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WEDNESDAY, Dec. 25th, 1901.

If the other members of the church attended prayer meeting just as often and as regularly as you do, how much of a prayer meeting would there be?

Amidst to-day's exchanging of gifts, we should be careful to remember the "unspeakable gift." How it deep ns in meaning and in power as time goes on !

A Politician. a member of President Roosevelt's party, is reported as saying, "The only fault he (the President) has is that he cannot lie.' Like many another politician, that man thinks lying necessary to success in political life.

It is not so very long since total abstinence was regarded unfavorably by life insurance companies. It is told that in 1840 a British Company required an extra premium of an applicant for insurance because he was total abstainer from intoxicants. All companies to-day know that the abstainer is a much safer risk than even the moderate drinker; and some companies give better rates to abstainers.

What Christ is to us let us i our human measure endeavour to to others. Christmas tells of love infinite love, for the helpless and un worthy. Christ came to the world to pour divine kindness on needy and perishing lives. The Christmas spirit in our hearts will send us out on the same gracious errand. There is need everywhere for love's ministry. Le us do well, and with joy, our part of the blessed ministry of help and christian cheer.

An illustration of the cruel ntolerance of many Roman Catholic priests, and of its dead'y effect on some of its victims, is reported from Italy. A young man, whose family rented a room to Protestants for worship, was told by the priest of the place that all the members of the family were eternally damned and cursed of God for having given that The young man, being in poor health and weak, was so shocked and alarmed by the priests word that he became insane and took his own life within a day or two. The tragedy, however, has been overruled for good, for it his called attention to the difference beof Rome.

Referring to the tribute which wealth is paying to religion in these days, in the large contributions made to religious work, the Christian Register points out that while all this is admirable, there goes with ta danger that needs to be guarded against. The strength of a church must be in the mutual interest and the active cooperation of all the members. In too, passes out, and we shall see him illustration of the danger which attends upon relieving the people of financial responsibility. A church, which for thirty years had no anxiety about its finances because, whatever the income and expenditure, the treasurer always brought in the bills receipted at the end of the year, is now closed. When the man upon whom religious life; but it is the astronomi the church leaned was taken away they could not go on, for they had not learned self-support. Whatever takes away from a congregation the sense of responsibility for the support and welfare of the church is, generally, a hurt and not a blessing. While it is right and desirable that those to whom wealth has been given should pay grateful tribute to God in the generand all benevolences, it is a calamity [leaves and cold and snow to the bloom. if such generosity takes away from the many small givers the blessed impulse to pay their share in maintaining religious institutions and enterprises.

CHRISTMAS GREETING.

To all our readers we offer Christmas greeting. We wish them a good Christmas-one filled with the pure joy which should be in the hearts of those who recognize the greatness and preciousness of the gift of God in the babe of Bethlehem.

THE GIFT OF LOVE This is the great gift making time of the year. It is well to remember that the worth of a gift is not denoted by its pecuniary value. It can only be interpreted by the love and con. sideration which thus expresses itself as a living impulse. The very essence of Christmas giving lies in this gift of oneself in the spontaneous love-inspired manner of the One whose great birthday gift of himself to the world we thus celebrate. There are some golden offerings, which can be made only at a cost of toil and pain and struggle, and often heartache and tears, such as only great natures are capable of making. Then there are the smaller gifts of kind words and unselfish acts of helpfulness, within hourly reach of us all, and which cost only the trouble of a little thoughtfulness. Do you think these are mere trifles, which are neither needed nor noticed? Does the earth not need the rays of the sun? Kind words give an atmosphere of warmth and brightness in the soul. There are so many weary men and women who need the encouragement of our cheery words and helpful kindness. Don't wait to offer the incense of appreciation at their funerals. Do it now, when it is need ed so much. Have you realized that the world's great heart is hungering for the sympathy that springs from real, unaffected love? Remember that a heart much the same as your own, with its hidden joys and sorrows, and that marvellous greatness which nothing less than the infinite can satisfy, beats in every breast. Give generously of yourself, then. It not only brings sunshine to others, but it will broaden and deepen your own nature and your own capacity for enjoyment. How hard we work to gain happiness, quite blind to the fact that even from a purely selfish standpoint, the best inves ment to secure such an income is in the giving of willing service t others. The man whose interests are with those around him, has no time nor opportunity for selfish misery. The tendency which is always drawing him into sympathy of purpose with other men gives breadth of life and vision. Let us make a special effort at this season of the year to touch the lives around us with such wise, tender ministry that they shall be not only

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT. - A mother, sending a subscription for her son, writes: "I would like it to be sent so as to reach him Christmas, as I am making him a present of it. We have taken the Intelligencer about 30 years, and we prize it, and wish it was young. We hope the coming ye will be a prosperous one for the paper.

brightened, but sweetened and

strengthened. Through human hands

Christ pas es his gifts of love and

grace to humanity.

The majority of men are lost, no because they are criminals, but fool; not because they sought wickedness, but drifted into it; not because they tween the gospel of love and the gospel they never had a wise and enduring insp ration of the devotion and wall second hand pipes, spectacles, also, as a manufacturing town on actime we left till we returned. purpose. - W. J. Dawson.

PASSING AWAY.

The year is dying. It was but a

ittle while ago that we took a stranger

by the hand and gave him hearty wel-

come at the threshold, as a parting

guest left us who should not return our

way again. And now the sometime

stranger has become a fami'iar, and he,

no more. It carries with it nothing of

sentiment instead, that we should take account of these years as they pass, and consider where they found us, and where they have left us. Astronomy would not perhaps be thought to hold close relation to the moral or to the cal feature of the year that gives it its most marked characteristic, and enables us to appropriate a wholesome esson. For as it is to the position which the Creator has given this whirling world of ours in its orbit that we owe the charms and the changes of the seasons, which serve to mark the movement of the hands on the dial face of the year, - now from sunlight to ous support of all religious institutions | shadow, and again from withered the radiance and warmth of summer. So it is, by these ever-varying changes we mark the progress of the year; and it is by the recurrence of a particular one, as that of the winter solstice, that we note the completion of another cycle. We look out during the day, and we see snow and sleet and barrenness on wood and field, which but a few weeks ago were clothed in verdue or decked with the beauty of the lilies. We look up to the heavens at night, and we miss the familiar constellations that greeted our eyes but a little while ago, and instead we see Orion, who comes with the cold and goes with it, puncturing the west with his spear, earth the light of a blazing sun a thousandfold brighter than our own. As we note these and other changes we are also made to realize, as otherwise we should not, that another year has passed, and that we are brought so much nearer the gates of eternity. It is but natural, too, at this time that tender memories of other days should come before us, and that we should think how one by one our friends have passed away--it seems so long ago !and left us desolate. But to those of advanced years there is great compensation in the thought that every recurring year brings us nearer to them, brings us nearer the end of our journey. The way has been hard and weary at times, and as the loved ones had fallen by the way it has become lonely traveling. But it will not be long now some day not distant the gate will swing open for us, and then what a meeting that will be! Nor should we lament the swift flying years. Well

> has the poet said "Heaven gives our years of fading strength Indemnifying fleetness,

And those of youth a seeming length Proportioned to there sweetness.'

The young may well rejoice at the passing away of the old year and the ushering in of the new with all its possibilities; but the Christian of maturer years is content, if he does not as spontaneously rejoice, that it brings him out of the storm into the calm, from out the shadows of earth into the radiance of eternity.—C. W

THE POWER OF CHRISTIANITY.

For almost two thousand years Christanity has been placed before mankind in its best aspects. Had the same amount of labor and talent been devoted to the exploitation of Judaism, the werld would be peopled with Jews. - American Israelite.

Upon which the Christian Standard church. In all the ages a handful of nob'e men have represented Christianity in its pure doctrine and life, adherents to Christ in Europe and As a were under the dominion of an ambitious and unspiritual priesthood. of the exploitations of an amb tious

f rth. It has been, and still remains, | statue of St. Anne resting on a column | Niagara Falls, evidently, has a gr a missionary religion; its g eat doctrine of Christ, his death, burial resur rection and glorification, is true, and at its heart is the infinite and expansive force of divine love.

THE STAYERS-AT-HOME.

An absent man in the day of battle (says the Baptist Union) is worthless, sentimentality, but of a true and lofty I no matter how splendid his fighting qualities may be. An absent churchmember in the hour of need in public testimony is worthless, An absent Sunday-school teacher at the hour of study is utterly worthless, no matter how fine a teacher she may be. A church prayer-meeting of fifty persons is only fifty persons strong, no matter whether it has a thousand names on its membership roll. Their are only fifty persons holding up the standard in that one place at that time, -unless the others are in service elsewhere. A church service on Sunday night, in which fifty members out of five hundred are to be found, i fifty strong in that hour of holding out a helping hand to the world to come to Christ. Barring the fact that their money may help to keep an empty church-building open on a Sunday night, for all practical purposes the home sitting church-members might as well be dead

NOTES OF A SEPTEMBER JAUNT.

There were two of us left St. John

on the Quebec Express at 7.30 p. m. arriving at Point Levis the next day about noon. Crossing the Ferry from ids and many other places, as well as memory the roll and leap and Point Levis to Quebec, we passed by get a good view of the whole city. that are continually going on it the beautiful ship that brought the We were shown through the St. sunshine and in the darkness Royal party. There were also a number of war ships lying in the harbour which had escorted the Royal party. while Sirius flashes upon the glistening They gave the harbour a very warlike appearance. As one looks for the first time upon Quebec, he thinks of the saying of Henry Ward Beecher, "Curious old Quebec. It is a populated cliff. There is the Lower Town, with its ancient-looking buildings and very narrow streets; and the Upper Town with its magnificent buildings. We visited the plains of Abraham, one of the chief points of interest. Here was the battle field where Gen. Wolf, who with his soldiers, under the darkness of the night, climbed the steep and rugged cliff, which to look upon one would think impossible, and surprised Montcalm and fought the memorable battle on Sept. 13th, 1759 which decided the fate of Canada. A high monument is erected to Wolf's memory where he fell. Passing a place on the field where some of the sod have been removed we found two old percussion caps used on the old musket of by-gone days. We kept them as souvenirs. We were shown through the Citidal, Although, still a fortress its present chief use is as a Barracks, and in it are kept military stores. A little way from the Citidal and overlooking the St. Lawrence valley is the large hotel known as the Chateau Frontenac built by the C. P. R. at a cost of a million | Monday morning Mr. A. Sherwood | door of usual size and windows dollars. We rode on the electric cars to Montmorency Falls, seven miles below Quebec. There is not a very large volume of water but the Falls are nearly one hundred feet higher than the great Niagara. From it is gotten the power used by the city of Quebec in lighting and driving the electric cars. We next visited St. Anne de Beaupre, twenty-one miles from Quebec. There is the famous shrine which for over two hundred and fifty years pilgrims have visited in search of health. Tradition relates that in the early part of the seventeenth century some Breton mariners who were overtaken in a storm while navigating the St. Lawrence solemnly avowed to pleasant. There is a great unconscious con- St. Ann that if delivered from the fession of the power of Christianity in dangers which compassed them they the foregoing paragraph. We can not would erect a sanctuary in her honor agree with our distinguished Jewish on the spot on which they should land. lic buildings make it in many respects There we took the steamer contemporary, however, in saying that Here they built a small wooden chapel the finest city in Canada. When we York, by the famous Huds Christianity has been placed before in fulfilment of their vows, which has were there they were sparing no pains the distance to New York be mankind in its best aspects for two since become famous. It is said the in beautifying the city for the Duke miles. The scenery along the thousand years. For many weary primitive little church was replaced by and Duchess who were to visit them in is beautiful. There were e centuries true Chrisianity was obscu | a larger structure in 1660. It has been | a few days. The arch built by the | dred passengers on the stea red and misrepresented by the super- rebuilt several times since then, and is city was said to cost ten thousand dolstition and corruption of a degenerate still occupying its original site near the lars. We were shown through the hundred. "sacred springs" whose waters they Parliament buildings. From the balclaim have miraculous properties. Near cony we had a good view of the city. while the great mass of professed been raised to the dignity of a Bas lica. A are the head offices of the Order, is a eloquent sermen on the colossal statue of St. Anne surmounts | magnificent structure. We called at | President McKinley. We the facade between twin towers rising the office of Dr. Oronhytekha, the Brooklyn and several other arel of fru That Christianity has been so widely interior of this edifice rivals the most, absent from the city, Close by the Central Park, going throu disseminated in the world is due to famous cathedrals in the world in building was the Foresters' arch in Museum, Menagerie and Met its own intrinsic power, and in spite | beauty, painting and statuary, representing different scenes in the life of much encouragement to the heretics. in every home. It is good for old and hierarchy whose whole profession is Christ. On each side of the entrance are passed through a beautiful farming The steamers of this line are cordemned by the teaching of Christ. large pyramids of crutches and canes country; there were extensive large palaces; for beauty as well as Then why so much aborand talent have and trusses and splints and wooden grape fields, the vines laden with fruit. they are unsurpassable. Sp been devoted to the extention of legs. As there was no one to explain We enjoyed the day we spent at short time in Boston, we related to the extention of legs. Christianity rather than to that of to us what substitutes were given for Niagara Falls. Until recently the St. John by train. During We sincer Judaism would be an interesting and the wooden legs, we came away a profitable inquiry to pursue. The little sceptical. In another part of sort on account of the wonderful an umbrella; the weather was truth is that Christianity itself is the the tuilding we saw strung along the cataract; of late it has become famous, ful, and we enjoyed the trip

of onyx, and in the sanctuary is a piece of a finger bone, said to be that of the Saint, and a [part of the saint's wrist, and a portion of the rock from the grotto in which St. Anne gave birth to the Virgin Mary. The statue of St. Anne represents her holding a little child in her arms, which is the one has a good view of the Falls Virgin Mary, she being the mother. We-were in another building which is built in imitati n of Pilate's Palace at Jerusalem, each step containing relics of the Holy Land. We saw a number of the pilgrims ascend these sacred stairs on their knees, and kising the steps. It is said that pilgr mages are made to St. Anne from all quarters of the globe. As one sees those persons bowing and saying prayers before pictures which are so real, so life-like you can readily see how easy it is to become realistic. God cal s upon his rational creatures to worship Him. True worship is not ritual, it is life it is not service, it is spirit. How far down the Canadian side we keep ahead of the poor benighted heathen the high ground far above the r s the one who will kiss the dirty steps of a stairway? Who is accountable for such teaching in Christian Canada? Leaving Quebec we went to Mon-

went to the top of Mount Royal by running along the edge of the the incline railway, or, as we thought which gives one a good view going up, the perpendicular railway. rapids and whirlpools. As one s It is five hundred feet to the top. for a time viewing the Great Ni From the summit you can view the Falls he thinks of the Great Cre beautiful valley of the St. Lawrence, and as he turns away, possibly n the Victoria bridge, the Lachine Rap-James Methodist church—a magnificent building in a very central part of the city. Their weakness in building is the weakness of many congregations-their ideal was greater than their means and now they are struggling with an enormous debt. On the display was no doubt superior church, now in charge of the Rev. J. A. Gordon, formerly of Main St., St.

treal - Canada's largest city.

opposite corner is the First Baptist thing of the kind ever shown John. Since going to Montreal he in the dusk of the evening, and w has been very successful in building up the church both temporarily and s, irirually. We also visited the old the moon on a Summer evening church of Notre Dame, with its famous bell. In this church we saw the aileged chain, hammer, nails and pinchers used in the crucifixion of our Lord. Probably there are several sets of these things in the Roman Church, distributed where they will the many beautiful building Arriving at Ottawa on Saturday we

be most profitable. found the streets block ded with people. The Parliament Buildings were beautifully decorated and brilliantly illuminated, as were many other pub lic gardens, in honour of the Duke and lings; then the waterways, the Duchess who were then visiting the the beautiful gardens with flow capital. Sunday morning we attended plants of all kinds all added the Baptist church, the pastor being the beauty of the Exhibition Rev. Ira Smith, formerly of Leinster fir log used as the state of Wash Street church, in the evening we went to the church of which the late Rev. Dr. Carey was pastor years ago came to the hotel for us, and spent the day in showing us the many places of interest in and about the eity. We were taken through the Parliament buildings, the National Art Gallery, the Geological Museum, the Fisheries exhibit, e'c. We visited the Rideau Falls, and saw the Duke and Duchess passing through the Chaudiere slides or raft of timber. They are not likely to forget that trip. We took tea and spent the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood, both of whom are from Kings Co., N. B. Mr. Sherwood has been some years in the civil of the world in the Midw service. They have a beautiful home, and made our visit to Ottawa very

The next city we visited was Toronto. Its wide, clean streets and beautiful residences, colleges and pubby it the magnificent edifice which has The I. O. Foresters building, in which to the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst d to a great height. It is said that he Supreme Chief Ranger, but he was interest, enjoyed a trip course of construction.

Going from Toronto to Niagara we York to Bos'on by the Fall Ri Falls were known only as a great re- time we were away we did self-sacrifice which it has called snuff boxes. Near the altar is another count of its superior water power.

DENC future before it. The new steel ar bridge, extending from Prospect Pa on the American side to Victoria P. on the Canadian side, a d stance 19 feet, and 190 feet above the surface urches the water, is the longest arch brid in the world. In crossing th's bri Rapids. The Canadian Falls, exte from the Canadian side to Goat Isla a distance 2376 feet and 160 feet h rk here the American Falls is 1100 feet ficult m and 163 feet kigh. From the Fa Lewiston is a distance of seven m Scientists think that originally Falls began at Lewi ton, but du the ages have worn their way to present place, and are still wea back. The seven miles from N to Lewiston the water rushes thro a narrow gorge causing rapids whirlpools. We took a trip by gorge route. Any one visiting Nia should not fail to take this trip. G passing Queenstown Heights and beautiful monument erected t memory of Sir Isaac Brock, comm ing General of the British forces, was killed on the 13th of Oct spent a little time seeing McGill 1812. Crossing the river to Lewi College buildings and grounds, and we return by the American side were shown through the museum. We here we keep down under the ckslidder see them again, there lingers i A MIS Arriving at Buffalo, the only

> of interest thought of is the American. To fully realize w was you would have to see camera, no writer, no words describe the great show. The As we stood on the Triumphal and looked toward the Electric the light being turned on, the fi seconds it appeared like the becoming brighter and brighter the whole place was made to lo describably grand. I said to my "can Heaven be much more beau The architecture of the build magnificent. I mention only a Electric, the Graphic Art, the factures, the Ethnology, the ture, the Machinery, United Government, Horticulture Ten Music, and the Bazaar, the Cub Towers, the Court of Fountains office was thirteen and a half diameter; it made quite a nice being about eleven feet high, nd religion man in charge said the tree w hundred feet high.

Products from all the State exhibited. Canada's exhibit, a small, compared favorably with the states in the same kind of It was impossible to get an ide eeks later greatness of the Pan American days. The Midway was whe inding. 7 greatest noise and excitement pr It would appear to the passer the one who could shout the lot attract attention was the most ful one. One could see a great Japanese village, the streets the streets of Venice, the P Village, the Indian Congres

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