Operations in the field have been nearly uspended. At this season of the year it would be cruel to subject men and animals to the exposures of field operations, in either Virginia or the mountainous regions of East Tonnessee.

THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC is prearing Winter quarters on the Rappahangok; while that of the enemy is similarly cupied on the Rapidan. It is contended to the late movement of Gen. Meade, cross the Rapidan, was with a real intenion of engaging the enemy, but that it was bandoned owing to the failure of a part of the Corps Generals to execute their trust. The existence of a purpose to remove Gen. Meade, is both affirmed and

THE SIEGE OF KNOXVILLE has been raised. On the approach of Gen. Sherman, Gen. Longstreet withdrew to Morristown on the East Tennessee and Virginia Rail-

CHATTANOOGA receives its supplies by steamers. The railroad from Nashville there will soon be refitted the whole distance. There is still some probability that Gen. Grant will advance to Dalton, and perhaps to Rome, in Georgia.

In ARKANSAS things still look favorable. THE NAVIGATION of the Mississippi i much interrupted by guerrilla bands.

IN WESTERN TEXAS, the army of Gen Banks still makes progress. He is possessing some important places. This is the season for operations in that quarter. Matagorda has been taken. Gen. B. himself has returned, sick, to New-Orleans.

BEFORE CHARLESTON, there is not much being done. A few guns are fired daily. The Monitor Weehawken was sunk, while at anchor off Morris Island, during the late storm. Thirty of her crew were drowned. She may be raised.

THE EXCHANGE of prisoners seems to be completely blocked up. The rebel authorities have also refused to permit any more supplies to reach our men. They profess to be incensed by the charges in our pa- 1796 are themselves worth the price of the volpers, that they tailed to deliver what was | ume; at the same time there is no article but sent. They also say that the prisoners will richly repay perusal. they hold are duly supplied in the regular STORIES OF OLD; or, BIBLE NARBATIVES

Rumons of an armistice, and of peace propositions, on the part of the rebels, are

The Rebel Congress. This body was organized at Richmond, Va., on Monday the 7th inst. On the next day President JEFF. DAVIS sent in his annual Message. It is long, and presents edged. Efforts are made to sustain the are deserving of extensive circulation among hopes of the people, they relying on their own powers. The prospect of foreign aid he regards as being very dult. He reproves both England and France, and hints at interfering with their commerce.

It is said that the North Carolina members are determined to introduce the question of re-construction. A stormy session is expected.

### Congress.

No business has yet been transacted, be youd the appointing of Committees, and the giving notice of purposes to introduce some important bills. The Committees of the House are said to be well selected. Mr. Stevens, of Pennsylvania, is Chairman of the Ways and Means, which is the most important of the Committees. The President's health is improved.

Vituperation Condemned.

A late N. Y. Times says:

"The word 'Copperhead,' and the impu tation of disloyalty, are bandied quite too freely. It is a way some people have of showing their spite toward the men-who don't exactly agree with them upon some of the questions touching slavery, or upon some of the features touching President Lincoln's policy. It is a bad spirit, and it should be discountenanced by every man who has breadth of mind enough to understand that the essential distinction between loyalty and disloyalty relates to sides, and not to difference in position on any one side. True Union men are obliged to agree only in one thing—the support of the war for the preservation of the Union. But until the constitution of the human mind is changed it will be impossible for all true | Bishops. Union men to agree with respect to the precise mode in which that war shall be conducted. Men, however devoted to a common cause, always differ about methods and details; and they have a right so to differ, so long as they will keep clear of factious conduct. Fair discussion is always not only admissible, but practicable."

The Times is a leading, if not the leading paper in the support of the Administration. It is hence a symptom of good to hear it thus speak. An example set by a journal so prominent cannot but have happy influence.

In the House of Representatives there is is also a hopeful indication. Mr. Speaker COLFAX. himself always a pattern of becoming conduct and language, said in his opening speech:

"In this greater than Roman forum, I invoke you to approach these grave questions with the calm thoughtfulness of statesmen, freeing your discussions from that ascerbity which mars instead of advancing legislation. And with unshaken reliance on that Divine power which gave victory to those who formed this Union. who are seeking to save it from destruction from the hand of the parricide and traitor. I invoke you also to remember that sacred truth which all history verifies, that 'they who rule not in righteousness shall perish

#### PRESBYTERIAL NOTICES.

The PRESBYTERY OF OHIO will meet in the Lecture-room of the First Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh, on the last Tuesday of December, at 2 o'clock P. M. W. B. McILVAINE, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE will neet, according to adjournment, in Uricksville, on the Second Tuesday of January, at 10 o'clock A. M. ROBERT HERRON, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY CITY will hold its next meeting in the First German shurch of Manchester, to commence on the last Tuesday (29th) of December, at 10 o'clock A. M. The meeting is to be opened with a sermon by the Rev. Gilbert M. Potter, pastor of the Pine Creek church. W. ANNAN, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF SALTSBURG stands adjourned to meet in Kittanning, on the last Tuesday (29th) of December. W. W. WOODEND, Stated Clerk.

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.

## Viterary Hotices.

THE HEADSHIP OF CHRIST, AND THE RIGHTS OF THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLE. A Collection of Essays, Historical and Descriptive Sketches, and Personal Portraitures, with the Author's Celebrated Letter to Lord Brougham. By Hugh Miller. With a Preface by Peter Bayne, A. M. 12mo., pp. 502. Boston: Gould & Lincoln. New-York: Sheldon & Co. For sale in Pittsburgh.

The stirring scenes in the Church of Scotland prior to the great Disruption in 1843, are familiar o many of our readers. The severe and frequent conflicts carried on for years between the devotedly pious evangelicals on the one hand, and the lukewarm moderatists on the other; and the noble and persistent resistance to Parliamentary encroachments made by those who could ecognize none but Christ as the Head of the Church, are remembered with enthusiasm by those especially whose hearts are in sympathy important principles, the heroic maintenance of which, led to her establishment.

Among the champions of the evangelical and anti-patronage party, Hugh Miller, the eminent geologist, stands confessedly conspicuous. His letter to Lord Brougham, in which he so ably vindicated the rights of the Church, brought him first prominently into notice as a polemic writer, and secured his appointment to the editorial chair of the Edinburgh Witness. Through the columns of this paper, the renowned stonemason dealt out many an effective blow against the assailants of the Church's rights, and did

noble service in the cause of evangelical truth. The celebrated letter to Lord Brougham, and the paper on the great Missionary Debate of

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# General Aews.

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

The Gazette has followed the lead of the Chronicle. It, too, wanted more room for advertisements, and more space for reading matter; and hence it has increased its size. This demand on the newspapers evinces the prosperity of Pittsburgh.

The Continental Monthly

Is published by John F. Trow, No. 50 Greene Street, N. Y. It is sold at the book-stores, in Pittsburgh and Allegheny.

Soldiers' Aid Concert.

A concert was given in Bethany church on Tuesday evening last, by the Federal Springs Soldiers' Relief Society. The Rev. C. G. Braddock presided, and Mr. M. B. Brown was chose Secretary. The exercises were introduced by singing, after which the Rev. Mr. Marks, of the U. P. Church, led the assembly in prayer. The

audience was not very large, but the day passed pleasantly and profitably. The exercises were interspersed with instrumental and vocal music, Miss Kennedy presiding at the piano. The selections were good, and the pieces were well executed. Col. Clark, Rev. Mr. 4 Marks, and the Rev. Mr. Greer delivered excels. lent addresses. Just before the close of the axercises, Rev. R. McPherson made an appeal to the audience, in behalf of the Society, for aid to enable them to accomplish their aim in administering to the wants of our soldiers; and this appeal was generously responded to, the Secretary reporting that over \$100 had been raised. This, together with the proceeds of the sale of tickets, will enable the Society to go forward in their praiseworthy efforts.

### Commercial.

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On Thursday evening, November 26th, by Rev. John Y. M'Cartney, Mr. James McMurray to Miss Polly Allen, both of Temperanceville,

December 1st, by Rev. C. G. Braddock, Mr. ROBERT FIFE to Miss KATE HENDRICKSON, of Thompsonville, Washington County, Pa. In Pittsburgh, Pa., on Thursday evening, December 3d, at the residence of the bride's parents, Centre Avenue, by Rev. Dr. Jacobus, Mr. R. S. Waring to Miss Jane, daughter of Isaiah Dickey. No cards.

At Mansfield, Ohio, on December 2d, by Rev. Chomas K. Davis, Mr. WILLIAM H. WELDON, U. S. N., to Miss MARY H., eldest daughter of

of Hollidaysburg, Pa.

November 26th, by Rev. W. B. Faris, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. HENRY CONGER to Miss Elizabeth Kingsland. On ecember 3d, at the house of the bride's father. Mr. Demas M. M'Collum to Miss Martha E. STROUSE, all of Washington County, Pa.

In Brookville, Pa., on November 26th, at the house of G. W. Andrews, Esq., by Rev. S. H. Holliday, Dr. John Mechling to Miss Mary E. daughter of D. B Jenks, Esq., deceased. November 25th, by Bev. M. M. Shirley, Mr. Andrew J. M'GATHEY, of Rural Valley, Arm-

strong County, to Miss Amanda C. Miller, of Conemaugh Township, Indiana County, Pa. November 18th, by Rev. T. G. Scott, Mr. HENRY McDowel, of Virginia, to Miss Hannah QUEEN, of Carroll County, Ohio.

### Obitnary.

[ANNOUNCEMENTS, GRATIS; ADDITIONAL REMARKS, FIVE DIED-On the 3d inst., of typhoid pneumonis, Mrs. CATHARINE, consort of Mr. John

DIED-Of diptheria, October 31st, JAMES B.; and November 23d, GEORGE L.; sons of Webster and Mary Morgan, of South Fayette,

Allegheny County, Pa. DIED-Of scarlet fever, in Mifflin Township Allegheny County, on the 3d day of December, MARY ELIZABETH, only daughter of James and Margaret G. Means, aged 3 years, 1 month,

"But Jesus said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such i the kingdom of heaven."

"No sickness there, No weary wasting of the frame away; No blasted flower.

Or withered bud, celestial gardens know."

DIED-Near Livermoret Pa., November 25th. Robert Newton, youngest son of Samuel and Jane Nesbitt, in the 18th year of his age. Intelligent, kind, and affectionate, he was esteemed and loved by all who knew him; and God's unseen angel too, looking on us all, and loving him the most, straightway relieved him of early death, it is with thoughts of gladness mingled with our tears, that he rests from all

strife in a world of hallowed stillness and peace. By guardian angels led, Free from temptation, Free from sorrow-Alive, whom we call dead.

Early in life he made a public profession of faith in Christ, and that faith shone very brilliantly in his exemplary life. For one of his age, he was an ornament to the Church. Those beautiful rays of light, which we trust were the fruits of the Spirit, were not prevented in their outgoings, but shone with freedom and brilliancy from that young heart, under whatever circumstances he might be placed. Possessing more than ordinary natural talents, and fired with zeal for the cause of his Divine Master, he entered upon the literary work preparatory to heralding the Gospel of Jesus. When the troubles of our country broke out, he was prosecuting his studies at Washington, Pa. But the call for help to defend our government aroused that patriotic spirit in the bosom of this young man, which induced him to bid farewell to the preceptors he loved so dearly, and that portion of his fellow students he left behind, and in August, 1862, volunteered his service, and if need be his life, for the defence of his country. He said in his last interview with the writer, "I go from a sense of duty." We trust he has gone to join other pious friends in a better world. T. G. S.

9th, in the 19th year of his age, Mr. W. J. M. Sloan, of Clarion County, Pa. ... The deceased was the "Benjamin" of the household, and a child of the covenant. Cherishing a truly loyal spirit, he enlisted in the service of his country in August, 1862, as a member of Co. K, 148th Reg't P. V. Prompt and faithful in the performance of his duties, and gentlemanly in his deportment, he won the esteem of his comrades and officers. Nobly struggling for of conflict. Her soul now dwells in the uncreahis country, he passed unharmed through the ted peace around the throne of God. How quie battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. But to her the contrast between earth and heaven he was shortly afterwards prostrated by a sun stroke, which was followed by fever. His sufferings were borne without a murmur, and after lingering for a few weeks, he was released from the toils and trials and pains of his warfare. Beloved in life, he is mourned in death by a deeply afflicted family and large circle of friends. His body was brought home and laid beside his brother David's who also had died in his country's service. Side by side they rest in the quiet graveyard of Greenville, there to await the trumpet call of the great resurrection.

DIED-Near Bealeton Station, Va., September

DIED—At his residence, near Mt. Sterling, Brown County, Ill., on Sabbath morning, No-vember 29th, 1863, Maj. JOHN MEANS, a Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian church, in the

66th year of his age. He was born in Lewis County, Ky., and at the age of twenty-five, united with the Presbyterian church. Five years after, he was made a Ruling Elder in the same church. He removed to Brown County, Ill., in the Spring of 1835, and the Summer following, aided in organizing the First Presbyterian church in Mt. Sterling, and was elected one of its first elders. He was a man of great firmness and energy of character. Though his early education was limited, he posjudgment. He felt a deep interest in the welfare of our country and the preservation of our Government. He was a thorough Presbyterian, yet charitable to other denominations. He loved the Church, its polity, its doctrines, and all its members. He labored and prayed for its peace and prosperity. His last thoughts were directed to it—his last prayers, in its behalf. In his death, the Church has lost one of its strong pillars. He was liberal in sustaining the Church; was always ready to stand in his place, and never shrank from his share of responsibility. His hospitality was often shared by his numerous friends, and his house was a welcome home, especially to ministers of the Gospel. He was a kind husband, an affectionate father, and a faithful friend. Though in feeble health for some years, he was a punctual attendant upon the means of grace. His place in the church was seldom vacant, until the past year, when sickness prevented his attendance. He loved the doctrines of grace, and rested upon them for his hope of salvation. His last illness was a bronchial affection. He suffered but little pain, but gradually wasted away until the final dissolution. He was conscious of his situation, and entirely resigned to the will of God. He felt that he was prepared for the change, through the blood of the precious Saviour and the grace of God, and was ready and desirous to go and

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

DIED-In Gettysburg, on the 30th of September, in the 28th year of her age, JENNIE C., wife of the Rev. John R. Warner.

It is with hesitancy that the writer, in the name of bereaved friends, would offer a brief tribute to the memory of this departed saint. To speak all the truth concerning her, might seem like fulsome eulogy to the world; to say less, seems like injustice to her character. But those who knew her best, will excuse what is wanting when they remember her indifference, while here, to the praises of earth-still less does she value them now, as her bosom thrills with rapture at the welcome of her Saviour, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter

thou into the joy of thy Lord." Jennie Craig was born in Franklin County, Penna. The child of pious parents, and spendng her early years in the comparative seclusion of a country home, she grew into womanhood adorned with those natural graces which seem to court the shades of retirement, and have their fairest growth around a Christian fireside. Her mind was one of more than ordinary strength. Quick in perception, ever prompt and determined in action, yet noted for prudence, her character was such as to command the respect of all who knew her. Hers, also, was the rarer gift of appearing unconscious of these mental powers, which few, as gifted as she, could control so wisely. But more than all, Divine grace had given to her that tenderness and delicacy of feeling which saves such natures from becoming the brilliant and sarcastic censors of the social circle, and make them peculiarly fitted even to adorn such a responsible position as she was called to occupy. It was not strange, then, that as she enlarged the circle of her acquaintances, she increased the number of her attached friends. Married to the Rev. John R. Warner, she soon shared with him the warm attachment of the people of his charge. It has been a long time since there was a sadder day among them than when the young wife of their pastor, whom they first loved for his sake, but so soon learned to love for her own sake, was carried amid their tears, to her last resting-place. Her married life, though brief, was singularly happy. The life's weary load. Though called to mourn his attachment of friends, the love of a fond husband, and the laughter and prattle of a little child, seemed to fill her cup of earthly happiness to overflowing, when God took her to higher bliss. Her piety was of that deep-toned kind which manifests itself in a blameless life, and simost unbroken sobriety of character. Her faith, in accordance with it, partook more of the lasente Temple, masonic Temple, m steadfastness of principle, than the variableness

DIED—In the hospital at Little Rock, Ark., Of emolion; hence there was a remarkable evenOctober 4th, 4863, THOMAS R. WHITAKER, a mess in her temper under the most trying, as member of Co. I, 98th O. V. I., aged 22 years.

Mr. W. was born in Carroll County, Ohio.

Reply in life he made a public profession of faith

Reply in life he made a public profession of faith battle of Gettysburg, when the conflict raged through the streets, and shells shricked like messengers of death over their dwelling-when all gathered in her household were filled with alarm, she alone was composed and stood serene, with faith resting on the promises of God. The same characteristic appeared in her last illness; while there was no exultation, there was no depression, no alarm. Her heart was fixed, trusting in God. Even in the delirium incident to her disease, and which remained with her the last hours of her life, no frivolous or thoughtless expression escaped her; but as if to show where faith had bound her soul, she would exhort her husband to "preach the Word," to "charge Christians to be in earnest." If men take the ravings of delerium in the dying warrior or patriot, as evidence of the "ruling passion strong in death," what a pleasing testimony to her piety will her friends find in her last words, to add to her devoted and consistent life! As the chill of death was creeping over her, and her eyes closing to earth, she took up, with faltering lips, the Christian doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." &c

Well might she sing it. With her, the worship of the earthly sanctuary was closing; she was entering the temple "Where congregations ne'er break up," and where they ascribe unceasing praise to the Lumb that redeemed them. Her body sleeps on Cemetery Hill, the central part of the great battle-field, where, few months before, she watched with such solici tude the destiny of the nation trembling in the balance, and saw the ebb and flow of the waves But her joy is not yet complete, great as it is The "hill of the dead" shall again tremble to its base, at the voice of louder thunders, and the silent sleepers awake from their nameless graves. Then, as the great Conqueror gathers his tro phies from this battle-field, she, whose very name was unknown to the world as it built its lofty monuments to the patriot dead beside her grave shall stand forth in her robes of royalty, and be numbered among "priests and kings, and conquerors," who shall shout, "Victory to the

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