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TO THE BEADERS OF THE BANNER.

This week we present the Banner in an enlarged form. Notwithstanding the great increase in the price of paper, composition and all the appurtenances of a newspaper establishment, we have risked an enlargement by means of lengthening our paper, which will give additional reading matter equal to two entire columns. This places the Banner among the largest religious newspapers in the land. And no other paper devoted to the interests of religion. which is published at two dollars per annum, gives its readers an equal amount of matter for perusal, in the year. Our space is large, and is filled to its utmost capacity, so as to benefit; as far as possible, all classes and conditions in the community.

It is a great mistake to suppose that be cause a newspaper is in the octavo form. which is a double sheet, it has therefore more reading matter than a single large sheet. In the double sheet there are also double margins, and there is more unoccupied space, it is less convenient for the reader, and when it is spread out it may afford, after all, less space than the single sheet. The Banner, in its present form, is nearly as large as the New-York Times or Tribune ; and only one or two of the religious newspapers which have adopted the double sheet form, gives its readers more actual reading matter than we do, though these papers are all published at higher rates than ours.

What we have now done will, in twelve months, add largely to our expenses, but our desire to meet all the reasonable expectations of our subscribers, and the substantial encouragements we have received since we took charge of the Banner, have induced us to incur this increased outlay. Kind words and high approbation reach us from all quarters, while the new names already on our list give promise of such future accessions as will meet our highest anticipations. Thanks to our friends among the ministers, elders, and laymen generally, who have exerted themselves in our behalf. And we most cordially invite the assistance of all our readers in placing a copy of the Banner in all their neighboring families. We do not believe that we have a single subscriber who could not procure, by little effort, at least one new subscriber, and we know that there are many of them who could obtain scores of new names for our list, by the expenditure of a little time and persuasion. And he who induces a family to take a religious newspaper, does a good work, and will not lose his reward. In the meantime we will continue to add attractions and value to our paper, the benefits of which will accrue to our readers. Both editors are now in their places : Mr PATTERSON having been released from his duties at Danville, sooner than was anticipated at the time the present co-partnership was formed. He is now prepared to enter vigorously upon the new and important work to which he has been called. Our weekly European Summary will continue to be full, and of the character that will be appreciated by the many thousands who will read it. And just now we are making arrangements with a gifted writer in Paris for a regular correspondence from that metropolis, and with another of established reputation, in Dublin, for a series of letters from that place, which will be of a high order of merit. This paper at no previous time has had such a corps of able contributors as it has now; nor are they excelled by the contributors to any other religious weekly journal. Our editorials will continue to be on subjects of immediate and living interest. Great care will be taken in the preparation of a synopsis of news every week, which will not be surpassed. Special attention will continue to be given not only to the moral and religious quality of our selections from various sources, but also to their literary character. While our agricultural column will continue to be a valuable repository for such information as is needed by all who are in any way interested in the cultivation of the soil. Some of the original articles which have appeared in this department have received high commendation from most competent judges. It will be our aim to make this paper contain as much and as various matter of the highest quality as is possible. Our readers do not need to be told of our unconditional loyalty in the support of the Government and in efforts to put down this atrocious rebellion, unparalleled in its wickedness: since this is evident to all, on every page. We only say that our labors in this direction will continue to be as unremitting and as ardent as ever. In consideration of all these things, we feel at liberty to ask the assistance of all our friends in this enterprise to which we have devoted ourselves for the benefit of the Church, the good of man, and the glory of God. Each one of you can aid us; and ministers and elders can do much. Especially do we solicit the cooperation of pastors. We respectfully ask them to present the claims of the Banner to their people, and to endeavor to place it in all the families of their flocks. And on our part we pledge ourselves to strive to aid pascease the war. ters, to the utmost of our ability and opportunity, in their "work of faith and labor of love."

We are slow to learn the ways of God. | will never recall ; it has taken a step which | licentiate of the Presbytery of Saltsburg, The old man clings strongly to us; and it will never retrace; it has made a record has been called to the pastorate of the the new man is still feeble. There are which it will never erase. But should any Presbyterian church at Kittanning, Pa. many adverse winds in the voyage of life. such attempt be made as seems to have | The Central Presbytery of Philadelphia Our tender graces are exposed to many been contemplated, let it be crushed at has appointed the Rev. Drs. Musgrave and frosts which chill and with r them. The once and forever, by such a vote as will Nevin, and Elders Powell and Hastings, world is hostile. "All that is in the world, cover the agitators with the shame they delegates to the next General Assembly. the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the merit, and bring them to repentance for eye, and the pride of life, is not of the Fath- | their sin.

er, but is of the world." And the heart itself, even in its best state, is "deceitful missioners already elected to the General first which has been held since the possession above all things and desperately wicked." Assembly may be prepared for any contin-Hence the need of the counsel of the gency which may arise : and that Presby-Wise Man, which saith, "Keep thy heart teries which have not yet elected delegates, with all diligence; for out of it are the is- may be fully apprised of what may have to sues of life." But to keep the heart that be encountered by their representatives at it may be protected from evil, that its Newark.

graces may not deteriorate, and that it PATRIOTIC AND PROFITABLE. may continue to exert a more controlling and a more blessed influence on the con-The zeal with which the people of this duct of our lives, has always been found country has supplied the sinews of war,

most difficult. Saints in all ages have con- has excited the wonder of the world. It fessed and mourned over this. We do not is a practical exhibition of National palike to turn our thoughts upon our inward triotism, and also a convincing demonstra- Presbyterian church in East Boston, (the state; and the strong attractions without tion of our vast resources, not only in men, Rev. Mr. Haskell's,) there was an addition disincline us to this still more, unless but also in money. The previous loans of of seventeen members, most of them by proguarded against. Thus we neglect our the Government were all taken rapidly, hearts, allow briars and thorns to spring and are now held at premiums. Many up, fail to supply them from day to day deeply regretted their tardiness in coming with needful food, and permit unclean forward to take a part in this National inspirits to return. In this way our peace is vestment until it was too late.

destroyed, joy and gladness in the Lordare But now a new opportunity is offered in not experienced, we are weakened in the the new Loan authorized by the Governrace, and fall by the wayside wounded and | ment, commonly known as the Ten-Forty half dead. Five Per Cent. Loan. This Loan is issued.

•There are times peculiarly unfavorable in Bonds of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, to the cultivation of vital piety in the \$5,000, and \$10,000. These Bonds are to The sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. heart. The days in which we live, it will be paid in coin, and are redeemable at the Conkling ; the charge delivered to the pasbe admitted by all, are exceedingly unpro- pleasure of the Government after ten years, pitious for close inspection of the heart, and are payable forty years from date. calm meditation, and frequent intercourse They all bear interest at five per cent.; this pastor. with the Father of our spirits. The ex- interest to be paid in gold. At the present citements are so great, the storms are rate of gold, with the exemption of State its late meeting that Rev. Dr. McPheeters so many, and the possibilities are so tax, this is equivalent to nine per cent. many that even the most devout and The interest on the large Bonds is pavable prayerful, may fail to keep his own vine- on the first days of March and September ; yard. We may become so engrossed in but the interest on Bonds of \$50 and order of banishment was revoked by the business as to become unconsciously unob- \$100 is only payable yearly, on the first of President. servant of the higher claims of our souls. March.

The physical woes and sufferings of others may so occupy our time and enlist our sym- of money in the country, and the fact that Philadelphia. Sixty-one persons were repathies, that we may have but little care both principal and interest of these bonds ceived into its fellowship-four by letter or thought for their or our souls. Philanare payable in coin, and that these bonds thropy, however active, can never be a sub-are free from State tax, it is evident that of a blessed work of grace which has been stitute for earnest piety. And unless our no other opportunity for permanent invest- going on quietly for a month past. Among philanthropy spring from a deep and fer ment now before the people offers such the converts are some from all classes of vent inward piety, it will be feeble at best, strong inducements. In purchasing these life-the old, the middle-aged, and the and will soon die out. The larger the Bonds we aid the Government and profit eral young men of great hope and promise. amount of grace in the heart, so much the ourselves.

greater will be the streams which will go out from it to honor God and bless men. another column, the First National Bank of covenant with God-twenty of them receive Moreover, this is a time when superficial Allegheny has been appointed a De- ing the ordinance of baptism-it was piety will not stand the test; it may sup- pository for the sale of these Bonds. Every heart seemed to be melted, and many port its possessors in more peaceful circum- This Bank is managed by gentlemen of were ready to say, "Lord, it is good for us stances. But when the tempest howls and high character, who will give all necessary to be here."

The Presbyterian says : "We have re-

ceived information that the Presbytery of We mention these things now, that Com- New Orleans lately held a meeting, the of the city by the Union forces; and that the Presbytery resolved to detach itself from the General Assembly of the Confederate States, and declare itself an independent body.'

> And the same paper says : "At a late communion season in the First Presbyterian church in Boston, in which our brother, Rev. R. A. DeLancey, is ministering, eleven persons were added to the church nine by profession of faith. One of this number was a convert from Romanism, and the administration of baptism in this case. was witnessed with great and tender interfession of faith. These churches are growing stronger, and the favor of God seems to be resting upon them."

The Rev. Dr. Burt, of Cincinnati, pastor of the Seventh church, delivered, lately, a sermon to his people on the "Moral Influence of Theatres," which has been reneated at their request.

Rev. William W. Rice was installed as pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, on Sabbath evening last. tor by Rev. M. B. Grier; and to the people, by Rev. Dr. Blackwood. The meeting closed with the benediction by the new

The Presbytery of St. Louis decided at could not be allowed to continue his ministerial labors in the Pine Street church, of St. Louis. Dr. McPheeters was banished

New School .-- Last Sabbath was a blessed Taking into account the great abundance day in the First church of Kensington, from other churches, and fifty-seven on The church was crowded to its utmost ca-As will be seen from an advertisement in pacity; and as these stood up to enter into

the waves beat, as at present, our feet must information, and in whose statements the Rev. Albert Barnes has ready for publi-

couchant, who crushes a serpent under his | when thus consecrated to the service of our soldiers in the field. body. The head of the serpent projected Opposite the Fire Department is the toward the person of the Bishop, with space assigned to New-Jersey. At one end barbed tongue thrust out, allegorical perhaps of slander. At the corners of the of this space, the attention of the visitor is monument the apostles are beautifully at once attracted to what is termed "The carved, and some of them form part of the Cock-loft Summer-House"-being an exact small; and Scott was not inferior to Thackblock upon which the Bishop reposes. To re-production of the one which has been 'cray. perpetuate in stone such allusions to the immortalized by the genius of Irving. gossip, or worse, prevailing about the This edifice is decorated within by a num-Bishop in his lifetime, is a strange way of ber of oil paintings of scenes and persons dence in Washington City, after a protracted which the admirer of Irving-and who is honoring his memory. not ?- will rejoice thus pleasantly to recall,

We learn that the Rev. Dr. Butler has received the appointment to the Chair of Ecclesiastical History in the Philadelphia the other end of the New Jersey Depart-Mr. Brooks.

night, was one of more than ordinary interest, as being, in a sort, the occasion of tween these edifices, is an army tent, serthe dear brethren, Burrows and Hartlev. African field of mission labor, Mr. Bur- and in which the wares displayed have a Generals Grant and Rosecrans. corresponding reference. rows directly, and Mr. Hartley via Scot-

We must not pass without notice. the land, where he will visit family and friends Department of Arms and Trophies, exceedbriefly, before taking passage for Liberia. ing as it does in interest and material any The audience was more than ordinarily kindred display that has ever been made in large, and the interest of course, peculiarly this country. We pause, in reverential siearnest.

MORAVIAN.

The Moravian, or United Brethren, have, in different parts of the world, no less than are identified. Here may be seen a specieighty-three missionary stations, employ men of the British Government Stamp, 315 missionaries, and have 77,146 persons | which played so important a part in bringunder their care in these labors. They ing on the Revolution ; said to be the only impression of the stamp now in existence. have 164 missionaries of both sexes, whom they now support in retirement, and are But time would fail us to enumerate a educating 287 children of missionaries tithe of the objects of interest and curiosity earnest Christian man, living among the They have missionary stations in Green- here presented. land, Labrador, and among the North American Indians, in several of the West India Island, in Central and South America, and in Southern Africa, Asia, and Australia.

The Baptist Freeman, published at Woodstock, C. W., says that there is a growing impatience in Canada, under the Canada Baptist Union is composed indifferently of Close and Free Baptist, who mutually agree in the constitution, and leaves widely known : but we forbear. it perfectly optional with each individual church to limit or extend the terms of communion. as its own members may judge right, without any interference from the Union or from any other church.""

Assembly .- Rev. JAMES H. BAIRD proposes to publish a daily report of the proceedings of the next General Assembly, at the price of fifty cents per copy. Mr. BAIRD's address is 209 South-Sixth Street, Philadelphia.

Carter's Publications.-We this week com-

logue of valuable books. Superintendents seated on the oldest fashioned chairs. and teachers of Sabbath Schools would do

Personal.

Mrs. Clay, widow of the late Hon. Henry Clay, died last week, at the age of eighty. three.

Thackcray's brain was large; Scott's was

John C. Rives, publisher of the Congres. sional Globe, died last Sabbath, at his resiillness. He was sixty-seven years old.

Chief Justice Tancy has recovered from whilst various mementos of this lamented his sevre illness. On the 17th he reached author add to the interest of the spot. At his eighty-seventh birth-day, and although Seminary, vacated by the death of the Rev. ment is another Summer-house, denomina- so recently he was supposed to be within a Dr. May, and lately declined by the Rev. "The Alhambra," a graceful structure in few hours of his end, he is said now to look

The Western Episcopalian says: The the genius that invested with such a charm Hon, J. C. McKibbin, of Californ Hon. J. C. McKibbin, of California, has regular monthly meeting of the Missionary Society at Bexley Hall last Wednesday reigned, with oriental magnificence, over Territory of Montana. Mr. McKibbin is the Spanish Peninsula. In the midst, be- a native of Pittsburgh, was at one time a member of Congress from California, and farewell-at least of public farewell-to vice-stained and flag-adorned, the represen- at the outbreak of the rebellion returned tative of our tented host. The rest of the and was appointed Judge Advocate on who left us on the following Friday, on space is appropriated to four bazaars, de- General Halleck's Staff, and afterwards their way eastward to take passage for their signated by the names of the four Seasons, served with distinction on the Staffs of

> A Miss Hester Conner Longhey, of Indiana Co., Pa., was, a few days ago, very unexpectedly made the recipient of the snug little sum of \$50,000. A distant relative. a very eccentric old gentleman, bequeathed lence, before gun, and flag, and relic, that to her nearly the whole of his fortune. His alleged reason for so doing was that she by roes and the fields of fame with which they her kind, gentle and affectionate manner had won his heart. He lived in an almost perfect seclusion in the northern part of the county and it was during a recent visit of the lady in that section that he first saw

The father of Major General Slocum, an mountains of Northern Pennsylvania, and The Picture Gallery, made up from the now sixty years old, went recently to Wacollections of private citizens, with contriverly, N. Y., the seat of the Wyoming Conference, distant sixty miles from his resi. bations from the studios of eminent artists, dence, to witness the session of an Annual is undoubtedly the richest display of the kind which has ever been presented in Conference and see a Bishop, neither of America. To the time lover of art, the which had he ever seen before. He has long been a devoted member of the Method. hours spent in this gallery alone, will re-pay, a hundred fold, the time and expense ist Episcopal Church. He has given eight a visit to the Fair. Did space permit, sons to the army, three of whom have been some of the gems of this collection might | killed in battle, and the remaining five are rigor of strict communion, and that "the be enumerated, such as Church's "Heart still in the service of their country. Two of the Andes," Leutze's "Washington of those who fell were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. May the Crossing the Delaware," and others less blessing of God and of the country long The "Knickerbocker Kitchen," in the rest upon the noble sire and his patriotic

building on Union Square, is one of the distinguishing features of the Fair-a happy thought most happily carried out. Senator Thomas II. Hicks, of Maryland, writes to the Cambridge (Md.) Herald Those who have revelled in Irving's felicifrom Washington, under date of March 24: tous descriptions of the good old cooking 'The general interests of our once happy in the good old kitchens of the good old and prosperous country are deeply involved Knickerbockers in the good old times, will in the doings of the day. All should be rejoice to find themselves translated at willing to make a sacrifice on the altar of once to that dreamy age, and, unlike the our Union. What are men compared to far-famed Rip-Van Winkle, retracing the the great interests now before us? Feeling steps of Father Time, waken up amidst the as I do, that the interests of Maryland and cotemporaries of Hard-Koppig Pete, greeted our dear country at large must be promoted by the savory smell of doughnuts and krulby the destruction of slavery, I am decided. lers, mince-pies and olykoeks, served up by ly in favor of emancipation with compenattendants clad in the old Dutch style, and sation by the Government. True it is that displayed on the quaintest of old tables, in the war cannot cease, nor the restoration of mence the publication of CARTER's Cata- veritable old Dutch ware, whilst you are the Union be effected, until slavery is wiped out from the land; then let it come, We must pass almost unnoticed "The come soon, even if it must he wit Old Curiosity Shop," where all that is without remuneration." quaint, grotesque, and nondescript, seems When Cornelius Vanderbilt was a young to have been industriously collated; the "Library," with its treasures for the lover man, his mother gave him fifty dollars of of letters; the bazaars for dry goods, boots her savings, to buy a small sail-boat, and and shoes, sewing machines, India rubber he engaged in the business of transporting goods, furniture, and carriages; the music market gardening from Staten Island to room; the children's department; the res. New York city. When the wind was not taurant; the room for millinery, for boats, favorable he would work his way over the for machinery : the "Indian Department." shoals by pushing the boat along by poles, with its wigwam and wampum, its pipes putting his own shoulder to the pole, and itself, and the rich and loyal district of and hatchets, and all the paraphernalis of was very sure to get his freight into mareavage life, rendered the more life-like by kct in season. This energy always gave the presence of some fifteen or twenty un- him a command of full freights, and he and her citizens, whilst busied in their own tutored children of the forest, performing accumulated money. After awhile he be-preparations, can take time to read of what their war-dances, or gathered round their gan to build and run steamboats; and he is now reputed to be worth more than nine-One of the curiosities of the Fair is an | teen millions of dollars, after making the eagle never yet classified by ornithologists, government a present, as a free gift, of a steamship that cost \$800,000! The Baltimore American says: "There bas arrived in Baltimore a refugee from most distinguished representative men, in- Richmond, Mrs. Lucy A. Rice. Her case is one greatly deserving of public sympathy and liberal aid. Mrs. Rice, despite the tyranny that reigns at Richmond, has al-Another matter of interest is a magnifiways preserved her loyalty to the Union, cent sword, to be presented to that General and evinced a warm sympathy for the sufferings of our officers and men who have been imprisoned in Richmond. Her house was, for nine days, the hiding place and refuge of Colonel Streight, Major B. B. McDonald, and another officer, after they escaped from Libby Prison, and were awaiting an opportunity to get out of the Another novelty is worthy of a patent. city. In secreting them, and providing for opened on Monday, April 4th, with appro- It is the treatment meted out by the police their wants during those nine days, while to such light-fingered individuals, male or the whole city was being searched for them, female, as may be detected among the Mrs. Rice subjected herself to a risk that throng of visitors. Placards, attesting can only be comprehended by those who their character, are suspended from their understand the vindictiveness of the Richnecks, and they are marched through the mond authorities and the extreme pains and building, escorted by policemen, the band penalties they would have visited upon any playing the Rogue's March. Alas! if every one aiding our officers, especially Colonel dishonest breast, "in these degenerate Streight, in making their escape. Mrs. days," were surmounted with a placard announcing the character of the heart she brings with her letters from Colonel within, the procession would be mournfully Streight and Major McDonald, in which they warmly acknowledge her services. But we have already transcended the Mrs. Kice has reached our lines in a limits we had prescribed, whilst we leave destitute condition. She has been forced unsaid much that deserves even more than to abandon all she possessed in Richmond, a passing notice. That the Fair will be a while her remaining means have been exgreat success, is already an established hausted by the expenses incurred in reachfact ; its receipts, in these first four days ing our lines.

BAPTIST.

Beport of the Proceedings of the General

KEEPING THE HEART.

All r al piety is from the heart. The so maddened by the desperate condition of to fly, with the loss of all his property. policy, which they are dedicating to Church with evergreens and decked with flowers. For the Presbyterian Banner. heart must be the dwelling-place of the Extension. The Clark Street church has the cause to which they have committed He is an able and acceptable preacher. The prosperity of London is judged by the value of the land on which it is built. many of them rare and beautiful exotics. Acknowledgment. Holy Ghost, and must be filled with the The names of the great victories of the war determined that after this year it will build themselves, that in their infatuation they The Rev. J. M. Shields was received from The Board of Colportage acknowledge the folappear upon the architrave, and at night lowing donations from February 1st till April are illuminated by more than a hundred 11th; 1864: love of God, if our godliness is to be any a new church every year from the revenue may be capable of even such a ridiculous the Presbytery of Erie. A piece of land was recently sold for as thing more than a name and a form. It is arising from its valuable Church property. many sovereigns-a gold coin worth about enterprise as this. But we hardly think it At the same time, Mr. C. M. Campbell gaaliguts, whilst the whole fairy-like struc- Salem congregation, Blairsville P'by\$12.00 \$5-as it would take to cover the entire surthis that distinguishes evangelical faith possible for even these men to attempt to was licensed to preach the Gospel. This The Pittsburgh Conference reported its ture glitters with floral gems and exhales New Salem " " 13.50 face. " " 12.00 " " 11.50 At the V ... and practice from cold and dead formalism. the perfumes of "Araby the blest." The carry it out in sober earnestness, Yet it is young brother is about to receive an ap- membership to be 49,791, a decrease from the perfumes of "Araby the blest." The fascinated spectator reluctantly withdraws his steps, impelled by the onward flow of the surging multitude. The space allotted to the Fire Depart ment, seventy-five feet by fifteen, is filled up to the best advantage by these generous protectors of our persons and property. All that pertains to their self-sacrificing labor is here displayed, and with a skill which Johnstown The fountain must be pure, if the streams are to be pure. If the heart is diseased, the onnortunity he given them to make an orado. It is probable that before leaving last year about \$29,000, an increase of are to be pure. If the heart is diseased, the opportunity be given them, to make an orado. It is probable that before leaving nearly, \$17,000, over the previous year. whole system is affected. And the soul effort to induce the Assembly to retrace its for his distant field of labor, he will be or- The Conference paid all its claimants in must be cleansed with the blood of Christ, steps, or to bring about another rupture in dained an evangelist. full, and had a surplus of five or six bunmust be made alive by the Holy Spirit, and our Church, at least as far as Kentucky is concerned. The special objects of their John D. Stokes, were elected delegates to diching any provided delegates to be fed from day to day with spiritual food, if we would grow in grace, if our lives dislike are, Dr. ROBERT J. BRECKINEIDGE the next General Assembly. Mr. Dunlap, is here displayed, and with a skill which has transformed ladders, hose, pipes and hooks, into attractive ornaments. A vast supply of articles of use of tests is here EPISCOPAL, would be happy and useful, and if others' and Danville Theological Seminary; and to a member of the present Senior Class in . are to take knowledge of us that we have overwhelm these with defeat, no venture is the Western Theological Seminary, and a Some pious ladies of New-York are erectoverwhelm these with defeat, no venture is the Western Theological Seminary, and a bound plous laures in the vertice and the vertice of the bestern Theological Seminary, and a bound plous laures in the vertice and the vertice of the vertice of the bestern That any such movement would be se-That any such movement would be sesupply of articles of use or taste is here Temperanceville cong., Ohio P'by, for re-presented, and the purchaser, here as else- ligious reading for soldiers...... been with Jesus. for re-19.35 An unpleasant development was made in Cincinnati the other day concerning Ca-But this state of heart is not to be se-Silar, 90 F. G. Barrier, Treasurer. Tohn Cullbertson, Librarian. riously entertained by the Assembly, is im- North Presbyterian church of Allegheny carved the Bishop in his canonicals, with by young ladies whose charms and graces cured or maintained without attention and watchfulness, or by a few spasmodic efforts. possible. It has spoken words which it City. Mr. Ewing, of the same Class, a angels attending, and at his feet is a lion were never enlisted in a nobler cause, than John Culbertson, Librarian.

be firmly fixed on the rock, we must have most entire confidence may be placed. cation a Commentary on the Psaling, in a strong grasp of the Cross, and our gaze Among our readers are many farmers and three volumes. toward our risen and ascended Lord and others who have considerable sums of Saviour must be intent, if we would not money unemployed, and from which they School Committee on Domestic Missions, not be swept away, and if the light we have are deriving but little benefit. We com- has issued a circular for increased funds, to would not go out in darkness. When the mend this Loan to their attention, and ad- meet the calls from the new Territories and storm which is now raging on the field of vise them to apply at the First National the opening South. He says that three battle, in the marts of commerce, in politi- Bank of Allegheny for any additional in- missionaries have just been commissioned cal circles, and in our social life, shall have formation, feeling well persuaded that in for Colorado, one for Idaho, and that the passed away, the clear sky and bright sun recommending this we are doing a great four in Nevada call for six more this. will reveal many fearful wrecks which are kindness to our readers who have money to Spring. He also says that nearly threenow unnoticed amid the turmoil and dark- invest. Those who have only \$50 or \$100 fourths of all the New School churches in ness in which we live and act. That we to dispose of in this way should come for- the great. Central States of the Union may be safe, that the Christian may main- ward as well as others. It is the desire of give nothing to the cause of Domestic tain his steadfastness, we must draw larger the Government that its Bonds should be Missions. supplies from the wells of salvation; we in the hands of the people, and not of mere must partake more bountifully of the bread | speculators.

of life. Our souls must be nourished, our Western Theological Seminary-Closing Exgraces must grow, and our hearts must be kept with all watchful and prayerful dili- creises - The examinations of the students before the Board of Directors will comgence

" It is thine own, O Lord! Who toil while others sleep, Who sow with loving care What other hands shall reap They lean on Thee, entranced In calm and perfect rest; Give us that Peace, O Lord! Divine and blest. Thou keepest for those hearts who love the

HARDLY POSSIBLE.

(Dr. SWIFT's,) at 7¹/₂ o'clock. From various sources we have received intimations that an attempt would be made at the next General Assembly, to declare null and void its deliverances on the State after which the Alumni will meet immeof the Country and the sin of treason, since diately, to form an Association of Alumni the outbreak of the rebellion. The mode of operation, as sketched out, is said to be the election of disloyal members from the Presbyteries of Kentucky, and that these, ARD'S.) at 7 o'clock. Addresses by memwith the aid of sympathizers from other bers of the graduating class, and by Prof. quarters who expect to creep into the Assembly, and the extra-conservative and Bibles. The public is respectfully invited. timid, are to attempt this revolution. It is declared that the plan of the True Presbyterian-which is disloyal to both Church and State-and its friends is, when these disloyal members shall have been nia Bible Society for Western Pennsylvania. elected, to instruct them to move in the Mr. EELLS supplied the pulpit of the First

Assembly, that in its past utterances where Presbyterian church of Pittsburgh, last it has declared treason to be an immorality Summer, during the absence of Dr. PAXand a sin, it has transcended its power and TON. His labors in that congregation were. has violated the Constitution of the Church. highly appreciated. And we ask a favora-After this, said Commissioners are also to ble reception for him by the different local move in the Assembly, that all ministers Bible Societies, and all the ministers of the and Ruling Elders who act upon the prindifferent denominations in the field of his ciple that treason is a sin, and that all future operations theological professors in our Seminaries who

have adopted and taught the ideas em- NEWS OF THE CHURCHES braced in the action of the late General AND MINISTERS. Assemblies, beginning with that of 1861. are to be at least rebuked. The whole is to PRESBYTERIAN. be crowned by moving that the General

Old School.-At a meeting of the Presby-Assembly petition the . Government to tery of Allegheny City, held last week, the Rev. Robert J. White, of the Methodist

morning and afternoon till finished.

The entire proposition has the appear- Episcopal Church, was received a member ance of such stupendous folly, that it of Presbytery. At the commencement of eligible sites for churches, and also valuawould be unworthy of serious thought, the rebellion, Mr. White was pastor of a ble lots, the profits of which were to accrue were it not that the True Presbyterian Methodist church in Springfield, Mo: but to the Church ; and they are now beginning and its tew deluded followers have become on account of his loyalty he was compelled to reap an income from this wide-awake

Rev. Dr. Kendall, Secretary of the New-

Reformed.-Rev. Robert Patterson, of Chicago, has just left for California, for the purpose of presenting the claims of the Christian Commission to the people on the shores of the Pacific.

United .- The papers of this Church are mence on Monday morning, 19th inst., at 10 o'clock, in the Professors' Lecture Room discussing the propriety of removing its -Rev. CYRUS DICKSON, D.D., of Balti- Board of Publication from Pittsburgh to more; Chairman-and will be continued some Eastern city.

CONGREGATIONAL.

On Tuesday evening, the Address before The Springfield Republican says that the the Society of Inquiry will be delivered by religious excitement now existing in Spring-Rev. W. P. BREED, of Philadelphia, in the field, pervades more and more all classes First Presbyterian church of Allegheny, and conditions of people. Let any observer go into the lecture-room of what are called the "evangelical churches," on almost any On Wednesday noon, the Chairman of evening, and he will find them crowded the Examining Committee will address the with people. These people are not boister-students in the Chapel of the Seminary; ous and extravagant. Most of them are in tears. There are many young men among them, and one after another, these young men rise and declare their resolution to On Wednesday evening, the closing excommence a Christian life-the surrender ercises will take place in the Second Pres- of their affections and wills to Him who byterian church of Pittsburgh, Dr. How- made and redeemed them. Hymns are sung, prayers are offered, brief exhortations are given, and the meetings are dismissed early, yet half the assembly lingers for con-WILSON-with giving of Diplomas and versation. It seems impossible to be in these meetings without partaking of their influence, and being borne along by the Pennsylvania Bible Society,-The Rev. current of sympathy. Looking over these congregations, there may be discovered many a hard boy, many a thoughtless girl, W. W. EELLS. late of Carlisle, Pa., has been appointed Secretary of the Pennsylvamany a cold man, all absorbed in the one subject of personal religion.

METHODIST.

A Convention of Methodist laymen favorable to lay representation in the General Conference, has been called to meet in St. George's church, Philadelphia, on the 17th day of May.

An assemblage of preachers connected with the Methodist Church South, is to meet in Louisville, during the present month, to consult concerning what measures are to be adopted for the retention of their Church property, and other matters pertaining to their Church connection.

Methodism in Chicago, Ill., is in a very prosperous condition. At an early day the ministers and laymen of that place secured

well to preserve these lists as they appear from week to week.

For the Presbyterian Banner. The Metropolitan Fair.

The readers of the Banner will no doubt take an interest in the great New-York Fair-the greatest that has ever been witnessed upon this continent. Pittsburgh which it is the commercial centre, will soon be engaged in a similar enterprise; the overshadowing metropolis is doing in | council fires. the same great cause.

To give a detail of all that was worthy of being heard and seen, would more than fill eminently an American eagle, but scarcely the Banner, twice told, even with its folds belonging to the Bald variety. This bird enlarged. A very brief summary therefore derives its feathers from the hair of our must suffice.

The main building occupies the site of cluding President Lincoln, his Cabinet, the old Palace Garden, and is one hundred and leading members of both houses of and sixty feet long by one hundred and Congress. fifty feet wide. The entrances are on 14th Street, the exits on 15th Street-a most judicious arrangement. Several adjacent who shall secure the largest number of buildings are also occupied, though the next votes from the visitors to the Fair, a dollar most prominent structure has been erected being paid as the "property qualification" on Union Square. Its dimensions are two for this exercise of the right of suffrage. hundred by forty feet. A description of The contest lies between the friends of the several buildings must be omitted for Gen. Grant and Gen. M'Clellan, respecwant of space. tively.

Your readers are aware that the Fair was priate ceremonics. One of the most imosing features of the opening was the military procession, embracing about 10,000 men, marching with the precision of veterans, to the sound of inspiring music, along Broadway and other leading throughfares. The military were under the command of Gen. Dix, assisted by many able officers, and attracted the admiration of thousands of delighted spectators. The inauguration ceremonies consisted

of an appropriate prayer offered by Rev. Dr. William Adams; the singing of "The Army Hymn," (words by O. W. Holmes;) a brief but capital speech from Gen. Dix, presenting to the Ladies' Committee the stores accumulated for the fair, and an extremely happy response, in behalf of the ladies, from Joseph H. Choate, Esq., whose justifying the belief that the final aggre remarks were frequently and loudly ap- | gate will considerably exceed a million. plauded. These exercises were interspersed From group to group; from room to room, with singing by the choirs and music by the band. Thus the great Fair was appro- from gallery to gallery, as the spectator passes on, whilst the eye is sated with seepriately inaugurated. Turning now to the collected stores thus

happily presented, so skilfully and taste-fully arranged in their several departments, one soul-filling thought, the ever-recurring one is baffled and bewildered in the attempt dea is, that, one and all, these varied arto describe, in terms at all commensurate ticles, wrought by vigorous manhood's boating, sailing, attending out-door conto the reality, the results of invention, the sinewy arm, by gentle woman's skilful fin- certs and appearing at flower shows, not creations of genius, the wonders of art, gers, by earnest childhood's loving efforts, forgetting cool drinks. shop-the forge, the tributes from other make evident, the fixed purpose of a great lands, the relics of the past, the array of people-their firm, unshaken determinathings useful, things curious, things ornation-that, cost what it may, THIS NATION mental, things new and old, things known SHALL BE ONE. The man is to be pitied and unknown-all displayed in wondrous who can move amidst these altars, whereon profusion, and arranged with exquisite the gifts of a loyal people are so freely laid skill. We shall not essay the task. A -a glorious oblation-and not feel his skill. We shall not essay the task. A —a glorious oblation and not feel his mense. Last year over 900,000 hogs and volume and a large one instead of a coll own soul swell within him with a sense of 70,000 beeves were packed. The total re-

curiosity, must answer. In the centre of the great Hall, and offering, and with his own love of country facing the principal entrance, is the Floral quickened to find that country so beloved. Temple, a structure of inimitable taste and beauty, columns and architrave wreathed

One thought before we leave the scene.

Varieties.

France contains, 12,800,000 acres of natural meadow land, 6.500,000 of artificial ing, and the mind bewildered with the va- meadows, and 16,500,000 acres of pasture

> Christmas in Australia is kept in the open air. The people amuse themselves with

A great number of precious stones has been purchased by the French government from that of Portugal. Fifty diamondcutters are now constantly employed at the imperial factory.

The provision trade of Chicago is imumn, would be requisite. The notice of a the sublimity of the scene outspread before ceipts of pigs for the year were 1,377,652.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions report as having received for missions in the last five months, ending with February 29, \$177,218 22. They voted to raise \$500,000 the present

few departments, or articles of interest or him, with a feeling of the holiness of the cause which has inspired this free-will PRO PATRIA.