PRESBYTERIAN BANNER .--- WEDNESDAY. AUGUST 10, 1864. eight dollars. Then come his State, coun- | B. PATTERSON, W. KING PERRINE, JOHN | strength of God, to labor more faithfully | |Sabbath-like stillness that prevailed, as Banner. SECRETARY FESSENDEN'S APPEAL. -and why the consciousness that we are Presbyterian ty, school, and poor taxes, and the aggregate | S. ROBB, ROBERT S. ROBB, J. D. STAN- in the future, remembering that " the time The Secretary of the Treasury has issued well as in the exercises of the sanctuary, still, notwithstanding the repeated warnis very considerably over his contribution FORD, A. SCROGGS THOMPSON, H. A. is short." an appeal to the people, soliciting a gener- evidence was given that the hearts of the ings we have received, unprepared to meet the invader, should he penetrate again with- al subscription to the new \$200,000,000 people were bowed in supplication. May to the Church. THOMPSON. DICKSON R. WAGGONER, And if these lines should meet the eye PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1864. Again, if we compare our gifts to support | W. Allison White, J. C. Wilson. Loan. Treasury notes will be issued in de- the Hearer of prayer accord a gracious anof any reader in whose feart the good seed in our borders? religion with those of the heathen to sus-The degree of A. M. in course upon the of God's word has not yet sprung up to nominations ranging from \$50 to \$5,000, swer to the petitions of his people, and to To answer these questions, however, is tain their superstitions, we find that the following gentlemen: D. J. BEALE, Upper everlasting life, we carnestly and affection FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE. bearing interest at seven and three tenths the cry of the whole nation prostrate benot our present purpose ; nor would it avail difference is amazing. So all absorbing are | Tuscarora, Pa.; J. W. LAUGULIN, Army | ately ask him to reflect, that as he lingers. In turning over the pages of the Minper cent., redeemable after three years, in fore him. And may all who know the now to indulge in reproaches or regrets. the devices of priestcraft in heathen lands, of the Cumberland; JOHN M'KEAN, Ana- and delays, and hesitates, the time to sow utes of the General Assembly for 1864, and lawful money, or convertible into bonds at worth of prayer, though the day of special Let us now and henceforward, with one and even in some countries that are called mora, Jones Co., Iowa; E. E. HAFT, Dal- and labor for himself, for others, and for glancing at the important tables that form six per cent interest, payable in coin. The observance has passed, unceasingly renew heart and one mind, unite our efforts so as Christian, that a man's whole substance, las Co., Oregon; HERMAN H. FAIRALL, God, is swiftly-swiftly passing. Delay no so valuable an appendix, we could not reappeal is one of the ablest papers that has their importunities at the throne of grace. to secure the speediest and most efficient beyond that which is required to sustain Granville, Md.; WM. JEFFEBY PARK, and longer: be entreated, lose not a moment sist the temptation to indulge in a few calappeared from any of the Departments that God would have mercy upon us, and organization of home resources for home existence in the simplest modes of life, is | Capt. SAMUEL G. HODGENS, Washington | It is by lost moments that a life is lost ; by culations, the results of which will be found defence. We look with confidence to the for some time. Did space permit, we would spare us, that we perish not. below, and will be taken for what they are devoted to meet the insatiable demands | County, Pa. lost opportunities the soul is lost. And Legislature now in session, for the prompt gladly insert it entire. We give some ex-The honorary degree of A. M. upon little can we conceive the anguish of that of spiritual tyrants. application of whatever legislation on their tracts : Appointment --- Rev. R. HOPKINS. of Se. But when we compare our contributions Prof. FRANKLIN CARTER, of Williams | wailing cry-The harvest is past, the Sum-Our first object was to find the average part may be requisite to bring order out of wickleyville, Pa., has been appointed by with those of the Jews, who gave at least a College, Mass.; CHAS. HENRY SHEARS, mer is ended, and we are not saved. OUR RESOURCES AMPLE. amount of salary paid to each Pastor and Time, while proving that the struggle the Western Seamen's Friend Society, its the existing confusion; with confidence to Stated Supply. But here the record is detenth, and according to some authorities M. D., Sharon, Connecticut, W. BODENfor national unity was to exceed in dura- Missionary Agent and District Secretary the Executive of our State, for the rigid tion and severity our worst anticipations, in Western Pennsylvania, and has been fective. Unlike our brethren of the Unithree-tenths of their income to the cause of HEIMER, M.D., New-York City, BENJ. F. DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND. and uncompromising discharge of whatever religion, who, when in the wilderness and WILKINS, Washington City. We publish this week the resolutions o ted Presbyterian Church, we have not kept has tested the national strength, and demay be made his duty in effecting the developed the national resources, to an extent duly authorized to solicit and receive funda the salary in a column by itself, but have destitute of all income, yet gave so liberal-The degree of D.D. was conferred upon the last General Assembly with reference sired reform; and with unshaken confialike unexpected and remarkable, exciting and donations in aid of its treasury. We ly from the acquisitions of the past that the Rev. J. BRINTON SMITH, Rector of St. | to the "Fund for Disabled Ministers and combined all congregational expenditures dence to the people of Pennsylvania, for equal astonishment at home and abroad. commend him, and the cause he represents. they had to be restrained from giving- Matthews, Jersey City, N. J.; Rev. AN- the Families of Deceased Ministers," to in one aggregate; so that it is impossible sustaining and seconding the authorities of Three years of war have burdened you with to the confidence of all, and bespeak for when we compare our contributions with DREW P. HAPPER, Missionary to Canton, which we respectfully invite the attention now to say how much of the amount is salthe Commonwealth, in their efforts to rea debt which, but three years since, would him the hearty and liberal cooperation of ary, and how much is due to fuel, light, what the Church has given in times of per- China ; and Rev. WM. M. CORNELL, of of pastors and Sessions, reminding them deem our fair fame, to prevent the recurhave seemed beyond your ability to meet secution, when its martyr-heroes suiren- Philadelphia. The degree of LL.D. upon that the first Sabbath in September was Yet the accumulated wealth and productive all who take an interest in the welfare of repairs, taxes, building, and other incidenrence of another calamitous and disgraceenergies of the nation have proved to be so the interesting and important class for dered, not only with ut a sigh but with the Hon. JAMES VEECH, of Pittsburgh, Pa. | appointed by the Assembly as the day upon tals. In like manner, the number of minful raid, and to secure as proud a page in vast that it has been borne with compara- | whom he labors. exultant joy, their estates to confiscation | In the afternoon there was a meeting of | which collections for this Fund should be isters reported embraces those who have no the history of the suppression of the retive ease, and a peaceful future would hardand their bodies to the flames, we see at the Alumni Association, at which considcharge, as well as those who are actively taken in our churches. bellion, as any of those that record the ly feel its weight. As a price paid for naonce what an advance-in one sense of the erable enthusiasm was manifested on the NEWS OF THE CHURCHES engaged in pastoral duties. If, therefore, If any argument were required to com tional existence, and the preservation of achievements of our sister States. we divide the total congregational expendiword-has been made since then, and with subject of the union between the two Colfree institutions, it does not deserve a mo mend this object to the sympathies of AND MINISTERS. thankful hearts we contemplate the spread leges. Resolutions were adopted, and a God's people, that argument is abundantly LEETSDALE COURCE ment's consideration. ture by the total number of ministers, though PRESBYTERIAN. A church with the above name was or of the Gospel in our own day, at the mod- Committee appointed to publish and circu- supplied in the Report of the Trustees of THE PATRIOTISM OF THE PEOPLE. both are confessedly too large for our presganized in Sewickley Valley, on Monday Old School .- Rev. James Woods has re-Thus far the war has been supported and erate expense in our own Church of ten late them for signature. The ent purpose, the quotient may perhaps be was ex- this Fund, which is published in the Mincarried on, as it only could have been, by a dollars and eleven cents per member. After mese reflections are began to think of our sister Churches, and great. ceived a call to Silver Mountain, Califorevening, August 1st, by a Committee of pressed by all present, that n regarded as an approximation to the dewould utes, and which will also be distributed in people resolved, at whatever cost of blood the Presbytery of Allegheny City. The vitness the consummation of nía. sired result. This quotient is \$740, which, iemė. separate form to pastors, in accordance with and treasure, to transmit, unimpaired, to mecessar for the cause of education and Rev. H. W. Biggs, of Morgantown, Va., Rev. L. L. CONRAD presided and preached with gold at 250, is equivalent to \$296 a resolution of the Assembly. The simple posterity, the system of free government has been called to the Presbyterian church to desire that we had some means at hand rengion, and so desirable for the Colleges the sermon. Over forty certificates of disequeathed to them by the great men who three years ago. facts which are presented in that report, if ramed it. This deliberate and patriotic mission from the Sewickley Presbyterian Our next object was to ascertain the avto compare our contributions with those of themselves. Quite a large proportion of of Chillicothe, Ohio. read from the culpit. even unaccompanied resolve has developed a power surprising other denominations. Unfortunately, we the Alumni present were from the East, by note or comment, could not fail to plead church were presented. An election for Rev. R. G. Thompson was installed pastor of Willow Creek church, July 6, by a

erage liberality of our membership, and we find that each communicant in the Presbyterian Church, during the past year, (on the supposition that non-communicants contribute nothing,) has given, out of the means wherewith God has blessed him, the sum of thirty-seven cents to the Board of Domestic Missions, fifty-four cents to the Board of Foreign Missions, fifty-eight cents to the Board of Education, swelve cents to the Board of Publication, nearly twenty cents to the Board of Church Extension, nearly seven cents to the Fund for disabled ministers-making one dollar and eightysix cents as rather more than the average contribution of each communicant to all what seventy-five cents would have been three years ago.

worth.

Much the largest amount reported in the tables, is the contribution for congregational purposes. This includes, amongst other items, the cost of the erection of several expensive church buildings, and the liquidation of not a few large church debts. The average contribution of each communicant toward this fund; is seven dollars

can lay our hands upon no other statistics and their voices were loud in approbation can lay our names upon no other statistics and the delegated to represent the whose sustentiation and comfort this Fund terian Church, and here we find, and we wishes of others who could not be present. is designed. The severe privations, the blush-for ourselves of course-to say, that Other arrangements were made, which, if the average contributions of this respected | carried out, should attract a large number Church, are six dollars and ninety-one of Alumni to the next Anniversary. cents per member. Already in this youth-At the meeting of the Board of Trusful denomination the science of ecclesiasti- tees, the same subject of union was introcal economy, it would appear, is more duced by the report of the Committee of thoroughly comprehended and carried out Conference, which report was accepted, and the conduct of the Committee approved. than in our own.

Lastly, we closed the book : but after the This Committee was continued, with the figures were dismissed, we could not resist hope that they would earnestly cooperate thought that if God, in his wonderful in all measures for consummating this deescension, has so blessed what his sirable object, and by speedy action secure these objects combined; equal to about Church has given with a sparing hand, to the united colleges the amount so munifiwhat might we not hope for from the Di- cently offered by Dr. BEATTY. The folvine-blessing upon the enlarged liberality lowing resolution was also passed :

> of Christians, it every heart and every Resolved, That the Trustees of Jefferson hand were opened to give to the very ut-College having heard that correspondence most of our means ? - if the Church's has taken place between the Faculty and local Trustees of this College and the hundreds of dollars should become thou-Faculty and local Trustees of Washington sands, and her hundreds of thousands become millions ?- above all, if God should basis of a joint application to the State throngs of attentive hearers, and whose bestow, with the spirit of cheerful giving, Legislature for a portion of the Congres- efforts were blessed to the salvation of imthe spirit of prayer also, that he would be sional grant of lands for Agricultural Edu-

most eloquently in behalf of those for long-endured neglect, the silent sufferings the shrinking delicacy of those who have received the slender assistance rendered in this way, enforce the claims of this objec upon our contributions far more than vol umes of argument could do.

The State, when it pensions its old o disabled soldiers, is not regarded as bestow ing a charity, but simply as liquidating debt. Shall the Blurch be more ungrateful than the Republic? Those who have given the flower of their youth and the strength of their manhood to the labors of the ministry and the harvest of souls, are surely entitled to the gratitude and the continued support of the Church to whose service they devoted the vigor of their

days. Those feeble, tottering forms, of men College, on the subject of union, on the whose ministrations once commanded mortal souls, men now lonely and neglect-

elders resulted in the choice of Messrs. JOHN K. WILSON and JACOB GUY. These part in this service.

few evenings after the application for an of persons connected with the enterprise final and fatal consummation. Such, in bell, of the Presbytery of Allegheny City, met for the purpose of-considering the my deliberate judgment, is the present con- will be glad to hear of his safe arrival in proper location for the new church, and to dition of the great contest for civil liberty devise ways and means for the erection of a in which you are now engaged. house of worship. This had filled their minds with no small solicitude. But immediately after the meeting had been opened, it was announced that the venerable Mrs. ELIZA SHIELDS, who has passed her fourscore years, had offered to appropriate a lot and build-a house of worship for the use of the new congregation en- fed and clothed, munitions of war of all tirely at her own expense-not permitting kinds must be furnished, or the war must in that distant but important field. any of her own children to take part in end in defeat and disgrace. This is not this work. Along with this proposal she the time for any lover of his country to inalso suggested that the other members of or ask whether he can so invest his surplus

even to themselves. It has shown that in less than a century a nation has arisen, unsurpassed in vigor, and exhaustless in rebrethren having been previously ordained sources, able to conduct, through a series to this office, were then duly installed, the of years, war on its most gigantic scale, and Rev. Messrs: SHIELDS and LOWRY taking unimpaired in all the material elements of power. It has, at the present moment, This new church enters upon its career great armies in the field, facing an enemy under peculiarly favorable auspices. A apparently approaching a period of utter exhaustion, but still struggling with a force organization had been granted, a number and because it sees, the near approach of a

OUR PRESENT DUTY. As yet we have asked no foreign aid. Calm and self-reliant, our own means have

thus far proved adequate to our wants. They are yet ample to meet those of the present and the future. It still remains for a patriotic people to furnish the needful supply. The brave men whe are fight-ing our battles by land and sea, must be

A new church has been formed in St. Louis by a colony of one hundred and fifty ersons from the 2d Presbyterian chu

fature.

committee of the Presbytery of Chicago.

Rev. Jonathan Cogswell, D.D., of the

Presbytery of New Brunswick, died at

New Brunswick, N. J., on Monday, Aug.

1, in the 88th year of his age. The oldest

member of his Presbytery, his name will

long be had in remembrance as that of a

The friends of Rev. Charles M. Camp-

Colorado Territory. He has preached in

Denver City four times, attended a Sabbath

School Convention in Black Hawk, and

preached, administering the Communion.

in Boulder City, receiving four persons on

certificate. The membership of the church

without a house of worship. Mr. Camp-

bell desires the prayers of Christian friends,

that God would abundantly ble? his labors

The commencement exercises of Lafay-

ette College took place on Wednesday.

July 27. A new Professorship was estab-

lished, connected with the School of Mines

and Metallurgy. The degree of Doctor of

Divinity was conferred upon Rev. G. W.

Janvier, of New Jersey, and Rev. F. T.

Rev. Robert McMillan, of Apollo, West-

moreland County, Pa., died in Colerain,

Lancaster County, Pa., at the residence of

Brown, of Georgetown, D. C.

there is now fourteen. and as yet they are

devoted minister of the Cross of Christ.

and twenty-three cents. The average contribution to miscellaneous purposes is ninety-nine cents. The average investment of each church-member in all these funds combined, for all ecclesiastical purposes whatever, is ten dollars and eleven cents; equivalent to about four dollars and four cents three years ago.

In making these calculations, we have used the tables summed up on pages 490. 491 of Appendix to the Minutes. The re ceipts of the Boards, as given in the abstracts of their reports, pages 355-369, differ from those on page 490, and the difference is largest in the case of the Board of Foreign Missions. But the aggregate of receipts, as presented in the reports, is not so great by ten thousand dollars (omitting receipts for books sold) as the aggregate on page 491. We have therefore supposed that the latter summary would give the most favorable view of the benevolent operations of the Church.

Several reflections occuried to us as we reached this point in our calculations. And first, it must be admitted that Old School Presbyterianism is certainly a cheap religion. When we think of all the benefits we derive from this sacred source, that to Divine truth received by us under this form we owe all that sweetens existence here, or sheds one ray of light upon the otherwise dark hereafter, it must be confessed that ten dollars and eleven cents is not too much for us to pay, we will not say-as an equivalent for such mercies, but as a token of our just appreciation of the inestimable blessings of which religion is for us the channel. For all that elevates us above heathenism, for all the pure, sweet influences of the Sabbath and its observance, of the sanctuary and its ordinances, we trust that our readers will agree with us that two dimes a week is not too much.

In the second place, we confess to a feel ing of surprise that so much has been accomplished, in the way of supporting and diffusing the Gospel, even at the expense of the sacrifice on our part already mentioned. When we think of our twenty-two hundred and sixty-five ministers at home. officiating in twenty-six hundred and twenty-six churches, from Sabbath to Sabbath; when we think of two hundred and sixtyfive candidates for the ministry assisted by the churches the past year in their preparation for the sacred office; when we remember the two hundred and seventy-five missionaries laboring in the various stations that dot the arid plains of India, the teeming shores of China, the deadly coast of Africa, the luxuriant fields of South America-when, indeed, we think of all the diversified and extended operations of the five Boards, those busy fingers by which the Church gathers up and distributes the gifts of her hand of love-we are constrained to say that we marvel that so much has been accomplished, at the cost of no greater self-denial than ten dollars and eleven cents for each church-member.

the speaker, nor by those of the audience | would-have crowned more faithful labors. | tive Executives, though the emergency was ance of 359 pupils last year. there will remain three hundred millions tions, 519 families, 1,213 communicants, tribute we have thus imposed upon our-Whilst other departments are not negwho knew and loved the gallant scholar. Had we but properly and to the utmost not so pressing as recently in our own case, per annum to be appropriated toward the selves, to support the objects of the mission and that the contributions from all sources lected, superior facilities are afforded in the The degree of A. B. was conferred by applied the powers, whatever they may be, the response of the people was immediate, liquidation of the public debt; and in some were \$575.10, or about 48 cents for each of the Church, with the tax which the Ornamental Branches. The teacher of Inthe Trustees upon the following persons, with which God has entrusted us, had we the summons to the field was instantly. six or seven years, it would appear, this State levies upon us for its advantage, we member during the year. Among the forstrumental Music is Prof. HENRY ROHcomposing the graduating class: ALBERT | but profitably used, be it the one talent, obeyed, and but a few hours elapsed until formidable sum might be obliterated.---BOCK. So eminent are his abilities, that teachers from other schools for the fifteen minissee how much more it costs to support an ALEXANDER, LAWRENCE D. ALEXAN- committed to us, had we but cultivated, in the various railroads gathered up and car-And yet these considerations do not conearthly government, than we are contributeachers from other schools frequently DER, JAMES P. BARRON, S. JAMESON the constant fear of God and with mcek ried to the front train after train of cars stitute the surest foundation for our hopes. ting toward the establishment of the Re- BEATTY, ROBERT M. BROWN, EBEN. dependence upon him, the field allotted to orowded with patriotic troops. We still ters in that body, six are without settle come to this institution to avail themselves The justice of our cause, the abiding condeemer's kingdom. The income of the of the benefit of his instructions. ments. CALDWELL, W. BRAINERD CARE, T. D. us, had we been faithful laborers in the recall their hearty cheers as they passed viction that God is for us even though he minister, which we have averaged at \$740, The next term will open August 30. Cumberland.-The Cumberland Presby-CUNNINGHAM, ALBERT S. FURST, JOS. vineyard, how rich the clusters, how abun- swiftly through our city, on their way to still is chastening us, and, relying on his is usually less than that of a majority of The number of teachers will be the same terians of the Southern States have been GAMBLE, A. BOYD GILFILLAN, W. HUGH dant the sheaves it might have been our defend our territory even more than their aid, the often demonstrated determination the heads of families in his church. And considering the propriety of establishing a GILL, GEO. C. GOBMLY, WINFIELD E. privilege to bear with us as we journeyed own. as before. of the people to persevere until the final yet the minister's tax will be more than ten Southern Church. Nothing has been ef-HILL, E. JAY HOWENSTINE, S. DETTMAB to the home of rest. But we cannot reopen And yet we are well assured that Penntriumph of their arms and the total sur-The Day of Prayer .-- Last Thursday was | feeted as yet, owing to the difficulty of sedollars and eleven cents. Take the case of JENNINGS, CHAS. KNEPPER, A. J. LEY. the furrows of the years gone by, nor scat- sylvania is not less loyal than her sister pression of the rebellion, these are our best very generally observed, in Pittsburgh and curing a sufficiently large attendance of a man whose income is \$1,200. Half of ENBERGEB, W. J. M'CONKEY, EDWARD ter anew the seed, nor tend the soil with States, and the bravery of her sons has grounds of confidence; and with the man, the vicinity, in accordance with the recom- ministers-and elders. this is exempt from U.S. tax, and on the S. McMurrnie, HEZ. MAGILL, J. M. more watchful care; for the harvest of the been proved upon too many a field of blood the means, and the merits of the conflict mendation of the Government, as a day of The Cumberland Presbyterian thus balance he pays for 1863, by special reso- MOORE, S. MILLS MORTON, ROBERT S. past is reaped. Yet the review will not be to admit of a question. Why, then, this, all upon our side, why should we ever enhumiliation and prayer; and in the almost closes a lengthy editorial on the subject of lution of Congress, eight per cent, or forty- MUSSER, J. WALKER PATTERSON, T. H. profitless, if it lead us to resolve, in the contrast, so humbling to our State pride? tertain a doubt as to the result? universal cessation from business, and the Christian Union ; "All the branches of

pleased to accept the oblations of his people, and consecrate his Church anew and wholly to his service? Surely a loving Church dence may in this way consummate the should be a liberal one, and a people re- | union which is so desirable. deemed at so infinite a cost, should bestow with no stinted hand.

COMMENCEMENT AT JEFFERSON.

began on Sunday, July 31st. In the morning a sermon was delivered before the religious Societies of the College, by the Rev. D. HALL, of Brady's Bend, Pa., on the Great Commission. It was a stirring and earnest missionary address, abounding in strong thoughts and adapted to inspire the young men with noble purposes of selfthe Baccalaureate Sermon of the President. His text was, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." The thought expanded in the discourse was have his after-life pure, honorable, and useover landscapes lately clad in the sad livful, by governing his conduct according to | ery of Winter.

the principles, precepts and examples of the Bible." The exercises of the Literary Societies, by the graceful undulations that marked

which are now public, took place on Tuesday | its path over many broad acres of grass | give seventy times seven ? Let liberal evening, at 7 o'clock. The young gentleman and grain. Pleasant to note, as the light hearts devise liberal things, remembering who was to deliver the response on behalf of the Franklin Society, was absent in the their shadows move so silently and spiritarmy. At 8 o'clock the Annual Address

like over the ripening harvests, falling like before these Societies was delivered by the benedictions from the sky upon the labors Rev. JOSEPH ALDEN, D.D., LL.D., of of the husbandman.

New-York City, the late President of the College. He was greeted by the students and audience in the most enthusiastic manner, and listened to with marked attention throughout. The theme, of itself interesting. "A parallel between the English and American Constitutions," was handled in an elaborate and characteristic manner. He closed by urging upon the young men has gathered the harvest home. the necessity for the profound study of the principles of our National Government at

this crisis. exercises of the Commencement proper began. The printed programme included the | tile hills and plains, that he that bringeth | for our own defence. names of eighteen members of the gradua- his sheaves with him cometh with rejoicfrom "military necessity," according to the | grateful.

his adopted country, was not forgotten by in the golden reward that might-that was issued a few weeks ago by their respecamount should suffice upon a peace basis, Presbyteries, 15 ministers, 47 congrega-In the next place, if we compare the

cation, hereby approve of this proceeding, and recommend the earnest prosecution of the same hereafter; believing that Provi- seemingly even by many of God's people.

from a distance, the exercises were pleasant. If the spirit manifested can further The exercises of Commencement week the proposed union, the day may be marked with a white stone.

> THE HARVEST PAST. In passing to and from our daily duties

> And when Summer came, pleasant it was

could we but for one moment see "the things unseen," would stand before us Though there was not the usual number | clothed with the spotless robes they soon of addresses by distinguished gentlemen shall wear, their brows encircled with a fadeless crown, and we would learn how tenderly the Saviour loved his suffering servants whom, to test our love for him, he had entrusted for a 'season to our care. Let us then hasten with our help. Soon.

very soon in the case of some, it will be forever too late, and we shall have lost the in the city, we have been interested in opportunity of securing from the Master's lips those gracious words, "Inasmuch as watching the gradual changes that have

come over the face of nature, as presented ye have done it unto one of these." in the fields along our route. In the early Nor do we speak for disabled minister consecration. The evening was devoted to Spring it was a happiness to see the earth alone, but for their widows and orphans. grow green once more, under the genial in- If God has so often made himself known fuences of sun and shower. As the sea- to us as the God of the widow and the son advanced, we sometimes fancied we fatherless, then with an especial care must could see the actual progress made during he regard the dependent families of his ministers, and great must be the Church's a single day, so rapid became the march of this: "A young man will most certainly Spring, and so luxuriant the robe it threw guilt if it neglect this sacred trust.

Last year-must we confess it ?--we gave on an average nearly seven cents for each church member to this Fund. This to note the course of the passing breeze, year can we not increase the contribution seven-fold? Are there not many who will

clouds flitted across the heavens above us, who it was that said of his servants-He that receiveth you, receiveth me.

THE STATE DEFENCES.

Everystrue Pennsylvanian has felt deep-

Thus day by day, through shower and ly humiliated, as the occurrences of the nast few weeks have demonstrated the malsun, under waxing and waning moons, the teeming fields have changed their green to administration of our military affairs. gold, redeeming every promise, and repay-With thousands of strong arms and stout ing with generous interest the treasures hearts that might have constituted an imdeposited in their trust. Patient and longpassable barrier to arrest the progress of expectant toil has reaped its reward, and any invading force the enemy could send the last slow-moving, heavily-loaded wain against us, with the indisputable ability to defend our soil, and the undoubted willing It is not strange that the tiller of the ness on the part of our people to put forth

soil should be glad in this consummation the requisite effort, events have shown of his long-cherished hopes. It is as true | that our arms are paralysed, our hearts are On Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, the | now in these latter days and in this far-dis- | chilled, by the absence of anything that tant land, as once it was upon Judea's fer- deserves to bear the name of organization

Thus the promptings of that principle ting class, who had been appointed to de- ing. All apprehensions quieted-all fears which is held to be the first law of our na liver orations, but only seven of these ac- removed-labor and watching well repaid ture, and upon which it might have been tually appeared ; the remainder having -- it is not strange that he should rejoice ; supposed the State authorities could have been excused for various reasons-some it is only strange that he is not more safely relied in their appeals to our citizens to defend themselves, have been ineffectua

statement of the President. The English | And yet there is a world of sadness in to arouse us to vigorous and successful ac Salutatory was delivered by E. CALDWELL, those few words-The harvest past! Who tion. Our soil has been invaded with im-Buena Vista, Pa; the Greek Salutatory, by | has not felt and sorrowed over their depth | punity, one of the fairest of our interior T. H. B. PATTERSON, Monongahela City, of meaning? Happy, or heartless, must cities has been in great part destroyed, Pa.; the Valedictory, by S. M. MORTON, he be to whom they recall not the loss alarm has been spread throughout the bor-St. Louis, Mo. The performances were all of precious hours that will come no more, der counties, and yet the insolent and barcreditable. The Valedictory was marked the neglect of golden opportunities that barous foe might have been easily repulsed by a vein of humor unusual on such occa- can never return, the broken vows, the by a fraction of the numbers that fled be-

ed, in sickness and poverty, abandoned

and the erection of a parsonage. This munificent gift was at once accepted,

dered the donor. And in consideration of the fact that the maiden name of Mrs. SHIELDS was LEET, and that the ground upon which the church will be built was inherited from her father, it was determined to name the new church "Leetsdale." Mrs. SHIELDS will erect a stone church, which will stand as a monument of her Christian liberality, and where the glo- perhaps still exists, upon this point. Legrious Gospel of the Son of God will be preached, long generations after she shall have entered into her reward. She is tem must necessarily be the growth of time doing a good work for the Church, which and experience. It is not strange that will make her memory ever precious; and first efforts should have proved imperfect the prayer of every devout heart will be, and inadequate. To lay heavy burdens on his father-in-law, Mr. William White. that she may be abundantly enriched with a great and patrions propio in occasion the the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit, least amount of suffering and annoyance, and that she may experience in her own requires time and caution, and vast labor;

soul the blessedness of having made such and, with all these, experience is needful a consecration to the Lord. its errors. We may also state that the suggestion

with respect to the parsonage has been adopted, and will be carried out as soon as practicable. Services are held every Sabbath morning in the school-room of Edge- tations of its authors. In the month of worth Seminary, and in the evening in a June, 1863, it yielded about four and oneschool-house near the site of the new half millions of dollars, while the correschurch.

MEN AND MBANS.

It is computed that since the commencement of the war, upwards of two millions million in a day. As time and experience of men have enlisted under the various enable the officers employed in collecting the revenue to enforce the stringent promen up to volunteers for three years. This lion per day will be found the rule and not evinced the purest patriotism, and must would make one tenth the entire popula- the exception.

usual supposition that the fighting strength For their redemption, the faith and honof a people is one fifth of the whole numor and property of the country are solemnly pledged. A successful issue to this conber, there must be still two millions of men test, now believed to be near at hand, will able to bear arms who have not yet gone to the field. If every soldier now under and peace once restored, all burdens can be arms should be lost to the country, the millightly borne. He who selfishly withholds itary force which would still remain to the his aid in the hope of turning his available loyal States would be amply sufficient, if properly handled, to overcome the rebellion. The Public Debt of the United States amounted, July 26, in gross, to one billion, eight hundred millions, (\$1,805,723,564,) and was increasing at the rate of nine millions a week. In the official appeal of Secretary FESSENDEN, he expresses his confiupon a stable foundation. dence that the income of the Government under the Internal revenue act, will average a million per day. Our national debt,

both in its present magnitude and its rapid augmentation, is at first view appalling. But if peace were now or soon established, and if we may estimate the income of the Government, from the tariff and the internal revenue, at four hundred millions per annum, though it would probably exceed that sum, and estimate the current expenses of the Government at one hundred millions per annum, though half that

the congregation contribute the sums they capital as to yield him a larger return. No (Rev. Dr. Brookes'). The new organizamay have intended to give toward building return, and no profit, can be desirable, if tion was effected July 7th; six elders were the new church, for the purchase of a lot | followed by national dissolution, or nationelected, and Dr. Brookes was invited to beal disgrace. Present profit. thus acquired. is but the precursor of future and speedy come the pastor, and has since accepted destruction. No investment can be so the invitation. The new church will be and the thanks of the meeting were ten- surely profitable as that which tends to inknown as the 16th Street Presbyterian sure the national existence. church, and has before it a most promising

THE ACTION OF CONGRESS. Hitherto we have felt the need of more extensive and vigorous taxation. Severe comment has been made upon what seemed to many an undue timidity and tardiness of action, on the part of Congress, in this regard. I deem it but just to say that very great misapprehension has existed, and islators, like all others, have much to learn in a new condition of affairs. An entirely new system was to be devised, and that sys-

New School.-Rev. Dr. Thompson, of the 2d Presbyterian church in Cincinnati, recently received from his congregation the handsome gift of \$2,500, upon the occasion to test the value of the system, and correct of his marriage. His church contemplates

raising his salary permanently from \$4,000 ITS HAPPY RESULTS. to \$5,000.

I am happy to say that daily results are The Troy (N.Y.) Whig of Monday says: proving the Internal Revenue Act to exceed in efficiency the most sanguine expec-The Rev. Herrick Johnson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church, yesterday morning. His sermon was listened to with great atponding month of this year returned about tention, being regarded by those who heard fifteen millions under the same law. Under the new law, which went into operation it as one of the finest pulpit discourses on the first day of the present month, the which has been delivered in this city in a Treasury not unfrequently receives one long time. His elequent allusions to the position of our country in its present struggle, and the spirit of hope and encouragehave awakened responsive and sympathetic feelings in the hearts of his hearers. Mr. Johnson received a cordial greeting from his former parishioners, who were pleased to listen to his voice again in behalf of truth largely enhance their value to the holder; and liberty, and the honor and integrity of our country."

> Reformed Presbyterian.-The Minutes of the late Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian 24th, have been published as the July and August number of their Church monthly. ministers and 34 elders. We have not been able to find in the published Minutes any statement of the aggregate of congregations, ministers, or contributions, which, we respectfully suggest, would be a decided improvement. The Church is actively engaged in the work of Home and Foreign Missions, and in the other departments of

Rev. I. C. PERSHING, D.D., and the Trus-Associate.-The Monthly of the Associate sions, but was not lacking in pathos, and aimless efforts, the buried talent, the squan- fore him. tees, are exerting themselves with unwea-Church contains in its Jaly number the rying diligence to add to its attractiveness. was closed with a strain of original poetry. dered means, the wasted gifts of an unfor-In striking and honorable contrast with proceedings of the Synod of that body. It and also to enlarge its capacity for impartthat elicited great applause. The fact that getting Providence. Happy indeed is he this humiliating posture of our own State, met at Bloomfield, Ohio, May 25th, and ing a thorough Christian education. So one of the Professors, Col. FRASER, of the who, in the review of life, discerns no har- is the noble record of the States immedicontinued its sittings eight days. Its stahighly are these efforts appreciated by the 140th P. V., was a prisoner for the sake of vest time in which he has failed to gather ately west of us. When the call for men tistical tables show that there are four public, that the catalogue shows an attend-

means to greater immediate profit, is speculating upon his country's misfortunes, and Church, which met in Philadelphia May may find that what seems to be present gain leads only to future loss. I appeal, therefore, with confidence to a loval and patriotic people, and invoke the efforts of all who The Synod comprises eight Presbyteries, love their country, and desire for it a glori- and its late meeting was attended by 59 ous future, to aid their Government in sustaining its credit, and placing that credit PITTSBURGH FEMALE COLLEGE. This institution lately closed another successful session. The calamities of the times seem not to retard in the least its progressive usefulness. The President, Christian effort.

calls of the Government, from emergency tion of the loyal States; and upon the . VALUE OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.