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ONE WEEK.

One week of January remains.

Many subscribers whose renewals we look for in this month have not yet been heard from.

They will not disappoint us, we trust.

Great things in renewals can be done in this last week of the month.

Many hundreds of subscriptions should reach us before its close.

Let yours be one of them, please.

Start it this way by the next mail that leaves your office.

To send a new subscriber is a practical expression of interest in the INTELLIGENCER. Send one, if possible.

A man who cannot be a politician and be also an honest man, says the Christian Register, is not fit to be a politician.

The death of one of the Free Baptist missionaries in India, Mr. J. B. Rae, is reported. He died Nov. 26th.

It is estimated that during the century just closed \$120,000,000 were spent in efforts to reach the North Pole.

The Christian Endeavour movement had its birth in Williston church, Portland, Me., Rev. Dr. Clarke, the head of the movement, being at that time pastor there.

It seems to have dawned on the Roman Catholic ecclesiastics that water they call holy is not by any means an unmixt blessing.

When New York was being stirred over the flagrant vice that was being protected, for a consideration, by the civic officials, the Tammany "boss," Richard Croker, pretended to be very anxious to have the wrong shored up and overthrown.

Are we praying for the revival of God's work and the salvation of the unconverted? It is well, God would have His people call upon Him in faith.

Sunday, Feb. 10th, is the day designated as the universal day of prayer for students.

THE QUEEN.

A despatch from Osborne House, the Queen's residence on the Isle of Wight announces the death at about one o'clock to-day, Monday, of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

Essentially a woman of the home, she bound to herself the homes and the home-loving people throughout all her vast Empire.

It is no mere form of grief that to-day moves men and women and children. In the frozen north land and in the lonely isles of the sea;

The world will not soon see her like again, and in the hearts of the mighty people who loved to obey her gentle rule she will live always.

PASTORS AND CHURCH OFFICERS.

It has been sought to make the beginning of the new year and the new century a time of much heart-searching.

Would it not be well, down in your deepest heart, to ask what is your chief aim in your ministry?

Is it any or all of these? Which would you prefer, to see the concourse so great as to require seats in aisles, or to see one obscure person moved to seek that divine change without which no man can enter the kingdom of God?

to grow in grace, and to lead others to Christ, and after this to teach all good things in their order.

If there is anyone whose conscience will not allow him to claim so much, we implore him to humble himself that he may be exalted, and rest not till he can make his great commission known by the spiritual victories he shall win.

The very life of the Church depends upon the preaching of earnest, praying, spiritual concentrated men; who feel within the religion they profess, and so yearn for the salvation of men that without seeing the fruit of their labors they would almost wish to die.

On earth and in heaven the reward of such pastors is exceeding great.

A like appeal is made to the officers of Churches. They have more influence than they know.

Others not answering this description are negative. When religious feeling arises they show none; if the people begin to be stirred they remain away.

In contrast with these some official members are so faithful that it is truthfully said of them that their example, prayers, exhortations, and private appeals are as helpful to the church as the ministrations of the preacher.

How can a minister be expected to succeed if between him and the masses of the people stand a body of men destitute of the feeling which he has and desired to arouse?

It is those who are content to be practically outside of the real work of the church, though willing to help it financially and socially, that we would arouse to a sense of the vital importance, for their own soul's sake, for their influence over their household, and for their qualification to assist the pastor, of recognizing and acting upon their responsibility in the positions in which the church has placed them.

If the officers of the churches of this land were all to become spiritual, consistent Christian, each one working for the church after his own proper gift and sympathizing with every other, the opening months of this year, which are the opening months of the century, would become notable, in the history of the universal Church of Christ.

This is a good one: A long-time subscriber writes: "We cannot afford to do without the paper, and we cannot read it with good grace if it is not paid for in advance."

Last year 122 Congregationalist churches in the United States ceased to exist, and 100 new churches were organized.

NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

INCREASE OF DRINKING.

It is alleged that the Jews are becoming increasingly addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors.

PROTECTING VICE.

St. John has a Police sensation. One of the policemen, Ring, is charged with having received money from the keepers of certain houses of unsavoury character for protecting them from prosecution.

ONTARIO RUM TRAFFIC.

The report of the License department of the Ontario Government, just out, shows that the number liquor licenses issued last year was 3,009, being 31 less than the previous year.

A VIGILANCE COMMITTEE.

The increase of crime in New York city is so manifest that some good citizens have become alarmed. A vigilance committee has been appointed, consisting of fifteen well-known men of high standing.

CEYLON.

The 5,000 Boer prisoners in Ceylon, where the spicy breezes blow soft, are reported by a correspondent of The London Times to be well pleased with their treatment, and comfortable, healthy quarters.

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE.

Representatives of the governments of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island met in Halifax last week to consider the question of establishing for the Maritime Provinces a School of Agriculture and Horticulture.

THE DELPIT CASE.

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THE PAPAL DELEGATE.

Subscriptions are being taken to provide a home for the Papal delegate at Ottawa. This would seem to indicate that the Pope's representative in Canada is to be a permanent institution.

VENEZUELA.

It is not so very long ago that the United States government, acting as the professed friend of Venezuela, was threatening Great Britain with all sorts of dire things, because Britain was maintaining its own rights.

THEY PRAISE HIM.

Some of the Liquor traffic organizations in the United States are formally commending President McKinley for his stand on the danteen question.

MAKING VOTES.

Over four hundred names have been added to the list of Kings County nonresidents who vote at Rothesay. Nearly all the names are said to be of persons who have no property in the County and no right whatever to be on the voter's list.

The monastic orders in France hold property to the amount of two hundred and twenty million dollars. This will figure in coming parliamentary debates; the relation of the clergy and the government being somewhat strained.

New Glasgow, N. S., advocates of Total abstinence have taken the very practical step of subscribing money to enforce the Scott Act.

The coffee-growing industry in tropical Africa is developing tremendously. The seed was introduced into the country about five years ago by some missionaries, with the object of ascertaining whether the resources of the country were favorable to the culture of the article.

POLITICAL NEWS.—A protest against the election of Rev. G. Maxwell, of Burrard, B. C., for the Dominion House has been filed.

Last week forty Intercolonial railway mechanics at Moncton received fourteen days' notice of dismissal, and it is said another batch of a hundred has been prepared.

The election for the Local Legislature in Westmorland Co. is announced. Nomination 31st Jan., polling Feb. 7th.

THE TWENTIETH-CENTURY CHURCH.

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What the church of Jesus Christ may be or may do in the twentieth century no one can predict; but what it ought to do we may all know if we will only consider what its divine Founder intended that it should be.

I have no idea that the church will gain anything but a loss if they go into a new century with any hankering after a new theology.

WHAT PAUL WOULD URGE.

If the apostle Paul were alive to-day, I have no doubt that he would still be exhorting us to "give attendance to doctrine," and his message to the twentieth-century church would be, "Back to Calvary!"

While this opening century can expect and need desire no new vital doctrines, it may hope for many new applications of Bible truth in various new methods and appliances and institutions.

THE TWENTIETH-CENTURY WAR.

I fervently hope that the twentieth-century church will take its true place at the head of every wise enterprise of social and moral reform.