Domestic News.

Congress.—Dec. 21st.—SENATE.—Petitions were presented asking the exemption of clergymen from the draft, for the total abolition of slavery, for the permanent establishment of the ambulance corps, and for a tobacco ration in the army. Mr. Sumner's new rule for the Senate was taken up. Mr. Bayard favored a postponement of action in debate. Mr. Sumner asked that a vote should be taken at once. The bill for increased pay and bounties to volunteers was taken up. An amendment giving $300 bounty to all volunteers who shall re-enlist prior to January 5th, was rejected.

HOUSE.—A message was received from the President announcing that he had signed the joint resolution of thanks to Gen. Grant, and awarding a gold metal to that officer. A bill was introduced appropriating $700,000 for the payment of bounties under the act of March, 1862. A bill was reported repealing that portion of the conscription act which divides the enrolled into two classes.

A resolution was adopted for the appointment of a select committee of nine to consider and report on the subject of a national bankrupt act. A bill was introduced providing for provisional governments in the military districts in insurgent States. A resolution granting the use of the Hall to the Freedmen's Relief Association was objected to by Mr. Cox, of Ohio. Mr. Miller, of Pennsylvania, offered resolutions condemning the Administration for its action in regard to the exchange of prisoners. Mr. Washburne offered a substitute declaring that the House approved of the measures taken by the Administration for the exchange of all soldiers now held as prisoners by the rebels. Adopted by a vote of 87 to 63. A proviso to a bill that no part of the money appropriated to the general purposes of the military services should be devoted to the raising or paying of negro soldiers, was defeated by a vote of 105 to 41.

December 22d.—SENATE.—Petitions were presented for the exemption of clergymen from the operations of the draft. A select committee of nine members on the Pacific Railroad was appointed. The joint resolution on appropriating $20,000,000 for the bounties, advanced pay, and premiums of enlisted men was taken up and amended so that no part of the money shall be paid after the fifth of January. The resolution of the House tendering thanks to Captain John Rodgers for his general good conduct was adopted. Various amendments to the enrolment act was passed.

An amendment to exempt clergyman from the draft was rejected—yeas 9, nays 33. A resolution was introduced directing the Secretary of War to furnish the names of all Major and Brigadier-Generals who are without commands equal to a brigade, how long they have been holding such commands, and what expense they have been to country during that time.

HOUSE.—The bill to pay the officers and men called out for home defence in the Department of Missouri was passed. The bill appropriates $700,000. The Military Appropriation bill was taken up and passed, the House refusing to refer it to the Committee on Military Affairs. Mr. Johnson of Pennsylvania, offered a resolution to the effect that the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania having declared the conscription act unconstitutional, and therefore null and void, it is the duty of the Executive Department either to acquiesce in this decision or to bring the question at once before the Supreme Court of the United States for final adjudication. Tabled—yeas 80, nays 43.

December 23d.—SENATE.—Petitions were presented from the Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Kentucky, the Assistant Bishop of Ohio, the Bishop of Iowa, and the members of the Lutheran Church in New York, representing the propriety of regarding their scruples relative to fighting. Mr. Wilson presented a bill to establish a uniform system of ambulances in the United States armies. Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, offered a resolution directing the Secretary of War to inform the Senate whether persons held to service by the laws of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri, have been enrolled according to the provisions of the Enrolment Act of March 3d, 1863, and if not why such enrolment has not been made. This resolution was agreed to. The resolution of Mr. Trumbull, of Illinois, making inquiry for the names of major and brigadier generals without commands equal to a brigade was taken up and adopted, and the Senate adjourned till the 5th of January, 1864.

HOUSE.—The Secretary of War laid before the House the report of General McClellan concerning the Army of the Potomac while it was under his command. The report covers seven hundred and eighty-five pages. The Committee on Military Affairs reported a bill to facilitate the payment of bounties and arrears of pay due for services of wounded and deceased soldiers. A bill was reported to create a bureau of Military justice, also an amendment to the enrolment act, consolidating the two classes into one. The House adjourned till the 5th of January, 1864.

Army of the Potomac.—This army is preparing to go into winter-quarters, the campaign in Virginia having ended for the season. Lee's army has already gone into winter-quarters, though a few guerrillas continue to annoy the outskirts of our army. Provision has been made for putting a stop to these marauding expeditions. A number of regiments have been sent home on furlough to recruit.

On the 8th of December, General Averill made a raid upon the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad, during which he destroyed 2000 barrels of flour, 10,000 bushels of wheat, 100,000 bushels of oats, 2000 barrels of meat, 1000 sacks of salt, 31 boxes of clothing, 20 bales of cotton, some cords of leather, and 100 wagons. He then cut down the telegraph poles for half a mile, destroyed cars, water stations, turn-tables, and totally destroyed the railroad track for some miles. In short he did as much mischief as possible in six hours. He returned with the loss of his wagons and four caissons, which he buried, losing six men drowned and ninety missing. He captured 200 prisoners but lost most of them on his retreat. His command he says, marched, climbed and swam 355 miles in thirteen days. Altogether this is one of the most successful raids made into the enemy's country.

Armies of the West.—On Monday Dec. 21, Gen. Longstreet divided his army and made attacks on our forces at Kelly's Ford and Bean's Station. His plan was to cut off the forces of Shackelford and Foster, but this was frustrated by General Ferrier. Longstreet has returned to Bull's Gap, and it is thought he will winter in the Watuga Valley, or move over the hills into North Carolina. General Foster has established his headquarters at Knoxville. The ground has been chosen for a national cemetery at Chattanooga, and the bodies of those killed in the late battles are being reinterred.

The rebel force which lately crossed the Arkansas river was commanded by Standwait, Adair, and Quantrell. They were routed at Barren Fork, in the Cherokee county, by Captain Spilman. The rebels fled in all directions.

Gen. Thomas' official report of the battles of Corinth and Hatchie, fought in October, has just been published. He speaks very highly of the energy displayed by our troops, and says that they prevented an extensive raid which was intended to be made into Tennessee and Northern Alabama by Lee and Roddy. The rebel loss was six guns and two thousand men, including the killed, captured and deserters.

It was believed in Richmond on the 20th that Longstreet would be compelled to fight near Jonesboro, Tennessee. He has been reinforced by the commands of Colonel Jackson and Gen. Sam Jones. A dispatch from Meridan, Miss., states that Joe Johnson's army is in motion, it is believed, with the intention of joining Hardee. Lee is to take command in Northwest Georgia.

A Mrs. Annie Johnson is being tried as a spy in Nashville. She was detected in smuggling saddles and harness into the rebel lines. Gurley, the guerilla, is also on trial. General Grant has arrived at Nashville, and Sherman is expected there shortly.

Indian affairs.—The Creek Indians have negotiated a treaty with our government providing for the abolition of slavery among them, as a condition of their being reinstated in the enjoyment of the benefits which they forfeited by their disloyal conduct, and similar treaties are contemplated with the Choctaws and Cherokees. The latter tribe, through their own Council, have provided for freeing their slaves, but a stipulation to that end is required in a new treaty to be made.

Unionism in Arkansas.—Immense Union meetings are being held in all portions of Arkansas. At several of these resolutions have been passed endorsing all the acts of the Administration, and recommending the calling of a State Convention to reorganize the State Government without the institution of slavery.

From Charleston.—The latest rebel advices from Charleston represent that twenty-nine Union vessels were inside of the bar. Occasionally shells were thrown into the city, doing little damage. Beauregard had inspected the remains of Fort Sumter.

Gen. Gilmore is shelling Charleston daily with his 200-pounders.

Items.—General Michael Corcoran died Dec. 21st., at Fairfax Court-house, Va., from the effects of a fall from his horse.

The funeral of Major General Buford took place at West Point.

None of the Chesapeake pirates have yet been arrested. All of our gunboats have left Halifax.

The Virginia Legislature was in session at Alexandria on the 21st Dec., and passed a bill calling a convention for the abolition of slavery in the State.

Foreign.

By the arrival of foreign mails, we have news to the 12th inst.

The pirates Florida and Georgia are being rapidly fitted out at Cherbourg and Brest, and the Rappahannock is getting ready for sea at Calais. The death of Lord Elgin is confirmed. A serious revolt has taken place among the hill tribes in India. A suspected rebel steamer, in Pampero, has been seized by the British Custom-house authorities. Negotiations are under way looking to the holding of Napoleon's Congress without the presence of England. Austria does not refuse to enter the Congress, but asks to be informed what questions are to be discussed. The President of the German Federal Diet has notified the Danish Government that if, in three days, Denmark does not comply with the demands of the Diet, the German troops will enter Holstein. The Emperor of Russia says it is indispensable to the holding of the Congress that Napoleon should define the questions to be discussed. As this is precisely what Napoleon does not wish to do, no conclusion has yet been arrived at.

Latest.

Richmond papers of Dec. 28th, state that Gen. Gilmore commenced shelling Charleston on the 24th and kept it up until the following morning. Twelve houses were burned in the city. On the 26th inst., Gilmore threw 130 shells into Charleston.

Gen. Butler has effected the release of 500 Union prisoners, by exchange. The rebels give notice that they will receive no more flags of truce from Butler, because the rebels outlawed him last year.

The Russian minister in Washington has officially tendered to the President the thanks of the imperial government of Russia for the kind reception of the vessels of the Russian navy in the United States, and also for assistance rendered to the crew of a Russian vessel recently wrecked at San Francisco.

We have European news to the 16th inst. A ram of seven thousand tons burthen has been launched in the Thames. Denmark, Greece, and the German States all accede to Napoleon's Congress. Austria declines to accept.

U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.

Acknowledgments.

MONEY.

Cash Acknowledgments to December 11th, 1863.

Thanksgiving contributions from Churches, &c., as follows, for the relief of Union Prisoners at Richmond, Va:

Citizens of Pottsville, Pa, per John Shippen, Esq., $2,400 00; Meth and Pres Churches of Wilkesbarre, Pa, 79 10; Col Harpersville, Broome county, New Y, 21 00; Second Pres Church, Germantown, 30 10; Christ Epis Church, Christiana Hundred, Del 48 15; Union Meeting of Chs of Shippensburg, Pa, 67 65; Harlinger Dutch Ref Church N J, 30 00; Solebury Pres Church, Bucks county, Pa, 24 75; Forestville Pres Church, Bucks county, Pa, 9 00—33 75; Union meeting, Rutland, Vt, 42 94; Congregational Church, Terryville, Ct, 40 00; Leesville Sabbath School, Rahway, N J, 5 00; John Gilbert, 100 00; West Nantmeal Pres Church, Penna, 33 50; Evan Luth Mission, Wheeling, West Virginia, 5 00; Methodist Church, Waynesburg, Penna, 25 00; Tabernacle Bap Church, 27 45; Union Service, Groate Valley, Chester Co Pa, 27 25; Col Washingtonville, Pa, 40 30; Fries & Lehman, 50 00; Churches in Lewistown, Pa, 44 65; Meth Church, Washington, N J, 32 32; Congregational Church, Orange, Conn, 20 00; Col Macumbe, Wilmington, 100 00; Central Pres Church, Wilmington, 79 68—£79 68; Gray's Church, Half Moon, Centre Co, Pa, 26 10; Meth Church, Smyrna, Del, 50 00; Festival by the Ladies of Mercersburg, Pa, 235 00; Union Meeting, Mercersburg, Pa, 46 00; Collection, York Springs, Pa, 5 00; Union Service of Congregational, Meth and Bap Churches, Sherburne, N Y, 47 46; First Pres and St James' Luth Churches, Greenwich, N Y, 55 00; Emanuel P E Church, Baltimore, Md, 40 00; Sabbath School of Pres Church, Lambertville, N J, 20 00; Meth Epis Church, West Chester, Pa, 18 00; St John's Luth Church, Fryburg, Pa, 10 30; Union Meeting of Pres and Ref Pres Churches, Milton, Pa, 77 45; Union Meeting of Pres and Bap Churches, White Deer Valley, Pa, 36 00: Pupils of Beverly Institute, N J, 3 05; Pres Church, Washington, Pa, 90 62; M E Church, Washington, Pa, 68 25; Pres Church, Claysville, Pa, 15 25; United Pres Church, Chartier's Cross Roads, Pa, 15 00; United Pres Church, Mount Hope, Pa, 12 50; M P Church, Amity, Pa, 10 00; Pres Church, Independence, Pa, 12 50; Pres Church, Lower Ten Mile, Pa, 16 53; Per C. M. Reed, Esq, 240 65; Union League, Upper Dublin, Montgomery county, Pa, 15 00; Congregational Church, Wyandotte, Kansas, 11 00; Presb Church, Somerset, Pa, 9 00; First Pres Church, Erie, Pa, 61 00; Bethlehem Pres Church, Hunterdon county, N J, 59 50; Col at French Creek, West Va, 10 00; Congregational Meeting, Sparta, Ill, 20 00; Bap Church, New Brunswick, N J, 17 50; Col at Flemington, N J, 25 00; Lyons Farms Pres Church, N J, 23 15; Union Meeting of Meth and Pres Churches, Harbor Creek, Pa, 23 58; St Paul's Evan Luth Ch., Straustown, Pa, 11 50; St John's Ger Luth Church of Reading, Pa, 53 73; David Trainer, Linwood, Del, co Pa, 50 00; Central Pres Church, St Paul, Min 36 00; Ger Evan Luth Church, Allentown, Pa, 17 15; Meth and Pres Churches, Fisherville, N J, 30 00; Ladies' Aid Society, Cressona, Schuylkill county, Penna, 100 00; Pres Church, Lawrenceville, N J, 22 00; Col. Bridgeport, Vt, 19 75; Col Homer, N Y, 50 00; Union Services, Niles, Mich, 65 95; Union Services, Amsterdam, N Y, 50 00; North Pres Church, Chicago, Ills, 39 00; Patriotic Asso Genesee county, N Y, 200 00; U P Church, Beulah, Monroe county, N Y, 33 30; Pres Church, Gilgal, Pa, 10 00; Pres Ch Mount Pleasant, Pa, 9 50; Pres Church, Marion, Pa, 3 50—23 00; Pres Church, Lower Platt Valley, Pa, 30 65; Christ Epis Church, Media, Pa, 27 00; Ebenezer Church, Malcomb, Ill, 44 00; M E and Pres Churches, Wrightsville, York county, Pa, 18 75; Meth and Pres Churches, Portland, N Y, 12 60; Citizens of Epworth, Iowa, 5 00; Col Often, Chenango county, N Y, 4 30; Col Spencertown, N Y, add'l, 1 00; Bald Eagle and Kittanning Pres Church, 48 65; Ch at the Forks of Brandywine, Chester co Pa, 74 65; Union Meeting, Huricon, Wis, 13 00; Ladies' Soldiers' Aid Society, Mauricetown, N J, 20 00; Baptist and Pres Churches of Howard, Steuben co N Y, 10 00; First Pres Church, Catasauqua, Pa, 39 20; Col Waterford, Erie Co, Pa, 27 14; Union Meeting, Pine Grove Mills, Pa, 8 24; Christ Church, Media, Pa, additional, 5 00; Second Ref Dutch Church, New Brunswick, 60 81; Shiloh Pres Church, Prairie City, Ill, 5 00; J Beard, Pittsfield, Vt, 13 00; Fourth-avenue Pres Church, New York, additional, 3 00; Col Orwell, Pa, 25 00; Union Meeting, Flemington, N J, 38 00; M E Church, Phillipsburg, N J, 15 00; Col Millerstown, Pa, and vicinity, 156 10; Pres Church, Media, Pa, 15 00; Pupils of Moravian School, Nazareth, Penna, 10 00; Cash, 10 00; Pres Church, Fancy Creek, Wis, 2 25; Union Meeting, East Constable, N Y, 5 60; St John's M E Church, 33 40; Union Meeting of Meth and Pres Churches, Pennington, N J, 59 05; Church Sheldon, Maine, 3 50; Trinity M E Church, 116 23; Pres Church, Montclair, N J, 242 00; West Portland Baptist Church, 7 00; U P Church, Howard, N Y, 4 00; Pres Church, Tuscarora, N Y, 11 75; Zion's E L Church, Lebanon, Pa, 20 00; Harvey G Buhl, Daten Neck, N Y, 1 00; Luth Sunday School of Hummelstown, Pa, 44 40; First Pres Ch, Newtown, N J, 112 50; Sowenkzilder Soc. of Upper Hanover, Montgomery co Pa, 26 50; Col from the different Churches of Bloomfield Perry co Penna, 21 25; Pres Church, Frankford, 37 00; U H Grant & Co, 100 00; A few members of a small Church at Christiana Bridge, 13 00; Col in Shamokin Penna, 15 25; St Paul's Epis Church, Mount Vernon, Ohio, 35 00; Col Petersburg, Penna, 12 00; Christ Church, Upper Merion, Penna, 50 00; Col Titusville, (add'l) 5 00; Aid Society, Columbus, N J, 5 00; Col Wattsburg, Erie co Pa, 17 50; A few Members of Luth Church, Erie, Penna, 8 50; Citizens of Shirleysburg, Pa, 5 00; U P Church, Neshonoc, N J, 16 55; Union Meeting of Pres M E & P E Churches, Delaware City, 51 25; Union Meeting of Pres & M E Churches, Port Penn Delaware, 10 00—61 25; Pres Church, Dillsborough, Ind, 21 35; An Exchanged Prisoner 5 00; U P Con Sparta, Ill, 13 15; Sunday-school of Pres Church, Rushville, Illinois, 26 00; Miss Leedom, 3 00; Pres Church, Hazel Green, Wis, 6 00; St Michael's Luth Church, Germantown, 116 00; Thomas Stewart, Germantown, 20 00; First Bap Church and Society of Romulus, N Y, 8 50; "Corporal," 5th Reg't N Y Vols, 5 00; Union Meeting of the Congregational, Pres and Meth Churches of St Anthony's Minn, 22 00; Col Williamstown, N J, 20 78; Bodine & Bro, Williamstown, N J, 100 00—120 78; Church, Transdesioux, Minn, 4 25; Ladies' Army Aid Association, Cranberry, N J, (add'l,) 40 00; Pres Church, Allentown, N J, 25, Union Church, White Marsh, and Luth Church, Upper Dublin, Pa, 20 60; First Con Church, Malone, N Y, 98 55; Luth Church, Worthington, Pa, 12 50; Ger Evan Church, Fort Madison, Iowa, 10, M E Church, Rome, N Y, 50, Second Pres Church, Mount Airy, N J, 9, Walnut street Pres Ch West Phil'a, 100, Nazareth, M E Ch Phil'a, 24 50; Citizens of Frankford, 41 17; M E Church Frankford, 18 83—60; N C, "108th N Y Vols, 5, Second Pres Ch Hannibal Mo 10; C H Pettit Minneapolis Minn 5; F Chalmers, Minneapolis, Minn, 5—10, Bap Church, Westkill' N Y, 3 20; Col Fairfield, Mich, 3 65; St Matthews Luth Ch Reading, Pa, 23, Ebenezer Independent Church, 5 69; R P Dutch Ch, East Milltown, N J, 33; Union Meeting, Muncy, Pa, 156; Col in Coatesville, Pa, 217; U P Ch of York, and Covington, Wyoming co N Y, 14 80; Con Cambridge, N Y, 42, Con East Salem, N Y, 15 40—57 40; Citizens of Georgetown, N Y, 16 90; Citizens of West Alexander, Pa, and West Virginia, 358, Union Meeting, Lansingburg, N Y, 58 18; Col Spartansburg, Pa, 14 70; Union Meeting, Alexandria, Pa, 14 55; Union Meeting, Walorshal, Pa, 6 50—21 05; Pres Ch of Mifflintown, and Lost Creek, Pa, 30, J W, 3, South Lewistown Free Will Bap Church, 32 10; Express Charges, 758—31 35; Union Meeting, Tamaqua, Pa, 8 52; Express Charges 25c—8 27; Citizens of Berlin, Ill, 28 85; —9,072 53: Contributions received for the general purposes of the Commission as follows: Army Committee Y M C A. Boston, per Jos Story, Treasurer, 6,000, Jas Bayard, additional, 50, Wm Mogee, Norristown, 25, Mrs V D Ward, Lansing, Mich, 2, Cash 1, J Helferich, Armstrong county, Pa, 1, Mrs L A Parker, Davenport, N Y, 1, A Mother 2—6,082—15,154 53: Amount before acknowledged 197,360 49; Total, 212,515 02.

JOSEPH PATTERSON,
Treasurer U. S. Christian Commission.

The United States Christian Commission beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of the following additional hospital stores up to the 12th inst.:

STORES.

Pennsylvania—Philadelphia, 2 boxes, D Fockt & Bro, 1 box Mrs McIlvaine, 1 parcel, G R Kellogg & Sons, Marietta, 2 boxes, Ladies' Patriotic Circle, Downingtown, 4 boxes, Ladies' Aid Society, Lancaster, 10 bbls, Patriot Daughters: Shade Gap, 1 box Ladies, Upper Hanover, 5 boxes, Schwenkfelders, ("Donors.") Bustleton, 1 parcel, Ladies.

New York—New York, 9 packages, N Y Committee U S C C, 1 parcel, Miss McDonald. Buffalo, 2 packages, 3 parcels, Army Committee U S C C, 7 boxes, Ladies' Christian Commission.

Massachusetts—Boston, 13 boxes, 1 bucket, 1 parcel, 1 keg, 3 packages, Army Committee Y M C A.

New Jersey—Morristown, 1 box, Ladies' Soldiers' Aid.

Our friends will please accept our warmest gratitude for their continued response to our Thanksgiving appeal. The evidence, which is accumulating every day, that we have not yet sounded the depths of Christian benevolence, is doubly gratifying, both in its approval of the end we have in view, and of the means we employ. We have confidence that our efforts will still be seconded by the co-operation of our Christian public. The importance of the work we have undertaken in behalf of the Richmond prisoners, as well as the other operations of the Commission is, doubtless, fully appreciated. To carry on our work with renewed and increasing diligence, we require supplies of warm woolen clothing, jellies, wines, and hospital stores of all descriptions, which may be sent to

GEORGE H. STUART, Chairman,
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U. S. Christian Commission.—*Cash Acknowledgments for the week ending December 17*, 1863:

Contributions received for the general purposes of the Commission, as follows: Army Com Y M C A, Boston, per Jos Story, Treas, $5,000; David Judson, Lansingburg, N Y, per CP Hartt, Treas Troy Branch Army Com, 100; S C Weed, Malone, N Y, 50; Coll'n in Grace ch, Phila. per Army Com Y M C A, 192,95; Andrew Stuart, Liverpool, Eng, 25; Waln, Leaming & Co, 50; Ladies' Aid Soc, Warren, Pa, 50; Ladies' Army Aid Soc of West Troy, N Y, 50; Mrs Israel Lupfer, New Germantown, Perry co, Pa, 5; Coll'n at Leighton, Carbon co, Pa, 12,75; Proceeds of an entertainment given by the Sab.-school scholars of Central Pres ch, Pittsburg, Pa, 212; Friends of the cause in Hoosic Corners, N Y, 26,10; Hospital Relief Soc of the United Pres ch, York, N Y, 6; Union meeting in Bap ch, Chesnut Hill, 32,25; Mrs Isabella Patton, 5; 5th Ref Pres ch, per Rev A G McAuley, 19, 25; A Soldier, 1; A Lady, 5; 1st M E ch, Rome, N Y, 18,56; Sab.-Sch Mt Carmel, Pa, 42,40; M Ellen Dunlap, Mechanicsburg, Pa, 20, M J Lush, do, 20, John C Dunlap, 40—80; Rev L C Spaffords cong, Depere, Wis, 12,50; Members of the 10th Reg Mich Vols, Kelly's Ford, Va, 5; 1st Cong'l ch and Soc of Leicester, Mass, 22, 50; E K Macon Bally, G R I, La, 1; Ladies' Aid 2d Pres ch, Pottsville, Pa, 30; Jos Betler, 17th Pa Vols, 1; Mrs Pattison, Holmesburg, Pa, 10; W C Burns, Newport, R I, 2; Miss H G McAllester, 10; Coll'ns by Rev J B Adams, Bald Mount, Pa, 7,65; Capt John G Floyd, 145th Reg N Y Vols, 10; C A Fahnestock, Harrisburg, Pa, 12; A Friend, Lock Haven, Pa, 5; Abr'm C Tris, Locona, Pa, 5—$6,116,91. Thanksgiving Contributions from churches, &c., &c., in part for the relief of Union prisoners at Richmond, Va: Zion Pres ch, Cecil co, Md, 24,75; United Pres ch, Pigeon Creek, 18,40; Ladies' Relief Ass'n, Buffalo, Pa, 25, United Pres ch, South Buffalo, Pa, 21, Monthly Contributions of Ten Mile Associa'n, Pa, 12,30, Cash, 50c, per C M Reed, Esq.—77,20; Pres ch, Chambersburg, Pa, 103,50; Coll'n at Portage City, Wis, 20; John Johnston, add'l, 10; Luth Meth, and Pres chs, Pleasant Corners, Ill, 21; Epis ch, Newark, Ohio, 15; Cash, 5; East Greenwich U P ch, Washington co, N Y, 21; Several Ladies of Camden, N J, 10; Pres ch Keshacoqueliss, Pa, 30; 1st Pres ch, Kensington, 100; Coll'n, Franklinville, N Y, 19, Coll'n at Freedom, N Y, 5,50—24,50; U P Cong'n, York, Pa, 47; Meeting at Bap ch, Mount Holly, N J, 26,45; Pres ch, Greenwich, N J, 20; Oneida Castle Pres ch, 5, do Valley do do, 3—8; 4th Pres ch, Philad'a, 22,30; M E ch, New Brunswick, N J, 44; Pres ch, Franklin, Del co, N Y, 15,25; Coll'n from the citizens of Camden, N J, 32; 1st Pres ch, Jamaica, per Ladies' Soldiers' Aid Soc, 69,70; M E ch, Odessa, Del, 166; Pres ch, Princeton, N J, 100; South Park Pres ch, Newark, N J, 99,44; Coll'n, Ontonagan, Mich, 11; Zion M E ch, Cecil co, Md, 18; Citizens of Huntingdon, Pa, per Ladies' Aid Soc, 166; Pres ch, Ogdensburg, N J, 70; Union cong, Hudson, Wis, 14; Union meeting, Poland, Ohio, 24, A B Noble, Bourdinan, do, 1—25; Coll'n from Pres and Bap chs, Balston Spa, N Y, 39; Coll'n in Jonesville, N Y, 30; 1st Pres ch, Wheeling, W V, 58,15, 2d do do do, 130,18, 4th do do do, 17,10, Pres ch, New Cumberland, Hancock co, 39,10, Pres ch, Fort Union, Marshall co, 84,10; Forks of Wheeling Pres ch, Ohio co, 50, English Luth ch, Wheeling, W Va, 4,22, Tent Cong U P ch, 17,45, Citizens of Fairview, Hancock co, 15, Miss Stewart and scholars of District school, Ohio co, 2, per R Crangle, Treas., 417,30; Festival, Miller's Run, by Pres cong, 80,20, Coll'n Upper Buffalo, Pa, 16,40—96,60; 1st Pres ch, Poughkeepsie, N Y, 104,60; 1st Pres ch, Oswego, N Y, 58,62; Citizens of Lewisburg, Pa, 91,31; Coll'ns by Christian Commission of Newark, N J, per Jas D Orton, Treas, 255,67; Ref Pres ch, Muskingum, Ohio, 10,35; Union meeting of the M E and Pres chs, Wyoming, Pa, 30,80; Coll'n Arcade, Wyoming co, Pa, 11,60; Coll'n St Paul, Minn, 185,40; Mrs J M Love, Huntingdon, 5, M E ch, Lewisburg, Ohio, 30,05, Pres and M E chs, Titusville, Pa, 17,50, Pres ch, Kerr Hill, Pa, 27, Coll'n in New Florence, Pa, 27,75, pen Jos Albree, Treas Army Com of Western Pa—97,30 Meth and Pres chs of Shade Gap, Pa 15; Emmanuel's Luth ch, Pottsville, Pa, 8; Pres ch, Monticello, N Y, 23; Coll'n in Sab.-sch of Pres ch, New Path Landing, 5,50; 2d Pres ch, La Porte, Ind, 17,50; Coll'n, ch at Easton, Pa, 2—$2,910,64—$9,027,55. Amount previously acknowledged, $212,614,02. Total, $221,641,57.

JOSEPH PATTERSON,
Treasurer U. S. Christian Commission,

The U. S. Christian Commission beg leave to acknowledge the following additional hospital stores, up to the 18th ult.:

PENNSYLVANIA—Philadelphia, one box, Bapt. ch., 5th st. below Carpenter; one box, Bullock & Crenshaw; 1 box, 1st Pres. ch., Kensington; 1 box, H. P. & U. R. Taylor. Carbondale, one box, M. E. ch. Norristown, 1 box, Soldiers' Aid Asso. Honesdale, one box, Soldiers' Aid Soc. Carlisle, one box, Miss Craighead, J. H. Woodburn, and Mrs. Trego. Huntingdon, 3 boxes, Soldiers' Aid Soc. Oxford, 1 box, Soldiers' Aid Soc. Johnstown, 1 box, Ladies' Aid Soc. Bristol, 1 package, S. S. St. James' ch. Pottsville, one package, Ladies' Aid, 2d Pres. ch. West Finley, 2 boxes, Ladies' Christian Aid Soc. Wallace, one box, D. C. Meeker, Esq. Lancaster, four barrels, 6 boxes, 1 firkin, Patriot Daughters. Easton, 6 boxes, one barrel, Ladies' Aid Soc. Brainard ch, 2 boxes, Ladies' Aid Soc. St. John's Luth. ch. Orangeville, 1 box, Agnes A. Stuart. Ringtown, 1 box, Ladies' Soldiers' Aid Soc.

NEW YORK—New York, 10 packages, one parcel, N. Y. Com. U. S. C. C. Buffalo, 18 boxes, 12 barrels, Ladies' C. C.; four parcels, Buffalo Army Com. East Salem, one box, Ladies' Aid Soc. Jasper, two boxes, Citizens of Jasper. Le Roy, 2 barrels, Ladies of Military Aid Asso. Rhinebeck, 100 "housewives," Pupils of Rhinebeck Academy.

NEW JERSEY—Bridgeton, 2 boxes, Bowentown & Dutchneck Soldiers' Aid Soc. Columbus, 2 boxes, 1 sack, Aid Soc. Flemington, two boxes, Soldiers, Aid Soc. Trenton, five boxes, General Aid Asso. Washington, 1 box, Ladies Aid.

MASSACHUSETTS—Boston, 4 boxes, 3 packages, 2 parcels, 2 barrels, 1 bag, 1 can, Army Com. Y. M. C. A. Northampton, 1 box, S. E. Bridgman, Esq.

MAINE—Portland, 1 parcel, Chas. A. Lord, Esq.

OHIO—Cincinnati, 5 parcels, Com. U. S. C. C.

Special Notices.

Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society.—A meeting in behalf of this society will be held in the Baptist Church, 8th above Master, on Sabbath evening, Jan. 3d, at 7½ o'clock.

Rev. Wm. S. Hall and others will address the meeting.

All friendly to the cause are invited to attend. A collection will be taken up to aid the Society.

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The Presbytery of Ontario will hold its next annual meeting in Geneseo, on the third Tuesday of January next, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Statistical Reports and Records of churches should then be presented.

J. BARNARD, *S. Clerk.*

The annual meeting of the *Presbyterian Literary and Religious Association*, will be held in the Presbyterian House on the *First Tuesday in January, the 5th inst.*, at 7½ o'clock, to elect three members of the Executive Committee and to transact such business as may be brought before them.

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