

THE SOLDIERS' JOURNAL.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS.

AN INTERESTING MEETING.—On Thursday night last an unusually large and interesting meeting was held in the Chapel of our camp under the auspices of the Christian Commission. We have received two very able reports of its proceedings from the Rev. H. B. Taylor, and the Rev. Mr. Fisher, from which we glean the names and remarks of most of the speakers present. The meeting was conducted by George H. Stuart, Esq., President of the United States Christian Commission, and opened by a prayer from the Rev. Mr. Curtis, after which Bishop Janes, of Boston, briefly but affectionately addressed the audience, expressing a warm desire for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the soldiers of our army. He was followed by Mr. Jones, of Philadelphia, who touched all hearts by relating the labors and sacrifices and death of a sister to serve the soldiers, out of love to them and the country. She died at City Point, away from all her relatives; but strong and athletic soldiers were there to mourn and weep over her loss. But the love of Jesus was far greater than the love of mortals, and should we not love Him? Mr. Jones was followed by Mr. Story, of Boston, who made a most interesting and eloquent appeal to all hearts to embrace Jesus as their Saviour. Mr. —, of Chicago, touched a sympathetic cord, and melted all hearts by the fervency and tenderness of his appeals in behalf of religion and duty, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Morse, of Worcester, Mass. Four or five soldiers followed the prayer in relating their experiences, and were listened to with much interest. Rev. Mr. Hatfield, of Brooklyn, N. Y., then made an earnest appeal, and was followed by Chaplain McCabe, who had spent some time in Libby Prison, and who found in the audience many soldiers who had also been captured and treated to the refined cruelty of rebel jail-masters. He gave a glowing and inspiring account of the rejoicings of our men in Libby over the news of the victories of Gettysburg, Port Hudson and Vicksburg, relating an anecdote that will bear repeating, though it must lose force to the reader who was not present to note the tone and gesture of the speaker while relating it. On the receipt of the news of the capture of Vicksburg our heroic martyrs laughed and shouted for joy, and sang all the jubilant songs they could think of. While so doing the rebel guard below, piqued at their joy, shouted up that they would soon laugh on the other side of their faces. Soon after the news of the additional victories of Port Hudson and Gettysburg came in, and in the renewed joy and clamor of the prisoners, one of them poked his head out of the window, and called to the guard, "Well, we are laughing on both sides now!" He risked his life for the joke, but with the usual luck of joviality, escaped a shot in punishment of his temerity. Mr. McCabe also spoke of a gracious revival of religion in Libby, in which a noted infidel had been converted to God, through the instrumentality of a suddenly deceased child, who in life asked him why he could not tell him of God, as his mother did, and who, one day finding a beautiful flower, asked him if that was not of God's creation! The reverend gentleman also sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic, in which the entire audience joined, the many mingling voices forming a sweet and impressive melody. The meeting was closed by a brief and eloquent

address of President Stuart, who seemed anxious to keep the ball moving, and through the entire evening did not allow the spirit and enthusiasm of the meeting to abate in the least. The camp band was present and enlivened the proceedings with their music. Altogether, the occasion was one long to be remembered, and one of the very highest interest. The Chapel was crowded to excess, and more than a thousand persons participated.

LIST OF LETTERS remaining at the Special Relief Office U. S. Sanitary Commission, 389 H St., Washington, D. C., January 25th, 1865:—

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| Burch J | Brockett John L 2 |
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| Billington George H | Bowen William A |
| Behorde LoblicheSolizer | Bull John H |
| Chamberlain Frank A | Christy Heuton F |
| Collins James P | Colby D C |
| Clark Charles | Crouse Nicholas |
| Cottrill Charles H | Cannon Stephen A |
| Dantes Edmond L | Day William G |
| Fernald William L | |
| Gove William B | Geron T B |
| Hall J P 2 | Hood John H 2 |
| Horigan Thomas | |
| Jennings Abram G | Jennings Abram |
| Kinne Harry C | Kerebs Harry |
| Meade Elathan | Magee William |
| May J S | McLeod William A |
| McElroy Thomas | McManus Mrs John |
| Nainkner John | Niles Sergeant John |
| Newberry Miss Annie | |
| Prib William A | Peregoy David B |
| Reed William Howell | Roden Mrs. Jane |
| Ruass Charles | Reed R E |
| Sampson George T 2 | Schoemrick Chas |
| Southwell William B | |
| Tradden John | Trotter Charles H |
| Wion John W | Wood John H |
| Van Zandt John | |

The above letters can be had by the parties to whom they are addressed by writing or personally applying as above.

OFFICER SHOT.—On Monday afternoon last, about 2 o'clock, as Captains Shaumberg and Mahony, of the 14th V. R. C., were riding out beyond Fort Berry, a shot was fired from a wood near where they were sitting upon their horses, viewing the drill of some troops at some distance in front of them. The shot took effect in the left arm of Capt. Mahony, but the distance from which it was fired being considerable, no further injury was done than bruising and tearing the skin. The supposition is that a guerrilla must have been concealed in the wood, and took the opportunity of trying his skill on the officers.

"THE MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY."—We shall next week commence the publication of a story entitled "The Man Without a Country," from the *Atlantic Monthly*. It will occupy the two closing numbers of the first volume of the JOURNAL. It is a most singular and exciting story, and will find its rank as one of the most remarkable fictions of the day. We commend it to the perusal of all.

ICE.—The Potomac has been closed with ice for the past week, and navigation is temporarily suspended. Skates are in requisition, and the scenes on the river fronting Washington are very fine, its citizens seeming to relish a sport not often given them in this clime. Principally because of the stoppage of navigation, our camp has so rapidly filled within the past few days that we now count its occupants by thousands.

TRAGEDY IN WASHINGTON.—A clerk in the Treasury Department, named Burroughs, was on Monday afternoon last shot by one Mary Harris, who had kept guard over his door for that purpose for several hours. The murderess assigns as a reason for her act that Burroughs

violated a marriage engagement with her. She was a resident of Chicago, from which city she arrived on Sunday, with the determination to kill him. She is now in jail awaiting her trial. Great excitement has been caused in Washington by this sad event.

THE LATEST NEWS.

There is very little important war news, and nothing startling has come to hand within the past week. That there are important army movements being made there is no doubt, and it will require but a little time to develop them.—None of the departments of the army are idle, and it is questionable if they were ever more active.

The route of Sherman is only guessed at, but at last accounts his army was on the railroad beyond Pocotoligo bridge, and about half way between Savannah and Charleston. His last corps left Savannah on the 20th inst. The rebels are preparing for a desperate defence at Branchville, and we hourly expect news of an important engagement. Sherman's ultimate object is undoubtedly the capture of Charleston, as evidenced by the reinforcement of the fleet off the doomed city.

Dick Taylor has succeeded Hood at the latter's own request. Lee has by law of Congress been created Generalissimo of the Confederate armies, and Joe Johnston has been placed in command of the army of Virginia.

Nothing definite has been received from Blair, the pseudo peace commissioner, since his return from Richmond.

News from Fort Fisher seems to have had a very bewildering effect on some of the rebels.—They propose to arm all the slaves forthwith, and quarrel with Congress for its delay. They claim that this measure will strike the North with terror, and insist that three columns of black troops, shall be immediately poured into the North, to rob, to ravish and destroy. A column of slaves, forced into the rebel service, might fight for their masters in Virginia or the Carolinas, but in the midst of Ohio or Pennsylvania they would melt away like snow before the sun. The rebels will never make the arming of their slaves available for offensive operations, and we suspect it is too late to make them very useful, even for purposes of defence.

AUGUR GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT.
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JAN. 28TH, 1864.

No. of beds.....	670
" admitted during the week.....	66
" returned to duty.....	21
" transferred.....	3
" on furlough.....	8
" discharged.....	1
" deserted.....	0
" deceased.....	0

REMAINING IN HOSPITAL.
From Rendezvous of Distribution..... 439
G. L. SUTTON, Surg. U. S. V., in Charge.

RENDEZVOUS OF DISTRIBUTION
CONSOLIDATED REPORT
Of men received and sent to their respective regiments during the week ending Saturday, Jan. 28th, 1864:—

Men received.....	1506
Number of men sent to their regiments.....	440

W. J. SHELDRAKE, Serg't Major.

POST OFFICE REPORT,
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JAN. 28TH, 1864.

Number of letters forwarded.....	4368
" papers and packages forwarded.....	257
" letters received.....	2272
" papers and packages received.....	227
" dead letters sent.....	81

W. W. ROBBINS, Capt. 60th Ohio Vols., A. P. M.
W. B. WELTON, Chief Clerk.

HOSPITAL REPORT OF CAMP CASEY,
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JAN. 28TH, 1864.

No. of beds.....	27
No. of patients.....	20
Admitted.....	3
Returned to duty.....	6
Transferred.....	0
Discharged from service.....	0
Deceased.....	0

C. CAMPBELL, A. A. Surgeon, in Charge.