PITTSBURGH. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1864.

PASTORS' SALABIES.

A communication in another column set forth, clearly and truly, a great grievance under which many pastors are now laboring. The salaries of former years, which then afforded a bare subsistence, are now utterly inadequate to meet the wants of the pastor. To supplement this deficiency, "Surprises" and "Donation Visits" have been quite common during the Winter, in many parts of the Church. We have been pleased to notice these, since they give evidence of kindly and liberal feelings, and at the same time aid and encourage many a

devoted minister of the Gospel. The churches which get up these voluntary offerings are not usually wanting in the amount or promptness of their pledged salaries, and they are generally ready to increase in this particular, as circumstances may demand. But let no church consider that "Surprises," or any thing of the kind, can take the place of the regular salary: it is upon this that the pastor's main dependence must be placed.

However, there are many churches where the salaries are altogether insufficient, and where the hearts of the pastors have been gladdened by no "Surprises"; to them we wish to say a few words. You entered into a solemn engagement at the time your pastors were called, not only to pay the sum specified at that time, but also whatever else might be necessary to his comfort. The payment of what was then promisedeven if this should be done promptlywhich is far from general, will not exone rate you from the obligations you then assumed. You well know how vastly the cost of living has increased, and that you entered into agreement to provide for all such contingencies. We hope that at the approaching congregational meetings in April, this matter will receive the attention its importance demands. We are in a position to know that many most worthy and able pastors are just now straitened to an extent painful to contemplate, for the means of subsistence and comfort for themselves and families. And we honestly believe that it is only necessary for a few spirited individuals in each church to take up the matter and bring it to the attention of others, to bring the relief so greatly needed. As an example and encouragement to

other churches, we will mention the action of the church of M'Keesport, Pa., taken last Monday, concerning the salary of its pastor, Rev. R. F. WILSON. Heretofore the salary paid by this church has been \$750.00. But a few liberal individuals brought the subject before the church, and the result was a resolution to pay hereafter a salary of \$1,000, and also to make this sum the salary for the past year. The people did this not as a gratuity, or a benevolence, but as an act of simple justice to a pastor who loves them, and who devotes himself to their highest interests. It will rejoice our hearts if this article will stir up many other churches to do likewise, and thus benefit both themselves and pastors. No church ever gains any thing in the end by supporting its pastor with a stinted hand. The people of M'Keesport will be all the happier for what they have done; and so will the people of every other church which will bring its salary up to the imperative demands of the times, owing to the increased prices of all that the minister and his family eat, wear and

DIXMONT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE. The Annual Report of this Institution is now before us. Since the establishment of this Hospital in April, 1856, 695 patients have been received. Of these, 276 have been discharged recovered, 164 improved, and 58 unimproved; while 67 have died. During the last year, 202 have been under treatment. At the time of the last Annual Meeting, there were 130 inmates in the wards; but we believe the number has since been increased to near 140. And at the present rate of application it will soon be utterly impossible to meet the demands. Indeed just now the wards are crowded altogether too much for the comfort and highest welfare of the patients.

Hence there is great necessity for additional wings to the present buildings as soon as practicable. The Legislature will fall short of its duty to the suffering and their friends, if it fails at the present session to place the means for accomplishing this object in the hands of the Managers Among the many claims upon the benevolence of the State and the philanthropic which now press so heavily, this one must not be unrecognized. To provide for the relief and cure of the insane is a humane and Christian duty, from which we cannot shrink even in such times as this.

Of the Superintendent, Dr. JOSEPH A REED, his household, and all his assistants. we can speak from personal knowledge. The Doctor, by his natural gifts and large experience, is admirably qualified for this important and ardnous work; and he is peculiarly fortunate in having assistants in every way worthy the places they respective. ly occupy.

Onr great defect heretofore has been the want of a regular chaplain. The physician has enough resting on his shoulders, with out the additional burden of conducting the religious services on the Sabbath But we understand that this matter will be in all probability, soon remedied, and that the attendants and patients will shortly have the blessings of the ordinances of the Gospel on the holy Sabbath.

The absence of revivals from the churches has been long mourned by Christians: and for their return, many fervent prayers to God have been offered. Now it seems contained two thousand acres of land.

as if these prayers were beginning to be NEWS OF THE CHURCHES church at Latakiyeh, Syria, writes that answered, and as if our hearts were about AND MINISTERS.

Suleyman, a professedly converted Nusairiyeh Sheik, has just had printed at the freshing from the presence of the Lord. The acceptable reports of a deepened interest among professors of religion, of in- us the following account of the dedication quiry among the impenitent, and of conver- of a new church edifice: sions to God, reach us from all parts of the land; from, Maine and Massachusetts; from our great Eastern cities; from the prairies of a work of grace in progress in a certain

We know not whether these precious end proves to be a very small victory. outpourings of the Spirit are to become general at present or not. It may be that modations too strait, and the people rise up Zion is to mourn still longer. But these with courageous hearts and open hands, ment for Christians to pray and ministers tude who may be disposed to attend upon to preach, that the members of the church- Divine ordinances—it is to our mind an es may be revived, and that sinners may be evident token of life and hope for the fuconverted. Let us go to God in faith; let of the Church Extension spirit in this his ministers cry aloud and spare not; let form—the enlargement and improvement of our eyes be directed to the risen Saviour; the sanctuary. The congregation of Slipdance of rain.

revivals of modern times.

LIFE INSURANCE.

The prejudice which once existed in the minds of some, with regard to "Life Insurance," is now almost gone. And it is well that it should be so, for the opposition furnished, cost about \$2,800. arose mostly from a misapprehension of the design of this means of providing for wife and children in the event of the death of their natural protector.

How to accumulate a little competency that may serve to keep our families from want, often troubles every thoughtful minister and salaried man. At most, their inthemselves and those dependent on them from year to year. And the small amount remaining over this, is so insufficient that there is but little encouragement or indeed opportunity to make any remunerative inlittle is saved.

The principle of "Life Insurance" comes to the aid of such, and for an outlay such as any provident professional or salaried man can usually pay every year, secures to the families of such, a handsome sum. Such an arrangement as this will save the father many painful thoughts, and also protect wife and children from the pinchings of penury in the day of adversi. ty. It is high time for persons such as we have described to turn their attention to the consideration of the duty of "Life In-

In another column will be found the advertisement of one of the most responsible "Life Insurance" companies in the United States. Its Agent in Pittsburgh is Mr. S. S. BRYAN, whom we have long known as a gentleman of the highest integrity and of the most gentlemanly and Christian de-

Pamphlets containing the principles and terms of "Life Insurance," may be had on application to Mr. BRYAN.

MUSIC IN THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

In almost all our Sabbath Schools, rendering praise to God is an important feature. And it is proper that it should be their thoughts up to God.

But to conduct properly the singing of a Sabbath School where there are so many untrained voices and discordant sounds, without an instrument, is almost impossible. A suitable instrument is demanded, that the singing may be correct, the music of the whole school improved, and that the ears of the children may be cultivated so as to know what true harmony is. Thus both the voice and the heart will be attuned to the praise of the Most High God. Organ of Messrs. MASON & HAMLIN, advertised in another column. For cheapness, excellence of tone, durability, and all the qualities required, they are unequalled. No other establishment has such facilities sufficient guaranty that their instruments disloyal sentiments.

will have no rivals. Their Cabinet Organs for families and churches will in due time be announced in of the American Board of Foreign Misour columns, and we know that we are doing our readers a kindness in asking them

to give these the preference over all others. Vermillion Institute.—This institution is an honor to the Presbytery of Richland, and to the Presbyterian Church in that region. The Principal, Rev. Dr. DIEFEN-DORF is a thorough scholar and a most accomplished teacher. The mode of instruction, and the facilities for the physical, intellectual, and religious benefit of the pupils are unsurpassed. In our columns will also be found advertisements of the admirable Schools for Young Ladies at Blairsat Saltsburg.

A Minister in Want.—A minister of our Church incapacitated for labor, is now in very straitened circumstances. A small contribution from each of a few benevolent Christians will do much to relieve his presbe sent to the Rev. DAVID ELLIOTT, D.D., of the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny City, or to the Editors of this

The oldest house in New-England, if not in the United States, is in Medford, Mass., having formerly belonged to Matthew Cradock, the first Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Company. His farm, on which this house was erected about 1640,

PRESBYTERIAN.

Old School.-Rev. B. C. Critchlow sends

" MESSRS. EDITORS :- It must always be gratifying to you, as well as all the friends of our beloved Zion, to note the signs of progress. Among the signs of adof the West; from the army and from the vancement is the erection of houses devonavy. Every week, for some time back, ted to the public worship of God. While have our columns borne such welcome we have but few reports of the rapid growth news as this. And recently we have heard of the great spiritual temple into which new converts are being built up, as living, of a work of grace in progress in a certain polished stones—a spiritual house—we town in Western Pennsylvania, which must not allow discouragement to weaken promises to be one of the most powerful our strength, as though we were making no headway. Indeed, we sometimes hear a great flourish of trumpets over what in the | berry Street, New-York.

and build a house unto the Lord-thus and soon will be heard the sound of abun- pery Rock, in Beaver Presbytery, has recently put up a very comfortable church edifice. It is something like forty-two feet

"When a congregation finds its accom-

wide and sixty feet long, having a vestibule, and gallery over the vestibule. The building is frame—plainly but substantially finished—and a very great advance as comfort and convenience, on the old building. The house when completed and "The dedication services took place on

Thursday, the 21st of January. The sermon was preached by Rev. B. C. Critchlow, Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and discipline, 'to use all laudable means to let thy saints rejoice in goodness.' The enjoin obedience to the powers that be.' dedicatory prayer was offered by the pastor, come is but little more than will support Rev. Henry Webber. The audience was large, and the occasion was one of great interest to many of the people, and especially to the older members of the church. We have nothing to say at this time, of the character of the exercises, as this couldhardly be done without flattery or mortifivestment. The consequence is, that but cation to those who conducted the services. The congregation requested a copy of the sermon for publication, which may have some interest for them, as there is a feeble effort made to record the church's history. At night the congregation was addressed by the Rev. R. S. Morton, in behalf of the U. S. Christian Commission; and a contribution was made to aid the organization in at Springfield, Mass. Immense meetings its blessed work. May this congregation, are held nightly, all in attendance manias in days that are past, continue to enjoy the fostering care of the Great Shepherd cises. of Israel, and may their new house of wor-

> precious souls." The churches of Mt. Leigh and Eckmanrille (recently the charge of Rev. S. D. Carothers) have given to Rev. Eben Muse unanimous call to become their pastor. Correspondents will please address him at Scott, Ohio.

ship be the birth-place of many, many

The church of West Newton, Presbytery of Redstone, has given a unanimous call to the Rev. O. H. Miller, of the Presbytery of Blairsville, to become its pastor.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the North-West will open (D. V.) in the North Presbyterian Church of Chicago, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 6th, at half-past 7 o'clock P. M. The Rev. H. M. Robertson is appointed to preach the opening sermon. The examination of the students will be held in the new Seminary so, for no other exercise is so delightful to 6th, at 9 o'clock A. M. Committee of exthe children and youth, and nothing tends amination-Messrs. J. Milligan, E. Erskine, more to purify their affections and raise R. G. Thompson, and F. N. Ewing, Ministers; with Messrs. L. Clark, William G.

Holmes, and John Galt, Ruling Elders. The Harris Street Presbyterian church of Newburyport, Massachusetts, has given unanimous call to the Rev. Benjamin Y. George, of Missouri.

Rev. John M. Faris has accepted the apcointment of Agent for the Theological Seminary of the North-West, and has removed to Chicago, Illinois.

Rev. Dr. Tustin, of Washington, D. C. supplying, gratuitously, a company of the Invalid Corps, stationed in that city with the regular ordinances of the Gospel. It Just such an instrument is the Cabinet is a noble work to a most interesting class of men in the army, who should not be neglected in our efforts to benefit the souls of our brave soldiers.

Rev. James D. Armstrong, a Presbyterian clergyman of Norfolk, Va., has been sentenced to be imprisoned at Fort Hatterfor manufacturing and testing instruments as, by Gen. Butler, for having, after taking such as these. The name of the firm is a the oath of allegiance, given utterance to

This minister was a brother of the late Rev. Dr. Armstrong, one of the Secretaries

New School.—The Presbytery Reporter gives the following account of Rev. Fiske Harmon, one of our missionary laborers in Iowa: "He has excellent qualities for a pioneer laborer. He can preach, build his own house, cut and haul his wood, and cultivate his garden. He came with his family to Iowa from Wisconsin, in a manner truly primitive and original. A very long wagon was fitted up with a stove and the other indispensable arrangements for housekeeping. This was drawn by a strong ox team. The wagon was followed by a buggy, in which was harnessed a milch cow. Thus furnished, they travelled about ten miles a day, making no purchases save of the raw material, and doing all their cooking, washville and Beaver, and for males and females | ing, ironing, and sleeping in that house on

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the foundation of a New School church in Cofumbus, Ohio, was commemorated on the

3d instant religiously and socially. United.—Rev. Thos. M'Cartney, of Nebraska City, and one of the most active sing wants. Money intended for him may and successful missionaries in the home field, is, as many will learn with great regret, in feeble and still declining health.

missionary of the American Board at Hasthat city, eight persons, one of whom had been a bishop in the Armenian Church, making a profession of their faith.

Reformed, (Old Side.)—Rev. R. J. Dodds, Wednesday evening, and will realize bemissionary of the Reformed Presbyterian tween \$80,000 and \$100,000.

Mission Press at Beirut, and published an edition of 3,000 copies of a work disclosing the secrets of the Nusairiveh religion which has long been a profound mystery and as the book goes abroad, and is read by large numbers of professing Christians and

Muslims alike, it is producing a very deep sensation, and seems to be a means of pre paring the way for the Gospel.

METHODIST. The General Missionary Committee has

authorized the Board to send out a practical printer to take charge of the Methodist printing establishment in China. Any person desiring such a position, is requested to address Rev. Dr. Durbin, 200 Mul-

At a late meeting of the Baltimore Conference, a letter from the Private Secretary of the President of the United States, was read, commending the piety and patriotism indications give the greatest encourage- making provision for the growing multi- of the Conference, being in reply to the letter transmitted to the President, containing a report of the action of the Conference last Spring, on the state of the country.

> The following action with respect to the ountry, was adopted by a vote of 48 to 10:

"That we owe and pledge exclusive allegiance to the Government of the United States in war and in peace, and to its constitutional administration in every department thereof; and that we therefore affectionately exhort our people, who, by position, kindred, or interest, may have been tempted to sympathize with those who seek the overthrow of this Government, to seek the Word of God as above recited, and not esteem loyalty thereto as objectionable or a matter of taste, sympathy, or prejudice, but formerly pastor of the church, from 2. one of Divine injunction, and as involving Chron. vi: 41- Now therefore arise, O the religious duty of prayer and effort for Lord God, into thy resting place, thou and the restoration of our national unity, peace the ark of thy strength; let thy priests, O | and prosperity; or, in the language of the

"That we will not receive into the Conference, or elect to ministerial orders, either from the local or itinerant ranks, any man

of known disloyalty.
"That in view of the great change, in the providence of God, which is taking place in the public mind, in the direction of emancipation in the State of Maryland and elsewhere, we believe the time is not distant when the Baltimore Conference, will no longer be embarrassed in maintaining the well-known Principles of the Methodis Episcopal Church upon this subject."

CONGREGATIONAL.

An extended religious interest prevails

The General Association of Massachu etts has recommended that the 4th Sabbath in every month, especially the evening, be made a day of special prayer for our armies Two generous Christian men of Boston have given twelve hudred and seventy-seven

copies of Gilfillan's elaborate and most excellent work on the Sabbath, "Viewed in the Light of Reason, Revelation and History," to every Congregational Pastor, acting Pastor and Stated Supply in New-England. They do it with the hope and expec tation that it will call the attention of the ministry to this Divine institution, anew. and that the people will receive instruction from their lips. The book is to be given to pastors, acting pastors, and stated supplies

BAPTIST. The Tabernacle Baptist church of Brookyn, Rev. T. Edwin Brown, pastor, besides adding \$500 to the pastor's salary, have just paid off the debt of \$6,000 on their meeting house—\$2,000 of the same having een contributed by the Strong Place church. Every department of the Taberna. cle is prosperous, the actual attendance on their Sabbath School on a late Sunday being 607.

Rev. Dr. Parker leaves this week for Port Royal, S. C., on his important mission for occupying the abandoned Baptist meeting houses. Drs. Weston and Anderson of New-York, expect to accompany him, and to spend a few weeks on Southern soil. Good must come from such a visit, and we are glad to hear that there will be no want of loyal Baptist ministers to occupy all the vacated pulpits.

Mr. John P. Crozier, of Philadelphia, has donated the sum of \$10,000 to the American Baptist Publication Society, to be used for the purpose of supplying the Baptist Sunday Schools with libraries.

EPISCOPAL.

The Bishop and Assistant Bishop of Ohio have addressed a Pastoral Letter 🖚 the vestries of the parishes in the Diocese, urging an increase of the salaries paid to their pastors, in order to enable them to meet the present expenses of living.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

The Camerale Press of Rome has recent y published the census of the population f the Liternal City, during 1863. The to tal of the population amounted to 201,161 inhabitants, being 4.083 more than 1862. The members of the secular clergy in Rome, last year, amounted to 1,894, and those of the religious Orders to 2,569. The Nuns were 2,031 in number. The ecclesiastical seminaries and colleges, to the number of 25. contained 1.027 students. Among them are the Roman Seminary, with 94 students; the Pio Seminary, with 76; the Vatican Seminary, with 41; the French, with 58; the South American, with 45; and the North American, with 53. The Propaganda College contains 128 students; the German, 59: the English and the Pio-English together, 49; the Scotch, 15; the Irish, 50; the Belgian, 6; the Greco-Ruthenian, 22; the Lombard, 11.

UNITARIAN.

Of the 251 Unitarian societies in the United States, 69 have no settled pastors; 182 have regular pastors. Boston has 18 societies, and all the pulpits are supplied by settled ministers. The list of ministers contains 343 names. There are 17 chaplains in the army. Of the societies, 163 are located in Massachusetts, and 93 in other States. Maine has 17 societies, New-Hampshire 15, and New-York 14. These Rev. John Wortabet, M. D., formerly three States hold one half of the number out of Massachusetts. Eleven States have beiya, Syria, and now of the United Pres- no Unitarian Society in them, and ten of byterian Church of Scotland at Aleppo, has these are slave States. The school in Camjust organized an evangelical church in bridge has 20 students; the one in Meadville has 18.

Donation Visits, Ministerial Surprises, &c. "All is not gold that glitters."

Southern securities.

in that city.

over 2,200 per hour.

Varieties.

Cashmere, there are seventy thousand per-

The spotted fever is ravaging various

parts of Pennsylvania. Scores of people

sons attacked have died within twenty-four

hours after the first symptoms, which

usually are the appearance of small pim-

ples and blotches on the hands and face,

The whole number of undergraductes in

The Chicago Journal say the farmers in various parts of Illinois are already sowing

ther Spring wheat. This is unusually ear-

ly. It also learns that if the weather con-

tinues favorable a large breadth of wheat

Presbyterial.

The PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY CITY

WM. ANNAN,

enlargement of the glands of the neck.

sons engaged in the manufacture.

will ultimately reach at least \$400,000.

The proceeds of the Brooklyn Fair up to

MESSRS. EDITORS:-In common with the rest of your readers, I have been glad to see the evidences of esteem for their ministers which so many congregations have manifested, in the surprise visits that have become so frequent of late. Such We hope the property is not invested in visits are "twice blessed"-in the substantial aid and comfort afforded to the minister and his family; and in the reflex benefit resulting to the donors themselves from the cultivation of their benevolent feelings, and from the increase of mutual regard between them and their pastor. I have no doubt that the burdened and anxious heart of many a pastor, and many a pastor's wife, has been greatly cheered by these timely contributions; and that visions of pinching want, which were becoming more frightful as the expenses of living were found to increase with no corresponding increase of 000 from Internal Revenue, and \$23,000,salary, have thus been banished. And I | 000 from Customs, to say nothing of other can well imagine the feelings of many a poor sources of income. The army expenses unsurprised brother, whose coat is growing for the same period were over \$163,000,000. seedy and whose library needs replenishing, and whose port monaie has totally collapsed as he reads, from week to week, those grateful acknowledgments of more favored breth ren. How often does he secretly breathe the wish, "O that my people would take the hint, and give me a donation visit!' But the Winter is passing away, and no

parent increase of liberality in congrega- This will make in all thirteen vessels of tions toward their pastors, namely, "Are this character sent from that city since the those donation visits all that is needed to beginning of December. The greater be done for the relief of the necessities of number have been dispatched to join the ministers in these trying times?" How fleet under Farragut, while some few will few congregations seem to have thought of be attached to the line destined for protecpermanently increasing their pastor's sal- tion of the river commence. ary, somewhat in proportion to the increased cost of living! It has indeed seemed to me that those happy surprises which so many ministers have been receiving, however pleasant and timely in themselves, are, after all, only sympathetic of an uneasy conscience among the people, on account of their failure to come up at once to the duty of raising their ministers' salaries. Every one sees that a salary of five or six hundred dollars, which was even scanty a few years ago, must be wholly insufficient are dying from it. In every case the perto support a minister's family now. Hence this general movement in the way of affording present and temporary relief through surprise donation visits

relief comes for his growing burdens.

There is also a serious question, which

suggests itself in the midst of all this ap-

But is this enough? The well-lined with acute pains, swelling of the head, and purses of which we read, were no doubt soon emptied in the payment of debts previously incurred; and, with no increase of salary, the 14 colleges of New-England, the preswhat is the poor minister to do until anoth- ent year, is not far from 2,300. In the er Thanksgiving or Christmas donation Winter of 1861, just before the opening of visit shall come to his relief? Seven or the war, the number was 2,846. The war eight hundred dollars will not go as far has not broken up any of these institunow as five hundred would five years ago. tions, but has reduced the number of stu-Such an increase of salary is a duty to dents in almost all of them; and the which congregations are bound; by the smaller colleges have suffered somewhat resent the Goddess of Liberty seated on a sphere promise which they all make at the instal- more, proportionately, than the large ones himself on the other. lation of a pastor, to "continue to him that In the year 1858, after the great revival competent worldly maintenance which they about half of the New-England students have promised, and whatever else they may were professors of religion, while at stroyed 32 locomotives, laid waste many plant see needful," &c.—(See Form of Govern- present not more than a third are of this tions from which the rebels were drawing was ment, Ch. XV., Sec. xiii.) Now, what would any of these good elders; deacons, and trustees, (whose business it is to see that the people do their duty in this par-ticular,) think, if any one who owed them a debt of \$300 should propose to pay it off by a present of \$100! And yet this is, substantially, what they are doing to their ministers! Instead of leaving it to the ladies of the congregation, who (God bless them,) are generally the first to move in getting up these surprises, these official persons ought to call the congregation together and set before them the facts in the case-reminding them of their minister's growing necessities, and of their absolute indebtedness to him of such an increase of salary as is required by the spirit of their installation vows. In how many congregations has any thing of this sort been done? If any pas tors have been thus favored, will they not report through the Banner? It may serve nine cents per member of each church. to stir up the pure minds of other congre-

gations. From a few cases, of which I have per sonal knowledge, and which may probably be representative of many others, I do believe, Messrs. Editors, that, at this moment Pastors and the Sessions of vacant churches are there is a state of actual and wide-spread required to present full statistical reports for the distress among the pastors of our churches, on account of the utter deficiency of their salaries. And if the evil is not soon reme died, many of them will be compelled to abandon their fields, and the most disastrous results to the cause of religion must ensue. Will not all our Presbyteries take order on this subject at their ensuing

ONE WHO IS NOT A PASTOR.

Acknowledgment.

inst., we had the pleasure of experiencing, in the fellowship of a goodly number of the people of Callensburg congregation, the truth of this Scripture, "Behold how

good and how pleasant it is for brethren to

convinced by the tangible evidence which

these kind friends left us, that they believe

and are ready to practice the following

Scripture: "If we have sown unto you

shall reap your carnal things;" and, "They

which preach the Gospel should live of the

In addition to presents sent us from time

to time, since we have been in their midst

they left us on this occasion many things

good and useful, besides a handsome roll of

Personal.

J. Holmes Agnew, D.D., formerly editor of

the American Eclectic, has become the

editor of the American Monthly Knicker.

bocker. Prof. Agnew is a man of learning,

ability and taste, and will bring all the re-

sources of his cultivated mind to the task

he has undertaken. Among the contribu-

Lord, late of Dartmouth, and Professor W.

C. Fowler, of New-Haven.

tors to the March number are President

Gov. Gamble's character is illustrated by

the following pleasant anecdote: A ferry

company, with fine prospects of a lucrative

business, desired Mr. Gamble to make an

investment in their stock, which he de-

clined, because they run their boats on the

Sabbath. "We are obliged by law to do

so," was the excuse offered. "Yes," he

replied, "I know that the law requires

Greenbacks." For all these tokens of

S. P. KINKAID.

Gospel.'

MESSRS. EDITORS :- On Friday, the 4th

For the Presbyterian Banner.

meet in the Pleasant Ridge church (near Chester, Ill.,) April 7th, at 2 o'clock P. M. ALFRED N. DENNY, S. C. Spring meetings?

weather.

The PRESBYTERY OF ERIE will meet at West Greenville on the second Tuesday (12th) of April, at 71 o'clock P. M. Narratives of the State of Religion, Statistical Reports, and Commissioners' Fund, will be called for.

to the General Assembly.

S. J. M. EATON, S. C. The PRESBYTERY OF BLAIRSVILLE will meet according to adjournment, at Congruity, on the second Tuesday of April, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The PRESBYTERY OF DUBUQUE will meet good and how pleasant it is for brethren to (Deo Volente) at Epworth, the Second Tuesday dwell together in unity." We were also of April (12th) at 3 o'clock P. M.

Assessment on the churches, for Commissioners' Fund, at the rate of ten cents per member.

JOHN M. BOGGS, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF IOWA will hold its spiritual things, is it a great thing if we stated Spring meeting in the Presbyterian church of Burlington, at 7 P. M. on the Second Tuesday of April (12th). Sessional Records and Statistical Reports

nust be presented. GEO. D. STEWART, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF SALTSBURG stands adjourned to meet at Glade Run church on the Second Tuesday of April, at 2 o'clock P. M. Sessional Records, Statistical Reports, Written kindness they have our hearty thanks, and our prayer to God is, that he may bless them "with all spiritual blessings in heav-

The PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON will hold its next stated meeting in the Bellefonte Presbyterian church, on the Second Tuesday (the 12th) of April, at 11 o'clock A. M. Statistical Reports will be called for, as well as a Report from each congregation as to whether the pastor's salary has been paid. ROBERT HAMILL, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF TOLEDO will meet in Toledo, Tama County, Iowa, on Tuesday, the 12th of April, 1864, at 7 o'clock P. M. The Sessions will remember to send the Statistical Reports, carefully prepared.

LUTHER DODD, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF WOOSTER will hold its Spring meeting at Fredericksburg, on the Third Tuesday of April, at 11 o'clock A. M. JOHN E. CARSON, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY stands adjourned to meet in Butler, on the Second Tuesday (12th) of April, at 11 o'clock A. M. J. R. COULTER, Stated Clerk. The PRESBYTERY OF BEAVER will meet at

your company to run its boats on the Sab- Slippery Rock, on th bath, but the law does not require me to at 11 o'clock A. M. invest my money in your stock." D. C. REED, Stated Clerk.

bridge has 20 students; the one in Meadville has 18.

Ilerace F. Walworth, late of West Baton
Rouge, La., has left half of his property,
or about \$250,000; for the purpose of
Wednesday evening, and will realize between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

The PRESBYTERY OF ROCK RIVER will
meet at Middle Creek church, on the last Tuesday (26th) of April, at 3 o'clock P. M.
Sessional Records will be called for, also
moneys for the Commissioners' Fund at the rate
of five cents per member of the churches. As
Senate.

lished weekly, for the use and benefit of the Assembly will meet at a remote point, it is important that ministers and Sessions bear this the blind, which paper or magazine shall be printed with raised letters or in the most mportant that ministers and occasions near this natter carefully in mind. Members journeying natter carefully in minu. Memocia-Journeying oy rail are requested to be at "Winnebago Sattion," on the Galena and Chicago Railroad, by Tuosday, where carriages, approved methods for their use; the said the day train on Tuesday, where carriages wi paper or magazine to be distributed gratuibe in waiting to convey them to the church.

S. T. WILSON, Stated Clerk tously among the blind of the Southern States, or for sale to such as are able and willing to pay for it. The deceased was blind for several years before his death.

The PRESBYTERY OF SANGAMON will me in the First church, Springfield, on Friday April 8th, 1864, at 7 o'clock P. M. G. W. F. BIRCH, Stated Clerk

Current Rews.

Saturday evening were \$390,000. They The War.-Last week, General Grant paid, The War.—Last week, General Grant paid a flying visit to Washington City, only remaining in that vicinity three days, one-half of which was passed in the Army of the Potomac. The General persistently declined all public demonstrations, even a State dinner at the President's He left for Nashville on Friday evening at Calcale While at Washington he received is The New-York dry goods dealers have given \$475,000 to the Metropolitan Fair The Government receipts for the last three months of 1863 were over \$27,000,o'clock. While at Washington he received h commission as Lieutenant General. The cerecommission as thentenant General. The cere mony took place in the Cabinet Chamber, in the presence of the entire Cabinet, Gen. Haller presence of the entire Caoines, den. nallesk Representative Lovejoy, Gen. Rawlins, and Col. Comstock, of Gen. Grant's staff, the son of Gen. The total loss at the battle of Chicka-Grant, and Mr. Nicolay, Private Secretary of the President. Gen. Grant having entered the room mauga on the part of the Federals was he President arose and addressed him thus 17.200. The total loss of the Confederates "Gen. Grant, by the nation's appreciation a what you have done, and its reliance upon you was 19,600. The time consumed in fighting was 16 hours and 30 minutes. This for what remains to be done in the existing green ing was 16 hours and 30 minutes. This for what remains to be tone in the calcular green makes a total combined loss of 36,300, or struggle, you are presented with this commission constituting you Lieutenant General in the arm of the United States. While this high honor de volves upon you, also a corresponding respond Three more of the gunboats fitted out at bility rests on you. As the country herein trusts you, so, under God, it will sustain you. I scarce Cincinnati are almost ready to leave for some point where their services are needed. v need to add that with what I here speak for the nation, goes my hearty personal cones

rënce." To which Gen. Grant replied as follows. "MR. PRESIDENT: I accept the commission with gratitude for the high honor you have con ferred on me, and with the aid of the noble ar. mies that have fought on so many fields for our common country, it will be my earnest endearer not to disappoint your expectations. I feel the full weight of the responsibilities now devoting The ruler of Cashmere has recently taken stringent measures to prevent the further upon me, and I know that if they are met it will manufacture of the inferior shawls which be due to those armies, and above all to the favor of that Providence which leads both nation are now sent in such large quantities to Europe, so poorly made as to be nearly un-salable. In the city of Siree Nugger, or and men."

The following military arrangements have been made: First—By order of the President, Lieu. General Grant is assigned to the command of the armies of the United States. Second—Maj. General Halleck is relieved from duty as General in Chief, and assigned to special duty at Washington as Chief of the Staff of the armies. T_{high} Maj. General Sherman is assigned to comman the Military Division of the Mississippi, later commanded by Gen. Grant, and comprising the Departments of the Ohio, Cumberland, Tennes Pherson is assigned to command the Departmen of the Tennessee, recently commanded by Gen. Sherman. Fifth—Lieut. General Grant will etablish his beadquarters in the field, with the rspective armies operating under his personal

The design of a gold medal to be presented. Lieut. Gen. Graut, under the joint resolutions.

Congress approved Dec. 17th, 1863, has been excepted. It will be engraved in Philadelphia. The medal will be three and a half inches in it. ameter, and will cost about \$3,000. It will reon one side, and a profile bust of the General

Gen. Sherman's expedition was much mer successful than was supposed at first. He deamounts of subsistence. He brought in over thousand negroes, and a train ten miles long, consisting of wagens, mules, horses, &c., 12 destroyed a great amount of stores. There we enough able-bodied negroes for three regimen He broke the railroad communication, and so cessfully accomplished the object of the expe-

will be put in. There was much ploughing At present every thing seems to indicate m done last Fall, and the only drawback to active and earnest movements on the part of ... extensive farming operations is the scarcity own armies, and also on the part of the reof help. Wages for farm hands, which during the next sixty days. That great but three years ago were from \$15 to \$18 a will be fought, and decisive results attained in month and now \$20 to \$25. The Winter short time, is almost certain. The rapidity month, are now \$20 to \$25. The Winter Gen. Grant's late trip indicates that the times wheat, as far as we have ascertained, has quiet are about at an end.

not been injured in the West by the cold Gen. Rosecrans has issued a special order, requiring all persons attending religious convections, assemblies, synods, conferences, and of convocations held in his department, to take n stringent oaths of allegiance; and any violation of this order will subject the assembly to dispersion The PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER will meet sion by any Provost Marshal. in Prairie City, Ill., on Thursday, April 14th, 1864, at 2½ o'clock P. M. Commissioners' Fund,

It is reported that twenty-three captured University soldiers belonging to Col. Foster's command a North Carolina, were recently hung as deserted from the rebel conscription. They ascended the scaffold with a firm step, and met their fate w unflinching fortitude and determination. The asked for no quarters, and scornfully shunall overtures of concession on condition of turning to the Confederate service. After no ing their peace with their God, they fearlesproclaimed their readiness to die for their conpast year; as these are the materials from which the Stated Clerk forms the Presbyterial Report try, against which they say they have been :: cibly conscripted. Such an exhibition of ka ty to the flag, has never before been witnesse The multitude was moved to tears, and open The PRESBYTERY OF KASKASKIA will denounced this cruel massacre, which is causet in the Pleasant Ridge church (near Chester, desertions from the Confederate service by

wholesale, and, causing indignation of fee of which it is feared will be uncontrolable. Refugees from the interior bring intellige of the rebels garrisoning the whole Sta North Carolina for the purpose of checking convention movement and keeping the peopsubjection. It is reported that the rebels in hanging the entire number of soldiers capt by them from Colonel Frost's command, fifty in number, half of whom have never been rebel service.

Gen. Butler sent a portion of Kilpatrick's valry, and Col's Onderdonk and Spears' cara to King and Queen's Court House, to deal st he citizens claiming to be non-combatants. ambushed Col. Dahlgren. Gen. Kilpatrick forward Col. Onderdonk's command. The eports that the 5th and 9th Va. cavalry, the citizens of that place, 1200 in all, were en from camp near Cowley's store; the was taken and a number killed-twenty priers were captured. The enemy were also drive from the Court House, and a large number grain mills and storehouses were burned.

Col. Dahlgren was shot through the head hand, his body stripped and buried, so that grave will never be known. The Richmond pers state that the officers captured in Gen. Kill rick's late expedition, have been placed in its Active operations seem about to be carrie

gainst Mobile. At the last advices Fort Po ell had been severely bombarded for several days. ... The finding of the Court of Inquiry in

ease of Gen. McCook, is that he did his will duty in the battle of Chickamauga proper. committed a mistake, arising not from cor tions of personal safety, but from an error udgment by going into Chattanooga. The inng includes a reason of Gen. Rosecrans for ceding Gen. McCook in the same direction. Court finds Gen. Crittenden free from all 6.3 as to his conduct in the battle, and justifies going to Chattanooga on the grounds that all command had been transferred to other Gene in the course of the action, and that conseque ly he did nothing but his duty in reporting Gen. Rosecrans in person. Both Generals Cook and Crittenden have been ordered to re for duty to the Adjutant General, and exper

The trial of Surgeon General Hammond. has been lingering along for a month or mapproaches conclusion. The case has been up for Court by the Judge Advocate. The lief outside is that Hammond will scarcely exwith less than cashiering, but his friends still confident of his acquittal.

Various reports have been for some days concerning the removal of Gen. Meade from command of the Army of the Potomac, and appointment of Gen. Smith. But at the time

Reports that 200,000 more men would soon