POOLS RUSHING IN. It appears to us that Grant and his immediate partisans are about verifying in their own proper persons the words of the poet:

" Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." He and they are raising a hubbub, or trying the raise one, over the old phantom] of papal interference in American politics. A large propotion of the supporters of the Republican party in New England and some of the Western States are members of that church, of which President Grant and Bishop Gilbert Havenpar nobile fratrum-are illustrious leaders in matters the one of public and general concern, such as politics, and the other in affairs acclesiastical. Now as the President in his annual message recommends to Congress certain measures which will bring up discussions that ought to be avoided, so also the Bishop in his capacity of preacher broaches the subject of religion and public schools in a Sunday School Convention. On last Monday he addressed that body, which belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church (North), on the condition of the Southern States, he having recently spent some time in this benighted land prosalute anime, so to speak, of Southern heathen. After some balderdash about the white people of the South welcoming tne Pope's followers to these shores Bishop Haven said: "The ministers " of Boston are in the field of battle; "their words are reported, and the "Southern papers comment on them. "The question is, 'Shall the North-"ern people rule the nation?" 'Shall "the Puritan or the cavalier be the "ruler?" 'Shall Boston or Charles "ton be the centre?" The Methodist "Episcopal Church is the only insti-'tution in the South to-day that rep-" resents the American nation."

The Methodist Episcopal Church referred to is the Northern Church. He continued according to the summary of his remarks before us:

"The malcontents of the South "know that they were defeated by "one man; that man is President "Grant, and if the people throw him "over at the command of politicians "they will rue it. Pray, brethren, "that President Grant may be elected. "Pray for the true people of the "South, and you will find that thus "you will be able to keep down the "kindred threatening powers, the "slave power and the power of the " papacy."

The Rev. Dr. Sherman, of Brooklyn, moved that the meeting vote that they had heard the sentiments advanced by Bishop Haven with great pleasure and bearty approval. This motion was unanimously adopted. All opposed were invited to rise, but no person rose. There was great applause.

What do sensible men in the Northern Methodist Church think of such things as these? Do they approve the words of Haven and the action of that Sunday school convention? And what do the unfanatical everywhere think of such senseless how !ings as the above? The meeting was composed of the Methodist Sunday School Union and a number of Methodist preachers. To a large extent it appears to be a representation of the views of the Methodist Church North. It behooves that body as a denomination to repudiate Bishop Havenand his followers. Will they do it ? If such things are repeated, or if they are not distinctly disavowed, the injury to the cause of religion will be great. Religion must be taken out of the foul air of the cancus room and the rough arena of the hustings. There is no harm in saying, what most men regard as truth, that there can be no alliance in this country of relig ions and political interests, that does not injure both, and eventually crush out treedom itself. If the President attempts to obtain a third term through the agency of the Methodist | Oh, elequent, just and mighty death Church in the Northern States he will | whom none could advise, thou hast not succeed. He will succeed in stir- persuaded; what hone hath dared, country, we fear; but we have confi- world bath flattered, thou only hat dence in the good sense and liberality | cast out of the world and despised; of the people, and see only the ruin | thou hast drawn together all the farof the military demagogue the bold- stretched greatness, the pride, cruelty, ed by their heartlessness.

A notable recognition of the sagac :ty of Southern statesmanship and of the patriotism of Southern politicians is that contained in the regular Washington correspondence of the New Yark T. ilaner in Albert under late of the 6th. It is published in another place, and is presented without con-

The Richmond Whig has been sold by Col. J. C. Shields to Gen. Wyatt N. Elliott, who was a former co-proprietor. Maj. Nathaniel B. Meade, it is said, will be editor-in chief. Mr. W. C. Elam, formerly of Fayetteville, N. C., will have charge of the city columns. We are glad to learn that important improvements are to be made in the appearance and matter of our venerable and esteemed

The report of Superintendent Mills, of the Orphan Asylum, in another column, is interesting as giving valuable statistics relating to that important charity. Let North Carolinians strive to increase the figures there given, so that the facilities of the institution may be improved. The institution would appear to be already

"Although probably not written with a view to any such dramatic effect, President Grant's penultimate annual message recalls forcibly the Farewell Address of General Washington. Again, over the gap of almost a hundred years, the soldier and statesman stands on the threshold of a Centennial epoch and offers the result of his observation and experience and thinking to his fellow-citizens."--Philadelphia Press, Grant Organ.

Penultimate! That's honest, certainly, more so than the President was in the Message.

And Grant recalling Washington-Fish beckoning up the ghost of Alexander Hamiltonl O murther!!

"Watterson, the Louisville editor writes his political leaders in thunder colored kids." In the name of thunder what color of kids is that, seignior?

Babcock has indeed been indicted at St. Louis, and the officers have gone to Chicago to effect his arrest.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE

- Miss Braddon is busy at work pon her thirtieth novel.

- Mr. James Stothert will soon ssue his "French and Spanish Painters." - George Eliot, it is said, has been paid £7,000, or \$35,000, for a single novel - Miss Cracroft, the niece of Sir John Franklin, is writing the life of her

- Queen Victoria has subscribed £200 to tound the chair of Celtic Literature in Edinburgh University.

- The newly published letters of Suab, Duchess of Marlborough, are full of personalities and bad spelling. - A third series of Dean Stanley's

"Lectures on the History of the Jewish Church" is to be issued shortly by Mr. Mur-- The great "History of the Sciences in Germany," published by the German Historical Commission, is ap-

proaching completion in sixteen volumes. - The latest striking character in fiction is that of Harold Leigh, in Mrs. Eiloart's "Kate Randall's Bargain." He is a li'erateur, possessing the uncommon combination of a successful critic and an unsuccessful writer, and having beneath his vanity a strength of purpose and intellect and within his worldliness a kind and gentie heart .- N. Y. Herald.

STAR DUST.

- Castelar is treated with great

- The youthful misses of Boston are holding "gingerbread germans." The President prefers Chicago

as the location of the proposed new mint. - The Bowen-Brooklyn Exale libeli-sult has been postponed again, this time

- Mr. Delane is about to retire, at any rate temporarily, from the editorship of - Peter B. Sweeny and Connolly are in Paris. William M. Tweed is also

traveiling for his health. - Workmen engaged in widening the road-bed of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad have discovered a petrified forest a

county, W. Va. - The Nation is elaborately reviewing Gen. Boynton's review of "Sherman's Memoirs," which it says refutes the charges against General Sherman which it

was intended to prove - The Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer favors the consolidation of many of the sinal counties in the State, which have only 3,000 inhabitants each. The abolition of fifty counties, it argues, would save \$250.

Death. [Sir Walter Raleigh.]

It is death alone that can suddenly make a man know himself. He tells the proud and insolent that they are but abjects, and bumbles them at the instant, makes them cry, complain and repent, yea, even to hate their forepassed happiness. He takes an account of the rich, and proves him a beggar, which hath interest in nothing but in the gravel that fills had mouth. He holds a glass before the eyes of the most beautiful, and makes them see therein their deformity and rottenness, and they acknowledge it. ness of whose schemes is only exceed- and ambition of many and, covered it all over with these two narrow words, "Here lies."

A Neat Calculation. Prof. Watson, of Michigan Unversity, who accompanied one of the transit of Venus expeditions, delivtransit of Venus expeditions, delivered, a few days ago, at Ann Arbor, a very interesting lecture upon that subject, in which he mentioned the fact that Venus appeared one minute and thirty seconds out hind time in a

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The message touches upon a great variety of important subjects, and on the greater part of them we are bound to say that it delivers sound, or, at least, defensible views. But there is one capital exception; one subject on which the recommendations of the President are sheer folly. It unfortunately happens that the subject on which the President is utterly wrong is the one which he presses with the most vigor and zeal. On the combined religious and school upon which he lays his chief stress and emphasis, he is wild, quixotic and utterly absurd. This attempt to introduce re-ligion as a controlling element in our national politics, the zeal with which he flings this firebrand and tries to kindle theological animosities for party effect, is the most mischievous and monstrous violation of fitness and propriety ever perpetrated by a President of the United States.

Issues grow, and neither the soil nor the atmosphere of this Republic just now promise him the crop he would selfishly harvest. Gen. Grant orders up the school issue as it it were a brigade. The brigade would obey, but the issue does not exist in the condition, the necessities, the desires, or the hatreds of the American

This [religious question] is a congenial topic to him, and affords proof that this thorny subject will be incorporated into the next national Republican platform, and play a part in the coming Presidential campaign.

The message will disappoint publie expectation on the Cuban ques-

The seventh message of President Grant will be read by the country with general satisfaction. It is calculated to strengthen the confidence of the people of all classes in his possession of the qualities most essential to the head of a national administra-

[Journal of Commerce.] The obvious inference from the President's language is that our relations with Spain have reached a crisis, as has been several times intimated from Europe and as often semi-officially denied from Washing-

The heaviest portions of the message relate to new questions which have not heretolore been considered. and which there is now no reason for considering as urgent. It is politics -- not statesmanship.

Views on Haven's Harangue. The New York Herald says:

"Now, if Bishop Haven were a Catholic prelate this speech would have been bailed throughout the country with furious disapprobation. But the Bishop is a prelate of the Methodist Church, of which Presiden! Grant is an ostentations if not a sincere member. His church is one of the most powerful in this country. Vigorous in its discipline, untiring in its energy, closely in sympathy with the masses of our people, carrying its faith to the frontiers and planting its churches amid every discouragement, Methodism represents in the Protestant religion that missionary proselyting influence which has given Catholicism its marvellous power. Nor do we underrate the importance of a declaration in favor of a third term by a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It shows that President Grant, when he made his extraordinary speech at Des Moines, knew the sentiment to which he appealed. But we look upon this declaration of the bishop as deplorable from every point of view. It is a reflection upon his religion and an interference in our polities that we are sure will be resented by the Methodists themselves. If he supposes that Methodists will, as a general thing, submit to be told by a clergyman even if he is a bishop, whose duty it is to win short distance west of Portland, Preston | souls to Christ, that they must vote one way or another, their sense of independence will rebel. The declaration of Bishop Haven in favor of a third term will give new color to the intrigues which have been on foot for some time in favor of a third

The New York Sun remarks: Suppose a Roman Catholic Congress, incited thereto by Cardinal McCloskey, should pass resolutions advising the election to the Presidency of Tilden or Thurman or any body else, what a howl there would he throughout the country. All good Protestants would despair of the State unless they banded themselves together to destroy the papers OYet here a bishop of the more powerful Methodist communion, supported by two hundred of its ministers, urges the re election of Grant! We know of nothing in the history of our religious bodies, Roman Catholic or Protestant, that compares with the action of the Methodist Sabbath School Union at Boston in impertinence and presumption. We are sure it will receive general rebuke from the great

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