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Poetry.

Midnight Thoughts.

"What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee."-PSALM lvi. 2: HUSH! hark! 'tis twelve, the midnight hour, And yet no sleep hath closed mine eyes; What is it thrills me with its power?

To shake it off I will arise. I'll gaze out at the midnight sky, Perchance the stars will glad mine eyes; No star I see to comfort me-The night is dark as dark can be.

List! list! I seem to hear a cry; Was that a scream went rushing past? Not so! the wind was wailing by— No seream! it was the midnight blast! I'll strike a light to banish care, And to my children three repair; No child I see but comforts me— They sleep as sweet as sweet can be

Dear babes, they frolicked all the day, And now their pillows gladly press; And yet, amid their wildest play,
They missed their father's fond caress.
"When will papa return? they cry; And I repeat it with a sigh; I long for Thee to comfort me, For I'm as sad as sad can be.

Now, dark again! to rest I'll go—
Ah me, what visions cluster round! Thoughts of the grave—they haunt me so— How dark 'twill be beneath the ground! Dead! dead! I shrink from being dead! I shudder at that cold, dark bed! No star I see to comfort me, The grave is lone as lone can be.

Alas! deep horror chains my heart; Where shall I fly for peace to-night? Ha! ha! the darkness seems to part, I surely see a dawning light. Joy! joy! a cross—a form is near, My Saviour's loving voice I hear! A star I see that comforts me: Lord, when afraid, I'll trust in Thee.

Lift high the cross! shine on, bright star! The grave is not so dismal now My loved one does not seem so far. And sleep is settling on my brow.

Lord, Thou art mine till life shall end My first, my best, my changeless Friend: I'll come to Thee to comfort me; And when afraid, I'll trust in Thee.

OUR FOREIGN LETTER

nous appearances in the political firmament, would be a wilderness before and an Eden foreboding disastrous storms. By the sove- behind, the sacred volume. Gavazzi is not reign interference of Him who is Governor the only person against whom a prosecution among the nations, some of the alarming phenomena have been dissipated, so that the gori, a student in the Waldensian college at prospect is a little brighter than it was a few Florence, is waiting his trial for publishing a weeks ago. Yet the sky is anything but clear; and the most sagacious meteorologists in Church and State will scarcely venture on Leghorn, were condemned very recently to a prediction as to what may occur before five days' imprisonment—the one for offering 1862 has run its course. The present aspects an Evangelical almanac for sale, and the of the world constrain the true lover of God other for circulating a printed reply to the and of his fellow men, to join trembling with scurrilous attacks of certain monks. The his mirth. It cannot fail to strike the ob- latest continental intelligence refers to poserver who looks beneath the surface of pular manifestations on a gigantic scale, and things, how prominent the religious element most enthusiastic, in several of the leading is in the national disturbances of the present towns of Italy. The watchword of the paday, in both the eastern and western hemis- triots is "Rome, the capital of Italy, with pheres. To God's remembrancers who are one king-Victor Emmanuel!" pleading with Him for the fulfilment of those prophecies in which He has caused them to hope, this is encouraging in a high degree. It seems as if her Head were conducting the Church on to her bright destiny in ways she knows not, and preparing the fallow ground for the good seed by the ploughshare of war. Christian reader, let me press on you the important and pleasing duty of prayer, that all the events, evolving in Providence, may aid country, and apparently under the power of in opening a wide and effectual door for the Gospel where it is unknown, or contraband, and may serve to prepare the way for the universal acknowledgment of our exalted Mediator, as King of saints and King of na-

Italy is still in a transition state, to use a scientific phrase. The progress of affairs which was, for a time, unparalelled in its rain which God spoke by it, made many a pidity, has been checked, but not entirely thoughtless one, especially in the higher arrested. There is a strong under-current of ranks, feel that disease and death are no refeeling in favor of freedom; and it is expect- specters of persons. Sermons, suitable to the ed that the history of the approaching sum- occasion, were preached in metropolitan and mer shall contain one chapter on a war be- rural pulpits, and in soil thus softened, gostween Austria and the Italian kingdom, and pel seed was sown abundantly. O that the another on the final separation between the giver of the increase may make it productive temporal and spiritual power of the Pope. of much good to men, and much glory to him-At any rate, the latter case is in the court of self! If the death of Prince Albert threw divorce, and there cannot be two opinions the nation into deep mourning, a threatened among Protestants as to the issue of the war with America threw it into deep anxiety. trial. In Tuscany, Signor Gavazzi has been Thank God, a dark and distressing calamity dragged into a civil court by the priests under to both countries has been averted, and peace an old law. The head and front of his of- preserved. In spite of all that was written fending is, that he denounced such dogmas in the leading organs of political parties, on as the immaculate conception and auricular the Trent affair, as it has been designated, confession, in a style that endangered the craft of the priesthood. As the law stands, he cannot but be found guilty, and the pun- with America. If proof of this be demanded. ishment for the crime (?) is five years' im- we have it at hand in the thousands of prayprisonment. We think there is not the shadow of a doubt that Ricasoli, successor of Cavour, and an avowed friend of religious liberty will interfere, and set the condemed champion of truth free again to open his mouth boldly for the overthrow of error. In all likelihood, this case will cause the very objectionable statute to be repealed, and thus the wrath of man will praise the Lord. The eyes of the Christian world are turned to Spain, which has been reviving the cruelties of the inquisition. The Word of God had found its way into the hands of some Spaniards who wished to search it. They were since the state of the subject, and an avowed friend of religious liberty will interfere, and set the condemned with the world. The maintenance of peace between the world. The maintenance of peace between the two great-ties. They are furious, and he is firm. If he goes on as he has begun, they armies, and to the subject on mist might of many because the stonghout the society of our misguided the volld beg for a drink of clean with red with a little to each mish priests. They are furious, and he is firm. If he goes on as he has begun, they armies, and to the subject on with shall not get many bones to pick. As if they goes on as he has begun, they armies, and to the subject on with a security of our misguided the volld beg for a drink of clean world. The world beg for a drink of clean world are turned to Spain, which has been caused in Gal-way because the Bishop prohibited Father Daly is a most unique specimen of the genus priest. Father to the cause of our country and ten time, and there was none, but the chocolate colored approached by this tender and loving service of Northern sympathy, is a man twice gained to the revisit of the rebellion. Shall not this service be increased tenfold? All the moral force of the first an anything else in following up father than anything else in following up of a prime of a prime of a prime of a prime of the mish remainded on the subject. An other would point to his parched. The world be prisonment. We think there is not the sha- ers' offered, in private and public, for the niards who wished to search it. They were as the expression of the feeling the intelliaccused, tried and condemned, as malefactors, to the galleys for seven years; and yet the United States, entertain towards Engthey were guilty of no crime under heaven, land. Slidell and Mason have arrived, and, except it be a crime to seek and find the way to heaven. The committee of the Evangelical Alliance is endeavoring to influence the

| lanthropic undertaking. O, how thankful we should be to God for the religious rights and privileges we enjoy! and how we ought to evidence our gratitude, by laboring for the extension of similar blessings to all lands! We are under the painful necessity of recording some cases of persecution in different parts of Protestant Germany. It appears that in the states of Brunswick, Mechlenberg Strelitz, Saxony and Hanover, the civil power is imprisoning the Baptists because they refuse to conform to the Established Church. This is a case in which the Evangelical Alliance is a case in which the Evangelical Alliance should promptly interfere; and surely there is good hope that its remonstrance would secure the liberation of the prisoners, and toleration for them to worship God according to the teaching of His Word, as they understand it. It is very gratifying to learn that Protestantism is on the increase in France. and making itself known and felt as a great power. The test proof of this is, that ultramontane journals have sounded an alarm. and lustily belabored their party for indifference, while the enemy, as they regard it, is coming in like a flood. The Emperor seems more determined than ever to teach the priests to keep their own place and mind their own business, and they appear quite as determined not to learn any such lesson. Now and then they mutter something against the authorities, like as refractory schoolboys occasionally do, when the teacher would brighten their faculties by applying a cape to their their faculties by applying a cane to their body. The evidences of religious awakening in Sweden still present themselves in several parts of the country. The breath of the Lord is breathing on the slain that they may live. In France, colporteurs and tract distributors are doing a noble work, in scattering leaves from the tree of life for the healing of the nation. The latter class of agents is employed extensively in Paris with the happiest results, as far as can be known. In Italy, the colporteurs of the British and Foreign Bible Society and the Scottish National Bible Society distributed during the past year 33,361 Bibles and Testaments, and 41,491 religious books. In accomplishing this about forty-five agents are employed. How eloquently these figures speak, and how earnestly they plead with Christians to give their prayers and contributions for the success of this cause in Italy, which, physically, is one of the loveliest, and morally, one of the darkest lands on the face of the earth! We remember, about two years ago, a Popish prelate in Ireland declared in a pastoral that pedlars, as he styled the colporteurs. Whether he was right or wrong, we stop not to Ominous Appearances-The Ploughshare of inquire; but we say, all honor to the Bible War-Italy in a Transition State-Per- pedlars! God speed the Bible pedlars! secution of Gavazzi—Inquisition Revived
—Protestantism in France—Bible Pedlars

Theirs is an honorable occupation. Soon may they give to every family in Italy the -Prince Albert-The Trent Affair-Ac- heavenly book which shall lay the axe to the cident in a Coal-pit-Movements for Union | Upas tree, beneath whose shade morality has -Gospel Agencies - Deaths of Drs. Cun- withered, and crime grown luxuriantly in ningham and Symington - Brownlow that classic land! With a Bible in every North-Sir Robert Peel and the Romish home read and loved, Italy-France-the Priests-Christian Activity and Church world-would present a picture the reverse of that the prophet gives of the devastating murch of a locust army. Instead of all being The new year opened with unusually omi- an Eden before and a wilderness behind, all

In the present letter it is not necessary to do more than refer to the death of the Prince Consort. Many of his virtues the nation knew not till after his removal. He seems to have been a husband and a father, in the true sense of these words. He was the friend personal religion. In an unobtrusive manner he earned for himself a name that shall stand high among the benefactors of his country, showing to posterity that none is elevated above the level of doing good, and none de-graded by it. His death called forth from the nation almost innumerable expressions of

ioneers in the evangelization of the world! American soil may be courageous in the hour of battle and element in the hour of victory, and that the present war may speedily be brought to a close. It makes many of our countrymen glad to hear of recent victories by the Northerns; and, I believe, the majority of the citizens of these lands will rejoice at the subjugation of the South, if it lead to the abolition of negro slavery. The week of special prayer at the commences

lead to the abolition of negro slavery. The week of special prayer, at the commencement of the year was well observed, though in some places the attendance was not so large as formerly.

A dreadful accident occurred in a coal-pit in Northumberland a few weeks since. The great beam that worked the pump broke, and half of it fell down the shaft as a company of miners were coming up. The falling mass of iron killed some of the men who were coming up, and caused the sides of the shaft to fall in, filling it up to a considerable depth.

Today in my vineyard." In Belfast, four new Presbyterian congregations have been in Ballymena and Broughshane two are about to be organized, and in the neighborhood of Derry two are also about to be formed; while in the South and West the Presbyterian Church is lengthening her cords and strengthening her rious valuable and appropriate publications, which have been issued specially for distributed to do it withful to the army.

Dear reader, are you one of the Lord's laborers? If you be, you ogapy an honor-particularly from the West, urgent. above two hundred human beings had perished, leaving a large number of widows and orpnans to weep and wail, because of dear ones suddenly taken from their circle, and because of approaching penury. From a scrap of paper found in the pocket of one of the lifeless miners it approach to the lifeless miners and the lifeless miners are approach to the lifeless miners and the lifeless miners are approach to the lifeless miners, it appears that they had held a prayer meeting in the pit, and cried unto God "out of the belly of hell." A very large sum has already been raised for the support of the families of the men who lost their life by the catastrophe. As the subscriptions have not all been forwarded, we cannot tell the amount; but pecuniary expressions of sympathy have been sent from all quarters. What a solemn lesson such an accident teaches us! We may go out in the morning in health and strength, and never again see the happy home we left. O, to be ready to meet death at any time and in any manner he may come to us, when we have filled up our appointed time on earth! Great excitement prevails among the different evan-gelical Presbyterian churches in London at nestness. Shall it be withholden? present. The United Presbyterians are building four new churches in the metropolis, their appeals, not only for directly religious the united body, and then England shall to be neglected. have her own General Assembly. This is a highly gratifying prospect to every true-the several points of the East and West, and tion building, are every day addressed by two preachers, who point their hearers to the racter of the stones that form the superstrucappear again in the field. Of all the evangelists we have heard, we know none so well calculated to arrest the attention of sinners

haps understood and expounded the Theology valescents, to be changed or enlarged, as may of Calvin, as no other man of the present day seem best. could. His lectures, as a professor in the New College, Edinburgh, are to be published. and, we are sure, they will be received by that I have nearly finished my course. I been given me for preparation before the final change, to re-examine the whole foundation them happy here and beyond. of my faith and hope." On it being sug-gested that he had settled that question long ago, he replied, "Yes! I was enabled at an grant us. Our Board of Visitors, aided by early period of my life to give myself to class, and dedicate my life to his service; cises, a happy feeling to hundreds of the conand, notwithstanding many infirmities and valescents. many evil tendencies, I have still adhered to Him." Four hours after uttering these words he fell asleep in Jesus. The Reformed liles draw on the St. Louis loyalists heavily. Presbyterian church in Scotland has lost one It is cheerfully responded to however, and Dr. Symington of Glasgow. He was a sound ability." divine, and a man of most genial disposition, and liberal principles. Many of the annual the spirit, and of the method of the work, religious meetings of Scotland were held and will serve to show how efficient and penabout the commencement of the year, and reports read contained most gratifying statements, as to the progress made in the different fields of labor. The Episcopal church is rather in backwater in Scotland, if we may judge from the fact that its clergy—many of the progress than \$600 a year to live the mount of the year, and reports read contained most gratifying statements, as to the progress made in the different fields of labor. The Episcopal church is rather in backwater in Scotland, if we may judge from the fact that its clergy—many of the progress made in the different fields of labor. The Episcopal church is rather in backwater in Scotland, if we may judge from the fact that its clergy—many of the progress made in the different fields of labor. The Episcopal church is rather in backwater in Scotland, if we may judge from the fact that its clergy—many of the progress made in the different fields of labor. The Episcopal church is rather in backwater in Scotland, if we may judge from the fact that its clergy—many of the progress made in the different fields of labor. The Episcopal church is rather in backwater in Scotland, if we may judge from the fact that its clergy—many of the progress made in the different fields of labor. The Episcopal church is rather in backwater in Scotland, if we may judge from the fact that its clergy—many of the progress made in the different fields of labor. The Episcopal church is capable of becoming.

Immediately upon the fall of Fort Donel-patients, warm clean rooms, sisters of Charity, and kindly soldier nurses, under the direction of Drs. Coatsworth and Bowman, late of Chi-backwater in Scotland, if we may judge from the fact that its clergy—many of the fall of Fort Donel-patients, warm clean rooms, sisters of Charity, and kindly soldier nurses, under the direction of Drs. Coatsworth and Bowman, late of Chi-backwater in Scotland, if we may judge from the fact that its clergy—many of the progress made in the different fields of labor. The progress made in the different fields o on. The contributions of the U. P. church delight by the sick and wounded of our own man, well qualified for his position. There for religious objects are really exemplary, forces, their loving care excited profound is not a yard of red tape about his office. and ought to provoke others to liberality. surprise among the wounded and exptured When informed that we had some supplies Notwithstanding the depressed state of trade, they are larger than in any former year.

Brownlow North and Lord Radstock have lately been addressing large meetings in Radinburgh Thair compact around the respect to the wounded the wagon, saw the fruits and jellies carefully been addressing large meetings in Coll hirelings," the "barbarous mercenaries."

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They had expected nothing of the kind the wagon, saw the fruits and jellies carefully loaded, and in twenty minutes, had his organically loaded and in twenty minutes, had his organically loaded around the respective to the latest of the wounded the wagon, saw the fruits and jellies carefully loaded, and in twenty minutes, had his organically loaded around the respective to the wounded to the wagon, saw the fruits and jellies carefully loaded, and in twenty minutes, had his organically loaded around the respective to the wounded to the wagon, saw the fruits and jellies carefully loaded, and in twenty minutes, had his organically loaded around the wagon was a loaded and in twenty minutes, had his organically loaded around the wagon was a loaded and in twenty minutes, had his organically loaded around the wagon was a loaded and in twenty minutes. Edinburgh. Their earnest appeals make Nothing seemed so to shake their loyalty to the to the various hospitals; and the remaindeep impressions which it is hoped are saving in many cases. At present, the chief Secretary for Ireland, Sir Robert Peel, is deter- a cruel and dastardly deception. mined to put a hook in the nose of the Ro-

spared to labor in the Saviour's work!

ist in his church. His name has gone where our national victories with that moral force boxes of lemons, I believe, would save as he has never been, in connection with the of conviction and reconciliation, which must many lives. Rags also are greatly needed. Galway Packet station. Refusing to obey succeed the desolating track of armies before The branch hospitals are fitted with tem-

and America may live at peace henceforth, him. If Daly have any of the spirit of Chi- glorious; but, as fast as they shall be pressed united in sentiment and effort, as the Lord's niquy, we have not heard the end of this mat- forward, effectual and complete. ter. Among the various Protestant denomi-

ed, leaving a large number of widows and orphans to weep and wall, because of dear yourself to Christ to save you, and to serve

WHO WILL HELP THE WOUNDED?

CHRISTIANS and patriots! Lloyal men and loyal women! thousands of your wounded countrymen need your aid. There are more agencies than one already in the field to meet this need; but all are wanted and more be-

sides, to meet it completely.

The Christian Commission is ready and anxious to do its part of the work. The large number wounded in the recent gallant affairs in the West, make a special demand at the present juncture. Thousands of husbands, sons and brothers lie in the liospital wards, and while their hodies, receive the care the and while their bodies receive the care they need for their recovery, mind, and soul are

and are laboring vigorously in other important towns. A movement is on foot for a union between the English Presbyterians and mission is so largely and so efficiently doing Rev. Robert Patterson, who lately visited pected that should this union be perfected, to do for mind and soul. The opportunity is

to be neglected.

Through its several District Committees at hearted Presbyterian. The Lord guide and its local army committees in almost every encourage our English brethren in the noble work of union! The various Gospel agencies at work to awaken and convert the and to reach the army with that which the masses, and rescue fallen females in London, appeal brings in from the public. Particumasses, and rescue tailen iemales in London, continue to labor with unabated vigor; and cases of conversion are frequently brought to light in connection with faithful preaching and private appeals. The workmen employed in the erection of the Great Exhibition are every day addressed by are more abundant, to fill them.

God be thanked for the spirit of liberal foundation laid in Zion, and describe the cha-sympathy already displayed. But the work is not done, and we feel assured that the The stirring evangelist, Brownlow sources of loyal beneficence will only expand North, is so far recovered as to be able to the wider to meet the increased demand, and will not stint till it is all and well supplied. The able and active Chairman of the Army Committee, at St. Louis, says in a recent letand make them think. Long may he be ter:-

pared to labor in the Saviour's work! "We prefer to labor in the hospitals, as If our nation was made to mourn over the offering more permanent and profitable fields death of a Prince, the Presbyterian church of labor. Our work will be throughout the world, suffered a great loss 1. Placing permanent Libraries under the in the death of Dr. Cunningham, who per- superintendence of stewards, nurses, or con-

2. To distribute tracts, religious books and papers, magazines, and all other profitable and, we are sure, they will be received by reading. To execute this, we propose organ-the Presbyterian public at least, as standard izing a permanent Board of Visitors, to visit works. On the eve of his dissolution he said every soldier, attend to his spiritual wants, to his colleagues, Drs. Buchanan and Ban- by placing in his hands such reading as may nerman, "Thave been told to-day, at 4 o'clock, be suited, accompanying it with personal lofty, and well ventilated. The private be suited, accompanying it with personal conversation; thus to afford all the possible could have wished that a longer time had means to throw into the mind of the sick, ter than the hospital tents of the camps, and

Nearly three thousand soldiers are now in hospitals hereabouts. These, and their fam-

them, have not more than £90 a year to live Paducah. Received with satisfaction and director, Dr. Austin, is a Christian gentle-

rebellion as this most palpable, moving evidence that they had been made the sport of out daily baskets and barrels, and pots and

The men, then stand ready to go forth that the defenders of truth and liberty on nations there is a great deal of religious their hearts and their lips are full of love and American soil may be courageous in the hour activity in the forms of lectures, prayer- sympathy, but their hands must not be empty.

laborers. If you be, you occupy an honor; laborers and the West, urgent.

Before the rubbish could be cleared away by an indefatigable band of volunteer laborers, above two hundred human beings had perish.

Bear reader, are you occupy an honor; laborers and the West, urgent.

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either to particular addresses, or used for general distribution, as directed by the

signed to some dusty corner of your garret, as unfit, or without interest for your garret, as unfit, or without interest for yourselves. It is useless expense. Don't send masses of old newspapers or odd religious periodicals! Files of the leading religious papers, not more than one year old, in good condition, may be sparingly sent. Magazines, literary or religious periodicals of the same age, or if Ovarterlies, or illustrated periodicals of if Quarterlies, or illustrated periodicals, of any age, and properly arranged, are invaluable, and will be thankfully received and

A VISIT TO PADUCAH.

United Presbyterians in England. It is ex- for the body, the Christian Commission seeks Paducah, as the representative of the Young the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists will join one too broad, too happy, and too imperative the purpose of ministering to those wounded Men's Christian Association, of Chicago, for in the taking of Fort Donelson. ED.

> OUR WOUNDED SOLDIERS. ministration of the second second second

Paducah February 22d, 1862. Paducah has the look of a great hospital. The first thing we saw before landing was an ambulance and a litter carried by four solar diers, conveying a wounded comrade on board a steamboat. Just astern of us lay the Diamond, before Fort Donelson, with her cabin so full of sick and wounded that it was difficult to find footing. Her melancholy freight came down under the care of a chaplain,-Rev. Matthew Biggar late of the U. P. Church, of Chicago, no surgeon being available. Other boats came in during the day, and two to-day; all freighted with sick and wounded, for whom there is no accomodation in the little village of Dover, the only place for a hospital near Fort Donelson. A cargo of Indiana and Ohio patients left yesterday, under the care of a committee from Indianapolis and Cincinnati, for Evansville and Cincinnati; and another of Illinois wounded for Mound city, at the request of Governor Yates. It is difficult to state the precise number here, but on Wednesday morning the weekly return, showed 1320 in

The Court. House is used as the general hospital. The Churches, the Academy, and private houses to the number of eleven, are used as hospitals. The public buildings houses are not so suitable; but are much betwounded and dying, that which shall render infinitely better than the bare ground, on which our poor fellows lay for a week be-3. To hold religious meetings in all such fore the attack on the fort. The hailstones, apartments as the Sanitary Commission may now as in Joshua's days, slew more than the bullets. There are more sick of pneumonia than wounded, and less likely to recover. The Surgeons are occupying other empty houses, vacated by the secessionists on the approach of our troops, as they are needed. Paducah is the medical depot to which the wounded who can be removed are brought. Orders were received to-day, to prepare 1000 of its brightest ornaments, by the death of all are glad to give to the extent of their additional beds; probably in expectation of another general engagement about to take

> The supplies in the general hospital are excellent and abundant iron bedsteads, bottles, not according to the need, for he has There is a moral, however, in such convice not near enough for that, but a little to each

which they lay before Fort McHenry for a week, in the mud and snow, without tents,

Wall street, New York.

Don't send matter which you have conimmediately distributed.

GEO. H. STUART, Chairman.

A. M. Morrison, Secretary.

for another paper. THE GOSPEL AMONG THE WOUNDED. NUMBER II.

supplied; but we have not enough for the

housand additional beds ordered to-day, and

a sick man feels that he is friendless, he eagerly catches at the least appearance of sympathy, and readily listens to words of kindness. Our poor sick and wounded soldiers have all the sympathies and feelings of humoved it to and fro, with a wistful look more Jesus, the earnestness of his gaze increased, and I thought of the words, "Look unto me and be ye saved." When I took his hand, he grasped mine, and would not let me go till again repeated the good news of salvation, and then followed me with his eyes and ears as far as he could.

Another man, whose skull had been treblined, but who cannot recover, wept like a child when I told him he was welcome to come to Christ now in the hour of his suffer man's voice, and I could only kneel down to advocate your cause, saying lately, "it is never see him again, there is no other person I am to lecture on the subject of the Amelikely to come to his bedside with such a rican war next Sabbath evening at Kilmore. message, and he may be in his coffin to-mor- Having named the Northern Whig, I may row. An irrelevant word may be the death of a soul! "I know it all," said a very intelligent and gentlemanly young man, "I gard to religion, for it had formerly no religion. believe it all. My father and my mother are gion at all. But it appears as if it found that deriding all religion was not a paying too; but I don't feel as if I were one. I read speculation, and it seems to have ceased opthese things in my Bible, but I don't seem to feel." I directed him to the promise, "A to have assumed, if not a religious, yet not new heart will I give you," and made him promise to pray perseveringly for it. He even the Whig may have been reached by nade me in return promise to pray for him.

"What regiment do you belong to, my boor fellow?" said I to a man tossing in ever, who had been looking at me as I stood never be, no matter how many secessionist at his neighbor's cot, and had in some vague newspapers here might urge it. The people way the notion that I might be a chaplain. "To the Methodist regiment, sir. I have served under the Lord Jesus for nine years, and he don't give no half rations.

ital. I met some who had heard me preach in Chicago, and some who had worshipped soft answer came from your Government, with us in Cincinnati, and whose cordial which turneth away wrath, and took away all grasp attested their joy at seeing me again. excuse from the secessionist papers and the The men of the 55th Illinois, who had so many glorious prayer meetings with the young men of the Association, were particularly glad to hear that a Chicago man was and rich merchants, but they have nobly come to look after their wants. I could tell withstood it, and refused to break the blocka 55th man by the light in his eye, when I | ade or recognize the "conspiracy" against the said I was from Chicago.

The Christians, too, were easily discovered. Their eyes would kindle, and the languid fea- Christians. And I trust your Government tures become animated, when I began to will be careful not to weaken the hands of speak of Christ. The Germans, too, would our Premier and Foreign Secretary by giving wake up when I showed them a German any advantages to the rascally secessionists book. Most of the men had lost their Test- of this country." aments in the field of battle, or had them in their knapsacks in the hospital store-room, where they could not get them. Some had little hymn-books; and one little how had "Daily Food," from which he refreshed his of law and justice, and varnished over by a soul with the daily verse. I met a trooper, who is a Methodist preacher, looking for a wounded son. Captain Hoyber, of the 55th Illinois, was ministering to the souls of the men the treausury, to observe how much, and his superior, he has carried his case to Rome for redress. Poor man! he will hardly fare turn, to bind a severed nation once more into to heaven. The committee of the Evange-lical Alliance is endeavoring to influence the South expected an Spraish Government in favor of the Bible readers; and it has issued a circular, inviting the co-operation of all Christians in the phi-

board the boats are lying in the clothes in WORDS OF SYMPATHY FROM ABROAD.

WE are permitted; through the kindness of and in which they fought and fell. They are of course saturated with sweat and blood, and readers the following extracts from a letter smell badly. I have telegraphed, and written, and sent messages to Cairo, to get up our Chicago supplies, which we sent two commend themselves for the correct and ap-

weeks ago; but they have not yet come up. Preciative view taken of our present troubles.

When they come, this want will be partially "Your American troubles have engaged my most serious anxieties and prayers. Never to be occupied no one knows how soon. The has any matter of a public kind taken up my sheets directed by the Sanitary Commission time, my study, my prayers to such a degree. are quite too narrow. The surgeons want And I am amazed and distressed inexpresjust such blankets and sheets as you would sibly on account of the cold shoulder which put on your own bed, in your own sick room. some of my acquaintances, and a large por-Narrow sheets gather up by the tossing of the poor, feverish sufferers into a string, and are only a nuisance. Make all sheets for the hospitals two yards wide. The secession hospital, which the ladies of Paducah undertook to supply, and which they frequent with serted ever so in the time of your national great fuss, is not near so clean and comfort able as most of ours. Only about half-a dozen families would pay any attention to our sick before the battle; but it seems that they now think it charitable to succor the strongest side. When I was in the Presby-terian church, which has seventy beds, seve-ral ladies who had been known as rabid

secessionists, came in with a few bandages and to convince them of their guilt in being and a por of blackberry cordial; which Dr. Roller accepted, and showed me as a sign of You will succeed without their sympathy, but that will not free them from their responsi-A remarkably large proportion of our men are wounded in the head, or top of the shoulder. One man had a ball pass through the head, behind the eyes, and is still alive. Another has a bullet in the brain, and is quite of writing in reply to a former one from me. rational. Another had a bullet pass clear In some cases I have not been without success; through the body and both arms, through the for instance, Mr. Atkinson, of Tandragee, top of the lungs, and may recover. He the coroner for county Armagh, wrote to me showed me the bullet which had been whit tled to make it fit that gun, and bore the pains I had taken to make him acquainted marks of three buckshot which had formed with the material circumstances of the war,

marks of three bucksnot which had formed part of the cartridge. Few seem to have suffered from shells or cannon balls. The men bear their sufferings with great fortitude, and some are even cheerful, though their sufferings must be dreadful. All well-sufferings must be dreadful. All well-sufferings must be dreadful. Rut I made the blacks refusing to sit at the comed the consolations of religion. But I wards the blacks—refusing to sit at the must reserve the gospel among the wounded Lord's table with them, ride in the same coach, etc., and on account of your loving the Union more than the slaves, and making concessions to the slave only from military Sickness makes most men feel serious, and necessity, etc. I tell them they may censure the North as much as they like—but I say manity like other men, and eagerly hold out the feverish hand to the friendly visitor. North, and strengthen the hands of the true hospital attracts every eye, and if the ward friends of the slave, like you, who, I am is so large that he is not likely to stop at every bed, many a hand will be waved inviting him to speak to the patient there. One poor boy in the General Hospital, with a bullet in his brain since Salve, and it me ward sure, nike you, who, I am sure, would feel most thankful for any means that would do away with the base prejudices which make the blacks a degraded caste. And besides, is it not a fact that such unlet in his brain since Salves, and it me ward that would feel most thankful for any means that would do away with the base prejudices which make the blacks a degraded caste. let in his brain since Saturday, and yet alive, but unable to speak, when I came near his cot, put out his tongue as far as he could, and been so long the ruling power, which you have at last risen in your might and overeloquent than words. When I told him of turned? I believe a great guilt rests upon many of the British people for so ungratefully withholding their sympathies and their prayers from you. If it were for nothing more than the noble stand you have taken against the bullying dictation of the fierce and truculent South, you deserve all praise and admiration. Garibaldi appreciates your noble conduct-so do the Protestants of the continent of Europe—so do many tens of thousands of Christian hearts in Britain and Ireland, notwithstanding the efforts of the ing. He had been brought up in the fear of God, he said, had lived a camp life, and now basely following in its wake, to blind the God, he said, had lived a camp life, and now basely following in its wake, to blind the people's eyes and pervert their hearts. While Father in his dying hours—he could not stand it. Some were so near the end of their journey that they were out of hearing of Northern Whig has the sense and manliness and pray for them. Every night several die. a conflict between the opposing powers of It is an awful thing to preach the Gospel ungood and evil, of light and darkness, between der such circumstances very awful. You justice and the foulest wrong and oppreshave only five minutes to speak to an uncon- sion," etc. Oh, sir, how religion suffers when verted man, to introduce yourself, gain his confidence, explain the way of salvation, and rior in practical morality and integrity of urge him to accept of Christ now. You will heart, to those who make a high profession.

the revival. "Great talk was here about Britain going to war against you, but I knew that could could never have borne it. I should think began to feel ashamed of the thought of There are a good many Christians in hos-ital. I met some who had heard me preach I should think they generally were, that a rights of the human race, although urged by many professed philanthropists, and holy

> THE MOST ENORMOUS WICKEDNESS hath commonly been committed under the forms semblance of piety.