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unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Presbyterian Clerical Association, held at the Presbyterian Rooms, Tract House, 150 Nassau street, New York, on the 6th instant:

That in the judgment of this Association, the prosperity, spirituality and usefulness of local Christian congregations are greatly promoted by punctutheir members, upon all the religious appointments of those congregations.

That the practice too common with benevolent and religious institutions, of appointing anniversary clerk of the General Assembly at the time of his or special services on the Lord's Day, or on those evenings ordinarily set apart for the stated religious services of local churches, giving public notice thereof, and thus practically inviting the members of those churches to leave their own stated services,

public press the ordinary religious services of our and a graduate of Oxford University, England. churches on the Lord's Day, is, at the least, of doubtful expediency, and should be discouraged by all our pastors.

Illinois has contributed of the fruit of their fields to of the body. the Boards of the Church, seven hundred bushels of corn.

Israelites.

Agricultural Advance in Palestine.—An association of Jews has been formed in Frankfurt-onthe Oder, Prussia, the object of which is to promote

in a few months, if possible. - Jewish Messenger.

Wallachia. - A Wallachian paper announces that the Ministry has suspended for six months the denatic order would be altogether rescinded.

Bantist.

earn that Rev. Thomas D. Anderson, D. D., closed | -to purify the air." his patorate of the Dudley street Baptist church, Roxbury--which had continued prosperously through thirteen years and upwards-last Sabbath. With inaction. It says, "We regard the last four weeks health once regained from the long illness under as decisive of the war, not merely by its results, or which he has been suffering, Dr. A. will enter upon rather barrenness of results favorable to the enemy. his labors as pastor of the First Baptist church, but by its clear developments of the fact that the New York, vacant since the death of the lamented Rev. A. Kingman Nott. The people there have with a fixed objection to hard fighting." been directed in their attention and hopes with great unanimity to Dr. Anderson, and the uniform imto the important sphere which he feels that Provi-

Episcopal.

The Church Journal says the Rev. Richard H. Wilmer, of Virginia, has been elected Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama. The Journal adds:-"A sound Churchman, an honest, fearless, active, practical and earnest man, and for a long time one of the most zealous in promoting church work among the negroes, it would have been hard work to make a States.'

Army and Navy.

A Regimental Church,-The correspondent of The Boston Traveller, at Camp Hooker, Southern Maryland, writes, Dec. 24: "I am very glad to inform the readers of The Traveller that a Christian church has been organized in the 1st Mass. Regiment, which twelve persons joined on the first night and two more declared their intention of joining, who have never been connected with any church. The Confession of Faith and Covenant, the same as endurance. adopted in the 33d Pennsylvania Regiment, are as

" Confession of Faith.-You believe in God, as the Creator of all things, to whom you are responsi- 109,615, exclusive of the three months' volunteers. ble for all the deeds done in the body.

ten of the Father, in whom dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

"You believe in the Holy Spirit, as the Enlightener, Regenerator, and Sanctifier of his people. the resurrection of the body, and in future rewards in Western Virginia, and at other places.

presence of God and these your fellow-soldiers, that the attack on Princeton, General Washington gave you will endeavor, by the help of grace, to walk in a command to the Virginia troops, "Vi all the ord nances of the Gospel blameless, adorning ward!" but not a man moved. The order was reyour Christian profession by a holy life and a godly peated, but still the soldiers of the Old Dominion, conversation."

16. The tent was purchased and sent out by the and not a man held back.

friends of the regiment in this vicinity. Chaplains American Prespection friends of the regiment in this vicinity. Chaplains of the following denominations assisted in the service: Methodist, O. S. Presbyterian, N. S. Presterian, Unitarian, Episcopal, and Roman Catholic; and an address was also delivered by Hon. Chas, R. Train, M.C., from Fram ngham, Mass.

Rev. J. C. Cromack, chaplain to the Mass, 22d Regiment, writes as follows to Zion's Herald: Our social-religious meetings are most preciously interesting. Since my return from Massachusetts three hopeful conversions had occurred, and previously we had one anxious inquirer and one backslider reclaimed. Christians of all denominations are much encouraged, and take hold cheerfully to sustain the meetings. I hope the churches at home will continue to pray for the soldiers."

Chaplains are hereafter to have a distinctive uniform. The Secetary of War has issued an order to this effect, and the ministerial regalia is to consist of plain black frock coat, with nine buttons-the buttons are very essential—and plain black pantaloons, with a black felt hat, except on occasions of ceremony, when, in addition to this, a little more of the ornamental may be indulged in if desired.

In the Douglas Brigade, now raising at Chicago, there are no less than eleven clergymen holding positions as privates and officers. Every evening religious services are held in many portions of the camp.

Miscellaneous.

Sudden Deaths.—The death of the Rev. Dr. Barr. of St. Enoch's, Glasgow, was very sudden. He was returning to his residence in the neighborhood of Glasgow, when he is supposed to have been seized by epilepsy, and was found dead by the wayside. Dr. Barr was one of the party who, previous to the disruption, went a great way with Chalmers, Cunningham, and Candlish, but who clung to their livings, and stopped short of secession. He was, nevertheless, highly respected by the establishment sec-Resolutions.—The following resolutions were tion of the Scotch Church, by whom he was chosen to preside over their General Assembly in 1853. He was the author of one or two works.

The other death is that of the Rev. Dr. Simpson, of Kirknewton, who passed the Moderator's chair of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland five years before Dr. Barr. He, too, went consider able lengths with the non-Intrusion party; but at ality and regularity of attendance on the part of the critical hour he threw his influence into the opposite scale. During his long life, he enjoyed credit for great acuteness, still greater tact and caution, and was a very effective debater. He was principal death. - United Presbyterian,

Rev. Alexander Crummell. B. A., recently re turned for a short season from Liberia, proposes to issue a volume of orations, addresses, and other pais, in the opinion of this Association, highly inex- pers, mostly prepared for national and missionary occasions in Liberia, and pertaining to national life That the practice of announcing through the and duty. He is a colored man of much ability,

Rev. Dr. Guthrie, of Edinburgh, is to be pro posed as Moderator of the Free Church General Assembly at its meeting in May next. A deserved The Presbyterium states that a feeble church in compliment to one of the most prominent members

Domestic Aews.

The Protracted Delay in coming to active onerations upon the Potomac, is trying the patience of the colonization of Palestine by Jews, on the basis the people. Rumors of a change in the commandof Agriculture. Dr. Loowe, formerly companion of ing officers are rife, it being surmised that the inac-Sir Moses Montefiore, is in possession of some hun- tivity of the army is due in part to incompetence as dred letters from Palestine, in which very pious and | well as to strategical policy. The air of Washington active men urgently asked for land for themselves is thick with painful rumors of traitorous communicaand others, and endeavor to prove that they possess tion with the enemy on the part of persons in high sufficent knowledge of agriculture. Some week ago places under the Government. What may be their I myself received a letter direct from Jaffa, with nu-truthfulness it is impossible to say, but none can morous signatures, and the official real of a branch doubt the fact that disloyed persons man and women, association which came into existence there. The are tolerated in abundance, loyal ministers are interdirector of that branch association is recommended fered with and compelled to resign their charges, by Dr. Neumann, director of the Rothschild Hospi- and communications through the lines by market tal. These good men entreat their brethren for people of uncertain loyalty has, until lately, been speedy support for the purchase of land, farming tolerated. We doubt whether the Government tools, cattle, and seed, in order that they may begin | gains by the show of magnanimity which it maintains on these points. To civilians, it seems that a beleaguered city like Washington, with enemies in its population, should long ago have been placed cree which enacted the expulsion of Jewish farmers | under martial law. The Tribune says:-" The Naand innkeepers from the rural districts. Little doubt | tional capital is to-day, as it has been ever since the can be entertained that, if our Government would rebellion sounded its first note, full of traitors, spies make direct representations to Prince Conza, the fa- and sympathizers with the South. They are not all, or chiefly, to be found among those low in the social life of the town. On the contrary, the worst of them occupy positions in society which raise them above the middle class. A Northern blast is wanted The Boston Watchman and Reflector tays: -We | there-a blast like that which bolts the driven snow

The Richmond Dispatch thinks the Federal armies everywhere have lost the golden moment by Yankees have enlisted in the army for a living, and

The Richmond Whia, however, thinks the case of their own army quite as bad. It says, "Doomed pression is, that he possesses remarkable adaptedness | to inaction, and rotting on straw, we have lost more by disease than a dozen victories have cost, and we dence invites him to enter, and where, we trust, the have lost the national reputation we enjoyed for abundant blessings of the Master may follow him, dash and clan. Unless there is a promise, and one to be relied on, of a total change in this policy of the great Cunctator, we shall have no more volunteers after the expiration of the present term."

A letter from Manassas speaks of the rebel army as going into winter quarters. December 27. Apro pos of the whole subject, we give a quotation from the recent army correspondence of the Boston Conorenationalist. "One cold morning, about four clock, when the stars shone brightly down upon the frosty fields of Virginia, two Vermont officers better choice among our clergy in the Southern met, just across the Potomac. One of the men had been up all night, and the other had come to relieve him. As they met, and were about to part, the officer who had been up all night; remarked to the other, 'I see by the papers that our friends at home are getting to be very impatient at the way the war is managed. Don't you think if we can nationally endure these hardships without a murmur, having full confidence that our General will take the best time to strike a blow, that they, in their comfortable homes, ought to be able to wait a little longer with out complaining.' The reader will supply the an swer readily. And still there is a limit to human

The Message of Gov. Curtin, shows that Penn svlvania has now 93,577 soldiers in actual service and 16,038 preparing to enter the field, a total of This immense force is so distributed that our State "You believe in Jesus Christ as the only begot- has representatives in nearly all the important divisions of the army. Not only are a great many of her soldiers in the vicinity of the capital, but they are also to be found at Annapolis; in the command of Major General Banks; in South Carolina; at "You believe in the immortality of the soul, in | Hatteras Inlet; at Fortress Monroe; in Kentucky

"Massachusetts Forward!"-There is indis " Covenant. -You now solemnly covenant, in the putable authority for the following narration: -At pale with fear, refused to move. At this, Wash-Tent for Worship.—A chapel tent for the 16th | ington rode back at full speed to the Massachusetts Mass. Regiment near Fortress Monroe, Rev. A. B. | forces, and gave the order, "Massachusetts, for-Fuller of Watertown, chaplain, was dedicated Dec. | ward!" adding, "I must depend on you to-day."

caping from the rebel ranks on Monday night, 6th and loaded with the munitions of war. inst. He reached General Heintzelman's lines, and said that he had been pressed into the rebel service

The Most Important Arrest of suspicious per sons recently made in Washington, is that of a banker well known in that city as a liberal supporter of the Methodist church. He is said to have sent to Beauregard before the battle of Bull Run, a paper giving full particulars of numbers, condition, and position of our troops near the city, with other information valuable to the enemy, also a plan for the capture of Washington, which had been drawn by Smithson himself. These documents were found in a rebel mail recently captured on the lower Potomac. There is no doubt but that this arrest will have the effect of ridding the city of a nest of conspirators that have for a long time existed in its

WASHINGTON AND THE POTOMAC. Congress.—On Monday the 6th, the House had under consideration a resolution of inquiry into the Ball's Bluff affair. Mr. Roscoe Conkling of N. York, made a severe speech on the subject. He said, that the battle of Ball's Bluff was the most atrocious military murder ever committed in the course of our history, the most humiliating triumph of the rebellion, a blunder so gross that no one has dared to defend it. Nine hundred and thirty men fell victims to this blunder, and the resolution of the second day of the session was due to the memory of these slain, if to nothing else. He asked for an inquiry, and an inquiry was absolutely necessary. Suppose, said Mr. Conkling, that it should appear that General Stone is only half loyal, or half a soldier: is that a sufficient and good reason why he should be released from his share of the reponsibility for this dreadful crime? He said that the Government was spending two millions daily, and had 600,000 men in the field; whenever we have made an advance, we have been outnumbered and ignominiously defeated; and yet the House and the people whom the House represents are denied the right of knowing on whose shoulders lies the blame of these things. We should know said he, whether the General-in-Chief has taken the pains to inquire who is responsible for the battle of Ball's Bluff, and we should make the inquiry with the intention of | been captured by the blockading fleet." being answered. After some further most severe remarks upon the subject, Mr. Conkling offered a preamble setting forth the resolution heretofore adopted, together with the reply to it, and concluding with a resolution declaring that the answer is neither responsive nor satisfactory, and directing the Secretary of War to reply further." This was adopted.

On Tuesday, the Senate rejected the bill to in crease the number of students at West Point. The bill relative to the arrest of fugitive slaves by officers of the army was taken up, and the Senate, by ayes 13, nays 23, refused to pestpone it indefinitely. The further consideration of the bill was

on Foreign Affairs. The discussion was resumed in reconnoisance. committee of the whole pending the Civil Appropriation bill. Among the speakers was Judge the Administration in the Trent case, but said some sharp things about the conduct of the war against when it broke up in utter confusion, the rebels the rebels, which, he urged, was managed on peace burning their tents, supplies, etc., etc. Each man principles. He contended that there would be no danger of a foreign war if we showed our actual power by real war against the rebels.

Wednesday the 8th: Senate.-The Naval Committee reported the House bill for the construction of twenty mail-clad steam gunboats, with an amendment authorizing the President to have the work done, instead of the Secretary of the Navy, and gave as a reston for this the course of the secretary in the purchase of vessels in New York, for which they design this report as a vote of censure. This movement was opposed by Messrs. Foster. Powell.:

House.—A resolution was adopted instructing the Committee of Ways and Means to consider the expediency of reporting a bill to provide for raising \$100.000.000 instead of \$20,000,000, by direct taxation, and also about a telegraph and stamp duty, and excise duties on cotton, tobacco, and liquors. Thursday 9th: Senate.-Mr. Sumner, chairman

of the committee on Foreign Relations, made a great speech on the Trent affair. Many of the foreign ministers were present to hear him. He took the ground that Captain Wilkes was not legally justified in searching the Trent and taking from her the rebel ambassadors, though in making the seizure the gallant captain was actuated by the purest and most patriotic motives, and acted in strict accordance with British precedents and with international law. as expounded by the highest British authorities. The House took up the bill to abolish the franking privilege. A motion to lay it on the table was negatived by yeas 51, nays 78.

Senate, Jan. 10 .- The rebel Senators from Missouri, Johnson and Polk, were unanimously expelled from the Senate, and a copy of the resolution ordered to be sent to the Governor of Missouri. The bill to build twenty iron-clad steam gun-boats, was ostponed until the Secretary of the Navy should answer the resolution addressed to him about the Morgan case. The case of Stark, a disloyal Democrat, claiming a seat as Senator from Oregon, was debated at length, after which the credentials were referred to the Judiciary Committee.

In the House a communication was received from the War Department in answer to a resolution of inquiry, saying that measures have been taken to ascertain who is responsible for the disaster at Ball's Bluff, but it is not deemed compatible with the public interests to make known these measures at the time. It was referred to the joint committee on the conduct of the war.

Three Victories in Western Virginia.—From the 4th to the 7th instant, three successful movements were made by our forces against the rebels in this region, so fruitful of victories to our cause. The first, sent out on the 4th instant, by General Milroy, proceeded to Huntersville, and destroyed a depot of supplies for the enemy, who lost eight killed and wounded. Our loss—none. A despatch the next day spoke of General Milroy as still moving. An expedition sent out by him into Tucker county dispersed 400 rebels, capturing a commissary and a of the Capes. They were all bound south. large amount of his stores, besides a First Lieutenant and one private. Four rebels were found dead on the ground, and a large number of wounded. Finally, on the night of the 7th, a detachment from General Kelly's command at Romney, started for a force of rebels at Blue Gap, east of Romney, fell upon them at daylight and completely routed them, with a loss of fifteen killed; two pieces of cannon, with their wagons, tents, etc., and twenty prisoners, including one commissioned officer, taken. Our troops met with no loss. The rebels retreated to Bath, Morgan county, Va., where they attempted to make a stand, but were finally driven off, and retreated toward Winchester.

The U. S. Gazette says of these actions: "An activity which might well be emulated elsewhere, has all along characterized the military operations in western Virginia. Every movement of the Union army in this mountain region has been victorious,

twenty shots were fired at her without effect. The had frowned it down."

A gentleman from Maine, who had been for rebel batteries have been waiting for her and exsome time a resident of Savannah, succeeded in es- pected to prevent her exit. She was heavily armed

The South.

Treason in the Confederate States.—The Mobile Iribune says:—"Treason is the highest crime which can be committed; it strikes at the root of the public welfare, and is, therefore, deserving a greater punishment than that which only does harm to an individual or a limited number of individuals.' In the Confederate States it is treason and death to disown a government that has no place in the history of nations: but it is all right to undertake the overthrow of the liberties of 30,000,000 of people. Consistency, thou art a jewel. - Scientific American.

Advices from Port Royal to the 6th, say that General Stevens still held his position on the main land. and was awaiting reinforcements, Twelve vessels were awaiting at Port Royal for storage for their cargoes, and the new storehouses were to be immediately constructed. At Tybee our force had been increased 3000 from Port Royal. | Fort Pulaski continued to fire upon Tybee, and had killed one of our men. On the 5th, a skirmish took place on the main land between a part of deneral Sherman's force and the rebels, in which the latter sustained a serious loss. We took seven prisoners. The soldiers at Hatteras are conducting an adult

school for the instruction of the negroes. Norfolk District.-Nobody will come forward to take the office of collector of the war-tax in the Norfolk district, and H. C. Garnett the chief collector of the Confederate war-tax for Aginia, in a formal advertisement, threatens to appoint some one from

outside of the district to perform that duty, which,

in this proclamation, he admits to be odious to the Biloxi.—A New Orleans despatch announces the surrender of a small force of rebels at Biloxi, and the capture of two cannons by the Federals. The same despatch also states that Gen. Butler and his command were at Ship Island. As Biloxi is considered in the possession of the Federals, But-

The Galveston Neios of the 25th ult., says-"A vessel laden with twenty thousand stand of arms has

ler's occupation of it is shortly expected.

The West

The Rebels again routed in Missouri. -On the 8th inst., 450 troops attacked the notorious rebel Poindexter, with from 1,000 to 1,300 men, on Silver creek, in Howard county, totally routing them with a loss of seven killed, left on the field, while many more were carried off, from 50 to 75 wounded, and 30 prisoners. Our loss was at killed and wounded. The rebel camp was destroyed and a large number, of horses and teams taken.

The Great Expedition.—The expedition down the Mississippi started from Cairo on the 10th. The advance of the military landed some 8 miles below In the House a message was received from the on the Kentucky side. The next day three rebel President communicating the correspondence in the gunboats came up and had an engagement with Trent case, which, was referred to the Committee three of ours, and retired. It was probably a American

Humphrey Marshall's Rebel Force Disbanded -On Monday the 6th, three or four U.S. regi-Kelly, of Philadelphia, who sustained the course of ments proceeded up to Big Sandy river, to within seven miles of Humphrey Marshall's encampment, acting on the principle of sauve qui peut.

> The Hon. Jacob M. Howard has been chosen U. S. Senator for the unexpired term of the late Senator Bingham, ending March 4, 1865, from the State of Michigan. Mr. Howard is a man of marked ability and sustains a high character in the city of Detroit, where he resides.

Foreign

Attitude of France. The Paris correspondent of the U.S. Gazette under date of Dec. 27th, writes in regard to Thouvenal's despatch to the French Minister at Washington on the Trent a air, as follows-"According to the best sources of information open to me, I am induced to believe that the Imperial Government urges on, rather than seeks to moderate or impede the action of the British Government, and that a solution of the present difficulty which should leave matters in statu quo, and the ports of the South still blockaded and about to be hermetically sealed, would be, in spite of the tone of M. Thouvenal, received here with something of The American Sunday-School Union, feeling of disappointment.

The Important town of Sheffield, with a population of nearly 150,000, has sent a petition to Queen Victoria, praying her to punish Captain Moir, of the Trent, and Commander Williams, for a breach of neutrality, in carrying Messrs. Slidell and Mason, and their despatches from Savannah.

Deputations from religious denominations, inclu ding the Congregational Union, the Baptist Union, and the Baptist Board, and interview on the 27th of December with Earl Russell, on the subject of the threatened war with America.

In a letter written by the command of the Queen, t is stated that the only consolation she can hope to find in the rest of her life, under her sad and hopeless bereavement, is to endeavor to carry out the wishes and intentions of her beloved husband. gentifi hii dawa awalinin

Items.

The desertions from the rebel ranks are said to multiplying every day. The facilities provided by the Federal and the different State Governments for sending the soldiers' pay to their families have been attended with most beneficial results. There have been several fires in Charleston, S. C., since the great conflagration, and fires in other places South. in town and country, are frequent. U. S. Treasury notes are 4 per cent. discount in Washington.

TUESDAY—THE LATEST.

General Burnside's Expedition.—New York, Also, on the same date, off Cape Henry, passed two stcamers, each having a schooner in tow, coming out

Resignation of Secretary Cameron.—A report comes from Washington that Secretary Cameron has resigned his seat in the Cabinet, and will go to Russia as a Minister, in Cassius M. Clay's place. The report further says that Edward M. Stanton, of Pennsylvania, has been appointed Secretary of War. Mr. Stanton was Mr. Buchanan's Attorney General in the last few months of his administration. The reasons for this change in the Cabinet are said to be the desire of the President to have some reliable person at the Court of Russia in the that business is much impaired everywhere, they have bresent complication of political affairs.

FEDERAL SUCCESSES.—A letter received in New York, says the Post of that city, from a gentleman well-known to us, relates that "a respectable person tion. No teaching ever done in classes. dec26 ly made prisoner by one of our boats in Edisto river, says we could form no idea what a stunning blow JOSEPH BERNHARD, and victorious because determined energy and bravery animated every man. We are indebted to the almost equal to that, in its appealing effect was the officers and soldiers that compose it far more deeply than has yet been repaid."

The U. S. Steamer Pensacola run the blockade of the Potomac on the morning of the 12th. Over Stephens are in favor of it, but that the Rheft party or tone, with any inscription or design, cast to order.

Marriages.

On the 12th inst., at the residence of the bride's mother, in Baltimore county. Md., by Rev. Wm. B. Evans, of Washington, D. C., Mr. HENRY EHLERS to Miss ELIZABETH R. HOLBROOK. all of Baltimore Co., Md.

By the Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D.D., Jan. 1st, Mr. Joshua C. Craven to Miss Sarah L. Bush-

By the Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D.D., Jan. 7th, Mr. WILLIAM A. CLEAVER to Miss ALPHONSA On Dec. 17th, 1861, by the Rev. James McCas-kie, ROBERT RIDDLE to Miss REBECCA MITCHELL,

On Dec. 25th, 1861, by the Rev. Jas.. McCaskie, Mr John Campbell to Miss Hannan Wood-House, all of Philadelphia.

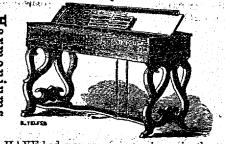
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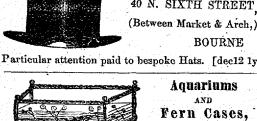


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