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For the Presbyterian Banner. Letter From the Army.

CAMP STONEMAN, ABMY OF POTOMAC. VR. JOSEPH ALBREE, Treasurer of U. N (hristian Commission : Dear Sir :- My term of service as a delegate of the Christian Commission having expired, I wish, through the medium of the press, to make report of my labors at Camp Stoueman. I shall al vays consider it one of the greatest privileges of my life, that I have been permitted to go out as a delegate of the Christian Commission, to labor and pray for the brave defenders of our country. My field of labor was Camp Stoneman. This Camp is near Washington City, and is among the most important Stations in the Army of the Potomac. It is a cavalry camp. New regiments are sent there to draw their horses. and drill a short time before leaving for the

But perhaps it might be interesting to the readers of the Banner, to give some statistics and facts connected with Camp Stoneman, to show the magnitude of the work, and the great responsibility resting upon the delegates. In addition to the avdege of fifteen thousand soldiers at the Camp, there is an average of ten thousand or fifteen thousand white men and "contrahands," who are in the employ of the Govcomment, and who are not soldiers. These men are not reached with religious matter and preaching apart from the Christian Commission. There are cloven forts under the supervision of this Camp. At the chapel tent connected with the Station. there is preaching and prayer-meeting every night; but there are at least twenty-five points where religious services are somemues held.

The Station was organized October 23d. 1863. Since that time, (or at the date the writer left, March 9th.) three hundred have been anxious; and it is supposed of that number there have been one hundred and inty genuine conversions It was organized in a Sibley Tent, but it has now given place to the "Chapel Tent," much more lage and comfortable. At first they had t seats, but the soldiers came and stood. without fire, during Divine service. The ligious interest soon began at that camp, ad still continues. Soon after its organicion, the soldiers moved to welcome the egates of the Ohristian Commission in ir midst.

arrived at the Station on Saturday ming, hence my first day in camp was Holy Sabbath. But oh, how different m a Sabbath at home! Instead of the sietness and stillness of the Sabbath nonrs uning at home, you see men on the we, hear musical instruments calling the nilitary care—you enter on one side only. at the other a bayonet guards the platform. liers to duty; also the axe, busily enwd in getting wood ready to prepare cakfast. But before the hours of my A raw Irishman held this weapon, and it greatly amused me to see him use his brief Sabbath in camp closed, I enjoyed, authority. Some shoulder-straps blustered, a few professed followers of Christ, others entreated, one plead inability to others entreated, one plead inability to ightful privilege of commemorating saviour's dying love. That Communion son can never be forgotten by me. re, far from home, sitting down with thren from all parts of the land, to obthe dying command of Christ! I "it was good to be there." There the graves !-- some in clusters, under a present three Methodist, ministers, Congregational, one Baptist, one Preserian; but those little differ-nces, about hich many are so conscientions, at home, hich many are so conscientions, at home, hice no annoyance to us. We fell we were himbers of the Christian Commission, and ton, 130,000 have fallen; how many-more ted to meet at last where there are no have perished in this cruel war, time will ominational differences. never reveal. The writer introduced the ordinance, extended an invitation to those who ted the Saviour. to commune : and whilst ey came forward to occupy certain seats aved for communicants, that beautiful an was read and sunghe Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want," &c. en, in that canvas tent-with no walls frescoed, no beautiful carpet, but for substitute hay, for seats pine boards; communion vessels, not costly silver e. but tin cups—we lobserved the Saa's dying command : "This do in reubrance of me." uring this solemn season, I saw the start from the soldier's eye, and find way down his care-worn cheek. When ommunion service closed, an opportuwas afforded to any who might wish to k. Twelve soldiers spoke: From full its they were thankful for another privof observing the command of Christ, the first they had enjoyed since they left their homes-some of whom had ^a away from them, and their churches, almost three years. Had you heard men speak, they would have exploded dea, that a soldier must drop his reliwhen he goes to the army. Soldiers with great readiness and originality. the meetings are enjoyed on earth, and refreshing, what must heaven be? not uncommon for soldiers to arise gious meetings, and acknowledge hey are very great sinners, and ask to ayed for. It is astonishing how many army are backsliders-had backslidsetore they went to the army. To use fown language, "They had left their here, and had awfully departed from profession." But many of these are aed by means of the Christian Commisaddition to preaching to the soldiers, ersonally conversing with them, and in prayer-meetings, another im-^{tagency} in reaching them is the dis-tion of the printed page. Men in and in the hospitals are very anxious ve reading matter. They not only it thankfully and cheerfully, but in instances offer to pay for it. Sevthe soldiers told me, after having ^{books} and tracts given them, they "In to their families, to read, and to crved. A soldier to whom I gave a and tract, (one lately enlisted,) told at he had been contributing to the an Commission, since its organizaut he then personally received its "efit-" Cast thy bread upon the de. Did our friends at home ith what gladness and delight our receive reading matter, the donors el amply remunerated by the ex-"God bless the Christian Com-



I found the soldiers very approachable, | whole band. The men themselves arise | destitute of the means of grace since the | to the Presbytery of Peoria, and Rev. | churches, while the Catholic religion is the and free to converse on the subject of re- when he has done, and say let us sing so beginning of the war. They are now, howligion. There is no way in which a sol- and so, and all chime in, whether the ever, being supplied with ministers; and dier can be touched so readily, as to speak preacher does or not. The men will toler- for the better protection of their houses of to him of home, aud of the absent loved ones—of the prayers offered for them by dear ones at home. Said a soldier to whom I gave a paper, with a piece headed. "My Mother is at home, Praying," "That is true, my mother is at home and the prayers for the prayers for the prayers offered for them by true, my mother is at home and the prayers for the prayers for the prayers offered for them by true, my mother is at home and the prayers for the prayers for the prayers offered for them by true, my mother is at home and the prayers for the prayers for the prayers offered for the by true, my mother is at home and the prayers for the prayers for the prayers offered for the by the grandest results of this war will be to annihilate sectarianism. I would pity the the prayers of this Presbytery for military true, my mother is at home praying for the prayers for the prayers for the prayers offered for the prayers offered for the by true the prayers offered for the by the prayers offered for the prayers offered for the by true the prayers offered for the by the prayers offered for the prayers of the p true; my mother is at home, praying for man who could go home and tamely submit purposes, except in the most extreme cases. me." I heard him use profane language, his neck to the ecclesiastical collar which The following Commissioners were ap-as I entered the tent, but when he saw the he broke to pieces himself, or saw others as pointed to the next General Assembly, piece, "My Mother," &c., it reminded him | good as himself and as beloved of God and viz.: Rev. John R. Warner, with Rev. H of home and its associations, and that his man as he could hope to be, drop as not G. Finney, alternate; Rev. J. Smith Gormother was praying for him." Going only useless, but injurious. don, with Rev. Henry Reeves, alternate ; into another tent where there were four The great problem here as at home, is Elders : H. M. Graydon, with Mr. Mower, persons, among whom was a minister's son, what to do with the contrabands? At pres- alternate; Mr. Bridges, with Bobert G.

asked them if they wished some religious | ent they draw rations, are paid for their M'Creary, alternate. The churches, with perhaps a single ex-

reading. The minister's son was the first labor, hold their religious meetings, pray to reply, "No, we do not want any." I for "de Union," and for "forgibness for ception, reported the payment of the pas-then asked him if he was not a minister's de Marster." I have not heard a word of tors' salaries. Several had augmented the son, and reminded him of the prayers which revenge breathed against their former op-were daily offered for him by pious parents pressors, and instead of wishing to deluge penses of living; others had relieved their at home. I gave him some good reading the North, they have intense longings for ministers from embarrassment by liberal matter, and invited him to preaching. He attended, vas awakened and interested, and soon took part in the religious exercises, and seemed to be quite active in his new gees—one of the daily arrivals at the quar-

duties. But it is not a wonder that so ters of Gen. Patrick, where their claims of the pastors are destitute of an adequate many are converted in the army, since so are examined, and if all is right, they en- support, Presbytery adopted the following many prayers are offered at home for the joy rest and medical attendance, draw ra-soldier. God is the hearer of prayer. I preached several times to the "Con- North. Poor creatures, they come stripped

rabands." One evening, at the close of of all things from the God-forsaken confedhe service, two were requested to lead in | eracy, to share something of the plenty and prayer. Both were very earnest, and freedom of the glorious North. If this prayed for " de preacher, for de President, | war should continue for years, we could le Governor, de white man and de black easily enlist refugees, negroes, and foreign man, de white women and de black women." | emigrants to carry it on-the first class To show doubtless their appreciation of most dangerous opponents of their vile robthe Gospel, money was placed in our hands, bers and oppressors.

when passing out, with hearty thanks, "to come again," but thanks were sufficient remuneration without the money, and the money was returned.

But I must forbear. In my next, I expect to give some incidents which came inder my own observation in the hospitals. WM. F. MORGAN.

Rural Valley, Pa.

alk to the other side

For the Presbyterian Banner Army Correspondence.

BRANDY STATION, April 15, 1864. Dear Banner :- Some of your readers requested me to send, through your paper letails from the Army-incidents actually

occurring, leaving them to make their own inferences. I know not how to do this better, than by keeping a sort of diary, or running narrative of what strikes me as it

Leaving Washington-the cars are under

David M'Carter, to that of Columbus. Mr. | only one acknowledged for Portuguese. It

a candidate under the care of Presbytery. The pastoral relation of Rev. J. J. Wolcott to the church of Bucyrus was dissolved.

Mr. Milton McMillan was received as a icentiate from Beaver Presbytery, and will fluence of the priests; so that while the

supply the church of Delaware. The subject of the Delaware Female College was referred to the next meeting. Rev. A. E. Thomson and Dr. J. M Briggs were chosen Commissioners to the next General Assembly, and Rev. George Rice and J. C. Porter, alternates. Each minister, not having more than two hurches under his charge, was required to preach in some vacant church, previous to he next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The next stated meeting is to be holden Marion, on the Third Tuesday of Octoer next, at 7 o'clock P. M. Presbytery adjourned to meet at Bucy-

us, on the Second Tuesday of June next, (14th) at 2 o'clock P. M. H. A. TRUE. Stated Clerk.

4 10 28 EUROPEAN SUMMARY.-

[PREPARED FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN BANNER.]

Resolved, That this Presbytery has THE MOVEMENT in support of Evangelheard with pleasure that several of the ical doctrine in the Established Church of congregations under their care have in-England. still continues.

creased the salary of their pastors. We The "Declaration" of Orthodox princicommend these examples to the careful atples, drawn up at Oxford, has been signed by about one-half of the elergy of the Estention of the churches which have as yet taken no action upon this subject. The tablished Church. A very remarkable disincreased prices of living have seriously cussion has arisen upon the legality and embarrassed many who in more favorable loyalty of the movement, and the question times had but a moderate salary. While s mooted whether it is not constructively those who are engaged in secular occupa-tions can remedy this by demanding intreasonable, since the recent Judgment of the Privy Council, to join in a declaration that the Church of England is not Orthocreased remuneration, it is not so with the minister. It is then nothing more than dox, Evangelical Church. Learned counan act of justice on the part of the consel have been consulted, and according to gregations to make such additions to the the late number of the Christian Work, salary as shall relieve their pastors, and they have actually decided, in effect, that give them that support to which they are the signers of the "Declaration" are on the high road to rebellion against the Gov-Resolved, That the church Sessions be

ernment of the Queen ! The "Declaration" says, in regard to enjoined to have these resolutions read from the pnlpits, and to report at the next the Inspiration of the Scriptures : "We meeting of Presbytery, whether or not they attended to this duty. * * declare our firm belief that the Church of England and Ireland, in com-Mr. Benjamin Merrill, a licentiate of the mon with the whole Catholic Church, main-Presbytery of New-York, having been distains without reserve or qualification the missed to put himself under the care of Inspiration and Divine authority of the whole Canonical Scriptures, as not only this Presbytery, was received. Rev. Philip H. Mowry was received from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and a call was put containing but being the Word of God." The "Judgment" declares on this subject : into his hands from the church of Big The proposition or assertion that every Spring, which he accepted. Rev. Samuel part of the Scriptures was written under J. Donnelly was received from the Presthe inspiration of the Holy Spirit is not to bytery of Newcastle, and is laboring as a be found either in the Articles or in any of Stated Supply at Hancock, and other places near by. Mr. J. D. Randolph, a the formularies of the Church." Again as to eternal punishment of the wicked, Met at Evansville on Tuesday evening, icentiate of this Presbytery, was dismissed o put himself under the care of the Pres-

John D. Stokes, of Marion, was received as | is a penal offence to propagate any doctrine opposed to Catholicism, or to leave or proselyte from the Catholic religion. The higher class of the people are liberal and disposed to religious toleration, while the mass of the lower classes are under the in-

motion of the young deputy may not now prevail, it is a hopeful sign that it was possible to make such a motion.

> [Selected.] Peace. FOR A COMMUNION SABBATH. Show me a token for good .-- Ps. lxxxvi: 17.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unt you -JOHN xiv: 27. Show me a token, Lord, a gracious sign

To cheer and animate my drooping heart; Make me to feel anew, that I am thine In bonds of union life nor death shall part!

Here, at thy call, at this thy feast of love.

My old companions from my side are gone-Fond memory dwells on many an altered scene And tells a tale, with sad, reproachful tone. Of all that is not-and that might have been!

Let not thy servant seek thy face in vain.

The morning lights of life have died away, Silent and slow the evening shadows fall; O for a sunset gleam, ere close of day, To pierce the clouds, illuminating all!

Thou changest not-the same thy fullness now Of love and mercy's unexhausted store, As when, long since, I paid my youthful vow, And sought the grace I still to-day implore.

What shall I now desire? Not raptures high, Unearthly visions of the heavenly land-live, if thou wilt, that dazzling cup of joy, I do not, dare not ask it from thy hand.

But this I ask, deny me not, O Lord! A fuller share than I have ever known . Of the rich blessing promised in thy Word, Thy last, best gift, when parting from thing own.

eace, which earth never gave-a soothing balm To heal the wounds and griefs of former years, fo raise my heart, in high and holy calm Above all vain regrets, all anxious fears;

Peace, with its blessed sense of sin forgiven, Of love unchanging, mercy full and free; Peace, thine own peace—the harbinger of heaven Of all thy people there enjoy with thee!

Grant me this token, Lord; and so again I shall pursue my journey, calmly blest, O'er the rough hill, or through the lonely plain, On to the land of everlasting rest!

-Family Treasury. For the Presbyterian Ban

The Presbytery of Vincennes

the "Declaration" says : "We * * de-clare our firm belief that the Church * preached by Rev. H. Keigwin, from Isaiah ly: 1. After which Rev. John H. Augh Lord, that the 'punishment ' of the 'cur-sed,' equally with the 'life' of the 'right. Temporary Clerk. Temporary Clerk. eous,' is ' everlasting.'" The "Judgment" The meeting was a harmonious and in contains the following : "We do not find teresting one, but the following items only in the formularies to which this article re- are thought to be of public interest. fers, any such distinct declaration of our Rev. J. D. Paxton, D.D., was chosen condemn as penal the expression of hope and Rev. S. R. Alexander, his alternate. by a clergyman, that even the ultimate par-don of the michod don of the wicked, who are condemned in so chosen Commissioner, and Wm Helfen the Day of Judgment, may be consistent with the will of Almighty God," In these stein, his alternate.

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Wear a Smile.

Which will you do, smile and make others happy, or be crabbed, and make every-body round you miserable? You can live among beautiful flowers and singing birds, or in the mire surrounded by fogs and frogs. The amount of happiness which you can produce is incalculable, if you will show a smiling face, a kind heart, and speak pleasant words. On the other hand, by sour looks, cross words, and a fretful disposition, you can make hundreds unhappy almost beyond endurance. Which will you do? Wear a pleasant countenance, let joy beam in your eye and love glow on your forehead. There is no joy so great as that which springs from a kind act or a pleasant deed, and you may feel it at night when you rest, and at morning when you rise, and through the day when about your daily business.

For Each One,

There is not a single member of a single church, male or female, young or old, rich or poor, but should be engaged in personal efforts for the conversion of souls. Our army may as rationally leave the battle to be fought by officers alone, as the Church leave the conversion of the world to the ministers of the Gospel. Indeed, it is a fundamental error to consider it a merely ministerial work. The work of saving souls is as truly as legitimately within the reach of the pious pauper in the workhouse, or the godly child in the Sabbath School, or the religious servant in a family, as within the grasp of the most eminent preacher. The Church in its entire membership, is the "royal priesthood," proclaiming salvation to a lost world, and winning back souls to the bosom of redeeming Love.- Wit.

An Interview.

Conversing with a man given to skepticism, on the subject of religion, he admitted that he had no religion, and said further, that "he had made a resolution not to have any until all religious denominations were agreed as to what religion was." We told him that they were already so agreed -that in all the grand, fundamental doc-trines of the Bible, there was a remarkable unity and harmony of views among them. But, says he, "I am resolved to be of no religious belief, till all denominations are united on every point, fundamental or not fundamental." Well, said we, you had better make another resolution, and that-not to touch another morsel of food till all the clocks of the world strike twelve together. Then, he replied, "I should certainly starve to death." And said we, taking the other course you will as surely lose

your soul. And thus closed our interview. How Every One May Preach. All cannot preach from the pulpit; but there is a kind of preaching that is permitted to all men, and oftentimes this kind is most effectual. Offices of kindness to the bodies and souls of those around us; words of encouragement to the weak ; instruction to the ignorant; brotherly kind ness to all; hearty devotion to the services of religion, in our families and our closets. as well as in the sanctuary; in a word, earnest, active, self-denying love to our fellow beings, springing from our love to God. This will form a most impressive sermon ; a most convincing proof to the world around us, that we have been with Jesus. All Christians are called on in this way to preach the Gospel, and woe to them if they neglect the call.

R. L. [Original.] Lines to a Young Friend.

To take our stony hearts away, And lead us in the heavenly way?

From paths of folly and of sin; Till you, at length, in heaven appear, To join in higher service there. Emlenion, March, 1864.

The bloom of youth is on your brow, No anxious cares distract you now ; The glow of health is in your veins,

Whose bounteous hand provides you food,

And seek for more substantial joys.

And who his gracious Spirit sends, To make his enemies his friends-

He calls you now, in early youth, To choose the pleasant way of truth; To leave the world's alluring toys,

Let your example others win

And mercy still your life sustains.

And gives you every needful good? Preserves you from each hurtful snare, And guards you with a watchful care ?

O will you not obey his call, And haste to seek in him your all? Your life, your soul, your being give To Him who died that you might live!

MARY.

donations; and nearly all are in the habit of paying the expenses of the ministers and elders to the meetings of Presbytery

papers, books, and tracts, remind lays spent at home. Said a boy, gave a paper, "This reminds y Sabbath Sevool at home : times received papers in my Sabbath

gone into tents and found soling their Testaments and Bibles. ", a young man, told me that since "one to the army he had quit swearhe, (pointing to it,) "This Tes-

vain. Patrick obeyed orders, all the more rigidly, perhaps, because Gen. Grant was aboard. Happy world i if God's orders were as literally obeyed. We passed a number of battle-fields. Oh.

THE LOST PIN.

"Christian reader, you are deeply interested in the great struggle now going on

in our country. You look forward to an active campaign, soon to open, with bright hope that it will be successful; grove of evergreens; some alone, where a comrade had marked the spot; and hundreds from which all marks had disap-" 'And yet, and yet, you cannot forget That many brave boys must fall.

And you long for their immediate conversion. lest some should die unprepared, and, though martyrs to a glorious cause, should

be lost forever. You have heard with joy and gratitude of the great work God is A valuable breast-pin? No! a real com- doing in the awakening and conversion of mon pin. Nonsense, to chronicle such a soldiers-you can pray for the brave and

trifle. Stop; a poor fellow, wounded at noble defenders of our country whose souls Gettysburg, was arranging his bandage, are in such peril. The early Christians with youthful, big hands, and dropped his sympathized so deeply with Peter, that pin-could not find it-no females in the prayer was made without ceasing, of the cars-the males had none. My first ser- Church, unto God for him, (Acts xii). vice for the Christian Commission was to And surely the tens of thousands of

bind his wound, and supply him with pins. Satan's captives in our armies ought to He saw my badge, and said, "O, I know awaken all our sympathies. God delivered hat, and never saw a bad fellow behind it. Peter, and will deliver these, if the whole Ve privates like to see it, in the hospital, Church unites its prayers for them. O for united, believing, importunate prayer ! field."

Immediately upon arriving, I was sent, There is probably at least one in the on horseback, to the 6th Corps, to assist army, with whom what you might say Ohap ain James. A Lawrenceville boy would have more weight than all that recognized me-had the church-roll played could be uttered by his chaplain, or any -invited all to come. Thus aided, the one else. You know his history. Write chanel was full After preaching, a sol- him an earnest, affectionate letter, pleading dier rose and spoke as follows: "Boys, with him to give God his heart at once. take my venerable friend's advice. You Let it be steeped in prayer, and if it is all know that two years ago I lead you into blotted with tears, all the better. As you all kinds of devilment; now I am march- value these precious souls-as you desire ing under Jesus. You took my example to be pure from the blood of all men, I then; let me urge you now. Christ is a beg you do all you can, and do it now. better leader than the Devil. I hate se-" CHAPLAIN."

cession, and the Devil, the first secession-The above is extracted from the Banner ist." He sat down; and while I was ponof the Covenant of March 17th, and I hope dering upon the fact that I must now be it may call the attention of those addressed, called, henceforth, old, another arose, ex- to these forgotten, yet doomed men of our and in response to a call from the church claiming, "O, comrades, enlist! the bounty army. In this city they are never prayed of Birmingham, Iowa, have made arrangeis large! My Jesus!" Here he broke for, that I hear. Except a petition on Sab-down; he rallied, but tears came; his com-bath morning, for the President and those tery also licensed Mr. Alexander G. Wilrades' tears followed. I may as well con- in authority, our bleeding country and its son, now of the Seminary of the Northfess it-I never shed so many tears myself, defenders are entirely ignored. The ladies west, and recently under the care of the over all the land are endeavoring to meet Presbytery of Mississippi. never saw so great a proportion of a congregation weeping, as in that military the wants of the expected wounded; but chapel. The meeting was held until long those who fall on the battle field cannot reafter tattoo. We shall never meet again ceive the supplies furnished, and no man here; and how soon will many of them be cares for their souls, so soon to be beyond in their graves! Over thirty in one regithe reach of hope. ment have made a profession of religion When the fever visited Norfolk and

since they enlisted. **R**. **L**.

ARMY OF POTOMAC, April 21, 1864. Dear Banner :---Every description would the triumph of British arms and the over-fail to give you an adequate idea of camp throw of the Sepoy rebellion-the proteclife. Tents of every description, from the tion of the missionaries and their converts, graceful Sibley to the rudest turf-base, or their happy deaths; but for our uppreblack, tattered canvas cover, meet your eye-pitched on a hill for air and view-in a swamp for water-any where for wood, x: 21. we are become brutish, or we could rats and mice grow fat and tame upon of-fal and toleration. Dogs and cats are, arise in our land, to join with the Florence

however, the greatest favorites. Enter the tents-the same variety meets your eye. Here is one with every convenience which wealth, home and the sutler can furnish, down to squalor and hard tack. Let a stranger be lost, and every one will politely give him all the information pos-sible. Let him be hungry, and every one is willing to share. The boys will sleep on the floor to accommodate the lodger in his bunk. In your own tent you may gamble, or read, pray, or swear, sing or write, without molestation. They expect a man with the Commission badge to talk with them

The chaplains are largely from the Meth-The Presbytery being impressed with The following resolution was adopted in of promoting its energy and growth. We vated in consequence of the burden of meeting at Congress, on the 4th Tuesday odist and Baptist persuasion; and I have the importance of seeking a baptism of the regard to churches asking aid from the seldom meet with persons of vigorous unthese annual and perpetual rents, amount- of June, at 11 o'clock A. M., at which not found one yet unworthy of his office. Holy Spirit, set apart more than the usual derstanding, whose range of thought has been confined chiefly to one department. Board : ing to 25,000,000 france annually. The meeting Presbytery will proceed to ordain ministry urged this measure as demanded Messre. J. A. Legenberger and J. H. My Some of our working men are here, and stand time for devotional exercises, at the be-Resolved. That it shall be considered a in the army about as they did in Presbytery, ginning of each session. pre-requisite in considering applications by the civilization of the age, by the pub- ers, as Foreign missionaries. Rev. V. H. wrbids me to swear." Another, who or among the churches at home. The mon On the second day, Rev. Thomas Creigh, from churches for aid from the Board of may go or not to hear them preach, and they D.D., preached from Col. i: 28-" Whom Missions, especially in cases for renewal, Something to Love.-The human heart. of the State, Barr was appoin economical interests course, has its pouting fits; it determines and as a necessary means of removing tion sermon, and Rev. J. A. Reed to deliv will not go here, any more than at home, we preach," &c. for nothing. Besides, here you miss the The Reports on the State of Religion to live alone; to flee into desert places; to rives all the swear out of me." A that they have contributed to all the Boards serious obstacles to the progress of agricul- | er the charge to the missionaries. have no employment-that is, to love nothhan whom I saw die, a few minutes during the previous year ; and that all our ture and the free transfer of property. Adjourned, to meet in Congress on the ing, but to keep on sullenly beating, till Death lays his finger on the sulky thing, comforts of a place of worship, and the im- revealed the pleasing fact that a few of the churches be required to attend to this e breathed his last, hearing anoth-The bill passed, after a thorough discus-sion, by a vote of 176 to 27. 4th Tuesday in June, at 11 o'clock A. M. J. E. CABSON, S. C. Profane language, said : "What is lange sound ?" Certainly a strange portant aid of the ladies. I have never churches in this Presbytery had enjoyed a matter. S. O. M. and all is still. It flies away from the seen men anywhere pay a closer attention rich blessing from the Lord during the to a preacher, or comrade who was talking past year; but most of the others, though sense. I have been amused to see how having hopeful indications of better things, 10 fall upon the ears of a dying man, world, and straightway, shut away from IN ONE of the first sessions this. year of For the Presbyterian Banner If we were upon the watch for improvemight add, upon the ears of any one. human company, it falls in love with a the legislature of Portugal, a new member proposed as bill for "liberty of religion, ment, the common news of the day would plant, or stone; yea, it is the beautiful ne-Presbytery of Marion. "giments appear to swear more than some of our brethren, who at home would yet greatly mourned over their spiritual who have been longer in the service. cessity of our nature to love something. be shocked with a hymn or instrument, dearth. Almost every church testified to and equal protection for all religions guar furnish it; the falling of the tower The Presbytery of Marion met at Brown upon entering the army, seem to in order to be a good soldier, they anteed." The Constitution only allows loam and the slaughter of the Galileans, Byron could love no human being, so he here tolerate. the increase of intemperance and other church, in the village of Eden, on the 12th "Jesus I love thy charming name," outbreaking sins. Many of our churches inst. The attendance was limited. and occasionally the accompaniment of a along the Southern border have been very The Rev. Wm. B. Faris was dismissed foreigners to have religious services in were the news of the day which our Lord took to loving a dog, and at its death, had wear. What a grand mistake! edifices not having the external form of improved.

ect of Missions within our own bounds. For the Presbyterian Banner Something you can do for our Soldiers.

Many places within this Presbytery, pecuiarly adapted in their population to the labors of Presbyterians, have long been overlooked. but are now being cared for.

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The next regular meeting of Presbytery is to be held at Shippensburg, on the first Tuesday of October; at 11 o'clock A. M. Rev. J. W. Wightman was appointed to preach the opening sermon, and Rev. Wm. C. Stitt, alternate. Rev. Henry Reeves was also appointed to preach the second day, and Rev. John Warner, alternate.

Special attention was given to the sub

An adjourned meeting will be held at Newville, the first Tuesday of June, at 101 o'clock A. M. If the way be clear, Rev. Philip H. Mowry will then be installed pastor of the church in that place; and Mr. Benjamin Merrill will be ordained as an Evangelist, to labor in part of our missionary field.

Having spent a very pleasant, and we trust profitable season together, and having greatly enjoyed the Christian kindness and hospitality of the good people of Hagers-town, Presbytery closed with prayer and W. H. DINSMORE, benediction.

Temporary Clerk.

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For the Presbyterian Banner The Presbytery of Fairfield

Met at Ottumwa, on the 15th inst., and had quite a full and pleasant sessionlaw, the power of depriving of benefice or spending the Sabbath together, and enjoyof awarding any lesser penalty, rests exclu-sively with the courts of law-the power of ing a precious season. The church at this place, under the care of the Rev. J. M. McElroy, is growing even in these times of public distraction, and, like their pastor, extended to Presbytery the kind hospitalities of their hearts and of their homes.

During the course of business, Presbytery received Mr. Charles B. Magill, a li centiate of the Presbytery of Washington,

The following paper on the State of the

great political excitement and civil war in our beloved nation; and whereas, it is of the first importance that the North should Portsmouth, our churches were opened. be united, and every man and every body again and again, to pray for its removal; of men should be ready and willing to lend and also in 1857, our ministers prayed for their influence to crush out the rebellion now raging in our nation, as also to testify against the cause of it ; therefore, Resolved lst. That we, as a Presbytery, stand pledged in all lawful ways, publicly and privately, to give our whole influence toward sustaining the Government which pared, devoted soldiers, " there is no public prayer made." Surely, as in Jeremiah God has given us, and subduing the rebel-

lessly assailed it. 2d. That we hereby enter our united Nightingales of it, so that our prayers, and solemn testimony against the system of slavery which is the foundation of the rebefore God, that his anger may be turned away from us, that we perish not. H. bellion, believing as we do, that its entire removal will be for the prosperity of the whole South-the good of the colored race

together with the white population-the Mexico. harmony of the entire Government, and the glory of God.

The Presbytery of Carlisle met in the of Domestic Missions, expressing our high Presbyterian church of Hagerstown, Md., appreciation of the plans of the Board in reference to the Southwest and Northwest. P. M. Rev. John C. Bliss preached the and resolving that we will endeavor to interest all our churches in sustaining more upon the subject of religion; and so much "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the liberally an agency which is doing so great time have they when in quarters, that you end of the world." Rev. Robert F. Sam- and good a work for the church and the and good a work for the church and the land.

Rev. P. B. Cook asked leave to resign and several other respects, these coupsel his pastoral charge over the church at regard the "Declaration" as an attempt to Scaffold Prairie. oppose the royal supremacy. In addition to this, the Weekly Review The pastoral relation between S. B. Tag

gart and the church at Sullivan, was dis solved. The following are extracts from the report to the General Assembly:

"A movement is beginning to make itself visible for the revival of Synodical gov-"The weaker churches in the missionary ernment in the Church, and this appears field have had their strength and support greatly drawn away by the war, and are to us to be the only method of effectually dealing with the case. The Church and not in as prosperous a condition as could State Review has published an outline of be wished."

"The number of churches adopting the the proposals to be laid before Convocation. in reference to Synodical government. Assembly's plan of Systematic Beneficence They are based upon two principles, first, is constantly increasing."

that it is a primary duty of a Church to "Ministers all report their salaries provide-so far as it may-that its Bishops, promptly paid, and in some instances overelergy, and people be of sound religion;' second, that the legal conditions on which a benefice is held in the Church are dispaid.' "Many of our Sabbath Schools are in a

flourishing condition, evidencing efficient tinguishable from those which determine | management, with a growing interest on whether a clergyman is or is not sound in the part of both parents and children." the faith. 'In a Church established by S. B. TAGGART, S. C.

> For the Presbyterian Bauner. The Presbytery of Wooster

declaring what is contrary to the faith of the Church, exclusively with the Synod.' Met at Fredericksburg on Tuesday, April "This goes to the root of the evil. The 19th, at 11 o'clock A. M., and was opened Church of England, if she makes these dewith a sermon by the Rev. John E. Carson, from 1st John iii : 2. mands, will ask her freedom from the State.

That the demands are to make, is demon-The Rev. P. M. Semple was chosen Modstrative evidence that the Church has now erstor and Rev. J. C. Gillam, Clerk. Mr. J. C. Elliot, a graduate of the Wesno freedom. And even if the functions. has described were granted, she would tern Reserve College, and student of Princeonly have the power of saying what minis- ton Theolog cal Seminary, was received unter did not hold her faith, nor of saying der the care of Presbytery as a candidate who did not belong to her communion. for the Gospel ministry. Perhaps, it is intended that a declaration Dalton was chosen as

Dalton was chosen as the place of the y the Synod of the Church touching a next stated meeting, and Rev. R. W. Marelergyman's heterodoxy, should, ipso facto, quis to open the meeting with a sermon. cause him to cease being a minister of the The pastoral relation between the Rev. John E. Carson and the church of Mar-Church, and should proclaim him a mere shallville, was dissolved.

The Rev. A. Virtue, and Elder Z. Z FROM a Parliamentary return it appears Crane, of Jackson, were elected principal that the total amount of interest credited Commissioners to the General Assembly; to savings-banks on the capital sums inand Rev. James A. Reed, of Wooster, and vested with the commissioners in the year ending Nov. 20, 1863, was £1,039,719.11s. Elder Robert Shaver, of Congress, alter nates. 6d. The amount of interest actually paid

The following resolutions were unaniduring the same period was £11,678.4s.1d. mously adopted, viz.: THE Paris correspondent of the Times WHEREAS, The subject of reseinding

s assured that a very friendly understaudthe action of the General Assembly in reng, instead of the coldness which has prelation to the State of the Country, is being vailed since the affair of the Congress, now agitated by some of the religious papers exists between the governments of France and whereas such an attempt may possibly be made at the next meeting of the Assem-

bly ; therefore, Resolved, That this Presbytery fully sus THE accounts from the French agricultural districts of the growing crops are tains the action of the General Assembly in all its deliverances hitherto with respect THE EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA has allowed to the interests of our beloved country; the formation of a corps of 6,000 volunteers and 800 sailors for the empire of and that the Commissioners elected to represent this Presbytery at the ensuing meet-

ing of the Assembly, be instructed to op-NOT ONLY have the Italian Government pose any such rescinding action; and to encourage every expression of loyalty on abolished religious corporations, and declared illegal all bequests to religious comthe part of that body, becoming its dignity munities, except specially authorized by and character, and the welfare of our com-royal decree, but the Parliament has re- mon country, otherwise they be considered cently passed a bill liberating lands and as acting on their own responsibility. property in all parts of Italy which was Resolved, That a copy of this be put it encumbered with rents due to convents, the hands of each of our Commissioners monasteries, churches, and religious estab- and also be published with the synopsis of

lishments of all kinds. A-vast amount of the minutes of this meeting. property has been unsalable and unculti- Presbytery resolved to hold an adjourned nay use your own discretion.

BREVITIES.

He that would be little in temptation, let him be much in prayer.-John Owen.

A man that is young in years may be old in hours, if he have lost no time; but that happeneth rarely.-Lord Bacon.

The proposition, which above all others should fill all intelligent creatures with transport, is this, there is a God.

Christ has taken our nature into heaven to represent us; he has left us on earth with his nature to represent him.

Let every minister, while he is preaching, remember that God makes one of his hear-

A Christian should never plead spirituality for being a sloven; if he be but a shoecleaner, he should be the best in the parish.

We do but rehearse here, what we shall utter above, when we call upon all things, silent or vocal, to praise the name of the Lord.

Not more truly is the sun the organ and centre of all the light of the universe, than Jesus Christ is the organ and centre of all mercy for man.

'T is a sad thing when men have neither heart enough to speak well, nor judgment enough to hold their tongues; this is the foundation of all impertinence.

My principal method of defeating heresy is by establishing truth. One proposes to fill a basket with tares; now if I can fill it first with wheat, I shall defy his attempts.

If in all human knowledge, there is a truth which should transport us beyond ourselves, it is, that there is a God. Without it we are a fatherless brood, and our world an orphan universe.

As daylight can be seen through very small holes, so little things will illustrate a person's character. Indeed, character consists in little acts, habitually and honorably performed; daily life being the quarry from which we build it up and roughhew the habits that form it.

The great wisdom and security of the soul in dealing with indwelling sin is to put a violent stop unto its beginnings, its first motions and actings. Venture all on the first attempt. Die rather than yield one step unto it .- John Owen.

How to shake off Trouble.-Set about doing good to somebody. Put on your hat, and go and visit the sick and the poor; inquire into their wants and minister to them. I have often tried this method, and have always found it to be the best medicine for a heavy heart.

Studies.-Variety of studies, so far from weakening the mind, is a powerful means

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on Tuesday, April 12th, at 71 o'clock opening sermon, from Matt. xxviii: 20ple was elected Moderator.

Baltimore.

&c. Pets of all kind are cherished even | not look so unconcernedly on the destruc- | lious men who have wickedly and cause-

with our alms, may come up for a memorial

A paper was also adopted on the subject

country was adopted unanimously: WHEREAS, This is a gloomy time, of