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Religious Antelligence. PRESBYTERIAN.

The Synod of Kentucky, O. S., held its regular meeting two weeks ago, and was fully attended. With Dr. Breckinridge at its head, it is trying very hard to maintain a "conservative" position. It gravely disapproved the action of the late General Assembly as requiring or advising "acts of disobedience to actual Governments, by those under the power of those Governments; and still further, it was neither wise nor discreet for the Assembly of the whole Church to disregard, in its action, the difficulties and dangers, which render it impossible for large portions of the Church to obey its order, without being liable to the highest penalties."

The Synod "contents itself with this expression of its grave disapprobation of this action of the General Assembly (which the Synta judges to be repugnant to the Word of God, as that Word is expounded in our Confession of Faith)."

As to the schism now taking place, they say among other things: "While, in this deplorable schism, this Synod sees a sad proof of the want of wisdom chief pretext of it, it decidedly condemns the schism purpose, to the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; and hereby enjoins upon all its care, to avoid all divisive and schismatical courses, to cultivate the peace of the Church, and to prac- Orleans, and Missouri is pacified, he will then go to tice great mutual forbearance."

The Louisville Presbuterian Herald says that Dr. most conciliatory character, exhorting the churches der, or even to excite bickerings and heart-burnings between their members. Presbyterian preachers, the Dr. remarked, are a hard-headed set of men. who will do and think pretty much as they please, no matter what the circumstances may be which surround them. Those who are secessionists will generally remain so, and those who are Union men will continue so, let things go as they will. It does not not go to suit them, they can pack up their traps and move off to some place more congenial to them. But it is not so with the churches. You can not move them. They own the soil, and must generally stays. The war must have an end sooner or later. All things earthly have an end some time or other. The churches, therefore, should cling together, at the gospel. great sacrifice, and not allow themselves to be split up by differences in regard to the war, so that they will be ready to go forward, without let or hindrance. in the great work assigned to them when it closes. We give simply the spirit of the Dr.'s speech, not is language, nor the arguments in detail employed

lowing action at its recent meeting, on Slavery and lains, I am directed to say that any person who has the "Spring" Resolutions: In reviewing the past | been mustered into service as a chaplain, who is not history and deliverances of the Presbyterian Church, a regular ordained clergyman of a christian denomiand its uniform tendency, for nearly a century, against African slavery, as "a gross violation of the lowance. Every one now mustered must be certified most precious and sacred rights of human nature," to as being a regularly ordained clergyman, as above and as "utterly inconsistent with the law of God;" and its declaration that it is the duty of Christians "to use their honest endeavors to efface this blot on our holy religion, and to obtain the complete abolition of slavery throughout Christendom, and, if possible, throughout the world." We see no reason to depart from these, or any other testimonies of our Church on this subject, but, on the contrary, to avow our satisfaction with all those testimonies; and in reference to the late action of the General Assembly, in adopting the resolutions of the Rev. Dr. Spring on the State of our Country; and also in its exceptions to the records of the Synod of South Carolina, this Synod does not see any justification for the schismatic and unscriptural course of those Pres byteries in the South who have declared their sepation from the Assembly, and are attempting to divide the Church.

some very interesting exercises took place.

Rev. S. Woodbridge, D. D., for the past twelve Years pastor of the O. S. Presbyterian Church in Benicia, Cal., we are informed, has accepted a nomination for the Legislature from the secession party of Solano County. In Benicia, his trustees have resigned, choir given up singing, Sunday-school left, &c.-Exchange.

EPISCOPAL.

vania.—At a special convention, held in this city last week, Rev. W. Bacon Stevens, D. D., rector of Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, was, on the the name of Francis R. Brunot, of Pittsburg, (the other clergymen within a few days. first of the laity, in alphabetical order,) was called,

The Reverend Bishop answered that, so far as he was informed, Dr. Stevens was entirely loyal." Dr. Stevens, we believe, is a Virginian, and has the reputation of being Evangelical in his views. His standing as a clergyman has been very high in this city.

The General Theological Seminary of the P. E. Church at New York has, for some time, been laboring under very great embarrassments. Trinity Corporation refuses, says the Church Journal, to give a single dollar for the relief of that noble Institution in its distress. Only five churches in New York city and Brooklyn have yet given anything; of the lay Trustees of the Seminary-about one hundred and fifty in number-not one has given anything, except only Mr. Floyd Smith, of New York, and Dr. Shattuck, of Boston; and while Trinity Corporation cannot give a dollarowing to what Bishop De Lancey happily called 'her immense poverty"-a South Carolina lady has sent in fifty dollars; a donation deservedly honored with the only "applause" we have ever heard in that Board for anything.

ARMY.

Chaplains in the Southwest. - The Central Christian Advocate describes the chaplains of that region as follows:-

"Bro. Pile is now (Saturday, 7th,) in the city.

He was in the thickest of the battle near Springfield, just as he was at Boonville, rallying the men. gathering stragglers, facing the fire, and encouraging or threatening any timid ones, and actually doing feats of valor. He now goes into the artillery. He was urged to take charge of the battery, but he declined, and remains chaplain, and when the war is over, will continue his work as a circuit preacher. Still, Pile will be at the battery, and everywhere else, where there is need of hand service, or exposed and dangerous assaults. When the rations were badly managed in his regiment he took hold, arranged for better cooking, regularity in the rations, and in a month or less, all was in perfect order, and the blessings of the poor soldiers were heaped on him without stint. Every man in his regiment would face any danger with Pile, who says, come on, and when he does say go, it is sure to be a go indeed. He was selected, in company with two officers, to convey the remains of Captain Gratz to Lexington, Ky., by way of Cincinnati, who was killed in the battle where Lyon fell. He has still the horse that General Lyon gave him for his use, and he will retain the animal for his circuit service.

Bro. Shumate, after preaching in Jefferson City for several weeks, was solicited by Gen. Grant to accompany a detachment of several hundred men to ward Rolla, Lebanon and Springfield, so as to ascertain the movements of the enemy. He performed this service to purpose. He captured several secessionists, and disarmed them by his own personal bravery, being well equipped with rifle and pistols, and delivered them up to the powers that be. He in that action of the Assembly, which has been a knew the country, as it was within the bounds of his district, and the men in it, and few secessionists in itself—as being without sufficient justification, and that region would be willing to face him, though in its results portentous of incalculable evil. And they were three or more to one. Though hunted as concerning the posture of this Synod, it seems for weeks in May and June last, Mr. Shumate, with timely to declare, that it adheres, with unshaken the guarantee of his two rifles and his pistols, and proper ambushes, saved his life, to offer it to the support of his country. Gen. Grant calls loudly for members, and upon all who are under its control and his services as chaplain, and he cannot and will not refuse. When the old thirty-four stars float over

work to re-organize the M. E. Church in Missouri. There is now a noble band of chaplains from the Breckinridge's speech on the resolution "was of the M. E. Church in the army of the Southwest, especially in Missouri. The Missouri Conference gives to stand together until the war is over, and not to five chaplains in the army, viz.: Messrs. Brooks, allow their political differences to rend them asun- Huffman, Pile, Shumate, and Oyler. These know the country, and will be of infinite service to the army besides their valuable labors as chaplains. They will be the special guides for the army, and the counselors of the officers, as well as the brothers of

Chaplains must be Ordained Ministers.-It has been understood that while the army regulations matter much about them. If affairs in the State do require ordination in all chaplains of the army, a license to preach, granted by a church, would be accepted in lieu of ordination. But a stricter construction is now applied, and an order has been issued from the War Department, directing that remain upon it—go where it goes, and stay where it every unordained chaplain be "mustered out" of the service, and that no other chaplain be "mustered in," without regular ordination, as a minister of

Qualifications of Chaplains.—The Army Comnittee of the Y. M. Chris. Association, of this city, having addressed a letter on the subject of incompetent chaplains, Mr. P. B. Simons, the chairman, has received the following very gratifying reply:-"Sir:-In reply to your communication of 3d instant, desiring to know whether any method can The Synod of Wisconsin-(O.S.), took the fol- be adopted of ridding the army of immoral chapnation, will be at once discharged without pay or al-

> stated. "I am, sir, very respectfully, your ob't serv't,

"GEO. D. RUGGLES, Assist. Adi't Gen." Ministers in the War.—Rev. H. J. Parker, formerly chaplain of the Second New Hampshire Regiment, has accepted an appointment as Major of the Seventh Regiment. Rev. A. W. Taylor, of the Pittsburg Conference, has recruited a company, called the Beaver Guards, and is now in Camp Fremont. Rev. Charles Cook, Baptist clergyman as West Gardiner, Me., has enlisted as a private in the Eleventh Maine Regiment. He is a native of Baltimore, where his friends now reside.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. R. H. Brown, authoress of the hymns com nencing "I love to steal awhile away," "How Departure of Missionaries.—The ship Po-yang, sweet the melting lay," "Go, messenger of love, which sailed for Hong Kong on the 26th, took out and bear," and "Jesus, this mid-day hour of praya party of missionaries, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. | er," died at the residence of her son-in-law, Elijah George, Roberts and Janvier, with their wives and | Smith, in Henry, Ill., October 10th, aged 78 years families. They go out under the auspices of the 5 months and 10 days. Her end was peace. Her Presbyterian Board. A number of clergymen were husband preceded her by seven years, and sleeps present to bid them God-speed in their work, and in death, as one of Christ's saints, at Monson, Mass. The mother of four children, she had the happines of seeing them all usefully settled in life. Of these the only son is a missionary to Japan; two of the daughters married ministers, and the third a Presbyterian elder. The late Rev. D. M. Lord was har son-in-law by his first marriage.

Forty-five years ago Mrs. B. wrote the popular tract, "Poor Sarah, or the Indian Woman," and the favorite hymn, "I love to steal awhile away." She is the author of a catechism for children, much used in New England, and also of two small vo-Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsyl- lumes suited to Sunday school libraries, named "The Village School," and "The Tree and its Fruits."-Cor. N. Y. Observer.

Catholic Chaplains in the Army.—At the so-13th hallot, elected Assistant Bishop, in place of licitation of Governor Curtin, Right Rev. Bishop Bishop Bowman, recently deceased. Dr. Stevens Wood has forwarded to Harrisburg the names of received 86 out of 119 votes cast. The Press says: several Catholic Chaplains for Pennsylvania Regi-In consequence of an unfounded rumor relative to ments, the object being to place them in the Army. the loyalty of Dr. Stevens, which had gained con- On Wednesday a commission was sent from the siderable currency since the meeting of the conven- Executive to Rev. M. F. Martin, of the Cathedral, tion the lay members of the body expressed them- who has been appointed Chaplain in Col. Owen's relies desirous of some official information which Regiment. He left last evening for the seat of war. might counteract the evil influence at work. When Other commissions will probably be tendered to

that gentleman arose and addressed the Right Rev. | Rev. S. H. Rosecrans, a brother of the General, Bishop Potter, who occupied the chair, requesting is pastor of a Catholic Church at Cincinnati, and some declarations as to the loyalty of the nominee editor of the Telegraph, the organ of Archbishop Purcell.

Domestic News.

THE NORTH.

Thanksgiving in Pennsylvania. - Governor Curtin has recommended Thursday, the 28th of November, next, as a day of "solemn thanksgiving to God," for having prepared our corn, and watered our furrows, and blessed the labors of the husbandman, and crowned the year with His goodness; in the fruits thereof, so that our barns are filled with Commonwealth and strengthened the bars of her gates and blessed the children within her, and made men to be of one mind, and preserved peace in her borders. Beseeching Him, also, on behalf of these United States, that our beloved country may have deliverance from these great and apparent dangers wherewith she is compassed, and that He will mercifully still the outrage of perverse, violent, unruly and rebellious people, and make them clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within them, and give them grace that they may see the error of their ways, and bring forth fruits meet for repentance, and hereafter, in all godliness and honesty, obediently walk in His holy commandments, and in submission to the just and manifest authority of the republic, so that we leading a quiet and peaceable life, may continually offer unto Him our sacrifice of praise and thanks-

The Blanket Question.—In response to several correspondents, we give the following as our understanding of the recent appeal of the Government for blankets and socks of the army:

made to avert a contingency which might occur, and | prisoners. to supply a small present demand.

2. The purchase of blankets in Europe was found to be necessary to check exorbitant speculation on this side, and because our woolen manufacturers could not supply the demand in time to prevent a danger of the men suffering, and, while desirous of spending the money only in this country, government did not feel llike running any risk where the comfort of the troops was concerned. -N. Y. World.

The West Chester Jeffersonian and the Christian Observer.—The Postmaster General has issued the following order in regard to these treasonable papers:-"It appearing to this Department that the Jeffersonian, a newspaper published at West Chester, Pennsylvania, and the Christian Observer, published at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, are used for the purpose of overthrowing the Government of the United States, and are giving aid and comfort to the enemies now at war with the United States, it is ordered that said papers be excluded from all the recruited in Lancaster county; the Seventy are preserved unimpaired. It is always ugue and sweet. It never sours, and will not dry up like Yeast brigade are the Seventy-seventh, under command of Colonel Hambright, nine of the ten companies having been recruited in Lancaster county; the Seventy and mails of the United States. post offices and mails of the United States until further orders." It has been sent to the postmasters of Chester and Delaware counties, and to all other offices where these papers may be sent.

Telegraphic Communication with the Pacific.—The telegraphic line between New York and San Francisco has been completed, and the first message was received October 25th. Cape Race is now | Cairo to Columbus, Ky., on Wednesday, for the within two hours of the Golden Horn, by continu- purpose of exchanging sixteen prisoners. Generals ous wire five thousand miles in length. It is pro- Polk and Pillow received the party cordially, and Van posed to extend this line Westward by Behring's the exchange was effected. It was ascertained that Straits, to the Amoor river. This will connect Amether rebel force at Columbus does not exceed 10,000 Boss & Co., No. 605 North Third street. rica with Europe via Moscow and through lines, men. The town is well fortified, and two forts are Palmiter & Wilcox, No. 955 North Sec either already built or projected, with all the impor- being built about a mile and a half outside. tant points in China, India, Jeddo in Japan, and even Melbourne, in Australia.

New York Harbor and Lake Defences.—The governor has been in consultation with Col. Delafield, of the United States Engineer Corps, respecting the harbor and lake defenses. The lake coast and would probably continue their retreat, The dewill be speedily examined and prepared for defense New York has about 800 men employed in this work already, and has had for some time past. There are 500 at Sandy Hook, and 300 at work upon Fort Richmond, Staten Island, and the barracks adjoining upon the hill. Guns in both places have been and will be, placed in position for harbor defense.

VIRGINIA AND THE POTOMAC.

The Fight at Ball's Bluff was accompanied with serious loss to our troops. The whole affair seems to have been mismanaged. Further details represent the defeat as much more disastrous than was at first supposed. The California Regiment suffered terribly, only about one-fourth of their members having returned safe from the engagement. Large numbers belonging to the several regiments were drowned in attempting to swim the river.

Later intelligence reports that General Stone's division had recrossed to the Maryland side, thus surrendering all that had been gained. The loss in killed, wounded, and missing is over 600. Many do not understand why the attempt should have been made to cross without a sufficient and properly-supported force, nor why the means of transportation should have been so inadequate as they were. The loss of Colonel Baker, the statesman and soldier, and so many excellent soldiers, who fought bravely but vainly against a superior force, is felt to be a serious calamity, and has caused deep sadness throughout the land, and especially in Philadelphia and neighborhood, where many of the families and friends of the California regiment reside. The funcral of Colonel Baker took place on Thursday, Oct. 24th, in Washington. The procession was large and impressive, the military making a fine appearance. Among those who followed the remains to the Congressional Cemetery were the President, heads of departments, and a number of gentlemen from the Pacific coast, including Senators Latham and M'Dougal. General Scott attended the funeral services at Major Webb's residence. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Byron Sunderland, chaplain to the Senate.

Election in Western Virginia,—The election for a division of the State, as ordered by an ordinance of the last Convention, came off throughout and wounded soldiers, and that the inmates of hos-Western Virginia on the 24th ult. The vote in this pitals at Washington city will be removed hither. city (Wheeling) and county is not full, but is overwhelmingly for the division. The reports from the interior, as far as received, show a still greater unanimity. Thirty-nine counties are included in the

Discontent.—Reliable information from Virginia reports that discontent is general among not only the troops but all classes in Eastern Virginia. The rumors of foreign intervention relative to the blockade are understood at Washington as being the invention

Rebel Defeat at Romney.—Gen. Kelly attacked the rebels at Romney, October 26th, drove in their outposts, and after a brilliant action of two hours, completely routed them, taking all their cannon and much of their camp equipage, and many prisoners. Our loss is but trifling, but cannot say to what ex-

The Fatal Order.—The following is the order sent by General Stone to Colonel Baker, previous to the engagement in which the latter lost his life: Sir: So soon as you get your forces in position make a dash at Leesburg, and shoot down any law less depredator that may leave the ranks. General Stated Clerks, Secretaries, and Others, take Gorman is moving up on the left, and I expect to be in possession of Leesburg to-night. STONE. The total loss, killed, wounded and missing, in the battle of Ball's Bluff, was 953

THE SOUTH.

The Attack on the Federal Fleet.-Correct intelligence has also been received of the recent attack upon the Federal fleet at New Orleans. The naval force of the rebels consisted of six gun-boats, the ram Manassas, and a large number of fire-ships. The United States fleet consisted of the U. S steamers Richmond, Huntsville, Water Witch. sloops-of-war Preble and Vincennes, and store-ship

Nightingale. The fleet, when attacked, were at anchor inside of the S. W. Pass. The ram Manassas came down and drifted foul of the Richmond, knocking a hole in her quarter and stern, doing but little damage. To avoid the fire-ships, the squadron immediately got under weigh, and drifted down the river. The Richmond, Preble, and Vincennes got ashore on the bar, (the Nightingale also went ashore.) and while ashore were attacked by the rebels, but without doing any damage to the vessels or life in any respect. But one shot took effect, and the increase of the ground and the gathering in of that struck the Richmond on the quarter. They were beaten off by the Vincennes with two guns, plenty; and for having looked favorably on this she having hove overboard the rest of her arma- from material of the ment, with her chains, anchors, &c. to lighten her, she being much exposed to the rebel fire. The squadron has no one killed or wounded. The Richmond, Preble, and Vincennes were towed off the same day by the steamship McClellan, which oppor-

Fight at Santa Rosa Island.—By arrivals from Pensacola, we have full details of the rebel attack apon Wilson's Zouaves. It appears that the latter were partially surprised, and their camp fell into the hands of the rebels, who burned it. Being reinforced, however, by a body of regulars from Fort Pickens, the fight was renewed and the Confederate troops were driven to their boats. The volunteers were badly managed, and Colonel Wilson is very much censured for the inefficiency and want of skill displayed in the action. He did not arrive at the scene of action until all was over. The Sixth Regiment lost 10 killed, 10 wounded and 9 prisoners; the regulars lost 4 killed, 20 wounded and 10 prisoners. The rebels lost, by their own statement, 350 killed, wounded and missing. We took 35 prisoners, in-1. There has been no suffering on the part of the cluding 3 doctors, who were released. The Zouaves soldiers yet for these necessaries. The appeal was lost nine men killed in their camp, and eleven taken

tunely arrived. The Nightingale also will be got off.

News from Key West report the capture of the Confederate steamer Salvor, bound from Havana to ercussion caps, 600 dozen hats, 8 cases shoes, 100,000 segars, 400 bags coffee, cases of dry goods, &c. The crew informed the captors that cases of Price per hundred, \$12, cash. rms were secreted under the coal.

MISSOURI AND THE WEST.

A Brigade of Pennsylvania troops recently arrived in Louisville. The Democrat thus speaks of it: ty-eighth, under Colonel Stambaugh, which has been some time in camp at Chambersburg, and the Seventy-ninth, under Colonel Sirwell, from Kittanning. The men are all finely uniformed and armed. ning. The men are all finely uniformed and armed and repose the utmost confidence in their officers." Exchange of Prisoners.—A detachment from General McClernand's command proceeded from

Defeat at Pilot Knob.—Jeff. Thompson's forces, numbering about 6000, were badly defeated by the M. C. Campbell, No. 821 Locust street. Federal troops at Pilot Knob, recently. The latest Wheatcraft. accounts say that they were pursued twenty-two miles, and that they were completely described the Lipman C. Camp, No. 12 South Tenth street. tachment sent out to hury the dead found nearly Thomas B. Haines, No. 1207 Shippen street.

John S. Shelmire, No. 1246 North Tenth street. 2000 near Springfield. The advance of Fremont's William Coverus W. H. Olphine.

The pursuit of Price is still vigorously kept up, and there is every probability that he will either Dr. J. Cox, Manayunk and Roxborough. have to fight or be cut off.

NAVAL.

The Southern Expedition. - This expedition which recently left Hampton Roads for the Souther coast, has been in preparation for months, and is admirably organized and appointed. It comprises transports and all, about eighty vessels, of all sizes, from colossal steam-frigates down to the jauntiest little gunboats; and carry, with their full crews, over thirty thousand soldiers, a large force of engineers, mechanics and laborers, and an immense supply of all the materials of war, every means of attack and occupation which military art can invent or money supply. The enterprise is one of the most formidable of the kind the world has seen, since the invention of gunpowder. It is larger in men and more complete in its appointments, than most of the naval expeditions which history records, and doubtless will accomplish grand results. Its point of destination is entirely unknown.

Items.—Large supplies of liquor have been lately shipped to Washington from New York, Philadelphia, and Boston, but it is not allowed to reach the Army of the Potomac.—In the battle near Leesburg, it is said, that our soldiers "fought like tigers."- The State Department has information that Mason and Slidell escaped through Mexico. and not from any Southern port. In little more than a month the second session of the Thirtyseventh Congress will convene, and the Senate and House have been completely renovated preparatory thereto. - Government is about to open extensive hospital accommodations in Philadelphia for sick

war standard and LATEST of melic will The Expedition. -OCTOBER 28. -One hundred thousand rations have been distributed among the Regiments this afternoon, preparatory to departure. The captains of the transports received their sealed orders to-day. It is reported that one of them has opened his orders, and divulged the destination of the fleet.

The men and animals on board the transports have suffered greatly during the gale of the last two days

Marriages.

At Junius, N. Y., on Wednesday, Oct. 23, by the Rev. W. H. Megie, Mr. Horace G. Smith, M. D., of Waterloo, to Miss Catharine A. Carman, daughter of John Carman, Esq., of Junius.

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Fremont's Body Guard.—A dispatch from St.

Louis states that General Fremont's body guard had

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