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Renewals should be prompt, a little before the year expires.

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## For the Presbyterian Danner. Ministerial Support.

The following letter was reported to the late General Assembly at Newark, New-Jersey, by a committee of five Ruling Elders, Judge Ryerson, of New-Jersey, being its Chairman. It was unanimously adopted by the Assembly, and ordered to be sent, by its Permanent Clerk, to the elders. trustees, and deacons of all our churches. The letter will be mailed in a few days. As it is impossible to procure the names and addresses of these officers, it will be directed to the care of the ministers, as they are found on the roll of the Assembly; and the ministers are requested to see that the letter reaches the elders, trustees. and deacons in their respective churches.

W. E SCHENCK, Permanent Clerk of General Assembly.

Letter of the General Assembly of the Presbylerian Church in the United States of America, to the Ruling Elders, Deacons, and Trustees of the Churches under the care of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

BELOVED BRETHREN-We have, on various occasions, addressed our churches on the subject of providing an adequate support for the ministers of the Gospel; and are happy to know that this obligation has been generally recognized in our commu-

Under ordinary circumstances, it might have been superfluous to advert to the subject again; but the calamitous war, which has been so recklessly and causelessly forced upon our country by unscrupulous and wicked men, bringing with it so many new duties, trials, and sorrows, and affecting in various ways the vital interests of the Church, is telling with extreme severity upon the comfort and usefulness of the Christian ministry. Many, very many worthy, faithful and devoted pastors, while they and their families have been suffering for want of the comforts, and often the necessaries of life, have most sensibly been caused to realize some of the consequences of the great sin of rebellion. It would be but a waste of time to dwell upon the greatly increased expenses of living; you have but too many proofs of it already. The inevitable consequence has been a corresponding advance in wages and salaries, and a corresponding loss to all dependent upon fixed incomes. Families have increased the wages of their domestics; farmers and mechanics, of their workmen; merchants, commercial institutions, corporations of every kind, and public offices, municipal, State, and National, of their clerks and agents. A movement so general and comprehensive must have had an adequate cause; the necessity which compelled it must be one reaching all classes of society -all, at least, dependent upon fixed salaries for a livelihood—and none should be denied a participation in these measures of

We have, however, reason to fear that up to this period, with some rare and honorable exceptions, the claims of the ministry have been overlooked. . The salaries of pastors, always small, always much less than they could have earned in secular pursuits, and too often insufficient for even a meagre support, remain, in a large majority of cases, stationary, while the price of living has advanced fully fifty per cent. We believe this is the result, not of design, but of inadvertence. Pastors shrink from asking an increase, and it is not the way of the world to enlarge salaries where there is neither demand nor complaint. But we are sure that our people would not willingly subject their ministers to the mortification of supplicating an increase of their stipends. We cannot doubt their readiness to act in the premises whenever it shall be properly brought before them. To believe otherwise would be a reproach to their intelligence, their sonse of justice, their appreciation of Christian ordinances, and their fidelity to the Saviour. They are not yet prepared to condemn his wise and equitable decree, "That they which preach the Gospel, should live of the Gospel." What our congregations need is, that some competent authority should bring the subject to their notice.

It is with this view, beloved brethren, that we address this letter to you, the respected ruling elders and trustees of our charches. We ask you to bring the subject before your respective congregations with the least possible delay. We beg you to have it candidly and prayerfully considered. Deal justly—nay, generously—by your pastors. Your liberality to them will not be a lost investment, but will yield a rich return to you and your families; for in this, as in other relations, " he which noweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully." You will begin to reap at once, for a congregation always finds its own present advantage in relieving its pastor of all perplexity about his support, and placing him in a position where he can work with comfort, his mind free from anxious and harrassing cares about his temporal support. And then, if other motive still be needed, you have it in those touching and wonderin words of our Lord and Saviour-" Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of those my brothren, ye have done it unto me." If the Saviour were here, is there a church bearing his name that would not covet the privilege of ministering to his

We are deeply impressed with the importance of this subject. It is not at all in the light of a personal favor to the ministers of the Gospel that we bring it before you. It is vital to the Church, and vital to our afflicted country. Our most precious Interests, secular and spiritual, ecclesiastical and national, demand that the hands of the evangelical ministry be strengthened in. every practicable way, and the ordinances of the sanctuary clothed with the highest degree of efficiency. We are now being Punished most grievously for the past wickedness of the nation; and it cannot be too often nor too strongly impressed upon the minds and hearts of our people, that there eannot be any rational hope of maintaining our free institutions except by the all-pervading influence of the Gospel. "Rightcousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." "If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." All history abundantly conurms these clear teachings of the Bible, and We must heed them if we desire to escape the fate of the many great and powerful hations that have perished from the earth. How is it possible to produce these blessed results, so dear to the heart of every Christian, of every true patriot, unless we mainin the Uhristian ministry, and the ordinances of the Gospel, in a condition of the highest practicable efficiency? And how oan that be done without an adequate support of the ministry?

We leave the matter in your hands, dear brethren, satisfied that you will deal with it in a spirit of Christian kindness to your pastors, and of unfeigned love to our common Lord and Master.

P. S.—This letter relates to pastors; but the policy it recommends percains, with equal reason, to ministers who are faithfully serving the Church in her Colleges, Seminaries, and Boards, and in this view

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JAMES WOOD, Moderator. A. T. McGILL, Stated Clerk, W. E. SCHENCK, Permanent Clerk.

The U. S. Christian Commission.

The Army Committee of Western Pennsylvania presents the following report of its operations during the month of May: The following gentlemen have gone as delegates to the Potomac Army:—Rev. Herrick Johnson, Pittsburgh; G. G. McCormick, Pittsburgh; John McCarrell, M.D., Frankfort Springs, Pa.; Rev. W. M. Ritchie, Harshaville, Pa; Rev. J. G. Ran-

kin, Bavington, Pa.; Rev. W. M. Grimes, Cadiz, Ohio; Rev. M. A. Parkinson, Island Creek, Ohio; Rev. D. M. B. McLean, Algheny, Pa.; Rev. D. W. Carson, Claysville, Pa.; Rev. J. W. McCune, North Mills, Pa.; Rev. W. K. Marshall, Bellair, O.; Rev. J. B. Graham, Morristown, O.; Rev. R. S. Morton, Hookstown, Pa.; Rev. S. J. M. Eaton, Franklin, Pa.; Rev. John Stockton, D.D., Cross Creek, Pa.; Rev. S. A. Mc. Lean, West Alexander, Pa.; Rev. John D. Knox, Rochester, Pa.; Rev. Sylvester Bent, Beaver, Pa.; Rev. W. J. Alexander, Dallas W. Va.; Rev. J. Logan Sample, Elizabeth. Pa.; Rev. J. R. Duncan, Cumberland, O. Rev. W. B. Dick, Mount Pleasant, Pa.;

James Davis, Blairsville, Pa.

To the Army of the Cumberland.—Rev. C. Sharp, Atwater, Ohio; Rev. John C. Steele, Allegheny, Pa.; Rev. A. Y. Houston, Library, Pa.; Rev. D. R. Barker, Mercer, Pa.; Rev. Samuel T. Lowrie, Allegheny, Pa.; Rev. John Kelly, M'Connellsille, Ohio; Rev. J. H. Lyon, Pittsburgh; Matthew Andrews, Clinton, Pa -- thirty-

Rev. M. B. Lowrie, Valparaise, Ind.; Rev.

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Also large quantities of kitchen ware for extra diet kitchens in Tennessee.

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Also large quantities of kitchen ware for extra diet kitchens in Tennessee.

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County Army Committee.

Summit, Davenport Iowa,...... 85.00 

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G. M. Miller, Bryan, O 10.00
Miss Amelia Snyder, Scroggsfield, O 10.00
Mrs. Jane G. McLean, Springdale, Pa 10.00
D. R. Smith, Newcastle, " 5.00

Miss Jane E. Gray..... Teachers of Sandusky St. Schools, Alle'y, 22.25 1 "Sabbath School, Waterford, Eric co., Pa. 11.10 1 "Pupils Sixth Ward School, Pittsburgh..... 42.70 2 " Thos. Pollock, Madison, Ind................ 84.50 1 " " 

Harriet Barrett, South Pittsburgh..... 30.00 1 "
Exhibition, Union Lit. Soc., Venice, Pa... 50.25 1 " Workmen of Bryce, Richards & Co.'s 

1.00 2 " " School Girl, Cross Creek,..... Total receipts of month......\$41,664.67 ..... 30,883.36 1 Previously acknowledged..... \$72,548.03 1 The Christian Commission acknowledge | 1 pkg fruit, wine & cloth'g from Miss M. Wilson. the following donations of stores received 1

during the month of May:

1 box of hospital stores from Soldiers 1 " Relief Association of Buffalo, Washington 1 county. 1 box of hospital stores from Soldiers' 1 Aid Society of Cadiz, Ohio.

1 box of woollen socks from Ladies' Aid Society, Hickory, Washington county. 1 box books from Sunday Schools of 2d 1 Presbyterian church, 1st Protestant Epis- 1

copal, 1st Presbyterian, and Kramer Chap- 1 el, of Steubenville, Ohio.

1 box stores from Soldiers' Aid Society

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1 " of Greentown, Stark county, Ohio. 2 boxes hospital stores from Ladies' Aid 1 " Society of Steubenville, Ohio. 1 box hospital stores from Owensburg circuit of the M. E. church.

1 box hospital stores from Ladies' Aid 1 " Society of Coultersville. 1 box clothing. 1 box fruit from Ladies' Aid Society of Rose Point, Lawrence county Pa. Lose Foint, Lawrence county Pa.

1 box sundries from borough of Beaver, 1 " " "

per Misses McLean and Wilson. 1 box housewives from 1st and 2d U. P. Sunday Schools of Mercer, Pa.

2 boxes hospital stores from Amity and Ebenezer Soldiers' Aid Society.

1 box hospital stores from Soldiers' Aid 1 Society of Mountsville U. P. church. 1 box clothing and fruit from Ladies' Aid Society of Morristown, Ohio. 1 box hospital stores from Ladies' Aid 4 " Society of New Sheffield, Beaver county.

I box hospital stores from the Ladies' \$1 pkgs of sundries from unknown donors. Aid Society of New Scottsville, Pa. I box clothing from the Ladies' Aid So. | warding stores within the past month, we ciety of Elizabeth. 1 box and 1 barrel of hospital stores

church of Pigeon Creek. 1 barrel of eggs from the Ladies' Aid Society of Vernon, Mercer county, Pa. 1 box of stores from the Ladies' Aid So- cans, wines, and liquors. ciety of Worthington, Armstrong county.

The following articles have been our armies during the past month: \$1000.00 triot, No. 2, Darlington township, Beaver 2,890 shirts,

county.

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21.00 2 boxes hospital stores from the ladies 20 licorices, 72.00 of Amity, Washington county, Pa.

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26.75 ton Soldiers' Aid Society, per Beaver Army Committee. 1 box of clothing from the Ladies' Aid Society of Newcastle, Lawrence county.

I box hospital stores from the ladies of Long Grove, " 16.00 Monongahela City.

Congress church, Wayne co., Ohio....... 15.65 I box hospital stores from the Ladies'

I box of clothing from the ladies of

1 box hospital stores from the Ladies' Aid Society of Butler county.

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1 box of clothing from the Young Ladies' Soldiers' Aid Society of the First
Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh.
4 packages of clothing from the First
English Lutheran church, Pittsburgh
1 box and one bold of hospital stores
20.00

5 and Soldiers' Aid Society of Recent Spring

from Soldiers' Aid Society of Beech Spring. 1 bbl. and 1 package from Ladies' Aid Society of Canonsburg, Pa.

3 boxes of clothing and fruit from Island Creek Soldiers' Aid Society, Ohio. 1 package clothing from Ebenezer Sol-

diers' Aid Society, Parameters' Aid Society, Parameters of look of hospital lateres from ladies of Monongahela City.

1 box of hospital stores from Soldiers'
Aid Society of Greentown, Stark County

1 box of hospital stores from Soldiers' Aid Society of Washington, Pa. · 2 boxes of hospital stores from citizens of Hanover township, per Beaver County

7.50 Army Committee.

28.25 I box hospital stores from Soldiers' Aid Society of Westfield, Lawrence county. 3 boxes hospital stores from citizens of 100.00 Bridgeport, Belmont county, Ohio. 1 box of clothing from Soldiers' Aid 25.00 | 1 box of clothing from to 5.00 | Society of Wellsville, Ohio

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Aid Society of Dunlap's Greek.
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4 boxes hospital stores from Soldiers' 4 boxes hospital stores from Soldiers' Aid Society of Rogersville, Greene co., Pa. 1 box hospital stores from Soldiers' Aid Society of Noblestown, Pa.

1 box of books from Miss L McDaniels, Canonsburg. 1 box of clothing from Soldiers' Aid Society of New Texas, Pa. 1 box of sundries from Mrs. Capt. John 5.00 Young.

1 box of sundries from Childrens' Aid Society of Canonsburg, Pa. 1 package from Isabella Ralph, Porters-2.00 1 box of sundries from Soldiers' Aid
7.50 Society of Rimersburg.

1 piece of muslin from a friend. 1 box hospital stores from Soldiers' Aid Society of Clarkson.

1 box hospital stores from Ladies' Aid

Society of Webster, Westmoreland county. 8 boxes hospital stores from unknown donors. 17 boxes from Christian Commission, Philadelphia.

5.00 | 1 pkg Muslin and Lint from Mrs. C. F. Rodgers. " " Miller's Run Socie
" " 1st Ward School. " " Mrs. Dalzell.

" Mrs. McCormack. " " McVay. 4th Ward School. Mrs. J. Kennedy. " Miss Sibbet.
" Mrs. Marshall.

" C. J. Clark. " " Gordon.
" Wallace. " " Holmes.
" " Squirrel Hill S. C. " E. M. Wilson Mrs. F. R. Dravo.

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" H. L. Bollman. Mrs. J. Scott. " Mrs. Murdock. " Miss W. Leonard. Patterson. M. Larimer.

" MissH. Moorhead. " M. Craig. " Mrs. J. B. Sheriff. " Rev. I.C. Pershing. " Mr. J. P. Williams " Mr. E. B. Smith. " Mrs. R. M'Knight. " Miss Backofen Wilkinsb'g Acad'y. " Moore.

" Sixth Ward School. " A Friend. Mrs. J. Bushnell. Ira Williams. " Mrs. M. Jeffries.

" Mrs. E. Sweeney. During the hurry of receiving and formay have omitted acknowledging some donations. Persons will please inform us of from the Ladies' Aid Society of the U. P. any omissions, and we shall correct them in our next month's report.

Stores most needed now are shirts, drawers, arm-slings, bandages, crutches, fruit in The following articles have been sent to

1,180 cans fruit, 2,780 lbs. dried fruit, 1,020 drawers, 410 bottles wine, 876 do brandy, 1,440 do whisky, 176 do bay rum, 264 do cologne, 975 pounds sugar, 1,520 "crackers, 370 pillows, 74 bushels potatoes, 5 boxes lemons, 860 sheets. 1,074 handkerchiefs, 1,128 rolls muslin, 850 pounds butter, 1,747 pickles, 49 pounds farins, 110 do corn st 978 large library books, 178,940 papers, pages, 11,740 small sold's do, 1,246 magazines.

Albree, No. 71 Wood Street, Pittsburgh.

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1 box hospital stores from the ladies of Mahoning, Lawrence county.

Mahoning, Lawrence county.

1 box hospital stores from the Darling mercy. The blessings we enjoy are not the fruit of our own merit, but the fruit of God's Rich Poverty.

What matter now for promise lost

Through blast of Spring or Summer rains What matter now for purpose crossed, For broken hopes and wasted pains? What if the clive little yields,
What if the vine be blasted? Thine The corn upon a thousand fields, Upon a thousand hills the vine!

Thou lovest still the poor—oh! blest In poverty beloved to be! Less lowly is my choice confessed, I love the rich in loving thee. My spirit bare before thee stands,
I bring no gift, I ask no sign,
I come to thee with empty hands,
The surer to be filled from thine!

For the Presbyterian Banner, Letter From a Christian Commission Delegate.

PARNASSU: 1864. Commission, Pittsburgh :- DEAR BRO :-My last report was written three weeks after my arrival in the field. The remainder of the time was not spent in idleness. During one week I was sick. The other two were spent in constant and delightful uted 2,173 religious papers, 6,325 pages of expression of regret for having engaged in tracts, 478 small books and pamphlets, 76 a service that is attended with so great soldier's hymn books, and 296 Testaments; besides having special duty which occupied a portion of my time every day, apart from the work proper of the field.

one so undeserving—was awakened, convicted, renewed." He talked thus freely and hopefully for many minutes.

world." When the same question was ought to be done.
proposed to the other, both dropped their In some parts of the army there is

together. be related, but others might not be as much tion with religious services in the Barracks, which I cannot withhold. Dr. Donaldson do many bad things, since we came here, that we did not do at home. Is n't it so, quit these things, and begin to say our ronage. prayers and read our Bibles more earnestly.

It was in the camp of the 3d O. V. Cav.

basis, they had drawn up certain rules, a declaration of faith, and a form of covenant. After preaching, and reading publicly the mortification of the dancers. proposed constitution, an opportunity was have for - years entertained a hope. I should say, the soldier can do without re- name that will itself be a living sermon. ligion. It is just he that ought to be religious. His life is more uncertain than other men's lives, and he has a rare opportunity for doing good. I would not for the world dispense with my hope."

Capt. B. said: "I have all my life been

taught the principles of religion. I have

ious for my conversion. I ridiculed the The Board, of Missions own in this idea. But the grace of God constrained neighborhood over six hundred acres of me. I have backslidden fearfully once, since the beginning of my religious experience. But I thank God I have been retract where the mission house and farm is, stored. By the grace of God I will be contains over three hundred acres, divided more faithful." In like manner nineteen between prairie and timber. Near the testified of the grace of God. Among centre of this tract stands the mission them were a father and son, who rejoiced house. The land is high and undulating, together, and were followed by the prayers but the main building stands on rather of a whole household whom they left be- low ground, and near to a beautiful spring hind them, who are united in the service of running water. Approaching the house of the Lord. Others there were who from the westward, you enter a wide lane

and never did my heart thrill with such emotions, as when upon that green grass, far from home, in military attire and in an enemy's country, those brave men, in the presence of hundreds of their comrades, entered into formal covenant with God and partook of the body and blood of the Saviour. Thus they builded God an altar in that camp, and doubtless God was there to witness their solemn vows, and will be there to hear their prayers and supply their wants.

Hospital work is also delightful. The sick and wounded are glad to see the delegates. Once after having preached in one of the hospitals, I was sent for by a sick man to come to his cot. He told me he was not a Christian, and wanted me to pray for him. When I rose to leave, another from the far end of the ward, motioned to me. When I approached he said, with tears in Mr. Jos. Albree, Treasurer Christian his eyes and a smile on his countenance, "The other day, when you were here, you passed round and talked with every one but me. I, was very anxious to see you."
Do you enjoy a hope in Christ?" I asked
He replied, "I think I do—Oh! I know I. do. I bless God for a Saviour. I could work. In thirty days of active service, I not live in such a place as this, without preached fifty six times; attended twenty. Christ, Come again—come often—don't five prayer-meetings; wrote about a dozen forget," was his pressing invitation. They letters for sick persons; organized a re-ligious association and administered the and resignation that is utterly surprising sacrament of the Lord's Supper; distrib-Seldom indeed is there a mutmur or an

hardships. Much might be said of refugees and contrabands. Their condition is deplorable ndeed. I have thought if some of our Part of each day I spent in Barracks Northern people could witness their suffer-No. 2, formerly a Female College. Here I ing and hear their testimony, they would spent many a forenoon and many an even. be ashamed that ever they harbored ing of interest. One day, after preaching, a feeling of sympathy for the unholy a soldier took me by the hand and said: rebellion or its more immediate cause "You have hold of a bad man—the vilest sinner on earth." Said I, "Your sins may be forgiven." "O, sir," he replied, "I trust they have been. By the vine justice, "the violent dealings" of grace of God I was arrested. It was dur- those who, for selfish ends, brought these ing the siege of Vicksburg. I was im- miseries upon their fellow-beings, are made pressed with a sense of God's, goodness to to "come down upon their own pates." When the cry of starving orphans, and the wail of bereaved mothers, and the blood of murdered fathers, and the sweat of op-On the same occasion, two men came to pressed Africans, shall go up to heaven in me together. To one of them I said, "Are you a Christian?" He replied, "For five years I have rejoiced in hope. I would not exchange my hope for the other agents for their relief. Much more

heads, and the tears began to flow. For min-utes these two brave men wept and sobbed, there are reports of quite an interesting re-so that they were unable to speak. He vival. The seed sown by the delegates is was a stranger to converting grace—bearing fruit here and there; some thirty, over sixty-six thousand Indians. These concerned most deeply for his soul, and inquired, "What must I do to be saved?" country has enlisted as a soldier of the sixty-three, to seven thousand eight hun-The other was interested in his case, and Cross. And "when God writeth up the was trying by counsel, by prayer, by ex- people," it will be said of as unseemly ample, by leading him, as at this time, to places as Rahab, and Babylon, and Philisproper sources of information, to bring tia, and Tyre, and Ethiopia, "Behold this him to Christ. They were brothers be man was born there." God is not confined longing to the same company. I think to times and places in his operations.

John and George B. will yet be in heaven. And in this glorious work the Christian Commission, under God, is an important Many, very many such incidents might instrumentality. One day a converted Jew knelt in the soldiers' prayer-meeting, and interested as those who relate them. A in broken accents but with marked sincereircumstance occurred one day, in connectity, poured out his soul in prayer and thanksgiving. It was his first prayer. He testified that he had been led to Christ and I had both preached, and as we were through a single tract that had been given

asked permission to speak. He said, mission, a few days before; and shough re-"Boys, I am glad we came here. My was read carelessly, and he tried to stifle heart rejoiced when I heard these ministers the convictions it produced, it accomplished of the Gospel. We have been a long time the thing whereunto it was sent. I doubt without preaching. We have thrown aside not eternity will show that many similar our religion and have got to be bad boys. results were effected, to the praise of the We used to go to church together, but seem glory of God's grace, through the mutiplied now to have lost all taste for preaching. We agencies employed by this noblest of all have backslidden very far. I am ashamed. modern Christian institutions. I feel Many of us have learned to swear, and to thankful that I have been permitted to labor under the direction of its agents, and I pray God that he will incline Christian boys? Now I think it is time for us to people to give it a more extended pat-

Our journey homeward was remarkably used to profess to be religious, but I guess | pleasant. It is worthy of mention that not you haven't heard me speak a word on the a single eath was heard from Nashville to subject for six months or more. I feel Pittsburgh. We visited the General Hosthankful for these ministers sent here to-day. I hope we will all try to do what they have told us. We ought to begin arrangements are being made for the com now. It looks as if we were called anew fort of the poor sick and wounded soldier to God's service. I don't think we ought to serve our country alone, but our God also. We ought to be loyal not only to our Gov. it is to be hoped, profitably. At night it ernment, but loyal to our God too. Boys, was proposed to have preaching. A danfor one will try to do better." He spoke cing party had engaged the floor for the thus for about twenty minutes, and his night, and were unwilling to give way words seemed to fall with weight upon his In the other apartment were several squads fellow-soldiers. It was a solemn audience: of card-players, but, with a single exception Would there were many more such officers! at our request, they laid aside their cards; On Saturday, the 2d of April, it was my and while a few of us sung "The Battle privilege to perform a service which I shall Hymn of the Republic," five sixths of the never forget, and I wish to relate it in testimony of what God is doing for the army. passengers gathered around us. Dr. Dontal Dr. Dontal Baldson addressed them from the words, "Jehovah-nissi;" and as with characteris-They had requested some one to be sent to tio tenderness and power he held up the preach for them. It was their desire to banner of banners to their view, a deep form a Christian Association; and, for a solemnity prevailed, and one after another

left the gay party and joined ours-I doubt not, greatly to their profit and to the It may not be amiss for me to say, that given for joining the association, when it just such men as Dr. Donaldson are needed was my privilege to hear nineteen relate their in the army. If all who go out under the religious experience, and declare them | direction of the Ohristian Commission were selves on the Lord's side. Lieut, Col. H. men of like character for faith and energy, said: "I esteem it a very great privilege and zeal for the salvation of souls, and to declare myself on the Lord's side. I tact for winning the confidence and esteem of men, it would greatly promote the dighave come far short. I see, the necessity nity and usefulness of the institution. He for more grace. It is strange that any has left behind him many friends, and a

Yours, truly, D. W. Townsend.

For the Presbyterian Banner. Plans and Prespects of the Iowa Mission for the Future.

Having mentioned something of what always believed that the religion of Jesus the Mission has done, we will now say a was a reality. Early in my life I was word as to its future prospects. Its work brought to Jesus. My first impressions is not yet done. It is generally known were received during the progress of a that the Iowa Indians have sold their lands precious revival. The Spirit strove with when the Mission was built, and that the me, and, after much resistance, prevailed, establishment is now surrounded by the and brought me to cry for mercy. While whites. It stands in the North-East corn-I cried, God heard and answered me. I er of the State of Kausas, in Donephan feel determined, in reliance upon Divine County; and now that the Indians have grace, to go forward. I have been a very left this region, the question is often asked, imperfect Christian. Pray for me, breth-ren, that I may be faithful."

Of what use is the Mission to the Indians now? But before answering this question now? But before answering this question B. said: "Friends, for forty years I was a faithful sinner. My wife was very anxious for my conversion. I ridiculed the

were awakened and sought salvation.

On Sabbath, according to arrangement,

Treturned to the camp to administer the On your left is a large garden nearly paled sacrament of the Lord's Supper. I never in and set round with peach trees. It con-preached to a more interesting audience; tains in all, about five acres. On the west Who, then, is so great as our God?

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side is a small grove of forest timber, covering a neat little mission cemetery. On 'your right is a blue grass pasture lot, enplosed with posts and boards. At the cormer of this lot, and next to the Lassion house, stands a neat and good harn, with cribs, and stable, and barn yard through which passes a stream of living water. Next, on the right, is a waggon house, tool house, and a work-shop, under one roof. A few steps farther, over a stile, and you are in front of the mission building, on your left. In front is a pavement of brick the whole length of the building, and about eight feet wide. The first story is of hewn stone, two feet thick, put up in the best manner, of solid limestone. On the top are two stories of brick, laid in the usual way, and cemented together with what masons call grout; the mortar being run through the brick, filling up all the space between the brick. The front looks well, having both in stone and brick, heavy pilasters at each corner, and a corresponding projec-tion in front, twenty-eight feet wide. Step a little back and see the roof. It is of pine shingles, covering a nice brick cornice, and in the centre rises a belfry twenty feet above the roof, making an elevation in all, of fifty-two feet from the ground. The bell weighs 160 lbs. The whole building is 107 feet long by 37 feet wide, divided into three parts by two large halls that run through the house, and in every story of the building. It contains in all, over thirty rooms. Within these walls is room enough for from eighty to one hundred scholars, with quarters for two mission families, and all the help necessary to carry on the school and farm. The farm is large and convenient, and very productive. In front of the building and toward the South, is a fine blue-grass pasture, of over fifty acres, and on the east is the farm

of rails and part of posts and boards. The farm is well provided with farm tools, and stocked with horses, cattle, and hogs. What now is the use of all this machinery, cut off as it is from the Indians, and

of more than one hundred acres, in a high

state of cultivation. The fences are partly

surrounded by the whites? The Board of Foreign Missions, to whom it all belongs, have wisely concluded to keep it up and open as an asylum for orphan Indian children from the different Indian tribes. The name of the institution has been changed from the Iowa and Sac Mission, to the "Indian Orphan Institute." The object is to bring in from the different tribes, Orphan children, that they may be here trained for usefulness in after life. among their own people. There are now within Kansas and Nebraska, including the Blackfeet and Upper Missouri Agencies, dred and seventy-five in each, and scattered over a territory three times as large as all

New-England. The best mode of carrying on missionary work among these scattered and unsettled tribes has been, and is now, a perplexing question. The strong and warlike prairie tribes, are more than one half the time on the chase, and they often change entirely their hunting grounds headquarters. The smaller bands to whom lands have been assigned by the Government. will, as heretofore, soon yield to the avarice of their white neighbors, and sell out and move to some new place. In this roving and migratory condition, it is difficult appliances of manual labor schools, or even

of ordinary mission work. S. M. IRVIN.

The Missionary Cheer.

Christ be near thee! Christ up-bear thee, Over waters wide and drear; Through all dangers, amonst strangers, With no friend or brother near! Then the winds and waves may wrestle, Skies may threaten, deeps may rave; Safely rides the laboring vessel, When the Saviour walks the wave.

Though thine earnest need be sternest. And in darkness works the storm-Drifting lonely, where One only On his breast serenely nestle; Winds nor waves can overwhelm;

Straight for haven goes the vessel, When the Saviour's at the helm. Clouds may lighten, lips may whiten; Praying looks be dark with dread! Sails may shiver; true hearts quiver At death going over head! Yet though winds and waters wrestle, Safely rides the laboring vessel,

-Gerald Massey. For the Presbyterian Banner.

When the Saviour's in the ship.

Besolutions of Sympathy and Sorrow. At a meeting of the students of Vermillion Institute, Haysville, Ohio, held in the chapel hall, May 9th, 1864, a commit-tee composed of T. Jeff. Duncan, J. E. Fisher, and Alex. McBride, was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of their deep sorrow, occasioned by the death of President Deifendorf's wife. The committee made the following report, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, It has seemed good to Almighty God to remove by death, the bosom friend of our esteemed President, and the Principal of the Female Department of Vermillion Institute; therefore, be it

Resolved, That while we bow our heads in humble resignation to the will of Him who giveth and taketh away at pleasure, we cannot but mourn the loss of one whose amiable bearing and constant Christian walk secured the respect and admiration of all that knew her.

Resolved, That in her death the Institution has lost a kind and efficient teacher, her friends a delightful companion, and her family a devoted wife and mother. Resolved, That while we acknowledge the wisdom of a mysterious Providence, we cannot but regret that the life of one so esteemed and beloved by us all, was not

tion which she had so long and faithfully Resolved. That while we lament her loss as an earthly friend, her Christian devotion assures us that we "do not sorrow as those

spared to continue the labors of the sta-

that have no hope." Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband, and mourning children and friends in the endeavor to soothe their sorrow, by mingling

our tears with theirs. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented ceased, and published in the Presbyterian Banner:

T. JEFF. DUNCAN, J. E. FISHER, ALEX. MCBRIDE, Committee.

God is above all comparison. There is no Pagan god, no angel in heaven, nor king on the earth like unto our God; none so wise, so mighty, so good; neither are there any works like unto his works.