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OHRISTIAN COMMISSION.

ELOQUENT APPEAL FROM AN OFFICER IN THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Officer appeals to Ministers-Few Chaplains-No Tents-Revival Prayer Meetings - Soldiers Deserve the Best Preachers - Preaching over Graves-An Audience in their Grave Clothes.

Since the memorable message of Cornelius the Centurion to the Apostle Peter, we have seen nothing of the kind so noteworthy as the following letter from an officer of high position in the regular army, at the head quarters of the army of the Potomac. Whether we consider the position of the writer, the force of the arguments, the fervor of its spirit, or the novelty of a soldier pleading with ministers of Christ to ago; and as at midnight hour, beneath give the gospel to the army, we must be deeply impressed by it. It was read to the Executive Committee of the In this yearning mood, the soul is very Christian Commission on the day that apt to feel after God. Many facts have a proposal to supply over two hundred much wiser and much happier than when they went on under consideration. We need scarcely How then is it we have been accussay that the decision to supply them, if tomed to consider the life of the soldier the church would raise the means, was unanimous. Mr. Morris K. Jessup's plan of asking each church to buy a tent to be inscribed with its research and taken at the flood by kind counsel and tent, to be inscribed with its name, was simultaneously, and without consultation, proposed and acted on by the Presbyterian church of Tuscarora, Pa., and the Thompson Tuscarora Tabernacle is now on its way to Nashville. Thus the Lord has been preparing soldiers to ask for, and the churches to give, the seeing he is so easily saved from so means of grace. Let every church send on speedily its camp chapel tent, and every town an able preacher for six weeks to occupy it.

THE CHRISTIAN COMMISSION AND WORK.

ield, both East and West, which allowed having never been in any way connected with the Commission, my opinons concerning it are perfectly independent; they are presented on my wn responsibility, in the hope that hey may help the churches to form a ust appregiation of their duties and their privileges in connection with the ork under consideration.

AN OPEN DOOR. The advantages which the army offers

uring the winter as a field of Christian abor are unparalleled.

At vast expense we send missionaries the army. I have never seen one in the army. I have never seen one in the study of the language. After that is acquired, through innumerable difficulties, the missionary such as a centre around which, in various an ardiance. here and there, of children, women and here and there, of children, women and would commence.
men, of by no means the most intellibrent coming to Christ, not like stray sheep,
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but as doves flocking to their windows.
The good work is one emiently of faith and patience. The city Brigade in the army. astor has an audience alike composed of different classes and grades of such Commission, through which reading of variety, that on many subjects it is diffi- any kind, except daily news, will reach cult to address more than a small per centage of the audience directly at the an organization of this kind, recognized same time. Then there are many who by the churches and by the Government, are too young, and many others too old, can chapels, Christian laborers, and reto afford much probability of successful ligious reading, be provided in any fruition of the seed, no matter how measure; as under no other circumstantials. parnestly it may have been scattered.

All, whether young or old, and of every class, are more or less preoccupied by the various occupations and excitements of city life, tending to preclude meditation on divine things.

#### A SELECTED CONGREGATION.

If that pastor visits the army as a delegate of the Christian Commission, he may go from one end of the line to army he will find but one style of audience; and that of the best possible class, in this—it consists almost exclusively of young men. They possess good average intelligence; are not preoccunied; are not harrassed by family cares; they are provided for; they have simply to obey orders when they come, and in the interim, have to endure so much wearisome monotony, that many who would not take the trouble to attend church when at home, would now gladly listen to anything or anybody.

The soldier's life, though not favorable for reading, is very conducive to reflection. The drum beats, and he delegates. All the regular troops that wakes, or gets his rations, or goes to have been in the Army of the Potomac, bed, as the case may be, until it beats with the exception of one regiment, gain. Without need for further have been totally without chaplains, hought or care, he is (in winter quarters,) "as if he were a boy again." Their hundred miles of Washington have been fe is thus favorable both to attention and reflection. Of similar age, with common pursuits and dangers, they for many thousand patients. Shall that be supplied with chaplains by transferradapted to one suits all.

The soldiers are willing to hear the truth, Thave have never attended a meeting as only half full. As a rule they are overflowing, even where they are held every evening in the week.

It seems impossible to have meetings mon in the churches North. Always after the first few meetings a spirit of eep interest is awakened, taking on te character of what is termed a re-

with the soldier as with the sailor, the

and growing strength form a never-failing shield on which these admonitions are received, but here, touch that point ever so delicately, and every word brings up visions of dead comrades and hair breadth escapes, to supercede any any grown up people at home will un argument on that question. Death is derstand. to them as much a reality as life is.

The condition of the soldier exhibits an advantage for the reception of truth like to that which grows out of bereavement. So long has he been absent from those he loves, he begins to think of them, with those who were dead long the silent stars, he keeps his lonely watch, he comes, more than other men, to feel the want of something to love when they went on.

Christian sympathy, it bursts in scattered foam and dissipation. When reflection but starts accusing voices, its spell must be broken by loud oaths, the troubled spirit must be soothed by drink. Therefore is it that most urgent efforts should be made to surround the soldier with every possible religious influence,

FEARFUL CORRUPTION .- THE ONLY HELP.

In the absence of these privileges the men are, week after week, and perhaps month after month, lying crowded in winter quarters, the intolerable ennui relieved only by a mutual exchange of change is often very beneficial to the all the garbage that the vilest may have health of the delegate. It opens to him scraped from the filthiest kennels of a new world, enlarges his knowledge of

the last spark of youthful virtue. If the Christian Commission fails to do the work it contemplates; it will be left

During the winter it is impossible to have religious services in the open air. Yet there is not a tent in the Government service, to my knowledge, provided for this purpose:

A REVIVAL AT EVERY CHAPEL.

I cannot conceive of anything in which a benevolent Christian can make o preach the gospel in China and India, such a good investment for Christ as

ceeds in collecting perhaps an audience, rious camps adjoining, a work of grace

There is no other source except the the soldier. In no other way but by ces could the necessary transportation, passes, and mail facilities be obtained.

SCARCITY OF CHAPLAINS.

Are there not chaplains commissioned or purpose to do this work? Yes, but with some of the regiments only. In the Fifth Corps, which I suppose is as well supplied as any in the army, there are to day thirty-seven regiments which have no chaplain. Then, as in every other corps, there is a brigade of artilery, there are independent batteries, division field hospitals, base hospitals, ambulance trains, wagon trains, and all the various headquarters, none of which are allowed chaplains at any time. For all this work there are only six delegates and two chapel tents. Besides, supposing there was a superfluity of chaplains, what could they do comparatively without chapels, books, tracts, &c.? In the Second Corps there are today thirty-eight regiments without chaplains, besides all the separate com-mands in it detailed above. With this corps there are now but three working less cared for than the recognized heathen. There is a base hospital near City Point ing them from the few regiments which

have them? So far as the magnitude of the operations of the Commission is concerned, it would seem that the presence or absence of a few chaplains, more or less, should scarcely be taken into account.

ADVANTAGES OF A DELEGATE OF THE

CHRISTIAN COMMISSION. The delegate of the Christian Commission has many advantages. \*

He is subject to no restrictions except those made in the division of the labor This, I think, is attributable to the by the Commission. If he is not well et that the majority of our soldiers received in one place he can walk a few we once been under the influence of steps further on to another camp. A bbath-schools or Christian homes, so missionary in Pekin would meet with t the buried seed has only to be a just about as much limitation. He has ttle watered, and it springs up with no military orders to give, or to obey. reshness that is truly reviving to He is understood to be working for the dess. It matters not how profane good of the soldier, not for pay; this is irreverent they may have become,

He comes full of fresh enthusiasm, memories of home and the Sabbath-school are very sacred, and even though nothing that is said may in itself ininterest them, there is always one cer smiling face of a civilian, and he likes to tain clue; let it be something which shall swaken their early associations, and so neighborly. Then comes the mutuatheir feelings are immediately enlisted. It is also the gracious word dropped into the open heart of term it, on their "bringing up."

At home, should they be addressed on the uncertainty of life, youth and growing strength form a never of the delegate happens to come from

If the delegate happens to come from the same county as some of the men, they feel just like school boys when visited by a relative from their distant home. The effect is more cheering than

THE BEST MEN WANTED FOR THE WORK.

The kind of delegates most needed are not good readers of sermons. The real main work of the Commission must be done by steady, hard-working, faithful Christian men. The most desirable combination for a good delegate would be a happy faculty of extemporaneous discourse, with cheerful conversational qualities. There are in the army a large number of officers and men of very high intelligence, who prior to entering the service were accustomed to the best pulpit talent in the country. For three or four years they have heard but a few occasional sermons, and would seem to receive a new life, could they but hear once more the inspiring words

of their old pastor.
Why cannot the best men in the coun try visit the army occasionally, and en- RESERVED CAPITAL. courage the brave men in the performance of those duties they once urged them to undertake? Are they not deserving of it? Would our comfortable brethren at home be thus making a greater sacrifice for us, than we are making for them? It is very desirable that our Christian brethren who are eager for young men to enter the army, should, as far as possible, share their burdens after they are in it, and thus in our common cause manifest a common sympathy of Christian patriotism.

The church which sends its pastor as a

delegate to the army will not lose anything. The advantage is a mutual one. The Having held official positions in the scraped from the minimum and man, of a thousand things which he had both East and West, which allowed human depravity.

The fearful corruption thus engenfailed before to comprehend, furnishes him with a new field for illustration, and the salvation and quickens his zeal for the salvation. man, of a thousand things which he

He preaches over graves here, and he feels that men are mortal: He exhorts men daily who come here to die, and they sit before him in their grave clothes.

REAL PRAYER-MEETINGS.

The prayer-meetings in the army are not tame, formal, weekly meetings; they are as real as life and death, for sincerity and earnestness. I can compare them only to the old Fulton street. daily prayer-meetings during the great revival, and they must contribute to the

The Holy Spirit seems to be secretly working in anticipation of the co-operation of God's servants. Both at City Point and nearer the front, sinners are

During the ensuing winter the field will be fully available; it seems ripe for the harvest, and waiting only for the church to enter the sickle. From what I have seen, I think there is an universal eagerness for religious truth in the army which is beyond all precedent. This is a work which demands no mean offering. It deserves not only the money of the church, but a liberal contribution of its best talent and of its most faithful pastors, as the demands of the Commission may require.
B. H., U. S. A.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY POTOMAC, Nov. 21, 1864.

### MINISTERIAL RECORD.

This record is designed to be complete, so far as regards the Presbyterian Church, of the various branches, in our country. Important changes in other denominations are also given.

Abeel, David, D. D., Ref. Dutch-resigned pastorate of 2d R. D. Church, Newark, N. J.

Atwater, David J., Pres. O. S.—ordained and installed pastor at Ewing, N. J., Novem-

Colt, S. F., Pres. O. S.—resigned pastorate at Pottsville, Pa., Nov. 10.

Everitt, Benj. S., Pres. O. S.—installed pastor at Stroudsburgh, Pa., Nov. 17.

Gordon, D. M., Un. Pres.—installed over
4th Un. Pres. Church, Philadelphia, Nov. 10.

4th Un. Fres. Church, Philadelphia, Nov. 10.

Helwig, J. B., Luth.—accepted call to Lancaster, Ohio.

Hillman, W. G., Pres. O. S.—Installed at Liexington, Ohio, Nov. 3.

Huyssoon, James, Ref. Dutch—installed pastor of 1st Holland Ref. Prot. Dutch Church, Paterren, N. I. Nov. 29.

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 22.

Hyde, S. H., Pres. N. S.—transferred from Rock Hill to Carrollton, Ill.

Junkin, D. X., D.D., Pres. O. S.—installed pastor of North Pres. Church, Chicago, Ill.,

Kessler, Raphael, Pres. N. S.—installed over the Churches of Mt. Pleasant and Union-dale, Pa., Nov. 15 and 16.

Luce, Andrew, Pres. N. S. resigned chaplaincy in 24th Mo. Vol. Inf.

McHenry, D. S., Un. Pres.—resigned pastorate at Covington, N. Y., Nov. 15. McKinney, Isaac, N., Pres. O. S.—died at Sewickley, Pa., Oct. 20, aged 36 years.

Mitchell, S. S., Pres. O. S.—ordained and installed over O. S. Pres. Church, Harrisburg,

Nickell, J. H., Cumb. Pres.—died at Salem, III., Nov. 20. Nicolls, S. J., Pres. O. S.—transferred from

pastorate at Chambersburg, Pa., to 2d Pres. Church, St. Louis, Mo. Pollock, Geo. C., Pres. O. S .- ordained and installed pastor at Lyon's Farms, N. J., November 15

Prideaux, Wm., Pres. O. S.—installed over Little Valley Church, Pa., Nov. 17.

Schroeck, Frank, Pres. N. S.—installed pastor of Holland Church, Milwaukie, Nov. 17. Sherwood, Nathan, Ref. Dutch-called to New Prospect, N. Y. ew Prospect, N. Y.
Wilson, J. A., Un. Pres.—called to Lisbon, Advertisements.

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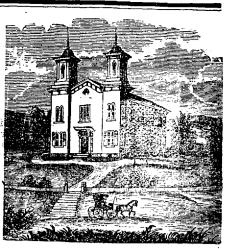
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