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#### TO SUBSCRIBERS.

During the past few weeks the Publishers of "The Review" have sent out accounts for all overdue subscriptions. quest those still in arrears to remit without further delay. The attention of all subscribers is directed to the "General Notices" above.

OHURCH UNION IN JAPAN. THE whole Christian world in recent

experiment might be safely tried of was to be made to the Westminster or the breaking down the barriers that had so Synod felt constrained to decline. long separated the parent Churches Churches holding the Presbyterian sys- constrained to decline. garded as the preliminary step to union with the Congregational churches, the but not a series of appeals from one appellate leading men on both sides—especially the foreign missionaries—having unequivocally declared their desire for fusion. Union was in the air. The the bulwai [whether final or only advisory] parent Churchos expressed their sym pathy with the idea, and accordingly and accordingly was to depend upon the preference of the church again the Synod declined to concur the Syno was most desirous of coming to about two years ago negotiations began an agreement on the points of difference Accordingly, it appointed a committee of with a view to union. So satisfactory three to go at once to Kobe and state its case had the movement gone forward that the satisfactory three to go at once to Kobe and then adherence, and then adherence the General Conference, and then adherence the satisfactory of the days. On arriving at Kobe it was confidently expected that union would have been consummated at the annual May meetings this year Indeed action taken by the Conference, telegraphed so sure were many that everything to the Synod the fact of the adjournment, and returned immediately to Tokyo The action would result as expected, that already taken by the Conference was as follows. A they spoke as if the union was an committee of five was appointed, and empowered to select a committee numbering accomplished fact. But the unexpected from fifteen to thirty, and to arrange for the has har rened. Not only has union appointment of a similar committee by the Synod. This joint committee was to meet not been effected, but it would almost three months later and discuss the general

clear understanding of the difficulties for ratification. The committee was also instructed to endeavour to obtain the omission that have prevented a consummation of the entire chapter on discipline and also devoutly wished for by very many on movement. This is well supplied in an possible. The past further negotiations by admirably clear and dispassionate letter ment to hope that further negotiations by from Dr. William Imbrie, of the Presbyterian Church, in Japan, to the byterian Church press in the United taken The Moderator and the Clerk were

gregational churches almost unanimous- gregational churches (as churches) definitely iy agreed upon a basis of union which, Synod

after being worked out in detail my a Conference only by hearing. The following, efficient. joint committee, was printed and dis-tributed to all the ministers and missionance of the American Board and from churches of both hodies. What follow-lars were obtained from one and some from

Congregational churches in Japan—spoke others represented certain thurches in the slave trade are graphically depicted auspices of the union, and the country. Is tween these was an intermediate learned of the working of this Scheme The report sets forth how through the auspices of the Equal Rights Associa in the accountry. It were these was an intermediate learned of the working of this Scheme The report sets forth how through the auspices of the Equal Rights Associa in the account of his last expedition which ended so calamitously at Ilaya terian Church of England, and the movement no less than 1,600 children Rev. Principal Caven was the chief on Lake Banymealo. The character

fit to seek and consider suggestions in me ihe ]

in a series of amendments, and then invited the la leal committee of the Syrod to a conference. The conference was held in the city of Tokyo in March of this year. The amendments proposed included all that were suggested at the in formal meetings held in Ocaka and also others. All of the amendments suggested at Osaka were accepted, and most of the others. The foreign members of the Committee of the General Conference were quite afisfied with the result, and the lapanese members expresswould be acceptable to the churches

According to arrangement, the General ference met in kobe, on May 22nd, and the Synod in Tokyo, on May 23rd. It was under stood that the General Conference should tele graph its action to the Synod, and that, if the two hodies concurred, arrangements should be made to concumuate the union. The Synod met a day later, in order to give the General onference additional time

At the close of the second day, the Synod telegraphed its decision to rdj um for two days, in order to give the Conference still fur ADVERTISING RATES .-- Perilos per year announcing the action of the Conference It was referred to a committee of twenty five, and, upon the unanimous recommentation and the deference paid to them. Dr. every Presbytery in the bounds may of this committee, the Synod unanimously Imbrie gives the explanation not have several examination centres agreed to accept such amendments as were merely verbal, or little more than verbal, but to decline all others. Among the amendments declined were these

(1) In the original basis of union ado ted by the General Conference, it was agreed that the doctrinal standards should include the Westminster and Heidelberg catechisms, re-They have to thank the friends who have ceived for substance of doctrine. Instead of promptly remitted and respectfully to rethe ambiguous phrase "substance of doctrine,"
quest those still in arrears to remit without the Synod at its meeting in Osaka had consented to accept the following - " These (catechisms are to be held in veneration in the Nihoa Rengo Linsuto Lyokwai [the name of the new body]. They have served a high purpose in the past, and are still to be regarded as of lasting value for the instruction and edification of believers." General Conference had proposed to insert in the constitution the following note: "The years has been watching with in tense solicitude the progress of Church Union in Japan. In that interesting to the Evangelical Alliance, and the statement parent Church in the United States.

Nion Rengo Kinsuto Kyokwai adopts this far the spirit of these young ecclesiastipology of boys and girls already laying their chapter like, the chapter on doctrine, including the Apostles' and Nicene creeds, the Articles cal radicals reflects the mind of the Review, we need scarcely say, will Union in Japan. In that interesting regarding the Westmister and Heidelberg country with its new order of things and catechisms quoted abovel as the doctrinal basis. As yet there is no opportunity to judge, with its vigorous native Christian of union It hopes, however, shortly to set but it is more than supported that show with its vigorous native Christian of union It hopes, however, shortly to set but it is more than suspected that they Churches instinct with new ideas, it was felt that there, if anywhere on earth, the proposed amendment, no reference whatever

There, too, it was felt might be found agreed that the bulwai (the body correspond There, too, it was telt might be found ing to Presbytery, though the powers of the Synod, if it is to retain its self-respect, a complete answer to the standing. I wo are not identicall should consist of the to wait further developments and taunt of the heathen world to the sion or church. According to the proposed consist of two men may prevail in the Conference. own differences, harmonize your own if possible, should be the pastor. Obviously creeds and then come and ask us to this is not in accordance with our practice. As accept your Christ—your Prince of already stated, it is not in accordance with the division in the Christian Church. It l'eace." As our readers are aware, sub- render it possible for a chuich to deprive its has striven and failed, and to others stantial progress towards general union ally done at the meeting of the General Conwas made when in 1887 all the Reformed ference at Kobe. This also the Synod felt there be—in failure to effect union.

tem united. This was universally re- sgreed that there should be a single appeal,

one account, however, any action of the join It will be necessary, in order to a committee was to be released to the churches that on appeals.

The report of the committee was received directed to communicate with the committee of the General Conference, to state wha Two years ago the Synod of the United Church of Christ (Presbyterian) and the General Conference of the Contact of the Conference of the C

corresponding committee that might be ap it for finds its chief explanation in the rise of perfect by the syncal list, while no further an anti-clerical spirit. Some of the churches amply justified in urging it upon the comment would probably be ac it to the union, have called attention to the union to the union that the benefits this summer a large number of small principles that should determine the union that the benefi churches of the body inviting suggestions much as one between the older and more These suggestions it considered and embo fed conservative men and the younger and more

proposed constitution are the students' church in the Dashisha and a group of charches in one of the country provinces. On the other hand, with a single notable exception, the churches and the men who are working along-side of the churches and the men of the Synod favor the union of the two bodies.

It will be conceded that the Synod by such experiments that its merits will Clarke, City Hall, or J J. Kelso, 103 too great-lengths in endeavouring to remedied. remove the obstacles to union, and that with the Congregational youth must ously to work and in a short time every mend this institution to the liberality of rest the blame of causing shipwreck. Sabbath school superintendent or sec- the readers of the REVIEW. Even in The anti-clerical spirit manifested by retary will have in his hands full infor Canada the pitiful appeal of Mrs. the young men from the Doshisha mation as to the Scheme and its pro- Browning has force. days, in order to give the Conteience will fur the children weeping, posed working. There is no good read Do he hear the children weeping, O m and excites some curiosity as to an ex- son that we can see why at the very \$2.00: 8 aostes, \$2 25; 3 months, 75 cents 2 month appeared that the constitution had been adopted to be constituted and excites some curiosity as to an ex- son that we can see why at the very secents under 2 month, 10 cents. Special ed with certain other amendments. The letter planation of their obstructive powers first time of holding the examination

> from the beginning everything has been done to augment the influence of the Doshisha among the Congregational churches. Sec ondly, there is what seems to us a strange fea-ture of Japanese life that from time to time manifests itself in political and other move-ments—the influence of a group of young men. O ly a few years ago it became necessary to disband the liberal party because the young men could not be controlled. And it was the young men who forced Saigo's hand, and against his own judgment precipitated the war in Satsuma. To foreigners this is a most as tonishing fact. But it is a fact; and it is a fact which any statesman, any political party, already secured a supply of the text the United States and Canada. From the way, we notice a change and any Church, may have to take into books received for the united States and Canada. From the way, we notice a change and any Church, may have to take into books received for the united States and Canada.

It would be interesting to know how parent Church in the United States. certain influential quarters to disregard lous Instruction" examination, and in delegates. The subject of "Organised no opportunity to criticise the composiin every possible way Church polity and assisting in every possible way to secure School Work "was under consideration. In opportunity to criticise the composidenominational creed. But however for the youth of the Church all the good The discussion was continued on Fri. The Nominating Committee puts on (2) In the original basis of union it was this may be, it only remains for the that it is designed to afford. Synod, if it is to retain its self-respect, The Synod has nobly done its duty

### "HIGHER RELIGIOUS IN-STRUCTION."

departure of a very novel and inter-A departure of a very more at the last esting nature was made at the last Presbyterian." meeting of the General Assembly. The General Assembly adopted—and we think acted wisely in so doing-the Scheme for the Higher Religious Instruction of Youth, submitted by the tional. Instead of giving the full gis Sabbath School Committee, to whom the matter had been referred the year given as seem to favour the case of the before. What that Scheme in its entirety is may be learned from the extended Syllabus in another column. Briefly, the Sabbath School Committee. with a view to encouraging on the part with a view to encouraging on the patt divergence very wide, although it is funda-of the youth of the Church, systematic mental, and the error schich they hold may study of portions of the Bible, acquaint- out fall through spiritual fride." ance with the Doctrinal Standards of the Church, Church History, Evidences appear as if negotiations were at an end. subject, and in case the constitution could be of Christianity, Missions, and kindred divergence very wide? subjects, have been empowered to pre-Certainly union is indefinitely post-posed by the General Conference, us commits subjects, have been empowered to pre-tee was authorized to accept it According to scribe a course of study therein and to omitted. hold examinations for testing the proficiency of such candidates as may we said: choose to apply for the certificates and but see think beneficial results will come out of this most interesting discussion." choose to apply for the certificates and details of the proposed method of conboth sides, to recall the history of the by the Synol with deep regret. It was ob details of the proposed method of cona future issue. Suffice it to say at present the Scheme is modelled on the Regulations for holding the examinateachers' certificates conducted by the his associates will forfeit the good among the Friends there are nearly made towards the establishment of a Education Department of Ontario opinion which we and many others The machinery seems to us as simple as have tried to entertain for them. could well be provided to ensure accurate results and, with the experience that the Public school, system gives everywhere in Canada, likely to prove very

On the face of it the Scheme com-

(2) According to one of the missionnies Presbytenan Church of New South had the pleasure of an outing on the speaker, and moved the audience to (3) The principal churches opposed to the most intelligent is also the most fervent subscriptions. Every dollar was volunand the most sustained.

sions to make themselves thoroughly the success of the work. No agent will From the above it will be seen on take steps at the earliest possible mo- nor will any personal appeals be made. what snags the ship of union struck. ment to give it a fair trial. It is only Contributions will be received by Mayor went to great-some might say to far be ascertained, and its defects, if any, Bay Street; and the work will be car-

not have several examination centres with a goodly number of candidates. The young lambs are bleating in the meadows, with a goodly number of candidates. We are also persuaded that the cost of The young flowers are blooming towards the takes the high ground of former years. Two things are to be remembered. First, with a goodly number of candidates. working the Scheme will be comparatively trifling, and that in every locality will be found those willing to give a little time to details to make it a complete success.

byterian Book Room" of this city has being present, including over 300 from omission is, to say the least, not courbooks prescribed for the various examithe meagre cable reports we glean a few mations. We have heard of a number particulars. Lord Kinneard delivered of boys and girls already laying their the Address of Welcome, and Count REVIEW, we need scarcely say, will have very special pleasure in publish. On Thursday the Convention moved to Commissioners had taken their places. ing the names, of any who may win Dr. Parker's "Temple," Memorial Hall The Review has heard some grumbling distinction in the "Higher Relig- being too small to accommodate the that this important business was dis-

#### THE SO-CALLED HERESY OASE AT GALT."

THIS is the title of a pamphlet which has been sent to us containing the Judicial Record and His tory of the Case, the various Appeals and Answers to the same, and a Synopsis of the discussion and decision of The French and Swiss delegates said and guidance of the Standing Committhe General Assembly. To this are added "Remarks," and what professes suited to France and Switzerland, owing Nominating Committee, it is of the utto be an extract from the PRESBYTERIAN to the length of the cycle and the diffi- most consequence that the Nominating REVIEW of June 27th last. There are

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Hall, of New York, spoke on "The by the Moderator. But after all, with letters on the subject from a "Lay

We regret that in the quotation from the Review we have to complain of disingenuousness-we hope unintenof our article, only such portions are appellants. But worse than that, two sentences have been mutilated so as to leave a false impression on the reader. (1) We said:

44 Nor, as Dr. Ure said, is the doctrinal

This sentence is made to read: "Now, as Dr. Ure said, is the doctrinal

The portion in italies is wholly

The clause in italics is the only portion inserted.

If the additional matter which ap pears in this pamphlet is as disingenu-

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE first year's report of the "Toronto Children's Fresh Air Fund " mends itself to the sympathy of all in- interesting information respecting the necticut, 352; in Iowa, 336; in New churches of both bodies. What followed we give in Dr. Imbrie's own words

In Averenter of last year the 53 nod and the General Conference big assembled in the city of Oiska. The Synod, after three days of consideration, with two or three trifling amendments, adopted the report of the community. The General Conference many of the Congressity divided in sentiment. The older was greatly divided in sentiment. The older and more conservative men—the men who are commonly regarded as the founders of the content who are commonly regarded as the founders of the content who are conservative men—the men who are content with day excursions at intervals.

A GREAT public meeting as many and success of a very descring organization. The Fund was instituted in May, 1888, the ultimate object being organization. The Fund was instituted in May, 1888, the ultimate object being organization. The Fund was instituted in May, 1888, the ultimate object being organization. The Fund was instituted in May, 1888, the ultimate object being organization. The Fund was instituted in May, 1888, the ultimate object being organization. The Fund was instituted in May, 1888, the ultimate object being organization. The Fund was instituted in May, 1888, the ultimate object being organization. The Fund was instituted in May, 188 terested in Sabbath school work and of aims and success of a very deserving Jersey, 279, in California, 241, and in

elevation of the spuitual life of the feature of the "Fresh Air Fund" is that and Endowment. Church, proving that the piety which is there is no soliciting or canvassing for tarily sent in last year by friends of the In view of these considerations we inovement, who in many cases accomrecommend all our ministers and Ses panied their donations with a prayer for acquainted with the Scheme, and to be appointed to collect money this year, ried on according to the extent of free-The Committee is proceeding vigor- will offerings. It is unnecessary to com-

> brothers, Ere the sorrow comes with years?
> They are leaning their young heads against

their mothers, And that cannot stop their tears.

THE World's Sunday School Convening columns that the enterprising "Pres day of last week, 900 foreign delegates the Report is finally adopted. This Bernstoff, of Berlin, and Rev Theodore Cuyler, D.D., of New York, responded. thin house, before the majority of the day. The startling statement was made and puts off, translates, transfers, exalts, that out of 50,000,000 children in India casts down at its own will, without any there are only 217,100 in missionary To all which the Review replies to the day schools, and 100,000 in Sunday discontented Commissioner. Be in your schools. Dr. Warren Randolph, of place when the Report comes up and if Newport, R I., introduced the subject you don't understand the why and the of the "International Lesson Plan," and advanced the opinion that at least 10,- Church is more and more apparently of 000,000 people studied the lessons necessity falling under the government that the international lessons were not tees, and the Standing Committees are suited to France and Switzerland owing to a large extent the creation of the Best Methods of Bible study." It was the present system the discontented decided to send a memorial to the and perhaps this year he has no more European Sovereigns, asking them to reason to complain than formerly. exert their influence in favour of a proper observance of Sunday. An English Colonial college resolution, congratulating the Americans upon their Centennial anniversary was adopted. There was loud cheering for the Oueen and for President Harrison. The Eng and the National Anthems played. The next Convention will be held in Am erica in 1893.

In anticipation of the National Chris tian Endeavour Convention, now in ses. societies have been collected, from which it appears that there are on record to in twenty-two different denominations, the majority, however, being in the different branches of the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and in the Congregational Churches. During the past year, however, many of these societies have been formed in Lutheran, Disci ously prepared as the above extracts, ples, Christian, United Brethren and forty. During the twelve months past the organization has increased by three thousand societies and about 160,000 members—by far the largest increase ever recorded in a single year. In New York there are 1,387 societies, in Massachusetts, 742, in Illinois, 541; in Penn which has just been issued, gives much sylvania, 484; in Ohio, 465, in Con-

REV. JOHN MORTON and Mrs. Mor. ton, the highly esteemed labourers in our Trinidad Mission, reached New York on the 22nd ult. Mr. Morton, we regret to learn, is not in good health. He has gone to Clifton Springs for medical advice and treatment. His many friends in the Church will earnnestly hope that he may soon be restored to vigorous health.

### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS.

TEMPERANCE.

THE resolutions on Temperance produced by far the liveliest debate of the Assembly. To the declaration that the traffic in intoxicating liquor is contrary to the Word of God, there arose a storm of objection, but after a hot discussion in which some very strong language was takes the high ground of former years? But the young, young children, O my brothers,
They are weeping buterly!
They are weeping in the playtime of the others,
In the country of the free.

and declares uncompromisingly for Fotal Prohibition. It is not a little significant that Temperance is one of the Reports that are allowed to pass the Reports that are allowed to pass without thanks to the Convener. Per-It will be noticed from our advertis tion opened in London, Eng., Wednes-trical condition of the atmosphere when is made in the convenership of this important Committee.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

THE report on Standing Committees was adopted on Wednesday, in a very

## THE COLLEGES.

THE college problem may now be said to have solved itself in a way that is, on the whole, regarded as making for peace. If the Church is not to be blessed with one great and strong Theological Hall, it may rejoice in no less than seven fairly well equipped institulish and American flags were waved, tions of sacred learning, all aiming at a higher ideal than they have yet attained. The College Fund from want of complete loyalty to it on the part of some congregations was, after the first year, foredoomed to failure, and it would appear that the colleges must now rely to a large extent upon their own constitusion in Philadelphia, the statistics of the vencies to make good the amounts required to meet the yearly expenditure in the theological departments. There should be no difficulty in doing this. day 7,671 societies with a membership It will be noticed from the detailed (2) Towards the close of the article of 470,000. These societies are found report that the authorities of Manitoba College propose taking steps this year to wine out their debt. Owing to the efforts of Dr. King, to whose heroic devotion to her interests the Church can never be too grateful, the debt is now but a comparative trifle. The Church owes it to Dr. King and his fellow labourers in Manitoba College that he should be able to announce to next Assembly that the debt is extinwe much fear that Mr. Cranston and Reformed Episcopal Churches, while guished and that good progress has been large Endowment Fund.

## Literary Notices,

DAVID LIVINGSTONE. By Thomas Hughes . Macmillan & Co., London and New York; W. Briggs, Toronto. pp., 208 with map, Price 60 cents.

Mr. Hughes has succeeded admir

ably in his biography of Livingstone in laying before the reader in an attractive form the chief events in the life and explorations of this wonderful man. He keeps up an interest in his subject, such as is seldom attained by biographers. The description of Livingstone's journey across Africa as here retold is exceedingly interesting, while the horrors of