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Who is Ahead?

H. E. T.

Within the past few months, our ears have heard many comparisons made between the Christian and the man of the world, especially the policician,-How often have we heard the exclamation, "Oh! that Christians had the zeal that those politicians possess; oh, that they had the activity; oh! that the church had as great devotion, what a wonderful work would be accomplished !" We are always hearing something of this kind, from some quarters we easily become accustomed to it; but when, here and there, a religious press voices the same feeling, it may be no harm to stop and enquire whether there is or is not any ground for these charges. Is it true, or is it not true, that the politician of the present exercises more zeal, more devotion, more earnestness than the average Christian? Before we ask you to consider the question we may say for our comfort, that from whatever point you view it, the poli tician bears no comparison to the Christian. This we may prove without reciting poetry, appealing to sentiment, or anything of the kind. In the first place we must remember that these politicians who throng the committee rooms and engage in active political work are men for the most part with some temporal reward in view, for the old saying is not very far astray : "Every politican has his political axe to grind." But how different it is with the Christian? Year after year he engages in christian service, he stands true to Christian principles, he makes sacr fice upon sacrifice, and all without the hope of any temporal reward whatever. How many politicians are there in Canada, who are so in love with their party that for its interest they would be willing to leave their native land, and spend the rest of their days in China? Remember they are to receive no remuneration, no office, no patronage, simply love of party. We are safe in saying there are not five in five millions of people ; and yet what is this that we may all see among Christians? Here are men and women coming forward yearly and offering them. selves for the foreign mission field. Tney give up home and friends and all that the heart holds precious, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Not for fame, not for position, not for wealth, not for anything that we may see, but only for the love they have for Him whom they have never seen and yet in whom they believe .- Where is the politician who dares to show any such devotion as that? Where is the comparison people are so fond of mak ing? I tell you there is more whole-hearted devotion in one square inch of the average Christian than there is in the whole body of the biggest politician I have ever met.

we may do it very simply. Let us In the day of activity there is the acts of meanness, or, worse still get fifty politicians who will agree to great danger, not of doing too much malice, will only tend to make you attend a meeting once a week. It but of praying too little for so much more familiar with them. Obliteratis understood that this meeting is work. These two-work and prayer, ing everything disagreeable from solely in the interest of their party, action and contemplation-are twin yesterday, start out with a clean and they are to have no other sisters. Each pines wi hout the sheet for to day, and write upon it. motive. Then let us take fifty other. We are ever tempted to for sweet memory's sake, only christians who agree to attend cultivate one or the other dispro- those things which are lovely and prayer meeting once a week for the portionately. Let us imitate him lovable.

probably not that many; but when pray.-A. Maclaren. you enter the prayer meeting, if you do not find the fall fifty, you will find at least a number not far below it. I think from every point of view the Christian stands far ahead of the politician or man of the world. If this be so let the religious a revival. She attended the meetpress express no doubts as to christian integrity; and if those who make comparisons can not give us a word of cheer, let them at least keep silence.-Despite all that is said to the contrary, the spirit of true religion permeates the souls of men more to-day than ever before. Never was there so much earnest. ness, never so many truly consecrated souls ; never was our Lord and Saviour dearer to our hearts.

Perhaps as we pursue this line of thought we may see that policies, or business, or pleasure need not and should not be separated from our religion; the christian religion is a matter of the spirit, and therefore it is that Christlike spirit in which we engage in our business, and social responsibilities. When we do this we need draw no comparisons, for whether in his prayer meeting or in his political meeting, doxology. devotion and consecration that thankfulness all the earthly courts, courts of Heaven.

If we desire to test this question beautiful by polishing. We dig them, and the constant thoughts of same year. When the year draws who sought the mountain top as his to a close, how many politicians refreshment after toil, but never will you have attendant upon your left datues undone or sufferers unmeeting? Perhaps a balf a dozen, relieved in pain. Lord, teach us to

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

How a Little Girl Started a Revival

An exchange tells a story about little girl who went into a

neighboring town, where there was ing, and heard the story of the cross. and gave herself to Jesus. When she returned home she went to an old man who was Christian, and said to him :

Can't we have a prayer meeting We? said he, I don't know of any other Christian in the district. We'l, said she, you are Christian, and I am a Christian can't we have a prayer meeting ? Well, said he, we can say we ther

They did have a prayer meeting. The next day two or three more came. God answered their prayers, and now between twenty and thirty have found the Saviour. f r gold. It takes a patient angler at times to land a trout. Be assume our political, business, and not discouraged. God will he p find the something and the right som thing. Third, say it in straight, plain

English, to God's glory. You may the Christian serves Christ, and is not be cultured as culture comes as holy when he drops the ballot as from the schools of learning. You when, in the church, his hands open | may not know a word of Latin and the hymn book and he sings the | Euclid may be as dead to you as the hieroglyphics on an Egyptian If however you d sire to draw obelisk, but if God gives you the conparisons again we say the message, use the tongue God has christian is far ahead of the worldly given you to express it. There is a man, and the christian zeal, and man whom I know, judging from the English he uses, who must go floods the hearts of men as the new | through the dictionary and pick out century opens, ought to fill with all the long words he can find, and the people smile when he speaks. for doubtless it fills with joy all the That is not speaking to edification any more than the poor fellow who kn .cks the king's English down at every blow. Both can improve and make the right preparation .- The Christian Commonwealth.

How The Grumbler Was Cured.

This story is taken from Moody's anecdotes

Some years ago a pastor of a little church in a small town be came exceedingly discouraged, and brooded over his trials to such an extent that he became an inveterate grumbler. He found fault with his brethr n because he im sgined they did not treat him well.

A brother minister was invited to assist him a few days in a special service. At the close of the Sabbath morning service our unhappy brother invited the minister to ais house to dinner. While they were waiting alone in the parlor he began his doleful story by saying :

You have no idea of my troubles: and one of the greatest is that my brethren in the church treat me very badly.

The other propounded the folowing questions :

Did they ever spit in your face? No, they haven't come to that. Did they ever smite you ?

No. Did they ever crown you with thorns?

This last question he could not answer, but bowed his head thoughtfully. The other replied :

Your Master and mibe was thus treated, and His disciples fled and left Him in the hands of wicked men yet He opened not His mouth

The effect of this conversation

was wonderful Both ministers

bowed in prayer and earnestly

sought to possess the mind which

Almost Up.

A color sergeant of the brigade which captured Mission Ridge pris ed the standard to his blouse d prshed for the top, hoping to be the first to plant his colors there. Near the top, he was fatally wounded; but he coud think of nothing but the accomplishments of his noble purpose. H- was ask d :

S rgeant, where did they hit you ? Most up the ridge, he replied. mean, where did the ball strike

you? Within twenty yards of the top; almost up. His arm and shoulder were fearfully mangled by a shell . The shades of death were falling upon him, but his eye was last, h. murmured, Armost up, almost up!

The soldier was so interested in his duty that he could not think of bimse f. The incident illustrates the spirit of unselfish consecration. We should fix our thoughts and concentrate our energies upon the work that Ged has given us to do. And even when called to be martyrs we should only ask, Have I finished my c urse? Have I kept the taith ?- Agnes Smith.

Experience is very valuable. David said that it was good for him that he d-ew near to God. Every one since David who has lived in faith and bope in God bears the same testimony. Should not this fact have weight with you ?



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meeting and church attendance is er criticism would have been sidesmall enough, but we ought to re- tracked long ago, or would never member that this political excite. have found a track, if there had ment is but the fleeting thing of a been more talking to God and less moment. In one constituency in talking to men, when they began our dominion, where the fight was to search the Scripture; and there the fiercest, I heard more than one person say that they were tired of older men who are floundering politics, and I know that near the end of the campaign it was not easy to fill the meetings. Now look In other words, have a purpose in at Christians; here are men and your speaking, You might soar

Fredericton Junction Society

In the beginning of another year

and another century it may be interesting to make a bri-f retrospect of the past and an equally brief forecast of the future. Our young people's society of Christian Endeavour has just passed through a critical year of its life. The society has suffered depletion by removals of members from the province, by the necessary absence of teachers and Normal students to their several spheres of activity. During the latter half of last year a certain degree of apathy pervaded every department of this church with the exception of the Sabbath School. Since the arrival of the Rev. Frank Hartley he has infused into the Christian Endeavour that contagious spirit of labor and enthusiasm which characterizes every branch of his pastoral work. The present therefore is bright with promise and the future bright with hope. Every Eadeavourer at the same time knows that Paul may plant,' but the increase comes from a higher source.

> Yours truly, A. J. MURRAY, M. D. Cor. Sec'y.

How to Speak in Prayer-Meeting

meeting ? Would you really like to know ? Are you anxious to express faces, and many were the pleasant Neff. what is in your heart? Here are three rules, as simple as A B.C. First, speak to God about the matter. This must come first, of course. It is more necessary than ing but smiles will greet her everall your reading or thinking even more. Her son-in-law is now a though it may be in the best of prominent citizen, supreme Judge not concealed, but incomprehensible. Of course it is true that political books-the Bible. It precedes all of that city, which has grown very It is clear infinity-the darkness of meetings are crowded during an else. It will clear your way for much larger as the years have gone the pure, election, and oftentimes the prayer reading and thinking. Some high- by. I, far away in the Lone Star Ruskin. would be fewer young men and around in the Slongh of Despond. Second, have something to say. women who for years and years like a Demosthenes, and have said piness and prolong your life, forget they heard it in an infant class, in tell you where to find the something. get the temptations. Forget the the Sunday School, and Sabbath He has promised to do it, and He fault-finding, and give a little after Sabbath it has been told them never fails. I do not mean to in. thought to the cause which provoked from the pulpit, but in some way, for that it is not necessary to it. Forget the peculiarities of your worn, the cross of Christ towers God will give you something to say by accident, and which, if repeated, above the wrecks of time; and to if you ask Him, or the promises would seem a thousand times worse are void. It may not come in a than they are. Blot out as far as men and women give the homage of their hearts and the devotion of anothin of Clad's require much possible all the disagreeables of give way to it. 25c. of all druggists. their hearts and the devotion 'of searching of God's word and your life, they will come, but they will Manufactured by the proprietors of

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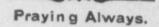
Years ago husband and I went to St. Louis to live. We were will take you straight through life entire strangers. A month later a and straight to your Father in family of friends from Mississippi beaven when life is over. Religion came to make a home in this fair out of its place in human life is the city. Very naturally we were most miserable thing in the world. lonely and nomesick. To divert There is nothing that requires so our minds, we took frequent rides much to keep it in its place as reon the street railway, seeking to ligion, and its place is what? familiarize ourselves with all points Second ? Third ? First ! First the of interest. One day a sweet. kingdom of God! Make it so that faced woman sat down beside my it will be natural to you to think old friend and smiling began to about that very first thing .- Pro talk. Soon they were in animated fessor Drummond. and deeply interested conversation, all thought of sight seeing had vanished from my friend's mind. When at last the smiling stranger it nice ? It cost so little.

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Keep religion in its place and it



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True to the resolve, my dear old prayer, every little circumstance friend did smile. When we entered awakens the disposition to pray, a car she would glance around and desire and words are always smilingly, as if she knew the entire ready ; but if we neglect prayer, it How shall I speak in prayer company, and in return smiles is difficult for us to pray, for the lighted up many sad and care-worn water in the well gets low .- Felix

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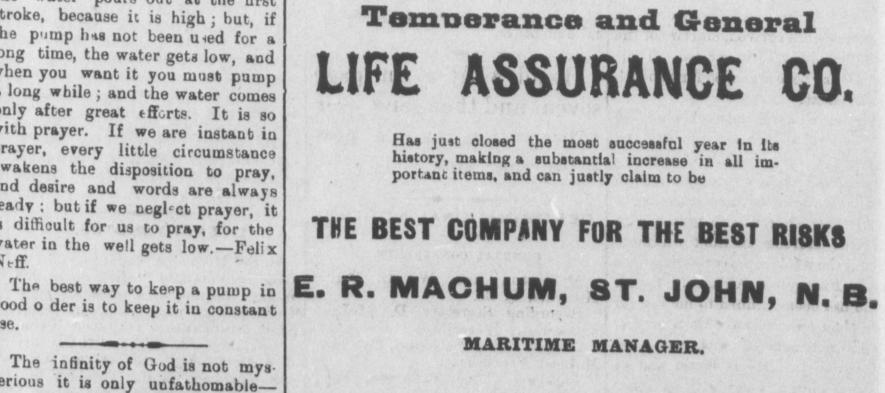
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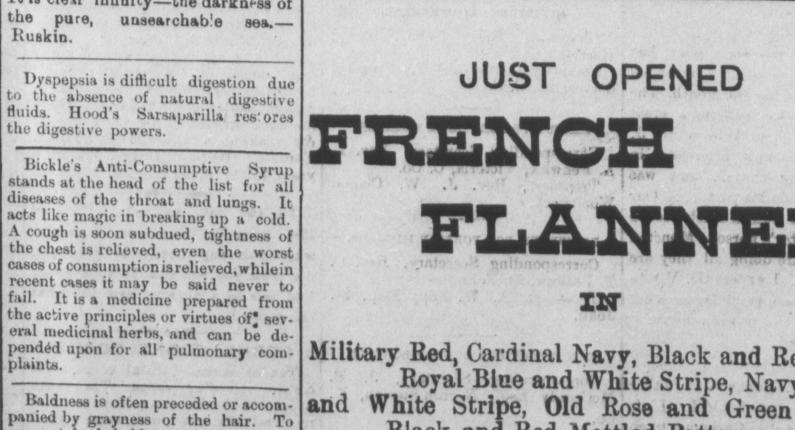


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state, sit thinking of the happy days gone by, praying God to increase the number of those who smile on the stranger they meet, leaving a benediction as they pass. Oh! the good we all may do, as the days are passing by-only by a smile.-Biptist Argus. Learn to Forget. If you would increase your hap-

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