Banner.

A TIME OF REVIVAL. It is not at all uncommon for us, in our shortsightedness, to fail to notice and appreciate great blessings bestowed upon u which were long and earnestly desired Our thoughts are so much occupied with other things, that we do not observe them or these blessings may come in a time deemed by us so unsuitable, that they are scarcely perceived. This seems to be very much our condition just now with respect to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and times of refreshing from the presence of Lord. The land is rent with civil war. The minds of men are excited. Fearful evils abound. Intense anxiety is found in every heart. And while many pray for the revival of God's work, it is to be feared

that there is but little expectation that this

prayer will be granted. But how signally has our want of faith been rebuked? Notwithstanding all the unfavorable influences, we do not believe that any year since the memorable 1857, in this country, has witnessed so many conversions to God as have taken place within the last twelve months. And had it not been for the great movements in progress in the Cabinet, in the halls of legislation, and on the field of battle, which have shut out from our minds these displays of grace, they would have been considered wonderful. They have extended to every part of our land-in the cities and on the prarie. in the camp and on board of the man-of-war in the Sabbath School and in the College Since we took charge of the Banner, not a week has passed without making a record of some precious revival in some of our own chu ches or in those of other denomi nations. Some weeks we recorded many such instances. Chaplains in the army and delegates of the Christian Commission have been almost constantly reporting unusual seriousness and works of grace in the army. On board of some of our vessels of war, the Prince of peace has made many conquests. Large numbers of our soldiers and sailors have, during the past Winter, turned unto God and become soldiers of the Cross. Several of our large female seminaries have been graciously visited At Holyoke, a work of the Holy Spirit has been in progress scarcely equalled even in the times of MARY LYON. And rarely has God visited so many colleges in a single year. Williams, Dartmouth, Hamilton, Princeton, Centre, and several others, have been the scenes of God's saving power. While just at present the city of Newark. where our General Assembly will meet in a little more than two weeks, is the scence of a deep and wide-spread religious interest scarcely paralleled in modern times. Already more than a thousand conversions are reported, and the work still goes on. In view of these many instances of revi-

val. do we not feel reproved for our want of faith? The wickedness of man has been great, but the grace of God has been Wonderful, and should awaken us to grailtude and thankfulness, and also lead us to supplicate him for a baptism of the Holy Ghost upon all our churches and upon the entire land. Really we have had a year remarkable for its revivals—a year in which many have been born into the kingdom of God. Amid the groans and blood, the tears and agonies, the clash of arms, the animosities of party, absorbing worldliness, reckless extravagance, daring impiety, and the restless demands of fashion, the work of God has been quick and powerful, his Spirit has been moving on the hearts of multitudes, and heaven has resounded with joy over the many sinners plucked as brands from the burning.

Christians have great reason to take courage. God bas been vindicating his faithfulness and asserting the power of his grace. And if we will put our trust in . him, repent of our sins, and pray unto him, he will yet bless his Church more abundantly with the marvellous outpourings of his Holy Spirit.

THE UNITED STATES 10-40 LOAN.

We have already taken occasion to call attention to the United States Two Hundred Millions Five Per Cent. Loan, authorized by a late act of Congress; and it is with sincere pleasure that we refer to it again, since it is one of the great means of making a safe and profitable investment, and at the same time preserving the credit of our country, and thus aiding in suppressing this wicked and grievous rebellion.

This entire loan could be disposed of at once in Europe, but the policy of the Government is to have the loan mainly taken by our own people, since they are abundantly able to do it, and are also entitled to its profits. The Bonds have forty years to run, but may be redeemed by the Government any time after ten years. Both principal and interest are to be paid in gold. This is equal to an interest, at the present rate of gold, of at least nine per cent. The entire ability of the Government to make the payment of interest in gold, is evident at a glance. The Revenue from Customs and Duties last year, which is pledged for the payment of the interest and the gradual extinction of the debt for the year ending June, 1863, was \$69,059,642. While the interest on the public debt then only amounted to \$24,729,846, and the principal of the old loan of 1842, amounting to \$3,-250,000, was paid off in gold in addition. The present fiscal year, ending on the 30th June, 1864, will show at least 40 per cent. increase in gold customs, say \$96,-680,398, on a gross importation of notiless than 20 per cent. increase over last year. The gold interest on the present funded and fundable debt, for the current fiscalyear, will not exceed \$47,785,650, leaving a surplus of nearly fifty millions in gold as well as premium of which will go to the benefit of the Sinking Fund, and to the reduction of the currency interest on

ing as loan agents were not issued from the | of the subscribers to this paper in the loy-Treasury at Washington until March 26th. | al States, would be a curiosity.

The Banks did not generally begin to receive subscriptions until one week later, and in distant parts of the country have that all the money the Treasury desires to the first. borrow, can be obtained for five per cent. interest in gold.

ably as in these Bonds. In the advertise- | \$1,094.63. ment in another column, a full explanation of the nature of this Loan can be seen.

The three Banks designated as the agencies for the sa'e of the Bonds in Western Pennsylvania are, the First National Bank of Allegheny, and the First and Third Na tional Banks of Pittsburgh. Any additional information may be obtained upon application at any one of these Banks.

PRAYER FOR THE COUNTRY. Christian people in Philadelphia have been, for some time, holding daily prayermeetings for our country and soldiers in the great crisis through which we are now passing. In these meetings there is a happy union of all the leading denominations: Old and New School Presbyterians; Reformed Presbyterians; United Presbyterians; Methodists; Episcopalians; Reformed Dutch; German Reformed; Baptists. etc. The services are held every afternoon at five o'clock; in the Church of the Epiph any (Episcopal) Monday and Thursday: Presbyterian church, Penn Square (Rev. Mr. CROWELL'S) Tuesday and Friday; Baptist church, Broad and Arch, Wednesday and Saturday. That such meetings should be held just now is eminently proper. We must use the means to put down this rebellion; but the success must come from God. It would be an omen for good if the people were found assembling in every city and town throughout the land for Elijah Wilson ; and Elders H. B. Essick, the confession of individual and national sins, and to supplicate the Divine favor upon our rulers, our legislators, and our army

and navy at this momentous juncture. And let not our petitions be withheld i the sanctuary, at the family altar, and in our closets, that God would interpose, give us complete and final victory, and restore once more our national unity. Soon many bereaved ones will need the consolations of the Gospel as never before. They will claim our sympathies and prayers. Many will not now pray, and pray earnestly, for his country's cause, claim the titles, Patriot and Christian?

THE CHRISTIAN COMMISSION. We rejoice to learn that the late appeals on behalf of the Christian Commission are Greenleaf and Rev. J. M. Dougal, Jr.; beginning to awaken a proper interest Elders, J. P. Wallace and J. C. Cook. In: body so as to secure action thereon. among churches and in the hearts of individuals. Many of our citizens have determined to divide their contributions between the Sanitary Fair and the Christian Commission. This is right; the aims of both are in the same direction, and both should receive the cordial and liberal support from this community which they de-

We know from personal observation that no other agency is held in higher estimation by officers and soldiers, than the Christian Commission. And the following letter from Secretary Stanton will show the high opinion which he entertains of it:

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON CITY, ? April 16, 1864.

DEAR SIR: -Among the benevolent Associations organized by patriotic and charitable men during the present war, none has surpassed, and few, if any, have equaled address him. the Christian Commission, in zeal, energy, and disinterested devotion to the humane objects of their institution. Their efficient labors in the field, in the hospital, and in not only a pleasure, but I regard it as an official duty to commend the Christian Commission to public confidence and re- people. spect, as an institution whose labors cannot fail to contribute greatly to the welfare of our armies.

Yours truly, (Signed) EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

REV. H. DYER, New-York.

THE TRUE PRESBYTERIAN. In another column is a communication from a most responsible source giving an account of efforts made to introduce the True Presbyterian (!) in some of our conalso places in the same predicament all who They are mostly young people." encourage and aid the dissemination of his The Newark Daily Advertiser says: so as to accord with the style of art of that peculiar utterances against both our "The Presbytery of Elizabethtown having

Church and our country. the columns of this friend of the disintegration of the Presbyterian Church and That gentleman was formerly one of the the United States, what purported to be ex- Secretaries of the American Bible Society, tion have suggested the necessity of enfrom customs over the specific charge for tracts of letters from ministers and laymen and lived at Elizabeth. Soon after the larging the building; but a commendable that all the extracts approbatory of the pa- confiscated and sold by the U.S. Marshal

Report of the Proceedings of the General Assembly.—Rev. J. H. BAIRD, who proyet hardly hegun to work, but the subscrip- poses to publish a full daily report of the tions reported by mail to the Treasury up proceedings of the next General Assemto April 22d, amount to over \$33,000,000, bly, informs us that owing to the fact that fusal or evasion by certain members of the and the sum actually subscribed but not the postage law, as it now stands, will re- Presbytery to take the oath of allegiance yet reported at that date, is much greater. | quire him to pre-pay the postage, it will be | in obedience to the order of Gen. Rose-The attempts of interested parties to com- necessary for him to increase the price to crans. Therefore he entered this Protest: pel the Secretary of the Treasury to raise | 75 cents for single subscribers. Or he the rate of interest on this loan have sig- will send three copies to one address for Presbyterian Church for loyalty, patriotism nally failed. The experience of the last \$2.00. Mr. BAIRD says that his Report and obedience to "the powers that be," few weeks gives us every reason to believe will be more complete than he intended at and especially of absent members of this

The Rome and Foreign Record, for May, We feel that we are doing a kindness to gives the following contributions to the our men of money, many of whom are different Boards of our Church for March: among our readers, in again asking their Domestic Missions, \$13,032.76; Educaattention to this loan. Many farmers are tion, \$5,273.53; Foreign Missions, \$26;n possession of funds which they can now 481.09; Publication, \$1,088.43; Church invest in no other way so safely or so profit. Extension, \$3,249 29; Disabled Ministers,

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES AND MINISTERS. PRESBYTERIAN.

Old School, Mr. Cyrus, H. Dunlap, a graduate of the last Class in the Western Theological Seminary, was ordained and in-stalled pastor of the North Presbyterian the order of his superior. church of Allegheny, on the evening of Tuesday, the 26th ult. At the same time, pointed a missionary to Colorado Territory, where a great work is to be done.

The following additional Commissioners to the General Assembly are reported:-Presbytery of Erie, Rev. J. V. Reynolds, D.D., and Elder S. R. Mason. Newcastle, Revs. R. P. Dubois, and John H. Johns; and Elders C. C. Brokaw, and Andrew L. Muir. Donegal, Revs. J. Y. Cowhick, and and Wm. Hays. Ohio, Revs. C. V. M'-M'Candless, and John Hays. Redstone. Rev. Watson Hughes, and Elder Andrew Christy. Zanesville, Revs. A. R. Hamilton, and W. M. Ferguson; and Elders Elizabethtown, Rev. Dr. Sheldon, Rev. E. God's people every where, for their souls N. L. Rice, and Rev. J. K. Campbell; in his own kingdom, gallege and their bodies; and for the triumph of Elders Elijah Houghton, A.B. Belknap, risked blood and life. How can he who fensperger; Elder, S. Whittlesey. Baltimore, Revs. Wm. R. Marshall and W. B. John R. Warner and J. Smith Gordon; Elders, H. M. Graydon and M. Bridges. West Lexington, Rev. D. P. Young; Elder, William Allen. Nassau, Rev. Dr. danapolis. Rev. J. F. Smith; Elder, C. N. Todd. New-York, 2d, Rev. Dr. D. X. Junkin; Elder, Robert Carter. Vincennes. Rev. Dr. J. D. Paxton; Elder, Lucious French. Miami, Rev. S. F. Scovel; Elder, John Morehouse. White Water, Rev. W. H. Van Doren; Elder, William Byram. Muncie, Revs. J. H. Nixon and T. J. Mc- M'Kee, J. P. McMillan. Elders-S. Mc-

Intire. Palmyra, Rev. A. P. Foreman Williams, D. R. Murray-8: Elder, G. B. Pogue. Ebenezer, Rev. J. B. Liggett; Elder, W. Ernest. The Post Office of Rev. Wm. S. Dool changed from Hope Dale, Ohio, to Antrim; Ohio, to which he has removed, where all

correspondents may address him. ham, Iowa, where correspondents will please

stalled by the Presbytery of Donegal on

late meeting, dissolved the pastoral relation and had it been otherwise, the Board between Rev. Charles Axtell and the would have failed in its duty to the Church church of Knightstown, at the request of and the country. the church. This request was made, because M. Axtell not only did not approve, annual meeting on Sabbath evening last but actually opposed the loyal action of our in the Rev. Dr. Phillips' church, New-General Assembly with respect to the York. The attendance was not large. Country. He had better go inside of the Rev. A. A. Hodge, D.D., delivered a dis-

ter speaking of a series of interesting meet. tract] was read, showing that the year closes gregations, especially among those border- ings, says: "I trust the time to come will without a debt on the Mission treasury, ing on Virginia, Maryland and Kentucky. show that this has been a true work of though there is a heavy liability for ex-That paper is properly characterized in the grace in the edification of the church and change on bills remitted but not yet maarticle referred to; and the man who would the conversion of sinners. As to the latter, tured, which must be met in due time. aid in its circulation is disloyal both to his | we expect about sixty persons to acknowl-Church and his country. Its editor, Dr | edge Christ the coming Sabbath; and we STUART ROBINSON, is compelled to remain hope for not a few more hereafter out of a in the British dominions, because he refuses lerge number additional who have attended the substantial way in which it was built, to take the oath of allegiance. This refu- the inquiry meetings, and otherwise ex- it is not likely to fall down of itself until sal, of itself, brands him as disloyal and pressed some interest about their souls. the earth itself is removed. It has, how-

become satisfied that one of their number, From time to time we have noticed in Rev. James H. M'Neill, had become a military officer in the so-called Confederate army, struck his name from their roll.

Rev. Jacob R. Winters was dismissed | from the Presbytery of Palmyra, at its late meeting, in accordance with his own request, to connect with the Presbytery of Northern Missouri, (New School). The request of Mr. Winters for dismis-

sion, seems to have originated from the re-Believing that the good name of the Presbytery, is seriously compromised by the proceedings of a majority of this Presbytery now in session, and being well assured that said proceedings will tend to en-

courage insubordination and rebellion. Therefore I, Jacob Robert Winters, Preaching and Ruling Elder in the Presbytery of Palmyra, exercising a constitutional right, do hereby solemnly protest against the proceedings before referred to, tion of this Presbytery : Because, 1st, that a majority of the Presbytery evaded and virtually refused to take the oath of allegiance prescribed by the Military Commandant of the Department to all the members of such Courts. 2d. Because the private arrangement these brethren made with the Provost Marshall of Hannibal does not carry with it the evidence of official sanction or authority-a subordinate not being

The Presbytery of Louisville has been greatly exercised because our Board of Do-Mr. Charles M. Campbell was ordained an mestic Missions in order to save our church-Evangelist. The sermon was preached by es in the South from being appropriated by Rev. James M. Shields, of Bridgewater; other denominations, and that our ministhe charge to the pastor and evangelist was ters might have again free access to the given by Rev. Mr. Lowary, of Beaver; and people of that region, obtained an order the charge to the people by Rev. J. M. from the War Department to furnish pro-Smith, of Sharpsburg. Both of these breth- tection to our missionaries by the military, ren enter upon wide and interesting fields. in going into the South to preach, and to The North church of Allegheny is but of occupy our churches. A resolution was recent organization, but its people are lib moved by Rev. S. R. Wilson, D.D., censureral and spirited, and the prospect for building the Board of Domestic Missions for ing up a large and strong church is very en- this; which he supported by a long speech couraging. Mr. Campbell has been ap. This Dr. Wilson was formerly of Cincinnati. He was followed on the same side by Rev. Messrs. Hopkins and Wurtz. But the action of the Board was earnestly and ably defended by Rev. Dr. W. C. Matthews and Rev. J. L. McKee. The discussion occupied much time, and awakened

great feeling on both sides. The resolutions are: Resolved, That in thus asking and ac cepting from the State, and more especially from the War Department, an endorsement of the commissions given to the Ministers Caig, and A. O. Rockwell; and Elders Dr. of Jesus Christ, sent to preach the Gospel as missionaries of the Church in connection with the Board of Domestic Missions: this Board have transcended in an alarming degree, the powers with which they are vested, as the agents of the Church, and Hon. Thomas Oldham, and Jas. M'Creary. have acknowledged such a subordination of the Church of Jesus Christ to the State, as Kempshall; and Elders Wm. Annin and is contrary to the Constitution of the Pres-Mathias Osborn. Passaic, Rev. Dr. Craven, Testimonies of the Faithful Witnesses of hyterian Church, contrary to the ancient Elder Theodore Little. Philadelphia, Sec- the Church in all past time contrary to the ond, Reys. Alfred Taylor and William B. whole teaching of the Word of God. It Stewart; Elders T. Charlton, C. L. Baker, is a practical surrender of the freedom of the enemy, earnestly desire the prayers of M. D. New-York, Rev. Drs. Krebs and the commonwealth of Christ, and denial of Resolved, That we as a Court of Jesus that righteous cause for which they have and Wm. Walker. Maumee, Rev. E. Raf. Christ, hereby, record our testimony, and enter our solemn protest, against this act of the Board of Domestic Missions of our Church, and call upon the General Assem-Scarborough; Elders, Thomas H. Archer, bly of the Church, at once to disavow the and James R. Thompson. Carlisle, Revs. said act, that so the Church may be saved from the sin, reproach and ruin which this thing is calculated to bring upon her. Resolved, That a certified copy of these resolutions be put into the hands of our Commissioners to the next General Assembly, to be by them brought before that

These were adopted by the following vote: Ayes. Ministers H. H. Hopkins, J. N. Saunders, R. Morrison, E. Wurts, W. L. Nourse, S. R. Wilson. Elders—Wm. Bell, S. C. Wilson, S. Casseday, A. Davidson, J. Irwin, W. C. Hanna-12. Noes. - Ministers - D. T. Stuart, S. Williams, R. Valentine, J. H. Dinsmore, J. L.

Since the subject is to come before the General Assembly, the members had better be prepared to meet it and dispose of it. It is one of the series of operations indicated a week or two ago, to embarrass the movements of our Church in the Border and Southern States, which every one loyal Mr. Charles B. Magill has received and to his Church and country should oppose accepted a call to the church of Birming- at once and persistently. Rev. Dr. W. L. Breckinridge, one of the Commissioners to the Assembly, was not present; but the Rev. R. A. Brown, having accepted a other Commissioner, Rev. H. H. Hopkins, call from the church of Columbia, was in- was present, spoke in favor of the resolutions, and voted for them; and Wm. Bell, the camp, have been felt by soldiers and the evening of the 13th. Rev. J. Y. Cow. one of the lay delegates to the Assembly, officers, and have frequently been brought hick, the Moderator, presided; Rev. John was present and voted in the same way. to the notice of this Department. It is Elliott preached; Rev. J.C. Thom charged It is not at all likely that these resolutions the pastor, and Rev. J. Farguhar the will meet with any considerable favor in the Assembly. The action of the Board The Presbytery of Indianapolis, at its will be sustained by the Church at large;

The Board of Foreign Missions held their course, and a brief extract of the Annual A private letter from Danville, Ky., af- Report [See another column for this ex-

New School.-The Presbytery of Harrisburg recently met in Carlisle. The church in which the Presbytery assembled was ever, been often changed in its arrangement, region. In two places it bears the marks of the rebels' missiles, during the bombardment of the town last year; and there seems to be no disposition to interrupt the silent apneal these wounds are continually sending up to heaven. The wants of the congregainterest upon them; part of which surplus the Secretary has readily disposed of at 165 per cent. for greenbacks, the principal 165 per cent. for greenbacks are greenbacks and greenbacks are greenbacks and greenbacks are greenbacks. For greenb METHODIST.

sions! What an encouragement to parents and Sunday School teachers! At a late meeting of the Official members

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of the various Methodist churches in Chicago, the following resolutions were passed: Resolved, That the delegates from this city to the next General Methodist Episcopal Conference be instructed to invite the General Conference to hold its sittings for

1868 in Chicago. Resolved, That this meeting recommend to the next Conference, through its delepates: the propriety of removing the restriction fixing the time of the ministerial service at two years, and that a period of three years be substituted.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The following notice was read in the pulpits of the Orthodox Congregational churches of Boston last Sabbath morning. It may serve as a guide to all who originate religious momements among the churches: "In view of the momentous events which must transpire in our country's history within the next sixty days, several gentlemen, members of our city churches, have suggested to the pastors the propriety of holding a meeting of prayer to God that those events may be overruled for our country's good. The pastors, cheerfully cordially invited."

The meeting on Monday morning was conducted by Rev. Dr. Adams and Rev. Dr. Blagden, who made brief remarks; as did also Rev. Dr. Kirk. The meeting was generously and bountifully provided for the well attended, and was quite interesting.

For the Presbyterian Banner. Let them be Closely Watched.

Messrs. Editors :- In these days of trial and calamity, it becomes necessary to guard our people at all points, from the traitorous chemes of deluded, and evil-minded men. With this view I send you an extract from a letter I recently received from one of our most experienced pastors in the Southern section of this State. It contains words of warning; and my object is to have you publish an editorial in connection with this extract, adapted to put our congregations on their guard against these insiduous internal foes of the peace and prosperity of our country... Here is the extract: "Men suspected of belonging to the

terian into disloyal families of every denomination. It is a scandal to the North that Stuart Robinson, a rampant secessionist who dare not trust himself in Kentucky, should edit a paper at Louisville professedly spiritual, but just as full of treason as it can hold. A few copies have been introduced into some of our congregations here, under a disguise. I do wish you (or some one else) would write an article for the Banner, stating the prominent facts in the case, and so prevent the people from being imposed on by the Knights of the Golden Circle. Let the mask be stripped off and let the man and his paper be seen in their true character. Unless this is done, some certain political prepossessions, but who are really loyal, will be induced to take the

Knights of the Golden Circle, are making

great efforts to introduce the True Presby-

paper and become poisoned with its traitorous and schismatic heresies." I leave this extract in your hands, Messrs. Editors, with the single further remark, that I have no doubt the case is one which demands prompt attention from those who are familiar with the tenor and tendencies of the vile and impudent sheet referred to by my correspondent. From some specimens which have casually met my eye, judge The True Presbyterian to be to a great extent a most malignant and detestable emanation from the head and heart of a been driven from the country by the lawful authorities, it is too bad that he should A. M. S. C. Jennings, D.D., so present, be suffered, like the madman, to scatter T. Y. M'Cartney to preach the sermon; Mr. Pleasant cong. "Mr. Pleasant cong. "Marion cong." "Marion cong." "Boiling Spring cong. Redston. you on the subject. W.A.

For the Presbyterian Banner. Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian

A Brief Extract of the Annual Report:

April 30, 1864. The Executive Committee feel grateful to God that they are able to make an encouraging report of the year just ended! It has been a year of much anxiety in some respects in the prosecution of their work, out at its close they are permitted to see all the missions enjoying tokens of God's favor, and to record their testimony to the liberality of the churches and the friends of missions. The year closes without a debt on the mission treasury, though there is a heavy liability for exchange on bills remitted but not yet matured which must be met in due time; the receipts of the Board from all sources have been \$222. 082.59; the expenses, \$221,609.93. It is a cause of great thankfulness, that in these times of trouble, the people of God have been enabled to extend such a steady and liberal support to the cause of missions. During the last year, their gifts consideraoly exceeded those of the preceding year.

The number of missionaries and assistant missionaries sent out was thirteen, of whom six are ministers—two of them returning to their fields of labor. The removal by death of the Rev. H. V. Rankin, of the Ningpo mission, is deeply deplored—the only death in the ranks of the ordained missionaries. The death of a female missionary among the Indians, Mrs. Williams, and the death of Mrs. Herron, wife of the Rev. D. Herron, in India, are also afflictive events; but in all these instances death was gain to our departed friends. It three native missionary laborers were licensed to preach the Gospel in India, and six in China, by Presbyteries in those countries. The work of the missions has been car-

ried forward as in preceding years. This work is conducted among several of our rate; he has ever been firm in his adhe- were \$2,527,676,000 per annum, and of the Indian tribes; in New Granada and Brazil; rence to the doctrines of our Church; up- slave States only \$862,324,000. The value Italy; and among the Jews. Full accounts in every pastoral duty. are given in the Report of the condition "Resolved, That we and progress of all these missions. These an application for the pastoral relation to accounts show that 67 ministers of the be dissolved, though we part with our aged \$70.56. all, a staff of 275 laborers, including the from childhood under his ministry. wives of the missionaries, are connected with the Board. It is particularly interesting to see that of these various laborers, not less than 125 are natives of the countries in which this work is carried on pel known to those who sit in darkness, by preaching, by conversation, by teaching, by distributing the Sacred Scriptures and other Christian books. In such a brief over 21,000,000 pages of the Scriptures Coulter and the churches mentioned, was and Tracts were printed last year at the then dissolved. per and its editor which are received are published. And if this be so, no great The Rev. D. L. Hughes, late of Pacific East Conference, Rev S. H. Platt privately taught in the schools; and hopeful converts a church at Jefferson Summit, near Butler, the unfunded or temporary debt, such as one year certificates of indebtedness, certificates of deposit, &c.

Instructions to the National Banks act
The Rev. D. L. Hughes, late of Pacific do not be offered to the churches in Liberia, alarm need be occasioned. We do not be offered to the churches in Liberia, if they should find it expedient to do so. City, Iowa, having received and accepted a diarm need be occasioned. We do not be ofference, the ofference of the deal to the deal to the deal to the ofference, the ofference of the off

Francisco, Iowa, Chippewa-in some cases one, two or three; in other cases, eighteen, nineteen, thirty. In no former year has greater encouragement been granted to the servants of Christ, in the hopeful conver-

sion of souls unto God. All this should point the attention of the churches to the duty of continuing in well doing, and of making greater efforts nish a Historical Sketch of the church of in this cause. Their past efforts have met with the favor of heaven, but the great work yet remains to be done; the vast unevangelized multitudes still call for help; the Saviour's last commandment is not yet fulfilled; the encouragement of his last promise is not yet fully exhausted. The shakings and distress of our own and other nations are preparing the way for the coming of his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost; and they are preparing his disciples for greater devotedness to the service of the Lord. With these convictions and hopes, the Committee close their record of the last year, and call upon their Christian brethren and themselves to press onward in this work; assured that their labor shall not be in vain in the Lord.

For the Presbyterian Banner. The Presbytery of Chio

Met on the 26th inst., in the Centre cooperating with those gentlemen, appoint church, where the greatly beloved and a meeting to be held at the Central church much lamented A. B. Brown, D.D., suceach morning this week, commencing at a cessfully labored till his death—after his tee was appointed to install Mr. Miller. quarter past eight and ending at nine resignation of the Presidency of Jefferson o'clock. This church and congregation are College. The pulpit is still draped in mourning. The sessions continued for two days, and the meeting was one of the most pleasant that it has been our privilege to the people.

A call for one-third of the time was reattend. The good people of Centre most comfort of the members; and what is worthy of imitation, they paid no less attention to the wants of our horses.

The Rev. F. J. Collier, the present pastor of the congregation, succeeds no ordipary man. May the mantle of the departed fall upon our young brother, who has just been ordained and installed; his field of labor is an interesting one, in many respects. D. H. Riddle, D.D., who presided at the ordination services, preached the sermon; the pastoral labors of Rev. H. O. Rosborand seldom have we heard a more powerful, ough, which, being put into his hands, was lucid, and solemn exhibition of truth. His theme was taken from 1. Cor. i:21. It install him, June 13th, at 11 o'clock A.M. was listened to by a crowded congregation Dr. A. G. Fairchild to preside, &c., and with marked, serious attention, and we charge the pastor; Rev. W. F. Hamilton trust that its impressions will be lasting to preach the sermon; Rev. John M'Clinfor good. Mr. J. J. Beacom, who has re- tock to charge the people. ceived a call from the congregation of A call for the pastoral labors of Rev. W. Mingo, was also ordained; and H. C. D. Moore, from the church of Long Run. Fouke, of the graduating class of the Wes. | was read, but owing to Mr. Moore's necestern Theological Seminary, received a call sary absence, and his not being a member from the churches of Forest Grove and of this Presbytery, it was retained by Montours.

tioners for the holy ministry. The exer day of October, at 11 o'clock A. M. Mr. cises of these young brethren were alike Moore's reception and installation will take creditable to themselves and their instruct place then, if the way be clear. Rev. O.

The pastoral relation of the Rev. J. Y. ington, and Temperanceville, was dissolved people. at the request of the pastor and consent of the congregations.

sioners to the Assembl The following supplies were appointed Raccoon-Fourth Sabbath of May, Wm. Smith D.D.; Fifth Sabbath of May, W.

G. Taylor. Lebanon Fourth Sabbath of May, J. Kirk; Fifth Sabbath of May, J. W. Haz the Presbyterian Banner.

The installation of J. J. Beacom, to take place at the church of Mingo, Friday, May 27th. S. G. Dunlap to preach the sermon. R. M'Pherson to deliver the charge to the pastor, and J. W. Hazlett to the congrega-

rabid pro-slavery secessionist. Having C. Fouke, to take place at Forest Grove The ordination and installatioon of H. C. Fouke, to take place at Forest Grove reading to soldiers.
the third Tuesday of June, at 11 o'clock Sabbath School of Indiana cong., Salts-

The churches of Mt. Washington, Temperanceville, and Fairview, to supply themselves till the Fall meeting. There were in attendance about thirty four members not so many as generally

attend on Spring meeting, owing to the condition of the roads and other providenial circumstances. But it was gratifying Knowledge and Use of the Bible. to see the venerable Dr. Jeffrey, who has from physical debility been so long preone of the most regular and best of Presby-R. McP.

For the Presbyterian Banner Presbytery of Allegheny.

The Presbytery of Allegheny met in Butler, on the 12th of April, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. W. W. Mc-Kinney. Rev. E. Ogden was chosen Moderator, and Rev. D. Hall, Temporary Clerk, for the ensuing year. Rev. Wm. F. Kean and Mr. James Brown, of Slate Lick, were chosen principal Commissioners to the General Assemoly, and Rev. J. F. Boyd and Mr. Valen-

tine C. Glenn, of Centre, alternates. Rev. John Coulter having applied for a dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between him and the churches of Concord, Pleasant Valley, and Sunbury, the following resolutions were presented by the commissioner from the church of Sunbury. "At a meeting of the congregation of Sunbury, called for the purpose, the fol-

lowing action was taken: WHEREAS, Our venerable pastor, Rev. John Coulter, has signified his intention to from 1790 to 1860, that the total annual apply to Presbytery, at their next meeting, product of the free States per capita exto dissolve the pastoral relation existing ceeds exceeds that of the slave States between him and this congregation, and largely, more than two to one, and, includis mentioned with special pleasure that has requested us to agree to the dissolution; therefore,

spiritual advantages which we have enjoyed to one in 1850 (4.12 to 17.23), and in inder his ministry, some of us for about forty-one years. "Resolved, That during his long pasto-

in Liberia and Coraco, in Africa; in India, right in his example; earnest in declaring of the lands of the free States was \$25.19 Siam, China, and Japan; among the Chi- the messages of life; most attentive to the per acre, of the slave States only \$10.46 nese in California; in Belgium, France and sick, bereaved, and afflicted; and faithful per acre; the product of the improved

Gospel, 11 licentiate preachers, 4 physic pastor with sorrow; the most of us having cians, 193 teachers, colporteurs, &c .- in been baptized by his hand, und trained up "Resolved, That, Concord and Pleasant Valley concurring, we agree to settle upon

Rev. John Coulter our proportion of an annuity of two hundred dollars during his value by slave culture. Having thus natural life, desiring him to preach to us The work itself is that of making the Gos- whenever he shall be able and disposed to do so, and the pulpit shall be unoccupied. "J W. THORN, Chairman. "J. J. GLENN, Secretary."

age. What a sermon on early conver- Canton, Ningpo, Shanghai, Tungchow, San | tery to meet on the Fourth Tuesday, in. heretofore.

On motion, Rev. John Munion was reouested to furnish a sketch of the life of Rev. William Woods, for the Presbyterial Historical Society of Allegheny Pres

bytery. Rev. John Coulter was requested to fur-

Concord and other churches of which he has been pastor. Presbytery adjourned to meet at Taren. tum, on the Second Tuesday of May, at 11 o'clock A. M. J. R. COULTER, Stated Clerk.

For the Presbyterian Banner Presbytery of Redstone.

The Presbytery of Redstone held its stated Spring meeting in Elizabeth, April 26th, 1864. Rev. J. M'Clintock was elected Moderator, and Rev. W. L. Boyd Temporary Clerk.

Mr. J. L. Sample was ordained and installed pastor of the church of Round Hill Dr. Samuel Wilson presided, proposed the constitutional questions, made the ordaining prayer, and charged the pastor; Rev. J. R. Hughes preached the sermon, and Rev. W. Hughes charged the people.

Rev. O. H. Miller was received from the Presbytery of Blairsville. A call from the church of West Newton was received, put into-his hands, and accepted. A Commit-May 9th, at 10 o'clock. Rev. N. H. G. Fife to preach the sermon; Rev. J. R. Hughes to preside, &c., and charge the pastor; and Rev. R. F. Wilson to charge

ceived from the church of Tyrone, for the nastoral labors of Rev. W. L. Boyd, which, being put into his hands, was accepted. A Committee was appointed to install him, June 6th, at 10 o'clock A. M. Rev. J. Stoneroad to preach the sermon; Rev. W. F. Hamilton to preside, &c., and charge the pastor; and Rev. N. H. G. Fife to charge

the people. A call for one-third of the time was received from the church of Spring Hill, for accepted. A Committee was appointed to

Presbytery.

William Davis and D. J. Bridge were The stated Fall meeting will be held in icensed to preach the Gospel, as probathe church of Long Run, the First Tues-H. Miller to preach the sermon; Rev. J. Stoneroad to preside, &c., and charge the M'Cartney and the churches of Mt. Wash. pastor; and Dr. S. Wilson to charge the

Rev. Watson Hughes, principal, and Rev. Samuel Wilson, D.D., alternate, with The Rev. A. O. Rockwell, and Rev. C. Mr. Andrew Christy, elder, as principal, V. McCaig; and Elders A. G. M Candless and Hugh Campbell, M.D., alternate, were and John Hays, were appointed Commis- chosen Commissioners to the General Assembly. Mr. W. C. Kuhn, a candidate for the

Gospel ministry, was received from the Presbytery of Ohio. A paper on the State of the Country was adopted, and its publication requested in

> R. WILSON, Stated Clerk. For the Presbyterian Banne Acknowledgment.

The Board of Colportage acknowledge the following donations in Annil Miller's Run cong., Ohio Pby., Synod of Valley cong., Ohio Pby., to send religious Gilgal cong., Saltsburg Phy:, for soldiers.

New Providence cong., Redstone Pby Bethel and Jackson cong.... John Culbertson, Librarian.

Personal. It is said that Bishop Wordsworth has in the press a work on "Shakspeare's

The late Joseph Fisher, of Philadelphia, has bequeathed about \$120,000, to be divivented from being present, once more able has bequeathed about \$120,000, to be divito meet with us. When in health he was ded equally between the Philadelphia Library and the Pennsylvania Asylum for

Week before last Gov. W. A. Buckingham, of Connecticut, made a donation of \$25,000, to the Theological Department of Yale College. Over \$500,000 has been given before by different individuals within a short period, for various purposes connected with the College.

The last sermon of the late Dr. Campbell, of Albany, was on Sabbath afternoon, March 20th, and singularly it was upon the text, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

- Robert J. Walker contributes to the May number of the Continental the fifth letter of his series on "American Finances and Resources," containing a number of elaborate statististics which show how far in advance of the Slave are the Free States. By way of recapitulation, Mr. Walker concludes as follows:

. "It is thus demonstrated by the official statist cs of the census of the United States, ing commerce, very nearly three to one. As regards education, also, we see that the ratio Resolved; That we highly appreciate the in favor of the free States is more than four 1860 more than five to one (3.21 to 17.03). And even as regards agricultural products. we have seen that those of the free States lands of the free States was \$26.68 per "Resolved, That we concur in allowing acre, and of the slave States \$11.55, while, per capita, the result was \$131.48 to

"These facts prove how much greater the crops of the slave States would be, if their farms (including cotton) were cultivated by free labor. It is also thus demonstrated how completely the fertile lands of the South are exhausted and reduced in proved, deductively, the ruinous effects of slavery, I will proceed, in my next letter. inductively, to exhibit the causes which have produced these remarkable results."

Current Aews.

The War .- Further details have been received of the Red River disaster. Gen. Banks is repre-