

Presbyterian Banner.

PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1864.

THE ABSENCE OF WARMTH IN OUR CONGREGATIONS.

By this we do not mean the want of a spirit of earnest and loving devotion to the King and Head of the Church, which breathes through and quickens into newness of life every pious soul in times of revival. We are not about to write concerning the low state of religion which prevails in most of our churches and in most hearts. This state of things is to be regretted, mourned over, repented of, and forsaken. The Lord calls upon us to press nearer his throne, to rise to a higher standard of Christian life, and to receive more of the spirit of Him whom zeal for the honor and glory of the Church consumed.

But we speak now of the coldness and neglect of Christians toward each other. They have one Father. They have been redeemed by the same blood. They have been regenerated by the same Holy Spirit. They are walking in the same faith, and have in great part the same joys and sorrows—the same hopes and fears. If one member of the body suffers, all the members suffer; and if one is honored, all are honored. Hence Christians are to bear one another's burdens, to be helpers one of another; to rejoice with them that rejoice and to weep with them that weep. This, it will be admitted, is the Scripture theory of the affectionate Christians are to cherish toward all who bear the image of Christ, and especially toward those with whom they are associated in a particular and distinct church. And it was a distinguishing characteristic of the early Christians, that they loved one another.

Now it is true that the principle of affection to one another is found in all who are truly Christian. Especially is this true in the case of those who are associated together as members of the same church. But the trouble is, this principle is not cultivated; it is not developed; consequently it is not manifested. And the result is an appearance of indifference to one another which is at once painful and mortifying. The members of the same church meet, with as little exhibition of interest as if they were united by no common bond, and animated by no common and glorious hope. In the house of God they look upon one another with as little concern as if they were entire strangers. And in the ordinary intercourse of life, there is but little commingling of spirit. Some one may say, But the root of the matter is there; they do love one another, though they may say nothing about it and give no sign of its existence which can be detected by another. The same apology might be made for one destitute of any exhibition of common politeness. But this would not justify such an one in continuing to be so.

may be found hidden away down in the depths of his nature. So it should be here. If there is Christian sympathy and affection in the hearts of the people, let them cease to be as cold and distant as mortal icebergs. Such an exterior is well adapted to chill and freeze the little fellow-kindness which may possibly exist in the heart. The defect of which we speak is noticed, and is becoming a theme of frequent conversation; and a remedy cannot be too soon applied. Some denominations—the Methodists may serve as an illustration—take special pains to inculcate this duty, and also to cherish brotherly kindness. But in Presbyterian and Congregational churches there is a sad dereliction in this matter, which operates most injuriously upon the members of the church themselves, upon their children, and upon the world around them.

We well know the palliation which is commonly assigned. Presbyterians have a great horror of plainness and exclusiveness. In their feelings and conduct they are the most liberal of all denominations toward the other branches of the family of Christ. Hence they seem to think and act as if any exhibition of great attachment and love among themselves would do something toward representing affection for others, or at least might be construed in this way. But this is a mistake we would do well to correct with as little delay as possible, and thus heighten our own enjoyment, unite ourselves more firmly together than ever, honor Him who would have us to be one as he and the Father are one, and give to the world the example of practical Christian love it so much needs.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

New York, Feb. 27, 1864. This city has generally a full supply of strangers from all parts of the world. But at present it is crowded to an extent without parallel in its past history; hotels, boarding houses, lodging houses, &c., being filled to repletion. Every evening the clerks at the hotels have a sorry time in meeting the inquiries for rooms and replying that none are vacant. At the St. Nicholas the parlors and halls are covered every night with cots which are all occupied, and notwithstanding this, sometimes as many as a hundred guests are turned away from this house in a single night. And a similar state of affairs is reported with respect to all the principal hotels. As a consequence of this influx of strangers, business is very brisk. Every new comer seems intent on the accomplishment of some object of importance, at least in his own calling. The hotel loungers so common in past years, have nearly disappeared, and men of enterprise and action have taken their place. Pittsburgh has a goodly representation

of bankers, merchants, and manufacturers at the present moment in this great city. They seem to have passed Philadelphia by, and speak of it at times with no small regret. The main reason alleged for this by these persons is the want of push and liberality on the part of Philadelphia traders. Dealers from the West affirm that merchants in the Quaker city do not take the trouble of making themselves known through their own newspapers or those of other cities, and manifest but little of the interest shown here in behalf of customers. These allegations may be true or false; we pretend not to decide, for all our knowledge on the subject is from others. But it is certain that Philadelphia is rapidly falling in the rear of some other large cities in the enterprise of its citizens, and in the amount of its business. As Pennsylvanians, we deeply regret this, and it is useless to attempt to conceal the fact. The only remedy is for Philadelphia to awake to her own interests. That city has capacities which have never been fully developed, and which are yet capable of placing her in the front rank of the great cities of the world.

The arrangements for the Metropolitan Fair in aid of the Sanitary Commission are progressing rapidly. And to the great gratification of the friends of religion and morality, the managers have at length yielded to the pressure brought to bear against the "raffling" scheme; nothing of the kind is to be permitted. It is said that the National Sanitary Committee itself united in asking that this feature be stricken out. Another device proposed by some parties was the introduction and sale of fine and costly wines under the auspices of the Fair during its continuance. It is said that \$50,000 worth of wines had been contributed for this purpose. But the proposal was rejected, and the obnoxious fluids withdrawn. So that now the Fair, divested of the objectionable features which presented themselves, promises a great success.

The book publishers are not deterred by the high prices of material and labor, from ministering to the intellectual appetite, and their efforts in this way are meeting with a corresponding recompense on the part of the public. The APPLETONS are bringing out that Standard work MERVIL'S History of the Romans, in a style worthy of the book, and of the house from which it emanates. The demand for their Encyclopaedia still increases, and constitutes of itself what would be a respectable business for any ordinary publisher. This house will also shortly publish the Memoir of the late Mr. Thackeray, by Theodore Taylor; "Illustrations of Universal Progress," by Herbert Spencer; "My Cave Life in Vicksburg," by a lady; "The Conflict and the Victory of Life," by Mrs. Cleveland Keith, missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Germany; and "Lyra Anglicana," and "Lyra Americana." CHARLES SCRIBNER & Co. are now engaged on a complete edition of LANGE'S Commentaries, translated from the German, by that well-known scholar, Rev. Dr. SCHAFER, of

Sheldon and Company issue this day General McCLELLAN'S Report; the proof sheets of which have been corrected by himself, and to which he has added an account of his campaign in Western Virginia. The mechanical execution of the volume is remarkably fine, and the publisher informs us that the orders in advance have been very heavy. This house has also in press a new translation of NEANDER'S History of the Planting and Training of the Church, by Prof. ROBINSON, of Rochester University. The translation previously published in this country, was by no means worthy of the original, and was also faulty in many ways. This edition is guaranteed to be correct.

ROBERT CARTER and brothers have nearly ready "Ned's Motto, or Little by Little," by the author of Win and Wear; "Mabel's Experience, or Feeling and Finding," "The Post of Honor," by the author of "Broad Shadows on Life's Pathway," "The Foot of the Cross," by Dr. Winslow; and "Jacobus' Notes on Genesis," Vol. I, from the Creation to the Covenant. A popular and reliable exposition of this book of the Holy Scriptures has been long needed. It is reported that the Rev. Dr. KRAUTH, of Philadelphia, is engaged upon a translation of the great work of DELETTRE, on this portion of the Bible. The American Tract Society is increasing in its efforts to bring men to a knowledge of Jesus Christ. Since the commencement of the war, in addition to its usual work for the destitute at home and in foreign lands, this Society has expended nearly \$100,000 for the Army and Navy, and over \$6,000 for the Freedmen. These labors are beginning to be properly estimated by the churches and people, as is evident from the increased contributions. Two Sabbaths ago Rev. Dr. ADAMS' church on Madison Square gave to this object \$2,500.

The gold fever still rages every working day at the corner of William and Wall streets from 8 o'clock in the morning until 6 or 7 in the evening. The street is literally filled, and when wagon, dray, or carriage has to pass, the police must clear the way; but as soon as the vehicle has passed the vacuum is filled by an instantaneous rush. The excitement is intense, especially among those of the Israelitish persuasion. It is not unusual to see persons engaged in this business walking about with clenched fists, violent gesticulations, and muttering lips, wholly regardless of the crowd round about. The whole thing is a tremendous strain on mind and body, and is carried on mainly for the purpose of speculation. Its effect upon the morals of the participants cannot be less deteriorating than downright gambling.

Lafayette College.—We are pleased to learn that the efforts of President Car-

roll in behalf of this institution are meeting with the most encouraging results. A liberal gentleman has offered to erect and furnish at his own expense, a complete Astronomical Observatory. The cornerstone will be laid in May, and the whole structure completed as soon as possible. We entertain high expectations concerning the future of this College which has already done such good service for the Church and the world.

Hope for the Republic.—This is the title of a sermon preached by the Rev. S. J. WILSON, D.D., of the Western Theological Seminary, on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 26th, 1863, and repeated by request for the benefit of the Christian Commission, on Tuesday night, Dec. 8th. This discourse has received the unqualified commendation of the many who heard it, and many others will now read it with admiration and profit.

The Continental Monthly.—The number for March, of this excellent periodical, contains two articles on American Finances and Resources, by Hon. ROBERT J. WALKER. The literature of the Continental is valuable, while its Political articles give it a worth such as is to be found in but few of its contemporaries.

The Kletic, for February, is embellished by a beautiful engraving of GOLDSMITH, BOSWELL, and JOHNSON. "The History of the Supernatural" is attractive; and "The Polish Women and Insurrection" is a valuable piece of contemporary history. The articles are well selected, and will richly repay the labor of a perusal.

Thanks.—Our thanks are due the many ministers and subscribers for their kind and congratulatory letters. It would afford us great pleasure to be able to reply to each by letter; but our friends will see at once that we have not time for that, and will please accept this in its place.

State Lunatic Asylum.—The Annual Report of this institution, located near Harrisburg, shows that the entire number of patients under treatment during the year, has been 401. The efficient Superintendent is Dr. JOHN CURWEN.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.

Old School.—Rev. Dr. Wm. C. Anderson sailed for California on Saturday 20th ult. Dr. A. is pastor of the First Presbyterian church of San Francisco.

Rev. J. M. Shields' Post Office address is changed from Sheakyleville to Rochester, Pa.

William Alexander Jeffery, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Ohio, departed this life on the 5th day of his age, on the night of February 9th, saying to his beloved mother and family, "I am passing away," giving pious counsel and encouragement, engaging in prayer, and committing himself and them to God. He was much beloved as an amiable Christian. He was engaged very successfully in teaching of the lungs from measles; but he rests from his labors, while surviving friends will cherish his memory, and hope to join him in the bright world of glory.

The Presbytery of Redstone, at a pro-nata meeting held at Uniontown, February 11th, 1864, dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. E. M. Wallace and the church of Brownsville, Pa., and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Huntingdon, he having been unanimously called to the Presbyterian church of Altoona, Pa. The church of Brownsville obtained leave to receive their own supplies till the next stated meeting of Presbytery, in April.

The Presbyterian churches of Rochester New York, had laid aside the weeds of mourning for the Rev. Mr. Colt, of St. Peter's, and Rev. Dr. Passer of the grave, when they were called to follow to the grave another of their number, Rev. James Nichols. A graduate of Union College and of Andover Theological Seminary; principal of a Female Institute at Utica, and author of a valuable treatise on the subject of Obedience, and about ten years ago took charge of Genesee Academy, which position he held for about eight years. He then removed to Rochester, where he resided till his death, as an instructor of youth, chaplain of the House of Refuge, and chaplain of the 108th regiment N. Y. It was in his discharge of the duties of the last office, when in Virginia, that he contracted the malady which proved fatal on Sabbath evening, Jan. 31.

The Presbytery says: Our former associate in the editorship of the Presbyterian, is now a resident of Richmond, Va. By the following notice, which is taken from a Richmond Sentinel of a late date, we find that he has been entertaining the people with some account of his foreign travels: "LORRUS.—The Rev. John Lorrus, a popular and able minister, will deliver a course of lectures on the Holy Land before the Young Men's Christian Association. The first lecture will take place tomorrow night, at the Second Baptist church, and our readers should attend, if they desire to be entertained."

A correspondent of the Presbyterian writes from New-Orleans as follows: "The condition of Presbyterianism here is melancholy. Of six churches, only three are open, and they are thinly attended. The Presbytery of New Orleans has not convened for two years, though a quorum is within the lines. The truth is, a large proportion of the original members remaining in the city are schismatics, and secret secessionists."

The new Presbyterian church in Towanda, McLean county, Ill., was dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, on Sabbath, the 24th day of January. The church building, lot, and furniture, cost about four thousand dollars, and it was dedicated free of all debt, in consideration of which the church made a thank-offering of thirty-three dollars to the Board of Foreign Missions. The church was organized in 1855, with one elder and eleven members. It now numbers sixty-nine members and five ruling elders.

New School.—The First church of Brooklyn, E. D., have called Rev. J. H. Robinson, of Troy, N. Y., a brother of Rev. C. S. Robinson, of the First church, Brook-

lyn. Dr. McLane is laid aside by sickness.

Rev. C. C. Wallace has been commissioned by the Presbyterian Committee, as their missionary at Flacerville, Cal.

A writer in the American Presbyterian, (N. S.), speaking of the church accommodations needed for the colored people of the Western part of Philadelphia, says:

"There are in the City of Philadelphia about 23,000 colored people. A large majority of them are sober, industrious, and intelligent, sustaining themselves by laboring in various ways; many of them in the capacity of servants, scattered promiscuously over the city. These people have eighteen churches of their own, with an average capacity of 900. Of these 23,000 people, there are 4,000 in communion with these eighteen churches. Those worshipping in Roman Catholic churches do not amount to more than two hundred, which is the extreme number. The sum total of those who are in church communion, and of those not members who attend worship on Sabbath does not exceed 7000."

United.—Rev. John T. Presly, of Allegheny, in a recent visit to Washington City, feeling deeply the necessity of doing something for the purpose of preserving from desolation the Associate Reformed churches of the South—many of which he had been instrumental in planting some forty-five years ago—called upon the Secretary of War, and asking him to confer with him on the subject. He received an order from the War Department, expressing "entire confidence in the loyalty of the United Presbyterian Church," and directs "all Generals and officers commanding armies, detachments and posts, to place at the disposal of that church, all houses of worship belonging to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, in which there is not at present a loyal minister," and to give to the Church "all the aid, countenance, and support practicable to the execution of its important mission."

Rev. J. H. Andrew, of the Oxford United Presbyterian church, Pa., has accepted a call to the church of South Argyle, N. Y., and will enter upon his labors there, permanently, about the first of April.

METHODIST. Our Methodist exchanges contain numerous notices of revivals in all parts of the country. The number of accessions and conversions are counted by hundreds.

The meeting of the Western Book Committee shows substantial progress in almost all the Church publications. On February 8th the Western Advocate had a circulation of \$1,240; an increase of 6,222; the Central Advocate 7,985—an increase of 5,592; the Christian Apologist 19,112—an increase of 5,707; Sunday School Bell 13,273—an increase of 1,028; Sunday School Advocate 42,280—an increase of 3,638; Sunday School Teachers' Journal, 1,576—an increase of 339; Northwestern Advocate 23,315—an increase of 4,402; and Central Advocate 7,985—an increase of 515. The Quarterly Review has been making a small gain. But there has been a falling off in the subscription to the Good News, and the Missionary Advocate.

The Eastern Book Committee met on the 17th, at New-York. The Advocate and Journal says: "All the periodicals, except the Quarterly Review and Teachers' Journal, are paying expenses and yielding a revenue. The Advocate and Journal has an increase of nearly 5,000; the Good News, of 32,000; the Sunday School Advocate over 8,000; the Quarterly Review, of 19. The Teachers' Journal has decreased 1,000. The San Francisco Depository has received the proceeds of the sale of the Pittsburgh Depository; but the committee, though inclined to favor the measure, could not advise it under present circumstances. The sales of 1863 are \$527,340.24. Gross receipts for periodicals, \$98,767.63. The committee recommend the Agents either to enlarge the present buildings, or erect new ones to meet the requirements of its enlarged business."

The ladies representing the several Methodist Episcopal churches of New-York City and Brooklyn took action, Saturday, February 18th, in regard to the Great Sanitary Fair, about to open in New-York. They unanimously resolve, by a standing vote, that they pledge themselves to have no raffling or lotteries of any kind in their department.

A Mr. Parrott, of Dayton, Ohio, has left in his will \$20,000 to the Ohio Wesleyan University, on condition that \$130,000 additional be raised for the endowment.

The Wabash Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, Chicago, Rev. R. L. Collier, pastor, lifted a collection Sabbath, February 14th, to pay off a church debt of \$28,900, of some years' standing. The whole amount was raised in twenty-eight minutes, that is, at the rate of \$1,000 per minute.

During the year 1863, says the Advocate and Journal, the number of copies of the Sunday School Advocate printed, was five thousand, three hundred and eighty-two.

The 45th Anniversary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church took place at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 10th. It is 45 years since the organization of this Society. The receipts of the first year were \$833. The year just closed showed \$420,000, making the total receipts since the organization of the Society, \$5,250,000.

BAPTIST.

Rev. Caleb Benson, a well-known and much-esteemed blind preacher of the Baptist denomination, died at East Middleboro, Mass., Feb. 2d. His ministry in Eastern Massachusetts and other sections has been greatly blessed.

In 1800, there were but three Baptist churches in Philadelphia, with 275 members; in 1832, there were 17 churches, with 2,858 members; and in 1863 we had 37 churches, with nearly 12,000 members. The Baptists were, in 1800, one to two hundred and fifty of the population; they are now about one to fifty-six of the population.

Statistics show that in Michigan there are 171 Associations, 226 churches, 171 ministers, and 15,259 members. Baptisms the last year, 565.

Rev. W. S. Phillips, formerly of Westernfield, Conn., and late pastor of the Baptist church at St. Helena Island, S. C., died on Friday morning, Feb. 12th.

The Watchman and Reflector has the following: "Among the Union prisoners taken at Fort Mifflin, and carried to Richmond, were two or three Baptist clergymen who were chaplains of Indiana regiments. Rev. J. B. Jeter, D.D., and one or two other

clergymen of Richmond, visited these prisoners of the purpose of rendering any assistance in their power. Of course the prospects of the war were discussed, the Union prisoners confidently maintaining that our Government would eventually succeed, and the Richmond clergymen contending that they would not. The latter expatiated upon their army and their resources, declaring that their soldiers were well provided with everything. In a kind and rather patronizing manner, they inquired if they could do anything for those who were 'sick and in prison.' 'Well,' said one of the chaplains, 'we need some blankets; we were stripped of everything we had, and it is rather uncomfortable here without more clothing.' Dr. Jeter exchanged glances with his companions, and then said: 'Brethren, we have to confess that we have no blankets for you. In order to make the soldiers as comfortable as we have represented, all our houses have been stripped of blankets and everything else.' This was certainly a marvelous backing down from the dignified and patronizing air at first assumed; and the incident, which we have from one so perfectly reliable, serves to corroborate other accounts of Southern destitution."

CONGREGATIONAL.

The Rev. S. M. Magill, for the last two years pastor of the Second Congregational church in Waterbury, having been invited by the American Missionary Association, to undertake, under their auspices, an important work in behalf of the Freedmen, has resigned his pastoral charge, to devote himself to this work. He has entered upon a tour of inspection and organization, and will visit the localities in which the Association has established schools, both upon the Mississippi (where he now is) and the Atlantic coast. Mr. Magill is a native of Georgia, and is peculiarly qualified, by a long residence in the slaveholding States, and by much experience in labor among colored people, for this important mission.

LUTHERAN.

Rev. S. S. Schuckler, D.D., Professor in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, has notified the Board of Directors of his intention to resign his Professorship at the close of the next session. The Dr., in his letter of notification, says:

"After nearly forty-four years spent in the active duties of the ministerial office, thirty-eight of which were in connection with the Theological Seminary, I have resolved, after long and prayerful deliberation, to resign my professorship at the next meeting of the Board in August."

The Lutheran Observer, speaking of the resignation of Dr. Schuckler, says:

"The Dr. has been associated with the Seminary, Professor of Didactic Theology and chairman of the Faculty, for nearly thirty-eight years. During all this time he has occupied this responsible post with such unintermitted application and fidelity to his work, that he has won the affectionate esteem and confidence of the whole Church. By his numerous popular works, extensively known in this country, as well as in Great Britain, he has done more than any man living, to make the American Lutheran Church known, and favorably to the whole religious world."

Rev. H. B. Waterous died at his residence, at Chaumont Bay, Jefferson Co., N. Y., on Dec. 7th, 1863, in the 69th year of his age.

U. S. Christian Commission.—Delegates for

the United States Christian Commission for the winter quarters, have been appointed, bestowing upon our brave soldiers in Winter quarters, through the labors of delegates, and to thank churches and pastors for their prompt, cheerful, and generous responses to the appeal for delegates a few weeks ago.

In meeting this appeal, pastors have sacrificed home comforts for many, and have given cheer from home, and comforts greater than those of the home, to many of our sons and brothers in the army, and the churches have had to forego the highly prized presence and services of pastors beloved, in that they would have been an eternal gain to temporary loss has been saved for time and eternity.

How can we be sufficiently grateful to such a people? In behalf of myself and family I thank these kind donors and friends. May the very God of peace sanctify them wholly: I pray God their whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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They met in the church at Malden, where a rich treat was enjoyed, consisting of music, and an excellent address by Rev. J. Uatic, of Earville; after which, they repaired to a hall where a sumptuous feast for the inner man was disposed of, with a rich and good humor which told how good it was to be there. Next in order was the gift of a roll of bank-bills, to the subscriber, of \$131.40.

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made, while the oft repeated and most important calls of the permanent agents in the field taken with the facts in the case, demand appeal after appeal, and effort upon effort, until, if possible, this most wonderful opportunity of the church to benefit and save our brave soldiers, shall be improved, and our great and imperative duty toward them performed.

The stations established, are always if possible, so located as to meet the wants of regiments without chaplains. Meanwhile, the soldiers are loaned to them for the winter, and delegates assist them in special services if possible, whenever invited. The army chaplains, almost without exception, understand our relations to them and the army, and appreciate the assistance we render them and the work done at our stations. Evidence of the great and perpetual benefits radiating from the stations of the Commission, is constantly accumulating. All through the army, and especially in every camp of the Invalid corps, men are found who have been converted and saved in Camp Convalescent and Camp Parole. There are also going out into all portions of the cavalry from Camp Stoneman to take their stand under the banner of the cross. And only yesterday a distinguished officer, not a member of the church, who was in command of a brigade last Winter at Stoneman's Siding, called to thank the Christian Commission for the permanent and blessing of the regiments upon his entire command, by the revival there under the faithful labors of its delegates.

Pastors and churches of the Lord Jesus Christ, you will not fail to meet this call of the blessed Master! You will not suffer this glorious opportunity to be lost! You will not leave our brave men to perish! You will not delay a single week or even a day!

Those willing to go, will please apply, with testimonials of standing and adaptation to the work, to the Central Office, No. 11 Bank street, Philadelphia; or to the Branch Offices, either 4 Court street, Boston; 30 Bible House, New York; 77 Baltimore street, Baltimore; Jersey Albee, 71 Wood street, Pittsburgh; 51 Vine street, Cincinnati; Lindell House, St. Louis; 91 Washington street, Chicago; or to E. C. Walker, Esq., Detroit; or Dr. John D. Hill, Buffalo.

The regular term of service is six weeks within army lines. Exceptions made only in special cases. No salary, but all expenses paid by the Commission.

GEO. H. STUART.

Chairman U. S. Christian Commission.

W. E. BOARDMAN, Secretary, U. S. C. C.

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MESSRS. EDITORS.—Permit me, through the medium of the Banner, to return my heartfelt thanks to the people of Licking church, and others, for the active manifestation of their love and liberality to the family of their pastor, who is away from home as a Chaplain in the Army of the Potomac. Carrying out a well arranged plan, they met at their pastor's house on the forenoon of the 9th ult., where they unloaded their wagons, carriages and sleds, relieving them of their valuable contents, and their pocket-books of some of their "greenbacks."

This is not the first time they have brought joy and gladness to me and my family; but it is the first time, on such occasions, that I have been so abundantly greeted, and supplicate for them the blessings of heaven. I estimate this friendly "gathering" of my people, not for its value in dollars and cents, although very valuable in this respect, but because it was an expression of their sympathy and watchful regard for the interests of my family, in my absence.

Not content with replenishing the wants of kitchen, pantry, wardrobe, coal-house, &c., some of the gentlemen, then and there, determined that they would have another day! For what purpose? Why, to furnish stove-wood, as, on examination (for they examined into every want), they found that article had been nearly all consumed.

Neither was Leatherwood church wanting in its regards to their absent pastor—as a large as a box, which they expressed to him, well filled with suits of various kinds, and in different stages of preparation (dried, jellied, and canned), butter, pastry, and other delicious edibles abundantly testified—which was received about the same date, together with a few verses of tender and touching reminiscences from Mrs. H.—a gentle muse.

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with some appropriate remarks in behalf of these present, a purse containing forty-two dollars, and his first elected Judge of the county for our convenience and comfort, valued at seventy-five dollars.

On the 28th ult., some families from Amity, who were unable to be here the day, visited us, making us their guests and leaving behind them substantial gifts, and gifts received a short time before and valued at one hundred and fifteen dollars, being one hundred dollars from Amity, and seventy-five from Harrisville church.

For all their kindness, we would assure them of our heartfelt thanks, and earnest prayer that all may be rewarded a thousand fold with the good things of this life, and with all the consolations of the Spirit, and in the world to come be received in the love, and joy, and happiness of heaven.

J. F. BORN.

A Card.

The want of a Magazine adapted to the family, is greatly felt in the Presbyterian Church. Our youth cannot be charmed by abstruse and laborious dissertations, they desire something addressed to their hearts, the imaginations, and the feelings, as well as to the intellect. To do this, we must have due provision, or others will take advantage of it and lead them astray. Our houses must not be the receptacles of trashy and ungodly literature; and to keep out the bad we must supply them with the good. We must have a sacred literature, wisely adapted to our children's powers, and susceptibilities. The management may be difficult, but it is not hopeless. An honest and persevering effort to make it, is the purpose of the undersigned. The kind cooperation of the Christian people, and especially of the Presbyterian churches, is solicited.

See our advertisement in another column.

DAVID M'KINNEY.

L. N. M'KINNEY.

Personal.

Rev. Ebenezer Price, who for forty years was a clergyman of standing in Massachusetts, died in East Boston on the 21st, aged ninety-two years.

The Chattanooga Relief says: "Gen. Humphrey Marshall is a candidate for Congress from the State of Kentucky. He weighs about five hundred pounds, the assumption is that if elected he will be able to fill his seat. He is much better qualified for Congress than for light infantry."

James H. Roosevelt, an old resident of New York city, who died a few days ago, left an estate of nearly a million dollars, the whole of which, subject to a certain charge of about fifteen thousand dollars per annum, which will terminate with the death of two persons now living, is to be devoted to the erection and endowment of a hospital in that city.

Mon. Wm. White, of Springfield, Mass., appointed by his Excellency, Governor Brodhead, Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio, vice Hoeking H. Hunter, resigned. Judge White is a member of the Federal Court of Common Pleas, in October, which position he filled with such ability and general satisfaction that he was re-elected in 1861 by the unanimous vote of the people of his district. He is a supporter of the Administration, and the "young man," he is one of the jurists in the State.

Major Geo. N. Lewis, of the 12th Regt. Me., is in town. His remarkable war record is well known. He was a member of the 1