

This is now the hottest part of the year with us; but the season thus far has been uncommonly pleasant. I have to acknowledge with warmest thanks the papers you send from time to time, containing the proceedings of the Christian Commission.

The meeting at Washington was a noble testimony to the Christian feeling of America. Governor Pollock's speech should be printed in letters of gold and scattered broadcast all over the land. How I long to see those glorious principles he so eloquently set forth in that noble Christian universal assent. God bless your noble patriot and may be the prayer of every true patriot and every true Christian who takes any interest in the struggles of those noble men now contending for liberty on the "high places of the field."

I trust that the war may now soon be brought to a close by the complete overthrow of the rebel power, and that lasting peace may soon ensue.

From all parts of the nation we have good accounts of the health of the several brethren and sisters and their families, though some have recently suffered severely.

Yours in the best of bonds, W. S. WOODRIF.

Deaths of Ministers.—The Rev. R. W. Bailey, President of Union College, died at Hounsfield, N. Y., on the 24th of April.

Miscellaneous.—A report of the Cincinnati Sabbath Schools (Protestant) for 1863 has just been issued.

Expensive Testament.—Among the new books announced by Messrs. Longman, an edition of the New Testament stands prominent.

Prof. J. D. Butler, LL. D., of the Wisconsin University has been elected to the chair of Ancient Languages in the State University of Indiana.

Amen.—Dr. Gulick, of the Missionary Society, says that when translating selections from the Gospel the translator was long in doubt what native words to use.

Other Notices.—The Dunbar intrusion case.—On Friday, July 10th, the Presbytery of Dunbar met in the church of Dunbar to consider what seems to us, nothing less than the propriety of forcing by secular authority upon a respectable pastor, Rev. James P. Edgar, upon a parsonage at Dunbar.

Domestic News.—Hon. A. G. Curtin has been nominated by the Union State Convention meeting in Pittsburgh, Aug. 5, for another term in the Governorial chair of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Draft has been peacefully completed in Philadelphia and Washington. In the latter city 1253 colored persons were drawn.

Army of Basecrans.—Gen. Stanley recently made an extensive expedition from Winchester, Tenn., into Alabama.

The Steamer Ruth, from St. Louis for Vicksburg was destroyed by fire Aug. 4th, below Cairo.

Western Tennessee is pretty well cleared of rebel marauders and conspiring bands.

Presbyterianism in the South.—The Presbyterian of this city has lately seen a copy of the Southern Presbyterian, of Columbus, Ga., dated June 25th.

Protection of Colored Soldiers.—To carry out the President's order for protection to colored soldiers, 3 rebel soldiers are ordered to be held as hostages for 3 colored men captured on the banks of the Stono River.

Kentucky Election.—The Union majority in 58 counties is 52,974.

Items.—The rebel government has recently decided to hold no communication with consular agents of Great Britain deriving their authority from Lyons.

Beat for the first ten days of this month has been a record of a most prosperous character.

Benefactors of the Boards.—The various Boards of the Church during the month of June have received as follows: Board of Missions, \$250.00; Board of Education, \$145.77; Board of Foreign Missions, \$120.81; Board of Publication, \$100.00; Board of Christian Education, \$55.00; Board of Christian Literature, \$45.00; Board of Christian Work, \$35.00; Board of Christian Aid, \$25.00; Board of Christian Relief, \$15.00; Board of Christian Comfort, \$10.00; Board of Christian Support, \$5.00; Board of Christian Encouragement, \$3.00; Board of Christian Fellowship, \$2.00; Board of Christian Fellowship, \$1.00; Board of Christian Fellowship, \$0.50; Board of Christian Fellowship, \$0.25; Board of Christian Fellowship, \$0.125; Board of Christian Fellowship, \$0.0625; Board of Christian Fellowship, \$0.03125; Board of Christian Fellowship, \$0.015625; Board of Christian Fellowship, \$0.0078125; Board of Christian Fellowship, \$0.00390625; Board of Christian Fellowship, \$0.001953125; Board of Christian Fellowship, \$0.0009765625; 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