

Kissed His Mother.

at on the porch in the sunshine I went down the street—

and a footstep behind me, the sound of a merry laugh,

and at the cleft of the gate latch, I met his manly look:

like his gives me pleasure, the page of a pleasant book.

of a steadfast purpose, a brave and daring will;

with a promise in it, that God grant, the years fulfill

up the pathway singing; saw the woman's eyes

with a worldless, welcome, the sunshine warms the skies.

again, sweetheart mother," cried, and bent to kiss

his face that was upturned, what some mothers miss.

boy will do to depend on; said that this is true—

glades in love with their mothers' bravest heroes grow.

his grandest hearts have been loving hearts,

the time the earth began; the boy who kisses his mother every inch a man!

—Christian Intelligencer.

Some Strange Eggs.

little Clay Rees lived in Florida, he had fine times on the beach

his home. One day he was digging in the sand when up came a queer object.

His mother came running in, and there were a dozen tiny black snouts peeping out under the box cover.

Such a time as there was! Clay jumped up and down, screaming with glee,

Then for a hunt! The baby alligators hid under the furniture and burrowed under the carpets,

But Clay was not afraid of them. He thought they were the cunningest of playfellows,

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live on alfalfa grass and vegetables and ground shells and pebbles."

The birds were harnessed and not unlike horses. Heavy leather collars fitted the lower parts of their necks,

"You see they are harnessed in to stay," the ostrich driver said as he stopped his team.

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"Curious thing that neck," continued the driver, leaving his seat and unmuzzling one of the birds.

Taking from his pocket an orange he held it out. The bird eagerly seized and swallowed it, and the orange could be seen as a large lump passing all the way down the long neck—which was an extraordinary spectacle.

A few minutes later the driver touched his strange team, and away they went to the stable or corral, in the neighboring farm.—C. F. Holder, in St. Nicholas.

Bray's Enemy.

"Please, Mr. Joynes, there's a little boy at the back gate to see you."

"At the back gate? Bring him in, Peter."

"He won't come in, sir; says he's awful busy and hasn't got time."

"How big is he?"

"About as big as my fist, sir," said Peter.

"The good-natured gentleman went out to the back gate. 'Well, countryman,' he said pleasantly, 'what can I do for you?'"

The small boy—he was a very small boy—took off a soft, dirty hat and held it behind him.

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The Intelligencer's Jubilee.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 1902.

A PREMIUM.

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

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 which 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; besides editorials 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.

Besides new subscribers, there are two other things the INTELLIGENCER needs:

1. Payment of all arrears. A considerable amount is due. All of it is needed and needed now. Those who are in arrears will be doing the paper a kindness by remitting at once.

2. Prompt advance payments for 1902. These two things well attended to will be a most timely and gratifying way of celebrating the INTELLIGENCER'S Jubilee.

A Premium.

Asking the friends of the INTELLIGENCER to make special efforts in its behalf, we wish, besides the new features for 1902 outlined in a previous issue to mark the semi-centennial year in another way.

We have, therefore, arranged to offer an INTELLIGENCER Jubilee premium picture.

During the life of the INTELLIGENCER four men have been connected with its management:

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.

Rev. Jos. Noble was associated with Rev. E. McLeod, as joint publisher, the first year.

Rev. G. A. Hartley was joint owner and associate editor with Rev. E. McLeod for two and a half years—July 1858 to Jan. 1861. The present Editor.

The INTELLIGENCER offers to every subscriber a group picture of these four men.

Conditions.

1. The premium picture will be given to every present subscriber who pays to the end of 1902—the INTELLIGENCER'S Jubilee year. This, of course, requires the payment of arrears when any are due.

2. Every new subscriber paying a year's subscription in advance will receive the picture.

Now is the Time.

The present is a good time to begin work for the INTELLIGENCER. From every Free Baptist congregation in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia we hope to have new subscribers.

Will the pastors kindly direct attention to the things set before them in this announcement, and arrange to canvass their people?

We have to depend largely, indeed almost exclusively, on the ministers to present the claims of the denominational paper, and to press the canvass for subscribers. They will be doing the paper the cause they and we stand for a good service if they will give this matter attention now.

Three things the INTELLIGENCER needs,— 1. Payment of all subscriptions now due. 2. Renewals for 1902.

3. New subscribers from every congregation in the denomination in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Let work on these lines begin at once. Help us make the INTELLIGENCER'S fiftieth year a Jubilee year indeed.