PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY.

In Christ's description of the last judgment we find not a word concerning the belief which guides an action, but teeming paragraphs concerning the actions themselves. He is silent as to the intellectualities, so to speak, of religion; but vivid and pungent respecting the deeds of religion. The vigor and sweep of his utterances labor to express themselves in such words as these:—"Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom : For I was ahungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren,

ye have done it unto me.' We would, by no means, have it inferred that the intellectualities of religion are unimportant; but would only guard against that tendency in the minds of some which elevates theology above practice, and which does not deem those organizations that abound in the practice of religion to be as Christian and as praiseworthy as those which teach the intellectualities of religion. Giving a man directions how he shall thread his way across the vast plains to the Pacific, is one thing, and an important thing; but dotting those plains with "homes," where he shall find lodging, food, rest, and clothing, is, to say the least, quite as important and quite as Christian.

These thoughts were suggested by the numbers of lodgings and meals that given to the men who are fighting the fierce battles of God's truth by the Sanitary Com-mission, in its "Soldiers' Homes" at Louisville and Camp Nelson, Ky.; Jeffersonville and New Albany, Ind.; Cairo, Ill.; Nashville and Memphis, Tenn., and New Orleans, La. For October the figures are:—

Lodgings

1			MOUBINES.	Auguns.
Louisville, .			28,203	84,609
Camp Nelson,			12,495	34,882
New Albany, .			862	3,209
Cairo,	•	•	3,425	
Our of	•	. •		15,701
Nashville, .			9,603	32,233
Memphis, .		•	1,203	4,358
New Orleans.				
Mew Orleans,	•	٠	5,758	15,879
			61,544	190,661
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			Lodgings.	Mea s.
Louisville, .			33,449	100,347
Camp Nelson,			8,556	17,858
Jeffersonville.	•	•		11,000
i Jenersonville			1 511	2 748

Nashville, 49,961 4,048 15.020 1,140 New Orleans. 7,306 20,488 72,963 The soldies of our armies have come to these homes in all conditions of health or sickness; of hunger, thirst, or raiment; of all nativities, languages, and complexions; enlisted under the banger of every State, yet fighting under the broad standard of all e States; and whether near the Gulf of Mexico, upon the banks of the Mississippi, the Cumberland, or the Ohio, or on the hills trod by Daniel Boone, have been fed; have

been put to sleep in clean beds; have been clad, when clothing was necessary; have had their wounds dressed, or their brows bathed as the interminable hours of a feverish night ragged by; have been transported to the proper depots; forwarded on their way to anther "home," thence to another, and finally their friends; while couriers have been nt in charge of the sickest, and money has eep furnished the needlest. Is such a work s "Christian," in the sight of the full-earted Father, as is the distribution of

Between twenty and thirty Soldiers' Homes, placed by the Sanitary Commission all over the land, from North to South, and West to East, at centres where they are most needed, re in daily and nightly operation.

By these seven, we find that in October 152 lodgings were given each night, and 156 meals each day. In November, 2423 odgings were given each night, and 7187 neals were given each day.
At this ratio, these seven homes furnish,

one year, 805,042 lodgings, and 2,437,728

How many lodgings and meals have been given by all the homes during the past year cannot now be stated; but the aggregates are

Arrangements are being perfected by which the Bulletin and Reporter will be able to make monthly publications of these and similar And when the public does know all that is being done by the people through the United States Sanitary Commission we shall hear fewer objections concerning its manage-

From the Economist, Nov. 26, 1864. SEWING MACHINES.

Blessed in the memor of all true housewives will ever be the invent of the sewing machine. He is a universal benefactor, who has made easy, pleasant and an hundred fold profitable one of the most important duties of woman—to sew. He also has added lustre to the dignity of labor. Once ladies "gave out" their sewing to the seamstress and dress-maker, and few since the days of our grandmothers, were seen with the needle in hand either mending or making up a garment. But now the handsomest ornament of a room is the rosewood or walnut-cased sewing machine, and the prettiest adornment of it is the charming face and snowy fingers of the "lady of the house," or her daughter busy at the wheel, braiding, embroidering and "running the breadths" on a new dress. The choice of a machine in this day of new patents and multiplied improvements is a question of great importance, and to many very difficult of settlement. Every patent has its excellencies, and each well established firm puts in claim for advantages in their peculiar machine, possessed over all competi-tors, and indeed in must be admitted that some of the more prominent are worthy the

patronage they receive, and well adapted to the purposes of the invention.

But for a real, genuine, family machine, a time saver, thread saver, labor saver, the women of our house say, "Give us the Wilcox and Gibbs." When it had been in the house a couple of weeks, "the girls' fairly got enthusiastic over it, and we didn't but it would prove the dearest, instead of the cheapest in the market, for they were "running the machine" all day, without regard to cost, while cotton kept at 18a20c. a

The superiority of this machine is very apparent on a practical test. Its simplicity is a chief recommendation. An intelligent Miss of fourteen can comprehend the whole modus operandi, and work it in two hours. It is an objection to most of the machines of other patents, that they require so much time and skill to learn to operate on them. After the practice of months, or at least weeks, a lady of perseverance may attain something of proficiency in the use of one of them, but Wilcox & Gibbs is so simple in its arrangement, and the movement is so exceedingly easy, that there is no difficulty in any person desirous of doing so, becoming expert in the use

of it in a very short time.

It is next to an impossibility for this machine te get out of order. This is no small merit, for a machine that ever gets out of order is always sure to be so, just at a time when we can ill afford to be without its assistance. This machine will turn only one way, and a new beginner is, therefore, relieved from the annoyance of breaking

needles and tangling thread, incident to all

other machines.

It is a standing objection to most other machines that "they make too much noise;"

and the folks can't talk. the baby can't sleep, and the folks can't talk, while the operators' ears are filled with the rapid click, click, click of the wheel and shuttle for hours after she has ceased her work. Wilcox & Gibbs, is a perfect cure-all for this nuisance; so noiseless is it, that a babe can sleep in the cradle close by the machine, and the sound of the movement is not heard

across the room.

It uses thread from the original spool, thus saving the time and labor of spooling off continually to supply the bobbins. Its stitch is a single thread, which is an advantage, making a great saving in cotton, while its compactness renders it stronger than the fabric it sews together; which is all that can be desired of either a double or single stitch. On the whole, we are constrained, after close observation of the workings of different machines for more than a year, to award the palm of superiority to Messrs. Wilcox & Gibbs, for the most complete article in all its parts, and perfect in its operations, -a family machine, adapted to sewing any number of thicknesses from one to twenty folds of sheeting muslin.

MARRIAGES.

MANN-LUKENS.—In this city, on the 24th inst., by Rev. H. A. Smith, Caleb W. Mann to Rebecca Lukens, both of Chester county.

DEATHS.

McKIBBIN.—In Ashland, Schuylkill county, Pa, on Friday morning, 23d instant, William D. McKibbin in the 33d year of his age.

Special Aotices.

43- The Presbytery of Cortland will hold its next stated meeting at MARATHON the third Tuesday (17th) of January next, at 2 o'clock, P. M. 972-2t H. N. MILLERD, Stated Clerk.

***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 20 'clock, P. M.

CHAS. FURMAN, Stated Clerk.

The compart 19 1864. December 19, 1864.

45 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.

AF Notice.—The Presbytery of Ontario will hold their annual meeting in NUNDA, on the third Tuesday of January next, (the 15th.) at 4 o'clock, P. M. Statistical Reports and Collections for the Presbytarial Fund will be expected.

JOHN BARNARD, Stated Clerk.

As The Presbytery of St. Lawrence will hold its annual meeting in MADRID, in connection with the St. Lawrence County Anniversaries, on Tuesday, January 17th, 1865, at 2 o'clock, P. M. B. B. BECKWITH, Stated Clerk. Gouverneur, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1864.

A: The Presbytery of Niagara will meet at KNOWLESVILLE, on the third Tuesday (17th day) of January, at 4 o'clock, P. M. Statistical Reports. Written Narratives, and Sessional Records are to be presented at that meeting.

L. J. ROOT, Stated Clerk.

Medina Dec. 26, 1864.

**Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society.—The Seventy-seventh Meeting in behalf of this society will be held in the Presbyterian Church, corner of Seventeenth and Filbert. (Rev. J. Willis, pastor,) on SABBATH EVENING, Jan. 8th, at 7% o'clock. Several addresses will be made. Public invited.

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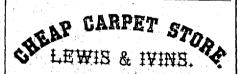
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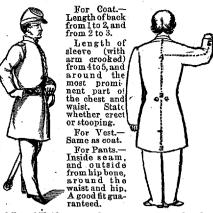
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