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APPOINTMENTS.

I will (D. V.) be at the following places on the dates named:

I will be at Grand Manan in July. Collections will be taken at all the public meetings for the Mission funds.
J. N. BARNES

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Third District Meeting at Keswick, York Co., the first Friday in September, 1904. Opening sermon by Rev. A. D. Paul.

Fourth District Meeting at Blissville, S. Co., the second Friday in September, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Seventh District Meeting, the second Saturday in August, at Fair Haven, Deer Island. Rev. R. W. Ferguson to preach the opening sermon.

Recommended that Rev. J. McLeod, D. D., Rev. A. D. Paul, Rev. John Henderson and Rev. John Perry be requested to attend all the District Meetings.

"RATE CUTTING IN RELIGION."

The above is the title of a suggestive article in a contemporary. Steamboats and railroads sometimes cut rates, and have been known to go so far as to carry passengers free to keep them from patronizing the other line. "Anything to beat" the other fellow. The *Journal and Messenger* thinks there is reason to fear that the "cut rate" spirit gets into churches sometimes. "Additions to the membership they must have. If we don't get them, the other church will, and we must not allow that. Deacons and leading members demand that the pastor increase the membership, and even blame him if some one goes to the other church instead of coming to 'ours.' The demand for increase of members is so great that rates are cut, permitting the candidate to come with very little evidence of his fitness. 'A theological scalper's ticket can be obtained to-day by any man, without any change of conscience, character or conduct.' 'If he just looks around a little while he will find something that calls itself a church that will offer to take him through just as he is.' But the trouble is that the road is not completed the whole way. There is a great bridge still unbuilt, and though many men have been trying to throw over the line which may carry the cable and thus secure a crossing, the gulf still remains unbridged and trains are running up to it in the darkness, one and another going over the brink."

PARLIAMENT.

Monday.—I. C. R. estimates were considered. The road has a deficit of nearly \$600,000 for the year.

Tuesday.—I. C. R. estimates again.

Wednesday.—The same.

Thursday.—The Trade and Commerce estimates were taken up. Sir Richard Cartwright stated the Allans had the Canadian mail service, and were under two years' contract to continue the work with four steamers. These would be 17-knot 10,000-ton cold storage boats, which would make the passage from Moville to Rimouski in six days. The first turbine steamer is to go on the route in August and the second one in the spring.

— In India one boy in five attends school, and one girl in fifty.

—The eight Baptist churches of Rangoon, Burma, have organized a city missionary society.

What Others Say.

SNEERERS.

Only the ignorant and the vain sneer at the Christian religion. Young man, do you?—*The Telescope*.

RELIGION.

A religion that stays in the clouds is of no use to anybody. Religion must be definite, practical, useful—a binding rule of daily life—or else it is as much a mockery as the gilded prayer wheel of the Buddhist. — *Philadelphia Young People*.

DUNDONALD.

Whatever is the right or the wrong of the Dundonald-Fisher affair, the majority of our citizens will regret that the country is compelled to lose one of the most useful officials from a military point of view, that she has ever had.—*Chris. Guardian*.

"NO EVIL."

If we have the charity which thinketh no evil," we shall certainly have the charity which speaketh no evil. Shall we not also, in that case, have the charity that repeateth no evil that anyone else has thought or spoken, until at least the evil has been proved, and even then, only when compelled and in sadness of heart.—*Can. Baptist*.

A WORD TO PARENTS.

Do not either praise extravagantly or find great fault with your child in the presence of others. Do not allow the little one to pout, to cry or scream in anger, or by word or act contradict its parent or refuse obedience. Make threats of punishment rarely, and when you do, execute tenderly, firmly and faithfully. See that our children do not seek the companionship of the frivolous, the devotees of worldly pleasure, the immoral and the vicious. Gather them about the family altar morning and evening.—*United Presbyterian*.

THE "SECOND COMING."

We believe in a "second coming of Christ" and do not sympathize with those who believe that it is past; we respect earnest Bible students who hold that it is liable to occur at any time; and are not disposed to criticise adversely those who think that Christ will soon appear.

But those who adduce natural phenomena, or political and social events which—in essence—have taken place in every age since Christ ascended to the Father, as proofs of His now being "at the door;" and those who teach that the world is growing worse and will continue to do so till "the second coming," and that the business of Christians is chiefly to testify this to all nations, we believe have missed their way. Their "Lo there" are hysterical cries unworthy of attention.—*Chris. Advocate*.

MUST KNEEL.

Pope Pius X. has so far got over his humility and the professions with which he entered upon his high office as to have issued an order that every one presuming to speak to him shall do so kneeling. Every now and then some one who is admitted into the presence of the august pontiff recoils when required to kneel and kiss the extended hand. But no one has a right to object to the requirement. There is something revolting in the thought of a Protestant kneeling in the presence of the Pope, and it is no compliment to any one to say of him that he has been there. The picture of Pius shows him to be a fairly good-looking man, of middle age, dressed in a white robe and wearing a cape over his shoulders. That's enough. What more does an self-respecting Protestant want?—*Journal and Messenger*.