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Editorial.

If you have not already done so, please send your renewal now. And if possible send a new subscriber with it. \$2.50 will pay for both one year.

—There are too many who, in their anxiety to accumulate money, rob God. Spurgeon cautions against trying to save out of God's cause. Such money will canker the rest. Giving to God is no loss; it is putting one's substance in the best bank. Giving is true having.

—A Methodist paper directs attention to and comments on the fact that in twelve different volumes of sermons by Methodist preachers published last year there was not one sermon on future punishment. That is a distinct departure from old-time theology. More than that, it is a departure from a truth of His revealed word which the Holy Spirit has made graciously effective in the work of saving men from sin and to eternal life.

—The personal appropriation of God in Christ Jesus is indispensable to our peace. It is those who can say, "My Lord and my God" who find true rest. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee." The belief that God is great and wise and good is common, and a belief that his providence watches over and cares for all is generally entertained. It is necessary that we have a more conscious sense of His love than this. Each Christian ought to realize, and may realize, that all that God is He is willing to be to him, so that he can accept every promise as made by God himself.

—The spirit of Romanism continues to assert itself in the Established Church of England, as is shown by the observance of Romish customs and ceremonies in many churches. One who visited several churches tells of seeing "lighted candles on the altar, hanging

lamps burning, the wearing of elaborate mass vestments, much kissing of the communion table, much crossing, bowing, prostrating and genuflecting, the mixing of water with the wine, the ringing of the bell, the elevation of the paten and chalice," and all the rest of it. Of course, it must be remembered that these things are not done in a majority of the churches. It is to be regretted that so little is done by the bishops and others in authority to check what is, probably, an increasing danger to the whole Church.

—In preparation for evangelistic meetings now being held in Louisville, Ky., one of the methods of awakening interest and quickening spiritual life was a series of cottage prayer meetings held all over the city. They doubtless did much good in bringing the people of different denominations together and concentrating interest in the evangelistic work. The *Christian Observer* suggests that in many places the cottage prayer meeting might be established with profit. Especially in country districts where it is not easy for the people of a congregation to gather for a mid-week meeting at the church, it would be found that neighborhood meetings for prayer and praise held in the homes of the people are of much value. Particularly a winter like this such meetings would meet the needs of many communities. Try them, brethren.

—The *New Voice*, the leading prohibition paper in the United States, had sundry struggles, as have all papers and people who are at the front in moral reform movements. One of its principal embarrassments was caused by the non-payment in many cases, and the slow payment in many more cases, of subscriptions. Well-meaning friends of a movement never seem to realize what serious trouble their neglect make for the managers of papers devoted to religious and moral work. The *New Voice*, by the help of a few interested friends, has just established itself in new quarters and is being printed in an establishment wholly under its own control. Many of its delinquent subscribers having come to realize that they were jeopardizing the life of the paper, are paying up, and a career of greater usefulness now seems to be opening before it. Under the editorial management of Mr. John Wooley, who has devoted himself heroically to the cause and sacrificed largely for it, it is a fine paper, doing magnificent service for a great cause. It deserves the whole-hearted support of every one in the United States who realizes the awful enormity of the legalized drink traffic, and who would share in the war against it for its overthrow. We hope it may have steadily increasing success.

PREACHERS' READING.—Says the *Baptist Standard*: "Some preachers can read a hymn and no one sees anything special in it. Other preachers will read the same hymn, before the same audience, and everybody will be in tears. Emphasis makes the wide difference. The man who can read God's Word and hymns with proper emphasis is certain to be a man of power with the people."

THE REVIVAL SPIRIT.

There is evidently a wide-spreading and deepening feeling of desire for and expectation of an unusual religious revival in the United States. The feeling is not confined to one denomination, but is shared by all the evangelical churches. Many ministers are preaching about it, the religious papers are keeping it before their readers and urging its need, and the secular press is commenting on it. In the beginning of this month, in response to a call for a day of fasting and prayer issued by representatives of the several denominations, churches in every part of the country engaged in a concert of prayer for the blessing of spiritual revival. Already in many places revivals of wide extent and unusual power are in progress. In Denver, Colorado, a most remarkable work of grace has been experienced. About sixty churches united in it, and the city was moved as never before. The secular papers which at the beginning gave small attention to the movement, and that half jocularly, agree now that nothing so impressive has ever occurred in the history of the city. It is not possible to accurately estimate the number of conversions, but they unquestionably number many thousands. Besides, the spiritual quickening of the churches and the stimulus the pastors have received, promise better and truer Christian work in all departments.

In other places the spirit of revival is manifest in an unwonted degree. The church papers have reports of special meetings and ingatherings, and are apparently expecting to chronicle greater things than for many years.

Dr. Wilbur Chapman, who has had to do with the recent revivals in Denver, Atlanta, Colorado Springs and elsewhere, and who, as leader of the Presbyterian evangelistic work, is kept in touch with what is going on in this line all over the land, says the revival spirit is steadily deepening all over the country. In all his ministry he has not seen so much awakening and a distinguishing feature is the extraordinary interest of men in spiritual things. Men everywhere seem hungry for the Gospel. He prophesies that we are "on the eve of the greatest religious awakening the world has yet known." God grant the speedy fulfilment of the prophecy.

Are we in Canada to share in the spiritual awakening that is blessing other lands? There are some signs of promise. The recent conference in Montreal for the deepening of spiritual life indicates a yearning after God that He will not let go unsatisfied. In Toronto both the Presbyterian and the Methodists are preparing for special work. The Methodists have already decided to have a series of meetings on a large scale. Bishop Vincent, of the United States, who has lately been conducting revival services in Baltimore with great success, is likely to be with them in the work. They are hoping and praying for such a work of grace as marked the labors of "the fathers." There is reason to believe that the longing for better things in spiritual life and activity is growing in the hearts of many in all branches of the Church of God in our land. By what God is do-

ing in Wales and England and elsewhere He is provoking thought and awakening desire in His people in this as in other lands, and it may be that the wave of quickening and saving power will sweep over all. It surely will if the Lord's people humble themselves before Him in prayer and consecration.

What of our own churches? In some there have been quickenings and conversions. Reports have not, however, indicated a general revival. There is need. Doubtless those who read of God's gracious doings elsewhere have the awakenings of desire in their hearts for like blessings in their own experiences and in their communities. Such desires are of the Holy Spirit. Cherish them. Give them voice in earnest supplication. Give them expression, also, in faithful services. Meet God. Bow to His will. Ask, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Do it. The divinely appointed conditions of the divine presence and power complied with, the blessing is sure. God is faithful. "If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." In all the churches there is pressing need of the healing and help of God. Come, and let us return unto the Lord; for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath smitten, and He will bind us up. After two days will He revive us; in the third day He will rouse us up, and we shall live in His sight. Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord, His going forth is prepared as the morning, and He shall come unto us as the rain unto the earth." And His saving power, by the instrumentality of His restored and consecrated people, will be manifest in the conversion of the many in all our communities who are "without God and without hope."

BAPTIST UNION NOTES.

The following are to be added to the list of churches voting approval of union: Pembroke, Steeves' Mountain, Eagle Settlement.

Nearly all the Free Baptist churches have been heard from. The few that have not reported will, it is expected, be heard from at once. The Baptist churches, also, are reporting approval readily. It is intended to have a joint meeting of the union committees very soon to take the next step in the movement.

In view of the approaching special session of the Nova Scotia Conference to consider the Basis, we would again commend to our readers in that province the article by Rev. J. E. Wilson, Moderator of the N. S. Conference, which appeared in the *INTELLIGENCER* of January 25th. It is a clear, reasonable and strong statement of the situation.

NOT FAR ASTRAY.—A Scotch minister who was in need of funds, thus conveyed his intention to his congregation: "Weel, friends, the kirk is urgently in need of siller, and as we have failed to get money, honestly, we will have to see what a bazaar can do for us."