

Editorial Items.

THE CALL FOR HALF-A MILLION MORE

Most persons, doubtless, were surprised that so large a number of men was, on last Monday, summoned by the President into the field. Perhaps they are more than are actually needed; but they prove that the Administration is determined to have enough. They show that it is determined to persist in that energetic course first shown by calling that resolute, earnest warrior, General Grant, to the command of its armies. The government not only will not deceive the people, but will not leave them any chance to deceive themselves. By this call, which must be felt by its population, it will bring the stern reality of the struggle home to the conviction of all; it will waken any that were slumbering over the fancied easiness of crushing the rebellion this season; it will turn more positively, and with more singleness of aim, the national life and energies to the great end, for the time being, all-sufficient work of saving the country. And in the name of all that is precious and honorable in home, country, national life and power, law, government, authority, liberty, and human advancement, let us respond to this call also, with more than cheerfulness, with loyal zeal and patriotic devotion; nay, with rejoicing that another opportunity to succor our beloved country in the hour of peril, and to contribute to the advancement of our race, is offered us.

These are stirring and solemn times, in which we live. Vast questions and experiments in government are now agitated amid other conflicts than that of the pen. Great interests of humanity for all races and all time are at stake. The South fights, on the one hand, for the inauguration of the very principle of lawlessness in all free governments, and for the right of trampling under foot all rights of those not recognized as equals; the North fights for the right of all governments, and especially free governments, to maintain themselves against internal resistance and disobedience, and for the cause of the oppressed everywhere. We who live amid this vast struggle must not shut our eyes to its historic grandeur and significance, and must not prove ourselves unworthy of our age and of our providential position by a cowardly shrinking from its serious duties. God help us to bear them all.

As to this half a million soldiers, we trust the government will see to it that one hundred thousand of the colored men of the country have the opportunity to help make up the number. One good negro soldier is worth two or three of those white soldiers whom, by our system of bounties, we are so apt to draw from the lower strata of our city population, and as to the rest, let us manfully lay out our work, in city, ward, town, borough and district, and save our country so far as practicable, from the draft. So far as practicable, let our army be leavened, and its morale elevated by the presence of the high-minded, conscientious Christian volunteer. Regiments made up of such material, fighting by the side of our colored troops, upon the shallow madness of the Southern rebellion.

REV. GEORGE SCOTT, D. D.

We are gratified by learning that the degree of doctor of divinity has been conferred by the Trustees of Monmouth College, Illinois, on our respected brother, Rev. Geo. Scott, recently pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Darlington, Pa. Dr. Scott has been for more than thirty years, an indefatigable and very successful minister of the Gospel, and in addition to his pastoral duties he has done good service in the cause of education. A number of his pupils have attained prominent positions in the literary, religious or mercantile world, several honored ministers of our own Church, some living, some entered into the rest, have been his pupils. While impaired health has obliged him to relinquish his pastoral charge, he is still "neither idle nor unfruitful in the work of Lord." It will be pleasing to his numerous and warmly attached friends to know that an institution so respectable that a degree from it is really an honor, has recognized his merit.

A DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER.

Thursday, the 4th of August, two weeks from to-day, has been appointed by both Houses of Congress, a day of fasting and prayer in view of the delay experienced in the work of subduing the rebellion. The proposal is timely and appropriate, and would doubtless be acted upon generally by our people, but for the scattered condition of the congregations, in our cities and large towns at this season of the year. We shall publish the proclamation in our next issue.

News of the Churches.

INDIANAPOLIS.—On July 3d, the Second Church, Indianapolis, Ind., (Rev. Hanford A. Edson's,) received thirteen persons on profession of their faith, and five by letter. At the previous communion, three months since, ten were received on profession, and eleven by letter. These accessions are mainly the result of a delightful work of grace, among the young people of the congregation, during the early spring.—Herald.

OCOONTO, WIS.—On June 19th the house of worship erected by the Presbyterian Church and Society of Oconto, Winnebago District Convention, Wis., was dedicated. This church is the first erected in this county. The entire cost of the building was \$1,525.

CALLS, ACCEPTANCES, &c.—Mr. George D. Baker, a graduate of Princeton Seminary, having accepted a unanimous call to the Second Church, Watertown, New York, was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry and installed June 29th. Sermon by Rev. W. B. Knox, of Rome; charge to pastor Rev. by Wood, of Evans Mills; charge to people by Rev. A. T. Young, of Sackett's Harbor.—On Thursday evening, June 23d, Rev. E. N. Manly was installed as pastor of the Church in Boonville, N. Y., by the Presbytery of Utica. Rev. Dr. Fowler of Utica, preaching the sermon; Rev. Wm. B. Parmelee, of Westerville, delivering the charge to the Pastor; and Rev. M. E. Dunham of Westmoreland, the charge to the people. Rev. Mr. Manly has now been laboring for a year and a half, and has given good proof of his ministry. Though there has been no very marked religious interest, yet 24 have been added to its numbers, 16 of them on profession of their faith. They have likewise paid off an old debt which long hung over them, leaving their property now entirely unincumbered. In addition to this, they have purchased a new bell; and now, as a continuation of the good work, they propose to purchase a new organ for the church. The pastor, Rev. Charles C. Clark, installed Rev. Charles C. Clark, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Horseheads. Rev. Geo. Spaulding, Moderator of Presbytery, proposed the Constitutional Questions and offered the installing prayer. An able sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Curtis; Rev. A. W. Cowles, D. D., gave the charge to the Pastor, and Rev. Isaac Clark to the people. The 30th was the anniversary of Mr. Carr's installation at the Horseheads, at the time of his ordination twenty-three years ago.—Rev. Wm. T. Dickson has accepted a unanimous call to the Church at Pine Grove, Pa., and expects to be installed at the September meeting of Presbytery.—The First Church of Carbondale, Pa., have renewed their call to the Rev. John Ward, which was declined by him some time since.—Evangelist.

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Special Notices. Attention, Army Sutlers. We desire to call your special attention to one of the most valuable and saleable articles for the use of the army—a preparation of medicine that has stood the public test for more than twenty years, and has become familiar in every household. This article, "PERRY'S VEGETABLE PAIN KILLER," needs no introduction, everybody knows it, the soldier knows it, and you have only to keep it to sell it. No remedy is more efficacious in curing diarrhoea, cramps, dysentery, colds, slight wounds or bruises, and many other ailments incidental to a soldier's life. It is light and convenient to carry, and can be resorted to on the march as well as in camp, without trouble. Being used both internally and externally, its value cannot be over estimated—in fact, the soldiers want it and must have it, and to keep such an article in the duty of every sutler.—Lancet and Quill Journal. Price 5c, 75c, and \$1.50 per bottle. [947-2].

Miscellaneous.

A RELIGIOUS IMPOSITION.

There are many matters of interest to the public, the free discussion of which would endanger the influence of a good cause. No honest journalist will ever take advantage of his position to encroach upon such subjects; but when, in the face of opinion widely expressed, and many suggestions offered, he is kindly way a contribution, or a "hearse" in the name of a religious paper, and these are sold as a test; it is a religious imposition. There is published in this city every week, a journal which professes to be the exponent of the highest type of religious life in America. It has a large circulation and great influence. It is sent forth to be the Sabbath reading of the land. There is hardly a village, north, east, or west, where it is not more or less known. And in consideration of its great pretenses, its supposed copy of Christian writers, and its position at the head of a prominent religious organization, it likes to be thought the great religious journal of New York, and, indeed, of the country. Thus much for its position and responsibility. A copy of the New York Independent for June 30, 1864, lies before us. We took it up with the thought that so vast a field for a great and Christian influence is presented to no other agency. We took it up, too, thinking that for the time we should be in sympathy with a finer sentiment, a truer and calmer thought, and a nobler style of journalism than the secular press presents. We thought to read of the higher life—the inner experiences—the soul power of man. And here is the result:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Count. Includes 'Whole number of columns', 'Columns of advertisements', 'Editorial articles', 'Columns of war, politics, and finance', 'Mr. Beecher's sermon', 'Religious news', 'Number of religious articles'.

How far this table justifies the Independent in calling itself a religious paper, we leave to the good sense of our readers to determine. The Christian element hardly thought of in a journal professing to be the leading religious paper of the land! Hardly a breath of the purer world—the grander life! All weighed down and almost smothered with the love of money and the world! Putting the most secular of papers into the hands of Sabbath readers under the guise of religion! Shame, a thousand times shame on the authors of such an example. But this is not all. We took up this copy of the Independent expecting to find its mass

of shameless and revolting advertisements somewhat abated. But the vilest of the vile advertisements which we know secular papers to have refused over and over again, defile its pages. And this almost side by side with Mr. Beecher's sermons! On one page a poem entitled "The Sword of Christ," and near by the most infamous cards of wicked poison-makers! Is there no wrong here? Can a man serve two masters? It is sad to think that the evil must thus go forth with scarce a grain of the good; that men and women, under the garb of sanctity, must receive into their homes that which under other circumstances they would blush to come in contact with. We have no other word for such a mischief except imposture. And such it is. Better a thousand times that it be buried from sight and memory for ever than that it go forth to lessen man's respect for things high and holy. If it must meddle with politics and war and finance and speculation and the markets, then it were better that it drop from his heading the motto which it flaunts, "Not as pleasing men, but God!" We cannot but believe that the evil will in time bring about its own most effective remedy. Christian men and women will not always be blind to the spot that is put before them. Nor will the Congregational churches of the country be contented to be thus represented by an organ whose first and last desire seems to be to acquire wealth. In time the demand for a religious paper will be met, or it may be that tide of favor which now flows towards this imposture of journalism will turn in another direction, and give encouragement to some paper now weaker in money, but stronger in morals. Such a punishment would be but justice. There is a point of forbearance beyond which the people will not go.—Round Table.

NOT PRODUCTIVE.

The Sanitary Commission Journal, says:—"Our receipts in supplies last year amounted to \$2,000,000; at the rate at which they have been coming in during the last four months they will not this year amount to more than \$1,000,000,—in other words they have fallen off exactly one-half. This leaves the value of our receipts, including those derived from the Fairs, not what it was in 1863, but in reality much lower." In referring to this statement one of our contemporaries justly remarks that, what is said of Fairs for the Sanitary Commission is equally true of Fairs for churches and all benevolent objects; they are only evil, and that continually. They do not bring out as much money as would be raised for the same object without them, and what money they do secure is obtained on a principal that does not secure the Divine blessing with it.—Standard.

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Advice.

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