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THE YEAR--HOME VIEW.

The review of the state of religion in our own country, for the entire year, must necessarily be very general in its character. The field is too vast, and the time too long, to allow particulars in the space which we can occupy.

The events of the past three years and more have been working out a new problem concerning the religious condition of a people. The question on trial has not been, what is the natural effect of war upon the state of religion in the nation where it is carried on? The past ages have settled this question. War is, in its nature, perilous to religion. Amid wars of the ordinary character, especially when they engross the public anxiety, a eep decline of religion is an almost certain onclusion.

But our case is without precedent in two espects. First, a war has been forced on us which in its issue involves the triumph or he defeat, for the time being, of some of the liest principles of redemption. We may e thought putting the case over-strong, but e take our stand upon it reflectingly, and n say no less. The Southern Rebellion, litical and ecclesiastical, has sought to terweave with the holy texture of Chrisanity the vilest wrong which is ever done o defeat the designs of redemption toward e present and eternal condition of men. ts triumph would stigmatize thename of the oss more foully than a like triumph of open religion.

In the second place, the whole ground ccupied by our armies, has been converted nto a missionary field. History has no parllel to this, that a great militant army should e closely followed in all its campings, march-ogs and battles, by another army of Chrisn laborers, to outflank Satan on the field hich he has hitherto claimed as indisputably his own, and send home from the war ore spiritual influence than it bears away. We do not say that all this has yet been accomplished. We only say that such is the effort; that it has been prayerfully and earnestly inaugurated, bountifully supplied with neans, pursued in constantly enlarging mea-ure, and that God has set upon it his seal of robation in glorious measures of success. The problem which this nation is working t, is whether these unexampled features war can so counteract its natural antagom to religion, that religious progress may reported during the months when the exense. It is only by taking these things o the account, that we can form any fair mate of the religious history of our counduring the past year.

The first few months following the outbreak the war, were a time of lull in our religious The nation was surging between cosperity. anic and indignation. The storm had burst the a torrent from the clouds. Few were a, and still fewer thought of the high and rnal issue into which God had resolved to rp the contest. The political compact had en violated, the authority of the nation med, and through treachery, fraud and ed treason, the effort of its destruction ayed. The political state of the case was mount, and religious progress was for the aent checked. During the year 1863, the ground was more than regained. The that has now just closed, if we take into account all the belongings of religious sperity, has been a year of increased pro-

REVIVALS.

has not been pre-eminently a year of reals. The confession is humbling, but it st be made. We cannot in faithfulness ties of the case, or come anywhere near meet-ing them. We are often ashamed for the church, and alarmed for the future, when we contemplate the scantiness with which the means for an early spiritual moulding of the new settlements is doled out by those to whom this most solemn stewardship is entrusted. When we think of the immense influences

which are so soon to radiate from those regions, and be felt in thrills which shall reach our extremest bounds, we find no words to express our sense of the atrociousness of lukewarmness in the Home Missionary work. Still we are able to record good things in this respect, of the past year. It has been a year of advance — an advance whose ratio will not be exceeded by that of any tormer year. We know not whether this is true to the extent named of other denominations than our own, but we believe that the increase of effort has been general. Our own church is just feeling in their strength the incitements

of our new Home Missionary system. Indeed, so slow was the transition from the former modes, in some parts of the field, that the past was the first year in which we were well settled in the harness. We are not advised of the exact figures or statistics, but we hope to hear our committee report to the next Assembly an advance of one hundred per cent. all around-upon the new territory occupied, the influences exerted, and the receipts of the treasury. And no worthy reason exists why the incoming year should not yield the same ratio of increase.

In this connection, the personal explora-tions of our very efficient Home Missionary Secretary, are worthy of special notice. I was a long and patient investigation of localities in detail, extending through six months, and conducted with reference to the remote nfluences, as well as present wants of the fields for occupation. Such an exploration by such a man, was greatly needed to enable the committee to act with the highest efficiency An acquisition of no small importance has also been made in the appointment of a general agent to operate permanently on the Pacific Coast.

Germain to this subject, is the restoration of portions of the territory reclaimed from the rebellion to their former ecclesiastical connections with the North. Our columns have recorded the return of an entire Pres bytery in East Tennessee, to our church, and the progress of further movements in that State in the same direction.

CHURCH ERECTION.

New church edifices have risen over all the oyal parts of the country, but not in an unusual number. The papers of the various denominations have recorded the dedication of churches with about the usual frequency. The year is probably an average one in this respect, and the denominations have exhibited their enterprise in this direction in nearly equal degree. Our own church has been distinguished for individual munificence in the erection of churches in new and important locations, and in relieving from the embarrassment of debt churches previously built

We may be pardoned, if we speak with peculiar gratification of the record which our own city has made for itself. The past is the second year in which a single individual has given us one good church edifice a year, each ne (when the last is finished, as it will pro bably soon be;) complete, beautiful, and appropriate. Large congregations are gathering into them, and hundreds in our city are are there folded, who might otherwise to-day

have been shepherdless. Side by side with this we place another enterprise, one of the finest conceptions in the history of our church. We refer to the plan proposed last spring, to sweep off the bice to say it has not been a year of extra-nation in Philadelphia. Each church nednary dearth of revivals. We have been ing assistance was first to raise within itself such amount as it could, and then to receive ing over our files since last January, from a general subscription the required balspecial reference to this point, and as ance. The matter was taken in hand by result, we are confirmed in our previously gentlemen with whom to say is to do, and ned belief that the church has enjoyed at a single meeting called for the purpose, y her average amount of special spiritual the whole supplemented fund was raised by isions. In our columns of religious intel-ince we find them recorded every month, almost every week. But few of them Churches, lightened of years of depression what we used to call *sweeping* revivals. nerally, from ten to twenty accessions to church are recorded, but in some instances ch larger numbers are hopefully converted. fully carried out, and that not a dollar of debt now rests on a church in our connection in the city of Philadelphia. We also notice it, as a feature of the year, that among all branches of the church, and in the country at large, great havoc has been made of church debts. The pecuniary state of the country has favored this, and it is also the natural result of the enlargement of the spirit of Christian liberality Probably in no previous year have our exchanges chronicled with such rapidity the clearing off determine what State or what large district of these incumbrances, or so often appended country has been most favored. Coming to the notices of the dedication of new churches, the comforting words, "free of debt !' BENEVOLENCE.

like in doctrine or polity to expect, for a long time to come, organic unity, are adopting such inter-denominational fraternity as secures beforehand some of the most valuable re-sults of formal union. Taking as a whole the elements of religious prosperity, we should be ungrateful to characterize the year which has just closed as less than prosperous. In many particulars the advance has been marked, and of such kind as gives promise of permanence. In others, the church has well held its own, and in nothing has the last year, as compared with its immediate predecessor, shown a decided retrograde. We have seen times of a much higher spirituality and wider diffusion of the revival spirit. In other respects, we know not when we have seen the church in better working condition, or occupying higher vantage-ground than now. Revivals are the great want of the hour. Everything else is in order for increase and expansion. We offer this review of 1864 in the midst of the great week of prayer. Let the heart's strength be given to the supplication that 1865 may be a year of the right hand of the Most High !

MISISTERIAL RECORD. MONTHLY.

Abeel, G., D.D., Ref. Dutch.-Dismissed from 2d. R. D. Church, Newark, N. J., Nov. 29; cause, ill health. Blakely, Abram., Pres. N. S.—Pastor at Lawrence, Kansas, died in New York,

Dec. 19. Boyer, Benjamin, Ger. Ref.—Died recently in West Greenville, Pa., aged 73 years. Buckley, Edwin A., Pres. N. S.—Installed at Plattsburgh, N. Y., Nov. 5.

Plattsburgh, N. Y., Nov. 5. Crothers, S. D., Pres. O. S.—Installed at Greenfield, Ohio, Dec. 3. Delo, John A., Luth.—Pastor at North Hope, Pa., died Nov. 1. Doeppenschmidt, Charles, Ref. Dutch—In-stalldorgerGorman church Hudden N. Y.

stalled over German church, Hudson, N.Y., Dec. 11.

in New Cumberland, Ohio. Hair, G. M., Pres. O. S.-Accepted call to

Alexandria, Va. Hendy, John F., Pres. O. S.—Ordained and

Ky., Dec. 20.
 Hillman, W. G., Pres. O. S.—Installed at Lexington, O., Dec. 3.
 Hooper, P. S., Luth.—Installed over Mar-

tinsburgh pastorate, (3 churches,) Bedford co., Pa., Nov. 27. Jones, Martin P., Pres. N. S.-Accepted call Ladies' Aid Society of church at Eas-

Heiser, James R., Luth.-Dismissed from

Kline, David, Luth. - Accepted call to Spruce

Run (Clarksville, P. O.) N. J. Koutz, W. P., Pres. O. S.—Dismissed from 1st church, Monticello, Ind., to take chap-

Loughead, S. D., Pres. O. S.-Accepted call

Lusk, Wm., Pres. N. S.—Accepted call to Huron, N. Y.

aged 68.

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health.

Mann, Joseph R., D.D., Pres. O. S.-Re-

signed pastorate of 2d Pres. church, Prince-ton, N. J.; cause, ill health. *Mattax, George N.*, Cumb. Pres.—Died in Waynesburgh, Pa., Dec. 6. *Patterson, R. M.*, Un. Pres.—Resigned pas-

time to Union congregation. Peairs, H. R., Pres. O. S.—Accepted call to

Peairs, H. R., Pres. O. S.—Accepted can w Kenton, Ohio.
Randolph, A. F.—Changed his ecclesiastical relation from Cumb. Pres. Church to Lo-gansport O. S. Presbyterian.
Reed, Alexander, Pres. O. S.—Installed over Central Pres. Church, Philadelphia, Dec.

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ing the enterprises of the church in following advance. The eclesiastical meetings of the up this tide of emigration. We do not mean year have furnished abundant testimony that that these enterprises have met the necessi-ties of the case, or come anywhere near meet-ties of the case, or come anywhere near meet-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES. Church, Philadelphia, Church, Philadelphia, Church, Philadelphia, Church, Groveland, N. Y., per Mrs. J. E. White, Park church, Syracuse, N. Y., per Rev.

J. O. Fillmore, Church, Jasper, N. Y., per J. R. Prentice, Church, Baskenridge, N. J., per J. C.

Bankin, Church, Lower Mount Bethel, per. W. Sargent, Church, Mount Joy, Pa., per James A.

Patters First church, Newton, N. J., per Sam'l. Johnson,

Johnson, U. P. congregation, West Hebron, N. Y., per Rev. W. R. McKee, Seventh church, Fhiladelphia, per Al-fred Martien, Treasurer, French church of converted Belgians, Robinsonville, Wis., per Rev. Henry Morell,

Robinsonville, Wis., per Rev. Henry Morell, U. P. congregation, Somonauk, Ill., per Rev. W. Moffett, Church, Walnut street, Philadelphia, per H. E. Rood, Treasurer, First church, Borough of Darby, Pa., per Rev. S. W. Crittenden, Hanover street church, Wilmington, Del., per J. B. Porter, Central church, Downingtown, Pa., per Rev. M. Newkirk, Jr.,

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 Church, Paxton, Pa., per Presbytegian
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 Church, Bridesburg, Pa., per Rev. J. B.
 Davis Church, Bridesburg, Pa., per Rev. J. B. Davis,
Church, Jamesburg, N. J., per Rev. W. M. Wells,
Central church, Wilmington, Del., per Rev. G. F. Wiswell,
First church, Stillwater, N. J., per Rev. T. B. Condit,
First church, (N. S.,) Downingtown, Pa., per G. Heins,
Second Reformed Pres. church, Lisbon, St. Lawrence county. N. Y.

St. Lawrence county, N. Y., First church, Altoena, Pa., per Charles J. Mann, Treasurer, Church, Montclair, N. J., per W. S.

METHODIST CHURCHES.

Johnstown, Pa. per Rev. E. T. Jones,

Liberty church, Susquehanna co., Pa., per Rev. Mr. Tilden, Upland church, Delaware co., Pa. per J. G. Crozer, Church, Canton, N. J. per Rev. W. E.

Cornwell, Church, East Smithfield, Pa. per James

BAPTIST CHURCHES.

Morris, Treasurer, German church, West Granville, Wis., German Church, west Granville, wis., per E. Kudobe, U. P. congregation, Howard, Steuben county, N. J., per Rev. Mr. Robertson, Reformed Pres. congregation; Washing-ton, Ill., per William T. Eaken,

Duncan, John R., Pres. O. S.-Died recently

Union meeting of churches, Pottsville, N. Y. add'l, 27 50 Sabbath school, Weston's Mills, 16 00-

installed pastor of 2d church, Covington,

Per Rev. Isaac G. Ogden. Church at Philipsburg, N. J. 7 50 Three Friends, Philipsburg, N. J. 7 50-Per H. M. Morton.

to East Whiteland and Reeseville, Pa.

Dixon, Ill., removed to New Brunswick, N.J.

laining in the army.

to Carlyle, Ill.

McClelland, Alecr., D. D., Ref. Dutch.-Died in New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 19,

McCoy, John, Pres. O. S.-Called to Smyrna.

McLaren, Wm. S., Un. Pres.-Resigned pastorate at Caledonia, N. Y., cause ill

Free church Harrisburg, Pa. per R. N. Lamberton, Church, Peekskill, N. Y. per Rev. Mr. Townley, Fifth church, Phila., per T. Tolman,

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se latter cases are generally the result of he "special effort," and are often a re-bing in which the different denominations

the ground shared. But cases are not ting in which quite extensive revivals e enjoyed under only the ordinary minisions of the church.

Due thing in this connection is worthy of ice-the evenness with which these influes have spread themselves over the intry. It would require a close calculation wn to particular localities, the wet and dry ces are distinguishable; but a wider extent view makes the revival record of one part the country, substantially that of another. e same thing may be said of the measure blessing enjoyed by the different denomi-ions. If, in these tokens of Divine favor, y one of the evangelical churches has been cially distinguished, we should be at a s to name which it is.

Probably the most satisfactory revival acunts of the year, have come from the army. odly chaplains, (and things have at length me around to a point where this character in be ascribed to most of our army chap-ins,) and delegates of the Christian Comsion have had their hands full and overwing, with the work of preaching to mense and solemn audiences, conducting quiry meetings, praying with the anxious, welcoming converts to the fold. pose the scenes of the last winter in the my of the Potomac are fresh in the me-ory of our readers. Men in their winter arters rolled up log chapels, some fifty in mber, and begged for preaching. The ristian Commission spread its great preachtents at other points, until nearly seventy ces of worship stood within the limits of t army. And such scenes as took place in se rude tabernacles—whose heart has sed to thrill at the recital? Churches sent on their pastors—the great and the humble e-to preach to thronged audiences, and or in the midst of revival, by day and by ht. three, four, or six weeks, and then ren overdone in the great harvest, to push t new laborers to the field. This continued the movement of the army interrupted alabor. Multitudes of brave soldiers who ve since sealed their patriotism in their bod, there obtained their preparation for ath. In more or less measure the same fuences were enjoyed in other armies of the We rejoice to know that the Comsion are now on the alert at every practible point, and ready to renew the effort at points the first instant there is any respite m the more immediate activities of war.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

It has been noticed, at home and abroad, one of the wonders of the present state of ngs in this country, that with the drain of and material toward the lines, the exring and filling up of the territories and States receives no perceptible check.

The most distinguished progress of the year has been in giving, yet increasing. The

people of the nation seem to be growing rich under the enormous exactions which our national necessities lay upon them, and the church is growing rich upon its increased liberality to the cause of Christ, or in answer to the calls of humanity. Add to the support rendered to the standing Christian enterprises, what has been contributed to the Christian Commission, and otherwise to the relief of men in the army and navy, to the freedmen, to the succor of refugees, and a vast number of other special charities, and the lowest esti-mate would give ten dollars in benevolence

We should be glad, if it were in our power, to record that the ordinary enterprises of the church had received their proportionate share of liberality. Not that we would have one cent less given to the extraordinary calls, but we are sorry that, in the midst of so great a revival of Christian benevolence, the treasu-ries of our long-established beneficent institutions have felt so sparingly the expansion. There has been increase-such increase as under ordinary circumstances, would be called great, but not such as is in keeping with the times. Occasional instances are really bril liant, among which we may notice the comple tion of the \$50,000 endowment of the Publication Committee of our church, thus putting under full headway one of our most important instrumentalities for evangelization. That apart, the rate of increase of contributions from our churches for the permanent church enterprises has hardly reached fifty per cent. This we judge has been the average ratio of increase of the denominations generally.

GENERAL ASPECTS.

Not that they are of minor importance. but because this article is already long, we pass over Sabbath-Schools, Temperance, and Christian Catholicity, as separate topics for review. The first, so far as facts have come under our notice during the year, have been well sustained, but present nothing striking. The second is in a fresh struggle for revival on the original Christian platform in some parts of New England, elsewhere so-so The rejoice to record the same thing respect- last, as is well known, is gloriously on the

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Roberts, W. C., Pres. O. S.—Installed as col-legiate pastor with Rev. Dr. Magee, of 2d Pres. Church, Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 1. Savage, John A., D. D., Pres. O. S. — Died in Waukesha, Wis., Dec. 13, aged 63. Sayers, L. W., Cumb. Pres. — Died in Waynes-

borough, Pa., Nov. 14. Smith, James C., Pres. N. S.—Accepted call to Romalus, N. Y.

Stroble, P.A., Luth.-Accepted call to Bruns-

wick, N. Y. Tobias, Daniel S., Ger. Ref.—Died recently at Rebersburgh, Pa., aged 60 years. Waldo, E. F., Pres. N. S.—Transferred from Pardeeville, Wis., to Wayland, Mich.



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ity, per T. C. Grove, Collection at Lyons' Hollow, Pa., per E. G. W. Snyder, Citizens of Montoursville, Pa., per Rev.

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CHURCH COLLECTIONS, UNION MEET. INGS. &c.

UNION MEETINGS.

Meeting of Reformed Dutch and Pres. churches, Metuchen, N. J., per Rev. John B. Thompson, Meth. Epis. and Pres. churches, Mau-Meth. Epis. and Fres. churches, Mau-mee City, Ohio, per. P. C. Holt, Pres. and Baptist churches, Chateau-gay, N. Y., per Rev. A. M. Millar, Meeting of churches, Mifflinsburg, Pa., Meeting of churches, Mifflinsburg, Pa., per Rev. Mr. Herr, Congregations of Sherburne, N. Y., per E. Curtis, Meeting, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, per J. H. Wintine, Meeting of Lutheran and Reformed congregations, Ickesburg, Perry coupcongregations, Ickesburg, Perry coun-ty, Pa., per Rev. J. T. Williams, Union services, Hightstown, N. J., per M. S. Morrison, secretary,

Geeke, Church and Society, Hartwick, Vt. per S. N. Duane, . . Quarterly coll'n. from Trinity church, Sabbath School, Sharon Springs, N. Y. St. Peters' Mission church, Gilpin, per John Forthmer, St. Paul's church, Troy, Pa. per Charles C. Paine, German congregation, Fort Madison, Iowa, per Rev. W. T. Strobee, Church, McAlisterville, Pa. per T. N. Robinson, Church, Fordsboro, N. Y. per A. Van Alstine, Salem congregation, Bernville, Bucks co., Pa. per H. Gratz, \$43 15 Church, Harlington, N. J. per George Kershaw, 21 00 43 50 Church of Rev. M. T. Hill, Constableville, Lewis co. N. Y. Church of Rev. L. W. Brintnall, Mallet 65 00 Church of Rev. L. W. Brindman, Marter Creek, Ohio, Congregation at Heuvelton, N. Y. per Robert T. Conant; Church at Highland, Kansas, per Rev. 108 00 32 0 S. M. Irvine, S. M. Irvine, Upper Strausburg Charge, per Rev. E. B. Wilson, Congregation at Galway, N. Y. per Geo. Fisher, 13 30 80 00 32 00 Ladies' Christian Commission, Cohoes, 8 00 Ladies' Christian Commission, Conces, N.Y. per H. B. Silliman, Mr. Rodeheffer, Company O, Sixth Vir-ginia Regiment, 400 Jas. Crisholm, Allegheny co. Md. 100-Robert Marshall, Jr., New York, Ladies' Christian Commission, Milton, Dependent Marshall, Jr., New York, 3 0 13 00 23 4 24 0 15 70 5 00 2 30 8 50 35 00 S. D. Culbertson, Friends in Farmers' Valley, Wis., per S. D. Ottorio, Standard Valley, Wis., per James Brooks,
"Little Helpers," Sunbury, Pa. per Jane F. Wilson,
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