired history, have brought to light such proofs of its truth as to forever establish its authenticity. Bishop COLENSO has been so overwhelmed with successful replies as to be almost buried out of sight. But the work whose fame was most noised abroad in advance in these days, was "Renan's Life of Jesus." Infidelity of all various hues, represented it to be the compound resultant force of all the different forms of unbelief, before which both the Church and the Bible would fall. Even a noted Evangelical publication of Great Britain, in consequence of the remarkable things which had been reported of it, spoke of it as being that work above all others in which the human mind had exhausted itself against the testimony of JESUS. But at length the work appeared, and its character chagrined its friends, and surprised its opponents. It was alike destitute of strength, pertinency and learning. Its descriptions were indeed glowing, but its reasonings were shallow and inconclusive, and its learning was at the best second-hand, and most of this appropriated from others without credit. Even the great scholars of Germany and France who were supposed to have much sympathy and agreement with RENAN, repudiate his book and make sport of his learning. Thus has one after another of the attacks made upon the citadel of truth for the last century, failed. And this must be the result always. These things are permitted that the Church and Christian scholars may be watchful and strong. But God's Bible, and Gospel, and Church, will never fall before his enemies. Let us then not entertain needless alarms or painful apprehensions. But in the exercise of a calm and earnest faith, let every one be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might, knowing that the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth, and that the kingdom and the greatness of the kingdom shall be given to the saints of the Most High.

come.

not be too easily hurt in this particu- upon last year. And probably there are tributions to \$1,000. lar. Most generally the fault arises from sheer thoughtlessness. The people feel kindly to the stranger and would gladly give him a place in their pews, but they have not been accustomed to manifest a

real politeness which undoubtedly has a should always feel that he is entitled to a many years, has been revived again under place in the church. It is God's house. and there every one who seeks admission has a right to enter and worship, though he been recently held in aid of the United may be a mere passing wayfarer. People | States Sanitary Commission, it has occupied are much too ready to take offence, or im. | a conspicuous place. And the great Metroagine themselves slighted in church matters. In the social and business relations of life they are much less easily offended. And if at times some churl should de- has appeared in the New-York papers, clare by look or manner that the corner of signed by many of the leading clergymen. vices. A very proper course was pursued by of our own Church. a somewhat noted politician from Picka-

way, Ohio, who attended the Convention in Philadelphia, in 1848, which nominated Gen. TAYLOR for the Presidency. The Convention adjourned over the Sabbath, and like a respectable man, he went to church, having previously put himself in the best trim possible. Upon entering the door he asked the sexton for a seat, and was shown to a very fine pew, then entirely unoccupied, in which he seated himself. In a no empty place which they can occupy. A short time a very decent looking man,

plainly dressed, took his place in the other end of the pew. The politician looked as composed and reverent as possible. But ble of making a capital paper. the new-comer glanced at him several times. then taking a card out of his pocket, wrote on it with a pencil. "This is my pew, sir," and tossed it to our member of the Convention. The Buckeye, nothing abashed, turned the other side of the card and wrote on it, "It is a very fine one. What rent do you pay?" and then tossed it back

THE-FREEDMEN OF THE SOUTH. Great changes have taken place in the

position of those formerly slaves, since the outbreak of this wicked rebellion which

sion at all of this kind is made, and the | particular to do their duty at once. This | of the moneyed families of the church stranger is left to seat himself as best he | Board has always set itself in opposition to | threaten to remove their connection in the may; the regular attendants rarely troubling | extraordinary appeals, but has rather de- | event of Mr. Stewart remaining. The themselves about others. This ought not pended on the regular and increased liber- congregation agreed to acquiesce in the reto be. Our churches ought to be as at- ality of the churches. In this they have quest of Mr. Stewart, and passed a series tractive as possible, and the people should acted wisely. Let not the expectations of resolutions commendatory of him as a not fail to render themselves pleasing to all, of the Board be disappointed. Many of Christian and a minister of the Gospel. and to make strangers feel themselves wel- | the churches have not yet made their con- | It was then voted to present him, as a token tribution to this object; let them not fail of regard, a quarter's salary, \$500. This But at the same time, strangers should to do so speedily, and also make an advance was afterwards increased by voluntary con-

individuals in churches which have already contributed, whom the Lord has blessed so greatly this year that they will be glad to give an additional offering.

Raffling .- This miserable species of gamplace in their hearts. And the stranger bling, which had fallen into disuse for the interest continues. circumstances adapted to give it respectability. In most of the Fairs which have politan Fair about to be held in New-York for the same noble object, is to be desecrated in the same way. An earnest protest

> The Western Presbyterian.-This is the itle of a new publication issued monthly at Louisville, Ky. The original intention was a weekly, but the present form has been substituted. We advise the publishers to return to their first plan. Monthlies have never been a success in our Church. They can do neither the work of the quarterly, nor weekly, and seem to have loyal weekly religious newspaper is greatly needed in Kentucky just now, and the editors of the Western Presbyterian are capa-

Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges .-The last Thursday of February is at hand. Its observance as a day of prayer for the vouth of the Church has been for many ears recommended by our General Assembly; and it has been followed by the most blessed results. Let it not be forgotten this year; but let the people press nearer the throne than ever before in behalf of

our children, of the youth in schools and colleges; and also of our young men in the army and navy. Never was there a louder

AND MINISTERS.

PRESBYTERIAN.

On the first Sabbath in February, ten

persons were received into the Presbyterianchurch of Sing Sing, New-York, under the Pastoral care of the Rev. W. Phraner, nine of whom were admitted on profession of their faith. Since the "week of prayer, unusual interest has been manifested, and

The Presbyterian church of Antrim, Presbytery of St. Clairsville, has enjoyed a most precious season of the outpouring of the Spirit of God. The church being without a pastor, Rev. W. M. Ferguson, on invitation of the Session, preached series of sermons there last week, which were blessed as the means of greatly reviving and strengthening the membership. Seventeen-were added to the communion, mostly on examination. Eleven of these were heads of families. Others are inquiring after the way of peace. The brethren the pew occupied by you is grudged, do not Among these appear the honored names of here are greatly encouraged. They have be alarmed; sit still, and enjoy the ser- Drs. SPRING, MCELROY, RICE, and KREBS, given a call to Rev. Mr. Dool to become

Mr. John B. Reed, a licentiate under care of Washington Presbytery, has received a call from the church at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

New School -Rev. Henry Darling, D.D. late of Philadelphia, was installed pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian church of Albany, N. Y., on the 11th inst. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Kirk, of Boston, who had been the first pastor of the church.

The venerable and widely known Rev. Caleb Pitkin, of Hudson, Ohio, died recently, at the age of eighty three years. He was one of the founders of the Western Reserve College, also one of its first Trustees, and held that position until his de cease, over thirty years.

United .-- Rev. Peter Bullions, pastor of the United Presbyterian church of Troy, died on Saturday last, aged seventy-three years. The Troy Times says: "Dr. Bull ions was born in Perthshire, Scotland, in December, 1791. He came to this country in 1817, and was pastor of a church in South Argyle, Washington county, for about six years. In 1824 he removed to Albany, to accept the professorship of languages in the academy. As a teacher and educational writer he was eminently successful, and his English, Latin, and Greek

Grammars, with other similar works, are recognized as Standard text books whercall for united prayer and supplication for cause of education has spread

vention were \$4,932.30, and the expendi- | particular region of the Church and the Boston that day, it was the opinion of tures \$4,426 41. These figures reveal the country. I have been led to these suggestions

painful fact, that the forty thousand Baptists of this great State are not awake to from noticing the fact that the late editor the interests of the Convention, and to the of the Banner, Dr. McKinney, is propesclaims which the neglected have upon ing to establish a religious monthly, if he should meet with sufficient encouragement. them. In his circular he frankly confesses that all

There is a powerful work of grace in the Baptist church of Pemberton, Me. Fortyseven persons presented themselves for Stuart Robinson, Dr. Rice, and Dr. Scott, prayers at one of the meetings, twenty of whom were young men. God is greatly prospering that venerable church, under the labors of its excellent pastor, Rev. L. G. Beck.

At South Berwick, in the same State, glorious work has been in progress for some time; the work is increasing and spreading throughout the town, while scores are anxiously inquiring what they shall do to be saved. Skeptics, scoffers, and stoutsupposed to occupy at present. hearted infidels are bowing before the Prince of Peace.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The Rev. Dr. Sturtevant, President of Illinois College, went out some time last Summer, as a delegate from some Congregational body, to the Congregational Union of England, and expected, as a matter of for by the wants of the large portion of the course, to be allowed to address that convo- Church naturally dependent upon Pittscation. This permission was granted, but | burgh.

coupled with it was the mandate, " not one word must he speak on the affairs of this country." He says that in Edinburgh he tried to get an audience to address with respect to American matters, but not a man lines, informing you and our beloved pastor, would listen. He thinks that in private the Rev. Dr. Wylie, of the great change he did change the mind of one man, but is not certain ! Dr. Sturtevant is of opinion that Henry Ward Beecher probably did the Christian Commission have come among confirm a small section which believed before. us-Rev. J. P. Caldwell, J. G. Rankin, and and did not need converting, but only enlightening: The worthy Dr. has come home deeidedly convinced, that on the whole it is evening of the week, in their rooms in the not of much consequence what John Bull Court House, and preach to the different regiments on the Sabbath. does think of us. As for himself he declared that " he never meant more to care what an Englishman thought or said." It numbers of my brother soldiers are now is about time this going to England to inearnestly seeking the Saviour of sinners, fluence public sentiment there, was stopped. and many of them have been converted to God, and are now new recruits in the army The way to influence the mind of England, of the great Captain of Salvation. is to put down the rebellion as quickly and as effectually as possible.

The Rev. Dr. Parsons Cook, whose illness we mentioned in our last, has passed to his reward. His able advocacy and defence of sound doctrine will be long remembered.

EPISCOPAL,

entered upon his duties as Professor of Systery meeting. I trust this good work tence years ago. Her age is fifty-three tematic Divinity. This chair was, as you may go on till hundreds in this great army are aware, occupied by Rev. Dr. Smith for are made its subjects. over sixteen years. He was appointed to this Milnor Professorship by Rev. Dr. Christ are doing ; they are spreading broad-Tyng, who also recently nominated his suc- | cast the printed page, in the form of Tescessor. The Trustees, in acknowledgment | taments, Hymn and Psalm Books, Religious of Dr. Smith's long and faithful services, Papers, Tracts, and in a word, all the books have directed his name to be continued on of the Commission : and in this way giving the Catalogue as *Emeritus* Professor. It is our return soldiers something more profitamost gratifying to have so able and effi- ble to do than spending their leisure hours cient a corps of Professors in the Theologi- in playing cards and drinking commissary cal Faculty at Gambier. Every branch of whiskey. the instruction is in the hands of a thorough scholar, and the whole under the half of my companions in the face of the guidance of vigorous, genial and progressive minds. In these respects, we may safely claim that this institution is unsurpassed by any in our communion. Of the ual and temporal wants of the men who by a lady, an interesting account of a se merits of Kenyon itself, as a college, I are periling their lives for the good of our journ in Vicksburg during the siege, wat need hardly speak. It should be preëmi- common country, till this unholy rebellion the writer was obliged to take refuge in a nently the Evangelical College of the Church. The thoroughness and complete- permitted to return home where they can ness of the classical course, the active, wideawake spirit of the Faculty, and the advantages of location in point of healthfulness Christian Commission, in their own peaceand retirement, give it a first claim to this

clergyman of the place that the

stances of his detention, and the side of his family, would justify his travelle on the Sabbath. His reply was, that it. justifiable occasion in this case would be prevent the bad influence of his example on those who might see him travelier the Sabbath, without knowing the can such efforts heretofore made in our Church He therefore decided to wait till Mondar have failed. Dr. Van Beusselaer, Dr.

The two heretical writers who are his causing most excitement in the religio all tried it and failed; and certainly there is no good reason for believing that he world are described as follows :----should succeed in a new enterprise of this seven feet high, slender, but well-former sort. We now get quite enough of the lighter kinds of religious literature, such remarkably erest and handsome, with eles cut features and full of light, there walks as is supposed to be appropriate to the dothe present Banquo of the English ("hur Bishop Colenso." "If you chance. mestie circle, in all of our best weekly repass, on a fine morning, over any of the ligious papers; and I would be glad to see bridges which lead across the Seine torat the tastes and desires of the domestic circle raised to a higher platform than it is the Institute, you will probably meet thick-set man of moderate height an I, of course, have no objection to the esstoop-shouldered. Look closely as tablishment of such a paper as Dr. McKinpasses, and you shall see a strongly marke ney proposes, only that I think it is not face, somewhat Jewish in cut, flecked with needed, and if contrary to all reasonable red spots, not wanting in signs of resolution expectation it should succeed, it would untion, but yet preeccupied, and with an i describable air of uncertainty. The be doubtedly interfere with, and retard, if not entirely prevent, the success of such a seems to be disputing with some invisi Quarterly as is much more manifestly called opponent, and shakes his hand, and end

elenches his fist now and then. You have seen Renan, the author of the Lie K. Jesus.'

When President Edwards, in 171 preached on the subject, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," from the ter. Geo. H. Stuart, Esq .- My Dear Sir :-"Their feet shall slide in due time," in of his hearers were brought to their fee have much pleasure in writing you a few under the powerful defineations of wrath to come. "Many groaned and shrieked convulsively, and when the word which has taken place in our regiment and throughout our whole brigade, since three of the text were repeated in one instance of your esteemed ministers belonging to some of the audience actually seized far hold of the pillars and braces of the mett. ing house, as if that very moment the M. M. Rice the two former of your own sliding feet were precipitating them in. State, the latter of the State of New-York. the gulf of ruin." From this sermon > These brethren hold prayer-meetings every most remarkable work of grace commenced which extended to many churches in Ner. England, and resulted in the conversion of about thirty thousand souls. I rejoice to say, by God's blessing on the

Horace F. Walworth, late of West Bars earnest labors of these men of God. large Rouge, La., has left half of his property, about \$250,000, for the purpose of estat lishing a printing office for the publication of a paper or magazine, to be published weekly, for the use and benefit of the blin which paper or magazine shall be printer Many who, before these servants of Christ with raised letters, or in the most approved came here, were heard to profane the name methods for their use, and be distributed of the Most High, may now be heard offergratuitously among the blind of the Son' ing up fervent prayers not only for themselves, but for their companions in arms in ern States, or sold to such as are able and willing to pay for such.

this great army. This work seems to be only commencing. The subject of religion Prof. Stowe, who is now sixty-three years is the great theme of conversation in alof age, is about to retire to private if most every tent you enter. The men are Mrs. Stowe keeps up a good share of the in earnest in this matter, and the number ciousness, and writes enough to produce 1 A correspondent of the *Recorder* says: of the anxious and inquiring, and of back-"In Gambier, Rev. Henry Tullidge has sliders being reclaimed, is increasing at she has no need, having secured a course

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Anecdotes," which will contain a raw

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THE CHURCH AND STRANGERS.

world, and the high rates of exchange, ued them until recently, but was not incombine to increase the difficulties in the stalled. At a meeting of the congrega- crease their districts, having the present station them as regular pastors, or to in-Just complaint is often made concerning strange that the whole Presbyterian Church Personal. the number of Germans (including their the indifference manifested toward stranway of the Board. should for so long a time have consented to children born in this country) at four mil tion, held recently, he declined the call quarterly meetings held at less frequent in-John Adams and the Sabbath .- The Bosdepend upon the East for its highest order ton Recorder has the following anecdote of gers in our churches. In most of the city The way of deliverance is to be found in which he had held till then; assigning as tervals. Lay delegation will also be conof periodical literature; there being no the elder John Adams. "While President * churches there are sextons whose duty it is, the churches. Missionaries already abroad a reason for this step, the hesitancy with sidered. Quarterly under its denominational control of the United States, as he was returning eight thousand applications for pension in connection with other things, to invite must be supported; new men must go out which he had begun his ministry there, BAPTIST. to fill up the vacancies created by sickness because of existing division; offence taken In the minutes of the 86th Anniversary of strangers to comfortable seats in a polite manner. But in most country and village and death; and the rates of exchange must by some at a thanksgiving sermon he had the Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention be met. To do all this will require an in-creased liberality on the part of the con-tributing churches, and will also make it necessary for churches delinquent in this prise in another part of the city, whither six the reason in the reason of the con-presented; the withdrawal of some from the reason from the reason of the con-church ordinances; a heavy debt resting on the church; and a new church enter-prise in another part of the city, whither six The receipts into the treasury of the Conchurches this is not a part of the sexton's duties. In some places the elders, deacons, or trustees, give special attention to this matter. But in many instances no provi-

the youth of the Church and the land. brought such calamity upon our land.

The first movement was the declaration The Presbyterian Era is the title of a new of Gen. BUTLER that slaves were "contra-Presbyterian paper proposed to be pubband" of war, and must consequently be lished in Chicago. The first number has taken from the rebels, because their labor reached us, and in it we find that the time. supplied the means of war. This was fol- of the issue of the next number will delowed by the employment of escaped slaves pend on the rapidity with which subscribers on lands abandoned by their former owners. come in. The editor and proprietor is under the direction of the Government. Rev. ALFRED HAMILTON, D.D. The con-Next came the President's Proclamation, tinuance of the paper seems to be dependent declaring all the slaves of those in rebellion on the encouragement received. We welagainst the Government, freed. And the come Rev. Dr. HAMILTON to the editorial last great step was the enlistment of men of chair. ~ color in the army and navy of the United

States. In the service of our country these Mt. Union College.-In another column soldiers and sailors have displayed qualities can be found the advertisement of this which have surprised both the advocates youthful and vigorous institution. The and the opponents of this measure. curiculum of studies embraces a complete

done. These freedmen are for the most has just been completed which is perhaps part very ignorant, unable to read or write, unequalled in the State. Its cost at preshaving scarcely any proper conception of ent prices would be at least \$80,000. The ordinary business; and many of them are next term begins on the second Tuesday of grossly immoral. These are the inevitable next month.

results of the bondage and degradation to

which they have been so long subject. It NEWS OF THE CHURCHES is true that among them may be found some of comparative intelligence, and also some of deep and tender piety; but these are exceptional cases. Here then is a great Old School.-The pastoral relation bework thrown upon the American Churches, to which they should at once bestir themselves. The education and Christianiza-Presbytery of Allegheny City, on Thurstion of these millions of people of color. cannot be neglected, should not be delayed. No other missionary enterprise promises more wide-spread, or more immediate re-Presbyterian Banner, of which he is one sults. Just now, when their former modes of the editors and proprietors. of life have been broken up, and when their minds and hearts are excited, they are pehurches of Georgetown and Fairfield, culiarly easy of access, and susceptible to Presbytery of Erie, has received a call to the appliances of education and the means the church of Bridgewater, Presbytery of of grace. But if this opportunity is permitted to pass away unimproved, the great Allegheny City. Rev. Chauncey D. Murray has been inmass of them will become more callous than stalled pastor of the Westminster Presbyever, while many of them will become still terian church, New-York, formerly under more and more degraded and licentious. the pastorate of Rev. Dr. M'Cartee. This We rejoice to observe the efforts already church has recently undergone some change made in this direction, and pray that they in its government. Instead of the old Covmay be greatly augmented. The work will require wisdom, perseverance, and devotion of the United States, with the blessing of with. An organ, to cost \$3,000, is build-God, is adequate to the undertaking. We | ing for the congregation.

trust that our own branch of the Church will not fail to engage in this enterprise. with that alacrity and benevolence with which she has ever met all such Providential calls.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Board of Foreign Missions has always been the favorite Board of our Church. among the people. It has received their quiet of the grave. largest contributions, and has elicited a deeper interest than any other. But the present is a peculiarly pressing emergency in the history of this Board. The various

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In 1830, he founded the Associate Presbyterian church of this city, now known as

the United church. Since then he has been its sole pastor-coming here to reside in 1848."

The Rev. Thos. Hanna, D.D., of Wash ington. Pa., died on the 9th inst., from an attack of paralysis. Herwas a well-known minister of the Associate Church, and after the union, of the United Presbyterian Church. His widow has been for many vears the successful Principal of the Young Ladies' Seminary at Washington. The Fourth United Presbyterian church

of Allegheny City, Rev. Mr. Dickey's, was dedicated to the worship of Jehovah, on Sabbath the 21st inst. The morning sermon was preached by the pastor; that of the afternoon by the Rev. J. T. McLure But a greater work still remains to be college course. And a college building and that of the evening by the Rev. Dr. Pressly. The material of the building is brick, and the style is plain Gothic; windows and panels of pews and pulpit corresponding; also the plain white arch in rear of the pulpit. The entire cost of the building, finished, was \$15 000-lot, \$5,-000; making a total of \$20.000. We are pleased to learn that \$8,000, the sum ne cessary to meet the last instalments due for the purchase of the lot and the erection of

(the building, was subscribed by the memween the Rev. James Allison and the bers of the congregation. The church may church of Sewickley, was dissolved by the therefore be considered free from debt.

German Reformed .- The Board of Visiday, the 18th inst. Mr. Allison requested | tors of the Theological Seminary finding this action, that he might be able to devote that Dr. Nevin could not be obtained to himself entirely to the interests of the supply the place of Dr. Schaff during his two years' absence from the Seminary. after mature deliberation, have unanimous ly invited the Rev. Thos. G. Apple, of The Rev. Mr. Shields, pastor of the Greencastle, Pa., to accept of the position They also raised the appropriation to benefi ciaries from one hundred to one hundred and twenty dollars.

METHODIST.

The N. Y. Christian Advocate knows but three M. E. churches out of fifty-three in that city and Brooklyn free from debt. and thinks \$250,000 a low estimate of the amount of indebtedness.

Gen. Banks has given direction for all enanter Psalm-Book. the one now in use is the Methodist churches of New Orleans to the same as among the Associated Presbybe taken, under direct orders from the Secre terians. The "tokens" heretofore in use tary of War. They will all be closed save to the great Master. But the loyal Church at the communion table are done away two. The Missionary Society will send preachers to fill the pulpits.

Says a correspondent of Zion's Herald The Rev. John D. Shane died in the city Cheering to every lover of Zion is the spirited and liberal manner with which the of Cincinnati, Ohio, on the evening of Febpeople in all quarters have met the in ruary 7, in the fifty-second year of his age. Mr. Shane was a graduate of the Union creased demands of the mission cause From all sections we hear of augmented Theological Seminary, Virginia, and was settled for some years as a pastor in the contributions, and this is the more note-State of Kentucky. He removed from worthy, as all are aware their outgoes for Kentucky to Cincinnati, where he passed living, et cetera, are larger, much larger the latter years of his life. His last sick- than heretofore." ness was brief and violent, and he soon

On the 2d of May the General Confer sunk, under its power, to the rest and ence of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States meets in Philadelphia holding its sessions in Union church. Correspondents will please address Rev. There will be several important matters B. Dickey at Sharon, Mercer Co., Pa. brought to the notice of the body. The About seventeen months ago the Rev. J. extension of the ministerial term, a theme B. Stewart received a call to the North attracting much attention among the Methcalls upon the Church owing to the circum- Presbyterian church of Chicago, formerly odists, will probably be definitely settled stances of our country, the call for many Dr. Rice's. He immediately entered upon Another subject which will be considered additional laborers in different parts of the his labors in that church, and has contin. is the Presiding Elderships. It is proposed to limit the sphere of these officers, and

For the Presbyterian Banner. Acknowledgment.

position."

MESSRS. EDITORS :- It is really pleas ant to read those brief acknowledgments of surprises, donation visits, &c , lately so numerous in your paper. Such substantial expressions of kindness not only encourage and cheer the heart of the faithful pastor, assuring him of the affection of the people of his charge, but they also oftentimes prove seasonable and valuable additions to a lim-

ited salary. The good people of the Connellsville congregation, for a while, were perplexed. Their pastor, alas! had no parsonage of which they might take quiet possession for a day, or to which they could send their compliments, in the form of "flour, corn, potatoes, &c." Some one, however, was sufficiently observant to notice that the young Divine did n't carry a watch; and this relieved the difficulty at once. Here was a chance for "a surprise;" and accordingly the pastor of said congregation, a few weeks since, found himself unexpectedly in possession of nity. a beautiful gold watch, valued in "greenbacks" at \$128; but as an expression of

the affection of the people to whom he ministers in word and doctrine, priceless. That the choicest blessings of a Cove-

and entire congregation, for this and other acts of kindness, is the sincere prayer of forsake you. N. H. G. FIFE. their pastor.

> For the Presbyterian Banner A New Quarterly Suggested.

there is no place in our whole country where a Quarterly Journal and Review was more needed, and could be more ably sustained than in Pittsburgh. It is in many respects a more desirable point-being the centre of a much wider field of Presbyterian influence by far-than Princeton. For a long time Dr. Hodge was universally recognised as the very Coryphæus of Presbyterian Theology in this country. This is no longer the case; and although no one would wish to dispute his excellence or detract from his high standing, we yet believe there are others who have come to be regarded as quite his equals, and in some respects more tainted with Arianism the Paradise Lost." up to the spirit of the times than he is:

accessible from, and dependent upon, the Western Theological Seminary than upon that of Princeton ; and our Seminary, with its excellent corps of Professors, is rapidly assuming a position in the public estimation not inferior to any other. It is indeed

enemy, to ask you to stir the whole North to send more men who have warm hearts Progress," Tom Taylor's "Life of Thak-and willing hands, to labor for the spirit- ray," and "My Cave Life in Vicksburg" common country, till this unholy rebellion shall be suppressed, and all the soldiers are cave. enjoy all of these blessed influences brought

bear on them by the United States ful sanctuaries. E. B. YOUNG, 1st New-Jersey Cavalry.

For the Presbyterian Banney

In Memoriam. At a meeting of the Elders of Lower

uscarora Presbyterian church, held Feb. 6, 1864, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, God in his mysterious providence has removed by death our muchloved pastor, Rev. G. W. Thompson, D.D.; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we recognize the hand of God in this sore bereavement, and submis- now championed by Charles, in his "Cosively bowing to his will, humbly ask that | flict of Ages," some one asked the venerahe would sanctify it to every one in the ble doctor if he did not feel grieved the churches of which he was pastor. Resolved, That we express our gratitude

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time, the ministrations of so devoted a servant. Resolved. That we bear testimony to the

earnestness and faithfulness with which he foundation upon which to build for eter-

Resolved. That we tender to his family our warmest sympathies, and assure them that our prayer shall ever be, that God may abide with them, comforting them

amid their sorrows; and that they may renant-keeping God may rest upon the donors alize in their experience the fullness of Resolved, That these resolutions be pub-

lished in the Presbyterian, the Banner, and the Standard, and a copy be given to the family of our late pastor.

MESSRS. EDITORS :--- It has often occurred D. W. Flickinger, Clerk pro tem. to me, and doubtless to many others, that

The great Western field is naturally mor allegation against Milton, will you, or any

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But this is not all these dear brethren in

Revival in Camp.

- WARRENTON, Va., Feb. 16, 1864.

illustrated with steel-plate portraits and wood engravings. The Appletons will also Permit me then, as a soldier, and in be soon publish Herbert Spencer's collection of essays called " Illustrations of Universit

> Charles-Beecher's book, defining his postion, is published, and occasions no little talk, especially among his Massachusetts brethren. He holds, says the Congregationalist, that "Adam was born as we are -a fallen creature-not, as commonly satposed, holy, and then falling. He fell fore he was born here." Mr. Beecha therefore denies, not original sin, but on ginal holiness. As we suppose, his do trine is essentially the same as that of his 'preëxistent" brother Edward, in his Conflict of Ages." But we doubt wheth-

er the ages will be very protractedly disturbed by this conflict. It is told of the reverend father of the

Beechers, that when his son Edward first appeared as the advocate of the doctrine his son should use his talents for such purpose. "There's one comfort," was to God for granting to us, for so long a quick and laughing reply; "he can't pro-

Serious discrepencies are found between the English edition of Weiss' Life of They dore Parker and its American reprist labored, ever presenting Christ as the only The plates were tampered with by leaving out passages in Parker's letters keenly satarizing Beecher, Greeley, and others, and allowing such strictures on others to stand. Mr. Weiss knows nothing about the matter. The "Fraternity" should look to it

The New Haven Palladium says that Yale College is to receive a gift of \$90.00 the promise, "I will never leave you nor for the erection of a new dormitory with " the modern improvements" which is us only desirable, but absolutely essential 10 the comfort and health of the students in that institution.

Varieties.

At the sale-in Virginia, of nearly 2.0 tons of wrought and cast scrap iron, eight worn-out locomotives brought prices 1885 MESSRS. EDITORS :- Buckle, in his ing from sixteen hundred to twenty and History of Civilization," page 262, makes. hundred dollars each. Old car-wheels and these startling declarations. Speaking of for forty-five dollars and a half per totthat spirit of disbelief and daring revolt Car axles, seventy-five dollars per to against authority which characterized the Wrought iron scraps, fifty-five dollars [4] most eminent Englishmen during the sev- ton. Old steel springs, one hundred and enteenth century," he says: "It was this twenty-seven dollars per ton. Old naise which caused Locke to be an innovator in sixty-one dollars per ton. Cast scrap ince his philosophy and an Unitarian in his thirty seven dollars per ton. A large num creed. It was this which made Newton a ber of iron dealers from New-York, Pent Socinian; which forced Milton to be the sylvania, and other States, were present great enemy of the Church, and which not The "ring" formed to keep down the only turned the poet into a rebel, but prices was broken by the competition of the bidders.

Whatever of truth there may be in the The total foreign-born population of the llegation against Milton, will you, or any Union was 4,136,175, or 13.15 per cent of of your correspondents, tell me upon what authority declarations so damaging are made respecting Locke and Newton? of Germany was 1,301,136. The correpondent who furnishes this table estimates

Since the commencement of the war ever East of the Delaware, with the exception from the country to his family in Boston, have been made.' Of these nearly have been made.' Of these nearly have been from widows and orphans, and that but of he was interrupted by a New-England snow. have been from widows and orphans, and of the Danville Review, and that but of he was interrupted by a New-England snow-comparatively recent origin. Danville, however, is too far South to meet the wants that should be supplied from Pittsburgh, and from unavoidable circumstances it must be largely devoted to the discussion of lo-cal matters and questions pertaining to that time passable. On the question of going to