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SUBSCRIBERS in various localities outside of New York State will receive bills in their papers or from the Agents, from this date and onward.

FIVE HUNDRED COPIES FOR THE SOLDIERS.

There are probably more than five hundred soldiers who have enlisted from congregations connected with the Synod of Pennsylvania, for nine months or the war. To some of them we have been sending our paper from the commencement.

Cannot these five hundred soldiers be supplied with the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN for a year? Pastors and earnest, patriotic women of the churches, cannot we enlist you in this good work?

Who will commence a fund for the supply of the Synod's five hundred soldiers?

BE SPECIFIC.

We advise such as would go good in the world or gain personal excellence, to avoid generalities and to be specific in their aims and endeavors.

It examines himself to know clearly what his deficiencies and faults are. He would know what are his bad habits, and which is his besetting sin.

The active Christian seeks specific channels for doing good. He sets his holy affections, it may be, upon some unconverted individual and labors, and prays for his salvation.

All know that life, fervor and importunity are given to prayer by a definite burden. General prayers are the course of our prayer-meetings and our closets.

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THE "HIDDEN" MEMORIAL.

Messrs. Editors:—The 12th of September, ult., was made an occasion of deep and grateful interest to the people of Tamworth, N. H., by their worthy commemoration of an event in the early history of the town, which is recognized by them, and by all who are acquainted with them, as having had upon the social moral and religious character of the population. On the 12th of September, 1792, the first church in this town, then and now Orthodox Congregational, was gathered; and, on the same day, its first Pastor, Rev. Samuel Hidden, was ordained and installed over it, in which relation he continued about forty-six years, until his death in 1837.

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MEMORIAL OF THE ORDINATION ON THIS ROCK, SEPTEMBER 12, 1792, OF THE REV. SAMUEL HIDDEN, as pastor of the Congregational Church, instituted on that day.

It was thought meet, by the Association to which reference has been made, to make the erection of this Monument, and the virtual completion of the improvements about the Rock, the occasion of an appropriate commemoration in honor of the memory of Father Hidden, and of the founding of the church which he gathered, and so successfully nurtured to a vigorous maturity.

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OUR LEADER.

That there might be such a thing as a leader better than Gen. McClellan? It is unquestionable; that newspaper critics have written as if they could plan a battle or carry on a campaign far more effectively than he is likewise true; that he has not achieved what we hoped or expected he would at Manassas, at Yorktown, before Richmond, or even upon the Upper Potomac, we will not deny; but we think it would be equally impossible to show that this war has as yet produced an abler general than McClellan on the side of the government.

McClellan has been in command of the army in the field. Rev. A. H. Quint, a veteran captain of one of the veteran Massachusetts regiments, a well known and highly esteemed Congregational clergyman of excellent judgment, thus wrote to the Boston Congregationalist, in the height of the excitement that followed the retreat to Washington:

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OUR CHURCH NEWS.

DEATH OF REV. DR. CURTIS.—We are sorry to announce the death of Rev. Harvey Curtis D.D., which took place on the 18th of September last. It is a great loss to our church and to the interest of Christian Education in the West.

DR. CURTIS was born in Adams, Thompson county, N. Y., in 1806. He graduated at Middlebury in 1831, with the highest honors of his class, pursued his theological studies at Princeton, and was settled as pastor of the Congregational church in Brandon, Vt., in 1835. In 1841 he went to Cincinnati, to act as Agent of the American Home Missionary Society. In 1843 he accepted a call from the Second Presbyterian church in Madison, Ind., where he remained until 1850, when he became pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Chicago. He was inaugurated president of Knox College in 1858.

Rev. JUSTUS DOOLITTLE, late of the American Board's Mission, at Fuh Chai, China, has been transferred, permanently, we believe, to the interesting and hopeful field of Northern China, the present missionary centre of which is Tientsin; and it is hoped that Peking itself will ere long be occupied by the Board. Mr. Doolittle's health required a change to a more Northern climate. Rev. Mr. Blodgett, on the other hand, will be compelled by poor health, to leave Tientsin, where he has been laboring in the employ of the Board.

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