

The Magic Letter.

There was a little maiden once, In fairy days gone by, Whose every thought and every word Always began with "I,"

From Coal Range to the Wool-sack.

Help! help! O, somebody come and get my head out!

The First Coat of Paint.

Mother was painting the woodwork of the dining room. Robert had been watching her for some time, and thought it was very easy and pleasant work.

best man living. Jack knew it, and he settled down determined that she would have as fine a home as she had given up for him.

Young man you've buttered your bread for life, said an old lawyer to him, as they walked out of court that day, and, indeed, he had.

When he was seventy-six he retired from active service, no longer plain John Scott, but Lord Eldon. For eleven years he enjoyed life among his books, dying not long after Queen Victoria came to the throne.

Reasons for Lean Christians.

They own Bibles but feast on news-papers. They sing about peace, but do not surrender to get it.

SKEPTICISM.

This is unhappily an age of skepticism, but there is one point upon which persons acquainted with the subject agree, namely, that Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is a medicine which can be relied upon to cure a cough, remove pain, heal sores of various kinds, and benefit any inflamed portion of the body to which it is applied.

When the Lord changes our petitions.

When the Lord changes our petitions in His answers, it is always for the better. He regards (according to the well-known word of St. Augustine) our well better than our will.—R. Leighton.

'Have you thoroughly mastered all the rules of this lesson?' asked a teacher of her class in mathematics one day.

'I can't say that I have the second rule, Miss Dee. But I thought I could master it when the review came.'

'It isn't safe to slip over work in that way, 'George,' was the quiet reply.

'I will plow that little strip when I come around again,' a young man said to himself while working in the field.

'If I had pulled the plow back and turned that patch of turf over I would have been wise.'

They praise Christ with their lips, but declare the things he did to be wholly impracticable now.

A Dinner Pill.—Many persons suffer excruciating agony after partaking of a hearty dinner.

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it in appearance to the common house-cat—even if it could boast of a tail. Its head is small, and its hind legs long in comparison with the fore ones.

The value of a cat, in days long ago, was fixed by law. "The price of a kitten before it could see was a penny."

Visitors to the island carry away this cat as a curiosity, so there are not so many to be seen now as in years gone by.—Christian Callister, in Early Days (Eng.).

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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 1902.

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The INTELLIGENCER is nearing the end of another year of its life. The next year will be its fiftieth—its jubilee year.

It was not begun as a mere business enterprise, nor has it been continued as such.

The founder of the INTELLIGENCER in its first issue said, "OUR OBJECT IS TO BE GOOD."

It has been continued in the same spirit and for the same purpose. On the eve of its Jubilee year, its editor is anxious for nothing so much as that the paper may be and do in the fullest and best sense what it was born to be and do.

During its nearly half-century of life the INTELLIGENCER has had its full share of struggles. All religious papers, as all religious enterprises, have difficulties—and some that are not religious have them, too.

But all the time the INTELLIGENCER has held to its purpose—to promote the Kingdom of Christ, and has moved along without halting step.

That there have been mistakes and imperfect work none know so well, nor regret so much, as those who have had to do with making the paper. But through all the aim has been to send to the homes it has been permitted to enter a paper of high christian character, whose teachings and influences would better its readers.

New Features.

We desire that its fiftieth year may be its best. And we are planning to make it, so far as possible, more attractive and more useful.

We are expecting through the year contributions from a number of ministers and others who will be read with pleasure and profit.

We are planning, too, to publish a number of sermons by our own ministers.

We expect to be able to present the portraits of a number of our ministers, with brief sketches of their labors.

The usual departments will be kept up: The Sunday School lesson; the Woman's Mission Society; the Children's Page; News of Religious work everywhere; Notes on Current Events; Denominational News; choice selections for family and devotional reading; the editor's and editorial notes covering a wide range of subjects.

Fiftieth Year Celebration.

A fitting celebration of the INTELLIGENCER'S 50th year would be a large increase of circulation.

There is room for it. There are hundreds of homes of Free Baptist people into which the denominational paper does not go.

All these it desires to enter regularly. But it cannot get into them without the assistance of its friends. Those who know it have to be depended on to introduce it to others.

We ask of all pastors and, also, of all others who believe in the INTELLIGENCER, and the cause for which it stands, to make now an earnest and systematic canvass for new subscribers.

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Rev. Ezekiel McLeod was the founder and till his death its editor. His connection with it was from January 1st, 1853 till March 17th, 1867.

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