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TRACT-HOUSE, N. Y. April 4, 1861. ear Sit—I send you the following ex-is from letters just received from differ-parts of the country as illustrating the cin which the Colporteurs of the Amer-Tract Society are engaged. Yours turk.

## GLEN WOOD, District Sec., American Tract Society.

THE NEED OF COLPORTAGE. Iportent of the American Tract So toring in one of the northern Neu d States, says, "The field of my la ntains 36 towns, with 7,000 dwell 000 dowling of 00

as ours." as in Southern Missouri says, "I called house where a number of men and wo-were gathered to thresh wheat. Soon I entered, the man of the house came gering in, and inquired my business. I min that brought him some good books.

#### ly the need is great. Somebody must the highways and hedges. FOR THE CENTRAL PRESEVTERIAN.

Editor, — In this last article on the of "Oar Book," I propose to con-self to a few suggestions in relation prosecution of olfences and the eri-to establish charges. And —

proceedings con-

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arise at just and proper conclusions by the means adopted in the enlightened courts of the constry, we are as the down by artifi-cial rules (especially the one requiring two witnesses to establish a charge) that it may often happen that a perron may be convict-ed of the highest crime in a court of the country, and yet remain a member of our -hards for sum of the uroof readers. intry, and yet remain a murch for want of the proof

FOR THE CENTRAL PRESEVTE

To VATIN CARTAL HUMPATERS. The Relation of Baptized Children to the Church—No. 10. (CONTINEND) 1. To show that is mean by delivering to the power of Satan, we considered thering of Seriptrus in reference to de-livering from the power of Satan, and cited to turn them from chaisense to light, and from the power of Satan to Gov<sup>2</sup>, (Xer with 18. - (Sitem than to Gov<sup>2</sup>).

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new converts which have rec the churches within the boun alation: A celebrated judge i, in his earlier years, skeptic, h of the Bible, and especial ity of experimental religion world servant who accompar from court-house to court-quently conversed on the s gion, the servant, Harry, ver to remonstrate with his ma-infidelity. As the judge hr Harry's honesty and succrit had confidence in had confidence in swasphottes, much chain samel and namog the wheat. They had been tangit by dire experience as to how he distant and they had been tangit by dire experience what damage one traitor could do. Might not other Julases shipwreck the whole 

es us uses atter me." The illustration struck the learned judge with great force, and led him to re-investi-gate the grounds of his skepticism, and, through Ilary's instrumentaily, he was finally brought to sit with him at the feet of The illustration the world demanded that the chara we for the great permutation demanded that the chara we have been been as the permutation of the permutation tray must ex-tray must ex-licitly the second the second that the second tha f success in caus-of one form of nother. He is a tried so long, and in, that he is now as to rain them.

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The Jeginning at Jo e? hey were but poorly supplied with the nances. Bibles were far from plenty, village which possessed a Psaim Book, copy of the prophets, was rich. The 4 mass of the people depended for in-

#### The Methodist Ministers.

Anechotes and Incidents taken from Dr Sprague's book on the American Methodis Pulpit.

 $\begin{array}{c} Fulpit. \\ \hline GORGE DOEGLARTY. \\ I refer to an incident that was once related to mose by the law. Dr. Flinn, of Charleson, S. C., -linned I once of the most elocated the rest the rest between the law set of the rest of the set of the se$ ver, regretting the ne o be laid upon him. o, the Doctor conduct t, and then took a se lem. But God will be heard. If his voice into from heaven in Pentecoult revival in Bal attended to he will speak in other tones, will Herod's sword will make the impression that were well to listen to Jeans' voice. The persecution which arose on the death of Slephen dissipated the notion of enase and the

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their independence or an influence state of the state of , from the pen of ed us great grief. reater regard for lge, than we have hirty years. We er into a detail of HEAVENLY JOY ON EASTH .- Christian! rend asunder bota inco and, as far as its infli-civil war. The author HEVERSTR was need with the friends was do you love to meet with the friends was set, preforing the apot where "prayer is wontto be made," to any second of earthy is bitter, and the wontto be made," to any second of the error of the second of the second sec

## WHOLE NO. 278.

Pray for Your Pastor.

Ministers are but many abject to inform-iles; liable to errors in danger of fallening in their cRititation corres by reason of temp-tations. Therefore, pray for your pastor. Pray today. Pray that the Spirit of the Lord may descend upon him as he sits in has atday, preparing that portion of trath which he is to deliver to his propile on has wonthe generative. Perhaps as the panders

fainty, and among your sec-tion toward him may have haps a spirit of fault-findi criticism, may have gradue insensibly taken the place setisfaction, and cordial low by all means betake you him whom you do not who

He can make the feeblest instrumentality effectual for your spiritual good, if you are only yourself in a proper state to receive that good, and you will shortly blame only yourseif if you are not fed and nourished in

long internals; not as a matter of duty not with hift heart. Fray duily. Esteem it a great privilege that you can thus aid one who has arctuous labors to perform and crashing responsibilities to bear, and so be a co-worker with him. Fray with all your heart. It shall not be in vain.

#### Long Pastorates.

Time will not allow me to discuss the ques tion at any length between permanenes and totation in the sacred calling; but I man rare your inducence while J, very briefly point out some of the advantages of the inducence. his personal and ministerias many g with him. In these respects he o commence, not where he left off, o he begun. He has got it form a aintances and gradually rise in estin and influence as before, instead

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## materially affect the general rule. Wha ever may be said in favor of remova "few and far between," the present itin

"The Word is nigh Thee,"

It may sometimes happen that persons may be seeking at a great distance for an object which was really very mear them.-In such a case there is great danger they vering a long period of time riety of duties, they will cat blessing. They look fa and all-compass

sener. The word is nigh in regard to Goo's rouldness. Many think that at another me and in different circlenstances it will be one practicable to scener solvation than it ow is. What a mintake! How fatal the me in worldness of works.

impressions on the so the word at hand is th to avail ourselves of i day if ye will hear his

A Tribute to the Memory of a Belov-ed Wife.

In the "Brick Ohnreh Memorial," the ev. Dr. Spring, concludes his touching escription of his beloved wife-this com-tra foundary years in the following

And, although those pages are without tenra. I bleas Him that

without tears, I bless Him au-is finished, and that her aching rest. I bless Him, that through loved us both, she has gained and mans the crown, and that

Henry Martyn, the schola ary, has become canonized

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## SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1861.

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## THE DEATH OF TWO GOOD MEN.

Jos. P. ENGLES died suddenly in Phila-

the 16th inst., in the 63d year of his age. He was a most active elder in the Seventh Presbyterian church, an efficient member of the Board of Domestic Missions and Publication, and an eminently good Christian man. They are taken away "from the evil to come."

THE COMMUNICATION OF REV. DR. DAB-NEY, should be carefully read, and pondered. We publish it to the exclusion of editorial matter in preparation when it was received, and which, on some points, was intended to present the same views. We leave the letter of Dr. D----, its style, its fire, and power of thought, to speak for itself.

## PRESBYTERY OF E. HANOVER.

The meeting of this Presbytery was held in Fredericksburg last week, and was as well attended as could be expected at such REV. S. J. PRIME, D. D. a time. The business was all conducted

members of the Presbytery. Assembly. Mr. Fisher, of Norfolk, was informed your readers more than once, licensed to preach the gospel. The reports that you feared it was now too late to on the state of religion did not much vary reason. Then, I wish through you, to lay from those of some years past, except that this final testimony before the Christians of the labors among the colored people were the North, on behalf of myself, and my increased interest.

The pastoral relation which has so hap- tion, of cities sacked, of reeking battle At. and abilities.

## OUR NORTHERN EXCHANGES.

can wash its hands in innocence wholly of these evils that have come upon us. It is the time for thought, for review, for calm reflection, going back to first principles, and

we are utterly broken away. If God is to be propitiated on our behalf as a nation, it will be when we do as Israel did, and return unto him and make confes-

sion of our sins, and bring forth fruits meet delphia, on Sabbath night the 14th inst., in for repentance individually. Nineveh was the 67th year of his age. The loss of such saved by timely repentance and humiliation a man to our church is very great, and es- before God; Israel was restored from time a man to our church is very great, and es-pecially so at this important juncture. Mr. by similar repentance and doing of first Engles was for twenty-five years a member works. Therefore, instead of relaxing our of the Board of Publication, and for nine- Christian efforts and zeal in times of calamteen years its Publishing Agent, and the ity and revolution, we ought to give our teen years its Publishing Agent, and the millions of publications issued during his term of service are a lasting monument to his industry, learning, accuracy, and piety. WM. S. MARTIEN, Senior propriator of mercy on Nineveh, and on Israel in the the Presbyterian, died in Philadelphia, on days of Esther and Nehemiah, and Daniel.

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FOR THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. and Dear Brother,-I took occapleasantly and profitably. On the Sabbath sion, as you will remember, in lifting up my feeble voice to my fellow-Christians on bethe pulpits of all the Protestant churches half of what was once our country, to point were filled, both morning and evening, by out the infamy which would attach to the Christianity of America, if, after all its Rev. Wm. A. Campbell, and E. G. Boothe, boasts of numbers, power, influence, and were elected Commissioners to the General spirituality, it were found impotent to save the land from fratricidal war. You have

attended, in a number of cases, with greatly brethren in virginia, that the gate at our door. This mountainous aggregate of enormous crime, of a ruined constitu-

pily continued between Rev. A. A. Hodge fields, of scattered churches, of widowed and the church of Fredericksburg, for about wives and orphaned children, of souls ix years, was dissolved. This separation plunged into hell; we roll it from us, taking takes place with the deepest sorrow on both we will stand, that the blood is not upon sides. Mr. Hodge has, to a degree rarely our heads. When the danger first rose thessed, endeared himself to that whole threatening in the horizon, our cry was: gregation, and we might truthfully say, "Christians to the rescue." And nobly did the whole community. In leaving them followed by their blessings, and their Did you not see their influence in the patriotic efforts of this old Commonwealth, to stand in the breach between the angry eleof all his Presbytery, and of all in ments? Yes; it was the Christians of Virgiwherever he is known. It would nia, combined with her other citizens, who at blessing to our churches here to caused her to enduré wrongs, until endur an hundred men of like sentiments, olive branch, even after it had been sporned again and again; to study modes of compromise and conciliation, until the very

verge of dishonor was touched; to refuse to despair of the republic, after almost all While most of these come to us "full of else had surrendered all hope, and to dewars and rumors of wars," charging upon cline all acts of self-defence even, which the South "wanton and treasonable assaults might precipitate collision, until the cloud Christian Spirit, one from the Boston Cor- Union to which she contributed so much, respondent of the Journal of Commerce: has Virginia been, that many of her own "There is one bright view to be taken in sons were disgusted by her delays, and sooner was the perilous experiment applied, There is another comforting thought. than a result was revealed, as unexpected Good men are not only praying for their and startling, as that caused by the touch of country, but our wisest men are thinking Ithuriel's spear. This patient, peaceful, what is best to be done. The intellect of seemingly hesitating paralytic flamed up at the nation is aroused; and if the men for the the insolent touch, like a pyramid of fire, emergency have not yet appeared, may they and Virginia stands forth in her immortal not be called from their retirement by the youth, the "unterrified commonwealth" of people, as were Washington and others, when other days, a Minerva radiant with the terrible glances of policy and war, wielding Our greatest and wisest men have taken that sword which has ever flashed before but little or no part in public affairs for some the eyes of aggressors, the "sic semper time past. Is not the time at hand when the tyrannis." Yes; the point of farthest enpeople will demand their services to recon- durance has been passed at length. All struct what demagogues have thrown down? her demands for constitutional redress have It is well known, too, that a large num- been refused, her magnanimous, her too ber of the most reliable business men, and generous concessions of right have been of the best men of the country, have, for a met by the insolent demand for uncondinumber of years, taken no part in politics, tional surrender of honor and dignity; her and have not so much as voted at any elec- forbearance has been abused to collect ar tion, through disgust with the politics of the maments, and equip fortresses on her bor country, or else through two exclusive a der, and on her own soil for her intimida tion; the infamous alternative has been forced upon her, e ther to brave the oppressor's rod, or to aid him in the destruc ion of her sisters and her children, becaus they are contending, nobly, if too rashly for rights common to them and her; and to rown all, the constitution of the United States has been rent in fragments, by the effort to muster new forces, and wage war without authority of law, and to coerce sovereign States into adhesion, in the utter absence of all powers or intentions of the federal compact to that effect. Hence, may be averted, even if revolution goes on there is now but one mind and one heart in Virginia; and from the Ohio to the Atlantic, from the sturdy mountaineers, and her chivalrous lowlanders alike, there is flung back with high disdain the gauntlet of deathless resistance. In one week the whole State has been converted into a camp. Now once more, before the Titanic strife begins, we ask the conservative freemen of he North ; for what good end is this strife? We do not reason with malignant fanatics, with the mob whose coarse and brutal na ture is phrensied with sectional hatred .--But we ask, where is the great conservative party, which polled as many votes against Abraham Lincoln as the whole

should be brought to reason? Where is that Albany Convention, which pledged it-self against war? If it is too late to reason, If then, we have the right of peaceably reign of terror exercised by the mobs of

in such a cause, is as dangerous to your the government of Washington against South for whatever in these lines is obnoxious to rights as to ours. Let it be carried out, Carolina, when fortresses intended lawfully, their malignant minds; and bid them seek and whatever may have befallen us, it will only for her protection, were armed for her their revenge of me, (not of you) at that leave you with a consolidated federal subjugation. That act of war was repeated, frontier where we shall meet them, the government, with state sovereignty ex- when armed preparations were twice made, northernmost verge of the sacred soil of tinguished, with the constitution in ruins, to reinforce these means of her oppression. Virginia. And if you find that the voice of and with your rights and safety a prey to a It was repeated, when she was formally no- justice and reason is no longer permitted to frightful combination of radicalism and mili- tified that these means of her oppression be heard in the North, that the friends of tary despotism. For what thoughtful man does not perceive that the premises of the anti-slavery fanatic are just those of the ist, after a magnanimous forbearance, you, and all true men, to come to this sunny agrarian? The cause of peace then was little expected of her ardent nature, she land, and help us here to construct and deas much your cause as ours. And if war is proceeded to what was an act of strict self- fend another temple, where constitutional thrust upon us, you should be found on our side, contending for the supremacy of law, aud constitutional safeguards, with a cour-have committed the intolerable wrongs of hearts; for our enemies, resistance to the age worthy of the heroes of Saratoga and seizing federal ships, posts, property and death. Yours in the bonds of the Gospel,

renton. How horrible is this war to be, of a whole this? Had the right of self-protection out-North against a whole South ! Not to side the federal constitution been peacefully dwell on all its incidents of shame and mis- allowed us, after our rights had been tramery; let us ask, who are to fight it out to pled in the mire within it, not one dollar's its bitter issue? Not the tongue-valiant worth would have been seized. All would brawlers, who have inflamed the feud by yet be accounted for, to the last shoe- woman which is without discretion."-Proc their prating lies about the " barbarism of latchet, if the North would hold its hand. slavery ;" these pitiful miscreants are al- The South has not seceded, because it wish- it may be a little offensive to a delicate ready hiding their cowardly persons from ed to commit a robbery. As for the Forts taste. Still it is as just as it is strong; for the storm ; and its brunt must be borne by within their borders, the only legitimate beanty in an indiscreet woman is indeed the honest, the misguided, the patriotic men use the United States could have for them, very like a jewel in a hog's nose. of the North, who in a moment of madness was to protect those States. When we re-

conquest and subjugation of free and equal rotain them, save as ins ruments of oppres- her finger, too, is graceful as a symbol of States! We have vainly boasted of the sion? But you say they were forcibly affection. But to put it in the nose of a right of freemen to choose their own form siezed! And why? except that the South hog, an unclean animal and odious to the of government. This right, the North now was well assured (have not events proved declares, the Sonth shall not enjoy. The the fear well grounded?) that a purpose ex-climax of all absurdity. Even so, beauty very tyrants of the old world are surrender- isted to employ them for her ruin. My in an indiscreet woman is altogether outre ing the unrighteous claim to thrust institu- neighbor and equal presumes to obstruct and out of place. tions on an unwilling people. Even grasp- me in the prosecution of my rights, and But secondly, it is very sure to be soiled. ing England, which once endeavored to ruin brandishes a dirk before my face. When I You know the ugly habit the hog has of the colonies she could not retain, stands ready to concede to her *dependencics* a sepa-life, shall he then accuse me of unlawfully rate existence, when they determine it is best for their welfare : but the North un-dertakes to compel its equals to abide under vented, to make the South an offender for part, would perhaps only make him follow a government which they judge ruinous to their rights! Thus, this free, Christian, republican North, urges on the war, while

even despotic Europe cries shame on the fratricidal strife, and turns with sickening disgust and loathing, from the bloody spec-upon the flag of the Union!" Did this flag Thirdly. It answers no good purpose.

chief? Will it restore the supremacy of federal laws over the seceded States? Can you conquer the United South? Can you grasp upon her soil and crown. Did this

conquer the seven Confederate States ?- justify the righteous and God fearing French- Set off by 'a meek and quiet spirit," it And when Virginia has joined her sisters, man, in seeking to destroy Spain? Let the might shine brighter than the finess dia-North Carolina, South Carolina, and Geor- aggressor amend his wrong, before he de- mond in the crown of Solomon himself. In-

gia, and they have rallied to their sides mands a penalty of the innocent party who deed, beauty makes virtue appear more vir-their stalwart daughters of the West, is has only exercised the right of self-defence. But soiled by indiscretion, it no there one abolitionist insane enough in the It is urged again: if the Union is not longer excites its proper emotion. fury of his sectional hate to believe that he maintained, the interests of the North in tracts only to repel, and the pleasure is can conquer them all? Then what can this the navigation of the Gulf, and the Missis- overpaid by disgnst.

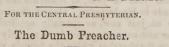
war effect, save to shed rivers of treasure sippi, in the comities of international inter-and of more precious blood, to plant the course, in the moneys expended in the and if thou wouldst preserve the charm of seeds of national hatred which are to bear Southern States, for fortifications, may be thy beauty, do not sport it about the streets fruits in other wars, for centuries; and to jeopardized. I reply, it will be time enough and at public places. The beauty of an rend this Union forever, beyond the hope of re-construction? Why then, do you go to war with us? Let it not be replied, that it is South

Let it not be replied, that it is south the distance of a swine, carolina which has first gone to war with abant to be made, and because I find him Like a jowel of gold in the snout of a swine, for a swine, the beauty of woman a moment may shine, average for such iniquity as this?

particeps crimins, by refasing to permit her righteous chastisement. This is what clam-oring demagogues say; but before an enlightened posterity, as before impartial only a rope of sand." I reply, demonstra-spectators, it is false. And here let us dis-tively, that the Government of which Virtinctly understand the ground the conserva- ginia has been a member, has always had tive North means to occupy, as to the inde- this condition in it, as to her: for her right pendence of the States in their reserved to go out of it whenever she judged herself the South "wanton and treasonable assaults" ingut precipitate consister, that include the condu-upon the Federal Government," we are glad to give two extracts of a conservative, ing, so reluctant to behold the ruin of that This is the reception of the source the source the first. Her reception on the source the first. Her reception on those terms was a concession of it. If you trample on the sacred authority of the Su-aware of this: then the only reply we deign Court, and may pervert all the powers of the federal government, instituted is, that it is no one's fault but yours, that for the equal good of all, to the depression you have allowed yourself to be misled by of a class of rights as much recognized by rulers ignorant of the fundamental points the constitution as any other, and the mi- in the history of the Government. Now, nority have no remedy except submission : my argument (and it is invincible) is this; If you mean that sovereign States, the cre- that the connexion of Virginia with the Fedeators by their free act, of these federal au- ral Government, although containing althorities, are to be the helpless slaves, in the last resort, of their own servant: If ment of the compact, has been any thing you mean that one party is to keep or else, for eighty years, than a rope of sand. preak the compact as his arrogance, inte- It has bound her in a firm loyalty to that rest, or caprice, may dictate, and the other government. It has been a bond which is to be held bound by it at the point of nothing but the most ruthless and murderthe sword : If you mean that a sovereign ous despotism could relax; a bond which State is not to be the judge of its own retained its strength, even when it was wrong and its own red.ess, when all consti- binding the State to her incipient dishonor tutional appeals have failed : Then we say and destruction. Surely it is a strange and that it is high time we understood each disgraceful fact, that men who call themother. Then was this much lauded federal selves freemen, and Christians, should assume compact a monstrous fraud; a horrid trap; the position, that no force is a real force, and we do well to free ourselves and our children from it, at the expense of all the orable physical power! Do they mean, that horrors of another revolutionary war. And with them, honor, covenante, oaths, enlight such have been the aggressions on the ened self-interest, affections, are only a rope South. The conservative party in the North of sand? Shame on the utterance of such declared, with us, that the platform of the an argument! Do they confess themselves Black Republican party was unconstitution- so ignorant that they do not know that the al. On this, their opposition to it was physical power of even the most iron despo based. They proclaimed it in their speeches; they wrote it on their banners, they fired it Presbyte, ian divine has been found to defrom their cannon, they voted it at the polls, that the Chicago platform was unconstitutional. And now that this platform has been fixed on the ruins of the constitution, as, all history teaches us, that if the basis and its elected exponent has declared from of moral forces be withdrawn from beneath. the steps of the Capitol, that the last bar- the most rigid despotism becomes but a rier, the Supreme Court, is to be prostrated simulacrum, and dissolves at the touch of to the will of a majority; now that the con. resistance. How much more, then, must servative party of the North has demonstra- all republican government be founded on ted itself, (as it does this day, by its suc- moral forces, on the consent, the common cumbing to this fiendish war-phrensy,) im. interests, and the affections of the governed. potent to protect us, themselves, or the While these remain, the government is constitution, [the constitution overthrown strong, and efficient for good ; when they are speaking of the importance of inhabiting according to their own avowals;] are we to gone, it is impotent for good, and exists houses in their structure and situation favorbe held offenders, because we attempted peacefully to exercise the last remaining compacts of the federal institutions were ble: "There is more sound practical hygiene remedy, and to pluck our liberties and the tolerably observed by the North, that go on this subject of healthy houses in the fourprinciples of this constitution from the van- vernment knit us together, with moral teenth chapter of Leviticus, from verse dal hands which were rending them all, by bands, indeed ; yet they were stronger than thirty-four, than in all the skulls of all the a quiet secession? Nay verily! Of all men hooks of steel. The North has severed them health commissioners and common councils in the world, the conservative men of the by aggression: and they cannot be cement- of all the cities of Christendom. Pity it is North cannot condemn that act; for they have declared the constitution broken: and they have proved themselves incompetent to restore it. And least of all should Virginia re-construct the Federal Union on equitable useful, and true, in all that really pertains be condemned for this act; because she terms. It is waged for revenge, for the to human happiness; and pity it is that the magnanimously forebore it, till forbearance gratification of sectional hate, to solace Sunday newspaper, and the trashy weekly, was almost her ruin; and until repeated mortified pride, to satiate the lust of con- and the enticing story-book, for childhood aggressions had left no alternative. Yet quest. From these fiendish passions let and heary age, on subjects pertaining to every good man withdraw h's countenance. the world, and party preaching, and infidel more, Virginia cannot be condemned; because in the ordinance of 1787 in which she It is a war which the Constitution confers peripatetic lectures, with their new fangled no power to wage, even were the secession crudities for human amelioration. and their first accepted this constitution, she cxpress'y reserved to herself, the right to sever its of the South for insufficient cause. The debonds, whenever she judged they were used pates of the fathers who framed it show that injuriously to her covenanted rights. It this power was expressly withheld; even the was on this condition she was received into Federalist, Hamilton, concurring strenuous- the wisest in all its theories, and in all its the family of States; and her reception on ly. This war has no justification in rightousness, in any reasonable hope of good the many, and any other volume on the cen this condition was a concession of it by he excitement help only to aggrava e the evil. There needs firmness and calmness and pa tience now. It seems to us that no parts for one hour seceded. (Witness this spirit tience now. It seems to us that no parts for one hour seceded. (Witness this spirit tience now. It seems to us that no parts for one hour seceded. (Witness this spirit thranch to no parts for one hour seceded. (Witness this spirit thranch to no parts for one hour seceded. (Witness this spirit thranch to no parts for one hour seceded. (Witness this spirit thranch to no parts for one hour seceded. (Witness this spirit thranch to no parts for one hour seceded. (Witness this spirit thranch to no parts for one hour seceded. (Witness this spirit thranch to no parts for one hour seceded. (Witness this spirit thranch to no parts for one hour seceded. 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would hold our hands, the aggressive party because she judges that the time has come to lay down this last protest on that altar,

reflection, going back to first principles, and laying again in repentance and tears the original foundations, from which as a nation, if God is to be propitiated on our behalf as a nation, it will be when we do as Israel reflection, and the right our presentance in the first action are the first act of war was committed by the most of the R. L. DABNEY.



"As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair This is rather an "unsavory simile," and

have been thrust into this false position. How iniquitous is its real object; the desire can the Federal Government have to accord with poetic justice. To put it on

possessor, and thus loses all its lustre in

And what can this war effect, except mis-when it was unfurled as the signal of op-impressive. So Milton says:

"Abashed the devil stood And felt how swfal goodness is, and saw Virtue in her shape how lovely."

Like a jewel on woman's own beautiful breast, Is beauty by mode-ty brightened and blest. Not the gem of the mine nor the pearl of the sea, Is so pure or so precious as she is to me.

### THE BIBLE.

THE "IPSISSIMA VERBA" OF SCRIPTURE There is power in "the words which the Holy Ghost teacheth." They most fitly embody the truth-most effectually impress it. This holds good, if we seek to awaken

are they doing? the distant heathen, and the privy counsel- said river. lors of kings. Let us tell you, reader, a Bible man-a man whose principles are founded on Bible teachings-is a man everywhere, whether a shoe-black or an emperor; more, the only man who can be safely trusted in all God's universe."

A writer complains that Christians, as a general thing, read the Bible so scantily, nstancing a church officer who for years together limited himself to a chapter a day. He is right. This is small measure for one says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you" richly," and surely this means something more than a mere fragmentary portion. He who would be a lively, growing Christian, must accustom himself to read and enjoy large portions of the Scripture, for this purpose redeeming time from business, recreation, and sleep. On the Lord's day especially should he give holy time without stint to the Holy Bible. The appetite grows by what it feeds upon. The more a pious soul reads intelligently, the more it wants to read, and the deeper it sees into what it reads.—Chris. Intelligencer.

SOMETHING INFIDELITY CANNOT GIVE .-A distinguished British statesman, while an ambassador at one of the gay continental capitals, was in company where the Christian religion was made a subject of ridicule. A lady who was present asked him how it secured. was that the English people were so far being that infidelity could give nothing in return for the religious belief and hopes it arms destroyed. sought to destroy.

which he instructs, and that he found the tery erected with sand bags at Hospital Moodir or Turkish governor of a small town l'oint, which is in our possession. in that region, in the very heart of Asia Four large Columbiads have been un-Minor, possessing a Bible. The Turks al- spiked and hauled down to the hospital. come acquainted with it, their religious ideas will be revolutionized, and it will do its Oaly the ship houses, marine barracks and

VIRGINIA BIBLE SOCIETY .- We give an proved an utter failure. extract from the report presented at the artillery have been secured.

late annual meeting: "The aggregate of the work done in this The Convention is still in secret session. supplied during the past year, in fifteen or twenty counties, and copies of the Word of God, nearly seven thousand in all, have been sold or given, wherever there was any pro-sold or given, wherever there was any probability that they would be read. What fruit will be developed from the seed thus

## results." MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS. F. Maury, late of the Washington Observa-

mond. Va., has declined the call to the Richmond as a special Commissioner from North Presbyterian church, Buffalo, N. Y. the Cabinet of the Confederate States.

and prepared for during the week; its leader, the lnes of speedy communication, a rena William Wallace, and then a John McFar- dezvous, and hold themselves in readiness land, a pupil of the elder Mason. And these for immediate orders. Telegraph or send by same youthful Bible learners, the men of express to the Executive, the name of Captheir generation, where are they now? What tains, number of men and description of Why, they are scattered force. It is also ordered that officers of all through this whole land, East and West, grades, on the line of the Potomac river, and in other lands, leading men everywhere, render obedience to the orders of Gen. Philip as secretaries, as professors, as presidents St. George Cocke, who has been assigned of colleges, as influential editors, clergymen to the command of that section of the miliof mark, and higher still, as missionaries to tary operations of the State bounded by

Given under my hand as Gov- $(\sim \sim)$ ernor and under the Seal of the L. S. ~~ ) Commonweal h. at Richmond, 21 April, 1861, and in the 85th year of the Commonwealth.

JOHN LETCHER. [Signed] By the Governor.

GEORGE W. MUNFORD, Sec'ry of the Commonwealth.

On Thursday the 18th, the Ordinance of Secession which had passed the Convention who wants to thrive in the divine life. Paul | a day or two previous, was made public, and military operations were pushed forward with vigor all over the State. We give in another place the Governor's Proclamation. On the 19th, the Virginia troops took possession of the Armory at Harper's Ferry fter the United States force had retreated. They found there several thousand Minnie Muskets, uninjured, as well as the machine shop and the machinery, which will be of great service to the State.

The Armory buildings and two carpenter shops at the Ferry were destroyed by fire, but all else is saved.

NORFOLK, April 20 .- 4, P. M .- The Powder Magazine was seized last night by or-der of Gen. Taliaferro. Thirty-two hundred barrels of gunpowder, a large quantity of oaded shell, and an immense number of Shrapnel shot and percussion caps, were

NORFOLK, April 21, 1861 .-- The navy hind the age as still to profess belief in the Bible. He replied, "The English people lofts and the two ship houses, sail and rigging madam, will be very ready to give up the lofts, and the matine barracks destroyed, Bible as soon as *something better* is offered them in return." The lady was silent, know-ing that infidelity could give nothing in re-The cannon were spiked, and the small

J. T. Forrest has been appointed Com-In the Missionary Herald for March, Dr. modore of the naval forces of Virginia by West, of the Sivas station, states the attend- Governor Letcher. He now has charge of ance sometimes of Turks with a Bible class the navy-yard, and is having a heavy bat-

ways treat the B ble with reverence, and honor it as the Word of God. As they be-and machine shops, timber houses, etc.,

work of transformation upon them as upon others. officers' quarters were destroyed. The attempt to destroy the Dry Dock

Fifteen hundred pieces of the very best

State during the past year is as follows: One Resolution has been made public re-The Missionary has visited more than four- commending, to the citizens of the several teen thousand families. The destitution counties of this Commonwealth to promptly which has been discovered, though no great- form and discipline companies of volunteers er than in most parts of this Christian of their able bodied men; and to the county country, is truly appalling. In every eighth courts to levy or raise, by issuing bonds, a family there was not a copy of the Scrip-tures in the house. This deficiency has been such volunteers when raised.

sown, eternity alone will discover. But we advisory Council, and he has appointed are sure that it will bring forth glorious Judge J. J. Allen, of the Supreme Court of Appeals, Col. F. H. Smith, of the Virginia Military Institute, and Commander Matthew tory, members of the Council.

Rev. Dr. C. H. Read, (N. S.) of Rich- Hon. Alex. H. Stephens, has arrived in

Rev. Dr. Geo. Junkin has resigned the Col. R. E. Lee, late of the U. S. A., has

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reference to our country, viz:-Christians driven to fury and despair by the lowering in the North and in the South are praying storm, and the taunts of her enemies. And for it, as never before. We may say, there those enemies (woe to them for their folly.) is scarcely a secret prayer offered up in mistook this generous long-suffering, this which there is not a remembrance of our magnetiness the secret prayer offered up in which there is not a remembrance of our magnanimous struggle for peace, as evi-country. We know that this is the fact in dence of cowardice! They said the "Old reference to family, social, and public mother of States and Statesmen" was deprayers. And has not God promised to hear crepid ; that her genius was turned to dothe united prayer of his children? "Shall tage, that her breasts were dry of that milk not God avenge his own elect, who cry day which suckled her Henrys and her Washand night unto Him, though he bear long ingtons. They thought her little more than with them?" Whatever the result of the a cowering beldame, whom a timely threat present issue, may we not almost be sure, would reduce to utter submissiveness. And that we shall be guarded and guided by thus they dared to stretch over her head Him, who was the leader of our fathers in the minatory rod of correction! But no the times that tried their souls.

present helps fail us?

devotion to their own private affairs. May we not expect, that these men have learned that "the price of liberty is eternal vigilance," and that their much needed influence will be exerted to save their country from being destroyed by the selfish, and the dissolute?"

Then the Christian Mirror of Portland, Maine, in an article on the Duty of Christians in the present crisis:

We are in the midst of revolution as a nation. It is yet possible that civil war to ultimate division and destruction;-but it may be extravagant to indulge such a hope. Our people never knew a calamity like this. Most of them never anticipateo such a time. Even the mention of it, or fore warnings against it, have been treated with 'evity. But the event has come; it is acknowledged and felt by all. And now that it has come indeed, how shall men carry themelves in it; how toward each other, and toward their country? What ought they to o in this fearful crisis? What should be their attitude before God? In "patience they hould possess their sculs." Recrimination is useless; the casting of reflections is useless, it is exasperating. Passion and furiour

the sinner. An English gentleman, inclined to Unitarian views, complained of the disuse into which the awful terms of Scripture had fallen among ministers of that persuasion. He urged that "fury," "vengeance," "the lake of fire and brimstone." were words. employed by the only wise God himself, and were adapted to strike the careless and arrest the thoughtless.

It holds good, too, if we seek to comfort the penitent. A minister who passed through the Revival in Ireland, afterwards wrote. with respect to those who were brought nnder conviction in his sphere of labor, "When in agony of mind, I have invariably found that whatever might be said to them, nothing brought relief but the pure word of God quoted verbatim."

It holds good, also, if we seek to establish the believer. Why else was it that Romaine, for the last thirty or forty years of is life, studied nothing but the Bible? Every earnest Christian has felt the power of the Scriptural style-of the "very words" -which the Hindoo convert expressed, when he said: "I read the Bible: I cannot help it; there I always find something that catches me in a way which I cannot explain." And Luther puts the thought strongly, in his declaration: "He that has but one word of God before him, and out of that word cannot make a sermon, can never be a preacher! Happy, then, is he who reads the word of God every day, contracting familiarity with its very words.

And happy he who lays up the very words f Scripture in the storehouse of memory, and can recall them with accuracy when needed for his own spiritual profiting or for the edification of others .- Rel. Herald.

THE BIBLE FOR EVERY THING .- Dr. Hall, in his Journal of Health for May, that we don't read our Bible more, that Why then shall war be urged on? No great book, which contains the leading man is blind enough to believe that it can principles of what is indisputably good, and

theories for elevating the masses; pity it is we say, that all these things so attract at tention. The Bible, the best book of all practices safe, has become a sealed book to noon Bible class was the thing talked of

Presidency of Washington College, Va. Rev. Alsace Nash, of the Pres. of Grand in our Military Staff.

recent sessions.

accepted a call to the Presbyterian church in Rye, Westchester county, N. Y.

Rev. J. H. Frazee has resigned the charge of Pisgah, and Good Hope churches, Miss. of the city of Richmond three hundred thou-

and Salem (Black River) church, S. C.

and Fredericksburg church, Va.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Pres. of Long Island-Rev. F. T. Drake, with elder, Jos. H. Shepard.

Pres. of Carlisle-Rev. J. A. Murray, J. A. Linn.

Roland, and W. F. Lane.

Pres. of Donegal-Rev. Walter Powell,

Coy, and John Rinkead. Pres. of Iowa-Rev. R. McGuigon, with

elder, Jas. A. Russell.

Pres. of East Hanover-Rev. Wm. A. Campbell, with elder, E. G. Boothe. Pres. of Cincinnati-Rev. Dr. J. G. Monfort, with elder, G. W. Frost.

Pres. of White Water-Rev. Wm. Pelan, with elder. Wm. llouston.

Pres. of Maumee-Rev. J. M. Layman. of N. C. No elder mentioned.

Pres. of Coshocton-Rev. Wm. E. Hunt, with elder, Judge Wm. Sample. Pres. of Redstone-Rev. Henry W. Biggs,

with elder, Nat. Ewing. Pres. of Allegheny-Rev. J. R. Coulter,

with elder, James Banks. Pres. of Chicago-Rev. Dr. W. Lord,

Rev. S. Swan, with elders, W. B. Seates, and C. A. Spring. The Pres. of Charleston, in view of the

appointing commissioners.

VIRGINIA AND N. CAROLINA.

#### By the Governor of Virginia. A PROCLAMATION.

By virtue of authority vested in the Excutive, by the Convenion, I John Letcher, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, do order that each volunteer company equipped and armed whether of Infantry Artillery or Riflemen, in the counties lying West of the city of Rehmond, between Richmond and the Blue Ridge and in the Valley of Virginia, from the county of Rockbridge to the Tennessee line, establish for hwith on

also arrived, and will take an important post

River, Rev. W. N. Cleaveland, of the Pres. RECOGNITION OF VIRGINIA'S INDEPENDof Brooklyn, and Rev. Jas. Sinclair of the ENCE .- Hon. Mr. Moore, Her British Ma-Pres. of Long Island, (N. S) were received jesty's Consul at this port, in preparing the into the Pres. of Long Island, (O. S ) at its usual clearance papers for a British brig from Halifax, N. S., erased the printed Rev. Charles W. Baird has received and words, "United States of America," and wrote "Commonwealth of Virginia."

> The Council of the City of Richmond have adopted the following ordinance:

The Pres. of Harmony dissolved the pas- sand dollars in notes of one dollar, fifty toral relation between Rev. G. C. Gregg, cents and twenty-five cents, for the redemption of which the Council pledges the faith The Pres. of East Hanover dissolved the of the city: and which shall be receivable pastoral relation between Rev. A. A. Hodge for taxes, water, light, or any debt due or payable to the city of Richmond."

The papers in Va., and N. C., are advising the farmers to plant less cotton and tobacco than heretofore, and more corn. Corn and bacon will be needed for troops, and will Rev. Jos. Clark, with elders, W. Kerr, and command a high price. Let every body plans corn.

Pres. of Newcastle-Rev. James Latta, The Wilmington and Newbern, N. C., Rev. S. A. Gayley, with elders, Dr. W. B. papers state, that the free colored population of our towns are ready and willing to do anything that they may be called upon Rev. John Far and me with elders, J. S. Mil-ler, and Dr. Josiah Martin. do anything that they may be called upon to do in the present emergency. This is the proper spirit. Let them act up to it, and Pres. of Hunningdon-Rev. D. D. Clark, they will be fully protected and provided Rev. Jas. Williamson, with elders, F. Mc- for. A number went down to the forts this morning. More will go to-morrow.

Rev. F. J. Boggs, for several years past Chaplain to the Seamen's Bethel in this city, has received the appointment of Chaplain to the First Regiment of Virginia Volunteers.

Forts Macon, Johnson, and Caswell are now in possession of the Volunteer troops

Gov. Ellis has called the Legislature of N. C., to meet the 1st May.

#### GENERAL NEWS.

The President of the United States has issued another Proclamation, in which, after several whereases, he says:

"I have further deemed it advisable to set on foot a blockade of the ports within the States aforesaid, in pursuance of the existing difficulties in the country, declined laws of the United States and of the law of nations in such case provided. For this purpose, a competent force will be posted so as to prevent entrance and exit of vessels from the ports aforesaid. If, therefore, with a view to violate such blockade, a vessel shall approach, or shall attempt to eave any of the said ports, she will be duly warned by the commander of one of the plockading vessels, who will endorse on her register the fact and date of such warning; und if the same vessel shall again attempt o enter or leave the blockaded port, she vill be captured and sent to the nearest onvenient port, for such proceedings against er and her cargo, as prizes, as may be deemed advisable.