

Presbyterian Banner.

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The War.

Our readers are well aware that, from the very commencement of the war, while affirming our great national superiority over the rebels, we have also insisted upon a proper appreciation of their strength and determination, and upon the wisdom of keeping always, an adequate force, and of so making battle that resistance would be hopeless.

For our steady affirmation of the enemy's power, resources, and determination, and for being urged the necessity of our Government adopting national principles in order to the attaining of an adequate force, we have been much reproached.

The INVASION OF PENNSYLVANIA is one of the most disgraceful events of the war. A raid, by a few cavalry, may be made into any border State; but here is a regular invasion: The enemy enters with cavalry, artillery, and infantry, and in different places. He occupies a stretch of country from M'Connellsville to Columbia, a length of some like one hundred miles, and a breadth of about forty miles, reaching to the Susquehanna river, and to the capital of the State, in one of the State's most densely settled districts.

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Postscript.—Just as we are going to press, the telegraph brings us the tidings that Gen. McClellan supercedes Gen. Halleck as COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of the United States armies. This brightens our prospects of victory and peace. The position is that to which Gen. McClellan is peculiarly adapted. We thought it a mistake when he took the field, because we feared that his place could not be supplied in Washington. And facts have shown that our fears were well founded. Nothing has gone right since Gen. Halleck was appointed. Further remarks we reserve till we learn whether the telegram received has announced a veritable fact.

Gen. Hooker. This officer has relieved of his command. The country breathes more freely. His appointment to the head of the army, and his consequent resignation, have been the strangest things among present Lincoln's official acts. Hooker has fearlessly and dash, smacking him down of our best orders to head a column, under a very general; but the qualities needed in a commander-in-chief are not being met, he does not possess, while his professedness, his energy, and his efforts to supply his superiors, render him despicable. To have given us Pope and Miles, should have been enough. Let not another such be promoted. Under such men we must not expect God to bless us. While Gen. Hooker was in command we felt it a duty to be very sparing in our criticisms; and now that he is removed we feel it to be equally a duty to contribute our portion toward a public sentiment which will prevent his recall, or the repetition of him in another. General Burnside we could admire for his sterling integrity and high moral worth; and we must insist upon these being part of the qualifications of all our high commanding officers.

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gave the charge to the pastor, and Mr. Kildor to the people. Rev. J. S. Elder, and Joseph Cochran, Esq., Commissioners to the last General Assembly, made quite interesting reports. The pastoral relation existing between Acadia, Richmond, and Rockland, was dissolved. Calls for churches at Callesburg and Concord were placed in Mr. Kinkaid's hands, of which he declared his acceptance, and Presbytery resolved to meet at Callesburg to install him on the third Tuesday of September.

An invitation was received from the Presbytery of the U. P. Church, then in session in Brookville, to unite with them in prayer and conference on Wednesday at 10 o'clock A. M., which was cordially accepted, and a majority of our members attended at the time designated.

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case. Pennsylvania has always heretofore responded promptly to all the calls made by the Federal Government; and I appeal to you now to be unflinching to the foe that strikes at the life of our Republic; and our people are plundered and driven from their homes solely because of their loyalty and fidelity to our free institutions.

People of Pennsylvania, I owe to you all my faculties, my labors, my life; you own to your country your prompt and zealous services and the time has now come when we must all stand or fall together in defense of our State and in support of our Government. Let us so discharge our duty as to posterity, that I shall continue to use it, whether you advertise or not.

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