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THE ERA OF VICTORY.

We issue this paper precisely one year from the date of the onslaught in Baltimore, upon the Pennsylvania and Massachusetts troops...

Table with columns: DATE, NAME, ENEMY KILLED, WOUNDED, CAPTURED, PERCENT OF AMERICAN LIVES SAVED.

We have named only the scenes of decided combat, omitting small skirmishes and instances of voluntary abandonment and retreat before the advance of our forces.

These, then, are the grand and sufficient reasons for the President's call for a Thanksgiving service on last Sabbath, in all the churches of our land.

THANKSGIVING.

Land of the prairie and the hill, Of thousand streams and sunny lakes; The voice of gratitude awakes, Through all thy villages a thrill.

ORDINATION BY REV. JOHN CHAMBERS.

It is generally known that three persons, members of the Methodist Church—two of them a candidate for ordination in the Church, and two of them local preachers—have been ordained as ministers of the Gospel, by Rev. Mr. Chambers of this city.

although it was believed to be in accordance with the wishes of the Methodist brethren generally, of the city, that the rite was performed in these as in the other case.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

LONDON, March 29, 1862. STANDING here in London—that wonderful and indescribable concentration of interest—that Briareus whose numerous arms stretch forth to every part of the globe—a man seems to take in a view of the world, such as he can obtain from no other standpoint.

Beginning, then, at London, the two engrossing subjects of the day are the Revised Code, and the Great Exhibition. The Revised Code may well engross public attention, for it is connected with the education of the masses, and has a high importance to every man, woman and child in the nation.

Let us now turn towards Italy. Last night I was present at a conversation on Italian affairs, given by Dr. Angus, of the Baptist College, which was largely attended by ministers and members of all denominations.

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hoped that if it were true, the Emperor might be led in blindfold, that he might not be insulted with a view of the building which Britain had erected to receive the world.

But, you will ask, what are the Christians of London doing for the benefit of the multitudes which will throng the city in a few weeks?

1. Religious services, Lectures and Prayer-meetings, in Churches, &c., under Tents and in the open air.

2. Creation of the Scripture &c. in Rail-ways, Hotels and lodging-houses by Colporteurs, Missionary and other Agents in Co-operation with well-known societies for Christian efforts among the masses.

3. Promotion of Christian intercourse with visitors to London from all parts of the Empire! by social meetings in suitable places and the opening of a Central room where information can be had as to Religious Societies and Philanthropic institutions.

4. The Office and Central Room are at Freeman's Hall. All honor to the noble man who has undertaken the management of this great work and may the blessing of God reward their labours.

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from priests high in office—is "Leggete la Bibbia"—Read the Bible—and close with the recommendation to Government to introduce it to the schools.

Humanity now presents a solemn and thrilling spectacle to a thoughtful mind. As the eye ranges the vast field, everywhere the surface is beginning to move.

To the Believer, fixed upon the firm foundation of God's word, all this motion—all this preparation, all these terrible prognostications—bring no fears and excite no doubts.

PATRIOTISM OF THE CLERGY.

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MINISTERS NEED TO HEAR PREACHING.

Listening last week to Dr. Wallace's sermon before the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia—a sermon able in many respects, but more especially so for its suggestiveness—the thought arose that we should all preach better for often listening to preaching.

Reasons have often been urged why our ecclesiastical meetings should be protracted so that much time may be given to preaching.

In former years, I have known associations of ministers in given districts, meeting periodically—say monthly or quarterly—for the express purpose of public preaching, and such parlor exercises among themselves as prepare them to produce better sermons.

REV. A. G. CAROTHERS, U. S. CONSUL AT MARTINIQUE.

We are gratified to learn from Martinique papers, that Mr. C. arrived at St. Pierre on February the 20th, and entered upon his duties on the 22d of the same month.

Fort Donelson has been taken—Fifteen thousand rebels and an immense amount of war material captured—Ten thousand of the enemy reputed "hors de combat."

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PRESBYTERIAL ACTION.

Resolved, That Presbytery has heard with great interest and profit, the statements of Rev. Albert Bushnell, in reference to the Missions on the Gaboon river and on the African Continent, and would renewedly commend the great cause of missions, and especially the American Board, in its present difficulties, to the prayers and liberality of our people.

Resolved, That the Presbytery approve of the action of the Synod with a view to securing collections for the cause of Foreign Missions, from all our churches, and the Presbytery urge upon every church within its bounds to contribute according to its ability to this cause.

Resolved, That the pastors of the several churches of Presbytery be instructed to call the attention of their sessions to the propriety of adopting some plan of systematic beneficence where this has not been done.

LAWRENCE PETERSON, ESQ.

We last week referred to the death and burial of this excellent man. We quote now from the Evening Bulletin an admirable sketch of his character.

Mr. Peterson was a leading member of the silk house of Yard, Gillmore & Co. He was of Swedish descent and his whole life has been spent in this city, where he has always been engaged in mercantile pursuits.

While industrious to a fault, overtaking his delicate constitution, and thoroughly attentive to his business, Mr. Peterson was unambitious beyond that point.

Mr. Peterson was a singularly brave man. In the entire battle of life, his moral courage was most conspicuous.

For Mr. Peterson was a sincere Christian. He connected himself with the Presbyterian Church in Arch street, then under the care of Dr. Skinner, from which he went to the Clinton street Church, under Drs. Todd, Parker and Darling, and at last settling himself in a beautiful place on Green Hill, he joined the latter congregation.

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Messrs. T. B. Peterson & Brothers, 206 Chestnut street, have published a very handsome medallion likeness of that lion-hearted American in England, GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN.

Our Church News.

HAMILTON COLLEGE, N. Y.—A correspondent writing of the Junior exhibition, and other matters in connection with the College, says:—"Among the subjects [at the exhibition] was 'Theodore Winthrop.' The battle of Great Bethel, and the attendant circumstances, were most vividly and beautifully presented.

The GERMAN STREET CHURCH; can anything be done to save it? A Church which is in so flourishing a condition as is our own in this city, need not shrink from the acknowledgment implied in the above question.

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