PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1864.

THE SOUTHERN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. The Presbyterian has received from a friend a copy of the Southern Presbyterian, dated May 12, 1864, containing a part of the proceedings of the Southern General Assembly. This body met at Charlotte. N. C., May 5, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. J. A. Lyon, D.D., Moderator of the last General Assembly. The Rev. John S. Wilson, D.D., of Georgia, was elected Moderator. Thirty-seven ministers and twenty-seven Ruling Elders were present. Among the ministers are the names of Rev. Drs. M. D. Hoge, R. L. DABNEY, and W. S. WHITE, of Virginia; Rev. Dr. ADGER and A. A. PORTER. of South Carolina; Rev. Dr. J. H. RICE, of Mississippi; and Rev. Dr. J. L. KIRK-PATRICK and Rev. D. A. PENICK, of North Carolina. The most prominent laymen were J. T. L. PRESTON, of Virginia, Judge SHEPHERD, of North Carolina, and Hon. T. C. PERRIE, of South Carolina. The only member from the west side of the Mississippi was the Rev. R. F. BUNTING. of the Presbytery of Western Texas. The Presbytery of Winchester was represented by J. D. Armstrong, Ruling Elder; the Presbytery of New-Orleans, by Rev. Dr.

B. M. PALMER and Rev. RICHMOND Mc-

Innis; and the Presbytery of Memphis,

by Rev. D. H. CUMMINS and elder CHAS.

LYNN. But as the last three Presbyteries

lie within the Union lines, it is quite prob-

able that their delegates were not appointed

in the usual way. We may mention a few facts concerning some of those whose names we have given, which may not be uninteresting to our readers. Dr. Hoge ran the blockade, went to Europe to secure a supply of Bibles for the Confederacy, was somewhat of a lion in England and Scotland, and reached home in safety. Dr. WHITE was a member of the Assembly of 1860, which met in Rochester, and left behind him a high character for gentleness of spirit and Christian earnestness. Rev. Dr. J. H. RICE was settled over a church in Louisville for several years. Rev. RICHMOND McIn-NESS was editor of the True Witness, published in New-Orleans, and was one of the few members from the South in the Assembly of 1861. Dr. B. M. PALMER Was, after Dr. THORNWELL, the ablest preacher in the South, and was elected a Professor in Princeton Theological Seminary in 1860, but he declined. J. T. L. PRESTON is an able laymen, was a member of the Assembly of 1860, made a pleasant speech at Niagara Falls during the excursion taken by the Assembly, is a son-in-law of Rev. GEO. JUNKIN, D.D., and a brotherin-law of the late Gen. STONEWALL JACKson. Rev. R. F. Bunting is a native of Beaver County, Pa., and a graduate of Jefferson College, Pa. In former years he was well known to many Pittsburghers who had visited Texas.

Fir the business before the Assembly, Rev. J. LEIGHTON WILSON, formerly one of the Secretaries of our Board of Foreign Missions, presented the Annual Reports of the Executive Committees of Foreign and Domestic Missions, and Rev. Dr. LEYBURN. once of the Presbyterian, the Report of the Committee on Publication. No intimation is given of the character of these Reports, but it is not probable that any one of these Boards has made much progress during the year. The Rev. J. B. ADGER, D.D., reported that the Committee on the Revision of the Form of Government and Book of Discipline had completed their work on the Book of Discipline and General Rules of Order, and had commenced on the Form of Government. A Committee is also engaged on a new Hymn Book The Theological Seminary at Columbia has decreased in the number of its students from sixty-seven to seven; and Union

Seminary, in Virginia, has but a single student in attendance. The subject of union with the Southern section of New School Presbyterians and the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterians, elicited warm and prolonged discussion, the end of which is not given in this paper. Dr. ADGER opposed, and

The place of meeting appointed for 1865 was Macon, Georgia. But it is probable that long before that time Macon, which is directly in the line of Gen. SHERMAN'S operations, will be out of the grasp of the rebellion.

THE CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.

The Fairs in different places in behalf of the Sanitary Commission, are almost over, and great sums have happily been realized; and they will all be needed. But the Christian Commission has from the beginning been sustained by the free-will offerings of the people. Many of the thousands which have been poured into its treasury have come without any appeal whatever. A remarkable feature of these contributions has been the amounts received from those for whose immediate benefit the Commission was organized. Many of the regiments in the field have sent \$200 and \$300 at a time, and some have gone so far as to establish a sytem of regular monthly contributions. This is as good evidence as could be desired of the appreciation the Soldiers have of the Commission's work, while it should be a stimulus to the public to do more for the noble men who have given their all for their country.

The Christian Commission is now doing a greater work than ever before. And there is every probability that throughout the Summer the pressure on this noble Commission will be very heavy for hospital stores, religious reading matter, &c., for the sick and wounded. Individuals, pastors, church Sessions, and congregations, must continue to supply the funds neces sary.

The 10-40 Bonds.—The subscription to the 10-40 bonds is still before the public. and over seventy millions have been already taken. At the present rate of premium on gold, they pay nearly ten per cent. interest in currency, and at the conclusion of the war they will certainly be The state of the s

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EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENCE.

Our arrangements for an enlarged European correspondence are about completed. Next week we will give the first letter from Dublin, by a minister resident in this country for many years, widely known and a church in the Irish Metropolis. This will be followed by a communication from our old London correspondent. "J. W." so long and so highly valued by our readers, whose services have been permanently secured to the Banner. And we hope to be able in a few weeks to give the first instalment from a correspondent in Paris. This will necessarily devolve great expense on us. But we look to our readers for such an increase of subscribers as will more than justify the increased expenditures. Now is a convenient time for pastors to urge the claims of the Banner upon their people, and for all our friends to bestir themselves in our behalf. All such efforts will be duly appreciated.

DUTIES OF AN EDITOR.

The Rev. Dr. CRARY, the present editor of the Methodist Central Advocate, published at St. Louis, in his introductory address, contends that the editor of a religious newspaper is as much an evangelist and a preacher as he who fills a station or rides a circuit. This no doubt is the true idea of the work of an editor of a paper of this kind. As Dr. CRARY remarks, "to enlighten the people, to advocate the truth, to oppose falsehood, to expose shams, hypocrisies and wrongs, to defend virtue, and as far as possible to destroy vice," are the objects that should be supreme in the Christian editor's heart.

Examination of Intrant Ministers.—We know of a Presbytery in which a discussion occurs at least twice every year, as to the subjects upon which ministers who come from one of our Presbyteries to another, or from another denomination to one of our Presbyteries, are to be examined before their reception. By referring to Baird's Digest, p. 253, we find the rule of the Assembly to be this, viz.: "The Constitutional right of every Presbytery to examine all seeking connection with them, was settled by the Assembly of 1835. This Assembly now render it imperative on Presbyteries to examine all who make application for admission into their bodies, at least on experimental religion, didactic and polemic theology, and Church government. This rule was reaffirmed by the Assemblies of 1838, '41, '43, '48, and '49."

Papers of the United Presbyterian Church. Presbyterian Church, the Christian Instructor, United Presbyterian, and Presbydeclare: From this date forth all club-rates vance; if not paid within six months, \$2.25: if not paid within the year, \$2.50: if after the year has expired, \$3.00. In all cases when communications liable to be charged for are sent for publication, and be held responsible for the amount.

A Salbath School Library for Kansas .-We have before us a letter from a former citizen of Western Pa., but now a resident of Kansas, asking for a Sabbath School Library costing from \$30 to \$35, for a Sab- Irvine, of Knox church, Hamilton, Canada promptly and thoroughly. bath School in Kansas, within less than half a mile from the Missouri line. The church in that place has been broken up for nearly three years, owing to the in- stalled on Tuesday, the 21st, by the Presroads of the "bushwhackers." But now efforts are being made for its resuscitation; byterian church of Mercer, Pa. and in connection with this, a promising Sabbath School has been organized. We hope that some benevolent individuals or church will at once send us word that the Library will be provided. For names and particulars, apply to the editors of the Banner. The gentleman who makes the application, is a most excellent and reliable

Domestic Mission in New-York.—The Presbytery of New-York has made a vigorous Dr. Hoge advocated union with the New beginning in the work of Church Extension and Domestic Missions in the great city of New-York, which promises most happy results. The following officers and Committee have been appointed: President, - 1st. Vice President-Rev. Wm. W. PHILLIPS, D.D. 2d Vice President-WM. WALKER, Esq. 3d Vice President-ABNER L. ELY, Esq. 4th Vice call to Shiloh Presbyterian church, late frem the rough burden of carrying a new President-Henry M. Alexander, Esq. Recording Secretary-Rev. CHAS. K. IM-BRIE. Corresponding Secretary-Rev. S. D. ALEXANDER, D. D. Treasurer-J. CROSBY BROWN, Esq. Executive Com- the 12th. The services were conducted by velopment of a Christian minister's best mittee-Rev. N. L. RICE, D. D.; F. W. the Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. John Downer, Esq.; A. B. Belknap, Esq.; A. B. Conger, Esq.; JASPER CORNING,

> The Mails.—We greatly regret to learn of the irregularity in the delivering of the Banner by the mails. Every facility is given by us that there may be no disappointment. The papers are placed regularly in the Pittsburgh office; and there should be no delay. But the same complaint is made conserning all the weekly papers of this city. There certainly must be something defective in the working of our Post Office arrangements, and we hope Mr. Porter has been for some time pastor that some remedy will be speedily found.

New-York Observer-Advance in Price.-The last number of the New-York Observer announces, that after the first of July the terms of that paper will be three dollars per year in advance, and three dollars and fifty cents if not paid in advance. The reason assigned for this change is the increased cost of every thing connected with the publication of a newspaper.

Renewing Subscriptions.—Our subscribers can always know when their subscription expires by referring to the small label on their papers. A renewal a little in advance of the time at which the subscription expires, would save us from much trouble, and also be a convenience to the subscribers. Therefore, subscribers are respecifully requested to renew promptly.

many words of encouragement and the new subscribers received from time to time. Continue to send additional names and we highly respected, and who is now pastor of effort to secure another, and all will be sur- Presbytery of Allegheny, held last week. prised at the result.

> Mass Convention for the Amendment of the Constitution .- The first Anniversary of the National Association for the amendment of the Constitution of the United States, will be held on Wednesday, the 6th day of July next, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, on Eighth, above Race Street, Philadelphia. JOHN ALEXANDER.

President National Association. JOHN DOUGLAS, Secretary.

Rov. G. W. MUSGRAVE, D.D., Rev. J H. A. Bomberger, D.D., Rev. J. G. But- | rian Church. He said: LER, D.D., THOMAS WATSON, THOMAS of Arrangements.

AND MINISTERS.

PRESBYTERIAN. Old School.—At a meeting of the Ohio Presbytery, at Forest Grove church, on Tuesday, June 21, Mr. Henry C. Foulk and installed pastor of the united congregations of Montours and Forest Grove. Rev. J. Y. McCartney preached the ordination sermon, Rev. Dr. S. C. Jennings presided and proposed the constitutional questions, Rev. R. McPherson delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. C. G. Braddock the charge to the people.

The Rev. Mr. Bittinger, formerly pastor of the Euclid Street Presbyterian (New School) church, was received a member of the Presbytery of Allegheny City, at its meeting last week. He accepted the call to the church of Sewickley, and arrangements were made for his installation on the evening of the 6th of July. The Rev. Dr. Elliott will preside; sermon by Rev. T. X. Orr; charge to pastor by Rev. Mr. Shields; to people by Rev. L. R. Mc-Aboy, D.D.

Mr. David J. Beale, a licentiate of Huntingdon Presbytery, has received and accepted a unanimous call to the Middle Tuscarora church, Juniata Co., Pa.

The Presbyterian says:

"Last Sabbath was the day of the quarterly communion in several of the churches in Philadelphia. Fourteen persons were added to the Spring Garden Presbyterian church, (Rev. Mr. Sutphen's) an addition The three newspapers of the United | most cheering to the hearts of the pastor and people of that prosperous church. "The Fourth Presbyterian church re-

ceived sixteen persons to its communion. terian Witness, have entered into an agree- | The services in this church were very solment, in which, among other things, they emn and interesting. The present pastor, vania College, has received and accepted a the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, was installed in tall to the Evangelial Luthers of the Rev. W. M. Rice, which was the Re April of the present year, having previous Norristown, which became vacant by the are abandoned. All who receive their pa- ly labored for six months in this church. per by mail will be charged \$2.00 in ad- Since he commenced his labors among this Mr. Baugher has labored with the greatest people, thirty-four persons have been added to the communion of the church."

have extended a unanimous call to the Rev. are not accompanied by the money, if they | George A. Smyth, of New-York, to become are inserted, the person sending them will | their pastor. Mr. Smyth is a graduate of the University of New-York, and has just closed his course of theological studies in the Seminary of Princeton, New Jersey. The call will probably be accepted.

phia have renewed the call to the Rev. Dr. West, to become their pastor.

The Rev. W. M. Robinson, formerly pastor of the church in Newark, Ohio, was inbytery of Erie, pastor of the Second Pres- but acknowledges not the Episcopal gov-

The Rev. S. Alden Freeman was installed church is called the Church of the Epiphpastor of the Presbyterian church in Squan, lany. He is still a minister of the Episco-New Jersey, on the evening of the 6th inst., by a committee of the Presbytery of Monmouth. The Rev. John L. Kehoo preached the sermon and gave the charge to the people; the Rev. Isaac Todd presided on the occasion, and proposed the constitutional questions; and the Rev. the Central Congregational church of Phil-Thaddeus Wilson gave the charge to the adelphia, whose organization we lately re-

stalled pastor of the Second Presbyterian places, for Dr. Stone to accept this new apchurch of Germantown, Pa., Wednesday, pointment. The Independent says: the 22d, by a committee of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia.

New School.-Rev. Stella Martin, whose handsome affair, has decided to become a

The late pastor of this church, Rev. H. H. Garnet, was duly installed over the Fif- strangers, would find in the present state teenth street (colored) Presbyterian church of things in Philadelphia such an occasion C. Smith, D.D., assisted by Rev. Messrs. can he say no? We hope the Park Street Coombs and McLain. A Washington cor- church of Boston will not be selfish, but respondent of the Anglo African takes a will demonstrate that Boston is a city of Garnet: "With a splendid church and congregation, and excellent choir, a rising Sabbath School, a liberal people and intelligent rulers, Mr. Garnet has a brilliant future before him. The young men of the church have a project on foot which, when consummated, will furnish a lasting monument to their praise and liberality.'

Rev. J. Jermain Porter, of St. Louis. has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church in Watertown, N. Y., of which Rev. Dr. Brayton was recently the pastor. of the Union church (Old School) of St. Louis, and is one of the few ministers of rebellion, has taken an active and earnest the congregation had most bountifully propart in favor of the Government.

United.—The Christian Instructor says: "The 28th Street congregation, New-York, partaking of their hospitality. has resolved, we understand, to leave the the United Presbyterian Church under the exercises were solemn and impressive; and care of the Second Presbytery of New during their continuance the church was York. This congregation has had several crowded to its utmost capacity. Dr. S. C. changes, but it is believed is now in a fixed Jennings presided; the Rev. J. Y. Mccondition, and under an active and earnest McPherson delivered the charge to the pastor, which it is fondly hoped will be pastor, and Rev. C. C. Braddock to the early secured, it may have a gratifying ca- people. rcer of usefulness and comfort before it."

The First Presbytery of Ohio, at its late meeting, resolved that all the able bodied ministers of the Presbytery be requested brethren enter upon their work in these

To Our Readers .- Many thanks for the | to labor six weeks each under the direction | of the Christian Commission.

Mr. J. W. Clokey, licentiate, will accept call from the congregation of Steubenwill endeavor to make corresponding im- ville, Ohio, and enter upon his labors on provement. Let every subscriber make an the first of July. At a meeting of the Rev. J. B. Clark was directed to explore the field about Perrysville, Pa., and re-

> Reformed .- Previous to the Union beween the Associate and Associate Reformed Churches, which formed the United Presbyterian Church, it was expected that the Reformed or New Side Covenanter Synod, would also go into the Union. This Synod, however declined to do so by the casting vote of the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Wylie. This same Dr. Wylie was the delegate from this same Synod to the late General Assembly of the United Presbyte-

"Some six years ago, when he occupied LATIMER, THOMAS T. MASON, MARTIN the same position in the Synod of the BUEHLER, SAMUEL AGNEW-Committee Church, which he was then present to represent, which the Moderator then occupied in the Assembly, a proposition looking to ecclesiastical communion between these NEWS OF THE CHURCHES two branches of the Church was brought before them, and that upon the vote being taken upon it, it was found to be a tie, which devolved upon him the necessity of giving the casting vote. This he did in the negative, and thus the proposition was lost. For thus deciding he expressed his sorrow, intimating that if such a proposiwas ordained to the work of the ministry tion was now to be brought before them, it would receive his support. In replying to this, the Moderator said that the United Presbyterian Church most heartily lamented the divisions which kept these two branches of the Church from the enjoyment of that communion to which reference had been made, but that so long as these differences or divisions continue, we would be contented to continue the practice which now prevails in regard to it .. '

Reformed Dutch, - Professor Kalm, as quoted in Mr. Parton's lately published Life of Benjamin Franklin, gives a quaint account of a contest for the pulpit of the old Reformed Dutch church of Philadelphia, in 1756, in which one of the contest ants possessed himself of the debatable ground, by a sort of permanent occupancy. The church had imported a minister from Holland, named Slaughter, who proved acseptable until another came, on his own adventure, who "by his artful behavior' alienated the minds of many of the mempers, so that the congregation was divided and the two factions, each headed by its favorite, strove for the church and pulpit. 'Nay," adds the chronicler, "people relate that the new-comer mounted the puloit on a Saturday, and stayed in it all night!" As the poet says: "Laymen have leave to dance if parsons play;" and so it appears that the congregation, being ssembled under these circumstances, beook themselves to "beating each other, and committing other excesses," over which scene, doubtless, the apostle in the pulpit presided, appropriately.

Rev. Henry L. Baugher, son of Rev. H. L. Baugher, D.D., President of Pennsyl call to the Evangelical Lutheran church of acceptance and most gratifying evidences of usefulness in Wheeling, Va. The choice The congregation of the Sixth Presbyte- of the congregation is a most happy one rian church (Island) of Washington City, and we predict that the new relation will abound in blessing to them, and to their young pastor.

BAPTIST.

The Home Mission Board have five missionaries under appointment for California and Nevada-two of them from among the latest graduates of Rochester, one of Hamilton, and one of Newton. These appoint-The Westminster church of Philadel | ments have been made within a few weeks, and are additional evidences of the determination of the Board to do their work

EPISCOPAL.

An Independent Episcopal church has been formed in Cincinnati, Ohio. The church uses the Episcopal form of service, ernment in the Diocese of Ohio. The Rev. B. K. Maltby is the rector, and the pal Church, but deposition is threatened if he perseveres.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The Rev. Dr. A. L. Stone, pastor of the Park Street Congregational church, Boston, has been invited to the pastorate of ported. There seems to be great anxiety The Rev. Prentiss De Veuve was in on the part of Congregationalists in other "A man of Dr. Stone's noble gifts and

splendid spirit will do as much for building up Congregationalism in Philadelphia as ten American Presbyterians, joined toreception at the Cooper Institute was a very gether, could do for pulling it down. A man like Dr. Stone, who has the ability to citizen of New York, and has accepted a be a pioneer, whose shoulders do not shrink church, whose commanding eloquence can gain him an instant audience even among of Washington, D.C., on the afternoon of as comes only once in a lifetime for the depowers of usefulness. Will he go? How very favorable view of the new field of Mr. | brotherly love, by sending a good gift to Philadelphia. For the Presbyterian Sanner,

Presbytery of Ohio on Pastoral Support. The Presbytery of Ohio met June 21st, in the church of Forest Grove. This is a new and prosperous branch of Montours, which has at different times sent forth living shoots that now rival the parent vine: and yet the old mother still lives, and if not as vigorous as in her earlier days, nevertheless has much vitality. May she long continue a fruit-bearing mother in Israel. The building in which this new congregation worships is a neat, substantial frame edifice, situated on the outskirts of a beauthat city who, from the outbreak of the tiful forest of oak. The good people of

vided for the accommodation of the Pres-

bytery. We regret that there were not

more of the members present to unite in

The Rev. H. C. Fouke was ordained and resbyterian church (Old School) and join of Montours and Forest Grove. These

The committee appointed to install the Rev. J. J. Beacom as pastor of Mingo, reported that on the 27th of May they had performed said duty. Both these young | and Wilfred Hall.

May the good Shepherd make them wise elders James M. Ray, Charles N. Todd, to win souls. It was my privilege to be and Jesse L Williams. with brother Beacom recently at a communion season. There were several accesand temporally the interests of the congregation seemed prosperous. The following paper was introduced by a

Ruling Elder, and adopted: Resolved, That in accordance with the communication submitted to them from the General Assembly, the Sessions and Trustees of all our congregations are hereby directed to see to it that proper action is taken in reference to their pastor's support, Sessions and Trustees of each of our congregations.

By order of Presbyterv. R. McPherson, Clerk.

For the Presbyterian Banner The Religious instruction of the Freedmen.

At the late meeting of the General Assembly, the Report of the Committee on the Religious Instruction of the Freedmen was taken from the docket, and amended, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred s much of the report on the Board of Education as relates to the establishment of schools among the freedmen of our country, have carefully considered the whole subject in the light of such information as they have been able to gather, and they are constrained to believe that the attempt, on the part of our Board of Education, to conduct an enterprise of such a magnitude, would seriously cripple it in its legitimate work, which was never more important than at the present time, while the results of its efforts must disappoint the expectations awakened. The Committee, therefore, recommend the following for the adoption of the Assembly,

The General Assembly, recognizing the Divine providence which has removed the shackles of bondage from a multitude of the African race, thus bringing them within the reach of missionary effort as objects of Christian benevolence; and persuaded that their condition is such as to now apneal to the Christian heart of God's people, would call the attention of our churches, and the members of our communion, to a consideration of their duty to this degraded and suffering race. We rejoice in the fact that God has, in the midst of the desolation of so much of our country, opened a way for the instruction, and, as we hope, elevation of this long degraded Their unsettled posture forbids the hope,

at this time, of establishing any permanent schools or churches among them. They are without homes, and although now gathered in communities under the immediate care of the government, the shifting events of civil strife are liable to break up these communities any day; while it is evident that as soon as the government shall cease to issue rations to them, they must be seattered, in order to find employment and supquate systematic effort for the Christian education and evangelization of this people, this Assembly is persuaded that something may be done, and must be done, toward preparing them for the enjoyment and right use of that liberty which has so suddenly fallen to them, and for the reception of an intelligent hope of the Gospel. The Presbyterian Church must be true to its historic doctrine and faith, that the hope of the African race, under God, is in Christian education, and in "the liberty wherewith Christ makes his people free," and not in the possession of civil privileges alone. Our communion must also be mindful of the fact, that while multitudes of these freedmen are taught the use of

arms, and trained in military tactics, and inspired with the thought that they are now called of God to conquer for their people a position among the races of mankind, no human foresight can assure us of safety from issues of this civil strife, when a people having such a history, and educated only in the school of war, shall be cast into a society with inveterate prejudices against them.

Moreover, the facts go to show not only that this field of Christian effort is thrust upon the Church of God of all denominations, but that those who have entered it, have done so with good promise of success. It is indeed a work of vast magnitude, and must be beset with manifold difficulties. But it is clear to this Assembly that God, in his adorable providence, is calling upon our Church to arise, gird itself with the spirit of the Master, and do what it can for the elevation and salvation of this down-trodden and long abused people.

While, therefore, we recommend to the members of our communion to cooperate with all evangelical Christian effort for the education of the freedmen, yet in order to draw forth and direct more fully their efforts toward this work, therefore, Resolved, 1. That two committees be ap-

pointed by this Assembly, consisting of two ministers and three Ruling Elders each, to tion. Periodical "tea meetings" be called the General Assembly's Committees for the Education of Freedmen, which committees shall receive, control, and dis- and the members were invited to them in burse all funds which may be contributed for the establishment and support of schools among freedmen, or for the support of missionaries who may give themselves to the work of preaching the Gospel among them. Resolved, 2. One of these Committees shall have its headquarters in Philadel. phia, the other in Indianapolis. They shall cooperate, dividing the oversight of the field as may best suit their convenience, both for the collection and disbursement of funds, and for operations among the freedmen. They may appoint teachers and ministers for the work only upon the endorsement of the Presbyteries or Committees of the same, within whose boundaries such teachers or ministers may reside. They may fix the salaries of the same, determine the character of the books to be used, and do all other things necessary to the control of such an enterprise. But they are allowed in no wise to interfere with the plans or work of the Board of Domestic Missions.

terfere with the plan already adopted in of his Lord, on the 15th February, 1862, reference to the support of the several aged 66 years." Boards of the Church.

Resolved, 4. These Committees shall col-

struction of the Freedmen: The Committee at Philadelphia-Rev. W. P. Breed, Rev. S. F. Colt, and ruling elders Morris Patterson, John McArthur,

elders Morris Patterson, John McArthur, and Wilfred Hall.

The Committee at Indianapolis—Rev. J.

Since that time the pastor of the Chapel learn that a dictionary of the language has been the eloquent and accomplished. Western Polynesia, including the Newman Hall. Of him we need not speak. Hebrides, has been commenced by

fields under very encouraging aspects. H. Nixon, Rev. S. C. Logan, and ruling Every American Christian has heard of the

The General Assembly's Eastern Com-The General Assembly a masses and was for his powerful advector of our national mittee met on the 24th of June, and was for his powerful advector of our national munion season. There were several access mittee most and by the following apcause before the British public. Mr. Hall is in the prime of his problem. pointments, viz.: Chairman—Rev. Wil- is in the prime of his power as a preacher iam P. Breed, No. 258 South Sixteenth and a champion of moral reforms. Street, Philadelphia. Secretary-Rev. Samuel F. Celt, Pottsville, Pa. Treasu-Street, Philadelphia.

After taking other initiative action for the collection of facts from the castern and James Sherman, and Newman Hall. portion of the field, and aranging that no time be lost in commencing the prosecuand to report the same at the next meeting tion of the great work assigned them, the of this Presbytery, and that the clerk be Committee adjourned to meet at the Publi-instructed to send this our action to the cation Rooms, 821 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, the 5th of July, at 41 o'clock P. M.

1 It is exceedingly desirable that churches and individuals should make immediate and liberal contributions for this on the application of Mr. Wilson, special countributions for this interesting object, and forward them with cial counsel of the Navy Department out delay to the Treasurer, William Maine, Esq., 821 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. Correspondence is solicited by the Chairman and Secretary with Presbyteries and Christian friends generally, as to gatherings of freed persons or favorable locations for such, and especially as to persons of piety and skill willing to engage in the religious instruction of freedmen.

SAMUEL FISHER COLT, Sec'y.

A Remarkable Pulpit.

In the very thick of London's crowded streets—on the Surrey side of the Thames -stands a large plain structure that greatresembles the olden Broadway Tabernae. In fact it may be called the sire of men were born in Pittsburgh. that once famous edifice, and of all similar tabernacles of the masses in great cities. It was built in 1783, on the open ground of St. George's Fields, and among the subscribers to its erection was the famous Lord George Gordon, the hero of the "Gordon riots." Lady Huntington aided in its erection, and in spite of her unhappy quarrel with Rev. Rowland Hill, she bestowed her blessing upon him when he became the first pastor of the new congregation. The building took the name of Surrey Chapel; and until the ferection of Mr. Spurgeon's colossal "Tabernacle" in its neighborhood, it was the most celebrated "Church for the people" on the globe.

The building is semicircular in form, and when crowded, will hold over two thousand people. Rowland Hill's eccentricity, earnestness, and evangelical fervor drew multitudes to the spot, and for more than a quarter of a century Surrey Chapel was one of the "lions" to be sought out by visitors to the Metropolis. Quaint and queer "Father Rowland" grew feeble in his closing years, and his congregation dwindled. Empty pews grew abundant, and soon there was an empty pulpit. Such a church can only be sustained by a man quite out from the common run, and the choice of the congregation happily fell upon one of the most remarkable men of the British ministry in this century.

In 1836 he came to his new pulpit; and at once the multitudes thronged the vesti- him again in connection with an institution bules. James Sherman, when he began with whose best years his eminent services port. But while it is evident that no his ministry at Surrey Chapel, was in the are so strongly identified. meridian of his strength. Handsome in | General Scott's Memoirs. There have he person, graceful in delivery, fervid in ut- some time back been intimations that Genterance, with a close, pungent bayonet- eral Scott has been occupied for the particular terance, with a close, pungent bayonetthrust of truth at the conscience, he was two years, or since, he retired from aca the very man to catch the popular ear, and rouse the popular heart. There is a magic his own Life and Times." We are gla in a crowd; and when Sherman pressed his now to learn definitely that the great were way up through a buttress of living, eager has been completed and is already in t men, every Sunday morning, into his pul- hands of a publisher, and will soon pit, he saw before him a harvest-field of given to the public. Few men have wh souls that extended quite into the street. living attained so wide a popularity, The living mass swayed before him under been so firmly enshrined in the hearts the spell of just the simplest of all Bible all their countrymen, without distinction truths, poured forth in the manliest style | party, as General Scott. of persuasion. This is the model preaching after all. Hundreds wept together under his appeals, and sometimes blocked been wont to consider one of our continuation. up the doors into the inquiry meeting room | poraries, was really living, and a m after the service was concluded. He generally chose fresh, unhackneyed texts-il- Republic. General Scott was a disti lustrated them from every day life, and guished and successful general (holding kept up such a perpetual fire upon his major-general's commission) at the care auditors that, like Grant before Richmond, age of twenty-eight, while most of he left no chance for a man to fall into doze | leading men of the revolution were still for a moment.

> led with the most thorough pastoral labor, into intimate relations with these rev in which he was assisted by eight efficient tionary fathers; and now in our days of a elders who gave him a weekly report of versity, like a voice from the tombs, their labors—produced extraordinary re- to us, transmitted through this great ber sults. During those years he received the admonitions and example of those w 2000 communicants on profession—in one laid the foundations of this great Republic year (1841) two hundred and eighty were and cemented them with their blood. admitted. At one time his membership amounted to 1460! Not even Mr. Beech- 1812, Scott went abroad, and was in Paris er's success has surpassed this as to num- just after the battle of Waterloo; himse bers. He preached on the Sabbath-also the hero of our second war with English on Tuesday evening and on Friday morn- he there saw the combined armies of All ing. Four prayer-meetings were held each tria, Russia and England, and met Ale week. Every Monday morning, from nine ander of Russia, Francis of Austria, 28 to eleven o'clock, and on every Tuesday the great hero Wellington. He spent se evening, the pastor was in the vestry to eral days at the house of Lafayette.

> hold religious conversation with all who hungered for it, and thus he gathered ma- the proof-sheets of this book that it is all terials for his sermons out of that inex- with interesting memories of the past, at haustible well, the human heart. Four written in a most piquant and attraction Sabbath Schools and two "Ragged School" -numbering 3500 scholars and 380 teachers-were sustained by Surrey congrega- bracing nearly all our prominent men its held in order to promote social fellowship among so vast and heterogeneous a body

sections by alphabetical order. Such was the pressure for places in the chapel that even the window-sills were let by his presence and conciliatory measure to the poor at a nominal rent. No free did more than any other man to parallel seats were provided. For a low pew rent, the efforts of Calhoun and his seces securing a permanent Sabbath home to followers of that day. each family however humble is always more | The Mexican campaign is too ires prized than any "pauper accommodations." the memory of us all to need more A spirit of independence was thus fostered; mention. Whatever difference of open and it is always better to rent a pew for a may exist as to the justness of that mere shilling per year than it is to convict | none can doubt that it shed a halo of a man of pauperism by offering him a gra- around the American armies and the tuitous sitting. We commend the exam- commander who led them to certain ple to the managers of American mission- tory. It is difficult to conceive of a t chapels, as well as to our wealthy city interesting book. It will soon churches who ought to have, in all cases, lished in two volumes, 12mo, by Sheld several pews reserved for a rent no higher

than two or three dollars. In twenty years Mr. Sherman found his health exhausted, and reluctantly withdrew from his post. He was then nearly sixty years of age, and he had been an unwearied toiler for forty years. His closing ministry was at Blackheath, near London. Resolved, 3. These committees are re- Here too he resped a plentiful harvest. quested to call upon our people, for funds | The American tourist who is now attracted to be expended in this work—by circulars, to Surrey Chapel to hear its eloquent pasby printed or personal appeals through the tor, Newman Hall, will notice a tablet in pastors and sessions. But in making pub- the wall on which it is inscribed that "The lic collections, care must be taken not to in- Rev. James Sherman entered into the joy

This famous Chapel has always commanded a deep interest among American lect facts, keep a correct account of their Christians. Dr. E.N. Kirk, of Bostonreceipts, expenditures, and disbursement then in his splendid prime of eloquence—of funds, and report to the next General preached a series of revival sermons there Assembly upon the whole subject of their in 1838. Mr. Sherman said of him that party throughout the country, the met appointment, which Assembly shall con- he was "the only preacher from the United tinue, alter, or disband such Committees at States whom he had known to arouse thor- postponed to Monday, Augut 20, Resolved, 5. The Board of Publication American preachers, he tells us, when in is directed to furnish gratis, at its discre- London, have usually read elaborate distion, upon the order of these Committees, courses; and "close reading took off the such of its publications as may be used for edge of their sentences, and their eyes the education and evangelization of this fixed on their manuscripts, lost the fire and nounce that the publication of and people.

The Moderator announced the following may not be lost on our clerical brethren it will appear in large octave form, as the two Committees on the Religious In- | who may, in future, visit Great Britain. Mr. Barnes delivered his celebrated temperance sermon, "The Throne of Iniqui- cess of which all the friends of the list ty," in Surrey Chapel, about the year 1854. ans will rejoice. From the South Service that time the restorm of the Chapter and the language.

author of "Come to Jesus," and million of our countrymen would be glad to welcome Mr. Hall among us, said thank him

Such is a brief history of Surrey Chap. el, which may be prenounced the most rerer, Wm. Maine, Esq., No. 821 Chestnut markable church of this century. Such has been its pulpit; and may it always be filled by men of God like Rowland Hill Evangelist.

Personal.

S. Senderson, publisher of the V. T. Evening Post, and Navy Agent at New York, was arrested by Marshall Murray on a warrant issued by Commissioner Betts The charges are very serious, embracing fraud, bribery, the transmission of false vouchers, &c.

Licut. Robert P. McRibben, of the regular army, was seriously wounded in the late battles on the Peninsula, and is now in Washington City. He was severely wounded at Antietam in the feet. Capt D. B. McKibben, his brother, (formerly Colonel of the 158th) is now a prisoner in Richmond; Lieut. Chambers McKibben. another brother, was wounded severely under McClellan on the Peninsula, and Cham. bers McKibben, Jr., his nephew, was wounded under Sherman at Buzzard's Roost, in Georgia, recently. These young

The varieties of spelling of Shakspeare's name are so many that we have made a collection of the several forms of orthography employed therein: Chacsper, Saxpere, Saxspere, Schackspere, Schackspeare, Schackspiere, Schackespere, Schakspare, Schacks. peare, Shackspere, Shackspire, Shagspere, Shakesepere, Shakespear, Shakespere, Shakspere, Shakspe peare, Schaksperc, Schaksper, Schakspeyr, Schakuspeare, Shaxeper, Shaxkespere, Shaxkspere, Shakyspere, Shakysper, Shazper, Shaxpere, Shaxspere, Shaxsper, Shax.

The Philadelphia Press says: The appointment of Prof. W. H. Allen to the presidency of the State Agricultural College is not more highly a compliment to this very able man and experienced educator than it is a real gain to the institution and the State. As the late President of Girard College, Professor Allen has en. joyed the general respect and esteem of this community, and by various positions of responsibility and honor is well known to the State and to the country. The admirable and prosperous condition of Girarl College for so many years is mainly due to his intelligent direction; and his resignation, therefore, has occasioned wide regre It would have been fortunate had Allen continued in its presidency, and wa trust that it will not be impossible to se

It is difficult to feel that one whom

see among us to-day, and whom we ha prominent actor in the early days of active life; and of course Scott's positive Twenty years of such preaching-coup- as the hero of the war of 1812 threw h Directly after the close of the war

> We are assured by those who have It style. It contains one hundred and his pen-and-ink sketches of characters, were the Revolution down.

Scott was present at the trial of As Burr, and was also the most promi actor at the time of nullification in Se Carolina, 1832 being in and near Charles during the entire difficulty-and probable

Varieties.

College Endowments. - The little Church of Scotland has resolved to \$400,000 for the endowment of Cell The liberality of that body of Christian wonderful, when their means and number are considered, and they put to shame contributions of all the other Christian nominations in the world

National Democratic Convention ponement until August 29, 1864.meeting of the Executive Committee National Democratic Committee, hel New-York on the 22d day of June, it was voted that, in deference to the of a very large number of the leading! bers of the Conservative Union Demo of the Democratic National Convention 12 o'clock at noon, at Chicag AUGUST BELMONT, Ch

Frederick O. Pierce, Sec'y. Hawatian Dictionary. — The Same Island Friend says: "We are glad i contain from five to six hundred l This will be a national work, in the