

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY.

In Christ's description of the last judgment we find not a word concerning the belief which guides an action, but teaching paragraphs concerning the actions themselves.

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.

These thoughts were suggested by the numbers of lodgings and meals that were given to the men who are fighting the fierce battles of God's truth by the Sanitary Commission, 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.

Table with columns for location, lodgings, and meals. Includes entries for Louisville, Camp Nelson, New Albany, Cairo, Nashville, Memphis, and New Orleans.

The soldiers of our armies have come to these homes in all conditions of health or sickness; of hunger, thirst, or raiment; of all activities, languages, and complexions; enlisted under the banner of every State, yet fighting under the broad standard of all the 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 dragged by; have been transported to the proper depots; forwarded on their way to another "home," thence to another, and finally to their friends; while couriers have been sent in charge of the sick, and money has been furnished the neediest. Is such a work "Christian," in the sight of the full-hearted Father, as is the distribution of tracts?

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, are in daily and nightly operation.

By these seven, we find that in October 2052 lodgings were given each night, and 3556 meals each day. In November, 2423 lodgings were given each night, and 7187 meals were given each day.

At this ratio, these seven homes furnish, in one year, 805,042 lodgings, and 2,437,728 meals.

From the Economist, Nov. 20, 1864.

SEWING MACHINES.

Blessed in the memory of all true housewives will ever be the invention 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.

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 know 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 spool.

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.

It is next to an impossibility for this machine to 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 out 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." 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 shuttles.

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, 2d inst., William D. McKibbin, in the 33d year of his age.

Special Notices.

The Presbytery of Cordland will hold its next stated meeting at MARATHON on the third Tuesday (17th) of January next, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the residence of H. N. MILLER, 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 2 o'clock, P. M.

The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Columbus will be held at LOWVILLE, on the third Tuesday (17th) of January next, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

Notice.—The Presbytery of Ontario will hold their annual meeting in NUNDA, on the third Tuesday of January next, (the 10th,) at 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Presbytery of St. Lawrence will hold its annual meeting in MADRID, in connection with the St. Lawrence County Anniversary, on Tuesday, January 17th, 1865, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Presbytery of Niagara will meet at KNOXVILLE, on the third Tuesday (17th) day of January, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

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. W. White, pastor) on SABBATH EVENING, Jan. 8th, at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Daily Union Prayer Meeting, from 12 to 1 o'clock, in the Hall, No. 101 Chestnut street. Walk in and give a few moments to God and your soul.

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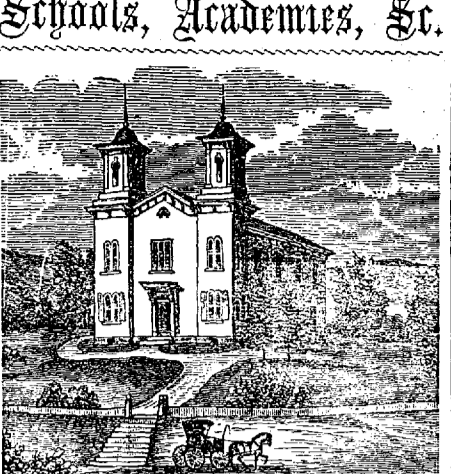
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