

TERMS AND NOTICES.

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We need to hear at once from every one whose subscription is due. Send it along this week.

Rev. Mr. Lane (Methodist), who went to South Africa as Chaplain with the Second Canadian Contingent is expected home soon.

The work of Mrs. Spurgeon in supplying books to pastors whose salaries do not permit them to purchase the literature they need has been a great help to many faithful ministers.

Ministers who have been asked as to their willingness to engage with pastorates should give prompt answers. Delay is not fair to the churches that have addressed them.

We had expected to have a report of the Nova Scotia Conference for publication two weeks ago. It is due to our readers in that Province, as well as to the INTELLIGENCER, to say that we do not know the reason for the delay.

Dr. Lorimer, pastor of Tremont Temple, (Baptist) Boston, has just refused an addition of \$1000 to his salary. The church voted the increase while Dr. Lorimer was on his vacation.

Dr. Clark, the Christian Endeavor President, who recently visited Spain did not get a very cordial welcome, except from the few Christian Endeavorers met in convention there.

Every progressive movement begins with a minority—a minority with convictions and courage to stand for them at any cost. When the triumph comes, it is usual for some of those who most strongly opposed the movement when it was weak to pretend to have always been in sympathy with it.

Dr. Warden, the missionary Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, says the Presbyterian ministers are preaching the Gospel in Canada in sixteen different languages. Work in new and needy places in our own land is called home mission.

Here is something which, as the season of pastoral changes approaches may suggest to some people how they should feel and talk and act. A good woman, and very considerate as well as good—for all good people are not quite as considerate as they might be—said: "We are going to have a new minister here. Some of you may not like him; you did not like the one we have had. I may not like him as well, but if I do not, I am going to keep still about it. I am not going to keep still about it."

sions of Conference have, probably, been due to lack of thoughtful preparation oftener than to any other cause.

Every member should plan to be present—to be there at the beginning and remain to the end. The ministers are all members of Conference. They have, besides, a meeting of their own the day preceding the opening of General Conference. At that, as at the whole Conference, every minister who can will, of course, be present.

The lay members of Conference are such laymen as are officers of Conference, members of the Board of Managers, the Clerks and Treasurers of District Meetings, and delegates appointed by the several District Meetings. All these should be present if it is at all possible. There has been noticed in late years a growing carelessness about attendance on the part of the lay delegates and District officers.

Most of those who flocked to hear Rev. Mr. Sheldon, of "In His Steps" fame, when in England, were disappointed from the oratorical point of view; but they were impressed with the practical sincerity of the man. This all-important quality has been shown by Mr. Sheldon very clearly in his relation to his own city, Topeka.

Many churches are not quite ready for Conference. They have not yet made any contributions to any of the funds which support the several branches of work which the Conference seeks to carry on. It is sought to have the churches attend to these matters so that they may be reported to their respective District Meetings.

The Christian Workers' Conference at Northfield this year was the most successful ever held. The attendance was larger, more ministers were present, and the preaching was of a higher order than ever.

May we venture to suggest that another item in the getting ready for Conference is to look a little after the INTELLIGENCER? We trust our brethren, especially the ministers, will regard this as not unimportant.

GET READY. Ready for what? For the General Conference. The session of 1900 is near—less than three weeks off. The people of Hampstead, who are to entertain the Conference, are, doubtless getting ready to do their part most worthily, as they have frequently done in the history of the body.

Especially all who attend Conference should get ready by seeking in prayer that preparation of heart which God alone can give. And, also, in all the churches and homes of the denomination much prayer should be offered that God will graciously be present with His people in Conference, and make the session one of unusual blessing.

China. It is still difficult to winnow the columns of contradictory statements which every day come from China, and concerning China from the capitals of the countries interested. There are some facts somewhere in the mass, but only time will make clear what the facts are.

NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

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THE WORLD'S LETTERS. One of the Berlin reviews publishes a calculation on the number of letters distributed annually throughout the world. It gives the total as twelve thousand millions.

A GREAT PEOPLE. That the United States, in the China affair, is working in harmony with Russia, is, probably, because the Republican party thinks it will get more votes by being friendly with Russia than by co-operating with Great Britain.

DISEASE GERMS. A physician connected with the Health Department of Chicago has been frightening the people by a statement concerning the awful risks the drinkers of beer and other liquors take in drinking from glasses washed in water in which many other glasses have been washed.

INDICATIONS. In a Presidential year in the United States, State elections are watched closely because they indicate somewhat the feeling of the country towards the parties.

THE RUSSIAN LOAN. The proposition now understood to be under consideration by a syndicate of United States Insurance companies to lend Russia \$200,000,000—which we mentioned last week, the Journal and Messenger regards as one of exceeding danger.

GOING BACK. The Polish Jews who emigrated from Russia to the Argentine Republic have not prospered as well as they had hoped. They did not find there the opportunity for the trade which they had carried on, and they do not take readily to farming because ready money is not made quickly enough by farmers.

BRITISH ELECTIONS. The English Parliamentary elections are likely to take place in October or early November. In the present state of feeling there is not much likelihood of a change of government.

CANADA. In an address to the British Methodist Conference, a few weeks ago, Rev. Dr. Carman, the General Superintendent of the Canadian Methodist Church, gave the British brethren the following sketch of the area and capabilities of Canada.

SLAUGHTER OF MISSIONARIES. The London Times, of the 12th, has advised from its Pekin correspondent, Dr. Morrison, telling of a massacre of native Christians and missionaries in China. Dr. Morrison says, "The censorship, which is undoubtedly Alfred Gaselee's control, makes it difficult to convey a true picture of the present situation in Pekin. To the foreign community was the news of the missionaries at Paotingfu, were under the protection of the imperial troops. Children were butchered before the eyes of their parents. Women were ravished and carried into captivity. Parents were murdered. Massacres by red Indians never cease to remain here inactive. Their thought and wish is to be given or to be recalled from Pekin. Such a civilized world will not suffer a cruel massacre to remain unavenged and make no effort to ascertain the fate of the poor martyred Christians and white women."