A NEW ORDINATION HYMN.

BY SIDNEY HERBERT.

"Go, preach my gospel," Jesus said, "To all the world its joys make known; Whatever paths your feet may tread, My presence shall your labors own. They went, as he had bid them go, To teach the nations far and near, And 'midst all conflicts, toil and, woe, His loving presence gave them cheer.

"Go, preach my gospel." Jesus said, "Let every creature hear the sound : Be the glad tidings quickly spread, Wherever human hearts are found." The truth was preached in every land To which apostles' feet could go: And by the labors of that band, Millions were saved from endless woe.

"Go, preach the gospel," Jesus said, To those who were his chosen triends; They long have slumbered with the dead, But this commission never ends. 'Tis spoken still, by the same voice, To consecrated Christians here: In the same Presence they'll rejoice, 'Midst all their labors, far or near.

FOR THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN. REMINISCENCES OF PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS

> BY AN OCTOGENARIAN. No. 2.

THE GEORGETOWN PASTOR. The Presbytery of Baltimore was organized about 1784. Perhaps this was the exact time. This organization will oblige me to give some little account of the Georgetown paster, which will be done with some reluctance, as the writer bore to him a filial relation. Several sketches of him have appeared in the Southern Religious Telegraph, The Literary Messenger at Richmond, a paper of Fredericktown, Md., and the New York Observer, written by a Wesleyau minister. We mean one in each of these publications. shall not reiterate any previous statement, such as his graduation at Princeton, his service of four years as Principal of the Calvert Academy, or the missionary work he performed in North Carolina. He was born near Churchville, Harford county, Marywhich he always spoke of the Rev. John Strain, we suppose that he must have been the pastor of the family. This able minister

was graduated at Princeton, 1757, and died, In 1769 the family moved to Mecklenburg, bordering on South Carolina, and were accompanied by the Wallaces, and possibly by other Presbyterians. The date of this migration was sent me in a letter from one of the four ministers in our Southern Church bearing this name. He will accept my thanks. The writer was glad to ascertain the year. Mecklenburg was the county of the Brevards, the Hollands, the Alexanders, the Polks and many others, some of whom signed the Charlotte Declaration of doctorate from Princeton, and he died in than the danger of losing their balance and others. Under the present plan the tithe of Independence on the twentieth of May, 1775. The second name on that roll of honor was that of the Poplar Tent pastor, brother to the subject of this sketch, and a second brother, settled in Kentucky, bravely resisted the acts of Cumberland Presbyterians in 1803 A church, Calvinistic in its creed, was licensing young men Arminian in their teachings, division assigned in the memorial of Montand no one can blame him, for opposing acts gomery Presbytery-and criticised by "T. imposing on principles which he had vowed to their Mecklenburg residence, he spent two as one of the most practical and weighty, I years in additional preparation to enter the will venture to emphasize and push it to the would be less trying to the diffident, and af- amount than has ever been asked by the Junior Class of Princeton, in 1772. Having front. finished his college course, by the advice of Dr. Witherspoon, he went to the Calvert that many of our best men do not participate develop much more latent talent, and give to Classical Academy as its Principal, where he in the business of the Synod. This general the Church the benefit of opinions worthy Committee. Added to this is the questionread out of the library of the Rev. Thomas allegation is severed into two particulars .- her consideration, but now suppressed. Claggett, who became a Bishop after Sea- One is, that many, whose opinions would conbury, of New London, had brought the tribute to the worth of any judgment, has no late in reaching the ministry, for the cur- committees, the business of Synod. The strained is much fewer than of those who After spending his four years among the gay business of the Synod. people of Calvert, he was licensed to preach | The reviewer does not dispute either the ized by the pen of Campbell. This was in evil is not the size of the body, but the mental apt quotation at hand when he needed it .the Piedmont route to visit his family, but evil complained of. a very spacious edifice, and a few years since nished him a cover and an answer. But

right place, and the petrifactions of the Gey- of a first or second place. This discriminaser fountain have enriched not himself alone tion is due, doubtless, largely to the abunbut his friends. We cannot forget his Swiss | dant tried material for such positions in such

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power. The transaction awoke the wrath of and inert, when otherwise they might be ser-Wesley. In that same year, Seabury hur- viceable. I never expect to see a deliberaried to Lambeth to procure the tactual, but tive body, all the members of which are partial presentation of a case may contain no

the Archbishop turned to him his cold equally interested in its proceedings. But shoulder, and then he hied away to Aber- I believe that the evil commented on and deen, and obtained it from so-called bishops exemplified in pernicious magnitude by the whose non-juring acts were disowned in Eng. Synod of Virginia, inheres in that body as land. But in three years afterwards, White at present constituted, and that a division. obtained the unction on condition that he instead of aggravating, would greatly diwould perform no Episcopal act within the minish the vice by reducing, in the Synods British Empire. A half anointing was bet- carved out of this, the quantum of tried ter than none at all. But these papers must material, and so compel the employment of In a modest endeavor after the multum in Synod, rather than thus habitually keep a some of which are really interesting. My seats, had better risk their inexperience and tion with the work of the Assembly, when the limits are prescribed. Dr. Balch was quite ignorance in important positions, and trust fact is that a portion of every collection for a handsome man. As a pupil of Wither- to the good sense of the informed and expe- this cause taken up in all our churches is spoon he preferred to officiate in a gown, rienced to correct any blunder they may forwarded directly to the Committee for its which added something to his good looks .- make. For the sake of the Synod and such unrestricted use, and when further, the fact

ville. His voice was loud and sonorous, and venerable Synod. lished any except two discourses on the Per- by a larger and different audience than they Presbytery demanded that all the money Adam Freeman on Infant Baptism. The afraid to face a body of such gravity and last was written in obedience to the request dignity as the Synod of Virginia, and so left in the treasury of the Committee it was September, 1833, greatly lamented by all enduring the shame and mortification of a every contribution is sent directly to the denominations in the town.

DIVISION OF THE SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

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The general statement of the memorial Apostolic fluid across the Atlantic. He was part in initiating or shaping, as members of the Synod of Virginia who need to be re- in Texas? rency was good for nothing, money strin- other is: That many are practically excluded need to be encouraged, stimulated, and taken a Presbytery like East Hanover, that emgent; and yet there was before him a pas- from the discussions of the body. This lack kindly by the hand and helped to the front. braces thirty-nine counties and contains onetorate of fifty-three years over the same peo- of participation is further asserted to be inple. Such was the Divine arrangement, jurious to the members themselves and the

Georgia, returned to Georgetown. It was tion assigned by "T," is, to say the least, reached in March, 1780. What a cheerless ambiguous. What he means here by a moral had a modest steeple with its tinkling bell. criminal delinquency-and attribute the ex-Two large wings were added in 1805. And pression to either his thoughtlessness, or an then about 1820 this structure gave place to imagination that somehow or other it fur-

this erection was pulled down that it might | 2. It is easy to retort upon "T" a misapbe rebuilt on the table land of the town. A plication. The word idiosyncracy signifies a most injudicious movement, for several rea- constitutional peculiarity affecting character sons which need not be given. There was or action. It is surely a blunder to apply great opposition to the scheme. The church such a word to a class in the Synod, constilist: on Bridge street had flourished partly be- tuting largely the majority of the body. Micause its position commanded the west of norities may be peculiar-majorities never.

Cemetery. When the shower of wealth fell important committee, and many of them PRAYER is the work of the soul, and not way is also being constructed by them from prospered those who loved his house.—Dr. blessing of the Gospel of Christ! around the feet of this banker, it fell in the never have the distinction or responsibility of the lips only.

a body as the Synod of Virginia, and the al-The Presbytery of Baltimore was founded most unconscious application by the Moderin what Geologists might call the azoic period ator, in appointments, of the old proverb, "a tioned that within the past year some Presof Presbyterianism, so far as the west of bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." Maryland was concerned. And yet it show- And as titles imply experience and merit, ed life, and has since 1784 dispersed abroad these places usually fall to the lot of, and some valuable fossils. Small in its begin- keep to the front a class. By this conservaning, it reached a kind of Oolitic period tive policy some of the older members are re- ly sound, and it is unquestionable that it is when its eagles began to soar, and perch on lieved of all responsibility for the measures trees of righteousness which the Lord had of Synod, and the younger ones are told to planted that He might be glorified. There "tarry at Jericho until their beards be tasteful to those to whom it is offered. A is a spiritual as well as natural geology .- grown"-and gray too. This policy I con- Presbytery may choose to exercise an inde-Long before this time, Francis Makemie, who demn as discouraging and repressive-per- feasible right in managing its own affairs, died in 1708, had planted a Presbytery, the nicious and suicidal and diminishing the inseat of which was Snow Hill or the Eastern | terest of the unemployed members in the shore of Maryland. This has been made business of the Synod. The simple explanaclear in the letters of Spence to the Rev. tion of this result is that stated in the me-Robert Laird, who was paster of the Prin- morial, to wit, that those who are thus hacess Anne kirk. Irving Spence was a young bitually excluded from any participation in lawyer, one of whose ancestors had signed the business of the Synod are not likely, huthe solemn "League and Covenant." 1784 | man nature being as it is, to feel much inwas a curious year. Dr. Coke arrived in terest in that they have no responsibility for. Baltimore and made Ashbury Bishop of the or prepare for discharging duties which they United States, and then politely asked the know will never be devolved upon them, and Staffordshire gentleman to allow him an as they cannot discuss what they have never equal share of the entensive Diocese. He thought upon, simply because they have had was refused by him who had obtained the little incentive to consider it, they are silent

new and comparatively unknown men. A

uncommonly animated. His texts were men take no part in the discussions of the work of Sustentation and to the Assembly's often taken from the Proverbs of Solomon. Synod, is due in part to the size of the body. and from the minor prophets. He was well I know that there are some who have no adapted to polished circles, but fond of tak- taste, and perhaps no talent for such discus- in the stronger Presbyteries to the limits of ing tea with the humblest of his flock. Noth- sions, but who does not know many brethren the Presbyteries themselves, and to leave out ing could deprive him of his natural cheer- who, while goodt alkers in the Presbytery, fulness. As far as money was concerned he when transformed to the Synod are silent? was generous to a fault. He never read a Why? I will venture a reason: These men discourse from any one of the various pul. have some remains of native diffidence, are result will be found to be the very reverse of pits in which he preached. He never pub distrustful of themselves, easily embarrassed severance of the Saints, and a Reply to are accustomed to address, and especially of his Presbytery. In 1818 he received the prefer even the pain of a suppressed speech, only pro forma to indicate the desire to help commit as grievous and mortifying a blunder a single Presbytery is set before its churches This reason is so personal that I am re- by the august presence, he began by stam- that whatever the theory may be upon the

> In concluding this article, I will express the conviction that the number of men in MONTGOMERY.

IT IS said of a recent distinguished pastor and professor in the Presbyterian Church that he had committed to memory not only by the Presbytery of Donegal, which had its facts or the evil asserted. He alleges, how verses and chapters but whole books of the seat on the Susquehannah, a river immortal- ever, that the cause of the admitted fact and Bible. In consequence he always had an 1778, but in 1776, his brother, pastor of the and moral idiosyncracies of the individuals And thus his preaching was greatly enriched, and his prayers obtained an especial unction Poplar Tent church, had died. He had also themselves, and that a division instead of and impressiveness. The late Dr. Spring after Texas will the Committee supply our heard of his father's decease. He went by removing would spread and aggravate the was regarded by all his brethren as a master in the art of leading the devotions of an asafter performing a voluntary mission into To all this I reply-1. That the explanal sembly. The same thing was often observed in the case of the Rev. Dr. Bethune. In both instances one great charm was the judicious use of unhacknied Scriptures, and prospect! Mrs. Beall, of Dumbarton, whose idiosyncracy I will not venture to define .- | this is gained only by a large familiarity with a necessity. If the Presbytery of E. Hanoneice he married, bade him welcome. He The phrase is susceptible of an offensive in- our noble version. It seems very prosaic ver can do its own work better than any obtained a most convenient lot, on which a terpretation. I acquit him, however, of any and common-place to be getting a psalm or kirk was built. We remember it well. It intention of charging upon his brethren any an epistle by heart, but the results of such an acquisition are often of the highest value. It is very far from being the lowest form of what is called "mighty in the Scriptures." Christian Intelligencer.

> pils, friends and admirers of Dr. Tholuck in as also on the north. There are houses for America, who will be interested in the fol- Jews of different nations, erected by "socie-

FOR THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN. ADVICE TO THE PRESBYTERIES.

In the recently published report of the Committee of Sustentation, the fact is menbyteries have ceased to cooperate with the Committee, and on this ground some advice is tendered to them. The advice may b considered by the Committee to be thorough offered with entire sincerity. And yet these two conditions may not prevent its being dis and may legitimately reject interference from any quarter. If this advice be of such a character as to imply a desire to interfere in the exercise of this undoubted right, a more unwise thing could not be done by the Comis wholesome. For while it may be an appropriate function of the Committee to furnish necessary information to the Assembly. it is beyond its province to offer adverse crit-

icism upon the action of the Presbyteries

The Presbytery in which we are most in-

terested is that of East Hanover, which is

one of those mentioned in the report. The

that have sovereign power in the premises.

statements that are not absolutely true, and yet may make an impression that will be not only erroneous but injurious. The first statement of the report that touches us is this: "We are sorry to report that during the past year the Prebyteries of Augusta and East Hanover have also terminated their connection with the Assembly work." It may be unfair here to offer more than a verbal criticism-that criticism we offer-that it is an unfortunate use of language to say parvo, sundry particulars must be omitted, large portion of its members on the back that a Presbytery has terminated its connec One of his portraits was taken in the White members themselves the experiment is worth is that a larger amount is thus left in the House at Washington, by Earle, of Nash- trying. It never will be, however, in this hands of the Committee than heretofore. We object to the attitude which our Presbyas he advanced in his subject, he became 4. Again: The fact that many of our best tery is made to assume with respect to the Committee. It is said that the effect of our action "seems adapted to contract the efforts of view almost altogether the urgent demands for help in the newer and most destitute parts of the Church." In fact, however, the this. Under the out plan East Hanover contributed by her churches should be returned to her, and if any amount was ever public failure. In such an assembly, one Committee, and the amount is larger and unsupported by a previous reputation or a more certain than before. The report goes good deal of assurance, would be very apt to on to say, "it is evident that if the work of as did an experienced lawyer who had been as nine times more important and obligatory called to preside over an internal improve- than the work in the rest of the Church, the ment convention in Virginia, and attempted people will naturally look upon the former as to return thanks for the honor. Overwhelmed the more pressing claim." The answer is mering out: "May it please your Honor, and subject, the facts do not support it, for to-day gentlemen of the Jury." A smaller body the Presbytery asks of its churches a larger ford many more opportunities for exercising Committee, she gives more to the support of their gifts. A division of the Synod would her churches than she gave last year, and leaves more in the hands of the Assembly's

> is destitution less important in Virginia than It is the most idle thing in the world for third of the whole area of the State, that has but about twelve self-sustaining churches, and that leaves the larger part of its counties without any preaching whatever, to talk about seeking a place to help the destitute There may possibly be wider destitutions in newer States, and their importance may seem greater than ours, but while we are looking

whose business is it to take care of the work

within the bounds of the Presbyteries-and

Finally, the laws of the Sustentation Committee are such that under them we cannot support our feeble churches at all, and therefore a modified form of cooperation is to us

PRESBYTER. of buildings are to be seen everywhere by DR. THOLUCK .- There are very many pu- those who approach the city from the west, from Halle, published in the Congregational- rooms each, the poor being furnished with homes for a time rent free. Hitherto the can build wherever they can obtain sites.

FOR THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN.

"THE SAVED AMONG THE NATIONS

Mr. Editor,-Please allow me a word in reply to P. B. P., who attempts vicarious battle against my communication in your paper of May 30th on this subject. He asks: "Can anything be more unfair than to argue that because (italics my own) a wise and experienced theologian uses a scriptural expression, 'co-workers' with Christ, he is assuming for man the functions of the blessed Spirit?" I say, no; such an absurd arguspeaker says, We are co workers with Christ world stands, for which the universe was cre- thirty subjects discussed, covering nearly the sciences of multitudes for whom, at the moated. What are these ends? They may be whole ground of the science of Missions. all summed up in a single phrase—the glory of God in the salvation of sinners. We are at this sitting. We all came up with great making far too little of "the church in the sent to work spiritual miracles." Why did hopes, but this Conference has gone so far, house," and while neglecting to use the means not P. B. P reply to my objections against beyond what we could hope or desire or in this phraseology, if he would show my un- our hearts expect, that we are filled with joy for the conversion of the members of our fairness? I said: "There is not a single in the Holy Ghost. O! that you could have passage in the New Testament containing been here! My pen cannot tell of this meetthe declaration or intimation that 'we are ing! I may write some ten or twenty letco-workers with Christ for the glory of God ters about the matters discussed, but those if she can only get her husband to accomand the salvation of sinners," and gave the who read will little know what we have exreason. To show the contrary, he quotes as perienced. follows: "The works that I do shall he do I trust some of these notes will do my requests the prayers of a meeting for his also, and greater works than these shall he brethren in the ministry good; those who la- wife. Parents send their children to the Sundo," &c.; "He that converteth a sinner." bor so earnestly in the cause of Missions .- day School, and expect that they will be con-Why did not P. B. P. quote both passages And let every servant of the Lord Jesus, as verted through the teacher's influence; and in full? Had he done so, he would have he reads, pray for China! It will not be the brother who is constant in his labors at only confuted himself, for a greater non-se- easy amid the duties that daily press to find the mission school never thinks of speaking thank God that ye were the servants of sins." task is cheerfully undertaken, if by this course, in speaking thus we shall not be con-By stopping there, I would prove, after the means the hearts of God's people may be sidered as hostile to Sanday Schools and same manner, that to be a sinner was a mat- turned to Sinim's Land. As the whole pro- prayer meetings. The value of these agen-

quite astray, if we may judge from the otherwise. Church? When Paul was laboring for the kong, Canton, and a score of other places. conversion of the Corinthian Jews amid much believed;" but the Lord prevented, by saying in a vision to him, "I have much people be converted to Christ, but not "this present Ghost is come upon you." evil world; aion; out of which Christ's The Conference is presided over alterprayers and example be our model, we must | Presbyterian Church. take care not to contradict either by our teaching. In no place are we said to be coworkers with Christ in the salvation of sinners. The only passages that can be quoted in favor of such a sentiment are, 1 Cor. iii: 9; and 2 Cor. vi; 1; neither of which has any allusion to such co-efficiency. By the first, it is shown that we are "laborers to-The second thus reads: "We then, workers together (Paul and Sosthenes), beseech also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." What now becomes of the sentiment as "a scriptural expression,"- co-workers with Christ' in the salvation of sinners? And what becomes of P. B. P.'s "indignant protest against the perversions of the critic?' Is it not an indigent protest begging for an excuse? Must we take the interlarded italics of the translators to prove it, in this last passage? I will believe anything shown to be warranted by the word of God, but not by any passages of it carved out to suit the

W. R. G. The True Way.

A little back from one of the rivers in one

exigences of a mere traditional theology.

ged and frosty hills, a locality which looks as though formed to keep poor people poor, there settled down, some three or more generations since, a colony of hardy pioneers, and they meant, live. Simultaneously with building for themselves, they erected a sanctuary for the Lord, and among them public worship has been well maintained from gen-Committee can do it, ought any one to ob- eration to generation, I suppose, until now. A little way off, on a smooth and rich soil. quite another company planted itself. Theirs A CONSIDERABLE inflax of Jews into Jeru- was a fair possession at the foot of the hills, salem is reported by travellers. New blocks beautiful as well as fertile, and where it seemed as though men had nothing to do but grow rich, and eat of the fat of the land. But they discarded the idea of any good from lowing extract from a recent private letter ties," and are let or sold in tenements of two the presence of Christian institutions. Years passed, indeed a whole generation passed off, before any house for worship was built, and "Since last fall he has become weaker day Jews have had their "quarter," but now they when built it went into disuse and decay. was one mightier than they, even the great September. He seldom speaks a word, and While merchants and financiers do not settle They would not be sponged for the support Washington. This advantage was lost.— If I were to attribute the participation of the hardly shows that he still knows me. Then in Jerusalem, finding no sphere for their ope-Episcopalians had joined the Presbyterian comparatively small knot who do the talking at times there comes a day when in some rations, the poorer classes of Jews are inpastor, and so had the German Reformed, and a pretty large colony from E'gin and Torres in Scottland. Two or three swarms had received members from the Georgetown by they might resent the implied censure.—

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FOR THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN. THE SHANGHAI CONFERENCE OF MISSIONS.

No. 1.

SHANGHAL, CHINA, May 21, 1877. We are now within two or three days of in session twelve days, and it may seem good | himself. ment is not found in my criticism which he to tarry three days longer. I've taken rough criticises. What I wrote was this: "The notes day by day, which I may be able to work into shape as time permits after my rein effecting those glorious ends for which the turn to Soochow. There have been about

specimen he quotes to support it: "The idea | The number of disciples gathered together that Christians are not to pray and labor for in this upper room, both men and women, the conversion of the whole world is unscrip- the number of names together are about an oth an "unscriptural" statement and an- lish, Scotch, Americans, Germans, Baptists, other non sequitur. Christ himself thus Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists,

It is a solemn thing for so many to leave opposition, he was about to depart, though their fields of labor during almost the whole many of the Corinthian Gentiles hearing, month of May. For this time we must give account at the judgment.

But the gospel does not always tell us to

'much people" must be taken, "the election nately by Rev. Dr. Robert Nelson, of Virof grace." I think the servant should not ginia, of the Episcopal Mission, and Rev. singular way to find him and bring him back. assume to be wiser than the Master. If His | Castairs Douglas, LL. D., of the English

Besides the regular order of the subjects, it might be well, in future letters, to speak of the social element in this gathering to gether of isolated laborers; to introduce to you the leading members of the Council, that you might feel acquainted with those whom, with their spiritual seed, you are to meet in the Assembly and Church of the first born; gether with God" in planting and watering. to tell briefly of their mission fields; to give you an account of the Presbyterian meeting we had, and so on, as thoughts come up in a rambling way; but now I'll mention only one point in reference to this first Assembly as at Antioch, and that is its spiritu-

We had prayed much for it. Christians n all lands remembered us, and if God had even wished to forget us, it were impossible. Many who will read this had prayed for this Missionary Conference, and God has answered your prayers. Many brethren could prayer-meetings are being held at many of

No wonder, then, we mounted up on wings as eagles. We were all as if our souls were in balloons. We opened our mouths wide, the city of our God in China.

I have never witnessed a Council so commanded and controlled by the power of the Holy Ghost, and all who have seen Synods, Assemblies and Conventions at home bear the same testimony. In several neighborhoods prayer-meetings before breakfast are held. The first half-hour of both morning and afternoon is devoted to prayer. No use for the leader to call on any particular one, as one after another, sometimes two, three and four consecutively would lead in a short fervent petitions. We've had grand singing, such as would carry the soul upward.

It is as the heart of one man. I mentioned the names of the chairmen, but there Master of Assemblies, who presided. We

The Church in the House.

The other day in one of Mr. Moody's meetings an aged man stood up and asked prayer for the conversion of his wife. "How long have you lived together?" said the evangelist. "Thirty-five years," was the reply. "What! all that time, and she not convertthe closing of this great Council, the first ed yet!" exclaimed Mr. Moody, and the ever assembled within the Middle Kingdom. words produced such an impression on the It is now near the midnight hour, and the heart of the stranger, that he immediately mail leaves on the morrow. It has now been requested the supplications of the people for

The incident was a striking one, and if we knew all the effects that followed on the preacher's exclamation, we might perhaps discover that it went with power to the conment, it was not specially intended. For it I am at a loss what thoughts to dot down | must be confessed that in these days we are which centre in the family, we are looking households, as the consequence of efforts put torth by others elsewhere. We are delegating our duties to others. The wife is content pany her to the church on Sabbath. The husband thinks he has done his duty when he uitur never was penned. Paul said: "I time to write up this Conference, but the to his own sister concerning her soul. Of ceedings, with all the papers read, which will cies is quite beyond our power to estimate. Your correspondent says: "The remain- be published in book form, will not reach the But still they should be the allies of, and not der of W. R. G.'s communication is well, libraries of many, perhaps these abstracts the substitutes for home effort. The family though undesignedly, answered in the Cen. might be clipped out week by week and put is the fountain-head of human feeling, and tral of the 6th inst.;" but his opinion is together for reference in a scrap-book, or all that is holiest, truest, and most tender in our nature gives its influence to intensify the force of the exertions which are there put forth.

Yet how sadly this central agency is negtural, and its prevalence in the Curch would hundred and twenty. These all continue with lected! We will venture to say that the old paralyze its energy and efficiency." This is one accord in prayer and supplication. Eng- man to whom Mr. Moody spoke was not the only husband in the vast assembly who had prayed—consider it well—"I pray not for Plymouth Brethren, all of one mind. From with his wife on spiritual things. There are he world, but for them which thou hast given Pekin, Tiew tsin, Chefoo, Tung-chow, Ning- too many such in all our congregations. May me." Was this prayer "unscriptural?" Has po, Hangchow, Soochow, Chinkiang, Nankin, the Master Himself unstring their tongues, it paralyzed the energy and efficiency of His Hankow, Swatow, Foochow, Amoy, Hong- and help them to speak words in season for

A Telegram from Heaven.

A young man was once employed as a clerk in a telegraph office in a town in England. In some way or other God had led n this city;" was his energy paralyzed or be in haste. He "commanded them that him to see that he was a sinner, and this his efficiency crippled because the Lord did they should not depart from Jerusalem, but caused him great distress of mind. Like a not assure him that the whole city should be wait for the promise of the Father." "But poor lamb in the mountains, he felt that he converted? The whole world shall indeed ye shall receive power after that the Holy had wandered from God's fold, and was a lost sheep. But he could not tell where to find the Shepherd, or how to get back to his fold. But Jesus, the Good Shepherd, took a

The young man went to his office one morning in great distress of mind from the burden of his sins. He was lifting up his heart in secret and saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner," when the click of the telegraph machine before him told him that a message was coming. He looked and saw that it came from Windermere, up among the beautiful lakes of England. There was first the name and residence of the person for whom the telegram was sent, and then followed these words from the Bible: "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world; in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace." And then followed the name of the person sending it. This was a strange message to send by telegraph. The explanation of it was this: The telegram was sent to a servant girl living in that town. She was in distress about her sins and trying to find Jesus. She had a brother who was a Chrisnot come up to meet with us, but daily tian; he was a servant in the family of a gentleman who was spending the summer at the stations. The native church is praying the lakes. This poor girl had written to her brother, telling him about the trouble she was in, and asking him the great question. "What must I do to be saved? Her brother had no time to write to her just then, so he of the old parts of our country, among rug- and God has filled them. Such words of sent her this telegram. The poor girl found wisdom have from day to day been poured her way to Jesus through those sweet words forth. Streams of knowledge to make glad from her brother. And so did that young man in the telegraph office. This was a telegram from heaven to him. Those precious words, "the Lamb of God," "sin taken away," "redemption through His grace," brought him to Jesus, and he found peace in Him. The Good Shepherd made good use of the telegraph wire to bring one of his lost sheep back to Himself.

"After."

After the shower the tranquil sun : Silver stars when the day is done. After the s. ow. the emerald leaves; After the harvest, golden sheaves, After the clouds, the vio et sky; Quiet woods, when the wind goes by. After the tempest, the lull of waves ; After the battle, peaceful graves.
After the knell the wedding bells Joyfui greetings from sad farewells After the bud, the radiant rose; After our weeping sweet repose.
After the burden, the blisstul mead After the furrow, the waking seed. After the fight, the downy nest; Over the shadowy river-rest.

OUR natural proneness to resentmen hatred, malice, never fails to show itself up what we call a proper occasion; that H. C. D. | Rev. T. Adams.