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A REVIVAL TO BE EXPECTED.

We last week spoke of the duty of the Church in this time of national peril and distress. To us nothing is clearer than the view then enunciated, that providence had laid open a wide and straight path of duty before us, which no amount of specifically devotional acts would justify us in ignoring.

Ucalogon.

All Christian institutions and principles, the charter of our civil liberties, the hopes of oppressed millions may be consumed in its devouring flames. Our first duty is to save them from imminent peril, and to prove the genuineness of our piety by our zeal, promptness, and self-sacrifice, even to property and life, in the attempt.

Let churches and Christian people who are thus in the line of their highest present duty, expect to be revived. They are bringing the tithes into the storehouse; tithes of money, tithes of tears and heart-breakings, tithes of blood and of life, tithes of deep martyr consecration to the cause of righteousness and of God in the world.

They have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred burning camps. They have builded Him an altar in the evening dens and damps.

They can read his righteous sentence by the dim and fading lamps. His day is marching on. They have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel.

Let the hero of a woman crush the serpent with his heel. Since God is marching on. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat.

He is sitting out the hordes of men before his judgment seat; Oh, be swift my soul to answer him, be jubilant my feet; Our God is marching on.

We cannot see how such excitement can hinder, or in fact do any thing but promote a revival of religion. Great gospel truths are illustrated with startling vividness in these times. No great amount of dexterity is required in the preacher to derive, from current events, effective illustrations of the iniquity of rebellion against God, the necessity of sustaining his moral government, the majesty and utility of law, the real mercy of swift and condign punishment to incorrigible offenders, and the marvellous grace, wisdom, fitness, and sufficiency of the plan of salvation.

Let the war be presented as a war—just as if we were waging war in Cuba; and war will be emancipation.

With this, Gov. Curtin and all true patriots heartily agree. He is no man who needs no mending.

MEETINGS OF SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES.

A NUMBER of these bodies will hold their annual or semi-annual meetings in a short time, as may be seen in our advertising columns. We hope our brethren, both in the ruling and the teaching ranks, will give due heed to these meetings and honor them by their presence.

We are sure that something must be done to keep alive a due degree of interest in Home and Foreign Missions, Education, Publication and the like. We have heard of a whole Presbytery in the remote Northwest, which, at a recent meeting, came to the conclusion unanimously, that, without a great change in the condition of their affairs in the current half year, they would be compelled to leave the ministry, and to be taken themselves to some other mode of procuring a living.

Pastors, ministers, ruling elders, turn to the column of special notices, before you lay down this paper and make up your minds to respond in person to the calls there made upon you.

POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The Washington Correspondent of the Congregationalist, asks the following question in a recent letter: "If our only policy be to compel certain states to remain in political union with us, whom they hate—how long will God justify the prosecution of such a war?"

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OUR CORRESPONDENT "W." AND THE PERA CHURCH.

We remarked in a note to "W's" communication in our last week's issue that we could not find the expressions he ascribed to us in our articles of July 31. "Through more than a column," says "W," you indulge in a strain of obnoxiousness against the ecclesiastical power of the prudential committee, the "arch-Episcopal power" which you hold up as opposing the native churches by a denial of their proper ecclesiastical rights.

The impression has been made upon respectable religious journals abroad, that the American Board is not qualified for the work of laying the foundations of a broad and permanent church organization among the converts which are the fruits of its energetic and praiseworthy labors.

The Berlin newspaper admits that the dissenters were wrong in demanding a voice in the appropriation of funds contributed by Americans. They demanded that, and nothing else.

The reluctance thus spoken of, exists only in the imagination. The Armenians who turn to the pure gospel, like our simple forms, and readily adopt our religious practices. They want our fellowship and help; but they are not willing, in general, to have their church made a foreign one in its seeming, or brought under foreign rule.

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