

Third Grand National Anniversary OF THE U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION, HELD IN THE HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C.

On the evening of Sabbath, the 29th of January, one of the largest audiences ever convened in the Nation's Capitol assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives, to listen to, and be impressed with, the claims and the work of the United States Christian Commission.

SECRETARY SEWARD'S OPENING ADDRESS.

Fellow-Citizens.—In coming once more into these halls of the National Legislature, although for only an occasional purpose, I trust that I am not the only one who has felt the influence of the circumstances under which I left them four years ago.

Misguided legislators had found at last the long delayed occasion, and had organized a fearful rebellion. They had appointed their leader, had seized by surprise important forts, ports, and places, and their armies were rushing to the field.

I have heretofore borne my testimony to this energy in the departments of war, finance, and politics. But the war has opened another field of activity and labor, a field not less important or interesting than those which usually lie directly in review.

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Thus organized, we aim to distribute, personally, the supplies that are put into our hands by a general public, to distribute personally to the sick and wounded, and to administer personally to the men who so gallantly fight the battles of Liberty.

The speaker then made a brief exhibit of the work that the Commission had done the past year, remarking that he believed it to be right and proper for a charity entrusted with such funds, to give a full exhibit of every dollar and of every cent that had been placed in its treasury.

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wanting along the muddy road to Fredericksburg, to meet the soldier as he lay by the wayside exhausted, to administer a little draught to cheer and strengthen him, to speak some word of consolation.

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He did not know but he could claim to be one of the first in ministering religious consolations to soldiers after the outbreak of the war.

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GENERAL PATRICK'S ADDRESS. He came merely to testify what he had seen, from his stand-point in the army. At the outbreak of the war, the various bureaus of the Government were unprepared to meet the demands of so vast an emergency.

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