PITTSBURGH, DECEMBER 2. 1863.

The War.

FROM GEN. GRANT the tidings are good He commenced, last week, a forward movement with some hard fighting and great success. Thomas', Sherman's, and Hooker's corps were all engaged, and all victors. The remainder of Lookout Mountain was first cleared; then Missionary Ridge; then the retreating enemy was closely pressed ousies. till he passed the Chicamauga Creek. He tried to hold the railroad leading from Walton. Our loss in these engagements was about 4000 in killed and wounded only had an adequate charter. We captured upwards of 6,000 of the enemy, and some fifty cannon, with many small arms, and much baggage. The river, and also the railroad from Chattanooga, are now fully in our possession; giving great relief to the army. Gen. Grant has expressed a purpose to drive Bragg to At lanta, Ga., before he stops. If he should succeed, and the prospect is favorable, it

will greatly damage the rebels. GEN. BURNSIDE, at last dates received still held Knoxville. Longstreet did not press the siege closely, not having men enough to make himself strong on all sides. The retreat of Bragg will make his speedy retirement a necessity, and it exposes him to great danger. He may be obliged to retire to Virginia, and endeavor to rejoin Lec.

FROM GEN. BANKS there is nothing new, except a successful advance into the interior of Western Texas.

BBFORE CHARLESTON operations are con tinued. The ruins of Sumpter endure a vast amount of cannonading. The rebels still hold the place. Gilmore throws, occasionally, a few shells into Charleston. A number of houses have been struck, and a

few persons wounded. THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC is again in motion. It moved on Friday last, with. as is reported, sixteen days of provision and forage. The rail cars were sent back three fords, avoiding the fortified places, compared with railway tolls. and flanking them, so that Lee was obliged Meade's right, led by Gen. French, in regard them as reliable. which French was victor, with the loss of fantry and five batteries of artillery, lated. Stuart's corpse, 8,000 cavalry and two bat-

THE SITUATION, just now, if the army reports are true, is greatly better than at the rebellion. The enemy's armies are much wasted, and he has not the white population from which to fully recruit them. His provisions are becoming scarce. His railroads and railroad stock need repairing and renewing beyond his means. Since the close investment of Charleston harbor and the increase of the blockading squadron, off Wilmington, his material of war is less abundant. Many of the people are becoming discouraged. Now is our time, wisely and firmly to urge on the war. If all the States would respond promptly to the President's late call for 300,000 new evies, it might be that we would not need to bring one of the men into battle. The manifestation of such a spirit would show the rebels that the country was determined to put forth its power. And as soon as they shall become convinced that there is a united and full determination on the part of the loyal States to put them down, they will cease to fight. The way to a speedy and entire suppression of the enemy, is to show him both the strength and the purpose. And this is the true plan for us. if we would save life, time, and money.

Improve the Ohio. One of the grandest internal improve ments of which the country is susceptible, at a comparatively small expense, would be the rendering of the Ohio river navigable for steamboats, the year round. The Ohio is nine hundred and seventy-seven miles long, from Pittsburgh to Cairo. This centres at Pittsburgh is immense—the coal, the iron, the various manufactured articles. the oil and lumber, the trade by railroads from the East: then the trade on the Kanawha, Cumberland, Tennessee and other rivers which empty into the Ohio: and the business of the Mississippi for one thousand miles, extending to New-Orleans and the Gulf: and the trade of the Upper Mississippi and the Missouri, and all their for the people to pay what they promise ceived by about three hundred little wannumerous branches. The mind can not

for large steamers, two or three months in No church ought to ask it. And may we to help several worthy adults as follows: the year, and for small steamers about not also say that no Presbytery should al- One loaf with some preserves, went to an full medium size, say, drawing five feet of water, and as long and broad as might be well for every Presbytery blind woman, a member of the Mission, manageable, for full ten months in the year, to inform the churches under their care to whose son fell at Gettysburg and left her and, when the Winter was mild, navigable arrange without delay to pay their minisdependent. Another was taken with some

then, to estimate its value?

The subject of its improvement has often been agitated. The expense would be great: several railroads built by chartered companies, which cost greatly more money than would be needed in the work of which we speak. The Pennsylvania road cost, probably, three times as much. The main difficulties are a divided sentiment; the many States, six of them, which would need to unite in granting a charter; the various interests involved; and the sectional jeal-

As the matter is now again before the public, we may say a few words on the feasi-Knoxville, through Cleveland, to Walton, bility of the project. If public sentiment hat thus Longstreet might have a means can only be duly elevated, the work will be of retreat, but he failed. Our troops occu- done. The river cities could easily do it. pied (leveland, while the enemy retired to Pittsburgh alone could do it, by her own means and the stock she could sell, if she

and seventy-seven miles long. The amount | being announced; on motion, the regular of lockage needed, to make it a slackwater, would be four hundred and twenty-five feet, say fifty locks of eight and a half feet each. This lockage, or fall, is thus divided:

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Miles. Fall in Av. fall feet. Buile in Pittsburgh to Wheeling...... 86
Wheeling to Cincinnati......374
Cincinnati to Louisville.....156 Louisville to Portland, falls.. 3 33 45 Portland to Evansville......169977 425

The average length of the pools made by dams which would require locks of eight and a half feet lift, would be: Between Pittsburgh and Wheeling 10 miles

Portland and Evansville......42 Evansville and Cairo ... The amount of lockage is certainly very

small, and these longpools would make fine sailing, on which, for the upward passage, all the time lost in passing the locks could be far more than regained; and there would also be a great saving of propelling power. The cost of a slackwater improvement,

such as indicated, is estimated at seven to ten millions of dollars. Take the larger sum, and then it would be but about onethird the average cost of a railroad. And the expense of keeping it in repair would to Washington, and the army cut loose from | be but about one-twentieth that of the railits basis of supplies, probably intending to road. And the cost of vehicle, labor, and change its base to Acquia Creek, or Fred- fuel, per ton, would be greatly less; so ericksburg. The Rapidan was crossed at that the tolls would be but a trifle, when

For the figures above used we are into retreat several miles. There was some debted to Mr. Josiah Copely, of this city, severe skirmishing, and also a contest on who writes in the Pittsburgh Gazette. We

To have steamboat navigation the year about 1,500 in killed and wounded, and round, would give great steadiness to busithe capture of 900 prisoners. The under- ness. Coal need not be then rushed to taking, by Gen. Meade, is perilous. But market, as now, on a freshet, in overwhelmhis army is said to be in excellent spirits, ing quantities. It would go daily, as needed. and greatly superior in numbers to that of So also of oil, merchandize, and manufac-Gen Lee. Lee's force is thus stated: Ew- tures. As things now are, a vast amount ell's corps, now commanded by Early, is of capital lies idle, in boats tied to the said to be 21,000 infantry and six batteries wharf, in coal dug and waiting a rise of ceased. of artillery. A. P. Hill's corps, 20,000 in- water, and in manufactured articles accumu-

Pittsburgh would also reap a great beneteries of flying artillery; in all, 51,000 in- fit in having the first dam so arranged as to fantry, 8,000 cavalry, and seventy-eight give her six or eight feet of water always at her wharves.

The Monongahela has already a slackwater navigation. The Allegheny might any previous time since the beginning of be so improved to the oil region; or even to Olean, in New-York.

The work might properly be called National, all the States between the Allegheny and the Rocky mountains are deeply interested; and all the Atlantic States north of Virginia, would have a benefit. Pennsylvania, however, is the most deeply concerned; her coal, oil, iron and lumber; her railroads, the Central, Connellsville, and Allegheny Valley-all her business would feel the influence.

If charters for a slackwater could not be had from the States below Pennsylvania, this State might, of herself, greatly improve the Ohio, and look for her remuneration in her share of the business, since she then could not collect tolls. This would be done on the Ellett plan of artificial lakes on the upper branches. Five feet of water for most of the year, and three feet in the driest season, might thus ed and dying soldiers (especially in the be obtained, at a fourth, or a third, of the latter part) which touch the inmost feelings cost of a slack water; and the benefit to the State would be amply remunerative.

For the Presbyterian Banner, Ministers' Salaries.

As the churches in the bounds of the Synods of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, and makes all books dearer than they were; but perhaps other Synods, also, were enjoined as a book for interesting family reading, it at the late meetings of those Synods, to in- is worth vastly more than the cost. To crease the salaries of their respective ministers, in view of the increased cost of living, would it not be well for each church recent years, in giving his narratives of to arrange the payment of their minister's travels in Eastern countries, it will be essalary quarterly, if this is not already their pecially interesting. And still more so, custom?

We know many churches which only pay whole distance is through an extremely half-yearly, and some which only pay once productive country. The business which a year. It used to be that men could let their bills run for a year without ever thinking of paying them; but those days are for the most part numbered with the nast. Business is now done more on the cash principle than formerly, which is all the better for buyer and seller. Three months is about as long a credit as is now given. Hence payment of salaries halfyearly will not suit the minister. The payment of them quarterly is the best for poor of Bedford street, which is the "Five minister and for people. It is much easier parts, and one part paid at the end of every mations of delight. Among them nearly calculate the importance of this river as a three months. No argument is needed to all nations were represented, for there were medium and channel of trade, if duly im- prove this. It is manifestly unjust to re- German, Italian, Irish, Spanish, Jew, Afquire a minister to labor six months, and rican, and the true red, white and blue, or In its natural state, the Ohio is navigable labor a year before he receives his wages. and a surplus which enabled the missionary more than doubly unjust to require him to American. Yet there was enough for all. double of that time. It might be made low a call from any of their churches to old colored woman who had all of her capable of passing large boats, or boats of a pass through their hands into that of any clothes and bed clothing stolen by the

| for the year. And who would pretend, | ter's salary quarterly, and that no call will be put into the hands of a minister henceforth unless they stipulate to pay quarterly. If this is not done, ministers must continue to be losers. They must borrow money but that is not the main obstacle. We have to meet bills due at the end of three months, or pay interest on them, which is the same thing.

Where salaries are only paid yearly, in case the minister can get a year ahead, which few can, he must keep on hands a year's salary to meet his daily expenses, or else run bills, and thus in the end he loses the interest on at least a part of a year's salary, and possibly loses by bank's failing also, as few ministers in the country churches have the opportunity to deposit in banks, and draw out as they may need. Let Elders, Trustees, and members think of these things, and take action accordingly.

For the Presbyterian Banner In Memoriam.

At the regular meeting of the Philophro nesian Literary Society, Oct. 30th, 1863, the death of private Anthony L. Gettle, The river, as we said, is nine hundred | Co. C, 120th Regiment O. V. I., U. S. A., order of business was laid aside, and a Committee appointed to draft resolutions with reference to his death. In accordance therewith, the following preamble and reslutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, In the allwise dispensations of God's providence, our much-loved friend and former fellow-student, Mr. Anthony L Gettle, has been removed by the hand of death, we recognize in the person of Mr. Gettle an active and worthy member of the Philophronesian Literary Society, and we feel it not only a duty but a privilege to cherish the memory of every patriot-friend who has bravely laid down his life in defence of his country; therefore,

Resolved, That in his death we recognize the hand of Him "whose ways are not our ways," and we bow down in sincere humilty to his will, yielding up the heart's last offering in the act. That he was gallant and brave, doing honor to the position he occupied, requires no words of ours to prove. Entering the service at his "counry's call," he proved himself a good and aithful soldier. But to us who associated with him amidst other scenes in the genial intercourse of social life, is permitted the last pleasing task, alas! of testifying to those virtues which won our esteem and regard, as exhibiting the beauties of the 'inner-life." Thoughts of him will ever he fragrant with pleasant memories; that we may ever emulate his virtues and renler unto Him who judges of the heart a record as stainless, may justly be the ambition of our lives to the end.

And thy God in the darkest of days shall be Beauty, and greenness, and strength to thee.

Resolved. That in the death of our companion his parents have lost a dutiful son, the home-circle a loving brother, our Society a faithful member, the Institution a

a brave and patriotic defender. Resolved, That we tender our heart-felt sympathies to his relatives, who are thus made to drink the bitter cup of bereavement and to mourn over the silent dead; and that this act of God's providence contains a lesson which we are always too slow to interpret, commanding us, "be ye also

Resolved, That these resolutions be pubished in the Presbyterian Banner, Ashland Times, Ashland Union, Mansfield Herald, and Shelby Express, and a copy of the same be sent to the friends of the de-

Resolved, That this Society, as a mark of respect, do now adjourn D. N. LYON, XEN. C. SCOTT. JOHN S. POTTER. Committee.

For the Presbyterian Banner The Peninsular Campaign.

Those who sit down to read the book of Rev. Dr. Marks on the "Incidents and Scenes" during the Peninsular Campaign, and know him—his courageous and faithful abors in the cause of the Redeemer, and his great devotion to the welfare of the soldiers, will be sensible that he deserves consideration and gratitude. Thus the writer began to read, fearing, however, that he might be disappointed, in not finding the book as good as the man. But these fears were dissipated. In the language of the Presbyterian, in regard to Dr. M., "He saw much, and collected from others many of the thrilling scenes which occurred during the seven days' battles. His descriptions are very picturesque, and deeply interest and engage the attention. feats of gallantry were performed, what horrors were unfolded, during that disasrous campaign!"

But the book does not only deeply interest by its narratives; it is also very suggestive of duty to our countrymen. It contains accounts of the religious exercises of woundof the soul; and are useful to convince of the truth of real religion, and well adapted to guide the minds of all that would receive Christ as the Lamb slain to atone for sin, and as a Shepherd to guide them through the "valley of the shadow of

Western Pennsylvanians, with whom Dr. Marks was associated in youth, and in more Pennsylvania regiment as Chaplain, and voluntarily became an inmate of a Rich-

mond prison to benefit his fellow-men.

For the Presbyterian Banner.

Do Some Good in the World. How? Read the following leisurely and carefully, and you will see it is not much trouble. A lady whose husband was a baker, sent a large donation of bread to the Points" of Philadelphia, and it was resetts, to a man who was shivering over power, we would make her, as she is, a physical some dying embers in an old stove down in a cellar, and when he showed him the comfortable things we were able to furnish him through friends, he wiped a tear upon his ragged sleeve, and thanked his Heavenly Father whom he was trying to serve. Another was given to a poor cripple boy who, last Winter, had to sit at our door with one foot in the pant leg of the other to keep warm, as we had no shoes for him. Thus great good was done by little means righty employed. The lady who sent the bread did not think she was doing much, but when we sent her an account of its distribution, she was so pleased she sent us twice

as much, and six dollars in cash. Take another case of how to do good! A poor man staggered to our door one day, leaning on a stick, his face bleeding, and his beard matted with blood, and asked for something to eat. We gave him a loaf of bread, and he twisted off one end, put it in his mouth, and sold the remainder at a cold victual shop for "a one pounder," or cent drink. Afterwards he came to church, but while we would be preaching, he would interrupt us with his mumbling. and shrug his shoulders as if creeping with vermine. We took an interest in him, rented a room, and that man was converted, and is now Superintendent of a Sabbath

Do some good in the world? Do you still ask how? Take an interest in the OF CASES: elevation of the poor, the degraded, and outcast around you. If you have none like we have, send your money, clothing, and shoes, to us, and remember the Saviour says: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me." Address

J. H. Beckwith, Missionary, Mission House, 619 Bedford St., Philadelphia, Pa.

For the Presbyterian Banner Oaken Men.

"What kind of a man is Mr. Hartson?" said Mr. Hall, who had recently moved into the village of C-, to his neighbor. Mr. Lawson.

"He is a 'white-oak' man." was the re-

"What am I to understand by that?" "Well, he is a very resolute man. When he undertakes to do a thing, he does it; and if he makes up his mind not Philip March, Esq., all of Columbiana County, to do a thing, nothing can make him do it." Ohio. "That is all very well, provided he always makes up his mind to do what is wain, Mr. HENRY H. LEMON to Miss ADY LYDY, Is he a professor of religion?"

"Yes, he joined the church about two years ago. Religion has wrought a great change in him. His firmness, or as some call it, obstinacy, is very prominent, but for the most part, it is put forth in the right direction. Sometimes he takes up wrong notions, and then it is next to impossible to turn him."

firmness-firmness to adhere to the right, and to resist the wrong. In this sense, men of oak are needed. There are but comparatively few men who will fearlessly and firmly uphold the right against opposition and obloquy. Moral courage is by no means as generally possessed, as physical

Some think that firmness is of necessity allied to obstinacy—that a man who is firm in his adherence to that which is right, must of necessity be obstinate in his adherence to that which is wrong, if he chance to enter upon pursuit of it. Not so. There are men of iron purpose when clearly in the right, who will quit their most cherished purposes as soon as they are shown to be wrong. The utmost tenacity to the right, is consistent with the utmost readiness to abandon the wrong. It is also thought by some that firmness is not consistent with gentleness. The Saviour was the gentlest, and at the same

DECISION.

PRESBYTERIAL NOTICES.

time the firmest of men.

aged 3 years and 114 months. The PRESBYTERY OF SALTSBURG stands djourned to meet in Kittanning, on the last uesday (29th) of December.
W. W. WOODEND, Stated Clerk. Wednesday afternoon, the 2d inst.

The PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY stands adjourned to meet at Muddy Creek, on the Second Tuesday of December. at 11 o'clock A. M.
J. R. COULTER, Stated Clerk.

General Aews.

The Cotinental Monthly.

The number for December is received. It concludes the second year of this valuable journal. It brings a title page and table of contents for Vol. IV. The work is well worthy of being put in the book-binder's hands. The practical political question discussed in this number, is Reconstruction. The ground taken is, that the rebellion is to be regarded and treated as the work of individuals, and not of States. Hence its suppression will not annihilate States: but will affect and subject to punishment, the individuals who are partakers therein.

Blackwood's Magazine,

For November, contains, along with a rather abundant supply of light reading, several substantial articles pertaining to European affairs, and one strong anti-Northern paper, entitled "Our Rancorous Cousins." Eor sale by Henry Miner, Fifth Street, Pittsburgh.

Mr. Bidwell still displays taste in his selections from foreign journals, to accommodate American readers. The number of the Eclectic now before us completes the sixtieth volume.

The Eclectic Magazine.

General Morgan Has escaped from Columbus prison, and reached

Canada. He, with a few others, dug out, under

THE railroad between the Rapidan and Rappahannock is being destroyed by our forces, and the iron sent to Alexandria. Up to this morn-ing the rails were removed to within half a mile south of the Rappahannock.

The Florence Nightingale of the Nursery. The following is an extract from a letter writ-

en by the Rev. C. Z. Weiser, to the German Reformed Messenger, at Chambersburg, Pa.: A BENEFACTRESS .- Just open the door for her, and Mrs. Winslow will prove the American Florence Nightingale of the Nursery. Of this we are so sure, that we will teach our "Susy" to ay, "A Blessing on Mrs. Winslow" for helping her to survive and escape the griping, colicking and teething siege. We confirm every word set forth in the Prospectus. It performs precisely what it professes to perform, every part of it—
nothing less. Away with your "Cordial,"
"Paragoric," "Drops," "Laudanum," and
every other "Narcotic," by which the babe is drugged into stupidity, and rendered dull and idiotic for life. We have never seen Mrs. Winslow-know her

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On the 12th of November, by Rev. A. McElright, and to avoid doing what is wrong. of Pine Township, Indiana County, Pa. On the 17th of November, Mr. Saluel M. Hazlett, of Clarksburg, to Miss Mary L. Clark, of Indiana,

On Tuesday, November 17th, at Allegheny City, Pa., by Rev. Wm. Annan, Serg't John C. Sweney, of Co. D, 156th Reg. P. V. to Miss Emma ERNEST. all of Allegheny City. At Bridgeport, O., November 12th, 1863, by

Rev. Geo. W. Chalfant, Mr. Benjamin Sample of Morris Ill., to Miss Emeline P. Campbell, of November 18th, at the residence of the bride's

father, in Wysox, Pa., by Rev. P. Camp, Mr. D. Mehan, of Harrisburg, Pa., to Miss Alice M. daughter of Capt. John Allen. On Thursday evening, November 19th, by Rev. J. H. Flanagan, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. W. EVERHART to Miss LEXIE FLEMING, all of Marion County, Western

Virginia. On the same evening, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. B. A. FLEMING to Miss MOLLIE S. CHRISTY, all of Fairmount, Marion County, Western Virginia. At the residence of the bride's father, on the 24th ult., by Rev. James D. Fitzgerald, Mr. H. J. Cline, to Miss Rebecca Jane Watters. On August 26th, by Rev. A. J. Compton, M.D.

Obituary.

Mr. ISAAC S. WILSON, of Buffalo, N. Y., to Miss MARY FRANK BROWN, of Bentonsport, Iowa.

[ANNOUNCEMENTS, GRATIS; ADDITIONAL REMARKS, FIV. ORNTS A LINE, NINE WORDS BEING A LINE.]

DIED—On Tuesday morning at 12.40, MAR-GARET LOUISE DE ZOUCHE, (Potie) eldest child of Samuel W. and Cecilia Anne Patton, The funeral will take place from the residenc of her parents, 33 Hand street, at 3 o'clock on

DIED-On the 27th of October, of scarlet fever, JOHN WRIGLEY, only and interesting ittle son of Mr. A. B. Hosack, of Mayville, Jefferson County, Pa., aged 1 year, 6 months

DIED-November 13th, 1863, at his residence near Noblestown, Allegheny County, Maj. JOHN STURGEON, in the 80th year of his age.

DIED-At Munson's Hill Hospital, Va., April 8th, 1863, MATTHEW H. GREER, a member of Co. L, 10th P. R. V. C., aged 33 years. His remains were brought to Canonsburg for interment. Mr. Greer was a worthy member of the Church twelve years, where, by his amiable manners and warm and ardent consecration of himself to the cause of Christ and the Church, he won for himself the love and esteem of all who knew him. In 1859 he came to Canonsburg. Here the writer became more intimately acquainted with him, and can truly say, he neve has seen a more perfect example of all the graces of a Christian so fully developed. He was truly a man of prayer. His heart and hand were ever ready to alleviate distress, and all objects of Christian benevolence were sustained by his

prayers and contributions. He is gone, we fully believe, to join his mother and other pious friends, in a better world. He has left a lone widow, and a large circle of other friends to mourn his loss. May they all meet him in heaven. W. T. B.

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