

From the Richmond Dispatch.
Interesting Religious News from the Soldiers.

We have been permitted to see some of the letters addressed to the Baptist Colportage Board, located in this city, by their colporteurs among the soldiers, from which we extract a few interesting sentences.

Rev. C. F. Fry writes from the Greenbrier encampment:

"I have visited most of the encampments in the Valley, and could have sold more than one hundred dollars worth of books a month, if my assortment had been larger, especially if I could have had a good supply of Testaments. A captain said to me, 'I am a sinner, and wish you to select some books to suit my case.' I did so; and at night he called his men into line and asked me to pray for them. Another captain seemed much interested on the subject of religion. I tried to explain to him the way to be saved, and in a few days I heard of his fighting bravely at Manassas. I have prayer and exhortation meetings frequently, which are well attended, and often tears flow from eyes unused to weep, while I point them to the Lamb of God."

Mr. J. C. Clopton has been spending all his time among the sick and wounded in and around Charlottesville. He writes:

"This is a most inviting field, as hundreds are here on beds of suffering, and consequently disposed to consider the things that make for their peace. The deepest feeling is often manifested; they listen to what I say, and read with great eagerness the tracts and books I give them."

Rev. R. W. Cridlin, after having visited all the encampments between Aquia Creek and Matthias Point, has been transferred to Norfolk city, where he is selling some sixty dollars' worth of books a month, besides giving away one half that amount. Says he:

"I visited Craney Island last Saturday; Col. Smith, who has charge of the forces there, is a pious man, and has prayers with his men every night. He seemed glad to have me labor among his command, and will doubtless render me any aid I may need."

Mr. M. D. Anderson writes from Aquia Creek:

"I have gone nearly through the regiments stationed between Fredericksburg and the Creek. The soldiers are eager for religious reading; and frequently, when they have seen me coming, they run to meet me, exclaiming—'Have you any Testaments?' Much of my time has been spent with the sick, in the hospitals, where, oftentimes my heart was made to rejoice, at witnessing the sustaining power of Christianity, in those who were struggling with the last enemy. One, with whom I had often conversed on personal religion, was sick—nigh unto death; I stood by him, but doubted the propriety of speaking; at last he fixed his eyes upon me, and said—'Talk to me about Jesus.' I asked if the Lord was with him, and he replied—'yes, with me, and that to bless. I know that my Redeemer liveth,' &c. Another remarked to me that, at home, he had been a prominent member of the church; but that since he had been in camp he had wandered off and brought reproach upon his profession, but that this sickness, from which he was then suffering, had been blessed to his soul, and that he should, with Divine help, live a new life, and consecrate himself to the cause of God. I have been able to supply many with the Bible, especially as the President of the Christian Association in Fredericksburg had given me a fine lot of Bibles."

The above is a specimen of the interesting letters from those who labor for the souls of soldiers. Never were there collected, on this earth, men who would so likely be influenced for good by such pious labors as the men who now defend Virginia's soil! Trained from their infancy to believe the Bible, fresh from the pure influences of the domestic circle, the family altar, the Sabbath School, the prayer meeting, and the sanctuary, they present a most inviting field for Christian effort—a field into which, we rejoice to know, the men of God are entering that they may gather sheaves unto eternal life.

Gen. Fremont and staff left Jefferson City on the 7th instant for Sedalia, a place West of Jefferson City, to take immediate command of the army concentrated there, said to consist of 35,000 men and 100 pieces of artillery, and start in pursuit of Gen. Price, whose whereabouts seems to be unknown to the enemy, although they constantly report him retreating to the South. The telegraphic correspondents of the St. Louis papers declared that Fremont will follow him and force battle upon him, whithersoever he may go, whether to the Arkansas line or the banks of the Mississippi. The pathfinder may not have so far to travel.—*New Orleans Delta, October 18.*

HARD TIMES IN NEW YORK.—The stringency of the times in New York city may be learned from the fact that out of two hundred and fifty first class merchants—men who were regarded as impregnable—only thirteen have met their obligations. Of the small number that have failed it may be said their name

PENNINGS AND CLIPPINGS.

Beautiful extract—helping a young lady out of a mud puddle.

In Genoa, there is one priest or nun to every fifteen inhabitants.

The lady who made a dash, has since brought her husband to a full stop!

The larger the school fund, the less the prison allowance.

Man will wrangle for religion; write for it; fight for it; die for it; anything but live for it.

He that never changed any of his opinions, never corrected any of his errors.

The error of one moment frequently becomes the sorrow of a whole life.

The one exclusive sign of a thorough knowledge, says Aristotle, is the power of teaching.

Longfellow calls Sabbath the golden clasp which binds together the volume of the week.

To some men it is indispensable to be worth money, for without it they are worth nothing.

Saratoga is a place where women go to study other people's characters and lose their own.

A universal cry after marriage, is, "I wish we had the money now we threw away at our wedding!"

There is one objection to people who "mean well," and that is they never can spare time to carry out their meaning.

The man who could not "trust his feelings," is supposed to do business strictly on the cash principle.

It has been discovered that feathers unskillfully cured and put into beds are deadly to persons with weak lungs.

Arithmetic is differently studied by fathers and sons—the first confining themselves to addition, and the second to subtraction.

There are one hundred and twenty-one German newspapers published in America, of which twenty-seven are dailies.

"You ask and you receive not, because you ask a-miss," said a young lady to an old gentleman who had popped the question to her.

Dr. Franklin says that "time is money." This may account for the fact that persons, when in most need of money, ask for time.

Some lone bachelor is guilty of the following: "Why is a lover like a sea serpent? Because it is the secreter (sea critter) of great sighs, (size.)"

An old lady, being at a loss for a pin-cushion, made one of an onion. On the following morning she found that all the needles had tears in their eyes.

A DRAWING-ROOM TEST.—You can generally tell how popular you are with a lady by the length of time she keeps you waiting whilst dressing to receive you.

PURGATORY.—"With regard to purgatory," says an old Popish writer, "I will not say a great deal; but this much I think—that the Protestants may go farther and fare worse!"

A genius down east has invented a spy-glass of wonderful power. He said he looked through it at a third cousin, and it brought him relatively nearer than any of his brothers.

In Maine they have invented a new kind of brick, which is hollow and floats. Very convenient, we should think, for gentlemen who are in the habit of carrying the article in their hats.

The shape of a kiss is said (by a western editor) to be elliptical. This must be derived from the sensation one experiences when enjoying the luxury, for it is certainly a lip-tickle.

"I never shot a bird in my life," said a fellow to his friend, who replied: "For my part, I never shot anything in the shape of a bird, except a squirrel, which I killed with a stone, when it fell into the river and was drowned."

An editor says that a man in New York got himself into trouble by marrying two wives. A western editor assures his cotemporary that a good many men in his State have done the same thing by only marrying one.

The pressure of the wind increases according to the square of the velocity. It amounts to 12 1-2 lbs. on the square foot in a storm moving at the rate of 50 miles per hour, and 50 lbs. on the square foot in a gale of 100 miles per hour velocity.

A liquor seller in a neighboring town has, since the election of a dry council, changed his sign. It now reads something as follows: "Notes and drafts negotiated and sold." That is, he takes the notes of his customers and gives them a "draft" of suthin to drink."

Policeman to a well dressed and good-looking young lady, waving his hand to stop the 'bus, and offering his arm—"Allow me, ma'am, to assist you across."

The same to an old lady not well dressed—"Now, ma'am, now is your time, hurry up your caker."

Now is the Time

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PROCLAMATION.



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, July 6th, 1861.

ACCORDING TO AN ACT OF THE CONFEDERATE CONGRESS, entitled "An Act to put into Operation the Government under the Permanent Constitution of the Confederate States of America," it is required that each State should, on the FIRST WEDNESDAY IN NOVEMBER NEXT, for President and Vice-President of the Confederate States, which officers are to be elected on the twenty-second of February, whereas the existing law of the State provides for the election of the President and Vice-President by the Legislature; and who the Legislature of this State will not be in session at the time prescribed by the aforesaid appointment of Electors:

Therefore, be it known, that I, F. W. PICKENS, Governor in and over the State of South Carolina, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution, authorizing the Governor, on extraordinary occasions, to convene the General Assembly, do issue this my proclamation, calling upon the Senators and the Members of the House of Representatives to convene in COLLEGE PALACE, ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER NEXT, ensuing, that they may be present in the House of Representatives, on the said first Wednesday, to appoint Electors for President and Vice-President of the Confederate States of America, conformably with the Act of the Confederate Congress.

As the Permanent Constitution is to be organized, an election will be required of Senators from this State, and also, in all other respects, considering the peculiar state of the country, important matters will be acted on at the session of the Legislature.

Given under my hand and seal of the State aforesaid, at Columbia, this 6th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and in the eighth year of the independence of the State of South Carolina.

F. W. PICKENS,
 ISAAC H. MEANS, Secretary.

ELECTION NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT AN ELECTION for a Representative in the Congress of the Confederate States, to be held at the different places of election in the District, on the FIRST WEDNESDAY IN NOVEMBER NEXT, being the sixth day of the said month, in accordance with the following Act:

An Act to alter and amend the Act in relation to the Method of Counting Votes in Elections by the people.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That hereafter, in all elections by the people, the managers shall proceed to count the votes, immediately after the final closing of the polls in the precinct where the votes have been taken, and a certificate of the result, which shall be signed by the managers, or a majority of them, and filed in the Court House, or place now fixed by law for counting the votes, on the day subsequent to the day of the said election, on or before the hour of twelve o'clock, p. m., by one or more of the said managers, in the manner herein contained shall be the manner of counting the votes in St. Luke's Parish.

2. That the managers of election, a majority of them, who may assemble, shall examine the statement of the managers provided for in the first section of this act, and declare the result of the election.

In the Senate House, the twenty-ninth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and in the eighth year of the sovereignty and independence of the State of South Carolina.

WM. D. POPE,
 President of the Senate.
 JAMES SIMMONS,
 Speaker of House of Representatives.

MANAGERS.

- Camden—J. S. Maroney, C. A. J. and, W. D. Anderson.
- Cureton's Mill.—Frederick Bowles, James Team, Eli Parker.
- Flat Rock.—James Fletcher, Joseph Hughes, Jesse Truesdale.
- Buffalo.—Wm. Mungo, Gilliam Sowell, W. W. Lizenby's.—L. McKinnon, Wm. King, Min McPherson.
- Shrock's Mill.—B. S. McCoy, Henry Race, Alexander McCloud.
- Goodwin's.—A. D. McDowell, R. C. Wakeford, Benjamin Cook.
- Liberty Hill.—A. D. Jones, R. C. Patters.

Rolls to be open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. The managers shall, after the final closing of the polls at the precincts where the votes have been taken, count the votes publicly, immediately there, make out a certificate of the result, which shall be signed by the managers, or a majority of them, and taken to the Court House on the day next subsequent to the day of election, namely, on the seventh day of November, at or before 4 o'clock, p. m., by one or more of the said managers.

By order of the managers.
 October 31.

VERY SUPERIOR SEED POTATOES—FINE Dairy Cheese; Figs and Sugar Raisins. Just received at the "Old Corner." March 12,—E. W. BONNEY.

PLOW STEEL.—Also, Plow Iron in all widths. Also, Plow Moulds and Horse Shoe Nails, Hames, Saddles, &c. Just received at the "Old Corner." March 12,—E. W. BONNEY.

BACON, Sides and Shoulders, of Baltimore curing and very fine, for sale at the "old corner," E. W. BONNEY.

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