

Presbyterian Banner.

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WHAT IS TO BE THE FUTURE OF OUR SABBATH?

One of our great national characteristics heretofore has been the Christian Sabbath. The founders of our institutions recognized it as of Divine appointment, and it at once became incorporated with the religious and civil life of the people.

But it is greatly to be feared that we are silently and imperceptibly leaping over the defenses which protect the sanctity of this blessed day, and that as a nation we are about to find ourselves in possession of a Sabbath very different from that which our fathers bequeathed us.

But the evil does not stop there; it is rapidly spreading all over the country, and infecting even Christian communities. How much more widespread and difficult to be counteracted this will become when the vast multitudes of soldiers, who have been taught almost to disregard the Sabbath, return to our cities, towns, villages, and country places, no one can tell.

There is a matter, however, in connection with this subject, much nearer home, which demands our particular attention, since no doubt this will be the centre of the largest manufacturing population in this country. It is urged that it is absolutely necessary to keep certain manufactures in motion during the Sabbath, from the very nature of their operations.

In our last issue we noticed the rumor of a call for two hundred thousand more men, to aid in putting down the rebellion. Scarcely had our paper gone to press before the official document came, asking for that number of men, in addition to the late calls for five hundred thousand, to be used for the marine and naval service, and as a reserve.

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tendencies as this large portion of the people of our country. To set aside the Sabbath is to inflict great injury upon the bodies, the minds, the morals and the common honesty of the people.

To labor on the Sabbath demoralizes and degrades men. The London cab drivers are employed on the Sabbath from thirteen to sixteen hours as well as on other days, but no class of men is more frequently before the magistrates, while their habits of intemperance and profanity are fearful.

Many of the London bakers work on the Sabbath; and Mr. BINGE, of Manchester, bears witness that their "low mental and moral condition is notorious." The police of that city number five thousand, but they mostly live in disregard of religion and the Sabbath; and though selected with great care, in four years, 1849-1852, fifty-four of them were convicted of offenses.

In this article we have not entered upon the religious sanctions of the Sabbath, which are paramount to all other considerations, but have confined ourselves simply to the civil Sabbath and the temporal relations connected with it.

At another time we will endeavor to consider the Sabbath in its religious and eternal bearings.

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scriptions and other moneys for the Banner in that city, may hereafter be paid at this place. Messrs. SMITH, ENGLISH & CO., are duly authorized to receive such payments, and to give receipts for the same.

Another change contemplated for some time, is, that after this week, all our Philadelphia subscribers will receive their papers by mail. A large part of them have been received in this way for years, to the great satisfaction of themselves and the publishers.

THE CHRISTIAN COMMISSION. This agency is still carrying on its great work with all the vigor and success which has attended it in the past. Never were its labors more needed, or more blessed than now.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL Union was held in Dr. SPRING'S church, New-York, last Sabbath evening.

The Rev. Dr. FERRIS, of the Reformed Dutch Church, presided, and addresses were made by Rev. Mr. BURRIS, Rev. Mr. WILLEES, and Mr. PAXTON. During the year this Society has organized 860 schools, enrolled 54,526 children, visited and aided 3,864 schools, visited 16,000 families, distributed 4,275 copies of the Bible, and has had under its sheltering 198,430 children.

The New-York Observer.—Mr. A. P. CUMMINGS, who has been for many years one of the proprietors and editors of the Observer, has retired. To his business tact and energy, that paper owes a large part of its success.

Our Churches in the South.—On our first page will be found an order from the Adjutant General to commanders of our armies, directing that the use of the Presbyterian churches in the re-possessed territory be given to the missionaries and ministers of the Old and New School Presbyterian Domestic Missionary Boards.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.

Old School.—The following is the action taken by the church of Sewickley, upon the request of the pastor for the dissolution of the pastoral relation. It was directed that this paper be entered upon the minutes of the Session, and published in the Presbyterian Banner.

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him a greatly-enlarged sphere of usefulness, and one so especially adapted to his qualifications, we would also express our thankfulness that he will still be permitted to remain amongst us; that we shall still enjoy his genial companionship in social life, and his wise counsel, and his prayers in all our times of need.

Rev. Wm. M. Robinson, of Wellsburg, West Va., having received a call from, and being about to enter upon his labors in, the Second Presbyterian church of Meror, Pa., desires correspondents to address him at the latter place.

A unanimous call from the Park Presbyterian church, Erie City, has been received and accepted by the Rev. George F. Cain, of Stroudsburg, Presbytery of Newton.

Rev. D. V. M'Lean, D. D., was installed on the 9th inst., as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Redbank, Monmouth County, N. J. The Rev. T. Alden Freeman presided and proposed the constitutional questions; the Rev. Mr. Taylor, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, by invitation, preached the sermon; the Rev. C. F. Worrell, D.D., gave the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. John M. Rogers, to the people.

The Rev. John C. Young, a licentiate of Transylvania Presbytery, son of the late President Young, of Centre College, Danville, Ky., who has been supplying the pulpit of the Second church, Louisville, Ky., for some time past, has received a unanimous and cordial invitation from the Session of the Brick church, (Dr. Spring's), New-York, to preach for them, with a view to his becoming co-pastor with Dr. Spring over that people.

Rev. Dr. Breckinridge, in a letter to Col. Hodges, of the Lexington Commonwealth, says: "I thank God I have at length a paper in this State that is willing to be loyal without eternal abuse of the General Government and its acts, and willing to understand that the claims of the whole country upon us are paramount to the claims of any particular part."

The Philadelphia says: "We have received a letter from a correspondent at Genesee, N. Y., in which he gives an account of a pleasant state of religious interest in the Academy at that place under the care of the Synod of Buffalo. The present Principal of the Academy is the Rev. John Jones, formerly of Philadelphia, and his administration of its affairs has been very successful."

The same paper also says: "Upon good authority, we learn that the Rev. Wm. J. Hoge, formerly of New-York, is now pastor of the Tabernacle Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, Pa. He has succeeded the Rev. Dr. Pryor, as pastor of the Second Presbyterian church in that city."

The Rev. Alexander Donaldson, D.D., of the Presbytery of Salisbury, passed through Pittsburgh last week, on his way to the Army of the Cumberland to labor for a time in the service of the Christian Commission.

The Rev. Mr. Sherrard, of the Presbytery of Clarion, will leave for the same field and work in a few days.

A pro-nata meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle, was held in the church of Middle Spring, on Wednesday, March 16th, for the purpose of ordaining Mr. John Wherry, a licentiate of this Presbytery, to the ministry, with a view to his entering upon the work of Foreign Missions in China. His trial sermon, preached from Matt. xxviii: 19, 20, was an able and earnest presentation of the Church's great commission in the evangelization of the world.

The Rev. Dr. Wing, of Carlisle, Pa., has returned to his home in New-York, after a visit to the Rev. Dr. W. W. Tompkins and THOMAS H. CUTHBERT, who have been long connected with the office. One of these gentlemen is a member of the Episcopal Church, and the other of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. The other proprietors and editors are the same as before.

Reformed.—The Committee appointed by the last Assembly to revise the Book of Government and Discipline, will meet in the building of the Board of Publication, Philadelphia, on the second Wednesday (13th) of April, at 10 o'clock A. M. It is expected that the members will make arrangements to spend as much time as may be needed to do the work deliberately and carefully.

The Committee are, Drs. Donald C. McLaren, Thomas Beveridge, Wm. McIlwain, Robert Gracey, James Brown, and Rev. J. B. Stouffer and D. R. Kerr.

Reformed.—The Rev. Dr. McLeod, of New-York City, has been for the past ten days in Washington and Alexandria, Va. He has been engaged in aiding the organization of schools among the freedmen at Alexandria. Several schools have been started, and the Rev. Nelson E. Crow, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, is appointed to take charge of them. Large gifts of clothing, &c., have been received from the churches in New-York and elsewhere by the mission. Dr. McLeod had a long interview, a few days ago, with Secretary Stanton, in reference to this matter.

Reformed Dutch.—A precious revival has been for some time in progress in the Second Reformed Dutch church, Philadelphia. The work commenced about six months ago, and up to the present time more than one hundred persons have been hopefully converted. Their ages range from thirteen to seventy-five. At a late communion the solemnities of the occasion were made more than usually impressive by those presenting themselves for admission, being parents, the children of whom had in some instances been baptized in the Saviour. As these bowed the knee to receive from the faithful pastor the rite of baptism previous to partaking of the emblems of the broken body and shed blood of Christ, the silent tear was seen to fall from the eyes of many in the audience. The day was one given to be remembered, and its impressions can never be obliterated from the minds of the members of this church.

METHODIST. The active preachers of the Methodist Church in the United States number six thousand; the supernumerary eight thousand and twenty-four.

been thorough and general revivals, with additions that must tend to the strength and power of the Church.

At the late meeting of the Philadelphia Conference, resolutions were passed expressing the judgment of the Conference that a branch of the Book Concern ought to be established in the city of Philadelphia, in some central or commanding position, and that a committee of members of the Conference be appointed to confer with the book agents at New-York in reference to the matter, and that our delegates be instructed to bring the matter before the General Conference, and that they use their influence for a local Church paper in the city of Philadelphia. A resolution was also adopted to the effect that no presiding elder shall employ any preacher in his district who is of pro-slavery or disloyal politics.

The Pittsburgh Annual Conference now in session, has passed the following resolutions on the State of the Country: Resolved, That we cannot, as a Conference, withhold our emphatic condemnation of the conduct of any in the ministry or membership of the church who have given or who may give just cause of suspicion as to their loyalty to our Federal Government.

Resolved, That we return sincere and hearty thanks to Almighty God for the favor which he has shown to our righteous cause during the past year, for the signal and important victories granted to the arms of the nation, and for the rapid and unparalleled spread of the true principles of human liberty.

Resolved, That we have undiminished confidence in the wisdom and ability of the Administration, under God, to suppress the rebellion, and that we pledge our earnest prayer, and our continuous and zealous efforts for its support, until the great purpose be fully and triumphantly consummated.

It has also instructed its delegates to the General Conference to vote against lay representation in that body, and to favor the change of the rule on the term of ministerial relation for three years. The Revs. Samuel H. Nesbit, D.D., I. C. Pershing, D.D., I. N. Baird, D.D., Dr. L. Dempsey, C. A. Holmes, and W. A. Davidson, were elected delegate to the General Conference.

BAPTIST. A precious revival of religion is now in progress in the Calvary Baptist church of Washington, D. C. About thirty have found peace in believing, and others are earnestly seeking the way of salvation.

The Philadelphia Ledger gives the case of Mr. John H. Chandler, sent to Siam by the American Baptist Missionary Union, as an illustration of the way in which an intelligent Christian missionary stimulates civilization: "There is now going to Siam, a large iron steamer playing between Siam and Singapore, owned entirely by natives; another, also owned by natives, between Siam and China. A little time since, the king sailed with quite a fleet of steamers on an excursion to Europe, and returned with a Missionary Seminary, and sent a present of a thousand dollars to the widow of a missionary who had taught him English. He now employs a lady at a thousand dollars a year to teach his children English, and has established a mill, steam saw-mills, and has girding in gold and silver performed in European style. These results are attributed to the influence of Mr. Chandler's genius and perseverance in awakening and keeping alive a passion for improvement in the Royal family of Siam."

EPISCOPAL. The Christian Times (Episcopal) says that for three years, from October 1st, 1859, to October 1st, 1862, more than two-thirds of our parishes did not contribute a cent to Foreign Missions. Even in such old established dioceses as Connecticut, New-York, Pennsylvania, and Illinois, the parishes are only about one-third of the whole number.

The Church Journal gives the following as the number of students in the Episcopal Theological Seminary in New-York City: Senior Class, 19; Middle Class, 27; Junior Class 25; or seventy-one in all, belonging to thirteen Dioceses. New-York leads with 42; Western New-York has 12; New-Yersey, 4; New-Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Illinois, each 2; and Maryland, Indiana, Kentucky, Virginia, and Ontario (C. W.) each 1.

ROMAN CATHOLIC. The Catholic Telegraph says: "A Bishop writing from one of the rebel States warns us against encouraging clergymen to return to the South while the Confederate government is in power. All clergymen not in charge of congregations, he writes, have been conscripted; and even the pastors in charge, he says, will be forced, he fears, into the ranks of the army."

The Roman Catholic Bishops are having much trouble with their Irish parishioners in this country who are uniting with the Fenian Brotherhood, whose object is to aid the Irish people at home in freeing themselves from British rule. The Bishops disapprove of the objects of the Association, but many of their people are members of it.

UNITARIAN. The Rev. Dr. Bellows, of New-York, goes out to California to take charge, for a time, of the congregation of the late Rev. T. Starr King. The object is to prevent the people from scattering. Mr. King gathered up a congregation of all manner of beliefs and disbelievers, which had not become homogeneous at the time of his death, and Dr. Bellows goes out to endeavor to retain the people for the Unitarian interest.

For the Presbyterian Banner. Donation. "Through the medium of the Banner" I desire to express my thanks to the people of my charge. Let "Rehoboth" congregation be remembered among the number of those that have been mindful of their pastor in the way of a donation visit. Feb. 25, a large assemblage of friends convened at the church (though the roads were almost impassable) to manifest their kindness. A copious repast was provided by the ladies for those present, which all seemed greatly to enjoy. When dinner was served, and social greetings indulged in to some extent, the pastor made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, and dismissed the meeting with praise and prayer. The friends did not depart without leaving many tokens of their regards, both in kind and valuable, but principally the former, amounting in all to over ninety dollars.

For this and repeated acts of kindness they have my sincere gratitude and thanks. My prayer to God is, that they may be amply rewarded for their liberality, and made meet for an inheritance above, that shall never fade away. THOMAS P. SEER.

For the Presbyterian Banner. North Church, Chicago, and Rev. J. B. Stewart. At the congregational meeting held by the North Presbyterian church of Chicago, upon the occasion of the call to the church by the Rev. J. B. Stewart, the following action was taken: Whereas, Rev. J. B. Stewart, pastor elect, has concluded to decline the call of this church and congregation, and to vacate the pulpit which he has filled so acceptably for the last fifteen months; therefore, Resolved, That we deeply regret the course which he has made this step expedient. Resolved, That we entertain for Mr. Stewart feelings of respect and confidence, esteeming him a consistent Christian, a faithful pastor, a true friend, an able and successful minister of the Word.

Resolved, That we cordially recommend him to the churches, with a sincere prayer that he may find a field of labor where his eminent abilities and his faithful efforts may be instrumental in returning to the Master a rich harvest of souls. Resolved, That we deeply regret the financial embarrassments of the church, and the consequent inability to discharge its pressing obligations. We regret that at this juncture it should be thought by some desirable to form a distinct colony from our membership, and by a few others to withdraw their support, at a time when this support was needed.

Resolved, That we deeply regret these evils, occurring as they do at a moment when our sky begins to brighten, when our Sabbath meetings are more fully attended, when our pastor also is winning his way to the confidence and respect of the community, when strangers are disposed to unite themselves with us, when our bleeding country finds a place in the petitions of the sanctuary. Resolved, That we exonerate Mr. Stewart from all blame in the premises. Finally, Resolved, That we request that the resolutions passed upon the annual of the church; to forward a copy of them to Mr. Stewart, and to publish a copy in the Presbyterian, at Philadelphia.

JOHN WOODBRIDGE, JR., ALONZO HARVEY, WELLEY MURDER, Committee.

Personal. Vallandigham's friends have raised \$20,000 to support him in Canadian exile. A. T. Stewart, the New-York merchant prince, is tearing down the famous Saraparailla Townsend mansion on Fifth Avenue, New-York, which originally cost \$200,000. Stewart is going to build a house at a cost of \$500,000.

The President has sent an autograph copy of his speech at the Gettysburg celebration, to the Fair at New-York, at the request of Mr. Bancroft, the historian, to accompany the manuscript copy of Mr. Everett's oration on the same occasion.

Mrs. Boone, the wife of the Rev. Bishop Boone, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in China, died at Suez, while on her way to this country for the benefit of her health. She was buried at Suez, the service of the church being read by the British Consul. Mrs. Boone was a native of South Carolina.

Professor Wm. F. Phelps, Principal of the Normal School at Trenton, N. J., has resigned his position, and the Board of Trustees authorized Professor John L. Hart, Principal of the Model School, to assume the supervision and control of the institution until their further action.

A correspondent of the Dubuque Herald says that Fitz John Porter arrived in Denver City on the 15th of February, as the agent of August Belmont and other New-York capitalists, to examine into the condition of the gold mines of Colorado. The following day Mr. McCauley, of the Long House of the Territorial Legislature, offered the following joint resolution: "Resolved, That Fitz John Porter be requested to leave the Territory in thirty days."

Varieties. Governor Andrew has appointed Thursday, April 7th, as a day of fasting and prayer in the State of Massachusetts. A sermon six and a half centuries old has been published lately in England, and was preached about the year 1200, by Bishop Lenoxon. Eighteen missionaries are sustained in Boston. What are these to 70,000 persons, who are supposed to absent themselves from public worship? There are running at large at least 80,000 deserters. The whole number who have deserted since the war began is stated to be 127,197.

Among the resolutions passed by the Colorado Territorial Convention was one in favor of an amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery throughout the United States. The financial year of the American Bible Society will close on the 31st of this month, and its receipts for the year will exceed five hundred thousand dollars. The entire receipts, as stated, will be about one hundred thousand dollars over any former year.

Another missionary vessel has been built on the Pacific coast, named the Evening Star. She was dispatched from San Francisco to join the Morning Star, which was built some years ago at Boston. Both vessels were built and fitted out by the Sunday School children in the Atlantic States and California.

A letter from Washington to the Indianapolis Gazette says: "A few days ago the workmen employed on the Great Eastern, ordered that a dove was making her nest in the ample sleeve of the Druze Goddess. Day after day, week after week, this industrious bird, with the assistance of her mate, was observed to fly back and forth, while gathering materials necessary for the purpose of Liberty, and in due time, she will send her broodlings forth from thence into the world."

Presbyterial. The PRESBYTERY OF MARION will meet at the church of Brown, on the second Tuesday (12th) of April next, at 7 o'clock P. M. Members will stop at Eden Station, on the C. & C. R. R. Commissioners' Fund, each \$5; Mt. Delaware, Marseilles, and Marion, each \$5; Mt. Ghies and Iberia, each \$4; Brown, Kingston, Liberty, Radnor, Maryland, Milford Centre, Crestline, Figsburg, and Dayton, each \$3; Leesville and Gallon, each \$2; Salem and Highland, each \$1.50; Corinth, Sunbury, Canaan, Carthage, Sandusky, Osego, her nest in Sword, Eden, Carolina, Wyandotte, Larnie, Little Mill Creek, and Clarion, each \$1. Statistical Reports and Records required.

H. A. TRUE, Stated Clerk. The PRESBYTERY OF CLARION stands adjourned to meet at Greenville, on the last Tuesday of April (26th), at 11 o'clock A. M. Pastors, and Sessions of vacant churches will please send Narratives on the State of Religion to Rev. John Way, Rockdale Mills, Pa., so as to reach the assessment for the Commissioners' Fund, not later than April 20th. The following is the assessment for the Commissioners' Fund, to be paid over at the meeting of Presbytery: Clarion, Rehoboth, Gettysburg, Concord, Pigea, Beechwoods, Licking, Leather-

wood, Greenville, and Bethesda, each \$2.50; Rockwell, \$2.00; Perry and Acacia, each \$2.50; Seneca, \$2.00; Rockland, Rockwell, and Wood, and Mt. Taber, each \$1.75; Middle Creek, Oak Grove, Richardsville, Mt. Pleasant, and Elkton, each 75 cts.; New Bethlehem, Tyrone,burg, Painsburg, Mt. Vernon, Reynoldsville, and Mill Creek, each 50 cts. J. H. SHERRARD, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE will meet in Elizabeth, on the fourth Tuesday of April (20th), at 7 o'clock P. M. Sessional Records, Statistical Reports, Commissioners' Fund, and written certificates from the Treasurer, and minister's salary is fully paid, will be called for. Each church, through its Pastor, or Stated Supply, or Session, is required to send a Narrative on the State of Religion to the Rev. Wm. Hughes, West Newton, Chairman of the Committee on the Narrative, on or before the 20th of April. R. F. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF GANESVILLE will meet in Newark on the Third Tuesday of April, at 7 o'clock P. M. Evidence of Settlements, Pastors, Sessional Records, Commissioners' Fund, and written certificates from the Treasurer, will be called for, from each church. Let no one fail to send them up. W. M. FERGUSON, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO stands adjourned to meet at Lane, on the Second Tuesday of April (12th), at 7 o'clock P. M. Sessional Records, Statistical Reports, and Commissioners' Fund, will be called for, from each church, at the rate of 10 cts. per member, will be called for from each church. W. W. HARRIS, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF CEDAR will meet in Mt. Vernon, on Tuesday, the 26th of April, at 7 o'clock P. M. E. L. BELDEN, Stated Clerk. The PRESBYTERY OF VINCENTS will hold its next regular sessions at Evansville, beginning on Thursday, April 14th, at 7 o'clock P. M. ROBERT JOHNSTON, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE will hold its next stated meeting at the Presbyterian church of Hagerstown, Maryland, on the 12th of April, at 7 o'clock P. M. The Sessional and Congregational Reports may be presented at this meeting, and the role of Presbytery written reports on the State of Religion to be required. A. D. MITCHELL, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER will meet in Prairie City, Ill., on Thursday, April 14th, at 7 o'clock P. M. Commissioners' Fund, nine cents per member of each church. THOMAS S. VAILL, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY CITY stands adjourned to meet on the first Tuesday of April. The place of meeting is the Central church, Allegheny City, on Thursday, April 14th, at 7 o'clock P. M. Pastors and Sessions of vacant churches are required to present full statistical reports for the past year; as these are the materials from which the Stated Clerks prepare the Narrative Report to the General Assembly. WM. ANNA, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF KASKASKIA will meet in the Pleasant Ridge church (near Chester, Ill.) April 7th, at 7 o'clock P. M. ALFRED N. DENNY, S. C. The PRESBYTERY OF BRIE will meet at West Greenville on the second Tuesday (12th) of April, at 7 o'clock P. M. Commissioners' Fund, on the State of Religion, Statistical Reports, and Commissioners' Fund, will be called for. S. J. M. EATON, S. C.

The PRESBYTERY OF BLAIRSVILLE will meet according to adjournment, at Congers, on the second Tuesday of April (12th), at 7 o'clock P. M. JAMES DAVIS, S. C. The PRESBYTERY OF DUBUQUE will meet (Deo clauso) on the second Tuesday of April (12th) at 8 o'clock P. M. Assessment on the churches, for Commissioners' Fund, at the rate of ten cents per member. JOHN M. ROGERS, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF IOWA will hold its stated Spring meeting at Frederick, Iowa, on the 12th of April, at 7 o'clock P. M. on the second Tuesday of April (12th). Sessional Records and Statistical Reports must be presented. GEO. D. STEWART, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF SALTSBURG stands adjourned to meet at Glade Run church on the second Tuesday of April, at 2 o'clock P. M. Sessional Records, Statistical Reports, Written Narratives, Settlements, Commissioners' Fund, Supplies, and Commissioners' and Contingent Funds, required at this meeting. W. W. WOODEND, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON will hold its next stated meeting in the Bellefonte Presbyterian church, on the second Tuesday (12th) of April, at 7 o'clock A. M. Statistical Reports will be called for, as well as a Report from each congregation as to whether the pastor's salary is paid in full. ROBERT HAMILL, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF TOLEDO will meet in Toledo, Tama County, Iowa, on Tuesday, the 12th of April, 1864, at 7 o'clock A. M. The Sessions will remember to send the Statistical Reports, carefully prepared. LUTHER DODD, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF WOOSTER will hold its Spring meeting at Frederick, Ohio, on the third Tuesday of April, at 11 o'clock A. M. JOHN E. CARSON, Stated Clerk. The PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY stands adjourned to meet in Butler, on the second Tuesday (12th) of April, at 11 o'clock A. M. J. R. COULTER, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF BEAVER will meet at Slippery Rock, on the second Tuesday of April, at 11 o'clock A. M. D. C. REED, Stated Clerk. The PRESBYTERY OF ROCK RIVER will meet at Middle Creek church, on the last Tuesday (28th) of April, at 8 o'clock P. M. Sessional Records will be called for, also money for the Commissioners' Fund, at the rate of five cents per member of the churches. As the Assembly will meet at a remote point, it is important that ministers and Sessions bear this matter carefully in mind, and members journeying by rail are requested to be at "Winnebago Station," on the Galena and Chicago Railroad, by the day train on Tuesday, the 26th of April, in order to be in waiting to convey them to the church. S. T. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

The PRESBYTERY OF SANGAMON will meet in the First church, Springfield, on Friday, April 8th, 1864, at 7 o'clock P. M. G. W. F. BIRCH, Stated Clerk.

Current News.

The War.—In our last issue we noticed the passing of an interesting article by Mr. Charles and Gen. Lee, two or three days after the battle of Antietam. But now it appears that this statement was made by an intoxicated man, and that the Congressional Committee is unable to discover any foundation for it. The whole thing is given up as an outrageous falsehood.