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## Editorial.

—Be resolved, by divine help, to make every day of this year a good day—good in unselfish and helpful living.

—Is your church insured? Several churches have been burned recently, some of them being uninsured. Trustees of churches should not allow the properties they have in charge to be unprotected by insurance.

—The course of the religious orders in resisting the law is hastening the separation of church and state in France. It is one of the chief questions agitating the country, and it is generally recognized that a grave crisis is near at hand.

—In New York city there are three-quarters of a million of people who are without church privileges. What a field for Christian work. The Society for the Federation of Churches in the great city is addressing itself to the problem of reaching the unchurched host.

—The first of the year is everywhere regarded a good time to settle accounts. Those who pay what they owe have a comfortable feeling, and those whom they pay have a like feeling, for they are enabled to pay their bills. It is

good for us all to contribute to the general satisfaction by settling our accounts.

—“A good name” is so good a thing that an article might frequently be devoted to it, but the article with that title in last week's paper was entitled *A Good Year* when it went to the printing office. Perhaps chirography not as good as it might be is partly responsible for the change of a word.

—The Baptist Union of South Africa held its annual meeting at Johannesburg lately. The ministers and delegates numbered about eighty. The meeting is reported the best ever held, and the outlook promising. A fine missionary spirit prevailed, and plans for pushing the work more vigorously received much consideration.

—Another missionary of the Free Baptist mission in India has passed to her reward. Mrs. Rae, assistant missionary at Ballasore, died soon after Dr. Burkholder, in the same month. She is spoken of as an efficient worker and a strong spiritual force. The little band of missionaries must feel sorely the losses they have sustained.

—On another page is an article by the beloved Dr. Cuyler, full of wise counsels for the beginning of the year. Of this venerable servant of God, so rich in Christian experience, and so tender and faithful and wise in all his teachings, by voice and pen, the *Christian Advocate* says:

If Protestants made saints, we should vote for canonizing Dr. Cuyler before he dies. He has been a public-spirited citizen and philanthropist; he has known what political party he belonged to; but he has always been first and last a preacher of righteousness, brotherly kindness, Christian unity, and free grace. We hope that this Protestant saint will be spared to write unto the churches until he is at least as old as tradition makes St. John to have been when to him were fulfilled his own words, “Beloved, now are we the sons of God.”

—The INTELLIGENCER desires to have its News of the Churches department as full as possible every week. While we gather all we can by constant inquiry, we have to rely principally upon communications from the ministers. We hope they will keep us well supplied this year with facts about the work. Whatever one church is doing is of interest to all the other churches. Success in one place is an encouragement to the workers in every part of the field. The ministers and churches desire to hear of each other. The INTELLIGENCER is their medium of communication with each other, and of informing other branches of the church how they are prospering. No department of the paper is more eagerly read by the majority of readers than that containing news of ministers and churches. It is not so necessary to write long letters as to write whenever anything occurs that should be reported, and to do it promptly.

ly. Notices of deaths and marriages should be sent promptly, too. Help the work, brethren, by frequent and prompt reports.

## WORKERS TOGETHER.

The Christian religion is essentially an aggressive religion. It is not limited to any nation or tribe or tongue. The Gospel of its message is good tidings to all men, everywhere. It does not admit that it is one of the religions of the world, and that therefore, its work may be shared with other religious systems, so called. It claims to be the one religion, and its aim is universal conquest for Christ, whose name it bears.

The field of Christian religion is, therefore, the world. How is this field to be occupied? In the work of spreading the religion of Christ over the world many forces and agencies are co-operating. The foreign missionary, and the home missionary have given, and continue to give, noble exhibitions of self-sacrifice and heroic endurance. But not these alone are accomplishing the universal diffusion of true religion. The faithful pastors, and those who are leaders in other departments of Christian work, are doing their part. But, besides these, a great army of faithful disciples are sharing in the work. Every Christian disciple is called to have a part in the evangelization of the world; and every faithful one, the humblest and most obscure as well as the most cultivated and most honored, is doing something. Every one can contribute the influence of a life of faith. Every one by a life of true consecration can preach the Gospel to somebody. Every one can contribute, according to his means, whether he have little or much, to the support of religion in his own home, and to carry the knowledge of Jesus to destitute places near and far.

The world is the field, and every Christian is called to be a laborer therein. The work done in the small and remote places is as important as that done in the great cities. It is all necessary, all productive of good, all honoring to God.

He who would know where his field of labor is, let him look around him.

M.

## SAPPING MORALITY.

“It steals in incessantly,” were the words used recently to describe the insidious and persistent efforts of those opposed to moral reforms for the sake of gain or pleasure, to evade or override the laws made to enforce such reforms. These are often more dangerous than the open defiance of law now, unhappily, so common by powerful and unscrupulous corporations. The pettiness, the harmlessness of some infraction of a law, the selling of a dish of ice cream, for instance, on Sunday, is held up, and it is called persecution to oppose or forbid it. So a young man's first glass, his first insignificant speculation or bet with money not his own, is thought of or represented as being a very small offence, or trifling departure from the path of rectitude. In the light of tampering, compromising with principle, of pos-

sible consequences and consequences that very often follow such acts, they are not small; they are like the first small drops of water that trickle through the dam which holds millions of gallons of water in a reservoir. Let this pass without attention and every moment the leak will increase in size until the dam gives way and the waters carry desolation and death in their path. It is only by eternal vigilance that the forces of evil can be detected, and the moral desolation and destruction, which, if left alone they are sure to work, can be arrested and overcome. On the side of evil the personal element of gain or pleasure constantly acts as a stimulus, on the other side, comes in, what ought to act with still greater force, but unfortunately often fails to do so, the highest welfare, the salvation of the individual from the results of his own folly, and the safety and well being of the whole community, of the whole country it may be.

A.

## THE NEW YEAR.

We have just passed another milestone on the way of life. Another year, with its possibilities and opportunities, has gone. It may be that many of us have failed to keep the resolutions we made at the beginning of 1903. If we have failed, it was because we did not live near enough to God. He does not at once give us grace for a week, month or year, but only for the day. The burdens of tomorrow are not to be carried today. God, who has helped us bear our burdens today, will help us tomorrow. We can live a successful Christian life only as we consecrate ourselves daily to the work He places before us. The year 1904 is all unknown to us. We “have not gone this way before.” To some it will bring prosperity, to others disappointment and sorrow, and to some it will be the last year on earth. Let us not be discouraged or afraid, but by faith keep close to our Lord, with the blessed assurance that His grace is sufficient for us. By faith Abel offered, by faith Noah builded, by faith Abraham left his home, by faith men and women endured persecution for Christ. So by faith in God let us all who are His followers, keep the resolutions we have made at the beginning of 1904. If we do we will have to endure hardness, deny self, bear our cross daily, as good soldiers of our Master, but our faithful service will not be “in vain in the Lord.”

D. LONG.

## GOD IN THE WORLD.

There is a principle in ethics that establishes the fact that God's controlling hand can be seen in the events that are national and world-wide. How impressively interesting and morally instructive it is for one to live in these days, when, by means of telegraph and press, he may know the daily progress of events in this world of nations and see the hand of God “through a glass darkly.”

Is it not a duty each one owes to himself and to the world to study current history in his own, and in all nations? Is not each one in his proper