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The minister's calls on his people are not true pastoral visits if they are given up to mere chit-chat.

He is not a wise leader of a prayer or testimony meeting who occupies a considerable portion of the meeting hour in exhorting others to be brief.

The Roman Catholic archbishops and bishops of Canada have memorialized the King concerning the coronation oath, and asking to have it changed to suit Catholics.

The anniversary exercises of Coby Divinity School (Free Baptist) Lewiston, Me. take place May 12-15. The sermon before the graduating class will be preached on Sunday, May 12th, by Rev. Edwin Crowell M. A., of Yarmouth, N. S.

The Buddhists of Japan are about undertaking a mission in the United States. They think the people on this continent are to be commiserated because of the many differences amongst Christians, as shown by the numerous denominations.

A Christian man in Indianapolis, Mr. S. Yandes, who has a very large income, keeps his personal expenses at about \$200 a year, and gives the remainder of his income to benevolent objects, chiefly to missions.

The life of a Protestant does not count for much in places where Rome has the power it likes to have. Quite recently a Mexican Protestant, who had been the means of establishing an evangelical church, and was therefore greatly hated by the fanatical Romanists, was set upon on the public road and stoned to death.

The Brotherhood of Andrew and Phillip will celebrate its thirteenth anniversary on May 5th. It is a brotherhood of Christian men pledged to personal Christian work in behalf of men. It is interdenominational, and seeks the spread of Christ's kingdom among men.

Some of the Adventists are declaring that the end of the world is very near. "In the present perplexity of the nations, through the Manchurian controversy between Russia and the world, we see the dawn of the millenium and the last of the signs promised in the Bible is coming to pass."

Busy pastors have sometimes wondered whether they can take time from their many duties to work for the introduction of the denominational paper into the homes of their people.

going into a dozen or score of new homes, to continue in some of them for generations, that no labor he could do could equal it for far reaching influence upon the life of the world.

Italy was long the most priest-ridden country in the world. But for several years the power of the Papacy has been declining. Touching this change, Dr. Robertson, in the Presbyterian Journal, says that "not only the church but the priesthood is thoroughly despised. To be a priest is discreditable in Italy."

REV. GEORGE FRASER CURRIE.

Though there have been two intimations in our columns within a few weeks of the illness of Rev. G. F. Currie, they will scarcely have prepared readers for the announcement of his death.

At this writing we have no information beyond that conveyed in a despatch from Mr. J. H. Currie, dated Saturday afternoon, saying,—"Rev. G. F. Currie died today," and asking us to notify his parents and brother and sister, at the old home near this city.

He was ill only a few weeks. On the 7th of March he writes us as follows:

"And now I am on the sick list. For a few weeks I have been quite slim in health, and hardly able to keep going. Lately I have become weak, until strength has nearly utterly failed me. Yesterday the doctor thoroughly examined me, and has ordered me to rest completely from all kinds of work for several weeks. I have a bad cough, with more or less of la grippe and some pleurisy. But the most serious thing, the Dr. says, is that I have some fever, with strong symptoms of more. And the fever threatens the lungs. So I suppose I must stop, for a while at least, from all work. I cannot write much, for I tire very easy."

The next word we had was from Rev. E. Crowell, who, writing March 20th., said: "I get it from good authority that bro. Currie is desperately sick. There are indications of consumption."

The last word we had prior to the announcement of his death was a letter, dated March 29th., from Mrs. Currie, from which we quoted in the INTELLIGENCER of the 3rd inst. It told that he was then confined to his bed, and was very weak though not suffering any pain or distress.

Bro. Currie was still a young man, being but 39 years of age. He was ordained at Sussex in 1885. During his ministry he was pastor at Rusiagorais, Fredericton Junction, Campo Bello, Tracey Mills, Moncton, and Norton in this Province.

It took time, tact and prayer, but if a person of this class is honest we ought to deal with such an one as the Master would have us. That woman might have been forever lost, had not a wiser person than the first worker taken her in hand and treated her in a patient, gentle manner.

which is "in the presence of the angels of God."

Bro. Currie was a good preacher. He was not always so rapid of speech as some preachers, but he did not fail to say something worth hearing.

He loved his brethren—loved them well enough to sometimes tell them their faults, and to have them return the favour. His brethren loved him; and did not love him less for his brotherly frankness.

To Mrs. Currie and the three little girls the tenderest sympathy of the people will be given, for them many prayers will be offered.

The members of the family were strongly attached to each other and will deeply feel this bereavement. May the God of all grace comfort them all.

HONESTLY SKEPTICAL PEOPLE.

There are those who will not admit that there are people who are honest in being skeptical, but I do admit it. Such ones have inherited tendencies which strongly incline them to doubt the truths of the Bible, especially certain truths.

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NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

THEY COST TOO MUCH.

Speaking of the policy of paying so much money for such immigrants as was paid for the Doukhobors—\$40,000, besides all that has been advanced to them for supplies, not to say anything of the private contributions to help them, the Westminster very well says that "Parliament should certainly forbid the importation of any more of them at the country's expense."

NEWSPAPER MEN.

Representatives of newspaper publishing interests waited on the government at Ottawa last week asking for some changes in the newspaper postage regulations.

ENORMOUS DRINK BILL.

The yearly drink bill of the United States is now over a thousand million dollars. This enormous amount is what the people of that country pay for the drink they consume.

THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

The bargaining for the purchase of the Danish West Indies by the United States was thought to be off. But negotiations have been resumed. Denmark's terms are,--\$4,000,000 to be paid Denmark; the population to decide by vote whether to remain Danish or to be transferred to America;

VAGRANT FARMS.

Massachusetts proposes to deal with the tramp problem in what seems a sensible way. A number of farms, are to be located in different parts of the State, and under state management, where tramps shall be given board and lodging, for which they will be required to pay in work.

THE ANTICOSTI PEOPLE.

Some of the Fox Bay people who were sent to Manitoba, after having been driven away from their Anticosti homes, have come back to Quebec. They tell of sufferings endured and of death invading their families, and the hopelessness of their struggle in the place where they were located in the west.

CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

A confidential circular issued by the Census Bureau, under Mr. Tarte's frank, to French citizens, gives them special instructions about the Census. The letter has been sent to every voter with a French name.

French will, doubtless, be used to help show the importance of the French.

Nobody would object to any instructions necessary to securing the fullest and most accurate information on all points with which the Census may properly deal. It does not seem, however, that any such instructions and appeals have been addressed by the government to any other class of the population than the French.

The will of the late bishop Sweeney, S. John, gives his property, some \$10,000, to his successor for church purposes.

Gen. Booth, of the Salvation Army, celebrated his 72nd birthday on the 10th inst.

The banks of the Suez Canal are now being planted with shrubs and trees so as to protect the canal from desert sands and other injuries.

Lord Roberts has accepted the honorary colonelcy of the Royal Canadian Artillery.

CHICAGO CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 3.

Chicago is a city of contrasts. Some people say it is ugly. Large buildings, nearly twenty stories high, are not very artistic.

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existing conditions he did not answer as a statesman should. I heard him speak to an entirely different audience and could scarcely believe it was the same man.

I attended several sessions of the quadrennial Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and heard several of their prominent Bishops. One is impressed, so far, at least, as speaking ability goes, that very ordinary talent is in responsible positions.

In this city the minister who succeeds best is neither the man who is always showing how narrow the old is, nor the man who is acting as attorney for the old, and denouncing the 'new' as dangerous.

The church of to-day ought to have the power within itself to draw. There are counter attractions, and no laws to protect the Sabbath or make it necessary for one to go to church.

The church in cities like this stands in competition with the theatres and places of amusement and instruction.

Dr. Gunsaulus is one of the ablest preachers I have ever heard.

He is eloquent, poetic, philosophic, spiritual. He preaches from an experience of his own soul and a love for men. Central Music Hall, in the heart of the city, crowded even to standing room to hear him. He does not offend the intelligence of men, and yet his message is to the conscience.

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