Miscellaneous.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

It is an old saying that "figures are hard facts." It is an old philosophy, too, that teaches the wisdom of judging by facts.

It is a fact that we are still in the midst of a rebellion that for nearly four years past has writen its history in blood and sorrow.

It is a fact that hundreds of thousands of men have been sick, wounded, and slain, in consequence of this rebellion.

It is a fact that hundreds of thousands more are now exposed to the dangers and privations of the camp and the march, that by tens of thousands they continue to fall by sickness and wounds, and that so long as the rebellion shall live, the sad record of suffering will continue to characterize our history as a nation.

It is a fact that the people have said that the army and navy shall be sustained amid all their hazards and toils; and that all the machinery of government which has been laid under contribution to serve this end, shall be sustained also.

It is a fact that the President and all the departments under his control; that Congress, with all its legislative wisdom; and the people in the majesty of numbers, and with the eloquence of unity, have resolved to stand fast by our soldiers and sailors, and sustain them while they sustain the laws.

It is a fact that next to the government, the people have been represented most earnestly and faithfully in the principles and work of the United States Sanitary Commission.

It is a fact that the Sanitary Commission has distributed supplies to the soldiers and sailors of our forces, valued at $8,406,272; and this estimate is much lower than the goods would have cost, if they had been purchased.

It is a fact that the expense of distributing over $2,250,000 worth of supplies, as reported by the Western Department one year ago, was $35,000, or *one and one-half per cent.*, and that all statements to the contrary are false.

It is a fact that previous to July 1st, 1864, the cost of distribution in all the departments was but three and seventy-six one hundreths per centum (3.76) of the value of the supplies; and that the large amount of anti-scorbutics and other stores forwarded to the Army of the Potomac, which necessitated the chartering of boats at the present high prices, has only increased the total cost of distribution to four and eighty-eight one hundreths per centum.

It is a fact that none of our agents are simple carriers of supplies, but *relief* agents; relief agents in the largest sense of the term; and that including them in the account of "cost of distribution," we include a vast work of beneficent charity in the (4.88) cost of distribution.

It is a fact that at a single centre of Special Relief, in Washington, 121,047 nights' lodgings have been given to our soldiers, in white sweet beds; and that 359,816 substantial meals have been given at tables, besides which many thousand more meals have been given to steamboat loads, and car loads of wounded, at all hours of the day and night. It is a fact that there are twenty-two of these Special Relief Stations in the North and West, and that the meals and shelter furnished to our men, in transitu from the army, may be counted by millions annually.

It is a fact that the people have contributed with a freedom and generosity unequalled in any other age or nation of the world, to the Sanitary Commission, as the best and cheapest instrumentality within their reach for supplementing the appliances of the best of governments.

It is a fact that the more the people examine the work of the Commission, the more they are satisfied with its Christian principles, its lofty purposes, and its economical plans.

From the classification and arrangement of these general facts and figures, it is evident that the work that has been done hitherto is very large; that the good government, the brave army, and the loyal people, being all united in the one grand purpose of saving the country, as they look back upon the past,—count the demands of the present,—and estimate the wants of the future, have agreed that they must each rely upon the other, for the conduct of the future, as they have done in the past, and that the same class of results will follow, from the same kind of earnest labor.

The work is sure to go on. The tendency is more and more to unity; the people are becoming one in spirit and purpose; factions and factious oppositions, are being fused into a current that flows toward a common centre; and the grand record is being made, of a nation united in its benefactions to the army, as it is in its purpose to cheer that army in its struggle for Union and liberty.

A NEW EDITOR.—Our city cotemporary, the *Presbyterian Standard*, announces the engagement of Rev. Alfred Taylor, of Bristol, Pa., as an Associate Editor. *The Presbyterian*, noticing the announcement, says:—"By this arrangement we lose one of our most sprightly and piquant contributors, and part with him with regret. We hope that he will find more intimate connection with journalism pleasant, while he increases his own usefulness by enlarging the field of his labors."

A MERITED COMPLIMENT.—The Mayor and Councils of Philadelphia have unanimously passed a resolution of thanks to Professor E. D. Saunders, D. D., of The Courtland Saunders Institute, "For the great good he has done in saving by his untiring energy the city from the draft."

OBITUARY.

On the morning of the 17th inst, in the 52d year of his age, Shuman Kimberly, an elder in the Presbyterian church of Clarence, N. Y., quietly slept in Jesus. He had long professed Christ, and was an active and faithful member of the church. He suffered much, but patiently, during his last days on earth. His hope in Christ was firm and strong.

The church has lost a pillar and humanity a sincere friend in Brother K. The *last time* that *he went out* (and in the rain too) was to *vote* for *Abraham Lincoln.*

Brother H. had no children, so after willing a portion of his property to his kindred, he willed $200 to the Presbyterian church, of Clarence, and $400 each to the A. B. C. F. M., A. B. S., Presbyterian Home Mission Committee, and Presbyterian Committee of Publication

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STORES.

Acknowledgment of Stores received by the U. S. Christian Commission for three weeks, ending Dec. 4, 1864.

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Philadelphia—Ladies' Chris Com of Trinity P E Ch, 1 pkg. Henry Rowland, 1 pkg. Mrs C C Camp, 8 housewives. Trinity M E Ch, 1 bundle of clothing. Jas B Sheppard, 1 pkg. Mrs Griffith and Miss Smith, 1 pkg. Rev A G McAuley, 4 gross of pens. E S Muringer, 55 lbs of soap, 48 lbs beef tea. Perkinpine & Higgins, $145 worth of reading. Hawley St Miss S S, 1 pkg. W R R, 2 jars. Prot Epis Book store, 1000 Soldiers' Prayor Books. Alex Whildin, 1 pkg. St Jude's ch, 1 pkg. A friend, 1 pkg.

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Providence—Fifth Ward Relief Assoc, per Mrs S A Cooke, 1 box.

VERMONT.

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Fuhchau—Mr and Mrs L B Peet, 1 chest of tea.

UNKNOWN.

Two kegs of pickles, 2 boxes of dried apples, 2 boxes of clothing, 1 barrel of dried apples, 1 barrel of clothing, 1 barrel of apples, 1 barrel of dried fruit, 3 boxes and 1 barrel miscellaneous stores.

The commencement of a winter's work of great interest is upon us. Orders for about two hundred chapel tents, flies, houses, &c., in which, during the days of the soldier's inaction, the word of God may be preached, have been received, and are in the various stages of filling. Large buildings are in course of erection in the army operating against Richmond; and houses from Cincinnati have been sent to the Army of the Cumberland. The work of grace which was inaugurated during last winter in the chapels in Virginia bids fair to commence again as soon as the preparations for comfortable services are completed

At such a time as this, the Commission feels that the churches of the country can have no better way open to them for extending missionary operations than by erecting houses of God in the wilderness that our brave boys who have gone out from their homes may have the gospel preached to them. Already some churches have moved in the matter: but what is to be done should be done quickly.

And we must not forget that each day is bringing into Annapolis many of our brothers and friends who have passed through sufferings numberless in prison, and who now are needing all manner of comforts. We must, if they are unable to get farther than the hospitals, carry them TO the hospitals, and make the days of the closing year happier to them than any have been before them.

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☞ **Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society**—The Seventy-fifth Meeting in behalf of this society will be held in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Girard Avenue and Eighteenth streets, on SABBATH EVENING, Jan. 1st, at 7½ o'clock.
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☞ **The Presbytery of Rochester** will hold its annual meeting in the Central Presbyterian Church in the city of Rochester, on Tuesday, the 10th day of January next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.
CHAS. FURMAN, Stated Clerk.
December 19, 1854.

☞ **The next Stated Meeting** of the Presbytery of Columbus will be held at LOWVILLE, on the third Tuesday (the 17th) of January next, at 6 o'clock, P. M. B. G. RILEY, Stated Clerk.
LODI, Wis., December 29, 1864.

☞ **Notice.**—The Presbytery of Ontario will hold their Annual Meeting in NUNDA, on the third Tuesday of January next [15th], at 4 o'clock, P. M.
Statistical Reports and Collections for the Presbyterial Fund will be expected.
JOHN BARNARD, Stated Clerk.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions acknowledge the receipt of the following contributions during the month of November:—

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Church of the Covenant, N. Y.,	585 00
1st Pres. ch., Brooklyn, N. Y.,	50 00
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" Au Sable, Ill.,	45 15
" Durand, Ill.,	7 00
Missionary Asso. of Pres ch., Barre Centre, N. Y.	20 00
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Pres. ch., Brookland, Pa.,	2 65
Synod of Ohio, O.,	90 00
Missouri Home Missionary Society, Mo.,	94 95
Pres. ch., Coshocton, O.,	21 00
" Roscoe, O.,	1 50
" Troy, Kansas,	15 00
" Savannah, Mo.,	15 00
" Lyons, Iowa,	15 00
Young People's Missionary Society, 2d Pres. ch. Newark, N. J.,	81 03
1st Pres. ch., Cleveland, O.,	647 00
Rome Pres. ch., N. Y.,	139 58
Seneca Castle Pres. ch, N. Y.,	41 03
" Ladies' H. M. Society,	27 30
Buffalo North ch., N. Y.,	10 00
Niagara Falls ch., A. H. Porter, N. Y.,	100 00
Phelps Pres. ch., Young Ladies and Misses to constitute Pastor's Wife Corresponding Member,	30 00
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Phelps Pres. ch., New York, bal.,	21 00
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Lima Pres. ch., "	82 70
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Preston, " W. Jackson, Esq.,	20 00
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" Carlinsville, Iowa,	67 00
" La Grange, Mo.,	21 65
" Canton, Mo.,	28 50
" Muscatine Island, Iowa,	15 25
Walnut Grove ch., Ill.,	46 00
Greenfield ch., Ill.,	5 00
Pres. ch., Manchester, Ill.,	9 00
" Liberty, Ill.,	20 00
" Rushville, Ill.,	50 85
" Carrolton, Ill.,	73 70
Point Pleasant, Iowa,	3 00
1st Pres. ch., Jerseyville, Ill.,	146 50
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Pres. ch., West Liberty, Iowa,	16 50
" Atalissa, Iowa,	5 95
Rock Hill Pres. ch., Mo.,	1 00
Pres. ch., Knowlesville, N. Y.,	44 30
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Pres. ch., Bloomington, Ind.,	20 50
" Greencastle, Ind.,	30 00
" Danville, Ind.,	35 00
" Cedar Falls, Iowa,	15 45
" Hyde Park, Pa.,	17 25
" (German) Cincinnati, Ohio,	6 25
" Greenville, Ind.,	6 50
" Mount Vernon, Ind.,	8 00
" Lebanon, Ind.,	3 50
Rev. Philip Bevan, Jeffersonville, Ind.,	7 00
Pres. ch., Traverse, Minn,	10 00
" Pontiac, Ill.,	21 50
Philadelphia Home Missionary Society, Pa.,	1150 00
Pres. ch., Lansing, Mich.,	20 00
German Pres. ch., Patterson, N. J.,	5 00
2d Pres. Ch., Paterson, N. J., bal.,	50 76
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., North Granville, N. Y.,	17 25
West Pres. Ch, New York city,	538 75
Ladies' Miss Society, Louisville, N. Y.,	16 25
Pres. ch., Lowville, N. Y., in c.,	23 75
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Berlin Pres. ch., Ohio,	20 00
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" Carrolton, Mich.,	7 00
" Stephentown, N. Y.,	7 31
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" (South) Brooklyn, N. Y., m. c.,	49 91
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" [Central] New York city,	69 08
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MARRIAGES.

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SMITH—COCHRAN.—At Washington City, D. C., on the 8th inst, by Rev. Septimus Tustin, D. D., W. J. Smith, Esq., of the War Department, to Miss Anna Maria Cochran, of said City.

DEATHS.

WARD.—Mrs. Marietta P. Ward, widow of Rev. Ward, the former pastor of Carbondale church, died of consumption at her sister's in Deposit N. Y., Dec. 17, (Saturday.) Her remains were taken to Bloomfield, N. J., to rest beside those of her much lamented husband. Thus another endeared one has gone home. Mrs. W. was much beloved in Carbondale.

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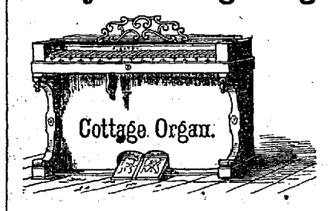

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