# UNITED STATES CHRISTIAN COMMISSIO

ARMY READING ROOMS.

A dry, warm, lighted room, supplied wi books and papers, where a soldier can spen an hour in reading or writing to his friend at home, is not merely a luxury in camp; it is a moral influence of no mean order. The Provost Marshal of the Army of the Potomac is so well persuaded of the value of such rooms, that he desires to see a chapel tent of the Christian Commission, so used in every the Christian Commission, so used, in ever brigade. Besides this, these chapel tents ar the only places where religious services can be held in the army. No better investment of money can be made than in the erection o such tents, costing \$600; or of stockades built by the soldiers, the canvas roof and stones, &c., costing \$300. The idea was proposed that particular churches or town should raise the price of a tabernacle, and in

scribe the donor's name upon each. About the first of December, 1864, the church of the late Rev. Dr. Thompson Lower Tuscarora, advised the Christian Commission that \$600 had been raised by them the supply a large chapel tent for the use of the Commission in the army, upon which they desired to have painted, Thompson Tuscarore Tabernacle. The hand of God was in this for good. Other churches have followed the example. December 12th, Rev. Mr. Crowell example. December 12th, Rev. Mr. Crowell's church, in Philapelphia, raised \$622 for another chapel to be called the *Crowell Tabernacle*. Next the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia raised \$540 for another, to be named the *Wylie Tabernacle*. The church of Rev. Dr. Fowler, Utica, N. Y., provided for another, to be called the *Fowler Tabernacle*. Mrs. Sallie P. Crozer presented \$223 to purchase a chapel P. Crozer presented \$223 to purchase a chape fly, (roof of canvas.) The church of Rev. Edward Hawes, of Philadelphia, December 20th, raised \$520 for a chapel, to be name the Hawes' Tubernacle. December 20th, D. Willis James, Esq., presented \$600 for another, to be called Memorial Chapel, in memory of a deceased child. New Haven, Conn., gave, December 26th, \$676 50 for another, to be payed Quinnicial Tubernacle another, to be named Quinnipiack Tabernacle Out of the proceeds of a lecture of Mr. Gough, at Boylston, Mass., December 28th, means for another were appropriated, to be called the John B. Gough Tabernacle. Rev. Dr. Patterson telegraphed from Lake Forest Illinois, December 29th, contributions foi another, to be named Lake Forest Tabernacle for use in the Army of the Cumberland. The Brooklyn and Long Island Christian Com-mission gave \$5000 for ten chapel tents, and the Cleveland Branch \$1000 for two, for us

in the Shenandoah.

The Collegiate Church, New York, and the citizens of Washington county, Pa., have each provided a church for the camp.

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Who will follow in this good work? More than two hundred are needed. The time is short. Soon our army will be in action. Let the friends of our soldious property forward.

Anna O. Snowden, Monticello Semithe friends of our soldiers promptly forward their aid. Every chapel tent erected has been filled; and many of them have been the scenes of blessed revivals.

#### \$5,500,

FROM THE LADIES OF THE SANDWICH ISLANDS TO AID THE CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.

Some two months ago at a social gathering of ladies in this city, Honolulu, while discussing the noble efforts of the ladies in America to lessen the miseries of civil war, America to lessen the miseries of civil war, it was suggested that something might be done here for the same object. No sooner said than done; and a paper was headed for funds to aid the "United States Christian Commission," a few dollars pledged, and a society formed, called the Ladies' Hawaiian Christian Commission." No one of the twelve ladies present dreamed that more than twelve ladies present dreamed that more than a few hundred dollars, at most, could be col-lected; but with the zeal for which American women are known the world over, they set to work, and after collecting between one and two hundred dollars for membership fees, and a hundred more from donations, it was decided to hold a fair to increase the funds to perhaps a thousand dollars. After two or three weeks' preparation, the fair was held, and what it was we need not here repeat; for everybody was there, and everybody enjoyed it, and went home pleased. It was followed on the next evening with an entertainment of music and tableaux. The receipts from the fair amounted to \$1,766; and those from the entertainment, to \$285.

From the other islands generous responses were received, among them \$70 from Hilo, \$36 from Houa, \$60 from Makawao, \$100 from Ulupalakua, \$42 from Wailuku, \$23 from Kohala, \$17 from Waimea, Hawaii, \$17 from Koloa, \$10 from Haualei, and so on, showing the interest and sympathy existing there for the cause. The sums raised have not all been received yet, but enough to secure \$5,500 (including the premium on gold) for a draft, which will be remitted by the bark Whist er to George H. Stuart, Esq., President of the Christian Commission in Philadelphia. When the project was started, no one thought of any such sum being raised, and it only shows what can be done by the ladies when they try. All honor to the ladies of the Sandwich Islands for their efforts in this cause—not the mere gift but the sympathy—the loyal, patriotic sympathy existing here for their country and her cause in the hour of her trial. When America has such hour of her trial. When America has such delphia. When the project was started, no

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JOSEPH PATTERSON, EASURER CHRISTIAN COMMISSION, Western Bank, Philadelphia STORES.

Total number of Packages of Stores received by the U.S. Christian Commission at Central Office, Philadelphia, for week ending March 2d, 1865, as follows: PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia-2 boxes, 1st Reformed Dutch ch.,

R. N. Neilie; 1 package, F. Flair; 11 housewives, the country, that the doors are not even M. H. Smith. In connection with such Germantown-1 fancy chair-bottom, Miss Emily Bussier.

Bridesburg and Whitehall—2 boxes, 2 barrels, Soldier's Relief Association.

Mount Nebo—1 box, Aid Society, per M. A. Crawford.

Strasburgh—1 package, "Patriotic Daughters." Gettysburgh—1 box, Branch U. S. C. C., per R. G. McCreary.

Bethlehem—1 keg, a Lady.

Mifflintown—1 box, Ladies' Soldier's Aid Society, per Miss E. C. Stambaugh.

Fairmount—1 box, Soldier's Aid Society.

Academia-1 box, Aid Society, per Mrs. R. A Patterson.

Wrightsville-I bottle of cordial, Mrs. Eliza

Media—1 package, A. H.
Boalsburgh—2 kegs, Ladies' Aid Society, per
Mrs. Ada S. Hutchison.
Downingtown—2 boxes, Aid Society. NEW JERSEY. Lambertville-3 boxes, Soldier's Aid Society, pe

J. A. Anderson.

Woodbridge—1 box, Soldier's Relief Association per Mrs. James Valentine.

Westbrook—1 box, Mrs. D. Chapman. NEW YORK.

Spencer—1 box, Aid Society.

Buffalo—4 boxes, 2 barrels, Ladies' Christian
Commission, per Mrs. J. D. Sawyer; 600 religious
papers, Branch U. S. C. C.

Poughkeepsie—2 boxes, Ladies' Chris. Com.

Utica-1 barrel, Branch U. S. C. C., per Rev. Dr. D. W. Bristol Sackett's Harbour-1 box, Ladies' Chris. Com. per Mrs. M. A. McKee. MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston—10 boxes, 2700 religious papers, Army Com. Young Men's Christian Association, per L. P. Rowland, Jr. Springfield—3 boxes, 1 barrel, per Messrs. Bridgman & Whitney.

CONNECTICUT. New Haven-1 box, Branch U. S. C. C. Hartford—5 boxes, 2 barrels, Soldier's Aid Association, per Mrs. S. S. Cowan. - RHODE ISLAND.

Providence-1 box, 5th Ward Volunteer Association, per Mrs. S. S. Cook. OHIO.

Bellevue-1 box, "Alert Club," per Miss J. E. cinnati-5300 religious papers, Branch of U. S. C. C.

MAINE. Portland-3 boxes, 1 barrel, Branch U. S. C. C.

There can be no question that the "spring campaign" is almost, if not already, begun in Virginia. Elsewhere there has been no cessation, even during the winter. Remembering, as we all must, the slaughter and necessities of the May campaign of last year, from the Rappahannock to the south side of the James, it behoves us to remember too our duty to our noble men who are, at this hour, patiently waiting—not for home and comfort—but for the order to move on farther into the valley of death. God be with them in their hour of peril and danger! We must be prepared, and at once, to succour them as they are borne from the battle-fields. Let every energy of every friend of the Commission be immediately used to supply us with the needed stores and means.

GEORGE H. STUART, CHAIRMAN CHRISTIAN COMMISSION, No. 11 Bank Street, Philadelphia

## Miscellaneous.

PEACEEUL EMANCIPATION.

The Rev. James Long, who has recently spent five months in Russia, seeking information respecting the emancipation of the serfs, says that serf emancipation is an accomplished fact. Twenty-three millions of an intelligent, active peasantry have been raised from the degradation of being mere chattels. Their intellect and social energies are set free; and a great social change

have their regular village meetings. And call it public worship—that this proxy cold-thus liberty is speading to the cities. Mos- ness is not valued at its just price, as would the school. The Military Superintendent, has charge of the Mili cow and St Petersburgh, since the last two be the case should we request a choir to do years, have been granted mayors, elected all the responding in the Liturgy for the philapping Colliciant Management of the rest of the congregation. by citizens without the control of the rest of the congregation. government, and also provincial assemblies. These municipal institutions are training church that I have been in has there been schools for the peasantry; they enable them the least voluntary on the organ between to resist the oppression of all the nobles the verses. Somehow the English find that and of the government employees; they they can go on from verse to verse, without break the force of that centralization which exhaustion of breath, and without those has cursed Russia, and they protect the wearisome breathing spaces which our or peasant against legal wrongs, for in the ganists give us; so fatiguing to the people peasants' courts oral evidence, summary who are standing all the while; consuming decision, and publicity form the rules of the time wanted for the hymn; and painproceeding, while a simple and cheap code fully breaking up the connection of its

of laws is administered Mr. Long says, further:-"The cause of to verse, without even a single note of the education is identified with emancipation, organ between. The consequence is, not Already, within two years, more than eight only a more spirited worship, but that a thousand new schools have sprung into long series of verses can be sung, a fuller existence through individual efforts among the peasantry, and they are rapidly on the increase. The peasant is anxious to be able to read the laws by which he is governed; and the elevation of his social position, through emancipation, gives him the means as well as the inclination to learn to read. by voluntaries between the verses, consumes The example of peasant elevation in other the time allotted to that portion of our worparts of Europe confirms this. In Russia, ship." before emancipation, there was scarcely a day school among the peasantry; but these eight thousand schools have risen spontaneously from the wish of the peasants, aided offereth praise glorifieth God." The peoby the clergy and gentry. The government ple who surrender the service of song to the has spent nothing on them. The Emperor Nicholas allowed only colleges and universities, and that to a very limited degree; serf emancipation inaugurates the education of the masses.

"Religious progress, too, is deeply connected with an enlightened and independand domination must cease. Many Rus- either ought to be silent. sians have assured me that, since emanciinterest by purchasing copies; while, to disposed of.—Tract.
meet the new state of things, the Greek Church is publishing the Russian New Testament at 6d. a copy."

The social condition of the peasant is being improved also. A strong desire to purchase land is inducing habits of economy, and industry is taking the place, of the indolence of serfdom. A million of have forgotten his charming novel of 'Picpeasants have bought the land upon which they were formerly slaves, and the price of hold book." land is rising. Money is no longer hidden in earthen pots. More houses were built, and of more comfortable character, within

Philadelphia—2 boxes, 1st Reformed Dutch on, Ladies' Christian Commission; 1 package, Miss emancipated; and so safe is the condition of out of an old cupboard!"

locked at night. In connection with such results from emancipation in Russia, we add the following paragraph respecting Poland :-

"An ukase of the Czar of Russia has decreed a thorough emancipation of the peasants of Poland. It declared that on the 15th of April, every peasant in the kingdom should become the possessor of all the land and the buildings upon it which he holds from his feudal superior, or the lord of the manor, and cultivates. On the same day he is exempted from the personal services which he has hitherto owed to the owner of the land. For these privileges he is to pay a small sum to the former proprietors as a compensation for the losses they may have incurred by the change.

"This is a complete emancipation from serfdom and feudal claims. The insurrection undoubtedly had something to do with its sweeping charater, as the nobles are said to be responsible for the present rebellion. This measure will tend to detach the peasants from the revolutionationary party. It is thus politic on the part of the government; but still the essential humanity of the act, and the vast benefits ultimately to flow from it, cannot be overlooked or over-estimated."—N. Y. Observer.

### CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.

Bishop McIlvaine is one of those largehearted Christians who belong to the universal church of Christ; a man of both piety and refinement. When in England, he wrote home as follows:

"You know my great preference for full congregational singing in our churches, over such as is almost or entirely monopolized by the choir. You know, also, how averse I am to the occupation of the precious time of our public worship by organ sounds, the mere exercise of the organist, when no voices are joining, such as volun taries between the verses of a hymn, or before beginning a chant, playing over the tune to be sung, even when it is as familiar as Old Hundred. My feelings on this subject make me observant of the ways of things here, and I must say that the congregations of the Established Church in England, so far as I have witnessed their worship, greatly exceed ours in these re-They have congregational singing spects.) in its fulness. The people, all over the church, take just as full a part in the singing, as in the responses. The effect is most delightful. If there is anything like a choir in the parish churches where I at tended, it was so mixed up in its voices with the voice of the whole congregation, that it was not preceptible as a separate ingredient. The organ was used, as it should be, not to draw attention to itself; but so to support and guide the singing of the people, that, like a faithful preacher standing behind his subject, it should be unobserved To enable the people thus to sing-simple, familiar tunes, currently used, are chosen. There is no looking after novelty—or mere mutical entertainment. How inspiring the result! What an immense difference between the animation and the sympathy, the felling of real social worship, the consciousness of an actual union of a thousand people in praising God-and the coldness, and

"I have particularly noticed that in no meaning. Here they go straight from verse expression of devotional truth and sentiment can be embraced in them: instead of the necessity, as with us, of taking only some three short verses, because the organist, by occupying the time of one whole verse in the preliminary rehearsal of the tune, and

The Spirit of God impels the psalmist to write thus: "O come, let us sing unto the Lord." And he declares, that "whoso organist and a quartette, whether to secure creditable music, or merely to save trouble. throw away one of the mightiest influences used by the Holy Ghost to melt and convert the heart of man, and dishonor God.

If Congregationalism has any distinctive element and obligation, it is in this, that ent peasantry, who will not be the victims every man is bound to serve the Lord with of superstion or priest-craft. Religion fol- what he has. All men cannot do all things; lows in the train of civil liberty. With but he that has a good voice and ear, can, the fall of feudal tyranny, priestly exactions and ought to sing; while he who lacks

How large a choir may suffice to lead a pation, a great desire has sprung up in congregation, is a minor question. When various quarters among the peasantry to all the people have a mind for the hearty read the Scriptures, and they show their worship of God, all such questions are easily

> The Paris correspondent of the London News says: "Monsieur J. Boniface, whose literary name X. B. Saintine is well known as the author of 'Picciola,' died here on the 22d of January. Few readers can ciola,' which has become almost a house-

A LITTLE boy on coming home from a certain church, where he had seen a person the last two years than in the previous six. Peace and prosperity previous six. Peace and prosperity previous six. O, mamma, I wish you had been at church Peace and prosperity prevails among the to-day to see the fun-a man pumping music

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