

heroic qualities of our nature; they are success in its highest, grandest form to the people's undertakings. But far above each of these onesided and imperfect views, is that which regards supreme Arbiter of events, written in majestic characters upon the broad page of history, the chapter headings of the ever unfolding Gospel of Providence. They are the hours, the moments. when great principles are enthroned, which shall henceforth control the world, when final verdicts are pronounced upon the great causes of time which have irreconcileably divided mankind. Such we believe is the significance of the victories just achieved upon the soil of our commonwealth. We regard them as partaking of this decisive character. They are a verdict won at the cannon's mouth for human rights, for the simplest and most essential principles of republican government, for the right and the power of a free nation to maintain its own unity and pationality, with its freedom ; they are a verdict against the grasping insatiable lust of the slave power for unlimited dominion-the more conclusive as it has been the longer delayed-a verdict for immediate and well-nigh universal emancipation; a verdict for the supremacy of law and good government, the world over, against causeless and criminal rebellion. They rend the veil of mist which had gathered over this nation's future and they point, not indistinctly, to a glorious career for this greatest of the free nations of the earth, when resplendent with new achievements, girt with new prowess, unincumbered with the besetment of slavery, she shall more than ever justify the application of the text :---"In thee shall all the nations of the earth be bles-

sed." Most devoutly do we recognize the hand of God in these late terrible conflicts and hardwon victories. A comparatively unknown man was made the instrument of the long, and wearily, and doubtfully expected consummation. The pets of politicians, the Idols of the People and of the Army, the men whose names had become rallying cries for both the enemies and the friends of the Administration and of the cause, were far from the scene when the decisive hour arrived. An unostentatious, God-fearing man, who made no boasts or promises beforehand, and whose bulletins since are the most singularly expect more than they contain, has been the into stain the pride of all glory, to rebuke the manhalf of the righteous cause.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES ON THE FOURTH.

Friday I went out and collected \$1500 in ten THE late anniversary of our Independence was minutes! celebrated by the devout of our city in numerous Col. Bowman of the 84th Pennsylvania, made assemblages for prayer. The services of the a few stirring remarks. He expressed his pro-Noon-day prayer-meeting were especially inter- found sadness at the great sagrifice of life which esting. Many churches, in accordance with the had been necessitated in these struggles. He suggestion of the Union League, were open from | blamed severely those who hang around to read

ss and decisiveness in their acts Christian Commission and said it was which would have at once communicated themof Providence. The motto to be placed upon its selves to the people and turned their fears to immonument, should be one he saw in Chester, mediate practical use. For days earthworks were England, upon an old monument erected by the talked about, but not a spade was put in requisionly man in the town whose family had escaped tion, and if earthworks were constructed, where, asked many, are the heavy guns to man them; mine Inheritance." When organized, Nov. 16, and if the utmost dispatch is employed with them. 1861. it contemplated no such work, no such rean they be completed in time to be of any sersults, means, success, machinery as had been vice? Multitudes lay down on Monday night to placed before it. Up to May 14, 1863, it had find no sleep to their eyes or slumber to their distributed over \$300,000 worth of stores and evelids, and multitudes saw no deliverance from publications, and had sent nearly 700 delegates he impending fate save in the manifest interto the field. And the only reward they received position of Providence. For ourselves, we rewas the soldiers' "God bless you !" And says Mr. olved not to despond so long as the army of the S., there is no such coin in our country as that. Potomac existed to embarrass the enemy's plans, The speaker gave some thrilling incidents occurand to form one of the instrumentalities which ing in the course of his own labors among the were likely to be used by Providence in our desoldiers, illustrating most effectually the great iverance, but it is to be confessed the change of utility of the Commission to the bodies and souls eaders that had just taken place, and the recent of the men, and the profound gratitude with elevation of an unknown person to the command. which they were received by the soldiers. He were calculated to weaken confidence and to assured the audience that God is working by His withdraw almost entirely this great and splendid Spirit in our armies. He never saw such prayer ly disciplined army from the elements of the meetings as those in camp, even in the great question, as it lay in men's minds. To many, gatherings at Jayne's Hall of 1858, nor the rethere seemed to be really no serious obstacle to vival meetings at Belfast in the following year. Gen. Lee's triùmphant advance to any part of 2000 soldiers would crowd into and around the he State. tent. I never in all my life, said he, saw un-

A week has gone by and lo! what a change converted men so near the cross of Christ, as in The presumption and recklessness of the enemy the army of the Potomac. In the army of the has proved his doom. Enough success has at-Cumberland a distinguished General Officer, fortended his steps to lure him more deeply into merly very profane, said to a minister of the Gosthe snare. to complete his entanglement, to deeppel: I have sworn my last oath, I have taken my en the disasters that have befallen him. He last glass, I read my Bible. I have a pious wife. now turns the wasted fragments of his invading If we are to succeed in this struggle we must horde to see if he can escape utter destruction. look to God. A Major-General in the same The proud and triumphant invader of a week army was so desirous of the continuance of such influences in his Division, that he appointed an

agent of the Christian Commission on his Staff. Mr. Stuart proceeded to show the activity of these agents and the cheapness of the system.-One of the most efficient of their laborers was a gentleman with a salary of but \$1000 who on returning from an extensive and successful tour presented a bill of \$5.32! He declared that this was the time for action. Did we know what had been going on this Sabbath in our city? He mentioned churches which had turned their usual services into work-circles In a Baptist church 200 ladies had been at work all day. Another church had held a prayer meeting instead of the usual afternoon service and raised modest of any in the war, so that we instinctively | \$1000 on the spot, for the work of the Commission; another packed forty boxes. 30 or 40 strument of Providence in achieving the most delegates had gone or were preparing: Rev. Dr. 'mportant results of the war. Why was it, but Newton was one of them. The liberality shown in other places to the Commission was next spoworshippers of our time, that God aloue should ken of. The ladies of Buffalo had sent \$2500, be exalted in that day, and that the result might the proceeds of a fair. In one meeting in the appear exclusively to be his interposition in be- West, 50 articles of jewelry were contributed. In Rochester the people even put their spectacles in the boxes. This great hour of necessity has found our Treasury empty for the first time. On

heir sleep; and none of the men of might have ound their hands. At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob! both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep." Terror has passed away, exulta- perfection.' ion takes its place. Nay, anxiety prevails now, est the invader be able to make good his escape est too soon for us he quit the soil which we vere lately so profoundly grieved and humbled o have him tread at all. Dearly has the invaion cost the army of the rebellion, bitterly and nd despondingly the foe balances the week of lomination and bountiful living upon loyal soil,

gainst the rivers of blood, the thousands of slain, he tens of thousands wounded and captives, the hame of defeat which we have exacted of him in return, as the ministers of God, bearing not the sword of justice, against high and atrocious and persistent offenders, in vain.

Philadelphia and the Christian Commission.-The intelligence from the seat of war in Pennsylvania has excited the deepest interest through out our city, and has been felt nowhere more ntensely than by the members of the First Reformed Presbyterian church, which has sent

This has long been a much needed improve. I ty will have great cause for rejoicing, and the ment for this city. For, wisely, the houses are kingdom of Christ will make large advances not all huddled together. Very few people live among the needy portions of our population. in blocks of dwellings. Each house has its own The generous act of Mr. Baldwin in supplying ground, and garden and shade trees, which makes | the means necessary for the work should not only this peculiarly a fural city, and which gives it commend admiration, but secure imitators among great breadth and amplitude. Many of the finest our wealthy laymen. They surely can find no dwellings, and room for many more, are on the more satisfactory method of disposing of their outskirts of the city. These horse cars will make surplus means than the one chosen by Mr. B. such locations more accessible, and increasingly Let them exercise the same sagacity and let them valuable. join with him in dotting the waste places of our And here we may mention, that the meeting great cities with such commodious, attractive;

of the American Board of Commissioners for and not over costly houses of worship, and they Foreign Missions, is to be held next fall in this will find the leaven of the Gospel effectually city. Already the committee of arrangements working to arrest the prevailing corruption and are preparing for its coming. And we were crime of our crowded population. Such acts are thinking, as we wrote, how great a convenience public benefactions of the highest order. this city railway will be, to many of our guests

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on that interesting and important occasion. We trust the cars will be running in every direction Scottish Reformed Presbyterian Church.-The before that time.

recent meeting of the Synod of the Reformed An interesting gathering, being the "Six-Presbyterian church in Scotland was held in Glasteenth annual meeting of the Monroe County gow, commencing May 4, and closing May 8. The Senior Pioneers," was recently held in this city. Rev. Dr. Graham, of Liverpool, was chosen The old folks, men and women, (some of them Moderator, and Rev. John Kay, was continued not very old, either,) got together, to talk over clerk. The reports presented showed that the the olden times. The society embraces about various departments of the Savior's service, in sixty members; and most of them were present which this Synod is engaged were in a prosperon this occasion, and greatly enjoyed spreading ous condition. The number of students in the out their reminiscences. Take the following as Theological Seminary is 20, a larger number illustrating what Rochester was forty years ago, than any term before, although still not adequate

remembering that all this occurred in that which

to meet the united claims of the congregations is now the very heart of the city. already existing and the Home and Foreign Mis-"Mr. Edwin Scrantom said he lived in a log sionary field.-The committee on Foreign Mishouse on the site of the Eagle Hotel lot. They sions reported the completion of the translation. had no boards, but used blankets for doors and of the New Testament into the language of Anpartitions, and at night chased snakes from under ago, the robber of peaceful farmers, the terror of their beds. He had chased deer from Front eityum, one of the New Hebrides' group, where mighty commonwealth, whose progress had street up Buffalo street to a ledge of rocks. Af- the Scotch Reformed Presbyterian Church has struck a powerful nation with awe, turns this terwards his father built on the spot which is a very interesting mission. Mr. Inglis, who had now No. 16 Buffalo street. There was plenty of way and that, to find some obscure by path in visited Scotland for the purpose of printing this game, and on one occasion be caught a rabbit in the mountains by which he may fly. His legions translation, has returned to Aneityum, along a box trap where Corinthian Hall stands. The have been hurled with prodigal disregard of life with William, the native convert who had acbest fresh meat he ever ate, was from a deer his against an unwavering host of defenders, and heaps brother shot on the site of Barton's building, in companied him, and whose health, we regret to of corpses now strew the roads on which, but a 1812. He afterwards shot another on the island say had become seriously impaired. About week before, they marched with the mien of where the jail is. A Mr. Wallace built a lime \$15,000 have been collected by one of the Miskiln on the site of the Rochester Savings Bank, conquerors. Whatever shall else become of this signaries for the construction of a small vessel and the speaker went there one day to see it, and rmy, its prestige as an invading host is gone, on returning was severely punished by his modesigned to sail among the various islands of the ike that of Sennacherib before Jerusalem. ther for going so far away from home. There group. It is expected that this mission schoo-'The stout-hearted are spoiled, they have slept were plenty of Indians in those days near the ner, to be built in Nova Scotia, will be finished ike that of Sennacherib before Jerusalem. high falls and that Carthage. He had shared and ready to sail in the Autumn, when several their sports in sliding down Andrews street bridge hill in the winter, on strips of bark peeled missionaries from Nova Scotia will take passage from the trees. They could ride down hill to in her for the South Pacific. The amount contri-

buted for Foreign Missions during the Synodical year was somewhat over \$5000 .- The Committee We have seen it announced in two or three on Home Missions report that the operations of newspaper paragraphs, as something new, that a the Church in this department, are becoming Baptist church has recently been lighted in Philadelphia, by placing argand burners in the more energetic and more productive. Interestpanels of the ceiling, and so getting the light | ing details are given of stations in Glasgow, Laufrom above. We have two churches in this city. rieston, Dundee, Lorn, and Dunscore. Four conthe Brick and the Central, (Rev. Dr. Shaw's and gregations, in addition to sustaining their own Rev. Mr. Ellinwood's,) which are lighted, in part | pastors, also support domestic missionaries. The at least, in that manner. But we should advise Committee on Ministerial Support report that any church to inquire very carefully into the their operations are in a hopefully efficient and working of that method before adopting it. We prosperous state. They propose to supplement have not investigated the matter, but we should the salaries of any ministers receiving less than suppose it to be an expensive method. It is \$600, until they reach that sum along with the putting your lights a great way off. Would not use of a manse! Their receipts were about \$1400. half the amount' of gas consumed serve a better | payments about \$1000 .- The statistical tables

The First Reformed Presbyterian Church of purpose when properly arranged upon the sides show 45 organized congregations, and 6741 comgovernment, or summoning them to co-operate in 8 to 9 o'clock in the morning, and were largely the news instead of going to the front to help municants. The contributions for various purcontending with the dominant social evils of the and valuable services. New York, A. D. F. of the galleries?" attended. Never has public prayer for our make the news. He advised all to drill. We As a part of the fruit of the pleasant revival poses, including salaries of ministers are over day, impurity and drunkenness. A question which country and our cause been more frequent or were all too comfortable here. He highly combefore mentioned, as in progress at Brockport, £5000 or \$25,000. The most important discusengaged the earnest attention of a majority of the Chestnut St. more earnest than now. A number of churches | mended the Christian Commission ; he had witabout twenty converts are to be received next sions referred to the exercise of the elective Synods was how to elevate the character and quicken the activity of the Church sessions. The personal are open for daily services with this object in nessed its great usefulness among his own men, Sunday to the Presbyterian church in that vil- | franchise, a subject which has been agitating the piety of the elders was declared to be a prime review, and we cannot but notice the unpretending and made up his mind to give his testimony to lage. About one hundred were received into Church for several years past. The following quisite to such improvement; and great pains were | handy for travellers to carry with them. They are; tone of piety that characterizes the public docu- that effect, at the first opportunity. Turning to about one hundred and fifty persons to the army. the three Presbyterian churches and the Baptist resolution was finally adopted : "Synod enacts taken to exhibit the mode in which the activity of GO AND TELL JESUS, and NONE LIKE CHRIST. ments which have recently emanated from Gen- the religious aspects of the work he said more On the afternoon of last Sabbath, July 5th, the church of Auburn on the first Sabbath of June. that while recommending the members of the the Church session might be made to respond to For sale by W. B. Evans. eral Meade's Headquarters and from Washing- had been done last winter than ever before to And at the close of the succeeding week a friend Church to abstain from the use of the franchise nal services were dispensed with, and a prayere true wants of the people. The repugnance to any exercise of Church Discipline which so widely ton. These are encouraging and refreshing bring the minds of the soldiers of the army of meeting was held on behalf of our soldiers. In writes : "At no time since this good work began and from taking the cath of allegiance, discipline _____ connection with the devotional exercises a sub-scription was made to assist the Christian Com-have we had more satisfactory evidence that the to the effect of suspension and expulsion from - 18 · 18 indications. prevails, was met by explanations, and by the the Potomac to a Christian standard. He be-MAGAZINES, PAMPHLETS, ETC. 1.19 scription was made to assist the Unristian Com-mission in supplying the wounded, whether of our own or the rebel army, with such relief as course the demonstration is somewhat modified, there were 46 votes; opposed to it, 11; and not lieved thoroughly in the idea of Cromwell, that ject. Twelve Synods voted for a life-eldership ; 34 GICAL REVIEW, for July. the praying soldier would fight the best. He VICKSBURG FALLEN. their wants required. Although no notice had but conversions, are continually occurring, and voting 7. Three ministerial brethren withdrew of the session to go out of office every three years, referred to the 12th N. H., Regiment, which As we go to press we have official intelligence formed part of his brigade at Chancellorsville.--been given, the spontaneous effort resulted in the meetings, if less frequent, maintained with in consequence, and we understand claim to be July, New York. but to be eligible to office again. Besides these, obtaining the sum of \$1050. A military com-pany, for home defence, has also been formed of the surrender of Vicksburg on the Fourth of They were nearly all pious and the best fighters active, growing, and the older Christians, who Church in Scotland.-The next meeting of the troublesome one of marriage and divorce. July to the United States forces. he ever saw; their behavior at Chancellorsville in now numbering over fifty persons.

an outline of his address, which will show somethe annual report of this Association. Installation. - Rev. W. J. McDowell for-

nerly Pastor of the First Lisbon Congregation, St. Lawrence Co. N. Y., having received a unanimous call to Ryegate congregation, State of Vermont, was, on the 17th day of June, 1863, installed pastor of the last named congregation. A commission, of the Northern Presbytery R. P. C., met for this purpose, in the church, in South Ryegate. In the absence of the Rev. J. A. Crawford who was to have preached the sermon, and presided, Rev. J. S. Scott, presided and put the constitutional questions; and gave, according to appointment, a charge to the pastor. Rev. W. H. Reed, though very unwell, gave a charge to the people. After which the elders and congregation greeted, with the right-hand of fellowship, their pastor. It is matter of congratulation to the Northern Presbytery that though there is a change made, as is often the case, she has not lost in the number of her pastors. Bro. McDowell enters upon his new field of labor, in

fine spirits and with high hopes of success. There appears to be a wide and an effectual door of usefulness opened to him, by his Mas-It is proper to observe that the congregation

thus left vacant is in a flourishing condition. It consists of over a hundred members and presents a fine field for the cultivation of the Christian husbandman. **S**. July 1st. 1863.

Other Branches.

Progress of Presbyterial Organization in Germany.--An official document, detailing the operations of the Synods formed according to royal order in the Evangelical church of Prussia-which is the State Church-has recently been issued in Konigsberg: These Synods are quite an experiment, the first meetings having been held from July to December of last year. The document or report is made the subject of a leading article in the N. Ev. Kirchen-Zeitung (Berlin, March 28th) from which we gather the following facts:

The first point discussed in the "Report" is the demand made at these opening Synods by the liberal-which is generally also the rationalisticparty, for more radical measures; such as a material increase of the lay element; limitation of the power of the presiding officer; complete publicity; roting with open ballots; limitation of disciplinary authority and the like. These desiderata were essed only in some few of the Synods. The offinods urged the employment of the police to prevent | sale by W. B. Evans, 1334 Chestnut Street. Sabbath-breaking and the lessening of drinking places. Another represented the inexpediency of invoking the arm of the law for these objects, and maintained that the better and only true policy was to cure the evils by moral and spiritual means. Seven Synods voted addresses to their Synodical

constituents explaining fully the new system of

safety. Mr. Crawford, it is hoped, will furnish lar, we think it would have been wiser to wait, before adopting such a view as he presents. The thing of the character of our invaders, and the tone of the work, however, is reverential dangers to which we have been exposed by their throughout, and its writer shows that he is admiinvasions. In our next issue we propose to print rably adapted to discuss the subject before him. The book is printed in Scribner's handsome style and will no doubt prove a standard publication.

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