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A LIGHT SHINING IN A DARK PLACE.

Now it was in similar scenes with these that the work of the Christian Commission shone out in its beauty and strength. Before his captivity, the speaker thought he had known something of his own opinions...

THE ESCAPE.

The speaker then narrated the circumstances attending his escape and journey from the Salisbury prison to our lines. After sixteen months' constant effort to escape, he and two of his associates at last succeeded...

FRIENDS IN NEED.

In fifty miles we struck the mountains. From that point to the route we travelled, we were ninety miles by white friends. With what gladness these men and women of the mountains...

the holy of holies in the temple of patriotism. When we met them, they gave us a welcome warmer than that of kindred; when we parted from them, I am sure that many a fervent prayer went up from their humble hearths...

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the crowning glory of the work. And oh, how eager the men were to receive! He had never more earnestly wanted to be a preacher of the gospel than when he might better speak for the truths of ever-living life, than when in the soldiers' prayer-meetings and among these brave men...

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he was well, he could sing, he tells you; but now he cannot. And thus the work goes on in tent after tent. The delegates go through the whole range of that field of two or three thousand tents, bearing their messages of love from home and from Christ to them all.

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CHAPLAIN TENTS.

And there are—the chapel tents. One feels as if he were dreaming, as he goes from City Point to the front, where he finds his way by telegraph wires, and sits in the cars and is borne to within easy range of the enemy's guns.

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Oh, he swift, my soul, to answer him! he jubilant, my feet. Our God is marching on. Chorus—Glory, glory, hallelujah! In the beauties of the lilies Christ was born across the sea. With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me. As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free. While God is marching on. Chorus—Glory, glory, hallelujah!

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THE BEAUTIFUL CHAPEL.

He had abundant reason, however, as a soldier, to thank God for the Christian Commission in the army. A few days before he left camp, his men were building a brigade church. God had provided the splendid round logs, right on the ground, also the most beautiful canvas made of boughs of the pine tree, and some laid down as the boys knew how to do it, and also the desk, which a curiously shaped tree that in its infancy had been bent down and around, making a most suitable pulpit.

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THE PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN, at its late meeting, appointed Rev. L. F. Laine commissioner to the General Assembly, and Rev. S. Vorhis alternate. Luther Sturdevant was appointed lay commissioner.

CANISTEO, NEW YORK.

The friends of the Canisteo pastor, Rev. L. F. Laine, have helped him, that he may be the better meet the increased expenses of war times, to the amount of two hundred and twenty-five dollars, at a recent social gathering.

TRANSFER OF A PASTOR.

Rev. John Sailor, late pastor of the church in Niles, Michigan, has changed his field of labor to Allegan, in the same State. His late charge in Niles exhibited their estimation of him by a generous parting compliment of four hundred dollars.

WESTERVILLE CHURCH, in central New York,

has added two hundred dollars to the regular salary of its pastor, Rev. W. B. Parmelee, presented him with a purse of one hundred and eighty-three dollars, and voted him a short leave of absence to go out in the service of the Christian Commission.

OXFORD, OHIO.

We noticed, a short time since the progress of a revival in this place. Our church there, (Rev. J. P. E. Kumlter, pastor,) received an accession of thirty-seven new members, on Sabbath, the 26th ult. A considerable amount of religious interest still continues.

REV. C. WATERBURY is about to leave Cedar Falls Church, Iowa.

The Iowa Falls Church, according to The Presbyterian Reporter, has suffered an exodus of five-sixths of all its members during the past three and a-half years. The war has drawn heavily on the male population of the Cedar Valley Presbytery.

CARLTON, N. Y.

A letter under date of March 4 says:—"For about five weeks past a protracted effort has been in progress in the First Presbyterian Church in this place, with the following results—the church has been greatly quickened; the backslidden reclaimed; the wavering established; and about twenty are indulging a hope in Christ; others are still inquiring, and a deep feeling and solemnity seems to prevail throughout the community. We are still hoping, praying, and laboring for greater blessings."

ORDINATION.—The Presbytery of Columbus, at its late meeting, ordained as an evangelist Mr. James A. Laurie.

Rev. H. S. Clarke, of Baraboo, preached the sermon; Rev. J. G. Kanouse offered the ordaining prayer, and Rev. B. G. Riley gave the charge to the candidate. Mr. Laurie is supplying the churches of Lowville and Ashington with much acceptance; the former is sharing in a revival under his faithful labors. The Presbytery appointed Rev. D. A. Bassett and Elder Augustus P. Smith as commissioners to General Assembly, and Rev. Moses Ordway and Elder John B. Dwinell as alternates.

WYOMING, IOWA.

In this place, Rev. G. R. Carroll's church, commencing with the week of prayer, continued daily services, with little interruption, for five weeks, the pastor being assisted a portion of the time by Rev. Mr. Benton, of Anamosa. The result is that about fifty have publicly avowed their determination to be on the Lord's side. The pastor thinks that about thirty give evidence of the new birth. He says, writing to our regular weekly prayer-meeting, and we can but hope that many of the anxious ones others may be truly born again. We have great reason, as a church, to remember the week of prayer. Three years ago a glorious revival was enjoyed here, which commenced with that week, and now again a similar result has attended its observance."

"GOOD" FOR A HOME MISSIONARY PEOPLE.

The Presbyterian Churches of Unadilla and Plainfield, Michigan, (which received two hundred dollars Home Missionary aid toward a united salary of five hundred dollars,) have lately indulged in a donation. Coming after both the Methodist and Baptist donations, many were fearful of small results. But Plainfield, in this its *effort*, astonished both people and pastor, in attendance, bountiful entertainment, and net results, amounting to nearly one hundred and ten dollars. Nor was Unadilla wanting in any of these essentials, bringing in some eighty-eight dollars. Sum total, one hundred and ninety-eight dollars, almost exclusively in money.

AT BOTH HOUSES, kindly opened for the purpose, young and old seemed highly to enjoy themselves in "an old-fashioned time."

May God bless every donor with his own priceless gift, and prepare their minister, (who has lately passed through the dark, deep waters of a bitter sorrow,) to repay these cheering tokens tenfold in spiritual kind. W. J. N.

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The crowded condition of our columns compels us to defer several valuable articles to our next number.