PRESBYTERIAN BANNER.---WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1864.

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YOUNG MEN! THINK OF IT.

will have been added to the ranks of edu-

cated men. Some of our graduates, under

the demand and pressure of the times, will

enter at once upon the employments of

busy manhood: some will devote a few

more months or years to especial prepara-

tion for their selected walks of usefulness.

we live, and which has communicated itself

so largely to our Schools and Colleges, we

fear that the claims of the Gospel ministry

upon our pious and educated young men

will not receive that thoughtful, prayerfu

consideration they so pr: ëminently deserve

It seems to be taken for granted that, as

these are exceptional times, the motives

and arguments which are ordinarily pre

sented to our Christian youth, are inappli

cable now: that it is impossible, amidst

the clash of arms, to prepare for the min-

istry of peace; and that even those who

had consecrated themselves to this sacred

work, are temporarily released, by higher

ment of their vows.

tals.

considerations, from the immediate fulfil-

Is this, indeed, true? Can there be any

higher consideration than obedience to the

mandate of our divine Master-the call of

our sovereign? . Can there be any distrac-

preparation or support? Can there be any

loftier patriotism, any more efficient way of

serving our country, than to be actively en-

gaged in the great work of extending pure

religion? On your knees, in your closets

and in the felt presence of the great Search

er of hearts. Christian young men, ask

yourselves these questions. It is a solemn

thing to turn your feet away from the altar

Momentous issues-eternal interests-are

involved in your decision, not for your

selves alone, but for multitudes of immor-

But, we hear you say, some eminent

ministers have entered the service of their

country as soldiers : why may not we? Un-

doubtedly, emergencies may arise that

would call you to the field. If, however,

Amid the whirl of excitement in which

And the rewards of the faithful miniswhere the angel of death had thrust in his ter-of him that shall save a soul from sickle, attest the divine approval of a work PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1864. death-of him that shall turn many to inspired by the precepts of the Gospel of righteousness, how incomparably superior love.

to all the honors and the happiness the Our readers will bear with us, whilst world can bestow. Humble the pastor's again we place before them, and press upon Just at this time the various Colleges of path may be-obscure his home-unknown our country are sending forth their young his name-incessant his labors-severe his | Commission. Much has been done, but | penitence and fervent prayer. men, trained by long application on their trials-few the comforts and none the elemuch remains to cemand immediate attenown part and by careful culture on the part gancies of life that may attend his lot, tion. Our soldiers still suffer, and bleed, o? their preceptors, to take upon them whilst his companions in college halls, his and die. Will not those whom God has life's more active duties. Within the compartners-it may be, his inferiors-in col- blessed with plenty-will not all, according pass of the few weeks past and a few weeks lege toils and successes, have achieved dis- to the measure of ability that God has yet to come, hundreds of recruits, prepared tinction in the world, filled offices of trust given, contribute of their means to this installed pastor of the Georgetown church by the intellectual drill of academic halls,

and honor, or accumulated large fortunes | noble work? for themselves and families. It may be so. In fact, it has been so; and we draw not upon fancy for a sketch.

Yet still we say, how incomparably suriched by contributions from the pen of

perior the faithful pastor's meed for duties one of our devoted missionaries in Siam, done! In all his trials the sweet promise whose latest letter will be found on our first -" My grace sufficient ;" in all his weakpage this week. In these letters we are ness-"My strength made perfect;" in all introduced to the inner life of heathendom, his toils and tribulations, the ever-presence | to its every day wretchedness and degrada- and labored in another field. The church, of the unseen Comforter-" I will never leave thee :" in all his anxieties and afflicheart of the missionary, and are made actions, a "peace that passeth understanding;" and when his ministry on earth is over, to of the people amongst whom he labors, hear from the lips of the Saviour whom he loved and served, the sweet words of grace | daily occupations and modes of existence, -"Well done," and to receive from his and with the opportunities for finding acpierced hand the gift of love he died to purchase-"" a crown that fadeth not away." Young Christians, so soon to enter upon the wide field of life's labors and duties, how can you best serve the cause of Him who gave himself for you? The question is a solemn one. We pray you-think of it.

THE CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.

We have so often commended to our readers this noble organization, and have published so many communications illustions arising from the existing conflict, for trative of its workings, and filled with the which his grace will not supply a sufficient clearest evidences of the blessings it dispenses amongst the defenders of our coun- ilization. They will fail indeed of the try, that we almost hesitate to add another appeal to what has been already said. But we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the outward flow of its benefits and charities, for which the demand is at all times so great and sometimes almost overwhelming, can only be continued by the unceasing contributions of those who love our soldiers and the cause for which they are struggling and suffering.

to the delegates of the Commission, as calamities of our own unhappy country, they return from their errands of mercy, from forgetting our brethren who are laand detail with kindling eve and glowing boring in distant fields, and who watch so hearts the incidents of their six weeks at eagerly, on those far-off shores, for the the front, or on the march, or in the hos- latest intelligence from the land of their Philadelphia, and will enter upon the dupital-above all, could we introduce the birth.

cious souls, ingathered from the very fields statistics. The Day of Prayer .-- We need not remind our readers that to-morrow, Thursday, August 4th, is the day appointed to be observed as a day of national humilia tion and prayer. The events of each pass them, the urgent wants of the Christian ing week constitute a new call to humble

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES AND MINISTERS. PRESBYTERIAN.

Old School.-Rev. David Waggoner was on the 24th of June, by a committee of the Presbytery of Erie. Rev. Wm. M. Robinson presided and preached the sermon, Our columns have frequently been enand Rev. John W. McCune delivered the charge to the pastor and people.

Mr. Waggoner was installed pastor of the same church some twenty-six years ago, served it acceptably for sixteen years, then, at his own request, was dismissed tion as they meet the eye and move the with entire unanimity, recalled him, and he reënters this field with prospects of much usefulness.

The death of Rev. Wm. J. Hoge, D.D. pastor of the Tabb Street church, Petersburg, Va., is announced in the Richmond parers. He died in Chesterfield County, Va., July 5th, at the residence of James with the missionary in his slender pinnace Jones, Esq. Dr. Hoge will be remembered as the associate pastor with Rev. Dr. Spring, of the Brick church, New-York; and previously as pastor of the Westminster church, Baltimore. His espousal of the cause of the rebellion gave pain to thou-

sands who had learned to love him as an able and faithful minister of the Gospel.

A correspondent of the Presbyterian announces the death, in the hospital at Memphis, Tenn., July 10, of Rev. James W. McKean, of Hopkinton, Iowa, son of Rev. J. McKean, of Scotch Grove, Iowa. He was a graduate of Jefferson College, class of 1859, and of the Western Theological Seminary, class 1862. Having spent about a year as an evangelist, in the Lake Superior region, he more recently engaged as Principal of the Hopkinton Synodical Academy; and when its male students enlisted in the hundred day service, electing him as captain, he went with them in that capacity, though his preference was for the duties of a chaplaincy. Taken ill in camp, he was removed to the hospital, where his brief, though useful career, soon

terminated in death.

Rev. R. W. Henry, D D., has accepted the call to the North Presbyterian eburch ties of his charge, Sept. 1st.

and upwards of sixty years of age, he re- | much of the good which that C mmission tains much of the fire of his youth. He is has accomplished, of the blessings it has borne to the wounded and the sick, to pernow with his family in Springfield, Ohio. mit me to become its enamy. I know that Mrs. Winchester, of Charlestown, Mass., lately deceased, has bequeathed \$15,000 to of gratitude, invoked God's blessing upon indigent females of that place: these beestate.

BAPTIST.

The Baptist church at Antioch, N. Y., which celebrated its fifth anniversary on Sabbath, July 3, may be regarded as a novhim. elty in modern ecclesiastical arrangements. The church, as we learn from the N. Y. Chronicle, rents no pews, never held fair, festival, or concert to raise money, yet amount of missionary work. It raised and disbursed the past year nearly \$5,000. Its cash and presents. The church is composed of poor members exclusively, probably the poorest in proportion to its memprinting office connected with the church. 'and issue a monthly magazine, and other works. Over 200,000 pages have been published during the year. Can any other church in the land present such a record, in proportion to its means?

Rev. Dr. Kennard, Boston, has, in fortysix years, preached 10,000 sermons, baptized 2,033 persons, married 4,089 couples, claim. and attended 3,900 funerals.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The church in Harpswell, Maine, built more than a hundred years ago, is still standing, its frame as sound apparently as ever. It is used as a town house, the central pews having been taken out. The side pews still remain as first constructed. with backs so high as to hide the occupants from view. The visitor to this ancient structure can thus obtain some idea of the way, as to externals, in which our fathers worshipped.

A Congregational Council in Maine having refused to install Rev. Mr. Walton over the Third Congregational Society in Portland, the Society has engaged him to have them in charge. preach for them for a year. Mr. Walton, in a letter to the Portland Press, explains the nature of his heresy, which caused the Council to refuse to install him. He says,

delegates seek out the needy, inquire into their wants, and in the exercise of their on the points respecting the future state of own judgments, always with the concurman his mind is not entirely settled; he rence of the proper officers, they supply thinks the punishment of the wicked may those wants as far as they are provided not be eternal, but may end in annihilamany soldiers who were in need, yes, in tion; and that the heathen and others not having the privilege on earth, " may in anther world have the offer of salvation.'

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order comes to the agent duly signed, and

nission justly claims the cordial and liber-

al support of the Christian public, because

may fail to appreciate the force of the su-

perior claim thus presented ; those who es-

teem the body as of more value than the

soul, who regard time as worth more than

For the Presbyterian Bahne Letter from a Delegate.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

JOSEPH ALBREE, ESQ., Treasurer U.S. the suffering soldier has often, with tears C. C., Pittsburgh :- Dear Sir-I reported Trinity M. E. church of that city, and the Sanitary Commission, and I cordially to Mr. Russell, of Louisville, within a few \$10,000 toward providing a home for aged join in that prayer. I am glad to see its days after leaving home. There is great Treasury well filled, and I trust that there need of labor at that point, as you may are yet thousands, yes, tens and hundreds judge, when, through Exchange Barracka quests constituting about one half of her of thousands of dollars in the hands of phi- alone, during the past Winter, 118,000 lanthropists and patriots, which are destined men have passed. How much need of to find their way to its Treasury. But spiritual instruction in Taylor, and Park, when I address the Christian patriot and and No. 2 Barracks, besides all the hcspiphilanthropist on this subject, I must tell tals. I visited those places as far as possi. him that the Christian Commission has ble, meeting men from every State in the high, and holy, and paramount claims upon | land-conversing, praying, preaching. 01 this is a great work. I am beginning to This is obvious from the fact that the feel, when I see the intense interest mani-Christian Commission can and does accom- | fested in the sparkling eye and the attentive

plish much more for the soldier, in propor- | ear, and the genuine piety where piety ex. tion to its means, than the Sanitary. It ists, that the reflex influence of the Chrismeets all its expenses, and does a vast operates almost entirely by means of gra- tian Commission is to show that, instead of tuitous agencies. In the whole Army of the country Christianizing the army, the the Cumberland, Etretching from Louis- army is to eventually Christianize the ville to Atlanta, there are but three sala- country. Every day however I meet men pastor has no salary, but receives what is ried agents. And whilst due attention is who, in days of yore, belonged to some voluntarily given! In this way he re- paid to the wants, the health and comfort | church; but freely confess that since joinceived during the last year \$1,857.09 in of the delegates, it is all done on a system ing the army they have neglected their do. of rigid economy, not parsimoniously, but ties, and, in many cases, have been ashamed carefully husbanding its funds; so that an of Jesus. This candor of the soldier is, expenditure of not more than five per cent. after all, an encouragement. There is none of the moneys received is sufficient to keep of the straight-jacket, simpering manner bership in the country. They have a the whole machinery in active motion, so well known and vexing to the pastor in whilst the remaining ninety five per cent. old and long-established parishes, which operates like a freezing solution upon the finds its way directly to the needy soldier. energies of the best disposed. No. The On the other hand, the Sanitary Commismission, operating altogether by means of soldier is very apt to speak his mind. If agents both salaried and subsisted, necessa- he loves Christ, he will say so. If he rilv incurs a much heavier outlay of funds, swears, drinks, plays cards, or is addicted to any other vice, he speaks out; and there in proportion to the number of operatives employed and work accomplished. Thus, are few who will not appreciate the sympathy of a sincere Christian. One old man, on the score of economy, the Christian Commission manifestly presents the higher having two sons in the army, was exceed. ingly affected during our conversation. I Again, the Christian Commission can could scarcely tear myself from him.

"Don't go away; I'll have nobody to talk and does reach and relieve the wants of a to." was his constant reply to every suglarge and needy class of soldiers, who lie beyond the reach of the system of operagestion on my part as to going to some tions adopted and practiced by the Sanitary other point. Commission. I refer to those found in de-

Of course you know all about Nashville tail camps and guard-houses. In detail There I spent the time very pleasantly camps, where soldiers are found detached from Friday until Monday. What an imnense building is the Zollicoffer House. from perhaps every regiment in the department, with neither regimental nor line known now as Barracks No. 1., crowded fficers, nor yet descriptive roll at hand, from bottom to top with troops! Howevthey can have no access to Government er, I know more of No. 2., once a Female supplies of clothing. And with no partic-Seminary; I visited it frequently. Many ular Surgeon in charge to issue orders boy asked me for a Testament, as he was upon the Sanitary Commission, they can going to the front and wanted one. It was have no access to its stores, however needy precious to me. On Monday, being on the they may be. And the same is true of street with some reading matter, I met a prisoners in the guard-house, with this agbody of the less serious cases of sickness gravating difference, that their calls for reand wounds, just from the front; and, in lief are generally treated, not only with five minutes, the poor fellows had taken indifference, but contempt, by those who all. "You belong to the Christian Commission," said one man; "I shall do all I To all these, however, the Christian can to assist you in the hospital when I get Commission can, and, to the extent of its there.'

means, does extend a helping hand. Its It is delightful to attend that daily prayermeeting, held in Nashville every afternoon. And then the meetings in the Court House of the 18th Michigan, with Col. Doolittle praying with and advising his men. By the way, I was indebted to Sergeant Mc with the means to do it. I have seen Kinney, of that regiment, for the favor of getting to the dome of the Capitol, from distressing need of clothing, who, for want which I could gaze on the wide scene of their descriptive rolls, could have no ac. around. May his faith have as solid a

ical vegetation, and we admire the good.

quainted with the national characteristics with their habits and prejudices, with their

LETTERS FROM SIAM.

ing-God is pleased to save them that be- | his bodily wants, and multitudes of pre- | cts. We give elsewhere a summary of the

cess to their minds and hearts. We travel through the labyrinth of canals that intersect this singular country, we witness the luxuriant-often grotesque-forms of trop-

ness of the Creator who has provided for the lands that burn under the fervid rays of a vertical sun, the delicious refreshment

of fruits unknown to our colder zone. But the great value of this correspondnce is, that it keeps alive our interest in the efforts made for the spiritual welfare of people who have shown in many ways a disposition to rise to a higher scale of civchief object which their writer has in view, if they do not stir up such of our readers as love the cause of Missions and long for the coming of the Saviour's kingdom, to more earnest prayer and more vigorous effort in behalf of the work to which this writer has consecrated his life.

We hope to be favored with many more contributions from the same source, and trust that one effect of their perusal will be Could we introduce our readers severally to preserve us, amidst the distractions and

you have been chosen of God to the ministry, you would find a wide sphere for selfdenying labors thus opened before you; and by conversation, by exhortation, and by example, you may effectively, even in camp, preach the Gospel of the great Captain of your salvation. The clerical soldier has not demitted his higher office in superadding to it a lower one, and can never consistently sink in the duties of the soldier the more exalted functions of an ambassador of the Prince of Peace. We are much mistaken, also, if our military brethren would not themselves admit that their cases are exceptional ones, and that the circumstances must be marked indeed that would assign to the minister the garments rolled in blood.

The skilful surgeon offers his country far more valuable assistance by enlisting in his professional capacity, than by shouldering a musket and entering the ranks. In the former case he may save the lives of hundreds, who thus become in a sense his substitutes for the service he might personally render on the field. And is care for the soul of the soldier less important than, the cure of his body?

But, you will suggest, many excellent and pious men become lawyers, physicians, merchants, or farmers : why may not we? Undoubtedly, there are Christians in all these walks of life. Sad would it be for the Church and country, were it not so. Would that far more of our educated men, in every department of labor and usefulness, were devoted Christians. Nor do we contend that it is the duty of all young men of education and piety, regardless of circumstances and qualifications, to become ministers. Least of all would we presume to say to any one of you-" Your duty is to preach."

But the one point about which there can be no doubt or dispute-the one ground on which, if you are indeed Christians, you can make no compromise, is this: that you surrender yourself wholly to the Master's service-that whatever hopes of fame, or visions of wealth, or dreams of ease, or taste for literature, or love of seience, or even schemes of minor usefulness, you may have cherished, all these you are willing to abandon, if it be God's will to invest you with the high office of being his minister. And there, on bended knee, humbly seeking Divine direction, and unconditionally submitting yourself to God's will, we leave you; and if such be the spirit of our educated young men, our hopes for the Church and the world will be bright indeed.

E. P. Noel, sion's work. The fact that it proposes to St. Louis. A few words to those who have consecan we do too much for those who are hazsend, and does send, active, earnest, Chrissermon by the President, Rev. John W. L. W. Green, Transylvania. At the meeting of the Synod of Iowa, tian men to preach Christ to the soldiers in crated themselves as laborers in the whitenarding their lives for us, or who are suffer-H. C. Read, try.-Rev. Edward Bickersteth. SCOTT, D.D.; sermon before the Society of Do. July 1st, in Tipton, Io., Rev. J. G. Schaef-Total reported, 34. the barracks and in the camps, to seek to ing harvest. The ministry of the ever-10. What will be to us even the salvaing from wounds received, or disease in-Religious Inquiry, by Rev. W. D. HOWARD. fer, charged with fraud, was deposed from enlist him as a soldier of the Cross, to carlasting Gospel-how unspeakably solemn a curred, whilst enduring exposure in our D.D.; Sept 6, Address before the Literary ry the sweet words of Jesus, along with the ministry, and expelled from that Min-For the Presbyterian Ba responsibility-how inconceivably exalted behalf? Is the utmost we can do for them Societies, by MILTON SAYLEB, Esq.; Sept. the needed cordial, to the soldiers fallen, isterium. Synod also refused to recognize Christian Commission. an office. To stand as God's ambassadors to wounded, dying upon the battle field; to more than a righteous debt? 7, Commencement. him as President of Iowa Lutheran Col--Rev. John H. Hinton, A. M. LEECHBURG, July 29, 1864. sinful men-to bear his messages of mercy speak words of cheer, of warning, or of Did we have regard simply to the policy MR. JOSEPH ALBREE, Treasurer C. C., Pittsburgh :-- I have a little more to say lege, and recommended Rev. A. M. Geiger 11. No good man preaches, I am conficonsolation to the sufferers in the hospital to dying, and yet deathless spirits-yourof the measures pursued by the Commis-The Family Treasure, for August, confor that position. to distribute freely to all the destitute, selves to remember, and to bring home to sion, to the military advantages incidentaltains a number of very readable articles, before closing this correspondence. And whether sick, wounded, or well, the word There are three Lutheran churches in others, the tremendous realities, unseen, i ly derived from it, this consideration alone I wish to say it simply because I believe it of everlasting life; in short to minister in amongst which might be particularized the San Franciaco, Cal., a German, an Engbut yet eternal, that depend upon the ac- | should prompt us to far more energetic | interesting sketch of Dr. BEECHER, My man, M. A. ought to be said. Every body knows, or holy things to those who so much need, and ceptance or rejection of that mercy-to lish, and a Swedish one. Much energy and ought to know, that there are two great so highly prize those ministrations, cannot efforts in its behalf than any heretofore put | Girls' in Attica, Misunderstandings, Lang 12. For where is there one of us, the liberality have been shown in collecting and benevolent agencies at work in behalf of fail to commend the Christian Commission watch your own deceitful hearts, to control forth. The thousands of veteran soldiers | Syne, with other matter, original and sethe soldiers, especially of the wounded and to the warmest sympathies, the earnest building up these churches. your own frail tongues, that you may live, as who have been saved by this agency, under lected, making one of the best numbers of well as preach, the Gospel-to comfort the Divine blessing, to the cause of our the Magazine. Its editors are determined METHODIST. God's smitten ones, to restore the erring, country, could they be arrayed in regiment to spare no pains to furnish an Evangelical other materially, both as it respects the or know the worth of the soul. The Indiana Methodist Conference has work proposed to be done, and as to the to support the trembling, to arouse the Say, Christian patriot, have you dis- soul besides his own ?- Anonymous. resolved to erect and sustain a first-class and brigade, especially could they be and attractive monthly. proper method of doing it. Men may hon- charged the debt you owe to the brave boys slothful, to stand by the bedside of the dyplaced beside the undisciplined troops we female college within the bounds of that estly differ in judgment as to the compara. who are struggling, bleeding, dying for our ing with God's own words of power to con-Conference. A committee has been apare now hurrying to the field, would con-Minutes of the General Assembly.-It gives tive merits and claims of these associations, common country? Can you conceive of quer death-to point all classes and condistitute an army corps that, in numbers and us pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of pointed to select a location. and each may certainly be permitted to ex- any other medium through which you could tions of men to the Lamb of God-well efficiency, would establish at once the mili- the Minutes of the General Assembly, Rev. John Seyes, the well known friend it, provided it be done in words of truth, than through the agency of the Christian might an angel covet, yet tremble, to untary value to our country of the labors of which, though requiring so much care and of Africa, for several years engaged in the sercourtesy, and candor. And whilst presentdertake so solemn an office. The man who our devoted delegates. labor in the preparation of the accompany. vice of the Colonization Society, and of the U. ing the claims of the Christian Commiswill you do it? J. E. CARUTHERS. gould believe himself equal to its responsi-But the strongest claim of the Commis- ing tables, have been brought out thus S. Governmenl-in connection with its plans sion to the Christian public, and pressing bilities, would only prove himself unworsion upon Christian sympathy and aid, promptly, and in a manner creditable to all for ameliorating the condition of the blacks, those claims as I believe their comparative thy of the trust. Yet through this weak rests upon its efforts to promote the spirit- who have been engaged in their produc- has recently returned from Africa, and though instrumentality-the foolishness of preash- ual welfare of the soldier, whilst caring for tion. Price of the volume this year, 75 frequently prostrated by the African fever, the Sanitary Commission. I have seen too were burned.

soldiers themselves, the recipients of the kindnesses for which the Commission is so suitable a channel, and let them tell with the cloquence of heartfelt gratitude, their individual histories of life preserved, of pain assuaged, of sickness soothed, of tender ministrations, of Christian prayers and | to say that another two cents per pound has counsels-no other appeal would be required than the simple story of what the commission has done and is still doing, so far as it is farmished with the meanor i order to commend it to the continued favor of those who have already approved themselves its friends.

A circular, just received from the Philadelphia office of the Christian Commission, assures us that ten thousand dollars a day could be used to the greatest advantage, in the Army of the Potomac, in the trenches alone. in the great work of saving lives and saving souls. This opportunity, from the nature of the case, will soon cease; or

soon many who might have experienced, in body and in soul, the benefits which the Commission labors to convey, will be beyond its influence. Help is therefore earnestly called for at once-liberal, generous help. Imagine forty acres of Hospital on the

high south bank of the Appomatox, a mile from its confluence with the James, and what scenes of suffering must be daily witnessed over that broad area. Picture the fifteen tents of the Christian Commission, allotted to the various departments of their humane-we might say, divine-mission, to administer to the wants of the sick and wounded, to sustain and restore, if possible, the sinking body, to save-by God's blessing upon the means-the undying soul. Yet this is but one field of labor occupied by the Commission. In every city, East or West, where there is a military hospital; on every field where our armies meet the foe in deadly strife; on every weary march, where hundreds fall exhaust-

ed by the wayside; in every camp where a brief respite is allowed our toiling troops -the well known badge of the delegate of the prosperity and extended usefulness of this heaven-sent Commission announces to the war-worn soldier that a friend and brother is at his side, and that through this agency a grateful people testify their care and love for the defenders of our liberties and laws.

We have spoken of these benefactions as a charity. In an enlarged sense they are 40; Total, 101. The Faculty is composed properly so denominated, being the legitimate outgrowth of Christian love. But in the restricted sense often placed upon that term, they are not a charity, but a just and honest debt, a debt, moreover, even after all our liberality, too feebly paid. For what

ADVANCE IN PAPER.

We have kept our readers apprized of the fluctuations in the cost of paper, if that may be said to fluctuate which is all the son, on the 10th inst., suddenly, from apotime advancing. We regret to be obliged plexy, in his 88th year, at Monticello, N. Y., are announced. been added to its cost; and though this may seem to be a small advance, it should The private library of Rev. Dr. D. X. be remembered that the addition of a sin-Junkin, the accumulation of thirty years was humad up at the fire, July 4th, which gie cent to the cost of paper, adds several hundred dollars per annum to the necessary consumed the old Canal Street Presbyterian church. expenses of the printing office.

On every hand, both East and West, newspapers are either increasing their subscription price, or curtailing their dimensions, or suspending publication altogether. been published in neat and convenient The Banner at \$2.00 a year, when gold is form, creditable alike to those engaged in worth \$2.60, is the same as if it had been its preparation and publication, taking the furnished at 77 cents a year when gold was place of the July number of the Evanat par. So that we are now issuing a much gelical Repository. They furnish abuncheaper paper, in reality, than the Banner dant and pleasing evidence of the prosperwas when first commenced. If we take ity of this important branch of the Presbyinto consideration the fact that the ex. terian family. We gather the following penses of articles of prime necessity have interesting summary :

increased in even a higher ratio than the Synods rise of gold, it will be found that we are furnishing the Banner at the same rate | Ministers withnow, relatively, as if it had been originally about sixty cents. The cheapness at which a paper can be published, depends evidently upon the extent of its circulation. So long as there is any margin of profit left, however small upon each paper, after deducting all expenses, the aggregate of profits, and consequently the stability and usefulness of a paper, will depend upon the largeness of its circulation.

Whilst we gratefully acknowledge the kindness of our friends in the additions they have already made to the list of our of our own, to permit us to indulge in any subscribers, we trust they will see in the considerations we have mentioned, renewed cause for their generous exertions.' Unless we are greatly mistaken, our readers, as well as ourselves, will feel an interest in the Banner.

Washington College,-The catalogue of this institution for the collegiate year 1863 for 100 days' men. He was unanimously -64, exhibits the following summary :---Se-niors, 18; Juniors, 15; Sophomores, 14: in Camp Reynolds, near this city, and has

ematics and Latin being vacant, and temporarily filled by the other Professors. The exercises connected with the annual commencement will be, Sept. 4, Baccalaureate

The deaths of Rev. Wm. R. Sim, of the But he says he is fully persuaded that Presbytery of Saline, at Golconda, Ill.; of "there is no such thing as restoration in the case of those who die impenitent be-Rev. David E. Curtis, of the Presbytery of neath the light of Christianity; and that Potosi, at Farmington, Mo.; and of Rev. the lost in the future world continue in a Samuel Pelton, of the Presbytery of Hudstate of punishment as long as they exist."

> General View of the Presbyterian Church during the year ending May, 1864.

Synods in connection with the General Assembly..... Presbyteries.... Candidates for the Ministry..... Ministers Churches. icensures.. United -The Minutes of the 6th General Ordinations. Assembly of the U. P. Church, held at Installations... Pastoral relations dissolved Philadelphia, in May last, have already Churches organized. Ministers received from other denomi-Ministers dismissed to other denomi nations. Churches received from other denomi nations Churches dismissed to other denominations..... Ministers deceased Churches dissolved ... embers added on examination..... Members added on certificate

Total number of communicants reported...... Adults baptized..... Infants baptized ... Amount contributed for congregational purposes\$1.677.106 Amount contributed for the Boards.... Amount contributed for disabled Ministers' Fund.. Amount contributed for miscellaneous .\$2,845,671 The following ministers have died dur-

NAMES. PRESBYTERIES. Joseph Sweetman, Albany, John N. Campbell, Do. John A. Avery, Mohawk, James Rogers, Ogdensburg, Rochester City. Calvin Pease, James Nichols, Do. Samuel Lawson, Nassau. Henry V. Rankin, Ningpo. Joseph Rogers, Raritan, Henry Steele Clarke, Philadelphia Cent, Robert Taylor, Philadelphia 2d. John W. Grier, New Castle. A. B. Clarke, Huntingdon. G. W. Thompson Do. J. W. Yeomans, Northumberland. Wm. D. McCartney, New Lisbon. James Hoge, Josiah D. Smith, Columbus. Do. James Baber, William Gage, Chillicothe. H. S. Fullerton, Do. L. C. Cheney, Miami. M. Rossell, Do. F. J. Neuhaus, Cincinnati. T. J. Biggs, Do. J. D. Shane, Do. Charles Lee, Madison, Wm. L. Mitchell, Kaskaskia. George Cairns, Peoria. James Green, Des Moines. Jephtha Harrison, Missouri.

cess to commissary stores ; and who, for | foundation upon the Rock of Ages, as that want of a Surgeon to issue the required splendid structure has upon the unyielding orders, could receive nothing from the lime stone underlying the city. Sanitary rooms-who, but for the Chris-

I rejoice that the Commission meets with tian Commission, must have suffered on; | such favor among the soldiers. They will and rarely indeed is the supply of hospital do any thing for it. Officers and privates goods in the Christian Commission stores | work for it. I have only space and time

to mention the name of W. Clendenin. As-Again, the Christian Commission can sistant Medical Director, Army of the give to the benevolent donor much the Cumberland, who has in all instance afforded the most ample opportunities and the nost positive assurance that all his benefactions will reach the desired end. The most generous encouragement. I feel sure Sanitary Commission operates through that he will be gratefully remembered by agents whose duties extend to the distributhe friends of the soldier. tion of goods from their own rooms. This

G. M. SPARGROVE.

Gems for Christian Ministers, by Ministers.

For a number of past years, I have been 100 with all promptness the goods, if on hand, are issued, the wagon is loaded and sent in the habit of culling precious gems or mottoes from various writings of pious and off; and the agent can follow them no learned Divines. Some of them are from farther. Nor need he do so, if it were cerour own side of the house. They will be tain that all surgeons, stewards, cooks and nurses were humane and honest men; but encouraging, interesting and useful to perhaps they are not always so. Some-times, perchance, the appetite may outpreachers and students in theology.

1. A Christian preacher must preach weigh the conscience, especially when nothing else but Christ, that he is our Sathese men know that for this class of goods viour, who by his blood and death bore and 9.250 | there is none to call them to account; the took away our sins, and that thereby he result is, the soldier often gets but the makes us pious and righteous. What does faagments of what was wholly his own. not sound like this is no Christian sermon. On the other hand, the supplies of the -Martin Luther.

Christian Commission are often furnished 2. Happy is the man whose sermons rivto the wounded, the sick, and the needy by the hand of its own delegates. Goods, et the attention of the hearers not on the preacher, but on themselves, on their own however, are often issued by the cart or character and relations to God. - S.wagon load to the order of surgeons; but Schmucker. the delegates are at work in the camps and

hospitals where they are sent; they know, 3. He is the best physician who effects too, the class of suffereis for whom they the greatest number of cures; and he is were designed ; they inquire in due time the best preacher who turns the greatest if those goods have reached their destina- number of ignorant and wicked men to tion; if so, all is right; if not, there is Christ and holiness .- Benjamin Kurtz. something wrong-it must be investiga-

'4. Thus the time has never been when ted. Those who receive Christian Comthe Christian minister could fold his arms mission goods in charge, know all this, and and say, "Nothing more remains for me to hence rarely, very rarely indeed, are such do; I can now sit down and contemplate supplies turned out of their proper chanthe fruit of victory, and repose on my nel. The needy soldier gets them-this is laurels." No, the command is to "Occupy a moral certainty. Thus it is clearly seen till I come."-John Bachman.

that, so far as it respects the supply of the temporal wants of the suffering and needy 5. O! if you should succeed in inducing soldier, the Christian Commission is entibut one of your own children to become a tled to the highest measure of confidence faithful minister of Christ, what a great and support, inasmuch as it works the work you would perform.-S. W. Harkey. cheapest, reaches the farthest, and gives

6. The poorest and least honored among the fullest assurance of faithfully fulfilling the ministers of Christ may have a peace and joy to which kings and princes are But beyond all this the Christian Comstrangers.-J. A. Brown

7. As preachers perform work which anit seeks to provide for the spiritual wants gels cannot do, so they are nearer to God's throne and dearer to Christ than even anof the soldiers, and to secure the salvation gels, even now; in this life.-Rev. iv: 6. of his soul. The man who claims to be a mere philanthropist, but not a Christian, The angels surround the living creatures; chap. v: 11.-John Ryland.

> 8. The text should not be merely the motto, but the life-blood and soul of the discourse .- Philip Schaff.

eternity, may consistently present their offerings through other channels ; but surely 9. O that all my talents this year may be the Christian who knows something of the laid out for God. I desire to have this as worth of the soul, cannot undervalue this peculiar feature of the Christian Commismy motto for the year: "Occupy till I come." Let me look backward and forward, then, for help to do this. My talents are money, time, influence, ability, the minis-

> tion of others, if we ourselves should perish? What will it avail us to have the vineyards of others, if ours be unfruitful?

> > lent, without doing some good, and more than he knows of, or will know of, till the great discovering day .- Rev. Thomas Sted-

poorest and the weakest, the most ignorant and the least influential, who, if he lives as the sick ; but every body does not seem to prayers, and the liberal support of all who he ought, and prays as he ought, may not know that these agencies differ from each appreciate the value of spiritual privileges, be sure that, with the Divine blessing, he will be the means of saving more than one NOTE .- Number twelve is a most precious gem or motto, about laboring for the salvation of immortal souls; it appeared years ago, in a missionary tract of twentypress that preference, and the reasons for do them more good for time or for eternity, four pages, published in Boston, entitled, it provided it he done in the through the account of the Christian four pages, published in Boston, entitled, Commission? If not, then duty is clear; will you do it? J. E. CARUTHERS "Christian Public Spirit, or Living for the Kingdom of Christ." Who the author is of this very encouraging gem I know not, nor is it likely that I ever shall know it, and The fires in the Wisconsin woods destroy- yet I should like very much to know who merits will justify, I would not be under- ed \$150,000 worth of property in the north- he is. In all my religious reading of a period stood nor interpreted as waging war against ern counties of that State. Several villages riod of nearly forty years, I have never met with such encouraging words, so truth-

7 Deaths Presbyteries..... Adults 267142 Domes. Miss.....\$15,495 out charge..... Ministers, total.. 513 Foreign Miss.... 28,611 Licentiates..... 47 Education..... 1,528 Students of The-Publication..... 1,564 ology 54 Church Exten... 4,887 Congregations ... 698 Assem. Fund..... - 598 Families...... 25,447 Synod Fund..... 3.01 Communicants. 57 795 Sal. by cong.....207,859 Added on exam-" by Assem 12,404 ing the year: ination 2,610 Gen. contr....... 148,631 Total amount..... 398,07

Added on certificate...... 2,541 Aver. per memb. 6.91 To which we may add, that the above statistics show the average salaries of the 371 pastors to be \$594. Whilst we confiss the sins of our neighbors, we have unfortunately too many similar chortcomings

upbraidings. There are in connection with the U. P. Church, three Colleges, three Theological Seminaries, five Foreign Mission stations, embracing twenty-six missionaries.

Rev. J. B. Clark, D.D., of the 2d U. P. church, Allegheny, has again entered the service of his country, under the late call chosen Colonel of a regiment, lately formed

Freshmen, 14; Preparatory Department, departed for the scene of strife. Reformed Dutch .- Rev. T. S. Doolittle, at present of the President, three Profes. of Flatlands, L. I., has been elected Prosors, and three Tutors; the Chairs of Math- fessor of Rhetoric, Logic, and Mental Philosophy in Rutgers College, and will enter upon the duties of his office at the beginning of the next term, Sept. 20, 1864.

LUTHEBAN.