

made to bend to this great purpose, and while under the influence of humanity and Christian benevolence, we may commiserate the condition of the ruined rebels, once in fraternity with ourselves, but now—should the case occur—despoiled of all that makes the world dear to them, we must be, at the same time, constrained to feel that the retribution has been self-inflicted, and must add—*Fiat justitia ruat cælum.*

Resolved, *Sixthly*—That we have great confidence in Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, and his Cabinet, and in the commanders of our armies and our navy, and the valiant men of this republic, prosecuting a holy warfare under their banners; and we bless God that he has stood by them, and cheered them on in what we trust will ever stand as the darkest days of our country's humiliation, and crowned them with many signal victories. Knowing that ultimate success is with God alone, we will ever pray that the last sad note of anarchy and misrule may soon die away, and the *old flag of our country*, radiant with stripes and brilliant with stars, may again wave over a great, undivided, and happy people.

Resolved, *Seventh*—That we here, in deep humility for our sins and the sins of the nation, and in heartfelt devotion, lay ourselves with all we are and have on the altar of God and our country, and we hesitate not to pledge the Churches and Christian people under our care as ready to join with us in the same fervent sympathies and united prayers that our rulers in the cabinet, and our commanders in the field and on the waters, and the brave men under their leadership, may take courage, under the assurance that the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES is with them, in heart and hand—in life and effort—in this fearful, existing conflict.

### The American Sunday School Union.

No Society in this country has done a better work. All its publications are such as Christians of all denominations and communions can use, for they contain the great doctrines in which all Christians are agreed. In fact, this Society is a great common fountain of living waters for all the youth of all the churches, and fills a place in every sense its own. The following *resume* of its doings last year may interest the readers of the *News of the Churches* :—

"From March 1, 1861, to March 2, 1862, the whole number of persons holding the commission of the American Sunday School Union, and acting as missionaries under its direction, has been 64.

"One thousand and seventy-five new schools have been organized, and three thousand two hundred and fifty-five visited and aided. By this labour the influence of our

missionaries has been brought to bear on some 30,000 teachers, and upwards of 250,000 children. Add to this the religious influence of 22,000 visits to families; several thousand public addresses on parental duty and religious education, and the distribution of hundreds of thousands of Bibles and Testaments, library and text-books, and periodicals, and we have the basis of an estimate of the value of such an agency in those districts where it is principally employed."

In addition to all this, the Society has done much in the way of organizing Sunday Schools, or rather Bible-classes, in the army, and supplying the soldiers with interesting religious reading.

There are at least 40,000 Sunday Schools in the United States, 400,000 teachers (comprising many of the most distinguished Christian men and women in our country), and 3,000,000 of pupils, among whom are many persons of adult age. On this subject I could say many things if it were necessary. I consider the Sunday Schools of this land one of its brightest glories. It is a remarkable testimony of our military officers in the present war, that many of the best soldiers in our armies are those who have been trained in the Sunday School.

### Bazaars.

LAST month has been eminently a month of Bazaars—not only in connection with our own Church, but with other denominations all over the Province. Their success has been very gratifying. That at New Glasgow, which was got up in order to procure heating apparatus for the Church there, realized the handsome sum of £100.

The Bazaar at Truro—whose object was the very laudable one of paying off some debt incurred in the erection of a new Church in the village in connection with the Church of Scotland—cleared, we have been informed, the sum of \$500.

A Tea Meeting was also held the other day, for a similar purpose, at the thriving village of River John, and the very handsome sum of £31 was realized by the spirited promoters of the undertaking.

The Charlottetown Bazaar, which was expected to be a very "tall" affair indeed, came off this week, but we have not yet heard the results, but we trust to be able to inform our readers before going to press. The proceeds, we understand, are to be divided between the Churches at Charlottetown and Georgetown, for some special objects.

ST. PETER'S ROAD TEA.—This tea in aid of the funds of St. Columba's Kirk, which was purposed to be held on Thursday last, owing to the inclemency of the weather, came off yesterday instead. The place chosen was very suitable, being a beautiful shady