

THE INTELLIGENCER FOR 1905.

NOW FOR RENEWALS AND NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

The INTELLIGENCER does not think it necessary to make a long statement of its plans for the next year. It is enough to say that its work will go on.

Its mission will be what it has been from its establishment—the extension of the Kingdom of Christ amongst men.

The truth it has been spreading abroad for more than half a century it will continue to proclaim.

Its fifty-two years record must be the promise of the kind of work it will do, and the manner of doing it.

We wish to retain all present subscribers. We thank them for their patronage, and solicit a continuance of it.

They can help us much by quick renewals for another year.

Payment a month or two before it is due is greatly better than a month or two after.

It would cheer us much to have many 1905 subscriptions now.

Besides all present subscribers, we would like to have a large increase.

There are hundreds more homes into which the INTELLIGENCER should go. Will the pastors and all the friends of this paper endeavor to introduce it to them now?

It would be a great help in the work to begin the next year with several hundreds of new names on our list. Let us all try to get them.

Two Dollars and Fifty Cents will pay One Year for a Present Subscriber and One Year for a New Subscriber.

Will each present subscriber, taking advantage of this offer, try to send with his renewal at least one new name?

To all our friends we appeal to begin at once the work of renewing and getting new subscribers.

Notes and Gleanings.

—The London *Daily News* finds as a result of its investigations that 1,226,783 persons are employed in one way or another in the drink traffic of Great Britain. It takes great skill and vast resources to wage war successfully against an army so large as that, whose members all gain their living by what they unitedly defend.

—According to a Russian medical investigator, the Japanese are using the most harmless bullet—that is, as to its effects—that has ever been fired from a gun. The bore of the gun is so small, and the velocity of the bullet so great that the latter gathers heat in its flight, and acts as a germicide in the wound that it makes.

—English physicians say that they have a new problem to face in tea cigarette smoking among society women of Great Britain. The cigarettes are made of black and green tea, mixed in equal proportions, and are said to be pleasant to the taste. But they are very harmful and the habit of smoking them, once formed, is almost as bad as the drug habit.

—There are fifteen thrones in Europe, and eight now promise to pass from father to son. The latter are those of Great Britain, Germany, Denmark, Portugal, Norway and Sweden, Bulgaria,

Russia and Italy. The Sultan may be succeeded by a brother and the king of Spain by a sister. The emperor of Austria the king of the Belgians, and the king of Roumania look to nephews, while the ruler of Holland has no visible successor at present.

—The Russian system of government traffic in liquor does not seem to work toward a reduction of the amount used. During the past twelve months the quantity of vodka and other spirituous liquors sold at the state establishments was greater than in the previous year by twenty-five per cent., while the quantity sold in hotels and other places showed an increase of only sixteen per cent.

—Yale University has received 490,000 from the British government for its foreign mission college in China. This sum has for some time now gone a-begging. It was paid by China for the murder of English missionaries, but the society to which the missionaries belonged refused to accept it, as did also a number of other English missionary societies. The British government also declined to use the money for governmental purposes. It has now at last fallen into good hands.

—Street cars must run on Sunday in Kingston, Ont., or the company is liable to have its charter cancelled, is the decision of the police magistrate. The Lord's Day Alliance instead of fighting street car companies and other corpora-

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tions must now keep watch on the wording of charters given them. This is a new phase of the Sunday question, that a company will lose its charter if it does not break the law of the Sabbath.

THE SUNDAY DRUG STORE.

The *Presbyterian Witness*, Halifax, says a much needed word about the Sunday opening of drug stores. It says: "Is it a necessity that drug stores in cities and towns be opened a part of the Sabbath day? London, with a population of 6,500,000, closes its drug stores on that day. The druggist puts a placard on the window stating where he is and you can find him if you need any medicine just as you go for a physician. Why should Halifax or any other town or village have a clerk or any other person selling drugs at any hour on the Sabbath and thus be deprived of the privilege of attending church? Could not our physicians carry a small pocket-case and administer in times of urgent need and not compel the druggist to be at his store at certain hours—or all day long?"

"It often proves a loafing place for the boys on the Sabbath afternoon or evening, where bad habits are contracted and evil indulged in. In the present advocacy of Sabbath reform might not past custom be abolished and the tendency to Sabbath desecration and encouraging non-attendance at church corrected? Everything that tends to lessen respect for the best day of the seven or to beget indifference toward the hallowed season weekly afforded us by our Great Creator for our benefit should be taken out of the way."

"Will you excuse us if we have breakfast an hour earlier on Sunday morning? It is our custom to go with our children to our Sunday school, which is always preceded by a prayer meeting for half an hour, and that we never miss." So said the Princess Bernadotte, of Sweden, to her guest, Rev. F. B. Meyer, on a recent visit. Her husband, the crown prince, renounced his right to the throne in order to devote all his time to religious work, and both are earnest Sunday school teachers.

LIAO YANG IN FOOTBALL LANGUAGE.

The following description of the recent battle of Liao Yang, translated into the football language, gives a clear and condensed view of the battle, at least for footballists:

"It is a little difficult for the ordinary reader to get a clear idea of the battle fought last week north of Liao Yang, but to those who are familiar with football a few words will make the action clear. Kuropatkin, captain of the Russian team, gave the signal for a run around the left end, but Linevitch, the left half-back, had no more than started with the ball before Kuroki, who was playing right tackle on the Japanese side, broke through the line between the Russian tackle and guard, and in spite of the interference of Mistchenko threw Linevitch for a loss. The Russians still have the ball on their forty-yard line, with thirty miles to gain; but if they fail to make this distance in the next two downs, it goes to the Japs. Nodzu, centre rush, and Oku, left end, on the Japanese side, did splendid work, not only holding the line, but shoving back their men. More players were hurt than in any previous game of the season. If Russia fails to gain her distance on the next two downs, and loses the ball, it is expected that Japan will attempt a drop kick to Mukden, the goal, and win the 1904 championship, for it is too late in the year for another match game."

IRELAND'S DRINK BILL.

The drink bill of Ireland is terrible, and the worst Irish grievance is one that is self-inflicted. On whiskey and beer alone a population of less than four millions and a half—for Ireland now has only about 4,413,600 people—spent last year the frightful sum of fifty-five millions of dollars, and the excise duty amounted to thirty millions of dollars. For all classes of intoxicants the expenditure is reckoned at over seventy millions of dollars—about seventy-five dollars for every family of five, or fifteen dollars for every man, woman and child in the country. The greatest injustice to Ireland is not from the landlords or the government, but from the liquor trade.