





Whatever may have been our differences of opinion as to the necessity for a Bible Board, to be placed under the supervision of the Southern Baptist Convention, or whatever may have been our individual opinions as to the operations of this Board up to this time, there is one thing we may venture to say, and that is, that the providence of God has never vindicated the wisdom of that body, (S. B. C.) more triumphantly than in the establishment of that Board ten years ago. It may not, nay, it has not, in every respect answered the expectations of all our brethren. Like all agencies controlled by human wisdom, it has partaken somewhat of the follies and weaknesses of man. But this is not a time to remember these things. When Ephraim and Judah were suffering a common calamity, they forgot their ancient feuds—"Ephraim did not envy Judah, and Judah did not vex Ephraim." Isa 11:13. What a day is this to forget the past, and combine our agencies and influences, our plans and purposes, and bring them all to bear upon the great end we are all seeking to promote. Let us accept the holy, self-denying rule of conduct which the great apostle of the Gentiles proposed to himself—"But this one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." There can be but one opinion as to the object of that Board—to supply the destitute at home and abroad with the Word of God.—The common sense of the churches has long since decided that this object can be best accomplished by concentrating our efforts upon one common agency. And since the Southern Baptist Convention has appointed that agency in this Board, it would seem that every Southern Baptist owes it to himself and to the cause to co-operate with that Board in its efforts to execute the solemn trust committed to it.

We have said that the providence of God has most triumphantly vindicated the wisdom, the far-reaching sagacity of our brethren in the establishment of that Board ten years ago. Foreseeing that great event in our political history which was to dismember the old Union, and establish a Southern Confederacy, it pleased Him to put it into the hearts of his servants to provide an agency in advance for that contingency. Cut off as we now are from all dependence upon former sources to supply our people with the Holy Scriptures, we are absolutely shut up to the alternative of supplying this necessity from our own resources. It is, therefore, a gracious providential intervention that we have an organization ready to enter this field of Christian labor, so that the great work need not cease.

The Bible Board has already secured a full set of stereotype plates for the New Testament, cast in Nashville, and they propose bringing out an edition of twenty thousand copies within a short time, with a special view of supplying our soldiers with the Word of God.—In order to accomplish this, the Board will need funds. Who will not aid in an enterprise so eminently patriotic as well as philanthropic? It has been sneeringly flung in our teeth by fanatical preachers in the North, that five hundred copies of the Holy Scriptures could not be found in the whole Southern army. Now, while this is as consummate a falsehood as was ever coined in or out of perdition, it is nevertheless true, that many of our brave soldiers are destitute of the heavenly treasure, who would be delighted to possess it. This destitution can now only be supplied by ourselves. While, therefore, we are doing perhaps all our duty to supply them with food and raiment for the body, let us not neglect their precious souls. Cut off from all other reading matter, there are many tranquil hours in a soldier's life, in which he would read the sacred volume with the deepest interest. Many of these brave and noble young men will never turn to their homes to enjoy the rights and privileges which their or will win. The only religious instruction such will ever have must be issued mostly in this way. It is to Christians in the South this fall and winter to make a vigorous effort to apply this, great necessity—a necessity more imperative than has ever yet been to our Christian sympathies. It is to be hoped, therefore, that our robes will not forget the Bible in making up their benefactions to the coming State Convention.—I could be at least one hundred Testaments profitably distributed this fall and winter among our soldiers, and who could calculate the results of such a benefaction? Many weary and heavy laden would be led to Jesus by so an offering. We can assure our brethren that actual observation has shown us, that many soldiers read the Word of God in camp with a far more interest than they ever did at home—the religious privileges of the Christian Sabbath—times when the use will lend great which opinion of

**Christian heart in the South.**—Moderacy, with an urgency that could not be resisted until a demand so reasonable, so full of mercy and good fruits, and so worthy of all acceptance, should be met and discharged. And since our own Board is the first in all the Southern Confederacy of which we have any knowledge to secure a set of plates for so noble a purpose, made within our own territory, let us, brethren, one and all, aid it in the discharge of so sacred a trust.—How appropriate that our first benefactions as Christian citizens of a new republic should be directed to the publication and dissemination of that cherished volume, whose teachings have been set at naught and scorned by the very people who have ruined the old United States, and who now seek our subjugation to the worst form of tyranny that curses the earth. Let the Bible be carried in the van of every enterprise which looks to our independence, and like the battle cry of Israel, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon," the result cannot be doubted. S. H.

**TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION** at its late session appointed Friday before the first Sabbath in November a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. The churches are requested to observe it, either by meeting at their houses of worship, or as individuals at home. The Association was impressed with the facts, that the cause of God was languishing, and that our country was invaded by a cruel and implacable foe, threatening our ruin, hence their action. Brethren of other Associations, and Christians generally, are invited to unite and observe the day. Alas for the results! when Christians in the Confederate States, in their imperiled condition, withhold prayer to the God of hosts.

**Wheels and Looms.**

Get them, and go to work, for every day goods are getting scarce, the factories cannot meet the demand, and Southern Yankees have bought up most of the goods to speculate on the necessities of the people. The only way to meet the wants, and to frustrate the heartless designs of Yankee speculators is to start wheels and looms and keep them going during the war. We shall be compelled to come to this, and the sooner the better. The investment is but little and the profit will be great. Put steam in fingers and elbows and let us have the music of old times, and be thankful that we can help ourselves. We are anxious for a suit made at home by wheel and loom. In this way much labor that is now unprofitable can be turned to good account. Never yield to Lincoln's blockade, nor to Northern and Southern Yankees.

**Victimized.**

A dispatch from Washington to the Louisville Journal says, "upon charges made by Col. Blair, Major General Fremont has been ordered to report himself for trial by Court Martial." It has created quite a sensation in Missouri. A dispatch from Jefferson City says, "the report of the removal of General Fremont created intense indignation among the Union men, but great rejoicing among the secessionists." A gentleman who visited Benton Barracks reports the greatest excitement among the troops there, amounting almost to a mutiny. The prize fighter "Billy Mulligan" escapes and the tyrant Fremont goes overboard. Fremont in a letter to a friend takes it greatly to heart. The Lincoln Government would do well to send Fremont on an exploring expedition near the Russian Possessions of North America, and let him draw maps and give details of that unknown region.

**A Suggestion.**

When the unknown Junius was scathing the King of Great Britain and his Ministers, Sir Philip Francis was shrewdly suspected of being the writer, whereupon he was given a fat Government office in India, and Junius ceased to write. Now, there are several editors and army correspondents who are playing Junius on a small scale, and we suggest to the Confederate Government, if there are any offices within its gift, fat or lean, to appoint them forthwith and their croaking against the Government and Generals will cease. They will then become quite loyal—find no fault.

We are amazed that so common sense a thought has not occurred to the Cabinet, unless they fear like the Fox in the fable that other hungry swarms may assault them.

**A Model Letter.**

Recently we received the following refreshing note from a Georgia brother, and insert it as worthy of imitation:—

My subscription to the S. W. B. is out. I had expected to stop it, owing to the financial crisis, but as the time for doing so drew near, my reluctance to give it up increased. So here is the needful for another year.

Your brother, W. L. K.

Gen. Price's report appears in this issue. The battle was fought by Missourians entirely. The gallantry of the Missouri troops is fully established, and they are rushing to Price by thousands. The Washington Star considers Missouri lost to the Federals since the battle of Lexington. Gen. Price is marching upon Booneville.

Some sapheaded controversialists affirm that the Jordan is so small that it is unfit for Baptismal purposes.—Lamartine in his "Travels in the East," says its ordinary "breadth is about one hundred and twenty feet."

In this number may be found very interesting war news. The telegram in regard to the battle of Lee and Rosecranz last week was incorrect. The news of this week may be relied upon. We shall give fuller details of our success on Santa Rosa Island. The affair was entirely satisfactory to the Confederates. Events of importance are fast transpiring, and prayer for success should be continually offered. There are rumors of a naval engagement at the mouth of the Mississippi, a great success to the Confederate fleet if true, of which we shall inform our readers next week.

**"Billy Mulligan."**

The Lincoln Government, like the Genii of Arabian fables, can metamorphose a common city prize fighter into a "gallant Col. Mulligan," for so the Republican press styles the Federal commander at Lexington, Mo. The fact is about to transpire, that this man whom they once termed "Billy Mulligan," is about to escape the general censure heaped upon the defeated Lincoln Generals. The reason must be, that there is such a similarity between the parties that it begets sympathy.—Here follows a brief sketch of "the gallant Mulligan" from the Richmond Enquirer:—

"SCUM UPPERMOST."—The "gallant Mulligan," as the New York Herald styles the commander of the late Yankee army at Lexington, is no less a personage than the notorious rowdy, "Bill Mulligan," who figured so largely in the police court of New York, last year. He was sent, we believe, to Sing Sing Penitentiary, for his disturbances of the peace of the city, and from that classic abode he was transferred to the command of a Lincoln column in Missouri.

The Herald called him plain "Bill Mulligan," twelve months ago—now he is the "gallant Mulligan" of that prostituted journal. It would be paying him a poor compliment to say that he is the peer of Bennett. We dare say that he is the best of the two, and bad enough at that.

**Information Wanted.**

Will some correspondent give the information desired below? We cannot. We see no reason why farming information should not be imparted through the S. W. Baptist:—

"Can you inform me, or any of your correspondents, how I may, through the winter, preserve some potato vines for early planting in the spring?" A SUBSCRIBER.

Will trenchers upon the hours of pastors read an article in this issue begging them, "Do not squander your pastor's time?" It is sincerely hoped that such will learn a salutary lesson from its perusal. While you read place the editor by the side of your pastor, and treat him in like manner. Pay what you owe him and then let him alone.

Two communications may be seen in this number from Rev. A. E. Dickinson, Superintendent of Colportage in Virginia, in one of which a statement is made which shows that Alabama is not inattentive to the spiritual wants of the soldiers in Virginia. We trust the liberality of the Baptists of the State will be greatly increased in the noble work of Army Colportage. The most cheering accounts are given of the good done by the distribution of bibles and testaments, books and tracts. We hope Bro. Dickinson will continue to give us facts.

A dispatch from Nashville, of Oct. 11th, says that Hon. J. C. Breckenridge and Wm. Preston had arrived there, having escaped arrest by the Lincolns. The Yankee Legislature at Frankfort, on the 2nd inst., instructed Senators Breckenridge and Powell to resign.—Their action was unnecessary as every Southern rights man of any note is leaving the State or taking refuge in the Confederate armies.

The cotton is safer at home than in market towns, and we advise farmers to store it away and abide time. A few months will develop the intentions of the enemy on our coasts, and whether it will be safe to send cotton to commercial ports. Besides, a better price will be given for it when transportation is safe. If sold now the price will be low.

Our neighbor, the Tuskegee Republican, has suspended "until the war is over, or until such time as that it can be published without a dead loss of more money than we have got to lose. If those who owe us would pay us up, we could go on with it; but as they will not we must stop."

Many patriotic papers are decrying bacon as a very unhealthy, scrofulous meat. Late finding it out. The fox berated the grapes when beyond his reach. We should be thankful for a few hundred pounds of the unhealthy article just now.

Our exchanges in their kindness are informing the good people of various substitutes for coffee. The fact is there is no substitute, as well educated coffee drinkers will inform them. Find the Philosopher's stone; invent the perpetual motion, then tell us of a "substitute for coffee."

To those especially who take a gloomy view of our losses by the war we refer them to an article on the first page, "Our Losses and Gains." It will bear a frequent perusal. The balance sheet is in favor of the war, after "setting one thing over against another."

The Governor of Alabama has issued his proclamation convening the Legislature of that State in extra session, to meet at Montgomery on the 28th inst.

**War Department.**

"Sumter," in the Charleston Courier of the 8th inst., says:—

Renewed vigor and industry characterize the War Department. The new Secretary, Mr. Benjamin, (let us hope he will be the permanent appointee) is just the man for the position. No one comes from an interview with him who does not speak in terms of wonder and admiration at his quickness of perception and promptness of decision. He dispatches more business in one hour than most men could accomplish in a day. Though he entered the Department comparatively unacquainted with its details, in a few days he has made himself thoroughly conversant with the whole scope and range of his duties as a War Minister. Mr. Benjamin is one of the most extraordinary men in America, and is almost indispensable to the Confederacy. No public man has a larger share of the confidence of the President.

One of the officers ordered to Western Virginia had a parting interview with Secretary Benjamin on Saturday:—"You must make up your mind, sir, to go through to the Kanawha, and occupy Charleston before winter. This Department is determined to render you every assistance to drive the enemy out, and it will not permit a failure."—This is the right language. It gives the soldiers confidence, and assures them that if they do their duty, they have an energetic Government to back them.

**THE SOUTHERN MONTHLY.**—The October number of this neat and interesting Southern publication is on our table.—This number contains a great variety of entertaining matter, together with a life-like likeness of President Davis. We call the attention of the ladies of the South to this publication—it is well worthy their patronage. Address Hutton & Freilich, Memphis, Tenn. Price \$2.00 per year.—Montgomery Mail.

We, too, have viewed this new candidate for public patronage in the literary world, have formed its acquaintance and are well pleased with its contents. The articles are well written, and the mechanical execution neat and tasty.—The editor promises further improvements, and, judging from the evidences he has given in the first number, he is capable of satisfying the most fastidious. We shall expect this Monthly to be a success. The location is admirable, for Memphis will be a great publishing city in future. When the South gains her independence, printing and publishing will take the lead of almost every enterprise. For the Gulf must be as impassable in publication as in legislation, and the South must provide for the intellectual wants of her citizens. The publishers of the Southern Monthly have done well in choosing Memphis as their place of publication. We heartily wish them success.

Rev. Wm. Howard.—This gentleman, having been appointed chaplain of the 5th Georgia Regiment, at Pensacola, left our town on the 2nd inst. for the scene of his labors. Mr. Howard has been pastor of the Baptist Church in Gainesville for nearly nine years, in which time he has gained the esteem of a large number of those with whom it has been his fortune to come in contact. The best wishes of the community attend him.—Gainesville Independent.

Read the "Receiver's Notice" in our advertising columns, as all are interested in the statements of the Receiver, P. T. Sayre.

**For the South Western Baptist.**

**Worthy of Imitation.**

**RICHMOND, VA., Oct. 3, 1861.**

BRO. TALIAFERRO: The appeal to your readers in behalf of the soldiers now in service in this State has not been in vain. Several brethren have responded sending liberal donations. I shall send you a list of the names and amounts for publication so that it may be seen who have given to this object. I wish now to call attention to the noble action taken by the church in Montgomery. So soon as the matter was brought to their attention, a church meeting was called to confer as to what was their duty. How interesting to see the disciples of Jesus at such a time taking counsel as to how they may do good to the brave men who now defend all we hold dear! It was soon determined to raise \$300 for the support of a colporteur among the soldiers from Alabama. How glad some of us here were on receiving the letter containing the resolution of the church and the first payment of \$100! We felt that surely the great heart of the Baptist family in the South was like ours and since we have felt more like toiling on in this responsible and arduous enterprise.

Are there not many other churches scattered through our glorious Confederacy, who might imitate the example of the church in Montgomery? Were the Baptists of this State able to do this work of themselves this appeal would not be made to the Baptists of Alabama. But the work is too great for us. Here are thrown among us not less than two hundred thousand soldiers from other States. We have seventy-five thousand of our own men on the tented field. Our churches are so weakened as in many instances to be compelled to give up their pastors being unable to support them. And yet the Baptists of Virginia will give this year not less than twelve thousand dollars to this object. May we not then with a good conscience appeal to the other States to aid us in taking care of their own men?

A. E. DICKINSON, Gen. Sept. Bapt. Col.

**REVIVALS.**—In Ireland, revivals are returning with all the power of 1859. Open air meetings are again resorted to as a means of grace. In many places in Scotland the Spirit of God is descending like a mighty rushing wind. In London, the decaying graces of the churches are revived, and sinners are pressing into the kingdom of Christ.

**For the South Western Baptist.**

**EVERGREEN, Oct. 1st, 1861.**

BRO. TALIAFERRO: I have been engaged for several months, embracing the summer past, in assisting pastors of churches in the counties of Conecuh, Butler, and Monroe, in their meetings. All have been pleasant and useful; some resulted in blessed revivals. Among all the churches there seems to be a prevailing spirit of humble and earnest prayer to our Heavenly Father for his converting grace and his almighty power to conquer the enemies of our Confederate Government. The universal spirit of war and patriotism is measuring its swelling magnitude upon a continuous scale of increasing capacity of heart and means. All hands seem to be turned to the great wheel of opportunity, gathering and grasping with the eagerness of ten thousand operatives what it rolls up to be done in its wanted rounds. Cards, spinning-wheels, and looms, constitute a part of the din and bustle of the busy scene. But this being only what these millions of united people are doing, swells the aggregate on such a grand scale that it inspires the most sanguine expectations of a hopeful future.

C. L. THORNTON.

**"Manufacturing clothing for the soldiers."**

**More Particulars of the Fight on Santa Rosa Island.**

We are enabled this evening to give a fuller account of the engagement of Tuesday night last on Santa Rosa Island, between the Confederates and Yankee troops. There are many rumors afloat in regard to the matter, but we endeavored to obtain the most reliable. Although it was a serious and bloody fight, there were many amusing incidents in the engagement, which we shall publish from time to time. There were some \$500 in gold and a watch taken by the soldiers from the tents of the officers, besides other valuables.—Many of Wilson's Zouaves were bayoneted while in their tents, and it must have been amusing to see the scamps escaping from the back part of their tents and our boys after them.

We were shown a letter taken from the pocket of one of the Zouaves. The envelope had on it a representation of a soldier holding in his hand the United States flag—his foot placed upon an anchor, with the inscription underneath, "Long may it wave." The letter was from an affectionate sister in New York to her brother—the one from whom it was taken. We understand that the person who took and read the letter, could not help feeling for the sister, for it seemed by the same that her whole affections were upon that brother, who now lies cold in the arms of death.

Capt. Mangham fully displayed the bravery and coolness for which he is everywhere characterized. He arrested three prisoners alone and unaided and marched them to the guard; and we would feel like doing injustice to a brave and noble man, did we not mention that Adjutant Black, of the 5th Georgia Regiment, arrested a Sergeant who was at the time Sergeant of the Guard, and had with him his report and used the very gun he took from his prisoner in making one or two more Yankees bite the dust.

Taking into consideration the disparity of our forces, being but about 1100, and the enemy over 2000, we are proud to say that we gained a most complete victory. We attacked them in their very dens—whipped them out, and destroyed their property. Their loss it is estimated, will quadruple ours.

The enemy every where is feeling our power; when they ask themselves the question, "can we subjugate the South?" the thousands of Yankee ghosts from the plains of Manassas answer—the groans of hundreds of wounded soldiers in their hospitals answer—the millions of orphans and widows wailing over the death of their fathers and husbands and begging for bread in the Northern streets, answer! When the South asks herself, "can we stand against the whole North?" the glorious victory of Manassas, and routs of the enemy at other places, answer—the whipping and routing from their very homes Billy Wilson and his pirates together with the regulars on Santa Rosa Island answer.

Then, Southerners, take courage. Go to battle now with renewed energy and courage, and ere long the last armed foe will be swept from Southern soil, and made to seek hiding places in Northern climes. But in all candor, we believe the enemy himself acknowledges the complete overthrow of his forces on Tuesday night, and this is only the beginning of the end.

From a communication received this morning, it seems as though several tents were fired at the same time, and it is hard to tell who fired the first tent. The communication says, "Capt. Hull, of the Irish Volunteers, fired the first tent, and that private Cheatham set fire to Col. Wilson's quarters."

We have some 9 killed, and 27 wounded. We have also over here two wounded Yankees. The wounded are all well cared for, and attended to with all the kindness of at home. They are treated by skillful physicians and we hope they may recover.

We learn from a reliable source, that Lieut. Slaughter went over under a flag of truce and brought back the dead of our side, who will be either decently interred here, or sent to their friends.

We cannot conclude this notice without referring to the indefatigable exertions of our ladies in behalf of the wounded soldiers. All day yesterday and night long, did they watch by the couches of the wounded soldiers, administering everything that could be

obtained for their comfort. This speaks volumes for our patriotic ladies, than whom there are none more willing or ready to do all they can for the Southern soldier.

**ANOTHER YANKEE FOOT ROSE—UNQUALLED BOTTOM AND SPEED—A VALUABLE LOT OF SUNDRIES LEFT IN OUR POSSESSION.**—The Norfolk Day Book of yesterday publishes an extract from a letter received in that city from Elizabeth City, N. C., giving the following satisfactory sequel to the capture of the Yankee steamer Fanny. The letter says:—

"Five steamers went to Chicamacomico, ran the Yankees twenty-two miles—took 31 prisoners—1,000 muskets—quantity of provisions—tents—5 field pieces and every thing else. Yankees even left shoes and stockings behind. Eight feet of water where they were at. Two ships at sea, three shot and sunk, and one burned. Four found dead. Col. Wright had his horse shot and then took the man that shot him prisoner, and told him he was a brave man. One Georgian dropped dead running double quick—our only loss. Charlie and Billy Glover were with them. 25 State Guards and 25 John Harneys. 10 hogheads bacon, beef, cheese and everything. Just think of the odds."

C. L. THORNTON.

**RELIGIOUS TRACTS.**—We are indebted to the Rev. A. E. Dickinson, General Superintendent of Baptist Colportage, for a recent publication of the Baptist Colportage Board, comprising a tract, entitled "A Mother's Parting Words to her Soldier Boy," and "Hymns for the Camp." The Baptists are exhibiting great zeal in supplying the army, thro' their publishing house in this city, with a vast number of religious tracts. The leisure of the camps affords an opportunity for reading which soldiers embrace with an avidity that persons employed in other occupations have little idea of. There probably never was before and never will be again, such an opportunity as that which now exists, of placing before the minds of the multitudes now in camp incentives to preparation for that life whose twilight shadows, heralding either the day-dawn or the darkness, seem ever hovering over the soldier's path.—Rich. Dispatch.

Rev. R. Deal's post office is Echo, Alabama, instead of Skipperville.

**Secular Intelligence.**

**Brilliant Naval Engagement.**

(Extract from the Montgomery Advertiser.)

A naval engagement began this morning at 3.45, at the head of the Passes, and lasted one hour. The fight was renewed again at nine o'clock.

The enemy's force is represented to have been about 40 guns and nearly 1,000 men, while our little mosquito fleet carried 16 guns and about 300 men. It is reported that the iron steamer sank the Rebel ship, and that the latter was captured and her crew sent to the city.

Commodore Hollins will arrive in this city at 9.30 this evening.

The following message from Commodore Hollins has been sent to the Naval Department at Richmond:—

**FORT JACKSON, Oct. 12, 2 P. M.**

Last night I attacked the blockaders with my little fleet, and succeeded, after a very short struggle, in driving them off all around on the Southwest Pass, except the Rebel ship, which I sunk. I captured a prize from them, and after I got them fast in the sand, I peppered them well. There were no casualties on our side. We have achieved a complete success.

**The Battle of Lexington.**

**Gen. Price's Official Report.**

**HEADQUARTERS MISSOURI STATE GUARD, CAMP WALLACE, LEXINGTON, MO., Sept. 23, 1861.**

To the Hon. Claiborne F. Jackson, Governor of the State of Missouri:—

I have the honor to submit to your Excellency the following report of the action which terminated on the 20th inst., with the surrender of the United States forces and property at this place, to the army under my command:—

After chastising the marauding armies of Lane and Montgomery, and driving them out of the State, and after compelling them to abandon Fort Scott, as detailed in my last report, I continued my march towards this point with an army increasing hourly in numbers and enthusiasm.

On the 10th inst., just as we were about to encamp for the day, a mile or two west of Rose Hill, I learned that a detachment of Federal troops and Home Guards were marching from Lexington to Warrensburg to rob the bank in that place, and plunder and arrest the citizens of Johnson county, in accordance with the proclamation and instructions of Gen. Fremont. My men were greatly fatigued by several days continuous and rapid marching, I determined to press forward so as to surprise the enemy if possible at Warrensburg. Therefore, after resting a few hours, we resumed march at sunset, and marched without intermission until two o'clock in the morning, when it became evident that the infantry, very few of whom had eaten a mouthful in twenty-two hours, could march no further. I then halted them, and went forward with the larger part of my mounted men till we came, about daybreak, within view of Warrensburg, where I ascertained that the enemy had hastily fled about midnight, burning the bridges behind them. The rain began to fall about the same time, and this circumstance, coupled with the fact that my men had been fasting for more than twenty-four hours, constrained me to abandon the idea of pursuing the enemy that day; my infantry and artillery having come up, we encamped at Warrensburg, where we remained until the morning, when we were ordered to march on to the city of Lexington, where we were to make a stand, as well as for a dining charge. I lay for fifty-two hours in the open air, without tents or covering, regardless of the sun and rain, and in the very presence of a watchful and hostile force, manfully repelling every assault, and patiently awaiting my orders to storm the fortifications. No General ever commanded a braver or better army. It is composed of the best of the men of Missouri.

Where nearly every officer and one who had so well as is known to your Excellency (who was present with the army during the whole period embraced in this report), it is impossible to make special mention of individuals, without seemingly making invidious distinctions. I am, therefore, permitted to express my personal obligations to our volunteers, as well as to my staff for their efficient service and prompt attention to all my orders.

I have the honor to be, Sir, With the greatest respect, Your Excellency's obedient servant, MAJ. GEN. CLAUDIUS R. PRICE.

**The Battle at Greenbrier River.**

The news by the Orange River fully confirmed the report of a heavy engagement having occurred on Thursday last, at Yeager's Greenbrier river, between our troops, under General Jackson, and the enemy, under Gen. Reynolds.

The account of the battle, as given in our issue of Saturday, is substantially correct, as stated by persons who participated in the battle. The enemy commenced the attack at 9 o'clock in the morning of Thursday, and gallantly maintained the contest until 12 m, when they were finally forced back with tremendous slaughter, and then commenced a precipitate retreat. Our forces numbered 4,000 or 5,000, and the enemy was supposed to be from 5,000 to 6,000 strong. Three hundred died they were as often driven back with heavy loss, supposed to be at least 1,000 to 1,200 in killed and wounded. Gen. Jackson's men were securely entrenched behind strong breastworks, and suffered but very little loss, estimated at not more than forty or fifty in all.

The regiments which took part in the fight were the 18th and 12th Georgia, 23d, 31st and 44th Virginia, Col. A. L. Hammons' Virginia battalion, and Col. Baldwin's regiment, which latter came up after the battle had lasted some time. Our troops bore themselves most gallantly and with a fierce cannonade, and a perfect







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My Dear... You have now entered  
on scenes that are very new to  
you. It is my prayer to God that,  
in His mercy to us and all the people  
of our formerly united country, He  
would speedily give us peace again.  
But if this is not to be, I hope  
you will, with good resolution, go on  
in the discharge of what seems to be  
your duty and what you have now  
taken upon you, in the service of your  
country, through whatever hardships  
and danger it may lead you.

While you will not, as I believe,  
shrink from any position of danger to  
which you may, in duty be called, I  
trust that your life and health will be  
preserved. There is often more danger  
from causes of disease, than from the  
missiles of the battlefield. I do not  
think it worth while for a person to  
be all the time thinking and fearing  
about the danger of getting sick. But  
it is well enough to guard against  
needless, or extreme exposure of  
health. And, using proper prudence,  
a person will generally become invigorated  
by the endurance. But the far  
greatest danger to any one going  
into camp life, I should think, is the  
risk of injury to his morality and  
virtue. I trust that there will be an  
unusual amount of good influences  
thrown around our precious young  
men in our present army. But still,  
it will not probably be with you, as  
it was at your home. Your parents  
and older kindred, and most of your  
Christian friends will be absent from  
you. Even the quiet of the Sabbath  
will be disturbed by the drum and  
the bugle—the sacred hours sometimes  
all consumed on the march, or amid  
the excitements of battle itself. Ah! how  
little will many a gallant, but  
careless young man then think of the  
God of the Sabbath—the God of his  
home?

Great injury may come from another,  
and a somewhat innocent cause. I do  
not know whether ardent spirits will  
be a part of your rations, or how far  
service in the field will have the opportunity  
of getting it. But you will  
apparently, a good excuse for  
using it to contract the effect of  
exposure to cold, or dampness, or night-  
air. You will seem to have the stronger  
reason for it, if at any time you  
should not have coffee to drink. The  
use of ginger, or Cayenne pepper, or  
the common Red, as a warm tea or in  
some other form, will often answer a  
very good purpose in the necessities  
referred to, or as a counteractive of  
tendencies to bowel diseases. But the  
best guards against chilliness and its  
effects are a good fire, change of  
clothing, and a warm blanket; and  
against fatigue, sleep, and rest, as soon  
as you can get it. To eat heavily or  
to stimulate one's self strongly by  
drink, when we are exhausted by labor,  
is sometimes injurious, instead of  
being beneficial. And will it not be  
better, a great deal, to do without  
the strong drink, except where in extreme  
cases a surgeon would order it as  
a medicine—than to run the risk of  
becoming a drunkard by using it  
whenever a person is a little wet or a  
little cold? Many a man fights for  
his liberties and rights, and in gallant  
campaigns wins renown for himself  
and his country, who is yet a slave  
to the love of drink, or some other  
vicious appetite, and dies at last like  
a dog. As to the use of intoxicating  
beverages, I have been most of my  
life very abstemious, and now for  
many years a total abstinence man;  
and, though I set out in life with a true  
delicate constitution it is certainly  
that I have outlived a large part of  
my college and school companions,  
who were more robust, but indulged  
more freely in that way. The celebrated  
J. J. Audubon, in his explorations  
to get the materials of his magnificent  
work on "American Birds," traveled  
amid cold and heat, wet and dry,  
spending days and nights among the  
swamps of the South, and enjoyed  
good health all the time, being a  
total abstinence man, and I believe a  
temperate and careful man in his diet.  
And you are yourself, I have no doubt  
acquainted with the fact, now so well  
proved by experience all over the  
country, that our hands in harvest do  
more work, and with better health,  
than they used to do with the help of  
the "firewater." For myself I would  
rather, by a great deal, take some  
risk to health, than that of dying a  
slow death from large observation, I  
have no hesitation in saying that temperance  
men are, so far as health is  
concerned, the fact, the most healthy  
of men.

So many are thrown  
here in camp, the  
atmosphere is  
of temptation. Every  
one contains at least  
a few men for loose prin-  
ciples, in one or more  
of them. And it is generally  
these characters who are  
most profane, drinking,  
and obscene, than the  
others are in showing them  
the right side. A young  
man who ought to be, must  
learn to make up his own mind, pursue  
his own course, and his own mind, so to  
speak. He must learn to say "no,"  
and to be firm. Nay,  
more, it is proper, it is his duty,  
to avow the principles of virtue which  
he holds, and to endeavor to impress  
them on the minds of those around  
him. If the pious and the steady  
men of the army would act this  
way, they could not only escape evil  
themselves, but be the means of doing  
good to the souls of their young  
companions. More persons feel  
more than all the  
in the evils  
of the army.

represent-  
...of \$10,000, he will  
...as if his capital were in gold.  
It would appear, then, that any  
man who would reckon up his invest-  
ments, must, to what he has in lands,  
cattle, implements, etc., add at least  
\$1,000 for every mature child he has  
raised; and if he has added to the  
child a good education, he has changed  
this otherwise unprofitable invest-  
ment into a fortune of not less than  
\$10,000. Now, every principle of  
commercial economy would dictate  
that we should add a little investment  
if we can thereby save the whole; and  
much more readily should we do it if  
we can turn the whole into the most  
profitable of all investments. And  
what investment is there which will  
pay as well brain, mind, and education  
combined?

ARE WE READY TO SUFFER?—We  
have been preparing throughout our  
entire country for the most vigorous  
activity. Are we also spiritually  
prepared to suffer? That some of us  
shall lose our loved ones in battle or  
on march, is unquestionable. We  
must be ready to endure the hours of  
affliction. Before the rights of the  
South shall be admitted and our inde-  
pendence acknowledged, we shall  
have to lay many of our young and  
noble on the altar of our country.—  
This is a sad task and a great trial  
to Christian faith, and yet by the  
grace of God we will say, "None of  
these things move me." Let us culti-  
vate the spirit of self-denial—endure  
hardness as good soldiers, and be  
ready to enter the "future of fire" at  
the bidding of the All-wise and mer-  
ciful God. Though we perish on  
temptation, as well as other kinds of  
danger, is not this a most powerful  
reason for seeking divine grace?  
What else is there that can surely  
preserve you from evil—from all evil?

History affords us examples to  
show that true and ardent piety  
may go along with military life, and  
a high soldierly spirit. We read in  
Scripture of Moses, Joshua, David,  
Jehoshaphat and others, who were  
great Generals and successful  
warriors, and yet men of eminent  
godly character. (See particularly  
the account in 1 Samuel, chap. xvii,  
also 2 Chron. chap. xx.) Two Roman  
captains mentioned in the New Testa-  
ment seem to have been men of uncom-  
mon piety. (See Matt. x. 1 to 10 ver-  
ses Luke vii. 1-10, especially verses 4, 5  
and 24 and 22.) The Roman mentioned  
Acts xiii. 7, as a convert, was proba-  
bly a military, as well as civil officer,  
as most of the Roman governors were.

And beside other instances men-  
tioned in history, I might refer to Col.  
Gardner, of the British army, who was  
as devoted a Christian, as he was a  
brave and accomplished gentleman.  
His life was written by Dr. Dod-  
dridge. Commodore Macdonough of  
the American navy was a pious man,  
and assembled the men of his  
ownership for prayers on the morning  
of the battle and victory on Lake  
Champlain, (in our last war with  
Great Britain.) The interesting biog-  
raphy of Headley Vickers, a captain in  
the British army, and one of the her-  
oes of Sebastopol, shows a fine in-  
stance of the union of chivalrous brava-  
ry, and exalted, honorable and  
gentlemanly character, with humble,  
earnest devotion and active piety.—  
May the same thing be true of you  
and many of our brave young volun-  
teers! I hope that a new feature  
in this war will be the influence which  
religion is to exert over the armies.  
But, at any rate remember that, in  
the great matter of God and your  
soul's salvation, you are to stand or  
fall for yourself. "Every one of us  
shall give an account of himself to  
God." Let me urge you to ascribe to  
be known as one who does read it.—  
Take time, by day or night, to look  
over some portion of your Sabbath  
time in this way, when "off duty."—  
And do not omit to bend your knees  
daily before God, seeking through  
the Saviour, forgiveness of sins, the  
renewing power of the Spirit, and  
grace to serve your Maker and benefit  
those around you. Thus, when far  
away from your home and those who  
most love you, and even in the midst  
of danger and hardships, you will be  
safe, happy and heaven-blessed. You  
will, if spared, in future years, remem-  
ber your camp life with pleasure  
and gratitude to God; and many of  
those now around you will, in their  
after days, cherish the recollection of  
your conduct and example, and yield  
their thanks also to God for having  
given them, in you, such a friend and  
companion in arms.

Believe me most sincerely your  
friend.—Central Presbyterian.

Cost of a Man.  
The average cost, with interest, of  
raising a man to the age of twenty-  
one, will equal \$1,000. This is  
invested—what is the investment  
worth? It will cost \$100 a year to  
support him. To this add a mind,  
and in what an extraordinary ratio  
has the person's value been raised!  
He can now earn, suppose \$500 a  
year; that equals \$400 above the  
value of the idiot, which is to be set  
down to the credit of mind.

Now, add education, perfecting  
him from birth to maturity, and what  
can he earn? Is \$1000 a year too  
much to allow? This is \$600 more  
than the uneducated man is allowed;  
and how highly must we rate the  
expense of education? It could not  
average \$700, which therefore yields  
100 per cent. People usually count  
the cost of growth and sustenance of  
the body as part of the expense of  
education; but this should never be  
done. Perhaps the following table  
will present the truth in a conspicuous  
manner:

Body cost up to 21 years	\$1,000
Education up to 21 years	1,000
Body cost after that—per year	700
Education after that—per year	300
Mind costs after that—per year	300
Education after that—per year	1,000

It is also to be noticed, that the  
uneducated man is more valuable in  
middle age than in advanced years;  
but the educated man grows more  
valuable as years increase, so that

nal was once asked what was the first  
step that led to his ruin, when he an-  
swered:  
"The first step was cheating an  
editor. When I had done that the  
devil took such a hold of me that I  
could not shake him off."

THE FAMILY OF TEMPERANCE.—Tem-  
perance is the father of health, cheerfulness,  
and old age. Drunkenness has  
so large a family that I cannot remem-  
ber the names of one-half of them.—  
How ever, disease, debt, dishonor,  
destruction, and death are among  
them.

Domestic Economy,  
Eight Reason for Planting an  
Orchard.  
1. Dr. Dwight used to remark to  
his pupils, at Yale, that the raising  
of fruit was the cheapest and pleas-  
antest way of entertaining one's  
friends. We are creatures of society,  
and it is a very important object to  
make the social board attractive to  
all who honor us with their friend-  
ship. A dish of well-grown apples  
is always wholesome and accepta-  
ble.

2. An orchard is an ornament to  
the farm, beautiful in its spring blossoms,  
its summer drapery of green,  
and its autumn burden of yellow and  
ruddy fruit. No farm is complete  
without its acres of orchard.

3. The cultivation of fruit is a very  
pleasant occupation, and has an  
important influence upon the mind  
and heart of the cultivator. It re-  
quires higher intelligence than the  
annual crops. It fosters foresight and  
hopeful temper.

4. It makes home attractive—child-  
ren are universally fond of fruit,  
and the home where this luxury is  
always enjoyed, will be more loved  
on that account. It will be in pleas-  
ant contrast with many homes around  
them.

5. It will tend to guard children  
against vice and crime. So strong is  
the desire for the fruit, that they may  
steal it if it be not provided for them  
at home. And the boy that grows  
up plundering his neighbor's fruityard  
and orchard, is very likely to steal  
more valuable things when he becomes  
a man.

6. It is a very sure investment.—  
An apple-tree, if well planted, is  
about as hardy as an oak, and sure  
to bear fruit according to the labor  
bestowed upon it. When houses burn  
up, banks fail, and railroad stocks  
depreciate, the orchard will yield  
dividends.

7. It is not only a sure investment  
for yourself, but for your children.—  
No man can inherit his inheritance  
likely to be so permanently valuable.  
An orchard in good soil will bear  
fruit for a hundred years.

8. It is a perpetual incitement to  
thanks giving to the bountiful Creator.  
It yields its burden of precious  
fruit year after year, giving large re-  
turns for the labors of the husband-  
man, and calling him to behold the  
wisdom and goodness of Providence.  
Do not fail to plant that long-deferred  
orchard, and while you are about it,  
select good material for fruit. The  
best is the cheapest. —American Agri-  
culturist.

Dogwood Bark vs. Quinine.  
The government has stopped the  
supply of quinine for the South, hop-  
ing our soldiers will die the more  
rapidly of disease. The inside bark  
of the dogwood root is almost as  
good a tonic as quinine, and before  
the latter came in use dogwood bark  
"tea" was a very common remedy  
with Southern people in the country  
for the cure of ague and fever, chills,  
etc. We were once cured of the old  
fashioned shaking ague by the use of  
this tea, in a short time. The dog-  
wood tree is universal at the South,  
and familiar to all by the large white  
blossoms it bears in Spring. Tons  
of the bark can be obtained in a few  
weeks and dried for use. Dig up the  
roots, wash, scrape off the outer  
bark, then peel the rind from the wood.

Boneset, wild cherry, snake root,  
etc., are excellent tonics, and all to  
be obtained in the South in abun-  
dant. The woods and fields teem  
with remedies to cure maladies, and  
millions of people have been made  
whole, without tasting one imported  
drug. Let the government advertise  
for these remedies, if the imported  
kinds have become scarce or cannot  
be obtained, meanwhile the people  
might furnish them as donations.—  
The common peach tree will furnish  
a purgative or an emetic, as the de-  
coction is made strong or weak from  
the bark, and the "old ladies" former-  
ly used it in the place of calomel and  
tartar.—Iredell Express.

HOG CHOLERA.—Mr. Editor.—  
Learning that the destructive epidem-  
ic known as Hog Cholera, I will give  
a recipe which has been very success-  
ful in Phillips county, Ark., in stay-  
ing this dreaded disease.

Take one peck of wet meal and  
stir in a teaspoonful of arsenic for  
every twenty hogs, and scatter the  
meal thinly on a plank or on the  
ground, and let the hogs to it. The  
dose should be repeated about twice  
in six days.

I have seen the hogs in Arkansas  
dying at the rate of thirty to forty  
per day, and when this remedy was  
resorted to, it immediately stayed  
the disease, and the hogs that had  
taken the arsenic became healthy, shed  
off and began to prosper.—Florence  
Gazette.

A lady correspondent sends a re-  
cipe for making rice-gruel, a very  
nourishing decoction for the sick:

Take four tablespoonful of rice-  
flour, dissolved as you would arrow-  
root, and pour it in one quart of boil-  
ing water; let it boil twenty minutes;  
add one pint of sweet milk; sweeten  
to suit taste.

Red pepper is essentially necessary  
for our troops in Virginia during the  
winter. It should be carefully pre-  
served by all who wish to minister to  
the comfort and health of our forces  
in the field, ground up, and packed in  
bags, boxes or kegs.

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