

miscellaneous

THE CHRISTIAN COMMISSION ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

Sometime since we noticed the departure of Rev. Robert Patterson, D. D., and Rev. Geo. J. Miggins, as a delegation of the Christian Commission to the Pacific Coast.

From a late San Francisco paper we copy the following address of Rev. Dr. Patterson, delivered at the first public meeting held for the Christian Commission in San Francisco.

Mr. Chairman, Right Reverend Father, and Beloved Brethren in the Ministry, and Brethren and Sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ, it is with no ordinary emotion I rise to address this first Union Meeting of all the Evangelical churches of this city, united to carry the Gospel of our common salvation, to the brave defenders of our common country.

United in this faith with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, we present here to-night the spectacle of a church united for the welfare of our Union. This meeting gives assurance that the telegraphic communion of saints which unites the hearts of the churches at the East with their sons and brothers in the army has been extended across the Rocky Mountains, and that its messages of sacred sympathy with those noble men, awake responses in your hearts.

Here alone of all the nations of the world, are all nations welcome. Here only has the great experiment been tried of the ability of men for self government. We are regarded by the people of all nations as their natural ally.

The Lord has led us by a way we knew not, into a wonderful prominence among the nations. This nation was being prepared for the feeding of vast armies by the discovery of the prairie.

Soon the aspect of the flower changes. As the color of the petals is a brilliant red, and the stem hangs some rattle power forcing it back into darkness, before an hour has passed, we can see that its newly found vigor is fading away.

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THE RESURRECTION FLOWER. We copy the following from the July number of the Continental Monthly. The curious botanical object it describes, was procured from an Arab in Egypt, in the year 1849, who declared he had taken it from the breast of an Egyptian mummy, a high priestess.

of our army. Our Christian nation, charged with the defense of the world's liberty, demands a Christian army. Give it the open Bible, the symbol of our common Protestant Christianity. And yet three-fourths of all our regiments are destitute of Chaplains, and almost all our batteries of artillery, and only three ministers of religion are attached among our vessels of war.

Our republican institutions are based upon the moral character of our citizens. How long could they stand if our people became a gambling, drunken, licentious, oath despicables people? Look at the Spanish republic!

How shall they return? How shall mothers receive the boys they sent forth so brave, and pure, and manly? Shall they return reeking with whisky, and polluting the air with oaths, to take up their posts at the taverns and become patterns of vice to the community?

The military discipline of an army is necessarily strict and imperative, its essential principle is obedience to orders; which is the very opposite of the liberty of the citizen. An army is a despotism; it must direct, and must be so.

If a traveller in Egypt were to bow before the Sphinx, and receive a nod in return, he could scarcely be more surprised than I was to-day, upon seeing a little, dried-up thing—the remains of what had once bloomed and faded—'mid beauteous sands'—spring into life and beauty before my very eyes.

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