

Correspondence.

Reminiscences of the Past. NO. VI.

following ast ounding result : The whole nun of arrests during this period is fifteen thous six hundred and six. Of these, ten thousand hundred and twelve are foreigners, and eight th DEAR BROTHER -It will be seen from my last letter, thated times and things have greatly improved, withis true with everything outward. I greatly t-rejoice in it. 1 am a man of progress, I have. sand three hundred and twelve are Irish. FROM WASHINGTON, --- Washington, Nov. 2 There is a rumor that Senator Douglas is d but it cann ot be traced to any source that can tried to keep up with the times; and to promote everything that tended to help theat cause of truth; or advance the comfort of the as but it can relied on. The Pr The President's message will be put in or the denomination generally. In the days to which I allude, gentlemen-stop, I am too fastig we had no gentlemen in those days. Nor had to vance to the posmasters in the principal ci for deliver y to the press as soon as the telegr any ladies ! they had not come into fashion's n. We had men and women ; and they had s stance in them in those times. Indeed, ha portant as that of pastor and people-none that took such hold of God, none so far reaching in may say, "There were giants in the land inf: Congress. hose days." Well in the days to which I al of the organization of the House. The Dea earnestly for all the blessings with which he had been favored among that people—refered to all their conversions—additions—death-bed scenes, in short to all the minute and tender lude, as I was going to say, men and womens. crats hav e given up all hopes of electing any did not wear broad cloth and silk. In thei- ficers. country, at least, such things as Paris fashions Loss BY FIRE .- CHICAGO, Nov. 28 .- The had not arrived. French merinces, delaines. by the burning of N. O. Walker's grain w house, in this city, is estimated at \$120,000 \$150,000, the building was valued at \$30,000 \$40,000, and contained a large amount of gr heart swelled, I wept, I could not forbear. In his sermon he noticed the charge he had re-ceived from the Lord—the reciprocal responsifancy dresses, paisley shawls, artificial flowers, a French kid gloves, and such like, were un-s known, If our good friend, Francis, had openbility involved in that charge-the reciprocal relations of the charge, and finally gave them and wool. ed shop in those days. he would have found FROM HAVANA .- New York, Nov. 30. some directions respecting their future course. The sermon was an excelient one, and very apsmall custom for his lady rubber boots, bus-Crescent City, which arrived last evening, brough kins, slippers, sandals, lace boots, &c. Brown Havana dates of the 27th. propriate to the occasion-the closing remarks were very affecting—he stood with his hand on his hear's and said—"every act of your kindness to me, even to the giving of a cup of cold water, is written here'—here too, there are Political affairs were quiet. Markets comp and gray thick homespun cloth, was generally tively dull. Small business done in sugars a the article worn by men; and the ladies and molasses at unchanged prices : Eastern mess bei misses-no, the women and girls-were cloth-\$13 00 ; Bangor white pine, \$22 00 ; Eastern p tatoes and apples, \$4,00 per bbl.; Hhd. Shook ed in a similar home made article. Men wore depths of feeling, the expression of which I can-\$3 00 ; 'Eastern Exchange, 100 a 1023 ; freigh cowhide boots and shoes; and women those not venture to give. I can only say they are here. improving. made of calf skin. We had no fine carriages, The steamer Geo. Law, from Aspinwall, h -in fact no one can read the Conflict of Ages or blood horses, with silver mounted harnessjust arrived at Quarantine with the Californ without coming to this conclusion. In the evening I went to hear the Rev. Mrs. Thompno mahogany furniture, no sofas, or dressingo mails of the 5th of Nov. She left Aspinwall the evening of the 20th, bringing upwards of or million nine hundred thousand dollars in dust, ar tables; no silk or damask curtains-no Wilton, Brussells or ingrain carpets, or tufted⁸ nearly 600 passengers. The George Law co refrain from going to hear. A venerable lookrugs. Nor had our mother's or sisters' anyt nected with the steamship Sonora. ing gentleman lead in the exercises, after which loomed up before us, a tall, stout, round-featured, noble looking woman about, I should pianos, melodeons or seraphines. No, but they l FROM BUENOS ATRES .- Dates have been had other things, such as cheese-presses, missaries was ; but really I think won't, it judge, forty years of age. She was not "clothed with the sun," (although she was churns, spinning wheels, and looms ; and with appears rather too bad an expressin; after these they discoursed sweet music. And their all, it is not so very bad, it merely gnifies-missionary, I believe. The little swarthy preacher-with his coat buttoned to his very surrounded with gas-light,) but in a black dress, with a small shawl of the same color thrown loosely, but neatly, around her should-ers. She had on her head a snow-white cap, husbands and fathers thought them quite as melodious and equally profitable as the modern chin-read as his text, " And Go saw every instruments. But our places of worship,-what shall we thing that he had made, and whold it was say of them. We worshipped in frame houses; very good." Now if you willust take the in log cabins; in barns; and sometimes in the trouble of putting, "not" befor the two last words in the text, you will posess a descrip-tion of the sermon, as flattering as I can by woods, or open air. In a few places, a place call'd a meeting house was provided, but they any means give, for then, and there, in that were few, and very poor. They consisted of a beautifully decorated Hall, whe in the body, as I am certain I was, and not devated to the mere shell, without any clapboards, or plaster, or pews, or settees, or pulpit. With loose form well,----''I was thinking of the many veter-ans of truth whose voices I so often heard utter second heavens, to say nothing of the third, boards for a floor ; and no stove, or other ap- I heard for the first time-from one calling forth the words of eternal life, when I was a mere child in this City. These have all left the church below, and have joined the church paratus to heat the house. Surely, our mod- himself a messenger of God, things unlawern worshippers will enquire, how did the peo- ful for me to utter" or even write, in your ple contrive to keep themselves warm ? We 'Christian Visitor.' Paul washot permitted to above-where they now sing anthems of praise answer, partly by their thick comfortable gar-ments; and partly by the heavenly fire with-I am not permitted to write tese, they are so in the holy strains of heaven. She then recounted the names of a number of dead minisin ; and when it glowed, they were wont to sing, "Christians if your hearts be warm ; cold and snow will do no harm." In these things there is a great difference, between then and there is a great difference, between then and ed to her discourse, which was really good and well delivered. She had a good voice, good language, a number of touching anecdotes, there is a great difference, between then and now. But in another particular, there is a greater difference still. In those cold and un-comfortable places, the people would sit and nowl christians, submit to such an infliction pale, diseased, loathsom, dying inmates, of in your warm temples, and pews lined, stuffed earth's moral hospital, hat all is well with and cushioned ? Could you stay and attend them; that they have been frightened into two services, each three hours long, with an the belief that they ar affected with con-intermission of half an hour; and go without sumption, prostration ad leprosy, and really your dinner till sundown; and not in summer? This your old fathers and mothers have done; and done without crying ! perhaps I never de-livered a discourse shorter than an hour and a livered a discourse shorter than an hour and a velope their own latural powers; I say, half; yet, I never heard the first word of com-plaint on this account, until within the last twenty years. Many times have I been told barque of revelation that has sailed from the they were too short. Now I have commenced the work of draw-ing comparisons, I will mention, that many people in old times wont a great distance to worship God and hear his word. It was no unusual thing for men, yea, and women too, to go ton or twelve miles to attend meeting; even those who had to travel on foot. I knew

FOREIGN A:ND NATIVE CRIMINALS .- The adelphian Tir nes says :-- "The statistics of ci in Philadelph ia for the last five months show

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hymn book and closed it, two or three times, or neaven were sayed. Jess who rules of hig forth good fruit." The turb was price of the wind and stays the rain respected his own true bring forth good fruit." Again there is another will more refined have a rule of the were again poured for the series of the work of the last time he had entered their of a great mount of missing that be of the were again poured for the is flate and of forth their flowing true, is another will be the were set as another were another were and the were again poured for the series and there is another were and the productive of a great amount of missing that be original cost of the goods. But flate the were again poured for the series and there were another and of the series and there were another and of the series and the series and the series are an about the works. "Comele the fold. There is a good sign of "sim restored a dreame of the series of the rest series of the series of the series and then offered up a plain tender praver. I which he read some of Paul's farewell ad the fold. There is a good sign of "sim restored for any to tow series and then offered up a plain tender the full Bible, an accessible more series from any to tow series and of the series to the full Bible, an accessible more series for the series to the series of the series to any to fore series for may not low series and and y holy, holy, key, too the series to a series of the series to any to tow series and sout thim as ceasing not to the series the series to and the series to any to the series the the series to any to tow series and of the series to any to tow series and series to a series of the series to any to tow series and any holy, holy, key, too the series to any to tow series and series to any holy holy here the series and and the series to any holy holy here the series to any to the series the the series to any to tow series and any the the series to any to tow series and the series to any to tow series and the series to any to tow series the tow and t

lave not the most refined and noble of being been those who knew nothing about it? And what is modern politeness, but the vilest obsequiousness and dissimulation, a mask to conceal the true state of feeling and the real sentiments. But its advocates say that it is approved of in scripture. Now scripture does speak of two kinds of dancing, the one a relations of pastor and people in a very affect-ing manner. I thought of Maugerville, my o'clock. Present-Hon. W. R. Kinnear the present day of falling in with dancing as a religious exercise, we seldom have our enjoyment so great, so transporting, that we are called upon to dance for joy. Promiscuous dancing is not alluded to in the word of God. when spoken of as a worldly amusement it was performed by men and women in separate rooms and never promiscuously. And a woman, who was seen dancing with a man even in heathen Rome itself would have been looked upon and treated as a common prostitute. And then it is injurious to the frame, for it exhausts the bodily powers. It is in fact only one of those things which Satan employs to hurry mortals to everlasting ruin orado und Again another evil is Intemperance or more properly Drunkenness. This has long been regarded as a physical and a spiritual malady ; it has slain its thousands and tens of thousands, the good and the bad have joined together to condemn it. The drinking usages for nerly tended greatly to increase this evil, but this is not now so extensively the case. Young men indulge in it now because they think it manly. But its use induces a morbid appetite, which hurries thousands down to the pit of perdition. There is an intimate connection between the theatre and the tavern, between the ball-room and the drinking saloon. This is so well known that there are men who take advantage of it, and hence there are casinoes and billiard-rooms, and dancing rooms and haunts of vice and dissipation where men are seeking to gain wealth, by dealing out as Robert Hall expressed it liquid fire and distilled damnatiou" to the deluded crowds, and these are the floodgates which are opened to hurry men to destruction. These grand and glittering saloons are In order the more methodically to treat the the means by which the darkest crimes abject, the lecturer divided it into three gencuted. Another very prevalent evil is Sabbathbreaking. What crowds leave our cities on the Sabbath day, and seek pleasure and recreation in the country-what scenes of riot and crime does this lead to; and even the beast of burden is jaded and worn out in order that men may protane the Sabbath. The poor horse has as much right to rest from abor as the man on the Sabbath, for there is the command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy; six days, &c." But now menials and servants are employed in order to assist them in their profanity and sin against God ; and this is an evil to which young men are especially liable. The Sabbath is the working man's day, and it is surprising that he should seek his enjoy-ment elsewhere than in the city on the Lord's dark ages. Mind is so formed that it requires day. And yet they who do this do not enjoy better health, or better spirits than those who keep the Lord's day holy, and to these the promise is made, "With long life will I satisfy hee, and thy days on earth shall be many. 2nd. THE DANGERS IN CONNECTION WITH OUR OMMERCIAL RELATIONS

tion is in heaven." There is no. all are on one side or the other-either built on the true foundation, or else fallen and allied to infidelity, for the Lord Jesus said "He that is not with me is against me."-Now, the danger is of falling in with the infidelity, the worldly minded spirit of the present day. It is a foe which does not come out boldly against truth but seeks insidiously to enter the citadel in order that it may effect an explosion to virtuationa inter Then there is the danger of religious latiudinarianism the obscuring of the line of demarcation between the church and the world. There are those too who take the facts and narratives of the Bible, and insidiously pervert its truths and doctrines by working them up into merc myths. O young men ! beware of Religious Novels. The words of Chillingworth are as emphatically true now as they ever were. "The bible, the bible alone is the religion of Protestants." These novels contain nothing more than a number of old errors newly dressed up and and and Then there are dangers in connection with the popular errors of the denial of the immortality of man, and the doctrine of the atonement of Christ. Again there is secularism, an evil to which the working classes of society are greatly exposed. Oh, we cannot be too bigoted in our attachment to the doctrines of the word of God. We must cling to the apostolic declarations "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ ** and "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." What we want is more of the outpouring of the divine spirit-this has been granted and will be granted again in answer to praver. Again there is theoretical religion, ideal religion, a love of thinking and acting independently of the opinions of others. Now there is such a thing as carrying independence of thought too far. Young men are in danger of grasping ideas, which to their minds appear beautiful and of making them the sum and substance of their conversation, and are thus carried away with that which is merely ideal and theoretical. The successors of Luther and Melancthon and other reformers of their times were not content with the interpretation which was so carefully and accurately given by those good and great men, but thought that there were yet fields lying in the unknown regions which had never been explored and they were led into wild and vague speculations.

and what was better than all, she preached the truth, and preached it tenderly, in short, with a woman's heart. As she lifted her small ringless hand which trembled in the gas-light, and spoke of the im-mortal soul pursuing its onward way over the vast fields of the future, rising higher in the clouds of light, or sinking deeper in the waves of death, tears gushed from many eyes. Whe-ther she is performing her duty or not by preaching, it is not mine to say. Coming home and endeavouring to pour the interests of myself-my dear family-the dear people of Maugerville, and of Messiah's kingdom into a woman's heart. the bosom of the unslumbering, unsleeping keeper of Isreal. I retired to rest. To-morrow. if all be well, I, shall proceed Southward. B. H. EMMERSON.

> For the Christian Visitor. BRIDGEWATER, Nov. 21, 1855.

Dear Brother Bill,-I cannot refuse myleasure of commun cating to my

Your sincere friend, JAMES V. TABOR

its effects,—that in one instance, this tie was about to be sundered forever ; thanked the Lord St. John Young Men's Christian As-

The third meeting of this Association was held on Thursday evening the 29th Nov. last Dr. Patterson, T. W. Daniel, Esq., The Revds. Messrs. Chas. Mackay, S. Robinson, Hennigar, and Smithson. M. A. Stevens. Esq., presided at the organ. The meeting

opened by the congregation singing the hymn commencing espendi a full astendiamente "The morn of life how fair and gay, How cheering and how new ! What hopes illume the opening day, And brighten every view !'

The Rev. Mr. Hennigar then offered pray-&c." Dr. Beecher is evidently a talented man er, after which the Rev. Mr. Stewart (Weslevan minister) delivered a deeply interest-

ing and instructive address, which was lisson, of New York. A woman's preaching was tened to with profound attention throughout to me, such a perfect paradox, that I could not on the Dangers to which Voung Men are on ". The Dangers to which Young Men are

liable in large towns and cities." The Rev. lecturer commenced by contrastng the state of quiet and tranquility in the hurch with the state of turbulence and disorder now prevalent in the world. But, said the speaker, though the church is at rest, Satan is active. He is seeking to plant his seat beside the temple of God-and his work is trimmed with narrow white ribbon. After especially directed against young men. Oh, looking over the audience for a few minutes with a countenance of perfect calmness—she and the well directed zeal of the church of and the well directed zeal of the church cf

stepped back to the sofa, and threw off her shawl, which brought more visibly to view a sort of robe "clean and white," that hung round her neck and fell loosely before her. She began by saying—"While the Choir was singing so beautifully,"—they did per-form well "I was thirking of the soft and the well directed zeal of the church of God ! Young men who formerly lived in small villages and back settlements are especially exposed to dangers and evil influences on coming to large town and cities. But one of the most interesting features of the pre-sent day is to be found in the fact that young men are associated together, and are deeply interested in seeking the welfare of one ano-

ubject, the lecturer divided it into three genters, just as I have heard you Mr. Editor go over the Mannings, and Hardings and Chip-mans, &c. After reading the psalm, from which she had selected her text, she proceed-2d. To those in connection with o 1st. To those dangers which pertain to our

2d. To those in connection with our Commercial relations.

3d. To those in connection with the theology of the present day. 1st. THE EVILS OF OUR SOCIAL CONDITION.

Social feelings are implanted within our breasts by our great creator, and they are there for our benefit-yet these are calculated unless governed and controlled to lead us astrav. In the public amusements of the present day

there are a variety of evils. In the family, childbood, youth, and maturity meet toge ther and mingle their affections, and recreations in sweetest harmony. But public amusements differ widely from these, they more nearly resemble the amusements of the a change of duties only in order to obtain rest.

Spiritual and intellectual pursuits form the proper recreation for youth. But how little are these regarded in the present day. Bull-bating and the like, it is true, are now almost unknown, but there is that kind of refined

Man would think that it is his highest aim friends in New Brunswick the happy results barbarism which goes under the name of "the of christian co-operation in one of my fields art of self defence," which has recently been only to secure the wealth of the present state The next lecture will be delivered by the even those who had to travel on foot. I knew "The heart is defitful above all things." of labour. Chelses church, organised a little recognised in this city and approved by the of existence his labor will only end in disap-a Baptist church whose members extended over "Behold ye despiers, and wonder and per- over two years, has been greatly blessed. public press. 100 miles, and so soon as this ta en SPACE MALLE 34.00

ther.

Then my young friends seek to improve yourselves with all those moral and intellec tual recreations which this Society affords. Seek to honor God in your commercial re-

lations, and pray as did the Psalmist, "Let integrily and uprightness preserve me." And in regard to theology.—"Be not highminded but fear." Be humble and prayerful be docile and obedient, and be above all practical men-earnest working, living, spiritual christians, and you will find ample reward in the present enjoyment it will bring and at last be interested in that " well done" which shall be pronounced by the Judge to those who have been faithful in a few things, " enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

The lecture was concluded amidst universal applause. A collection having been taken up, the service concluded by singing the

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