Readers in this vicinity have perpaps been so fully informed in regard to the celebration of Thanksgiving in Philadelphia, and the deliverances of our city pulpits, that a glance at the utterances of the ministry of our sister city would be more interesting to them. We accordingly give extracts from sermons as we find them reported in the Times and Tribune. In these reports we miss the names of some of our particular friends as Drs. Prentiss and Booth, whose sentiments would doubtless

have been well worthy of a report.

Mr. Henry Ward Beecher. Text: Genesis ix. 11-16.—How seldom do nations gain the ends for which they went to war! It was from such considerations that our very friends, in other lands, in other lands. judging from the fruitlessness of most European wars, dissuaded us from conflict. But we have gained the very ends for which we lifted our banner! For a nation's life we went to war. We bring back that life in full power. Orpheus brought forth his spouse from the horrid region of the dead to life and love. Not ours his charming lyre that put all guards asleep; but with fife and drum, and huge artillery, we marched through the fiery realm of war to redeem and bring back our lost companions, and we have brought them! Nor is it unworthy of remark that every war in which this people have embarked has gained the very end for which the war set out. The power of the French was broken and the Indians were subdued in our colonial history. We also gained that political independence for which our revolutionary struggle was begun. And, in the war of 1812, our desired point was attained; the war was followed by a totally different policy on the part of Great Britain. Although little was conceeded in doctrine, yet the customs of the sea were changed from that period. Just so now, this same Power, refusing in terms to concede anything to diplomacy-will inevitably, kindly change her practice, and bye-and bye establish it as exemplary law. Nor do I conceal from myself how

nearly we came to a gulph, whose depths no line of past experience is long enough to measure. When I consider the elements at work and all the probabilities that, by threat of war, the South would make peace and union upon the basis of a reformed constitution, nationalizing slavery, and putting at a hopeless distance the day of universal emancipation, I confess myself to be impressed with God's immediate interposition in saving us from so great a peril. I can scarcely see how we escaped it. It was not by man's plan, certainly. In the sudden rage of the people, when the flag was fired on, the unexpected powerlessness of the Northern sympathizers with Southern treason; the growing moral tone of the loyal States; the unexpected patriotism of commerce; the wonder ful resolution gathered from defeat, and the solemn and awful purpose to which at length the North came, to sacrifice everything on earth rather than yield to slavery, are proofs and memorials of Divine Providence in human affairs. As a consequence of this mighty upheaval and national indignation, old prejudices sunk; selfishness and superstition gave place, and men began to feel the claims of justice, and by their Magistrate proclaimed liberty to four million slaves. But, as if moved by a Divine impulse to clear their skirts of this sin, they ordained a purgation of the constitution itself.

Mr. Beecher includes not only the colored race, but woman in the policy of universal suffrage which he advocated in this sermon, -a sentiment which was received with "moderate applause" according to the reporter. The following telling comparison was introduced towards the close:—
I have an etching at home of which I am

now reminded. It is a picture of a dead boar. near whom are two great dogs-in at the The boar lies in the stiffness of unmistakable death. He is dead in the eye, dead in the snout, dead in his limbs, dead all | but concealed her alarm from the children over. One of the mastiffs stands at a little distance distrustful and apprehensive-his eye never leaves the carcass of his ancient enemy, and he trembles at every disturbance of his hair by the playful wind; the other dog is stretched upon the grass, his nose rest-ing upon his paws, and his eyes closed as if in sleep, but a careful observation shows that he keeps one eye just enough open to enable him to watch the dead body before him, in whose death he is as but a doubtful believer. Just so there are people who don't believe in the death of slavery. Dead! Why, it's dead in eye, in snout, in body and limb, in every hair and fibre of trame, and yet they watch, and fear, and grumble. [Tremendous applause.]
Watch, mastiffs, watch, but there is no

resurrection for slavery. REV. DR. BURCHARD, (THIRTEENTH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.)

Text: Psalm cxxvi. 3.-We regard the elective franchise as a trust to be committed to the worthy, irrespective of color. God, by the fiery ordeal through which we have passed, has been teaching us to respect humanity, to regard man as man, irrespective of the color of his skin. And if any should be permitted to show themselves men at the polls, it is those who have proved themselves to be men on the battle-field, who, when their country was in peril offered them-selves to fight, and, if need be, to die for its rescue. Who shall say that these shall be deprived of the privilege of a vote, when through corrupt and unprincipled demagogues their country shall again be in peril? Upon the sober, the industrious, the intelligent, or to be more specific upon property holders, and upon such as can read and write, I would confer the privilege of the elective

"A weapon that comes down as still as snow-flakes fall upon the sod,
And executes a freeman's will, as lightnings do the will of God."

I am sure we can do nothing less than this, if we follow the teachings of Providence and act in harmony with God in his work of redeeming this nation from the threatening perils which environed her.

In a most important sense, it may be re-

garded as God's war for the salvation of the nation. It has been carried torward under his auspices, and with a prayerful recognition of His hand. It closed in devout thanksgiving and praise. See how, on hearing of the fall of Richmond, the masses, in our most business thoroughfare assembled at midday, to sing, as in one great anthem the Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Infidelity, wide-spread and desolating, has usually followed in the track of the burning chariots of war. It was so after the war of the Revolution, and after the war of 1812. It is not so now. Soldiers are coming in scores from the camp and the field to join the army of Christ. The war has been to thousands a lasting benediction, opening ears long deaf to the gracious proffers of salvation. It has lighted the fires of religious faith by the beacon of many a camp. It has poured the songs and supplications of the redeemed the songs are supplied to the songs and supplications of the redeemed the songs are supplied to the songs are supplied to the songs and supplications of the songs are supplied to the supplied t through many an old forest, on many a hillside, from many a valley of the land.

DR. KENDRICK, (BAPTIST.) osopher, to whom we were indebted for many striking aphorisms—"words that on Street.

THE NEW YORK PULPIT ON THANKS- | the outstretched finger of time would sparkle | forever"—had said that: "War is the forever"—had said that: "War is the father of all things." A little consideration would convince us that the greatturbulent Norman aristocracy. Even the French Revolution, with all its horrors, wds productive of good. War sometimes struck down in a few months, giant evils that had been the growth of centuries. In our own land the question of slavery had been debated for years. In a moment of blindness the South appealed to the sword, and after four years the question had been decided, and slavery is dead.

Dr. Foss, (Methodist Episcopal.)

Text: PSALM exivii. 20.—Among the material elements think, for a moment, how important a consideration was the health of the country. Suppose the war had broken out in a cholera year. Suppose the prediction of our enemies had proved true, and our soldiers in the South had been decimated by yellow fever. Consider for a moment what might have bren the result of a failure of our crops for a single year. With what spirit, think you, could our troops have fought if they knew that their wives and children were starving at home? Again, look at our singular financial successes. The war could not have been conducted without them. Depend upon it, money is the sinews of war, and Wall street is a reliable pulse of the nation. When foreign capitalists warned us that they would not lend, and we seemed on the verge of financial ruin, our bankers came forward, and with wonderful patriotism and unanimity placed their treasure at the disposal of the Government, thus reawakening confidence at home and abroad, which has been further sustained by the almost miraculously rapid development of our material resources, and which had been justified by the glorious result. Among the moral elements which contributed largely to our success, may be mentioned the remarkable and unexpected unanimity of the people of the North, the unity and the proud, defiant attitude of the South, and the hostile position taken by Great Britain and France, which awakened our national pride, and lured on our enemies to their destruction. Among the specifically providential elements of our conflict, the first which presents itself to my mind is the raising up by God, as a pilot for our ship of State through the tempests of civil war, of that great, loving, meek, magnanimous man, whose name has become the talisman of freedom-loved the world over, and destined to shine throughout the ages with ever-increasing lustre—Abraham Lin-

[A large number of extracts unavoidably deterred.]

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Extreme peril sometimes occasions an anxiety of mind which ends fatally. The long and hard strain, from the uncertainty of escape, leads to insanity. Mrs. Farrar, in her very interesting volume of "Recollections," gives an illustration :-

Only twenty miles from Milford was the pleasant sea-side resort called Turby; little known in my day, but now a fashionable watering-place. It was a small town, of poor houses, built on a projecting point of land, with a fine, hard sand-beach on each side, giving the bathers the choice of the north or the south sands. Curiously-shaped rocks form the coast, and one large cave, which is filled with water at high tide, but remains empty many hours in the day, was once the scene of great alarm to a governess and three little girls who were caught in it by the tide.

She who should have seen to the safety of her charge, was so absorbed by an agreeable book that she did not observe the rising tide till the possibility of retreat was cut off by it. She was terribly frightened. as well as she could, and made them climb up to a high ledge of rock and sit there with her. To pass away the time she told them stories; but they grew very weary, and when the bottom of the cave was filled with water, and the waves began to dash upon the rocks beneath their feet, they were much terrified, and it was all the governess could do to comfort them and assuage their fears, whilst her own courage was ebbing fast. At last the youngest child fell asleep in her arms, and the other two nestled close to her on either side.

There was no higher ledge of rock on which they could sit, and she feared they would fall into the flood below if she attempted to make them stand on the rock they were sitting on. As soon as the arched entrance of the cave was covered by the advancing tide, they were in perfect darkness, and that added much to the fearfulness of their position. At last the children cried out in distressed tones that their feet were wet, and the water was coming all over them. To which the governess replied, "Mine have been wet for some time; but never mind that: I don't think that it will come higher than our knees." It was only after some mental exercise and earnest prayer, that she was able to say this.

Her words proved true. The tide did rise to her lap, and swelled up against them and all around them fearfully; but in a tew more minutes its force seemed less, and presently they could be certain that it began to lower. Relieved from their terror, the two older children fell asleep, and then the governess was very anxious lest they should fall from their narrow perch and be drowned after all. Very long did the time seem before the tide retreated far enough tor a little light to enter at the top of the entrance to the cave; but at length that light came, and not long after was heard the welcome sound of voices, and as soon as a boat could enter, one came to their relief, with the father of the children in it. He found the little girls refreshed by their nap, and as lively and full of prattle as if no trouble had come near them; but their unhappy governess was utterly overcome. She could do nothing but weep, and afterwards fell into melancholy, and died insane.

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