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Presbyterian Banner

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The War.

The news of the week furnishes us with but little beyond rumors and conjectures.

These, for the most part, would be unworthy the paper on which they are written, and the time required to read them, were it not that they serve partly to assuage a restless desire for intelligence, and to gratify a disposition to pry into events which may yet happen.

Gen. Grant and Gen. McClelland had both gone down the Mississippi, and united their forces near Vicksburg. They are endeavoring to cut a canal across the point so as to pass Commodore Porter's fleet through, that they may attack the batteries with his pros and steam, and thus aid the army.

It is to be hoped that Gen. Banks and Admiral Farragut will come up and take part in the contest. If, however, they are to await this, we may invoke patience to our relief; for the formidable strong hold at Fort Hudson, is not yet subdued, nor even assailed.

The rebels are said to have 150,000 men and in the neighborhood of the two places mentioned; nearly all of whom could be concentrated at either. They will make a desperate effort to hold this part of the Mississippi. If they should lose it, their empire would be divided in twain, and they would be cut off from an immense field of supplies. Its importance to them is beyond estimate.

Gen. Rosser had not yet advanced beyond Murfreesboro. He is much harassed by large degrading bands in his rear, which interfere not only with the railroad, but with the navigation of the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers. They have captured and destroyed several steamers. Parties also are interrupting the railroads to Memphis.

There has been some little fighting on the Georgia and South Carolina coast. We lost a small gunboat and some 200 men. The great expedition, under Gen. Foster, was waiting the subsidence of a storm. A very large number of transports, and some war vessels, were at Beaufort, N. C., but whither bound has not been published. Probably first to Hilton Head, and then to Savannah, or Charleston.

Gen. Hooker lies still on the bank of the Rappahannock. This was altogether the largest and most enthusiastic religious meeting ever held in the city. It comes just now that our army is engaged at Vicksburg, at a most opportune season to cheer our brave defenders, and has done much to dispel the depression which has brooded over the city for some days. Let every Christian church earnestly labor and pray for the conversion of our army, and for God's blessing upon it, and our country is safe; victory will soon crown our arms, and even the Lord of Hosts, will plead our cause.

For the Presbyterian Banner. "What Can I Do?" NO. 6. This question is still urged. My instructions are not sufficiently pointed and specific. You wish to know what department of usefulness I would assign you, what position you should occupy--in what particular way you should be employed. I can more readily answer the question, if you can first define in relation to this matter. Even a pastor finds great difficulty in determining a course of action for the people of his charge. Not that he can discover no suitable fields of labor where his Christian energies might be appropriately expended. The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. "Christ is sickle and reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." There are many situations at home and abroad needing occupation and which, in my opinion, you are qualified to fill. It would not be difficult to designate fields of labor where you would find full exercise for your benevolent feelings, and activities, and where you might be fully, honorably, pleasantly and permanently employed. But shall I name them? Perhaps your friends would think me unkind. It may be your own plans for life are so far matured as to interfere with your following my suggestions. Or your views of duty might differ very widely from mine.

Perhaps I cannot better aid you in determining upon your course in life than by presenting some statistics furnished by a congregation of humble villagers and plain country people, with which I am intimately acquainted. This church has within the last ten years supplied the work with candidates and licentiate, five candidates now pursuing their theological course; six ministers' wives, over fifty teachers of common and high schools, and a still greater number of Sabbath School instructors and officers. At the same time it has had scores of youth of both sexes who have recently been employed in the reapers and gleaners in the Saviour's harvest. Now every congregation has similar material. It becomes parents, elders and pastors to search it out; and every pious youth, on benched knee with earnest heart to ask, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Most of the persons referred to above, reached their present positions by following the leadings of Providence, step by step from the lowest to the highest stations mentioned.

Let me add the following rules: 1. Sollemnly consecrate all your powers to God, and by reading, meditation, and prayer, keep constantly alive in your heart the ministry of God. 2. Stop at once, or never begin, until you are qualified to fill, diligently striving to fit yourself for a higher one. 3. By a judicious use of your five talents, you will gain other five. Many Christians cripple their usefulness for life, because they are unwilling, at first, to take the lowest and meanest places. Obey God, occupy at once the place, however humble which you may be qualified to fill, diligently striving to fit yourself for a higher one.

The Anderson Troop. We see it stated that the difficulties which have existed in this regiment, have been removed. They arose partly from misunderstanding, partly from circumstances which could not at the time be controlled, and partly from a rashness incident to youth and to the want of military experience. We trust that this band of glorious Pennsylvanians, part of whom fought nobly at Murfreesboro, will yet prove an honor to their State. They are to belong to General Rosecrans' Corps, for special duty.

Arresting Deserters in Indiana. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., February 2. The arrest of deserters in Morgan County being resisted, Col. Livingston, commanding the Federal force, sent a squad of cavalry there on Saturday; they were met and fired on by the armed mob. The cavalry charged and dispersed the mob, capturing the deserters and six citizens. No one was hurt. There is considerable excitement in Morgan and adjoining counties.

Rebels' Losses. The rebel newspapers say that, out of ten thousand officers led into Missouri, in April and May last, by Price, not more than twenty-five hundred survive fit for service. They state that their loss in the fight with Ross, on the 11th of October last, was 10,000 men. The Division eighteen hundred were killed outright, in one hour and forty minutes. Withers' Division lost twenty-five hundred.

Special Notices.

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From New-York.

ABERT, N. Y. Feb. 2.--Ex-Gov. Morgan was today nominated by the Republican caucus of the Legislature, at Albany, for United States Senator. The Democratic caucus decided to-night not to make any nomination for United States Senator.

Washington.

Feb. 2. The House this evening passed Stevens' negro rebate bill, by a vote of 83 to 75. Before the passage Casey's amendment was adopted, providing that the rebate should not be made except on the consent of the Government.

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