

CHANGED ASPECTS OF OPINION.

Who can look back as far as three years ago and contemplate the prestige of slavery as it then stood, ostensibly with the moral support of the nation, in the attitude of constitutional supremacy, all its fastenings clinched by long usage, and, we may say, sanctified by the imposing forms of religion, and then turn to look in its present crumbling aspects its "casemates" torn open, its walls level with the sea, and the negro standing full armed under the national flag, a man and a soldier—

THE AGITATOR.

M. H. COBB, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR. WELLSBOROUGH, PENN'A. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1863.

THE U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION.

Perhaps the greatest exhibition of the power and constancy of human charity that the world has ever seen, is afforded in the great work of the U. S. Sanitary Commission. Had this war done nothing more to purify, develop and exalt this nation than the historian will copy from the annals of this great and efficient enterprise, it would not have been in vain.

tive faith in the appearing of the right man in the right place at the proper time. They do not vex themselves about the next President, since they are determined that no cowardly traitor shall be that man. Politicians will stir up the waters, and endeavor to fix the matter long in advance of the time for its adjustment.

century, is that of Mr. Chase, the able and accomplished Secretary of the Treasury. The subject of finance is exhaustively discussed, and a fair and intelligible exhibit of the state of the finances is likewise made. The accuracy of his estimates of 1862 proved to be wonderful indeed.

tree. But the political centers of the country do not abound in them. Washington is no worse than Harrisburg, save in degree. Good people, friends, fellow-citizens:—Do I more, or less, than incumbent upon me as a humble conservator of the public weal, in writing these things?

States ships-of-war were lying off the harbor—the Niagara, Decatur, Ella and Annie, Acadia and Columbia. They could render no assistance, and immediately prepared to leave.

U. S. 5-20'S

THE Secretary of the Treasury has not yet given notice of any intention to draw this popular loan from sale in par, and until that notice is given, the undersigned, as "General Subscription Agent," will continue to supply the public.

Slavery, technically and constitutionally, still exists in five of the old States. The action of the government has not been to destroy it, but rather to stand by and see that no meddling hand has touched its mortar.

When finished, the Capitol will be the most magnificent building in the world. It is a wonder of marble. The eastern front of the Senate wing is progressing finely toward completion.

WAR NEWS. A dispatch from Cumberland Gap of the 16th inst. says that a portion of Longstreet's army, on the 14th, attacked the Union advance at Beans' station, and captured 22 loads of Quartermaster's stores; also, that Gen. Wilcox had fallen back to Tazewell, and was fortifying.

CAUTION. WHEREAS, my wife, PHILENA Z. WEBB, has left my bed and board without any just cause or provocation; I hereby caution all persons against harboring or trusting her on my account, as I will pay no debts of her contracting after this date.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS. MRS. A. J. SOFIELD will open for sale at Christ's Military Rooms, a choice variety of Christmas presents, which will be sold low.