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ness on the business principles usually re- rate of about 6 per cent, and now amount cognized amongst business men. After a to about \$242 000, as will be seen by the few more remarks he said he would add no paper which he held in his hand. He did not believe that it should be allowed to inmore at present.

T. C. Henry (ruling elder) moved that crease ad aternum. But the time had not this matter be recommitted to the Com- come for arresting it. When the increase mittee, and that Dr. Musgrave and Dr. is in any one year too great, it is diminish-Edwards be directed to appear before that ed (by an order of the Assembly) by a dim-Committee and substantiate these charges. inution of the price of the books. He had heard that two years ago similar the house in Chestnut street, of which so inuendoes had been made from the same much had been said, it was by specific doquarter. He begged to say that he was nations from gentlemen in Philadelphia and not a member of this Board-not a mem- New York. If that house should be sold, ber of this mystic circle-had no interest the proceeds must be applied to the same of a private or personal kind in this matter. purposes for which they were at first given. He could not get definitely before his mind The \$75 000 of which they speak (the value what objections they made to the Board. Dr. Musgrave affixes to the house.) is now Dr. Musgrave suspects that much is wrong, worth no such sum to us as they speak of. and he and Dr. Edwards bring the general The house cost \$37,000. It gives us shelcharge of want of economy, efficiency, &c., ter for our business. The stereotype plates, but they fail to specify and prove in what though valuable to us for the particular particulars their charges are true. It was book, yet for all other books they are so easy to bring indefinite charges, and to much dead capital. This is the estimate of awaken suspicions and apprehensions in the business men. The old plates are not capminds of the Assembly and the public; and ital on which new books can be got out. when this is done, the gentlemen who do it Mr. Dunbar inquired whether the estiought to be held responsible for their alle- mate of capital was arrived at by comgations, and required to substantiate them. pounding the 6 per cent. accretion, or by a Something, he thought, was due to the careful estimate of the property and stock? character of the men selected by the Assem-Dr. Schenck replied that it was by the bly to attend to the duties of these Boards; latter process. Ile denied the charge and if efforts to shake confidence in their brought by Dr. Musgrave that our books motives and conduct are encouraged, it are more costly than that of other publishmust result most disastrously to the cause ing establishments. He presented four of the Church and her enterprises. He hoped hymn-books, the Methodist, the Lutheran, that these brethren would be required to Baptist, and our own; he gave the prices, I rove if they can, the charges pieferred; and showed that our own (the 35 cent book) and that the Committee would faithfully re-was cheaper by 30 per cent, and the book

port how matters really stand. a better made book. He exhibited a Brit-Dr. Edwards was surprised at Mr. Henry's ish work reprinted by a prominent religious motion. This course threatened the free-dom of discussion. A member rises in his work issued by our Board; our book is the place, and asks for explanation, and up gets best made and yet the cheaper. Several another member and moves that the in- other comparisons of the same kind were quirer be required to go before a Commit- made. Now as to the per centage of extee, and substantiate charges. He consid- penses in the Board. He had in his hand a ered it an indignity, and an unjustifiable paper containing an account of the expenses interference with the freedom of debate. of the Board for ten years. A competent Dr. Edwards read a paper as part of his accountant had examined the statistics, and speech, which he proposed to offer, making finds it $12\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., not the 19 per cent. certain inquiries, and directing the Com- Dr. Musgrave would represent it. He promittee on the Report of the Board to make ceeded to compare the per centages of our a report upon these inquiries. He denied Board with that of other establishments of t'iat he had made a charge-he had made the same kind. One was 27 per cent. anan inquiry. He denied that Mr. Henry's other 28 per cent., &c. The per cent. of history was correct. Two years ago, he had salaries alone in those institutions were one voted for the paper which the Assembly 103, another 14, and the Board of Publicaadopted. He was a part of that unanimous tion was 11 per cent. He could not speak majority that adopted the paper in regard before this Assembly on the subject of the to this Board which had been adopted. Secretary's salary, he must refer them to

Dr. Schenck said that these gentlemen the Standing Committee, to whom he had have been heard on one side of this subject; explained that to their apparent entire satisthey have made these statements in assail- faction. He would speak of the Treasurer's ing the Board, before this large and intel- salary. He had been singularly misappreligent audience, and he deemed it unfair hended if he was understood to say that we that the impressions should go abroad with- must have a "genteel freasurer." out being corrected by statements on the tainly meant no such thing. He appealed to the House if he had said the invidious other side.

Dr. McPhail said that serious difficulties thing that had been attributed to him. He had said that we needed a responsible treasenvironed this business. The work proposed in the motion to re-commit would require urer. The office had been forced upon the treasurer with a salary when bonds were eight or ten days of diligent investigation. It cannot be done in reasonable time. Is required. This was after the treasurer had this the business of a Standing Committee? gratuitously served the Board three years. If so, is not the Board uself a farce. The In regard to printing, he had to say that members of this Board are men of high character—members and ministers in good debts. Their printing bills are presented standing in the Church. standing in the Church. They make their every month, they are laid before a comreport, they bring all the papers-they sub- mittee to examine them, and on this commit every thing to the investigation of the mittee no editor of the Presbyterian was Committee-the Committee reports the facts found. After being approved by this Comto the Assembly, and this is as far as it mittee of Accounts, they are presented again seems possible to go. What more can be doug? It is impossible for this Assembly to take the time necessary to examine all the become and we are presented again to the Executive Committee, and examined, which Committee orders them to be paid by the Treasurer.

papers and vouchers, to arrive at a knowl- Dr. Hall asked whether the printing was dge of the economies of the Board. If given out without a fixed price? gentlemen will take the time, they have Dr. Schenck answered no. A careful con-

every opportunity. But there must be some tract is always made. It is true that Mr. trust-some confidence in our public agents. Martien has done the most of the printing, In regard to this charge that it is a family but by no means all. We have four differaffair, why, Moderator, what is the history ent printing-houses now in our employ. We of this Board? Who were its founders ?- have employed Mr. Martien because he did who toiled and sacrified for it in its infancy? | it in the best way, and at the cheapest rate Under whose labor, and prayer, and foster- for the style of execution.

ing care has it arisen to its present gigantic In regard to that nice little family circle, proportions? That man, whose name should of which Dr. Musgrave spoke, I accord with never be mentioned by a Presbyterian with-him that it is a nice and orderly circle. If

members intended to withdraw from its man- is a sufficient reply also, to the second arti- thorities, will snap it asunder, as so much agement, and resign at the annual meeting cle of this protest. Having established no rotten pack-thread.

on the sixth of June." We make room for the answer to the Protest given last week.

About

fully present the following draft :

Answer, §c. The action of the General Assembly, in reference to which these protests are offered, embrace two resolutions, against the our national government : believe, in con- run. And, inasmuch as the meetings of our former of which no objection is alleged .- tradiction to the Princeton Reviewer, that Presbyteries and Synods are not very re-The whole stress of the protestation is di- disunion is morally right; and some are al mote, that the wisest, safest, and most unanrected upon the following sentence in the ready in arms to vindicate these opinions. imous results will be secured by not seem-Christian patriotism which the Scriptures "striking as dreadful a blow at the Church as enjoin, and which has always characterized at the State," is already committed; when firmed by those of our esteemed neighbor, this Church, do hereby acknowledge and thousands of Presoyterians are likely to be the North Carolina Presbyterian of 15th declare our obligation to promote and per- seduced from their allegiance by the machina instant. petuate, so far as in us lies, the integrity tions of wicked men; when our national prosof these United States; and to strengthen, perity is over clouded, when every material inuphold, and encourage the Federal Govern- terestis in jeopardy, and every spiritual enerent in the exercise of all its functions gy paralyzed-when armed rebellion joins under our noble Constitution; and to this issue with armed authority on battle-fields

against the adoption of this resolution is, for, unnecessary, for this Christian Assemthat the General Assembly has no right to bly to renew, in the memories and hearts decide purely political questions; that the guestion whether the allegiance of Ameri-jesty of the law, and a sense of the obli-meetings, the important questions which the can citizens is due primarily and eminently gation of loyalty? Let posterity decide meetings, the important questions which the

ent upon constitutional theories and inter- just to a portion of our Church not now fulpretations, respecting which various opin- ly represented in this body, is a fourth rea- to demand discussion. We therefore invite ions prevail in different sections of our son of protest. We need only reply that it in the columns of the Central Presbytecountry : that the action of the Assembly the roll of this Assembly shows delegates rian. It will be a comfort and benefit to the virtually determines this vexed question; from Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Ten- church now to hear the calm voice of fathers decides to what government the allegiance nessee, Mississippi. Louisiana, and Texas. of Presbyterians, as citizens, is due; and All might have been as easily represented. makes that decision a term of communion. Besides, this action has no loc 1 or sectional for counsel in times of trial. May we fur-

litical as well as moral bearings is readily as well as of such pressing urgency that to this, of their writing under their own names, admitted. So had the decision of our Di- have waited for a full Southern representa- s) that all who read may know, and ponder? vine Master, when he said to the Pharisees tion, in a future Assembly, would have been

things that are Cæsar's," (Mark xii. 17,) tion would be productive of good. a moral and a political duty.

of an able article on the State of the Coun- good ; securing, as we humbly trust it will, are to be addressed, it is the privilege and ing, and to bring truth to bear on the minds of their feilow-citizens." The General Assembly heartily approve these principles, and doubt not that if ever there was an oc-

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of that character.

is due.'

States of

Constitution, in all its provisions, require- where tens of thousands must perish-when ments, and principles, we profess our una- it remains a question whether our national bated loyalty." The first and main ground of protest sets in anarchy and blood—is it uncalled seek wisdom and guidance from above. Let

to the State, or to the Union, is parely po-litical—of the gravest character—depend-

That the action of the Assembly has po- character; the subject is of national relations, ther suggest the propriety in a case like

and Herodians, "Render to Cæsar the to lose forever the critical moment when ac-

a decision still binding upon all men, and underlies this very act of the Assembly.— As to the final ground of protest, it is enough to record our simple denial of the The payment of the required tax was both opinions expressed. We sincerely believe that this action of the General Assembly "There are occasions," says the author will increase the power of the Church for

try in the January number of the Prince- the favor of her exalted Head in behalf of ton Review-" There are occasions when those who testify for a suffering truth. political questions rise into the sphere of Signed, morals and religion; when the rue of po- Thomas E. Thomas, Jesse L. Williams, Wilrations of State policy, but in the law of Committee. God. * * * When the question to be decided turns on moral principles; when reacided turns on moral principles; when rea-son, cons ience, and the religious sentiment duty of all who have access in any way to the public ear to endeavor to allay unholy feel-

casion when political questions rose into the all the information received, this solemn day from the South were. sphere of morals and religion, the present

India, China, or elsewhere ; who may hold than to put confidence in man." connection with our denomination. The

action complained of relates solely to News .- The times are teeming with sub- that a "committee be appointed to enquire

new term of membership, this Assembly is not liable to the charge of having depart-fullest freedom to select their own mode of ed from the old paths. A third ground of protest is the allega- giving expression to whatever views they

The Committee appointed to answer the protests of Dr. Hodge and others respect-called for and unnecssary. Yet, on the ad-ercise of the same right, to express the mission of these protestants themselves, it opinion that the judicatories of our church

We are happy to find these views con-

"It does not become us, who are comparatively young men in the service of the church, to suggest to our learned clergy and experienced laity in the South, what course they should adopt in view of this rash and mistaken action. Prodence, ferlife survives the conflict, or whether our sun sets in anarchy and blood—is it uncalled mark our proceedings. Our people should no step be taken without thorough consultation among ourselves. The Presbyteries crisis has forced upon them, will doubtless receive patient and prayerful attentions." In the meantime the whole subject seems

As it so happened that I was the only minister in the last General Assembly, from any of the Atlantic States South of Maryland, it is incumbent on me, as I suppose to say something to the churches in the Southern States about some of the proceedmorals and religion; when the rule of po-lib Lord, N. Ewing, Williams, Wil-ings of that body. Of its routine business, rations of State policy, but in the law of *Committee*. something in regard to other doings, which I doubt not are to exercise a deep and lasting effect on the Presbyterian Chu.ch, and probably on the political affairs of the land. It was a source of deep and general regret that the churches of the Southern States were not generally represented. Any members who might have gone to Philadelphia would have been as safe there as at home. Men could not have been treated Day of Fasting and Prayer .- From more kindly and courteously than all of us

has been kept with great unanimity and that character. The protestants "denv the right of the Not only has earnest prayer ascended to The protestants "deny the right of the Not only has earnest prayer ascended to fear was the subject of slavery. We from General Assembly to decide to what gov- God from our churches, but from our camps the South apprehended some movement from ernment the allegiance of Presbyterians, also, where there are many who have been the free States, while those from that sec-' Strictly speaking, the Assembly taught to believe that "the Most High tion supposed that some firebrand would be has made no such decision. They have and nothing respecting the allegiance of the subjects of any foreign power; or that of the members of our mission churches in truth, "It is better to trust in the Lord,

of the Assembly that Dr. Spring, the oldest minister in the body, offered a resolution

wood, and some on mother earth. American Presbyterians, citizens of these United States. Even with regard to them, the Assembly as not determined, as between conflicting governments, to which our allegiance is News.—Ine times are teeming with sub-iects into which an Editor would eagerly dash his pen. But we know well how ab-sorbing is the desire for news, and so give place to it, as far as practicable. The pro-tee and the constant of the section of th

due. We are the General Assembly of ceedings of our General Assembly must give the table. This cut off all debate, and pro-the Presbyterian Church in the United rise to a painful interest among our church-States of Amarica. Such is the distinguing Then f llows an old, familiar

of the Presbyterian church in the South. In this conducton of things, what is to be done? That there is a momentous crisis upon us is very plain. In my next, I will make some sugges-

tions in regard to the course to be pursued. JAMES M. BROWN.

dier, is as right as it is necessary ; and he

should seek to perform them, however un-

Some bring camp-stools in their hands

some stand, some are seated on logs of

FOR THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN. MANASSIS' JUNCTION, ?

June 13th, in Camp.

The Jewish historians relate, that in the course, do not know our destination pregreat war by which the Maccabees deliver- cisely. Our company is in fine spirits. No ed Judea from the voke of Syrian despotism, serious case of sickness exists. I think the tiey at first interpreted the Sabbath law friends of the company should congratulate so strictly, that when attacked by their ene- themselves upon the field of operations to mies on that day, they would not resist .- which we are called. With fine climate, fine weather, a healthy mountain air, we shall Soon, their foes began to select the holy day for all their aggresive movements : and be removed from those dangers which threatthe Jews perceived that if non-resistance en the health of our comrades in the East. Our company has received much kind attenon the Sabbath was to be their rule, they would be inevitably ruined. Whereupon tion on our route; at every stopping place they consulted the doctors of the law more, enquiries would be made for the Hampden carefully, and were t ld that acts of self-de- Sidney Boys. At Waynesboro' we received a Preshyterian greeting, and at Fishersfence came within those works of necessity ville we erjoyed, together with other comwhich were permitted by the law, on God's panies of the regiment, an elegant supper,

There is no reason to fear that our leadthe kindness of the neighborhood. Yesterday evening we received a fine supper ers will push their reverence for the Sab from the Deaf and Dumb, and Blind. bath to too punctilious a degree. Indeed it were to be wished that the business Now, to all our kind and anxious friends of the encampments was arranged so as to we say, "Good-bye!" May God answer their fervent prayers for us. May we be reduce Sabbath labors more carefully to spared to greet them again. If He has ortheir least practicable amount. But there are many duties, especially at a juncture dained otherwise, may we meet in that blessed place where there is no parting, no so momentous as this, the omission of which night. We shall attempt to meet them at would be equivalent to the disorganization the mercy seat every night, as our Captain of our camps, and the surrender of our will hold a nightly prayer-meeting. cause to our ruthless enemies. That these G. should be performed by the Christian sol-Your brother,

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Camp near Staunton,

COMPANY HAMPDEN SIDNEY BOYS, ?

20th Regiment, June 13th, 1861.

ities are few, I have concluded to drop you

a short letter every week; and as nearly

every family represented in it is a subscri-

ber, our friends will thus be acquainted

with our movements. We march at 10 o'clock to-day for the North-West; we, of

Dear Friend,-As writing and mail facil-

congenial to the sanctity of the day, with A Suggestion to the Virginia Bible the same devout spirit, with which the pious Society.

ed the labors of cleaning and serving the A benevolent and patriotic lady having sanctuary, and was blameless; or with recently sent to Richmond for several dozen which the disciples rubbed out the ears of New Testaments, to be presented to memwheat and ate, and were guiltless. Yet, bers of a volunteer Company about to leave, there are many sights and sounds about a received in reply, that no Testaments were camp on the Sabbath, grating and painful to be had for less than forty cents a piece. In this state of scarcity of so important an

Yesterday was the day of fasting, hu- er c'e, and when all means of transportamiliation, and prayer, appointed by the tion from the North are entirely interrupted President of the Confederate States, for -if indeed the authorities at Washington our success in defending our liberties. Its would not regard Bibles and Testaments as observance was marked by the authorities *contraband of war*, being designed for the in command, by the omission of the cus- "aid and comfort of the enemy"-could the tomary morning drill, and the invitation to Virginia Bible Society better fulfil its high all the regiments to attend divine service mission than by undertaking at once the in their respective quarters. Can the hap- business of issuing a large edition of the py frequenter of our peaceful sanctuaries New Testament of the style formerly afframe to themselves the picture of such a forded by the American Bible Society at scene of worship? Over head there is no eight cents? Such might be issued in Richroof besides the azure of the heavens.- mond at ten cents without any greater loss The place of worship is nothing but an ob- than the supporters of the Society would long area between two rows of tents; and readily see incurred.

There is the greater reason for our Sothe pulpit a rude box to elevate the minisciety assuming this independent action, unter a step from the earth, with a rough board before him, draped with nothing dertaking some of the functions of a Southricher than a soldier's blanket. On either ern Bible Society because the American Bible Society, having its auxiliaries in Virhand are clusters of glittering arms stacked, soldiers reclining on their pallets, and ginia, and in every State of our Confedthe open doors of tents, filled with their eracy, has expressly espoused the cause of occupants. The signal of divine worship the North, and made itself a sectional inis the rattle of the drum, the soldier's sub- stitution-as appears from the inscription stitute for the bell; and they come from printed within copies of the New Testament taken from the bodies of some of their troops every side to the meeting-place, some singly, some by twos and threes, some marchkilled in battle. "The American Bible Soing in companies with measured tread ; ciety to the defenders of their Country." rough-bearded men, bronzed and weather-

If our Society should see fit to adopt the beaten, and almost unrecognizable as the above suggestion, the writer would add, that trim gentlemen, who a month or two ago the emergency and the occasion demands going in holiday attire to their churches. quick time." HUGH A. BROWN.

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But see; the man of God has risen and A Resignation -Rev. James H. Mcstretched forth his hands in prayer. In-stantly every head is reverently uncovered; American Bible Society, has resigned his and bowed in prayer; while Jehovah of office, and announced his purpose to return Hosts is implored to bless our bleeding to the South immediately. From a private country, to crown our arms with success, and to protect the beloved ones at home. New York on May 29 h, and start Southward by the We

Jewish Priest, on the Sabbath day perform-COMMUNICATIONS. to the Christian heart. FOR THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN. KANAWHA C. H., VA., June 11th. '61.

much to do in this Board.

Rev. Dr. Monfort moved an amendment more is the pity. (A laugh.) If he was more to Dr. Edwards' amendment or substitute, familiar with such family scenes, he would viz: that a Committee of seven be appointed perhaps not envy us our quiet enjoyment. to whom this whole business shall be re- (Laughter) But if he supposes that in this ferred, with instructions to inquire and re- family circle there are any collusions to the port to the next General Assembly. He was injury of this Board, I can assure him that well acquainted with this controversy. He he is mistaken. Dr. Engles and Dr. Leyknew there was more under the surface of burn are as often on opposite sides of quesit than met the eye. There was something, tions, which produce diversity of sentiment wrong in this city of brotherly love. The as any other members; and if he would inbrethren here have got at misunderstanding. sinuate that private ends are subserved by He feared they are disposed to find fault our counsels, the imputation is unworthy with one another. He wished to have a In regard to colportagefull and thorough investigation, and then A member interposing, asked whether settle this subject for ever-and then let Dr. Musgrave's representation of 45 cents the Board alone. per token was correct?

Mr. Henry had leave to withdraw his mo-Dr. Schenck replied that they gave 40 tion. cents per token, with 5 per cent off for cash

Mr. McInnis moved to postpone the sub- payment, making 38. stitute of Dr. Edwards, and the amendment In regard to the printing of the Home of Dr. Monfort, until the Secretary of the and Foreign Re. ord, the reason why it was

Board be heard. given to Mr. Martien was, that he pro-Dr. Schenck took the floor and said-He posed to do it as cheaply and as well as any felt grateful to the Assembly for the favor of again being heard. He was not at all In regard to the Sabbath-school Visitor,

aware, such charges were to be again brought it was printed at that office, because he con against the Board as had been made; and tracted to do it twenty per cent cheaper was, therefore, at the disadvantage of be- than we could get the same style of work ing unprepared, except in a general way to done any where else. I myself took pains to meet them with statistics and facts. He make extensive inquiry, after I became edi regretted to be called upon to meet the tor of the Visitor, and I could get it done venerable father who had made this assault. He hardly knew how to meet the assault of Rev. Pastor Fische, of the Evangelical

the Secretary of one Board upon another Church of France, expressed a wish to be Board. He was surprised to hear from one heard in explanation of his mission to thi who had been for one year a Secretary of country. Leave to be heard at twelve M he Board-who had often appealed in its to-morrow was voted, after which the As behalf from the pulpit-who had written sembly adjourned till to-morrow morning as earnest appeals for it, and who, in an annine o'clock. Closed with prayer by Rev nial report written by Dr. Musgrave him-Dr. W. C. Matthews. BOARD OF PUBLICATION. [On Tuesday night a meeting was held

s lf, had contradicted the very statements which he himself has made to-day. But it was so; and taken thus by surprise, he must t y, even in the most desultory way, to meet The Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Schenck these charges.

And first, in regard to the capital stock delivered interesting addresses.] of this Board. Dr. Musgrave considered it too large to be entrusted to any body of men. Dr. Schenck was amazed to hear that Ebody of ministers and ruling elders, elect-(c by this venerable Assembly, could not quiring the Board to elect but one Secrebe trusted with the funds for a benevolent ary, and providing that he should not be object. The history of this capital stock is as follows :- It was first gathered by collecby a majority of three. A correspondent tions, by order of the General Assembly, in 1839 to 1842-about \$43,000. It was diof the N. C. Presbyterian expresses the rected to be a trading stock, to have the opinion that "the Assembly's action will be profits added to the capital stock. These he beginning of the destruction of this noannual accretions have been added at the ble old Board. Several of the prominent

out veneration-William S. Martien-was he should see us seated round our table, in one of the earliest members of this Board. our quiet back room-if he should hear the Known to the Church at large, a practical earnest prayer with which our meetings are printer and publisher, zealous for the doc- opened-if he should witness the calmness trine and order of our Church, it was natural with which our deliberations are conducted, that he, and the very gentlemen who have and the unanimity that usually marks our existence. Presbyterians have known but been associated with him, should be selected counsels, he would not find it in his heart to take active part in the affairs of such a to censure us. True, that venerable father Church enterprise. He saw no justice in cannot, perhaps, appreciate the family cirthe invendo that family influence has too cle so well as if he sustained other relations in life, (Dr. Musgrave is a bachelor;) but

one supreme government, one nationality, vithin our wide-spread territory. We know of no other now. History tells of none .---The Federal Government acknow'edges none. No nation on earth recognizes the existence of two independent sovereignties ties within this broad heritage of our fathers, protestants, who so anxiously avoid politimpending battle, the action of our own debted to the only minister from Virginia, In the progress of Heaven? Would they have us recog-

peaking as the interpreter of that holy unsuitable. aw which says, "Ye must needs be sub- 1. We must put our readers on their member brought in, as a minority report

of the learned Reviewer above eited, _______ taken from a single number of the Phila-"Is disunion morally right? Does it not delphia Presbyterian, they are copied from which was adopted without amendment, and involve a breach of faith, and a violation of the daily secular papers, which are gene- without a dissenting voice, as the protestthe oaths by which that faith was confirm- rally meagre, and, as we have often ob- ing members, of course, did not vote. ed? We believe, under existing circum-stances, that it does, and, therefore, it is as dreadful a blow to the Church as it is to the State. If a crime at all, it is one the heinonsness of which can only be imperfect- miliar. For example some of the remarks The substance of the arguments advanced ly estimated."

In the judgment of this Assembly, "this likely to be satisfactory to their Presbyteries test; while the substance of reasons urged saying is true;" and therefore, the ad-mission on the part of the Assembly, that Presbyterians may take up arms against Virginia, expresses an opinion incidentally unless the Assembly did put forth a plain leading to a different conclusion. the Federal Government, or aid and

comfort its enemies, and yet be guiltless,] would exhibit that "practical recognition of the right of secession," which, says the Reviewer, would "destroy our national life." regard to the interests of this Board But we deny that this deliverance of the Dr. Dickson, Judge Allen, and Dr. McPhai munion. We find our columns too much crowded or the debate upon the Report of the Board dectrines of the word ; to warn men agains; f Domestic Missions. The resolution reprevailing sins, and to urge the performeither of the present incumbents was passed tion of loyalty to our Federal Government will regard this act, and that in due time, Assembly from the free States who vote

America. Such is the distinctive Then too the communications from our hoped that the matter was ended, but bename, ecclesiastical and legal, under which we have chosen to be known by our sister churches, and by the world. Our organi- der feelings in many a far distant home pressure was brought to bear on members, zation as a General Assembly was cotem- How many will call to mind, with thrilling that to them was crushing. Letters and poraneous with that of our Federal Govern- emotions, the fact that their own flesh and telegraphic dispatches came in an almost ment. In the seventy-four years of our blood -- precious treasures -- are daily ex- that another trial would be made. posed to the perils of the battle field. God be the keeper and comforter of all!

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1861.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

We continue this week the publication of within these United States. What Divine such portions of the proceedings and debates I need not copy them here. At an early Providence may intend for us hereafter- as we have been able to obtain. Up to period in the progress of the debate, a cal entanglements, desire the General As- byterian, nor have any numbers of the New was brought before the Assembly by Dr. sembly to anticipate the dread decision of York Observer come to hand. We are in- Hodge, at the close of his speech on the

Government, the determination of foreign who was a member of the General Assem- was made to postpone the whole indefinitely bly, for the answer to the protest of Dr. This was defeated. Afterward a committee nize, as good 1 resbyterians, men whom our Hodge and others. Waiting in patience for of nine was appointed, to whom both the own Government, with the approval of whatever may cast light upon our path, there sets of resolutions were referred, and also Christendom, may soon execute as traitors? are yet three remarks which may not be sundry amendments and modifications.-May not the highest court of our Church, unsuitable.

is no new thing to Presbyterians. And this and in due form adopted by the right au- with the majority, hold out to the members

ect, not only for wrath, but also for con- guard against adopting premature conclu the resolutions of Dr. Spring. In the end ience' sake," Rom. xiii : 5, warn her com- sions from the reports we have received of the minority report was adopted, by a very manicants against "resisting the ordinance the debates. With the exception of a part large majority, the minority entering their of God?" Rom. xiii: 2. In the language the departer, with the exception of a part protest, and a committee of the Assembly taken from a single number of the *Phila*-protect, and a committee of the Assembly taken from a single number of the *Phila*-

of brethren far South, as reported, are not by the minority is contained in their pro declaration of its loyalty to the general

2. No reasonable man should, for a mc- government, (which means a hearty support ment, suppose the Southern part of the Old of the present administration in its course School Presbyterian Church will submit to of blood.) large port ons of the Northern the audacity of this POLITICAL action of Northern pastors would be driven from their Assembly establishes any new term of com- that body. It seems to have been abandon- charges. With a very few trifling excep The terms of Christian fellowship ed to the strangest confusion of ideas about tions, the debate was courteous and calm. are laid down in the word of God, and are what belongs to Cæsar, and what to God. Some things that I regarded as exhibitions embodied in our standards. It is compe- Far worse, it has set itself to commit us here, of deadly hatred toward the South, were tent to this court to interpret and apply the as well as themselves there, to the support said; and other things that I regarded as of mere political declarations, and bind debate was creditable to the body. I am ance of neglected duties. We regard the them upon our consciences, as with the sa- fully satisfied that the temper manifester action against which these protests are lev- cred authority of God himself. A more by the members from the South, commended elled, simply as a fat iful declaration by outrageous attempt has not been witnessed them to the great body of the more sobe the Assembly of Christian duty towert those in authority over us, which adds nothing to the terms of communical already recognized. Surely the idea of the obliga-our minds how our whole Southern Church

There are no strains of woman's sweeter cinnati, Louisville and Nashville. The di-

Dr. Spring introduced two resolutions which will immortalise his name; but it will be immortal sed in a work of mischief, the depth, and breadth, and duration of which, no mortal can now estimate.

As these resolutions have been published what curse of rival and hostile sovereign-ties within this broad heritage of our fathers, we presume not to determine. Do these bers of the reports in the Philadelphia Pres- lute for the resolutions of Dr. Spring, which

In the progress of the debate, an attempt

This committee brought in a majority re

war by the power of prayer.

we are informed; although the voluntary partly supply the lack of service. Yet we are credibly informed that numerous applications have teen made for the appointment, and that quite a number of meritorious ministers have received it. The fail. versions." ure to supply the present wants of the army arises, doubtless, in part from the neglect

orders.

much.

melody to mingle with the stern melody of rect routes have been closed for some time the men; but the wind sighing through the past. He was compelled to sacrifice his house and other property, and even his lipine trees around us is the accompaniment, not unfitting, to the hundreds of manly brary and farniture were left behind. voices which soll the hymn to the he vens. N. C. Presbyterian.

Then follows the sermon, short and inform-Rev. J. M. Sherwood has resigned his al, but swallowed with solemn and eager position as one of the editors of the N. C. Presbyterian, and will accept a call to the faces. It is evident that yany hearts are busy with thoughts of home, of the peacechurch in Fayetteville. ful sanctuaries where, in happier times, they

Davidson College .- A large number were wont to worship, and of the wives and of the Senior class having enlisted in the sisters, who at the very hour, sadly passing Confederate army, the annual Commenceto the house of God, lead perhaps th ment exercises will be omitted this year. tottering feet of their little-ones, to join in The Trustees, however, will hold their anprayers for fathers, husbands, and brothers nual meeting at the regular time, viz: Tuesfar away. Not a few tears are wined from day, the 3th of July. those bronzed and bearded faces. But they

Chaplains .- Several prominent minisare not unmanly tears; our enemies will find, to their cost, that the love for homes ters of our State are serving the Confedeand households by which the fountains of rate Army as Chaplains. Among others, tenderness have been opened, will make we notice the names of Rev. Drs. Moses D. Hoge, J. II. Bocock, R. L. Dabney, J. C. every one of these men as a lion in the day of battle. Stiles, and J. D. Mitchell.

It has been customary to speak of camps Action of the Presbyterian Church. as schools of temptation and evil. And The Memphis Appeal of the loth inst., says: there is too much in them, to pain the "The Presbytery of Memphis, in session Christian's heart, and to try the graces .-now in Somerville, on Thursday last unani-But our camps are places of much prayer, mously passed an Ordinance of Secession and afford many shining examples of Chrisfrom the General Assembly of the Presbytian consistency. Let the people of God terian church of the U. States. The first abound in prayer for the bodies and souls Assembly of the Southern Church is invited of our citizen-soldiers. "The effectual fer- to hold their meeting in this city." vent prayer of a righteous man availeth

A Paper Discontinued ---- The last Now is the time for the people of Presbyterian Expositor, of Chicago, recent-God to beseige the throne of grace, and ly edited by Rev. N. L. Rice, D. D., in a prove the efficacy of this agency. For astote by the publisher, C. H. McCormick, suredly we are in a great strait. But God Esq., announces its own discontinuance .--can easily deliver us; and to this end the Its list of subscribers is transferred to prayer of the humblest, the most infirm, or The Standard, the new paper recently the most aged saint may avail just as much started at Philadelphia. The reasons asas the arm of the robust warrior, yea more. signed for this step, are the removal of Dr. Let Christians arise, and conquer in this Rice from Chicago, and the difficulty of se-It is to be regretted that the supply of curing a successor.

Revivals --- New Lebanon church, in ministerial service for our camps is so inad-East Alabama Presbytery reports a graciequate. Not one regiment in ten is yet supplied with its stated cha, lain, so far as ous visitation of the Holy Spirit-about thirty conversions, and the work extending labors of many ministers of the gospel to the colored people.

From Tallahassee, Fla., the pastor writes: the church was never so prosperous as now; there are evident tokens presence, and seven or eight hopeful con-

VIRGINIA AND N. CAROLINA.

son to their appointments, and ask for im-THE VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION .- On Wednesday afternoon, June 12, a quorum mediate orders to their posts. We have little doubt that a number of appointments of this body was obtained, eighty members are now lying over in this way; and that being present. After some debate it was all that is needed is for the applicants to resolved, by a vote of seventy ayes, nine ask orders for service. Amidst the urgent nays, that the future sessions of the Conand multitudinous cares connected with the vention should be public, unless otherwise ordered, and the seal of secrecy removed creation of a great army, our rulers are from the past proceedings. The President was authorized to fill the but too likely to overlook such points; and

hose who seek the spiritual care of our so diers should, without waiting, report vacancy in the committee on the State Conthemselves as ready for service, and ask for vention, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Summers. The Governor was request-

of successful applicants, to attend in per-