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Special Notice to Subscribers!!! It is now three years since we commenced to publish this paper on the cash system by requiring payment in advance.

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The Deepest Wound.

One of the most discreet and judicious christian writers of the present age has said—"Our richest inheritance is a good name. To a man in private life it is his comfort and joy; to a man in professional or public life it is his capital, his all.

Now there is nothing that pierces so deep into the soul as slander, "whose breath outvenoms all the worms of Nile." The robber may take my purse, but he has taken only trash, which was mine, is his, and has been the slave of thousands.

The following considerations are consoling under circumstances such as the foregoing. 1. God will ultimately take care of a man's character, and give him the reputation which he ought to have.

Minutes of Conference.—The minutes of our recent General Conference are published and will all be mailed to day.

Appointments.—Rev. R. French will be at Lincoln the last Sunday in August at eleven o'clock, A. M., and at the Mouth of Oromocto, 3 o'clock P. M. the same day.

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At a large and influential Meeting called in New York, by the Young Men's Christian Association, to provide for the spiritual wants of the sick and wounded soldiers in the Army at and near Washington, the Rev. E. Pierce, chaplain to 71st N. Y. Regiment, who was in the battle at Bull's Run, addressed the assembly.

The New York Observer again says:— "We are sending three hundred thousand of our fellow-citizens into the field, and if they are to be used as instruments of politicians, if they are to be hurried into destruction at the demand of party newspapers when our old and sagacious generals protest that the time has not come for the advance, then we say, and we shall be sustained by the country when we say, it is better far that our armies were disbanded and peace on any terms, than to manage as they are doing."

FIGHTING ON THE SABBATH.

The more thoughtful religious people of the North attribute the sad defeat at Bull's Run to a judgment from God for making an attack on the Sabbath.

The Americans commenced the battle of Monmouth on the Sabbath and were worsted. The British began the engagement on Lake Champlain on the day of God, and were completely overwhelmed.

The Crisis and its Demands. "A New Jersey Elder" writes to the N. Y. Observer a most excellent article under this heading, in which, in our opinion he takes a correct view of the Nation.

God evidently has a controversy with us, and is afflicting and punishing us for our national sins, as he so often did his chosen people for theirs, in whose history there is very much from which we may now derive most profitable lessons.

OUR SINS. But alas, how numerous, how aggravated, how heaven-daring have been our sins! Corruption official and private, in high places and low, extending to all ranks and classes, more especially those whose position should teach them better.

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General Intelligence.

Domestic. DREADFUL ACCIDENTS.—The dead body of a man named Thomas Burke, was found in Dixon's Ship, York Point, yesterday morning and it is suspected he did not meet death accidentally.

Yester-day morning about ten o'clock while loading a scow from McAvity's Wharf, Lower Cove, Mr. Charles Ramsay, a stevedore, of Portland, was severely crushed by the falling of a pile of deals.

Yester-day afternoon about 2 o'clock the whole of the masts of the Bark "Pilgrim," which lie on the blocks in Pettingill's Slip, where she is being rigged, suddenly broke near the butt and fell killing a young man named Richard Mahoney and two girls about 13 years of age named Toole and Kelly.

In addition to these sad accidents a sailor named Barnes fell overboard from the ship Augusta Jessie Sutherland, while fixing the anchor on Monday forenoon, and was drowned in spite of the efforts made to save him.

Another serious accident occurred on Sunday last. Mrs. Howe, wife of John Howe, Esq., Post Master, was thrown from her carriage on her way to church, and received very serious injuries.

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On the morning of Friday week at 5 1/2 o'clock we left for Tangier in the Neptune. The day was fine and we had a good view of the shore, the islands, and the harbors all along the Eastern coast until we reached Jeddore, when the fog set in, preventing our voyage by about an hour by the increased caution requisite in making our way through the island's scattered through Shoal Bay.

There is no wharf where the steamer can touch, but on our arrival a number of small boats came off and landed us at a rate of two for 7d. We at once proceeded to the diggings, distant about three quarters of a mile. There is a tolerably good road all the way. There are from 130 to 150 tons, log cabins on the bank of the diggings. All the men we saw were steady, hard working people. They work on their own claims in companies of from three and four to eight and ten.

With regard to the prospects for the future we can say that nothing definite is yet known to any body, but that the miners seem pretty confident, and contented with their lot. Their hopes seem to be built on the quantities of quartz they have secured and carefully stowed away.

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