

Had this been the case the Kings of England must have forever subjugated Scotland—the United States could never have gained their independence—and Napoleon must have been successful in his Russian Campaign. "There is nothing saved by the multitude of an host." Certain it is that success can only be obtained by such sacrifices, as one year ago it would have been deemed incredible that any nation would have undertaken, and which must cause wide spread financial embarrassment. We have seen it stated on what professes to be good authority, that the debt of the United States is now over a thousand millions of dollars, and that the expenditure is now going on at the rate of three millions a day. The result of this, if the war continue six months longer, cannot be otherwise than disastrous. Then when success is achieved, how are the Southerners to be brought to such a state of reconciliation, that they will voluntarily unite with their Northern brethren to live together under the Constitution. It has been well known that a very bitter feeling has been growing up for years between North and South, particularly on the part of the latter. This has increased since the war began, and should the North succeed in their present undertaking, what else can we expect than that the humiliation of defeat must render so proud a people as the Southerners more rancorous in their animosity than ever. But the issue is with God. The Lord reigneth and he will bring all things to an issue worthy of himself.

To us who are in a great measure beyond the reach of these troubles, we would say that there is a loud call to gratitude to the God and giver of all good. Our fields are not desolated by invading armies—our sons are not called to go forth to war—there are no widows and orphans among us, mourning the loss of their beloved on the gory battle field—our trade is only partially affected, and we enjoy freedom with security of life and property. "Bless the Lord O our soul and forget not all his benefits." But let us not be high minded. It is easy to look at the faults of our neighbours, but we are too apt to do it in the spirit of self-righteousness, saying, "Stand by for I am holier than thou" There is sufficient guilt among us to bring upon us sore judgments, were it not that the Lord is very pitiful. "It is of the Lords mercies that we are not consumed." "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish."

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### GOSPEL SUPPORT.

Other denominations as well as our own feel that the most difficult problem before them is the due support of the Gospel. How can a competent stipend be secured to all our ministers? How can ministers be supported and Churches built in the poor and thinly settled districts where there is little wealth and less will to contribute? We must not be the Church of the middle or upper classes, who are able and willing to build Churches and pay stipends. If we deserve the name of a Church at all we must "preach glad tidings to the poor;" we must send the Gospel where there is no demand for it; plant ministers where an ignorant and degraded population does not desire their services, however much more those services may be needed.

We have said that other denominations as well as our own are grappling with this subject. We have before us a Circular issued by a Committee of the "Reformed Presbyterian Church in America," appointed "to take into