Banner.

Ohio Presbytery.-Dr. Manshall is appointed to supply Centre church, the third Sabbath of May.

A Valuable Donation .- Rev. CHARLES 9. BEATTY, D.D., has presented to the Library of the Western Theological Seminary three hundred volumes of choice books.

The Army News is still confused. Our statement on third page is the result of much reading and comparing of letters and telegrams. We follow no one letter writer or newspaper, in making out our news, but endeavor to collect from many, that which seems to be reliable.

An Explanation. Occasionally we receive a communication, evidently intended to protect innocence and expose sin, but mentioning names and circumstances which make the matter personal. Such things ought to be settled at home, where both parties can be heard, and where all are known. We decline such, unless there be some extraordinary reason for their publication. It sometimes happens, also, that the person writing declines to give his own name, and then we never publish his strictures; or he gives it to us, but forbids us to give it to the party implicated, and then we publish only where the paper relates to facts already known, or matters which have become public property, and where the public benefit demands the notice.

- BISHOP COLENSO.

This English African Bishop, who has made himself so famous recently, by assailing, with infidel weapons, the Books of Moses and Joshua, in the Old Testament scriptures, is thus spoken of in the London Times:

be 1t appears there was a Mr. Colenso. most amiable, diligent and ingenious school master at Harrow. He published for the use of schools an admirable compendium of arithmetic, and another of algebra, both remarkable, we believe, for good selections of examples to be worked by the scholar. So he was made a Bishop, and sent out to convert the Hottentots, Caffres and Zulus Some of our readers may, perhaps, think it odd that a man should be selected for an important mission because he has a turn for fractions and cubic equations; but that has long been the custom of our Church. If a man only proves himself a clever fellow on any subject whatever, we make him a Bishop, or a Dean, or comething, and he is generally clever enough to keep quiet. However, Colenso, made by this time a Doctor of Divinity, went to Natal about ten years ago, and found bimself at the head of not quite a dozen clergymen, and about 20,000 square miles of savages. After he had been there some time, an accidents led to his looking into the Bible The Zulus wanted to know what he had come for, and the shortest answer to the question was to give them the Bible, which it became necessary to translate for the purpose. So he set to work with an in telligent Zulu, a sort of colored SPINOZA as it would seem. This enfant terrible, as our neighbors would call him, began to ask impertinent questions, which Dr. Corenso found a difficulty in answering. So far as their joint labors extended. it is evident that there followed a not uncommon result. Instead of Dr. Colenso converting the Zulu, the Zulu converted Dr

BOUTE TO THE ASSEMBLY.

The Pennsylvania Railroad will sell excursion tickets to members going to the Assembly at the following places, viz.: Philadelphia, Downingtown, Parkesburg, Lancaster, Mount Joy, Harrisburg, Duncannon, Mifflin, Lewistown, Huntingdon, Tyrone, Altoona, Johnstown, Blairsville Int. and Greensburg. These tickets wil carry the holders to Pittsburgh, and return them (free of charge on returning,) to the station where they were purchased. They will be made good to return till June 10th

The Pittsburgh and Ft. Wayne road, and the Cleveland and Pittsburgh road, we are sorry to say, demand full fare both ways The Toledo, Logansport and Burlington road, will demand full fare in going to the Assembly, and will return members free, on a certificate from Dr. Schenck, the Assembly's Permanent Clerk.

Hence the route for members passing through Pittsburgh will be to take the Ft. Wayne road to Ft. Wayne, and there get a ticket to Logansport, and thence to Peoria They will then return by Logansport to Et. Wayne, on the Clerk's certificate, and will pay thence by Ft. Wayne road to Pittsburgh; or they can from Ft. Wayne go to Toledo, and then via Cleveland, reach Pitteburgh; after which their excursion ticket on the Pennsylvania road, will take them thome will be in the series

Those who wish to travel through Chicago, will thence take the Chicago and Rock Island road to Peoria; or the Chicago and Alton road to Peoria Junction, and the Logansport, Peoria and Burlington road to Peoria.

The cheapest route, however, is by Steubenville, Columbus and Indianapolis to Reynolds, twenty-three miles north of La fayette, the junction of the road from Logansport to Peoria; or, keeping on to Chicago, to go thence by the Rock Island road as before. The Pittsburgh and Cleve land road, which extends to Steubenville has also declined, as above noted, to give any privileges to Delegates, but all the other roads on this route have given them. The jarg on each route from Pittsburgh, to Chicago is the same. We give the facts Commissioners will choose.

Members in purchasing their tickets in Pittsburgh, will inform the ticket agent definitely by which route they desire to trayel. Say via Steubenville, Columbus, Indianapolis and Lafayette to Peoria; or via skinWayne and Logansport to Peoria; or via Chicago to Peoria.

It may be that in the Pittsburgh office you can get a ticket for but part of the way, and will need to renew it, at Columbus by one route, or at Ft. Wayne by another. THE LATE REPULSE.

ply to the result of the late campaign of Gen. Hooker. But it was a sad repulse. Every thing that God orders, is good, as from him; and every thing which he visits upon his people is good, also, for them. They deserve chastisement, and will be made better by his rod. This is a consolation to the Christian in his private affairs; and as we believe that we are a (thristian people, and that God really means our benefit, we are not reduced to despair by national reverses. We do not mean to intimate, by this, that we never sorrow for what occurs. Unfeelingness is one of the most provoking sins in a child, toward the parent's chastising hand, and must bring stroke after stroke; and so also in the nation. If we stand it out bravely before God, reverses will follow each other. We must be humbled.

The late reverse is the more painful from its near connexion with the day of National Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer. The nation had just made a show of humbling itself and calling upon God; but there was a want of reverence. God's Sabbaths were excellent medium: being profaned by army reviews, attended by high functionaries from Washington. Where then could chastisement so conspicuously and appropriately be administered? God will be feared and had in reverence. To attempt to impose upon him is the veriest vanity. The army, also, by what necessity we cannot tell, was on that day in circumstances very unfavorable to fasting and the services of Divine and social worship. It had moved in the beginning of the week, and was then in the field, facing the foe. But it will not suffice to say that the army could not arrange its movements so as to have that day to serve God. If the thought was that it could not spare the time, that thought was vain. God ha sent it back again, and it loses many days God cannot be mocked with impunity; and what he would pass by unnoticed in heathen, he will surely punish in thos who know his will, who profess to serve him, and who claim his favor as an obedient and praying people.

Letter writers tell us that the Presiden and Secretary of War, and General HOOKER and the whole army, are buoyant in spirit They make us sorry by this saying; and i we could fully believe the statement w would be most deeply sorry. We woul then be sure that the late calamity was no the last; but that another, and probabl one still more awful, was near. Just a firmly as we believe that we are God's peo ple, just so sure are we that God will make us feel, and deeply feel, under his afflicting hand. "Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall."

One great cause for dejection and grow ing doubts is, the continued pride, and beastfulness, and want of feeling, in our influential men. This induces them to depreciate the enemy, and to force ou armies unprepared, into battle. Hence de feat after defeat. The means of victory as against such a foe as assails us, are no used; and it is presumption to ask God to work a miracle on our behalf.

In these remarks we are not lecturing our rulers, nor our politicians. We are speaking to Christians; to that class of the people who are the real power in the land, the conservators of a country, and the means of blessing. Taking the religious journals as the index of Christian feeling, it is defective, but not entirely wanting. In our many exchanges with these, we find but one that is boastful and vituperative. The others all exhibit an humble, dependone, devotedly loyal. They urge the most energetic prosecution of the war as against a most wicked rebellion. But as indicating obliged to look, not only at the religious journals, and the Sabbath day exercises, but at the political journals; sat the daily reading, in which the people take delight. there is a lamentable departure from that truth, and justice, and kindness, and forbearance, and mutual love, and humility, of which God approves, and finding which in

Things being so, the late reverse is not we fear that another, and still another, is to treason. This devilish conspirace, refollow. These things we do not say to dis- marks:

courage our readers. No : but the contrashall still continue to harden ourselves un that they too would swear if they dared der God's afflictive hand, it cannot be told

to what depths he may reduce us. The Rible in India.—The English since their first conquest of India, have endeavored to introduce the use of their own language. To this end English schools were establish ed; translations were made of books; and the ings of the courts, was conducted in the tongue of the conquerors. The Holy the Lord's Supper, the chaplains of the two Bible, however, was not included in the Government, arrangements. This was left to the missionaries. It was hence used but inations. The meeting was sheld in the died." little; except in the Mission Schools. Hear Presbyterian church at Poolesville, Md." and then prejudices excluded it from families and schools. But the Bible is a light not to be hid. It diffuses itself. A recent India and through the thou itsules and manifestation of its progress we see in a quotation from a Bengal paper, which thus endorses the Holy Scriptures:

the English books, and there is not its like of Andover Seminary, and Williams and in all the English language. As every joint of the sugar-cane, from the root to the top, is full of sweetness, so every page of the Bible is fraught with the most precious instruction. A portion of that book would give you more of sound morality than a thought the usual price.

The past year among the Students students to did not and the Language of the Andover Seminary, and Williams and thought to be among the oldest of its kind in existence, as it is said to have been planted by Governor Stuyvesant on his farm, then two miles from the city presum requisite came, from the liberal purse vious to the capture of the English books, and there is not its like of Lorin Tappan, Esq.; and the Tract Society. A large part of the capture of the city by the English which would make it now over two half the usual price.

language with a view to gain wisdom, there is not another book which is more worthy be expended in prizes and otherwise to Defeat might be too strong a term to apof being read than the Bible."

CHAPLAINS:*

Our Army and Navy afford an immense lains are needed to fully occupy this field, of \$12 each, for Freshmen. The prizes and are provided for by the Government; next year will be doubled in value. and their selection is so arranged for, that Christian activity can influence it greatly. has yet been manifest. The position requires piety of the deepest and liveliest kind. It needs prudence and self-denial. It should have Christian cooperation. All who love the Lord Jesus Christ, should give their influence. Denominational peculiarities should not be pressed. The "common faith" will be, with the true friends of the the defendants were forbidden to manufac-

cause, the foundation of union. A little work on our table, by Rev. W. Y. Brown, presents some good thoughts on the subject before us. The U.S. Christian Commission are nobly engaged, and

ECCLESIASTICAL

Rev. S. P. KINKAID has received calls from the congregations of Callensburg and Concord, Clarion Presbytery. Mr. BEN. E. S. ELY, son of the late Rev

E. S. Ely, D.D., and Mr. W. H. CAIN, were ordained to the work of the ministry, by the Presbytery of Stockton, Cal., on the 1st of April.

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EASTERN SUMMARY. NEW-ENGLAND.

IT: APPEARS, that on Sabbath, the 26th ult., the Secretary of State and Assistant Secretary of State, accompanied by the Ministers of Prussia, Sweden, and the Hanseatic cities, left Washington in a steamer and spent the day at Gen. Hooker's quarters. A writer in the Boston Recorder, adverting to this apparently unjustifiable

"In this time of calamity, when the nation can look; for deliverance only from the state of the Christian mind we are the mercy and good, providence of God, these persistent and open violations of the struments through whose agency success or remarks! Jedd at the struments through failure is to be wrought out, cannot fail, to discourage the hopes, and paralyze, to some And under this test we must say, that extent, the efforts of whoever expects to see good or evil; bestowed as marks of Divine favor or rebuke.", hadigain and had a see a

MANY GOOD MEN, and even some minis- the whole transaction. ters of the Gospel, allow themselves to a people he makes them the recipients of speak of the rebellion in terms very unbecoming. The Congregationalist, alluding Association, at a late meeting : to the use by ministers of such phrases as. to be regarded as a strange event, And This hellish rebelion," "This infernal

"It strikes us that this style of speech ry. We would encourage them, The dif- on the lips of Christian men is decidedly unseemly, and that it tends to evil It ficulty is something within themselves ; and does not strengthen our abhorrence of the hence under their control; their heart rebellion to vent our indignation in words being right. If Christians shall be hum that upon other lips would take the form bled, and turn to the Lord; if they will of oaths a And since profaneness is the repent; and work righteousness, and plead crying sin of the army and of our youth, well to adopt a resolution to accompany good men should be careful not to counted with God, all will yet be well. But if we name it by spithets which hint strongly monitions and wholesome discipline any A CORRESPONDENT of the Springfield minister enough to enable him to pay his

Republican Writes : A , VIMBOD BEE . "The 39th Massachusets regiment have three times a week. The platform of their union is somewhat broad sembracing all character. Last Sabbath the Christians of 39th Massachusetts in the celebration of regiments conducting the exercises. There communicants, belonging to various denom-

promote improvement in the important art of reading among the students. About sixty students are in training for prizes. which are to be awarded on the 13th of June next, for excellence in the reading field for ministerial labor, and Christian aloud of English prose. Two prizes of \$20 benevolence. More than a thousand Chap- each, and three of \$15, are proposed for

No LESS than seventy steam fire engines have been made up to this time by the It demands ten times the solicitude which | Amoskeag Company, of Manchester, N. H., including some for almost every large city in the Union, two for Halifax, and one for the Russian city of Amoor. Where do not American inventions penetrate?

THE FAMOUS RUBBER CASE of the Goodyear patentees against the Providence (R. I.) Rubber Company, was decided on the 28th ult. in favor of the complainants; ture or sell any of the style of rubber goods covered by the Goodyear patent. THE Legislature of Massachusetts closed

its session on the 29th ult., after a continnance of 113 days, during which were passed and signed 250 bills and 101 reto those who would aid the cause, are an solves which expenditures provided for and Responsibilities, and the Means of Aiding purposes; \$1,200,000 for coast defences; \$500,000 for arms, and \$400,000 for inU. S. Army, 24mo, pp. 124. Philadelphia: cities and towns; which, it is said, will amount to \$3,500,000. There is also a further appropriation, to be expended under the direction of the Governor in aid of eccuiting. HTwo acts were finally passed, essentially modifying the militia system of the Commonwealth and the first

NEW-YORK.

ACCORDING to the Report on the State of Religion made last year to the General General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, there are connected with this body four hundred and nineteen churches, four hundred and twenty-nine ministers, and eight candidates. The N. Y., Christian Intelligencer, in commenting on the relative proportion of ministers and churches thus reported, offers the following remarks. which are worthy of consideration in connexion with the general subject of an ade-

quate supply of ministers: "It will be seen that according to the census of last year, there were ten more ministers than churches reported, and hence some may infer that we have, as a Church, an ample supply of pastors. The very reverse, however, is the fact. For among our ministry, there are enumerated the names of seventy-three brethren who have, in one way and another, ceased from the pastoral work. Add to that number the names of our secretaries, professors, missionaries, and chaplains, and at least there is a subtraction of one hundred to be made from the number of working pastors. So that, in truth, we have about three hundred and twenty-nine (or had last year) ministers able and willing to work, for supplying four hundred and nineteen churches. In other words, there was an actual deficiency of ninety-supposing each congregation to need the service of one pastor.

THE SUCCESSFUL and useful series of doctrinal discourses generally known as the "South Church Lectures," was closed on the evening of the 3d instanty Rev Dr. Hitchcock's sermon on the Resurrection. We learn that arrangements have been made with Messrs. Carter & Brothers for the early publication of these excellent sermons, at a cost of \$1.50 a volume.

THE Evangelist contains a lengthy and somewhat spirited communication on the subject of correspondence between the New School and other ecclesiastical bodies. In regard to the proposals of correspondence made by the Reformed Dutch Church. he hopes they will be kindly but firmly reent and prayerful spirit. They are, every violation of the Sabbath, very properly re- School Assembly, he thinks that as the jected. As to intercourse with the Old tone of its negotiations has been entirely respectful, "they should be met in like temper, whatever may be the final issue of the case." But with respect to the whole laws, by those who have been made the in- subject of correspondence, he summarily

"I hope we shall abandon and abolish it entirely at the next Assembly. It has been the source of difficulty, demanding reconstruction and explanation more than once At present I can see no possible good in

THE FOLLOWING resolution was adopted by the New-York Ministerial Lutheran

"Whenever any minister connected with this body, fails to pay his debts, and refuses to heed the demands of creditors, he shall first be seriously admonished by the President, and when such admonition shall fail to produce the desired effect, he shall be subjected to the wholesome discipline of the Church."

The Nit Y. Chronicle, alluding to the above says: aft has govern force of

"We would suggest that it would be this threatening with the presidential adcompetent church which does not pay its debts. Then the cases would be even."

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Magdalen formed a Society called the Christian Union; Female Benevolent Society was included as havingt its officers, and regular meetings week, in the chapel of the Institution." It appears that "since 1831 the number of denominations; and alloof a good moral inmates of the Home has been 13345; of these, 298 have been placed in good situa. public business, including the proceed the 14th New Hampshire united with the tions 242 restored to their friends, 192 discharged, 187 sent to Bellevue and the penitentiary, 20 expelled, 800 have escaped, were, I should judge about affty or is ixty. 27 were admitted to the privileges of the church, 23, were married, and 129 have

STUYVESANT'S" PEAR TREE, says the then prejudices excluded it from families and schools. But the Bible is a light not to be hid. It diffuses itself. A recent manifestation of its progress we see in a quotation from a Bengal paper, which thus endorses the Holy Scriptures:

"The best and the most excellent of all the English books, and there is not its like of Andover Seminary, and Williams and

of fruitfulness in old age.

THE Legislature of New-York, in incorporating the Broadway Railroad Company The Governor, however, has placed his and a place will be found for them. veto on the bill.

GOLD sold at 150, in New-York, on Sat-

PHILADELPHIA.

AT THE LAST stated meeting of the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia, a number of resolutions were adopted in reference to Sabbath Schools. We quote the following:

Resolved, I. That by the Parental relation and by Divine appointment, the religious instruction of children rests beyond avoidance upon their parents, and that a portion of every Sabbath day should be devoted by them, to the performance of this

duty to have their children, so far as practicable, in the house of God on the Sabbath, as worshippers, and under their special supervision; nor should they allow them to be absent, from the religious services held on other days, except for weighty

VII. That the Sunday School literature of our day needs revision and expurgation, and requires the attention of Sessions as to the contents of the library, and of parents as to the volumes perused by their chilren. is a server of a course out to see

itual advantage to be derived from the Sabbath on the part of the teachers, and, in order to afford opportunity both for parental instruction at home and for the children and youth to attend the regular ser vices of the sanctuary, it is recommended to all our churches to have but one session of the Sabbath School on the Sabbath

IX. That it be enjoined upon all who have charge of our Sabbath Schools that they instruct the children regularly in the doctrines of the Bible as they are embodied incour Standards of the theory as acres and

REV. MATTHEW MCBRIDE, editor of the Banner of the Covenant, (Reformed Presbyterian,) has just died in Philadelphia He was called early to his home above, having attained but to the age of 32. His end was peace. Among his last words were, "O the bliss of being in Jesus."

THE FOLLOWING, from the American Presbuterian, appeals with startling impressiveness to those who defer to the closing hours of life their preparation for eternity idea and non oil your do

Rev. Dr. Barnes, in a deeply solemn discourse on Death bed Repentance, preached last Sabbath evening, gave it as the result of forty years observation in the pastoral instance of sick-bed repentance which, upon the recovery of the individual sturned out to be genuine. That which satisfies us of the genuineness of the dying thief's repentance, he continued, is not what he said, but the testimony of one who could penetrate beneath the surface, and could know what we never can the reality of man's professions."

MESSES. EDITORS :- In your issue of April 29th, in a short editorial in refer ence to our complaint against Great Britain, for fitting out and furnishing from her shipyards privateer vessels for the rebels, without winterference, if not indeed with the confivance of the Government; you say that wit is hard to see on what principle we condemn the selling of ships to the South by one class of merchants, while we buy from another class, firearms, saltpetre, ind gunpowder." The difference between the two cases is just this: Great Britain is bound to us not only by the general comity of nations, but by diplomatic intercourse and treaty stipulations. Whereas, with the Southern Confederacy she has no national elations whatever. She never had or could have; for there is no such nation recognised in the world Furnishing them; then, is simply furnishing brigands and pi-rates: 1990 1 1990 JUSTICE AND UNION A Hanover, Ind., May 4, 1863.

For the Presbyterian Banner, To the Pastors and Churches of Western il unideane Pennsylvania. 12 7012.

The United States Christian Commis sion, a national Association having for its maind object the spiritual welfare of the army, have appointed a general Army Committee of Western Pennsylvania: to receive and forward all contributions of money and bospital stores, to select, equip, and send to the camps hospitals and battle-fields: good active, Christian men, either minis ters or laymen, who go as delegates of the the Commission; and act as missionaries in a most important and interesting field. As this is eminently a religious work, it is desirable that the Churches of Christ, of all denominations, be interested in it.

The Commission, therefore, publishes the following instructions which may aid in the formation of Army Committees in all churches, towns, and villages of Western Pennsylvania : การโรโกรสารเลีย Let two or three carnest men meetato!

gether, and appoint a place and time, and make all necessary arrangements for a general meetings Invite all the active minis ters and laymen of all denominations in the vicinity to be presently of olidy worself) at Attathe general meeting, let an Army Committee be elected or appointed, embraoing at least two from each congregation represented. Aspabellassore edi la soro

When this general Committee is completed, organize it by electing a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee! The Executive Committee. should be small shaving not more than five or six members; and let them be active, earnest men whose hearts are in the work. and who are willing to give their time and labor, it can dille brateffire of olde The organization being completed, the work follows at a guineque muit

There are three things wanted by the Commission your Long yrang on hids aid al data Money more or oil again soil of 2d. Hospital Stores in hos smire oils 3d. Good men as delegates.

To obtain money, let the pastors, at such times as may be convenient, announce and take up collections—Let all the members of the Committee present the object and claims of the Christian Commission to of the Committee present the object and diams of the Christian Commission to their friends, and neighbors and solicit their friends, and neighbors and solicit their contributions and influence their contributions and the cause, and urged to form the cause, and urged to form the cause, and the Rappahannock and Richard Rappahannock their contributions and the stage of the coats and bridges between it and the Rappahannock and Richard Rappahannock to inject the coats at the read of their coats and bridges between it and the Rappahannock and Bridges between the cause and bridges between it and the Rappahannock the coats at the read of the coats and bridges between it and the Rappahannock the coats and bridges between it and the Rappahannock the coats at the read of the coats and bridges between it and the Rappahannock the coats and bridges between it and the Rappahannock the coats and bridges between the coats and bridges the read of the coats and s

In short, if any person studies the English | A GENTLEMAN of Boston has made a | found it white with blossoms, a fine instance | drink for the sick, write their letters, comin brief, men are wanted who can do any thing that will add to the comfort of a soldier. When such men are found, write to has prohibited the use of Sunday cars. Pittsburgh, giving the name and address,

Let public meetings be held occasionally in the churches, to maintain and increase for that purpose; and,

WHEREAS, It is claimed by and in behalf of the public interest in the Christian Com-

The above is all the machinery and or-The above is all the machinery and or-ganization that is needed. The simpler it and in pursuance of the laws of the United States, ganization that is needed. The simple and in pursuance of an element suffrage, is in its operations, the more efficient will and who have not exercised the right of suffrage, it be. Let every reader of this article feel or any other political franchise under the laws of the United States or of the States thereof, are that he is called on to act. Let all remember, that the grand object and end of the Christian Commission is, to lead the sol-Christian Commission is, to lead the solto become citizens, and that, on the contrary, diers to Christ, and thus extend the king-such persons, under the treaties or law of na dom of the Redeemer.

DIRECTION FOR SENDING STORES.

When a box is ready, place in the top a obligations imposed by the aforesaid act of Conlist of articles contained, sending at the gress.

Now, therefore, to avoid all misapprehension same time a duplicate by mail, giving all necessary information, the manner of ship-ment, and the Post Office to which acknowledgment is to be made. Mark the proclaim that no ples of alienage will be received box legibly, and ship to WM. P. WEYMAN,

No. 79 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, Pa If the box cannot be sent free, we will States, under the laws thereof, and who shall be ay the freight here. ay the freight here. The Treasurers are requested to send the

Committee,) to JOSEPH ALBREE, Tressurer, No. 71 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. HERRICK JOHNSON, Pres't. Robert C. Totton, Secy.

From the Army The Fast Day. CAMP NAR FRANKLIN, TENN,

MESSRS, EDITORS :- Yesterday was the day appointed by our President as a season of prayer and humiliation. With your permission I will send for the Banner some account of the manner of its observance in this far off land. The day was most delightful. We are enjoying here a season of the finest Spring weather I ever saw; der way this morning with the Lafayette, Caronand yesterday was among the choicest of dolet, Mound City, and Pittsburgh, and proceeded Spring days. A shower the previous night up to the fortsat Grand Gulf for the purpose of of the finest Spring weather I ever saw; cooled and purified the atmosphere. The day opened bright, and beautiful, and con-

of the day among the troops of his com- of the batteries, was killed, also his chief of mand, and to suspend the daily routine of staff. Eleven men were killed that we know of military duty so far as that could be done and our informant says, many wounded, and without detriment to the public service. This petition was kindly received; and an had a hard fight for these forts, and it is with order was issued suspending for the day all great pleasure that I report that the navy holds work on the fortifications, all fatigue duty, the door to Vicksburg: lutely, necessary. The Commissary, Quarconsequence of the wetness of the ground occasioned by the rain of the previous night. At 2 P. M., the regiment was formed and marched to a shady place in the encampment where we usually meet for worship. There they were seated on the ground in compact order under the shade of some fine beech trees now covered with foliage almost fully grown. Every regimental officer, and many of the company

The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice. characteristics of God's government over the ammunition. the world, and apply this to the present state of the country. During the singing, and earnest attention. In the evening we had a prayer-meeting

argely, attended. In many respects this prayer meeting was different from those held in your city of Pittsburgh In many important respects they are alike. We offer our prayers to the same God, through the same Saviour and by the aid of the to stand or kneel, except the earth, No Venus, which now as evening star glows moralized.

Venus, which now as evening star glows pightly in the West. From this assembly Major General Commanding Grand; Gulf of the go up, songs of praise, uttered in the use of hymns and psalms stored in their memory, Alternating with these may be heard words of exhortation and seemingly sol

share of both arm and to rount the army are the soldiers in this part of the army are in the soldiers in this part of the army are in the soldiers in this part of the army are in the soldiers in this part of the army are in the soldiers in this part of the army are in the soldiers in t I will not lengthen this letter, but with this notice of the day of prayer, bid you for the present, Advan A, Swaney, I stom to Chaplain 98th O.V.T.

itani ted de Proclamation, commence By the President of the United States of America WASHINGTON, May 8 -A Proclamation:

and for other purposes which was approved on the third day of March last; and set that have come here, that feel, Stoneman might have taken Richmond with a thousand of his cavalry.

enacted by the same statutes that all able-bodied male citizens of the United States, and persons of foreign birth, who shall have declared, or oath, their intention to become citizens, under and in pursuane of the laws thereof, between the ages of 20 and 45 years, with certain exeptions, not necessary to be mentioned, are declared to constitute the National forces, and shall be liable to perform military duty in the service of the United States, when called out by the President

persons of foreign birth within the ages specified in the said act, who have heretofore declared on not absolutely included by their aforesaid declaration of intention from renouncing their purpose tions, retain a right to renounce that purpose and to forego the privileges of citizenship and residence within the United States, under the

concerning the liability of persons concerned to or allowed to exempt from the obligation imposed by the aforesaid act of Congress, any person of foreign birth who shall have declared his intention to become a citizen of the United found within the United States at any time during the continuance of the present insurrection and rebellion, at or after the expiration of the contributions of money, (retaining all that period of sixty-five days from the date of this may be necessary for the expenses of the Committee.) to has so as aforesaid declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and shall have exercised at any time the right of suffrage or any other political franchise within the United States under the laws thereof, or under the laws of any of the several States.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington, this the 8th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1863, and of the Independence of the United States the 87th. By the President.

W ASSABRAHAM LINCOLN. Wm. H. Seward, Secretary of State.

Captures of Grand Gulf.

FLAC-SHIP BENTON, Grand Gulf, Miss., May 3, 1863. To Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy. Sin: I have the honor to report that I got un-

attacking them again if they had not been abantinued so throughout, affording a delight ful occasion for out door worship.

We have here a Chaplains Association, which meets weekly. This Association addressed a petition to Major Gen. Granger, asking him to recommend the observance. that no one was permitted to go inside the forts

and all camp duty, except what was abso Grand Gulf is the strongest place on the Mis-Had the enemy succeded in finishing the fortifications, no fleet would ever have taken ters, were, closed, and the Quartermasters them. I have been all over the works, and found issued no rations. Thus the day was very them as follows: One fort on the point of the like a Sabbath. In this command I think | Rocks seventy-five feet high, calculated for six the day was given to religious services, especially, in those regiments that have chaplains. But I can only speak with certain ty, in reference to our own regiment of We had no public service in the forenoon in rifle pits, extending one quarter of a mile, conconsequence of the wetness of the ground structed with much labor, and showing great

> rs. The latter were lying bursted or broken on the ground.
> The gunboats had so covered everything with earth that it was impossible to see at first what was there, with the exception of the guns that were dismounted or broken. Every gun that fell into our hands was in good condition, with a

mental officers, and many of the company officers, and nearly all the men, were pressibling quantity of ammunition.

This is by far the most extensively built works with the exception of Vicksburg, I have yet The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice." seen, and am happy to say that we hold them. An attempt was made to, delineate the Lam dismounting the guns, and getting on board

Since making the above examination, new forts have been passed, nearly finished. They had no guns, but were complete of the kind, as prayers, and preaching, there was a solemn regards positions, and had heavy field-pieces in Admiral commanding the Miss. Squadron.

From Gen. Grant's, Army.

To Major General H. W. Halleck, Commander We landed at Boulinsbury, April 80th, moved

same Saviour and by, the aid of the immediately on Portigibson met the enemy, same Spirit. We pray for the same ob, 11,000 strong four miles south of Port Gibson, jects, the preservation of our nationality, the termination of this desolating war, and the speedy establishment of an honorable wounded Our loss is about 100 killed and 500 and lasting peace. But in our outward wounded: The enemy retreated toward Vicks-circumstances, how different! Fancy to burg descroying the bridges over two forks of yourself a body of men numbering a hunyourself a body of men numbering a hun-dred or more standing in a circle, with the minister in the midst. No floor, on which were captured, and some stores; and the enemy driven to destroy many more. The country is covering but the heavens. No light but difficult to operate in Our victory has been what is furnished by the bright moon and most complete, and the enemy thoroughly de-

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To Major General Halleck, General in Chief: words of exhortation and seemingly soltem and earnest prayers. It was to many, a season of profit, and one that will be reviewed in a future day with pleasant recolusions of the 30th of April A. D. 1863; in the camp of the 98th Regiment O. V.I. The chaplain has his discouragements, and they are numerous and very serious. It will not now enumerate these. But he had a look a point called Newton's Station. He then moved southward toward Enterprise, demanded the surrender of the place, and gavelone hour's grace, during which Gen. Lorentey serious the left at once, and moved toward Hazelburst, on the will not now enumerate these. But he had a last once and moved toward there is a boint called Newton's Station. He then moved southward toward Enterprise, demanded the surrender of the place, and gavelone hour's grace, during which Gen. Lorentey serious the left at once, and moved toward Hazelburst, on the point he come up the track, thence to Bahalia, ten miles further south on the same road; where he had a fight with Adams cavalry; from this point he also his encouragements. JU 80, lar as may thence eastward on the road, where he had a own-experience is concerned. I have had a fight with Adams' cavalry of the point, he share of both with all to royal all of the moved back, on the New Orleans and, Jackson road, to Brookhaven, ten miles south of Bahalia. When last heard from he was three miles from orous, warfare is now the surest way to supposed to be making his way to Baton, Rouge they are honeful and ready for any

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, May 7 Majoy General Stoneman's Aid de Camp, Captain Sumner, is just in, Me reports having disarranged all the enemy's communications be-tween this and Richmond, and one party having extended their operations to James river, de-stroying the canal &c. Three regiments of the command deft tot destroy the railroad bridges

WASHINGTON, May 8.—A Proclamation:

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States, attitudes as a constitution and calling out the national forces, and for other purposes which was approved on