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For the Presbyterian Banue " The Situation."

War, terrible war, with martial band, And gleaming sword and flaming brand, Is rushing madly o'er the land

Earth trembles with the heavy tread Of vast and hostile armies, led By chieftains to the conflict dread.

The artillery's roar, the wounded's moan, The living's shout, the dying's groan, Commingling rise before the Throne.

The treasured memories of the past, Our country's hopes while time shall last, Are trembling in the war-storm's blast.

And far away a scene appears Of homes made sad-of orphans' tears, And widows' grief for long, long years.

With anguish'd hearts we ask, how long, O Lord, shall yet the rebel-throng Against the Right, maintain the Wrong?

Down on thy knees, O Nation, fall ! For thou art guilty, one and all; To Heaven, in haste, for mercy call.

Down in the dust ! and own the rod Of Him that smites, the Lord our God; Our land in vengeance He hath trod.

Father of mercies, hear the prayer ; Thy heritage-thy people-spare Through Him that died our sins to bear.

Thou, who didst bld the tempest cease That night on Galilee's lake, release From this dread storm, and give us peace.

The surging tide of treason stay : Suppress the wrong; restore the sway Of Law, in thine own time and way.

Spirit of Grace, thou heavenly dove, Over the nation gently move, Cementing all the bonds of love.

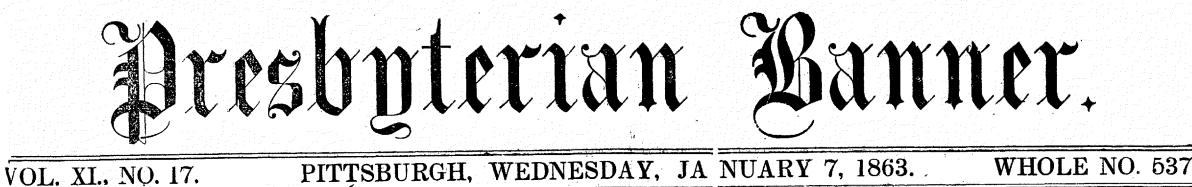
Then, humbled, saved from all our fears. Our praises mingling with our tears, We'll trust in GOD for coming years;

And, from our land the Light shall go To bless the nations, sooth their woe, And endless life and jey bestow. IOWAN.

Independence, Ia.

For the Presbyterian Banner Seeing and Believing.

MESSRS. EDITORS :--- I have some thoughts



It requires some mental cultivation to | Malachi's whole Prophecy is a reproof of | of the army, and amidst the confusion of | from the want of that healthful stimulus | reach that standard. What struck me

look through the sign to the thing signi- | this sin : "Whereas Edom saith, We are impovfied-through the "wonders" to that which produces the wonders, and measure | erished, but we will return and build the | of one report which does great injustice to the man, not by the height of his body, but desolate places; thus saith the Lord of the veteran Division with which I am conthe altitude of his mind; and measure his hosts, They shall build, but I will throw nected. The long and approved services of eloquence, not by the loudness of his voice down. and the multitude of his words, but by the . "A son honoreth his father, and a servant established their reputation for bravery and

worth of his thoughts. If a great thought his master; if then I be a father, where is firmness beyond the necessity of any vincan be conveyed in two words, it is better mine honor? and if I be a master, where dication, and beyond the danger of cavil than if talked about an hour; and if it can is my fear? saith the Lord of hosts. Will or censure. Yet they are represented, by be heard in a whisper, it is better than if a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. one writer, to have failed at a critical mouttered in thunder tones. It is better to But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? ment, in the late contest. Their advance, husband the breath and the thunder for great emergencies. So it huppens, however, from this ten-

savage is not satisfied with anything true may be meat in mine house, and prove me complete rout. to nature He must have feathers, and a now herewith saith the LORD of Hosts, if I literature and oratory ; it demands a Fourth | shall not be room enough to receive it." of July style, which vomits forth powder "And all nations shall call you blessed ; and patriotism, and spasmodic words, full for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith of fire and flood, and death and vengeance; the LORD of Hosts." for unless the people "see signs and won-

ders, they will not believe." Η. For the Presbyterian Banner.

Robbing God.

" Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. In the Banner of August 30th, notices are given that "the Allegheny, and Danville Theological Seminaries will open, the former on the 8th, and the latter on the 20th of September. The corps of instruction in each will be full; each of the Professors will give attention to his depart ment, &c." Sept. 27th, it is announced editorially

the Danville Theological Seminary pecessarily suspends operations. The rebel invasion makes a continuance impractica-

Letter from the Army of the Potomae. HOSPITAL NEAR FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 22, 1862. Plumer quite unexpectedly tendered his

resignation as a Professor in the institution; which was accepted." Do not these providences point unerringly to the word of the LORD of Hosts me respectfully to intimate that he is laborby Malachi? "Now, O ye priests l ye have ing under a mistake. Or, if he supposes robbed me in that ye have not laid it to it to be a place that affords great facilities heart to give glory unto my name, saith for letter-writing, he is again in error. the LORD of Hosts."

battle the means of correct information is not very ample or reliable. I have heard

the Pennsylvania Reserves ought to have

dency to measure greatness by bulk, power why God is angry. Our national Consti- their subsequent retirement from the posiby display, and eloquence by noise, that tution robs him. Our ministers of the tion which they had gained was inevitable, the best minds of every age are generally Gospel rob him. Our whole nation robs through the failure of that very brigade to the least popular, and the best literature him. Now here is the remedy .: "Bring ye support them which is said, in the report the least current among the masses. A all the tithes into the storehouse, that there referred to, to have actually prevented a

The reputation of the Pennsylvania Recoat all trimmed with fiery reds and flaming will not open you the windows of heaven, serves, in the army, is high and widely exyellows. So it is with a savage taste in and pour you out, a blessing that there tended. They have participated in almost and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." "And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of Hosts." We have the admonitions of Christ, of the Apostles and Prophets; it we heed not the the state of the Virginia campaigns, from Drainsville to Fredericksburg; from Dec. 20th, 1861, to Dec. 13th, 1862. Their greatly thinned ranks are proof of this ar duous service. Officer, and private sol-diers, alike, have borne the hardships of the

these, neither would we heed, though one march and the dangers of the battle-field. should rise from the dead and tell us of Neither of their three Brigades has now a THE SID. "Bring this nation to its knees, O Judge

have no captains; quite a large number have not a commissioned officer; and sevof all the earth !". That is the position to which we must eral of them have not even a serjeant. It come as a people, and the sooner the better. is sorrowful to see them on parades, and LAYMAN.

[A sense of dependence on God's favor, f.r the carrying out of our purposes, should be always cherished. But we doubt whether it should be always uttered. Prophets and Apostles did not always utter it. We fear that the adoption of such a rule would more obviously so than when it was pro-

lead to many "vain repetitions."-EDS.] For the Presbyterian Banner. ble." At the meeting of the Trustees of Allegheny Seminary, on the 18th, Dr.

If any one thinks the army a place of leisure, even for a chaplain, he must allow

November 22d, notice is given that "the got out of the routine of daily du-anville Theological Seminary will be re- ties, materials for a letter may be furnished Danville Theolog opened on Monday the 17th inst. The in great abundance; but then the excitepresence of Dr. Stanton enables us to re- ment, the contusion, the danger, the alarm, new our labors even in these troublous the demand for other and more serious actimes, under hopeful auspices." No thanks tion, leave little time for letter-writing. are given to Divine Providence for their This is my apology for my long neg. deliverance from the rebel invasion, and lecting to write you, whom I have addressed so often, in other and more congenial cirfor their " hopeful auspices." The sin of ignoring a Divine Provi-dence in these and all similar announcecumstances. One of the conclusions at which I have ments, whether written or oral, is so ex- arrived since joining the army, and I frankplicitly pointed to and reproved in the ly confess it, is, that I am not so much of a General as I was at home. A closer and Word of God, that there cannot be the personal observation of the needs and diffishadow of an excuse for it. The Apostle James rebukes this sin exculties of a military commander would, I pressly, in the fourth chapter and thir- | think, convince our home and newspaper teenth verse-"Go to, now ye that say Generals, that it is somewhat easier to critto-day or to morrow, we will go into such a licise than to perform the actions of Genercity and continue there a year, and buy als in the field ; easier to wish for a forward and sell and get gain." Now, this ex-pression, and the following, are all in the it. An army is a large thing to move along same category : " Resolved, that this As- | and to keep supplied with needful subsist sembly do now adjourn, and another As- ence. No country supplies roads enough sembly be ordered to meet in such a city, for the purpose; new ones must be made one year hence." "Resolved, that Pres- and when unfavorable weather makes the bytery stands adjourned to meet in such a roads bad, consequently retarding progress, city, three months hence." Or to an- the number of roads must be the more innounce "that there will be preaching on a creased. Sometimes the army must be moved to its supplies, as it is impracticable certain day." And all similar expressions to bring them to it. If the mountain will n which Divine Providence is ignored. The sin in all these cases is one of omisnot come to Mohammed, Mohammed must ion. "Whereas ye know not what shall go to the mountain. No adequate conception can be formed, without actual observabe on the morrow; as your life is even a vapor. Ye ought to svy, if the Lord will tion, of the immense work of moving forwe shall live, and do this or that." " For | ward so large a host as this is, with its o him that knoweth to do good, and doeth miles of wagon trains, over bad roads, so as to prevent confusion and the thousand t not, to him it is sin." inconveniences attendant on the separation Dr. Adam Clark says upon this passage: I shall quote a passage which I read of men from their supplies of food and when a schoolboy, and which even then forage. Auother conclusion at which I have ar aught me a lesson of caution, and respect for the Providence of God. It may be rived is, that the moral condition of the found in Lucien (a heathen) c. 6.: ' A man | army is about the same as that of the counwas invited by one of his friends to come try and of the world. The lack of rethe next day to supper. I will certainly ligious privileges and of conservative moral come, said he. In the meantime a tile fell influences is, of course, perceptibly felt. from a house, I knew not who threw it, The genial influence of the Sabbath, the and killed him. I therefore laughed at home, the Christian fellowship, is wanting. him for not fulfilling his engagement." It or is greatly weakened. Close association sesaid. Fus est ab hoste doceri? we should with men who would not be chosen or adlearn from our enemies. Take care, Chris | mitted as companions at home, is in a deian, that this heathen buffoon laugh you gree unavoidable, and of course injurious. not out of countenance." He who does Some vices abound more in the army than not the Master's will, because he does not at home, and others far less. Profane know it, will be beaten with few stripes; swearing appears to be the dialect of the but he who knows it, and does not do it; army, but drunkenness is extremely rare. shall be beaten with many.-Luke xii: 47, Among themselves, I hear the men swearing and cursing, in the distance; but no man swears when talking in presence of Dr. Scott says-" Ye ought to say if the Lord will we shall live and do this or the Chaplain. I have seen men of differthat," is a rule universally applicable ; and ent nations together, where one acquainted every man ought most carefully to consid-er it. Let us learn to reduce all our man to one, English to another. It is knowledge to practice, remembering that somewhat so with regard to swearing-a in all things, to him that knoweth to do sufficient refutation of the silly pretense, good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin,' that one cannot help it. The means of ineinous and aggravated sin; and that toxication are not easily to be had in the mitting known duty is as criminal as com- army. One could see more drunken men in Pittsburgh, any hour of any day, than I mitting known sin.' Dr. Doddridge-" For to him that know- have seen in this huge army in nearly three. esh to do good and doeth it not, to him it is months. On one occasion, (one too many,) aggravaled rin; and it would have been after the late battle, a whisky ration was much better for him that he had wanted issued to the troops. I do not know that that degree of knowledge he had, than that there was much intoxication even then, but there was all through the camp a perceptihe should abuse it." Our Saviour rebukes this sin: "Ye ble increase of loquacity, and an extension are the light of the world. A city that is of it to an unusually late hour of the set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do evening. men light a candle and put it under a The conveniences for holding public. bushel. * * Let your light so shine be- worship are next to none at all. In fine fore men, that they may see your good weather the men attend very well, and give works, and glorify your Father which is in as close and reverent attention to the exercises as is seen in other congregations. heaven." Paul reproves it : "Whether therefore During the Winter season, out door conye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do gregations can hardly be expected. We would not expect them at home, either in all to the glory of Gud." He tells the Philippians: "But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus short-ence, for usefulness, must be placed in priwhich the hum of busy activity on all most was the small limbs and heads, and sides, must impart. The evil however does not end even here. backs, and deep, thick, fine flecces. The

not to be deeply interested and busily em-

Lot, of Samson, of David, of Sclomon, of Jonah? Or need I recall Paul's testimony in reference to the gentler sex, "who General; very few of the regiments are commanded by Colonels; many companies casting off their first faith, withal learn to be idle; and not only idle, but tattlers also, and busy bodies, speaking things which they ought not.". The sad alternative, if we cease to do well, is to learn to do evil. Let me entreat all to beware. "Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very compare them with what they were a year God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I ago, or were nine months ago when they pray God your whole spirit and soul and left Camp Pierpont. Gov. Curtin's project body be preserved blameless unto the comfor recalling the Reserves to the old Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." monwealth, for rest and recruiting, was in

BUROPEAN COBRESPONDENCE.

Inpual Cattle Show The Agricultural Hall The could be sustained cheaper in Pennsylva-nia than here, and could have opportunity Oxen, Sheep, and Swine-Different Breeds-Prizes, and Size of Animals-The Chinese Pig-Porcine Puradise and its Contrast-The Poultry Show at Sydenham-Roosters and their Chal-lenges-Fowls Varied and Strange-Ministerial Support — A Powerful Advocate — Objections An-swered — What is doing in Scotland and England. LONDON, December 13, 1862.

Having experienced the wasting potency THE ANNUAL CATTLE SHOW which of war, they should, if consistent with public interest, enjoy for a short space the inways in London precedes Christmas, and vigorating influence of home scenes and out of whose choicest cattle, sheep, and logs, Christmas dinners of the choicest thinks that they meant to do any such description are furnished to the upper and The late battle on the Rappahannock niddle classes, was held for five succ

Those who are not "careful to maintain wool alone-in the present state of the good works" generally commit direct, open | wool market in England-of English sheep, and flagrant wrong. It is scarcely possible | is a great source of profit to the farmers. The Agricultural Hall was lighted up at ployed about something. Hence they who night by gas, and had in connexion with it, have left their first love, will soon have oc- refreshment departments, parcel departcasion to remember, whence they have fall- ments, a news room, &c., almost equal to en, and repent. If our zeal for God's glory those at the International Exhibition. and the welfare of men subside, our mental Along and around the vast galleries were activities will go out in some other direc- ranged all the newest developments of skill tion. Christians, who cease to go about in agricultural machinery; garden impledoing good, will soon become immersed in ments and tools; specimens of prize Sweworldly cares, pursuits and pleasures, the dish and other turnips, with their respective tendency of which is, not only to "choke | seeds; watering engines for fields and garthe Word," but even to "drown them into dens; threshing machines; and everything wanted, down to a new and novel. "mousetrap," whose peculiar attraction is, (oh naughty, cruel man,! I think of Burns'

the contrast in the square bodies, broad

poem to the mouse disturbed by his plough-share,) that "it sets the trap" the moment it is caught, for the next unsuspecting The Bible furnishes many impressive mouse that walks in, only expecting to illustrations of the evil effects, of ease and make his supper from off a piece of toasted

> A POULTRY SHOW has also been held at the Crystal Palace this week, and "I was there to see." I kept my eyes open, not forgetting the American farmers and housewives who read the Banner. Well, when I went into the Palace under the Central Transcept, instead of ascending the great stair case into the nave, I followed the stream of visitors who, were passing along that underground apartment where ma chinery, &c., are kept for show, and for sale all the year round. As I went onward heard the voice of many a rooster; "bold chanticleer," in an English song, " proclaims the morn." But when I went, the shadows of evening were gathering, and PASTOR. the gas was being lit, so "chanticleer" was neither hailing evening nor morning, but throwing out responsive challenges to other crowing and choleric roosters to "come on if they dare !" Very fine fellows they were, not forgetting their humble and sub missive wives. There were Cochin Chi nas, Spanish, (with such a coronal round his head, of mingled black and white feathers.) as also the famous English Duk ing (Sussex) fowl, and other breads. Pheasants, golden and silver there were also The ducks cried "quack ! quack !" the geese gabbled. Their Roman aucestors once saved the capital; but the man who

piece of patriotism, makes a capital mistake. In truth. Archbishop Whately save

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The last evasion, that " ministers ought not to be rich, received its mittimus in the following characteristic manner:

"There is another, and third, and common way of getting rid of this duty that I want the Christian public to look at. I have heard it myself; it is this, Ministers should not be rich! Now, I am not seting to make ministers rich. I do not wish to be rich myself; although it is a sweet thing to be able to pour blessings into an empty cup I want to know why I should be deprived of that pleasure any more than others? Have I not a heart as well as other men? Have not 1 pity as well as other men? Do not 1 delight in hearing and receiving the widow's blessing as well as other men?' I want to know more than that : I ask what reasons there are ogainst ministers being rich which do not apply with equal; perhops with greater; force to others? How dure men say that ministers would make a worse use of money than others? Are those who have received a liberal education, who hold a sacred office, who occupy public position, whose niety should be fired at the altars where they minister, and whose sympathies are daily maned by the misery and poverty they see, are they less likely to make a better, use of money than other men? Was Agur's prayer, "Give me neither poverty nor riches," made only for ministers? I tell the mun who tells me that ministers should not be rich, that that proyer is as good for his lips as for mine. Whether ministers are less likely to make a good and noble use of riches than others is a question which I answer by pointing to the Church of Eng-lind; and I am happy to be-able to pay a compliment to ber ministers. In that Church only do you find many men of private fortunes holding a holy office ; and is it not a fact that in building schools and paying teachers, in building churches and paying curates, and in other benevolent and Unristian agencies, a very large number of the ministers of the Church of England pay as much out of their private fortunes as they get annually from their livingsat d show me the class, bunkers, merchants, physicians, farmers, that do the same."

It is nothing more than justice done in the closing part of the foregoing, to many ministers of the Church of England. Men born to fortune, and become Rectors of parishes, are very frequently almoners to every good cause, and the ability to give is

equalled by the willing heart. The whole subject of ministerial support-the sustentation at a right, mo lerate, decent, unembarrassed stundard, is receiving increasing attention in various Churches. A great effort will be made to raise, even this year, the minimum of Free Church salaries to £150. Be it remembered that the champ on of this impr v ment is the man who, al nost at the secrifise of his health and life; raised £100 000 to bu ld man ses for the min stry of the Erse Church o Scotland. The United Pre-byterians begin to pay their ministers well; especially in large towns. They have lately settled three new ministers in London, Drs. King, Micfarlane, and Edwards. Each has been left with scarce any anxiety. as to the building of new churches. Three churches have been built - very elegant and communitions - within less thin three years, and partly from local resources. and partly from supplemental and Synodical Horse Mission funds, eich minister his £5 10 per augum secured to him as stipend. This is a noble example, and far outstrips any thing that his been done by the Euglish Presbyterian Synod, which, as a body, has allowed its ministers and people to get churches built and debts paid off by longcontinued, and repeated solicitations from others, and succors "to their power," and. of t mis "biyoal their plass," by them-selves. The Congregationalists are still below the mirk; so are the Biptists. Bit things are improving, and will inprove. The Aged Ministers' Relief Fanl-the Congregationalists' Fund-is comparative. ly recent in its origin; alrealy it has received, as a beginning, donations to the extent of £50,000 and upwards, while the general Bicentenary Fund-1 considerable portion of which gies to the building of new chapsis, or the enlargement of old ones-amounts, according to the latest report, to upwards of £153 00). To this I ad I, that the Irish Presbyteri ins have, as you know from former reports on the subject, raised their standard of pastoral suppirt invidiously And as a general truth, wherever a people this give as to Christ, themselves, but a sure presage of cularge l eig i missionary enterprises; but on the contrary, and necessarily, from the spirit t at promots the one and the other, being the sume heaven burn Love to God and man, leads to increased devotedness and consecration of property to send the Gospel to every creature under heaven. It is a curious and interesting fact, that the portious of the address of the Free Church Moderator, which I have given above, have been copied into a London organ of the Jews, The Jewish Chronicle and Hebrew Ibserver, whose editor says : "The evil which he exposes exists no less in our own community than in his." J.W. P. S.-The ex-King of Delhi is dead. I have seen, with deep regret, the statement that the Rev. Dr. Campbell, Reformed Presbyterian Missionary to India, is no more; and deeply sympathize with the Board of Missions; and his family. The re usal of the Memoir of the late Dr. Murray. (Kirwan) by Dr. Prime, and kindly sent me by Mr. G H. Stewart, has been very solemn zing. It is an admirable biography of a great and good man.

destruction and perdition. See the issue of your sloth ; Of sloth comes pleasure; of pleasure comes riot; Of riot comes disease; of disease comes spending; Of spending comes want; of want comes theft; And of theft comes hanging." self-indulgence. Even good men have obecael thus pierced themselves through with may sorrows. Need I remind you of the Grow

the above subject opose communicating to the public, with ir permission. These thoughts may sible run through three or four newsper articles.

You have noticed how prone people are estimate greatness by bulk, power by play, and eloquence by noise. Except see-signs and wonders-they will not eve. The signs of a great man are, six four inches, three hundred pounds ight, and ability to lift and carry a thou-Show the people a man like that, d he is the great man; they believe in in, and forthwith crown him king over bs, and social games, and gymnastic orts. The brawny arms, the iron sinew, bony fist which drops its blows like iron il-these are signs, to them, of greatas, and they believe. The great men vsically, are the men who stand out conuously in the field of history, the obved of all observers-the Samsons, the Eximilians, the Wallaces. With what ver wonder do we read in the history of dim old times, "There were giants in ge days!" Like the ancient Philises, we are apt to make our Goliahs our sentatives, and parade them before all as types of greatness.

eneral Washington steps into a ring of tic youth who are competing in athletic rts for the prize, a village belle. He etly measures the ground with his eye. , at a single bound, clears a space of nty feet; and all eyes stare. Among great he stands the greatest, becauseas the best muscle Nine men out of ill admire that leap more than they dmire the quiet order and magnitude e mind which achieved American Inndence out of difficulties which would crushed any ordinary mind. They see the leap, and measure it; but the is invisible, and cannot be so

sured. young student goes down into North-tern Virginia, among the rude dwellers that land, to establish Sabbath Schools. goes with all the meekness and quietof a disciple of Him who did not ive, nor cry, neither was his voice heard the street; but those rude mountaineers d see no sign, and would not believe in They had no faith in his mission, so would oppose him; by physical , too, as the only argument with which were familiar. But when the great of the modest agent burns in his eek, and flashes from his eye. and swells form into the full proportions of inted manhood, and with clenched hand brawny arm he stands ready to measforce with force, then they see the as and they believe. His mission is cessful !

Among the mass of men, too, the powermin intellectually, is the man of dissy. He who can show you the glowing rattling machinery of his mind, all thing and thundering, as it hurls out bot flashes of rhetoric, and welded ks of logic, and great bars of reasoningwho can show this machinery to the t advantage, is the most powerful man. Dr. Hodge goes down from Princeton, on Babbath, to preach to the good people o make their living by selling garden etables to New-York and Philadelphia. takes no "machinery" with him, and tes no noise. His mind has worked too to crash and rattle. He shows no ders to those plain people, gives no He simply drops into their ears

thoughts, grand principles, sublime rines, clothed in the fewest possible s. He shows them the truths he has ered out, but not how he did it, and people have no faith in him (unless know his name); they cannot think a great man. Who could not talk way? Who did not know all that be-

young student goes down next Sab-

an original and shows it and grow-ith ardor, who has never done much, is working at a great deal, and shows eople how he does it. He shows them this mutilating the names of Deity? It more at home than we have here in the induction of the shows them this mutilating the names of Deity? It more at home than we have here in the induction of the shows them this mutilating the names of Deity? of the Gosnel do not vary. all bristling with rhetoric and glowwith ardor, who has never done much, pastures : as from Wales comes our smallest Evasions of ministers' claims were also is working at a great deal, and shows people how he does it. He shows them machinery of his mind, forging out truths; they do not exactly see the ba, but they see the smoke and hear the is of machinery—they see the smoke and hear the believe. believe. mutton for the London market

waa a severe one. From the expo our men and the shelter of the enemy, it is not surprising that our losses should exceed theirs. I cannot but think, however, that newspaper reports have exaggerate our loss. The action of the enemy was, in some respects, mysterious. They showed no dispo-sition to leave their defences for a pitched

home rest.

my judgment a wise one. It would now be

posed. If active movements are to be sus-

for filling up their ranks for efficient ser-

vice in the Spring campaign. They have

not seen their homes for nearly eighteen

months. They need opportunity to recupe-

rate and, in some measure, to reorganize.

pended, even for three months, these troops

battle, and they were extremely sparing in the use of their artillery. For the whole of Thursday, the incessant play of our numerous batteries failed to elicit the response of a single gun, although some of their works were within plain view and range. For the whole time that our troops lay on the other side of the river, from Friday morning till Monday night, on the left they fired very few guns, except during Saturday's conflict, although our troops were day and night within their range. Since the battle, now more than a week, very few of them have come down upon the plain, which we occupied, although the smoke of their fires indicates extensive camps on the heights beyond.

Our wounded are now (22d) nearly all removed from the temporary hospitals, to Washington. The enemy's pickets, within pistol shot of two large hospitals of ours on the bank of the river, have given neither to these hospitals nor to our pickets any annovance. Eich line attends to its own buisness, not disturbing the other. Oar forces lie at short distances back from 'the. river, on the high land, as theirs do on the opposite side.

It is sorrowful to see so many brave young men laid low on beds of pain and an-Quite a number have died of their guish wounds, and others will not recover. The influence of religion has supported some in their sorrows, and cheered them in their dying hours. To many have I had the opportunity of offering a Saviour's love, as I was binding up their wounded and bleeding limbs. The uncomplaining patience of our wounded men, which struck me with so much surprise at Pittsburgh Landing, in the Spring, is also exhibited here. Occasionally an outery of pain is heard; but generally not a groan or a moan escapes. their lips. I cannot sufficiently admire the fortitude of the dear fellows, in bearing pain of the severest kind, or their thankfulness. for the little attentions which they receive from the hands of their attendants. And I cannot forbear to notice, with gratitude. the prompt and ample supplies furnished for their comfort by the Sanitary and Christian Committees of our country. Especially have the blankets and clothing been very comforting to our men, exposed in their sickness and pain to the inclement cold of these days and nights. God's blessing be on the generous and thoughtful givers, and on the suffering objects of their henevolence.

J. F. MCLABEN. Yours truly, For the Presbyterian Banner.

other of the beasts that perish!

one afther the tother !"

"What Can I Do?" NO. 3.

You may do harm. The law enjoins upon believers that they "learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful." Not to conform to its requirements, is sin. "He that is not with me, is against me; and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth." There s no neutral ground we can occupy. A bad example is contagious. Simply to stand all the day idle," must have a pernicious influence upon society. Inaction is therefore wrong. "Curse ye Meroz-ourse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof " And why? "Because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." You remember the little ballad about the child seeking a play-mate. It accosted the ant, the bee, the robin, but in vain; for

ners. . The reproofs, doctrines and promises Scotch horned, "of any age." I was sur-prised to see immease beasts, fed on Welsh lightened liberality of our people." shall be with you." Neither Paul, nor any other writer in the If not for themselves, for a neighbor."

days this week, and closed last evening. that it is not the turkey that is silly, but This Show was formerly held in Baker the goose. And yet the geese are fine, fat Street, in the West end of the town; but creatures, and will eat well by and by, when new and splendid Agricultural Hall at the holidays come. As for the turkeys, slington, vast in its dimensions, and alike there are here "bubbly jocks," as the Scotch worthy of the hation and of the metrop- calls them, very proul and lofty; and of lis, now for the first time has received it. ducks, the finest (whose exhibitor gets List night I entered it, and was greatly the first prize;) are foreign-beautiful pleased not only with the building itself little creatures, with green and gold feith--the glass roof of which far exceels in ers. There is here, also, a pair of real black space the two great transepts of the Interswans; there are doves coling and gentle; national Exhibition and the Crystal Palace pigeons of every description, including the put together-but also with the mugnificent fantailed and carriers; and bantam fowl specimens of cattle, sheep, and hogs, fed ap almost to the highest development, and very "set up " little creatures certainly. There are also rabbits, lob-eared, and o still more remarkable for heing the fivest enormous size, almost as big as the largest breeds alt is surprising to find such very hare, and of various colors. marked difference in the bree is of different The curious eximiners of the different districts in Eugland and Wales. Among

pens of fowls were many Miny around the cattle were Devons, Herefords, Sussex, London indulge in keeping fowl pens, and Norfolks, Scotch-horned and Scotch-polled, large prices are paid for fowl of every dc-Irish, Welsh, and cross or mixed breeds. scription, and the utmost pleasure taken in Of the sheep, were Leicesters, Cotswolde, watching their habits and feeding them. Lincolns, Kentish, South Downs, Hamp-Immense improvement in the breeds of shire and Wiltshire Downs, Shropshire cattle, sheep, hogs, and fuwl, has taken breed, Oxfordshire and Mountain breeds, place in Great Britun within the last and "Extra Stock Short-Would Sheep," twenty years. I could have wished that and cross breeds. Pigs were exhibited of some American farmers and their wives various breeds, from four months up to six could have been both at the cattle and years old. There was only one specimen poultry shows. They will accept the foreof the last-mentioned age. I saw three hogs in one pen, for which £50 had been yoing exhibition of them by one who heartily salutes them all with "A HAPPY NEW paid; they were under two years of age. YEA . !" " MAY PEACE AND PLENTY There was one aged twenty-three months CROWN THE SMILING LAND !" and fourteen days, fed on the Windsor

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, or rather the Farm, ("on barley meal and sharps,") of lack of, or neglect of it, or the loss of it the late Prince Consort-who was an eminent agriculturist. This creature, was said by those who above all other men should to be of Uninese breed. Its face was exbe left free from the world's carking cares, ceedingly small; folds and laps of fat under is receiving fresh illustration from the suf the laws, and immense ears, almost entirely ferings of ministers in Luncushire and other distressed districts. I sometimes hid it. The eyes were somewhere, but carcely could their local ty be discovered; | fear that the same consequency may follow and so plethoric was the creature, that save from the effects of the war and its expens when it eats, it seems to sleep continuously; | es in the United States. But L trust that and as to "fetching its breath," as an old the same noble spirit which has sustained man. looking on said, "it must be very the American Buard of Missions in its dehard indeed ;" the lips opening ever and sire and resolve to keep all its agents in it is not only a token of revived life amongst anon slightly, and a gentle inspiration and foreign fields, will also succor and sustain a eeble inhaling of air all that the creature faithful ministry at home. A low standard | blessing to their own souls. More than, was capable of. This and the other crea- of ministerial support is the chronic evil this, this kind of succor never injures Fortures must have all the ideal, and reality everywhere, and words in season, stimutoo, of a Porcine Paradise. No troubling lating, powerful, and fruit-bearing, were cares; no evil anticipations of dresilla when spoken by the Free Church Moderator in the knife shall drink its life-blood; no dis- his parting address at the last Assembly, turbed conscience accusing and terrilying; which are so thorough and admirable, so and no vexed questions to be dealt with merciless to the cruel pleas of covetous. intellectually-What next? I suppose I ness that witholds from Christ's servants need say no more, And yet, sir, nor I, what is absolutely necessary, and at the or you, nor your readers, belong, I trust, same time dissipates forever, once that they o any possible "swinish multitude," who are read, the plan of "want of thought want to exchange manhood, mind, soul, rather than "want of heart," that I felt the power of thought, hope, joy, love to a pleasure and privilege to lay some of the God and man, and all eternal progression statements before the American Eldership of spiritual fellowship with the Holy One and laity. If they all respond practically, for "the fat, contented ignorance," and a great good will ensue.

the somnolent Paradise of this, or any "I take leave," said the Moderator, " to say that the livings of our ministers are As to cattle, they are not now fed to that inadequate. I say more; I take leave to extent of grossness which was common say that the livings of our ministers are some years ago. The first prize for oxen, quite inadequate to their position and their £30) was not given for the fattest animal. unavoidable outlays. - And what is, and He stood near to three other Devon steers, what shall be the result of that? The some of them fatter and heavier than he. greatest calamity that can befall a Church, But his proportions were finer, and there namely, that the rising talent and genius was a better distribution, as it were, more and energy of our country, may leave the

of an equality in the relations of the fat ministry of the Gospel for other profes-and the flesh; approaching the theory of sions. A scandulous maintenance,' says Paddy, who, freding his pig one day and Matthew Heury, makes a scaudalous miustarving it the next, gave as his reason, istry.' That adage, it I could, I would "Arrah, sure, do o't I want to have a sound in the public ear, and press espe-"Arrah, sure, do o't I want to have a sound in the public ear, and press espe-strake of fat and a strake of lean -aqually cially on the eldership; and I have that confidence in the eldership of the Free Church, as to feel a sured that there is not There were also cows and heifers in the

collection, of the finest description. The an elder in this house but will rejuce that short horns were remarkable, and some of I have taken up this subject." them were *white* all over, with soft eyes and The eloquent Moderator went on to say white eyelashes, and quite friendly with the that the "livings" of all the ministers of ly unto you. * * But I trust in the vate endeavors with individual men; and Lord that I myself shall come shortly: in attempting this, the minister of Christ. people, who patted them as they passed all churches are inadequite even those of Finally, brethren, those things which ye meets the same encouragements and difficul-have both learned, and received, and heard, ties here, that he does elsewhere. Men along Most of the cattle exhibited did the Scittish Established clergy; that the not exceed four years old, but there were, people are not to blame, and that what also a goodly number of long, short, and Parliament cannot be asked to do, he exand seen in me, DO; and the God of peace are men everywhere; and sinners are sin-"They all had something or other to do.

Rev. Dr. Bennett, an eminent Congregationalist in London, has died. in his 89th year.

The hu-band of the late Queen of Portugal is likely to become King of Greece.

The Prince of Wales is to be married in March. The Princess is fair, not dark, and very dear to the Queen, ever since she saw her. Secondine na

The French Government is said to have made contracts for two years' army supplies in Mexico. Gen. Prim thinks that the French will not attain their end. and

The Archbishop of Canterbury was inducted and " enthroned," yesterday, at Canterbury Cathedral. The Emperor of Austria is about to offer a Constitution to the Venitians."