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That is a revival in name only which does not increase righteousness in the community.

It behoves all Christians to make and preserve a clean record in their attitude towards the liquor traffic. When, for any reason, a Christian allows himself to assist the traffic, or to refrain from opposing it, he is playing into the hands of the enemy of God and men. Stand straight.

Ninety-four different volumes have been issued up to date in the Moody Colportage Library, their combined circulation being 3,154,899. They include six books in Swedish, four in Danish-Norwegian, three in German, and one has recently been added in Spanish to meet the call for Gospel literature in Spanish.

The editor of the New York Observer, who has been making a tour through England, reports that "all over England the churches in the towns and villages are well attended, and the Lord's day is not a holiday. He thinks these conditions indicate that England's heart of oak remains sound."

Speaking of the recent refusal of Dr. Lormier to have \$1000 a year added to his salary, and to the case of the late Rev. D. J. Macdonell, of Toronto, who declined an increase of salary, the Canadian Baptist says, and very truly, that "the gospel minister, it will be found, is as a general rule, more unselfish and self-denying than the average man in any other walk of life."

The week beginning next Sunday is set apart as a week of prayer for missions. The churches throughout the United States and Canada are asked to observe it. The recommendation is made by the conference of Missionary Boards which met in New York two or three weeks ago. The missionary situation is one of great need everywhere; and it is hoped that all Christians will wait before the Lord in prayer for the cause and the missionaries.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Free Baptist Conference of New Brunswick has, as instructed by the Conference at the recent session, made application for the registration of all the ordained ministers of the denomination resident in the Province, as required by the Act Relating to the Solemnization of Marriage, enacted at the last session of the Legislature, and which comes into effect November 1st. The names will appear in due time in the Royal Gazette.

The Protestant movement in Austria has reached such proportions that the Professors of the Protestant Theological faculty at the University of Vienna have issued an appeal to parents, pastors and students to consider the need of more Protestant native pastors. Over forty ministers have come from Germany; but still there is need of more, and Austrian Protestant students of all classes in society are urged to consider the peculiar claims of the ministry now upon them.

That the new Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, has been opened free from debt is said to be due in a considerable degree to the widow of the church's great pastor, C. H. Spurgeon. She has been an invalid for a quarter of a century, and is a frail old lady. But she held a remarkable reception one day in the interests of the church. For two hours people, glad to call on her, passed her chair,

each one handing her a sealed envelope. When the reception was ended, \$30,000 was found in the pile of envelopes by her side. By mail \$6,500 more came in.

Prof. Cyrus Jordan, who has been assistant editor of the Morning Star (Free Baptist) for nearly twenty years, is to retire from the position at the end of this month. His retirement, which is much regretted by the editor, Dr. Brickford, and will be much regretted by the readers of the Star to whom he has addressed himself so helpfully for so many years, is, the editor says, "the latest consequence of what a Western Baptist paper has described as an increasing tendency on the part of the churches to let the religious, denominational papers 'take care of themselves.'" "This, however," he adds, "the denominational papers can never do. They must be sustained by the churches or—godown."

AFTER CONFERENCE.

"A good Conference," was the universal verdict of the delegates, clerical and lay, who attended the session at Hampstead. The chilly, relentless rain could not chill the enthusiasm, nor dampen the ardour of workers' visitors. The preaching was spiritual and earnest. The Conference on Saturday was one to convince the most skeptical that the men and women there were of a "royal line, the children of the King."

The business meetings were harmonious. The brethren when they differed in opinion, did so in love. To attend every meeting, be on time at the roll call, and take one's share of the work, is something of a tax, on energy and vitality. Some do this, and have done it for many years. One brother has attended fifty-nine Conferences, and has seldom missed a roll call. Sometimes this cannot be done; there is committee work and the like; besides, when one's home is at a distance, and he has to depend on others for conveyance, he cannot always be on time.

A general Conference is in some respects like a Parliament. Some members never speak to any motions; but they vote, and do that eloquently some times. Less than half the members do all the talking. Sometimes the talkers feel that they talk too much, as their listeners do, and promise themselves that they will have less to say next Conference. But generally, like old toppers, they fall from grace before the session is half over. Sometimes a delegate attends only one Conference in a life time; and, feeling that he lacks both experience and speaking ability, he votes only; but does that quite as intelligently as the delegate who speaks.

There are members of Conference—and they have been members for years, who are seldom heard to speak. Some are shy and diffident, and although they have "thoughts that breathe," they have no "words that burn." If the young man does not outgrow his diffidence, or if he does, and still sits on the back seat, he is apt to grow hypercritical, and if he is not very, very good and careful, he comes to sit in "the seat of the scornful;" and he button-holes his neighbour and tells him that the speaker "likes to hear himself talk," or "he thinks he knows it all" &c. And then the last and hopeless stage is reached when he talks of "cliques" and "rings."

Yes, the man who talks much is very apt to get to be a bore, but the man who "muses until the fine burns," and does not talk, is very apt to let the fire burn where it will do more harm than good. The man who has something to say will always find appreciative hearers when he says it.

"IS THY GOD ABLE?"

We are accustomed to look upon Daniel as the friend of Darius the king; and such was he truly. And so, the question of the king, asked in the early morning, at the mouth of the den of lions into which Daniel had been cast on the previous evening was one of personal interest on the part of a sincere friend as to the life or death of one whose life was in jeopardy. But was that all there was in the king's question? Surely not. Daniel was not only the friend of Darius, but at the same time and in a far more important sense, he was the representative of God and of the Jewish religion. The king's question was not more concerned with Daniel's life or death than with the ability of Daniel's God to deliver His servant from the lion's mouth. All the night long the king had tossed upon his bed; sleep forsook him; his thoughts troubled him. Many a time he had listened to Daniel's word commending his religion and his God. Now came the time when all questions and troublesome thoughts might be settled. The king knew that his gods could not save

from raging lions. Daniel had asserted his full confidence in the ability of his God to save, even under these circumstances. Could He do it? was the question. The king's heart was the battle-ground of fierce conflict; light and darkness, truth and error strove for victory. What if there had come no answer to the question save the fierce roar of the hungry lions? Back into the dark night of heathenism had gone the king and his people. But Daniel's God was able. The challenge of the king was met by the response, "My God, O King, is able." And as a result there went forth the edict, "He is the living God."

Daniel was not more the representative of God than we who are called by the name of His Son—Christians. All about us are those who do not have the same faith in God as do we. Here and there is one anxious to ascertain the true condition of affairs. They are looking on deeply concerned in our actions. And so it happens that when the Christian church, or the individual Christian, is placed in a trying position the cry comes from all around us, "Is thy God able?" What important results depend upon the issue.

In the world envy, jealousy, strife, contention are ever at work, and the devotees of the world are not easily kept from their power. Once in a while the eye of the world is turned in upon the church. Is the God of the church able to deliver His people from these evil passions? If in the church of God there is evidence of the same spirit that rules the world, if the church is rent and torn with contention and strife, why should the man who longs for rest and peace of mind come into the church? Why should he become a Christian?

The principles and faith of our blessed religion are not so much the study of the enquirer as are the lives of the representatives of this faith. Oh, how important that the church be able to answer the challenge of the world as did Daniel.

If statesmen, lawyers, doctors, merchants, tradesmen, parents, teachers, students, who hold membership in the Christian church, and represent a God for whom the claim is made that He is able to keep from the sins and evils that work such terrible havoc in the lives of men, belie by their conduct and actions the profession they have made, there can be but one result—the unsettling of faith in the church and in the church's God.

We are now in the midst of a hot political contest. Through these days of strife, on the platform and in the committee room, everywhere are ranged side by side Christians and unbelievers. On election day, in and about the polling booths, will meet men who hold office and membership in the Christian church and men who have no regard for God or His laws, and who are not bound by conscience or covenant. All are equally anxious for the success of party and candidate. Money, rum, intimidation and flattering promise will be much in evidence as a sad fact that all must admit. Through whose hands will the bribes pass, and into whose hands will they come? It is a testing time. The lions are abroad, eager for prey. The Christian elector will be the centre of much attention. The world looks on. The unuttered challenge of the kingdom of darkness is, "Is thy God able?" What will be the answer? How important the issues of that answer.

In the name of God and of the church and of religion, let us each be true. Every man has a right to his individual preference, and owes his country a duty. Do not avoid the contest for fear of the lions, but enter into it, trusting in Christ for deliverance. And when the smoke of the conflict shall have passed away, may it have been proven that the Christian's God is able to keep His people even in the midst of a political contest in Canada.

F. CLARKE HARTLEY. Ft'on Oct. 17th, 1900.

CHRIST OUR PILOT.

REV. THEODORE CUYLER. "Jesus, Saviour, pilot me!" is one of the most beautiful contributions to hymnology by any American hand during this generation. Its author was the Rev. Edward Hopper, at that time the beloved pastor of the Church of the Sea and Land in Market street, New York. The same title is given to our divine Master in Tennyson's exquisite lines, "Crossing the bar." All through our experiences in life we need to have Jesus at the helm. He knows where the shoals and the sunken rocks are and where the safe deep water is also; if we are wise, we will let the Omnipotent Pilot do the steering. His disciples had a rough night of it while He was asleep in the stern of the boat; He was teaching them a lesson; and when in their extremity they called up the Pilot, the storm

lulled, and their fishing-smack swam safe into the harbor.

It is a good thing for us that we cannot foresee temptations or trials, for then we might be frightened out of undertaking many a voyage at the call of duty. When Paul set off for Rome he could not discern a prison or a blood-stained axe of martyrdom waiting for him in the imperial city. When Clarkson, Wilberforce and Sharp set in motion their noble enterprise of overthrowing the African slave-trade they could not anticipate the long years of ferocious opposition that they were doomed to encounter. They tugged at the oars, and left the helm in the Pilot's hands. The five praying college students beside the haystack at Wiltanstown were launching a little boat in simple faith; what head winds it might have to face, they did not know or care. The Master took the helm, and lo, their tiny craft was the pioneer of all the vast fleet of American missions to heathendom. No penitent soul who comes to Jesus can foresee all the obstacles, all the temptations or trials that lie before him. It is well that he cannot. He might be frightened back, or be haunstrung with discouragements. There are too many "Pliables" who get bemired in the Slough of Despond and sneak back into a life of worldliness; the genuine "Christian" get out on the side towards heaven.

Let us all learn to thank God for difficulties, they are a part of our discipline. Canaan lies on the other side of the Red Seas and the Jordan; we need not cross either of them till we come to them. God can divide the big sea as easy as he can dry up the little river. When we come to the sea, the voice of Providence is "go forward!" and the waters part asunder. When we reach the flowing Jordan and our feet touch the stream, behold it is vanished, and we go through dry-shod! The story of Christian faith and its frequent deliverances is often like a postscript to the eleventh chapter of the Hebrews. When we voyagers get safely into the desired haven up yonder we may take great delight in looking over our log-books, and discovering how wonderfully our Pilot brought us through dark nights and dangerous channels. Pastors often discover very dense fogs lying over their churches; let them never forget that there is One to whom the darkness shineth as the day.

Faith's real office and faith's real victory is in trusting the helm to Jesus in the fogs and through the dark hours. Everybody can trust God in the sunshine and over smooth water. It is easy to commit our way to the Lord when that way is as clear as the noon-day. Faith's inspiring command is—commit the helm to the Pilot when you cannot see your hand before your face, when the clouds have extinguished every star, and no lighthouse of human guidance is in sight! Jesus can see in the dark if we cannot. That is a cheering truth to many a minister who is coming back to his post, and beginning another season of work under many discouragements. Take the Pilot on board, brother! call all hands in the church to the oars, commit the helm to Him, and the Holy Spirit may send you "favoring gales" of blessing. The winds and the waves obey the Son of God. He who has promised "Lo! I am with you always," never forgets His faithful disciples now, any more than He forgot His disciples on that tempestuous night when He came to them walking on the billows. John Newton recalled his own perils as a sailor when he wrote the cheering lines:

"By prayer let us wrestle,
And He will perform:
With Christ in the vessel
I smile at the storm."

POLITICAL NEWS.—A Liberal Convention is to be held at Chatham on Wednesday of this week, to nominate a candidate.

The Liberal-Conservative Convention of York Co., which met in this city on Tuesday of last week, nominated Dr. McLeod. Before accepting he stipulated that he could accept only on condition that it be understood (1) that he is a prohibitionist first and always, and that he puts and will put the question of prohibition before any purely party question; (2) that the election must be a clean election—that no corruption or improper methods of any kind be used in his behalf. The conditions were endorsed by the Convention, and the election, on the part of himself and those supporting him, will be conducted in accordance with the conditions of his acceptance of the nomination. Prohibition, Parity, Patriotism is his platform.

A. S. White was, on Friday, nominated as the Liberal candidate in Sunbury-Queens.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is to address a meeting in Moncton on Wednesday this week, and a meeting of the French at Shediac the same day.

Mr. R. D. Wilmot was nominated on Saturday as the candidate of the Liberal-Conservatives of Sunbury-Queens.

NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

IN SECLUSION.

The widowed Queen of the late King Humbert of Italy, has resolved to retire from participation in worldly affairs, and will spend the remainder of her life in seclusion. She has given away her jewels and other treasures.

NEW HOMES.

It is stated that several hundreds of Boers are to make their homes in South Dakota. The first instalment, about two hundred, are expected to arrive within a few weeks.

"FRANCE-CANADA."

In some of the meetings addressed by Mr. Tarte and others the principal inscription displayed is a great banner, the inscription on which, "FRANCE-CANADA." The tricolour is much in evidence at these meetings, while the Union Jack is quite lost sight of.

WOMEN VOTERS.

In the approaching Presidential election, in four states—Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Idaho, women will vote.

ELECTIONS.

The United States Presidential election is on Nov. 6th; the Canadian general election Nov. 7; and the Newfoundland election Nov. 8th. This continent will be pretty well stirred up the first week in November.

CANADIANS IN PARLIAMENT.

Amongst the newly elected members of the British Parliament are three Canadians. Hon. Edward Blake, who represents an Irish constituency, Mr. Gilbert Parker, representing an English county, and Mr. George Brown, son of the late Hon. George Brown, the founder of the Toronto Globe, representing Central Edinburgh.

INDIA LOYALTY.

The loyalty of India to Britain during the South African war has been shown in many ways. Says the Canadian Baptist: Native princes presented consignments of tents, others provided horses for the use of cavalry, and others a day's pay for those who had been made widows and orphans by the war. Many of the natives of India were present, following the fortunes of the British armies from field to field in South Africa, as stretcher-bearers, water-carriers, grooms, and in various other capacities. The war was a war between two white races, the British Government said, and offers of service by the Indian people as soldiers were courteously declined; but the loyalty of those people found vent in other ways. Another fact is also worth noting: that in spite of the heavy drain upon British resources caused by the war, there never has been a time when the British people have responded so freely to the demands caused by the famine in India, nor when British officials on the ground have so faithfully and courageously labored to discharge their duties in connection with the famine.

THE PHILIPPINES.

The Filipino resistance is very persistent. It is now understood that considerable reinforcements are needed before the war can be brought to an end.

ECUADOR.

An interesting struggle is going on in Ecuador between the friars and the authorities. The friars have made two attempts during the last two years to overthrow the present Government. Orders have, therefore, been issued that they must not meddle with politics in future. Of course they have applied to the Vatican for help, and meanwhile withhold the sacraments.

INCREASE OF CRIME.

Capital punishment in Colorado was abolished two years ago. The frequency of murders and other serious crimes since then has caused a growing feeling in favour of the re-establishment of the death penalty. It is stated that within the past month there have been three murders, four attempted murders, and a score of brutal assaults on women by robbers in Colorado. Detectives and police officials declare that crime has rapidly increased since the abolition of capital punishment. A table recently compiled shows that there were one hundred and thirty-six murders since 1898 in Colorado, and in the same time there have been one hundred and fifty-three assaults with intent to kill.

ABOUT IMMIGRANTS.

Of about a half million of immigrants to the United States last year, about 100,000 were Italians, and nearly 50,

000 were Jews. The Italians were the most illiterate, nearly fifty per cent. of them being so. Of the Scandinavians, and there were about 23,000 of them, there was not one who could not read and write.

THEIR ONE FRIEND.

McClure's Magazine has an article by an American writer, in which it is stated that at the beginning of the trouble between the United States and Spain, Russia made a proposal to Britain that the latter should purchase Cuba, with an offer to stand by her to the last extremity if the United States should object. Lord Salisbury refused to consider the proposal, and afterwards, when the foreign ambassadors at Washington sought to avert war by calling on President McKinley, the British minister refused to be a party to it until he had received an assurance from the President that he would not resent the action. And when the war was over and peace negotiations were in progress at Paris, an effort was made to effect a sale of the Philippines to any country of Europe save Britain, so that they might not fall into the hands of the United States. But again Lord Salisbury interfered, and the scheme was blocked. It would be a good thing if United States people generally would keep these facts in mind.

A WESTERN LETTER.

DEAR INTELLIGENCER:—Yesterday the 23rd Sept., your correspondent had the privilege of worshipping with the Free Baptists of Minneapolis. This was a very enjoyable treat indeed, for I had not been within a Free Baptist church for a year; and though I am not more bigoted, I hope, than most of my fellows, I must plead guilty to having felt a thrill of satisfaction when I entered the portals of that sacred edifice.

Let me say a few words about the building and its pastor. The church home of our people in the great Minnesota city is a very beautiful one, located at the corner of Nicolet and 15th Streets. It is of brown stone, in the rounded gothic, and is most pleasing in its proportions. While the exterior is symmetrical and imposing, the interior appeals to the eye because of the harmony of all its appointments. The prevailing color of the walls is a light terracotta, relieved with friezes, cornices and capitals in contrasting tints, while the glorious sun of yesterday's beautiful morning shone through the stained glass windows, throwing beams of rainbow shade through all the auditorium. Woodwork of stained and polished birch, upholstery of crimson repp, brass rails to organ loft and baptistry, made a church home more satisfactory to me than any I had ever visited here, or across the Atlantic. Its seating capacity is about 700, but this can be increased at will by using the Sabbath School room. Anyone who has visited the Baptist church on Main Street, St. John, will have a very good idea of the First Free Baptist church of Minneapolis, with this difference, the St. John edifice is larger.

The pastor who is very highly esteemed by his people is the Rev. R. R. Kenman. He is a clear and forcible speaker, logical and convincing in argument, a close student, energetic in the upbuilding of the church and denomination, a pastor in every sense of the word. He delivered a strong sermon, his topic being Education. In the course of the sermon he eloquently set forth the needs of the Free Baptist church in this respect. I very much enjoyed it all.

It is said the lark will sing in every clime, and so I find it with the Free Baptists. All our churches in New Brunswick have good choirs and singers, and some brilliant soloists. And out in this beautiful prairie country the Free Baptists are singers of high merit. I have rarely heard as good singing as that of yesterday, which was done by a quartette—two male and two female voices. Some of the 11 hymns especially, carried me back to boyhood days, when the little old white-washed church at Marysville rang with the melody of voices unsurpassed sweetness. Then came the thought that many of those who when joined in the hymns are now with the angels, mingling their voices in the glorious jubilee anthem around the throne: "And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying great and marvellous are thy works, Lord, God Almighty, just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy; for all nations shall come and worship before Thee; for thy judgments are made manifest."

The church and Sabbath school ar