

Presbyterian Banner

PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1864.

The Enlargement of the Banner, of which notice has been already given, will take place next week.

NOT ALL DARK.

That war should bring in its train a host of evils—that it should not only desolate the districts which may chance to be its more immediate seat, but that it should bring upon the entire land its blight and curse, its woes and tears, its material and its spiritual injuries—was to have been expected, for such has been the history of human strife in all past ages.

We may challenge the pages of history to produce a record that shall compare with that of the present conflict, or the amazing forbearance displayed in the beginning toward the insurgents against a government so beneficent—for the reluctance with which a nation was dragged into a war with those who were striking at its very life, and for the alacrity with which the masses responded to the call of their country upon them, though the lives of thousands upon thousands of the best and bravest must be sacrificed.

But a still more distinguishing feature of the existing struggle is to be found in the vast expenditures, both of pecuniary means and of personal efforts, from the very commencement of the war, and throughout every portion of the loyal States, to relieve the wants of our brave defenders, to mitigate their sufferings on the battle-field and in the hospital, to soothe the last hours of those who have fallen as martyrs in the strife, to provide for the soldier's helpless family in his absence, and should he fall, to cherish—as a sacred legacy—the widow and the fatherless, bereft of their natural support and protector.

Nor does this brief summary embrace all that is distinguishing and peculiar in this regard. The spiritual wants of the soldier have never before, amongst any Christian people, received so large a share of attention. For the first time, indeed, has any systematic effort been made to meet these wants; and the history of this effort and of the success which has attended it, will be not only a novel, but a soul-cheering characteristic of the annals of the war.

Whilst then we mourn, as all must do, the bloodshed, the sufferings, the waste of life and property, and the fearful evils of this causeless and wicked rebellion, let us not forget its brighter aspects, nor cease to praise God for all that has already been accomplished, through the Divine blessing upon the efforts of those who love the government of their country and the kingdom of their Saviour.

By means of the Fairs lately held in various parts of the country, contributions have been poured by hundreds of thousands of dollars into the treasury of the Sanitary Commission. Nor has the movement ceased. Our own and other cities will soon prove that the sympathy of the people for their suffering defenders, is not yet exhausted. Large additions will be made to the amount already contributed.

In this just outpouring of liberality, the Christian Commission ought not to be forgotten by its friends. In no sense the rival of the Sanitary Commission, there are yet considerations, especially commendable to the fostering care of those who cannot forget that the soldier has not only a body to be cared for, but a soul to be saved. A new reason for an increased support to the Christian Commission is to be found in the fact that, whilst the ranks of our army are being rapidly filled up by new recruits, the number of army chaplains is less than heretofore. The field for Christian labor amongst our soldiers is therefore more extended, and demands immediate and continued care and cultivation.

And now, as another campaign is about to open, as many of our sons and brothers will assuredly pour out their blood upon the battle-field, or languish in the hospital, as there will be many of those who will long for the kind visits and counsel of Christian friends, and as all our soldiers, the strong and healthy as well as the sick and wounded, deserve our Christian care, shall we not open our hearts and hands to both these Associations? Let us not wait until the emergency is upon us. Our action, if prompt, will be doubly welcome.

THE DOMESTIC MISSIONARY FIELD.

In the providence of God an immense and most interesting domestic missionary field is now open to the American Churches. This field comprises California, Oregon, the Territories of Washington, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Nebraska, and a large part of the States of Minnesota, Iowa, and Kansas, together with the great extent of country recovered by our armies from the rebellion. Never before has there been such an opening, or has such a loud call been heard. The American Churches will be false to their mission if they fail to occupy the ground thus laid at their feet.

The demand upon our own branch of the Church of Christ is peculiarly imperative. In former times our Church was in the very advance in laying the foundations of Zion's kingdom in the newly settled parts of this woodland; and for her to decline to go forward, now, or to lag in the rear, would be unworthy of her past history. Moreover, in the recovered parts of the

South is a large Presbyterian population to be gathered up, to be instructed in the right way, to be made loyal citizens, and also to be made faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Though they have gone out from among us, many did this reluctantly, and many were compelled to do so. Where anything of the spirit of loyalty to the Government or to the Church yet remains, it can easily be revived; and even those who have, in their madness, seceded from both Church and State, are not yet beyond the reach of the Gospel: it can make even of such unlikely material as this, good citizens and also good Christians.

We would like to see our Church in possession of at least \$100,000, to be expended as soon as practicable in evangelistic labors on the Pacific slope, in the vast Territories which are peopling so rapidly, and in the reclaimed portions of the South, where rebellion has committed such fearful devastations, and where the ministrations of the Gospel are so much needed.

But difficult as it may be to obtain the money, it will probably be far more difficult to secure the men for the work now so imperatively needed. The old evangelist of Apostolic times, and of the days in which our Church was planted in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio, Kentucky, and the South-west, has almost disappeared. He is now but little more than a historical personage. This ought not to be so; it must not continue to be so, if our Church is to occupy her place in the aggressive work to be done for Christ in this country. No calling is higher than that of the true evangelist who goes everywhere, in destitute places making known the unsearchable riches of Christ; and no ministerial work is crowned with greater or more beneficial results.

Just now the Church looks, and must properly, to the young men about to leave our Theological Seminaries for volunteers to this wide field. They have dedicated themselves to the work of the Lord, and he has now through his Church a work for them never surpassed in promise, and which must be done by the ministers of some other Church will do it; if our young men will not enter in and take possession of the land, some other young men will do so. In such a time as this, it is a responsible matter for any young minister to make decision as to his place of labor. Let not the names of McMILLAN, SMITH, FINLEY, or GIBSON BLACKBURN, be forgotten by our young men. The authority of the Great Master, and the bright examples of men of a former generation, call them to this service with an urgency not to be neglected.

Is it too much for us to suggest to our honored Professors in our Theological Seminaries the propriety of bringing this matter directly before those who are about to go forth for their instructions to preach the everlasting Gospel. No greater glory could accrue to these institutions of the Church than to be permitted to send out large numbers from their halls, this Spring, to engage in a work second to no other which man is allowed to do in this world.

THE BANNER FOR THE CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.

The Christian Commission, whose labors are most unremitting, is calling loudly for supplies of all kinds, and especially for religious newspapers. Every day we have calls for more Banners for the army, which we are unable to gratify, because we are just now sending in that direction all that our means will justify. It is needless to say, that the Banner is highly appreciated in the army; if our readers have already had most abundant evidence in the frequent communications published in our columns from visitors to the army, chaplains, and agents of the Christian Commission. GEORGE H. SWARTZ, Esq., President of the Christian Commission, in a letter just received, says: "We would be glad to send ten thousand copies of the Presbyterian Banner to our brave soldiers, had we the means." We trust that this appeal will not be unheeded. No other kind of religious reading matter can be secured so cheaply as the religious newspaper; and no other religious reading matter, after the Bible, is so highly prized by the soldiers.

Churches and individuals can make contributions to the Christian Commission for the purchase of additional copies of the Banner for the army, or it can be sent directly to us, with orders to supply the Commission to the extent of the money furnished, or to send the papers to any address selected.

Our Church in the South.—On our first page will be found a very able article by a most competent author, on this subject, which is of so much importance to our Church. Already, as our correspondent says, not a few of the ministers who cast in their lot with secession, are returning to occupy churches within our lines, without any change in their sentiments. It is evident to every one, that this can only be productive of continued injury to the Church, and of treason to the State. Another thing requiring immediate attention, is the fact that some unscrupulous persons are seizing upon church property belonging to the Presbyterian Church, and are organizing in such places churches of other denominations. This has already been done in Memphis and Vicksburg. As a matter of course, the Government will not sanction, permanently, such operations; but difficultly and bad feeling may be saved by the timely attention of the Board of Domestic Missions and the General Assembly.

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The Board of Foreign Missions marks the following "Signs of Promise":

Mr. Donn writes at Ningpo, that a meeting of Session would soon be held at Bao-ko-lah, where there are three applicants for baptism. Mr. MACKER writes us from Corisco: "There are several inquirers, and one young man under IRLA's instruction, who hopes he is a Christian. Our Scripture readers [native assistants] at Kombo report an unusual interest, and their meetings well attended. A letter from Njumbo [another native helper] received yesterday, speaks of a large attendance on his meetings, and much interest—some professing a hope that they are Christians."

To Our Philadelphia Subscribers.—Probably some inconvenience will be experienced at the first by our Philadelphia subscribers, under the new arrangement for receiving their papers by mail, owing to a want of proper understanding of the Post Office law of delivery. All that is necessary for our subscribers to do, is for each one of them to go to the Post Office and pay fifty cents in advance, taking a receipt for the same. This will insure the delivery of the paper at their houses for one year. And when the carrier calls, the receipts for payment of postage can be shown him. It will only be necessary to do this latter once, if the carrier understands his business. In this way our readers will get their papers more regularly, and cheaper, than by the old plan.

The Family Treasure.—We have received the first number of this new monthly issued by the Rev. Dr. McKINNEY and his son, Rev. I. N. McKINNEY. It contains sixty-four pages, double column, filled with theological, historical, literary, and household reading, from the pens of the Editors and various contributors. The Editors and Proprietors have entered upon this work with great energy, and will spare no efforts to make a successful Magazine. For terms, see advertisement.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Old School.—The Rev. John N. Campbell, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Albany, N. Y., died on Monday last week, after a short illness, from a violent attack of pleurisy. Dr. Campbell was an able preacher, a faithful pastor, and of wide and commanding influence. As a member of the General Assembly he was extensively known.

The Rev. John W. Grier, father of the assistant editor of the Presbyterian, died at the residence of his son, in West Philadelphia, on the 25th ult. Mr. Grier was a highly esteemed member of the Presbytery of Newcastle, and was for many years a Chaplain in the United States Navy.

Among the patriotic soldiers in the Union army are many sons of Presbyterian ministers. The Rev. Royal Young, D.D., of Butler, had a son severely wounded a year or two ago, and so badly injured that he was discharged. But last week two more of his sons rushed to their country's aid in this hour of peril, and left in the 100th (Roundhead) Regiment of Pa. Volunteers.

Rev. J. J. Bullock, D.D., pastor of the Franklin Street Presbyterian church, Baltimore, was arrested last Friday by our military authorities, charged with harboring at his house a rebel Colonel named Smith, from Kentucky, who is a relative of the Dr. Dr. Bullock is married to a sister of the rebel Gen. John C. Breckinridge, and has from the outbreak of the rebellion persistently refused to pray for the success of the Union cause.

The Rev. W. H. Van Doren has removed from Richmond, Indiana, to Chicago, Illinois. Two volumes of his Commentary on Luke, we understand, will shortly be put to press.

At a congregational meeting of the Fifth Presbyterian church of Cincinnati, held on Tuesday evening, 22d inst., Rev. J. B. Stewart, of Chicago, received a unanimous call to become their pastor.

The Rev. Moses Russell, pastor of the Clifton Presbyterian church, Ohio, died on the 22d inst., aged 52 years and 22 days. He was the child of Christian parents, the youngest of a numerous and pious family. He was the son of a plain, godly man, whose whole library consisted of the Bible alone, and the Shorter Catechism, his received exposition of its doctrines. His literary education was received at Miami University, and his theological under the tuition of Rev. John Galloway, and in the Seminary at South Hanover and Allegheny.

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Smith's Bible Dictionary. It is an unuseful paragon in Scripture, and requiring "to be read (as Dr. Miller used to say) with loaded pistols." "Learning" and "modern research" are terms misunderstood by many readers, for novelties and crude speculations which claim to be discoveries and improvements upon Divine Revelation. A truly sound and safe Bible Dictionary fully abreast of the times, is yet a great desideratum. And a discriminating notice of a book from the press is truly refreshing.

A Surrogate. A quiet surplice party, representing the ladies of Dunlap's Creek, called at the parsonage on the 9th ult., bringing some \$83 in cash, which added to donations in kind, supplies \$138. Of this \$5 was remitted by a regimental surgeon in the Army of the Potomac. On the 12th, a gentleman from the congregation of McOllandtown called, bringing in cash and most excellent supplies, some \$42—making in all \$180; a very rich well-earned contribution from the beloved people of my charge.

They do not claim this to be an act of liberality, so much as of justice, to meet the exigency of the times, in making good their engagement of support to one whom they have called to labor for them in spiritual things. May the Lord grant that they be beautifully refreshed from the wells of salvation, who have thus refreshed the spirit of their pastor and his family with this additional proof of their kindness!

Literary Items. D. Appleton & Co., will publish, in a few days, Herbert Spencer's new work, entitled "Illustrations of Universal Progress."

Charles Scribner, New-York, will soon publish a critical epitome of "Travels in the United States" from the time of the French missionaries to that of Anthony Trollope. It is by H. T. Tuckerman, and will be called "America and her Commentators." Scribner also announces, "Chaplains of the Revolution," by J. T. Headley.

Rev. John Pierpont, who will be seventy-nine years of age on the 6th of April, 1864, and is yet in good health and in the perfect vigor of his mental faculties, has just completed a work of almost as great labor as Johnson's Dictionary. In November, 1861, he began, and in March, 1864, he finished, a Digest of the Decisions and Instructions of the Treasury Department to Collectors of Customs, contained in fifty-four folio volumes, which he has reduced to one.

Renan has published a cheap edition of his "Vie de Jesus," and has written a preface to it, in which he defends himself from the charge of irreligion. He says history is a science, just as chemistry and geology. Renan is not allowed to lecture at the College of France, and has taken a private class of fifteen theological students in Hebrew and Sanscrit at his lodgings. His most remarkable answer to Renan's book is by M. Salvador, a learned Jew, who insists that Renan has mistaken the meaning of many Hebrew phrases and traditions.

Varieties. It is ascertained that the yield of gold in Australia for the last year will show a decrease of 700,000. The amount as stated for 1863 was really £5,845,784, and for this a writer in Victoria says £1,300,000 went from the Australian banks.

A curious discovery has been made in the Island of M. M. which has been ascertained that certain old guns, long used as posts on the quay at Peel, were rifled. Government has ordered them to be transferred to Woolwich, where they are to be preserved as the earliest specimens of rifled ordnance.

A company of Boston capitalists are erecting buildings in South Boston, for the extensive manufacture of plate glass, a comparatively new business in this country. The sand to be used in the manufacture is to be brought from Beane's country, and four hundred workmen are expected over from England in a few days.

The influx of gold into India, especially in Bombay, is producing the most singular effects upon the natives. Late accounts state that they play with coin like children, purchase to please their fancies at enormous rates, and have given up the use of earthen vessels, having brass and copper instead. The women have thrown by their former cheap ornaments, and now shine in gold and pearls.

The severe rains in Australia have flooded and destroyed vineyard, gardens, corn and hay fields. Houses built in comparatively elevated spots have been swept away, or rendered uninhabitable. Many persons, expecting the waters would rise no higher, delayed to remove their furniture, and so rapidly did the waters increase that they had to be rescued by boats. The loss of property is estimated at near a million dollars.

The old Copper money of Sardinia is to be withdrawn from circulation at the end of February, to be replaced by a bronze coinage of one, two, five, and ten centime pieces. The circulation of coins of very small value in any country is indicative of the poverty of the masses. Travelers tell us that in the Italian cities there are incredible numbers of places of refreshment where a meal can be obtained for a cent, and thousands are unable to pay more than this.

United States Christian Commission. The Army Committee of Western Pennsylvania presents the following report for the month of March, 1864: Rev. G. Carson, of Clayville, Pa.; Rev. N. B. Critchfield, of New Lexington, Pa.; Rev. D. W. Townsend, of Painesville, Pa.; Rev. Alex. Leitch, of Soldiers Aid Society, Winchester, O.; Rev. J. C. Caldwell, of Alliance, Ohio; Rev. D. M. Miller, of Alliance, Ohio; P. J. Caldwell, of Canonsburg, Pa.; have gone as delegates to the Cumberland A. S. C. Convention.

Rev. W. M. Taylor, Mount Jackson, Pa.; Rev. Josiah Thompson, Clinton, Pa.; Rev. A. H. Brown, Gettysburg, Pa.; Rev. J. H. Kent, of the Potomac. The following officers were acknowledged the following donations, received in March: School No. 1, New Sheffield, Beaver co., \$ 9.00 Citizens of Zelienople, Butler co., 24.77 Soldiers at Camp Copeland, 9.00 Ladies Soldiers Aid Society, Winchester, O., 16.00 Society of Potomac Army, 5.00 Celestia at West Union, W. Va., 26.80 Soldiers Aid Society, Edinboro, Pa., 25.00 U. P. church, Steubenville, Ohio, 5.00 School District No. 1, York tp., Belmont Co., Ohio, 62.25 Choir of Central Presbyterian Church, Canonsburg, Pa., 68.00 Collections from citizens of Penn town-

ship, Allegheny county, by C. Snively, as follows: Unity School District, Penn township, 34.30 Fish Hill 60.00 Jefferson " 46.25 Hebron " 23.75 Adams " 7.25 Washington " 12.00 Laurel Point " 20.00 Total amount from Penn tp., \$230.50. Mrs. J. P. Lyon, 20.00 M. J. Bowman, 5.00 Citizens of Wayne, Adams co., 7.00 Citizens of East Liverpool, Ohio, 8.00 Citizens of Hookstown, Pa., 41.00 Presbyterian church, Lawrenceville, Pa., 1.00 Maria J. Sloan, Limestone, Clarion co., 1.00 J. Camy Sloan, " 1.00 J. L. R., " 1.00 L. B. Dismann, Pa., 20.00 Festival, North Argyle, N. Y., 7.00 Lenoxburg and West Mahoning Aid Society, Pa., 15.00 Miss Adie Wall, Mingo city, Pa., 10.00 Concert G. M. Cole's Singing Class, Wells-ville, Ohio, 12.45 W. E. Farris, Lawrenceville, Pa., 8.00 Cash, 20.00 Pupils of Franklin School, Mifflin tp., 30.00 Wolf Run congregation, Washington co., 7.00 W. T. Dally, Laing, Ohio, 1.00 Amity and Ebenezer Soldiers Aid Socy., From Christian Commission, Washington county, 425.80 Contributed as follows—Proceeds of Concert for Soldiers Aid Society, Washington county, 400.00 Buffalo Soldiers Aid Society, 15.00 Ten-mile Soldiers Aid Society, 10.50 Miller & Bickel, Washington county, 1.00 The following contributions of stores have been received during the month of March: 1 box of hospital stores, from the Ladies' Aid Society of Erie, Pa., 7.00 1 box do., from Ladies' Aid Society of Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, 1.00 1 box do., from Ladies' Aid Society of South Buffalo District No. 2, Freeport, 1.00 1 box of clothing, from Ladies' Aid Society of Beaver, Beaver county, 1.00 1 box of hospital stores, from Soldiers Aid Society of Rimesburg, Clarion county, 1.00 2 boxes and 2 pieces of sundries, from Soldiers Aid Society of Canonsburg, 1.00 18 lbs and 6 oz of fruit and vegetables, from Ladies of Uniontown, Adams township, Butler county, 1.00 1 box of hospital clothing, from Ladies' Aid Society of Union church, Adams township, Butler county, 1.00 1 package of socks, from Miller's Run Aid Society, 1.00 1 box of fruit, from Ladies' Aid Society of Rimesburg, Clarion county, 1.00 1 box of hospital stores, from Ladies' Aid Society of Rostraver, Westmoreland county, 1.00 2 boxes of fruit and 1 do. of clothing, from Soldiers Aid Society of Buena Vista and vicinity, Allegheny county, 1.00 1 box of clothing and 1 do. of fruit, from Soldiers Aid Society of New Texas, Allegheny county, 1.00 1 box of hospital stores, from Ladies' Aid Society of Monongahela city, 1.00 1 box of do., from Soldiers Aid Society of Livernore, Westmoreland county, 1.00 1 box of hospital stores, from Ladies of Zelienople, Butler county, 1.00 1 box of do., from Soldiers Aid Society of Elder's Ridge, Indiana county, 1.00 1 box of clothing and 1 do. of fruit, from Ladies' Aid Society of Wayne township, Lawrence county, 1.00 1 box of hospital stores, from Ludwick school, Greenburg, Pa., 1.00 1 box do., from Soldiers Aid Society of Somerset, Pa., 1.00 2 gallons of wine, from Soldiers Aid Society of Canonsburg, Washington county, 1.00 1 box of clothing, from Mrs. M. B. Sloan's Aid Society, Allegheny county, 1.00 1 box of sundries, from Stewartville Soldiers Aid Society, 1.00 1 box of clothing, from 24 Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. Howard's, Pittsburgh, 1.00 2 pgs. from 24 U. church, Pittsburgh, 1.00 1 box of sundries, from Freeport, Armstrong county, 1.00 3 boxes from Soldiers Aid Society of U. P. congregation of Pigeon Creek, Washington county, 1.00 1 box of hospital stores, from Soldiers Aid Society of Buffalo, Washington county, 1.00 1 box of hospital stores, from Soldiers Aid Society of Nos. 6 and 7, North Sewickley, Beaver county, 1.00 1 box of hospital stores, from Hickory Grove school No. 12, Washington county, 1.00 1 box hospital stores, from Charles L. Streamer, Smicksburg, Indiana county, 1.00 1 box of eggs, from Mr. Frank Van Gorder, 28 lbs of jelly, from Mrs. J. Miller, Jr., 7 pgs. from Mrs. A. M. Wallingford, 1 pkg of socks, from Soldiers Aid Society of Robinson township, 1 pkg. from a Friend, 1 pkg of books and papers from Miss Gamble, 1 box do. do. do., from Mrs. A. Bidwell, 1 pk do. do. do., from Mrs. J. Miller, 1 pkg do. do. do., from Miss R. Howard, 1 pkg do. do. do., from Miss S. Baker, 1 pkg do. do. do., from Miss R. P. Phillips, 1 pk do. do. do., from Mrs. J. H. Hays, 1 pkg do. do. do., from Capt. W. Dean. Also contributions of books and clothing, from Mrs. C. Dickey, Mrs. M. Minnis, Mrs. J. D. Hays, Miss Gray, Mrs. C. M. Graham, Mrs. M. J. Hays, Mrs. J. Hart. 13 boxes from Christian Commission, Philadelphia.

The following articles have been sent to the armies of the West during the past month: 396 muslin shirts, 370 cans of fruit, 264 flannel shirts, 398 pounds dried fruit, 696 prs flannel drawers, 597 arm slings, 365 quarts wine, 67 dressing gowns, 119 cans of soup, 227 towels, 111 cans of beef tea, 540 prs socks, 75 do coffee, 148 blankets, 798 do sugar, 127 pillows, 210 pillow cases, 46 do cloth, 112 handkerchiefs, 45 do cornstarch, 54 hosewives, 16 do farinas, 60 prs slippers, 281 do butter, 49