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Questions for Self Examination.

Do I trust in Jesus Christ as my only Saviour, loving Him supremely, and desiring to follow Him in all things? Is it the chief concern of my life to promote the cause of Christ? Do I pray and co-operate with my pastor, and do all my plans and aims centre in the cause and kingdom of my Saviour? Do I pray in secret daily, morning and evening; and do I devoutly read a proportion of the Bible every day? Am I doing all I can in the Sunday-school as a teacher or in bringing others under its influence?

Do I uniformly attend and enjoy the weekly prayer-meetings of the church; and am I ready to contribute my share in sustaining them?

Am I laboring and praying for the salvation of individuals, for the members of my own family, and for those with whom I am intimately connected in business?

Do I enter heartily into all the plans of benevolence in which the church is engaged?—*Hartford South Baptist.*

No Probation after Death.

BY EDWARD A. PARK, D. D.

If we speculate on a probation after death for men who have only one degree of knowledge, we embark on a stream flowing into whirlpools in which hundreds have been wrecked before us. If the heathen in heathen lands are to have a probation after death, because they have only one degree of religious knowledge, then the heathen in Christian lands are to have the same probation for there are millions of men in our cities and in Vienna, Berlin, London, St. Petersburg, New York, Boston, throughout the length and breadth of every evangelized country, who are as ignorant of moral truth as are pagan idolaters. If men with only one degree of knowledge are to have a probation after death, then men who have only two degrees of knowledge are to have the same; for one small degree of our knowledge cannot make an infinite difference in our prospects for the future. A few additional units of our little thoughts do not reach the infinity of duration which cannot be reached by the first units. In this way every man will decide for himself that he is too ignorant to receive the threatened penalty; that he has been morally insane when he sinned, or has been idiotic under temptation; his case is peculiar, and is to be excepted from the common rule. 'The wisest of men see through a glass darkly; but I am blind. Do I know enough to be punished, as the law requires, for the hurried acts of this brief life?' The critical fact is, that with reason, or without reason, or against reason, it is natural for man to mitigate the enormity of his own sin and indulge in the illusions of hope for himself. If limited knowledge will nullify the ill-desert of one man, it will nullify the ill-desert of every man. If the smaller sin does not deserve the smaller degree of remorse forever, then the larger sin does not deserve the larger degree of remorse forever. If the garden flower standing up in the sunlight does not cast its shadow on the ground, then the gigantic oak will fail to cast its own shadow. The sun treats all bodies according to their proportion. The divine law is not 'The soul that sinneth greatly it shall die,' nor 'The soul that sinneth often it shall die,' but the law is 'The soul that sinneth it shall die.' Whoso offendeth in one point is guilty of all. The chain of the divine commandments is composed of many links. Whichever link you strike, whether it be the tenth or the ten-thousandth, it breaks the chain alike. If the chain is broken in one, even the smallest link, it is as broken as if every link were shattered into ten thousand fragments.

Baron Rothschild had his carriage illuminated by means of the electric light recently. Accumulators were placed under the coachman's seat, and the usual lamps had the electric lights placed inside them. The electricity supplied was sufficient to give light for a hundred hours.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.
The Old Folks at Home.

Mr. Editor,—

A few days ago I had the pleasure of forming a part of a rather remarkable company. We were five in all, and if we could have had with us another aged brother who lives within a few miles of where we met, our united ages would have amounted to about five hundred and five years. We met at the house of Mr. Joseph Hoeg, of Upper Maccan, Cumberland Co. The company consisted of Martin Hoeg, ninety nine years old, Joseph Hoeg, (his brother), 82, Mrs. Joseph Hoeg in her 84th year, John Gilbert, 70. And had the other venerable brother referred to, deacon Eleazer Taylor, of West Brook, been present, his age is 97, and the age of the writer is 73. None of us can "boast" exactly as Moses did at the age of 120. We cannot say that mentally and physically we are as vigorous as ever; but I was surprised to find the most aged of the company so vigorous in their mental faculties, and retaining their sight and hearing and their memories, so well. Mrs. Hoeg, our venerable hostess, moved round with alacrity, and got us up a comfortable dinner, with an expedition that would put to shame the tardiness of some of "our girls," who keep us waiting so long now and then for a bite of food, when it would seem as if all the world they have to do, is to clap it on to the table and say it's ready.

The best of all war, we trust we are all Christians, in the best sense of that word. After dinner we had a few words of comment and remark upon that beautiful passage of Scripture, Luke xxiv. 29, and sang the sweet hymn founded on it. "Abide with me, fast falls the eventide," and several of us engaged in prayer.

I have composed a few verses in memory of the event, which if you think them under the circumstances, worthy of a place in the *Messenger*, they are at your service.

SILAS T. RAND.

A MEMORIAL ACROSTIC.

Martin Hoeg, (aged 99.)

Midst all the strife, and toils of life,
A pilgrim in this lonely "vale of tears,"
Round you to guide, and all provide,
The Lord has been, for nine and ninety years.

In Him you live, His grace receive,
Now quiet beyond distressing doubts and fears,
He's with you still, you know His will,
On yonder heights the blaze of day appears.
Each passing day, shortens the way,—
Grace gives new strength, and failing nature cheers.

Eleazer Taylor, (97.)

Early in life, with your sainted wife,
Led to the Saviour, by the Spirit's power,
Even here to-day, holding on your way,
A veteran I see, waiting the closing hour.
Zealous for "The Cause," God's holy laws,
Each mental faculty still bright and clear,
Reading and prayer, your only care,
Thus glides along your seven and ninetieth year.

Ah! well, hold on, till your work is done,
Yonder the dawning lights the Eastern Sky;
Lo! from afar the "Morning Star" opens the gates of pearl, to faith's unclouded eye;
Ready, expect the call to spread your wings and fly.

Elizabeth Hoeg, (84.)

Even fourscore years, through toil and cares,
Led on through life, till strength has added four,
I see you still climbing the hill,
Zealous, I weep, to win another "score." A marvel in activity and mental power,
Blessing the Lord, for his faithful word,
Exalting Him who doeth all things well,
Trusting his love, all praise above,—
He leads where life and joy eternal dwell.

His love still trust, low in the dust,
Oh cleave to him, with firm unfaltering faith:
Each day and hour, His quickening power,
Gives grace, and strength, and victory over death.

Joseph Hoeg, (82.)

Journeying still on, not quite alone,
One or two earlier comrades left at eighty-two,
Stooping and slow, still on you go,
Enjoying strength quite rare in such as you.

Peace to your soul! May you reach the "goal,"
Heaven crown the whole, and bear you safely through!
Hope and rejoice, obey the voice
Of the good Shepherd still, though flesh may fail,
Eternal life will end the strife,—
God's grace will guide you safely through the vale.

Silas T. Rand, (73.)

Standing to-day still in the "way,"
In health and strength almost beyond compare,
Life's beaten road, I too have trod,
And borne the load, by the grace of God,
Safely thus far, for three and seventy years.
The way has not been wholly through a vale of tears:
Rich floods of light have cheered my sight,
And visions bright have banished doubts and fears.

Nor will I cease God's name to bless,
Dependant still through coming days or years.

John Gilbert, (70.)

Jogging along with the busy throng,
One of the few who reach the "three-score years,"
Hither you come, on the journey home,
Not vanquished yet by weakness, age, or fears.
Give God all praise! And may his grace,
In your behalf in blessings rich abound,
Leaning on Him, the time redeem,
Build on the "Rock," that sure and solid ground.
Enrolled on high above the sky,
Registered there, O may your name be found:
The "Glorious Company" to join the Saviour's throne around.

"WORK, FOR THE NIGHT IS COMING."—On Sunday afternoon, 8th inst., in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, a young man from Ireland, a missionary elect for Africa, delivered a pleasing address as an incentive to work for the Master. He said, "Nine years ago I was a wayward youth. On a Christmas morning my eight-year old cousin came to my room and said, 'Tosen Harry, dose you love Jesus.' The words sank as an arrow into my heart, and led to my conversion. Two years later I stood by her little grave, and said surely 'she hath done what she could.' Let us all do what we can."

NO PAY NO PLAY.—At Brighton such a company of outsiders follow the foxhounds that it is found needful to give no further public announcements of the meets, and instead thereof to send private intimations to subscribers only. The world deals out a sort of rough justice, and endeavors to shut out those who share the play but not the pay. We have plenty of these gentlemen in the religious world, and it is our impression that the great Lord of all things carries out much the same regulation. Those who neither contribute of substance, time, or labour to the cause of God are never happy Christians: they never share in the secret joys of the truly consecrated, they have no idea of the peculiar delights of hearts devoted to the Redeemer's service. May not this account for much of the doubting and fearing which is abroad, and for the despondency of many professors? As they do not work, neither shall they eat. They give little and receive little.—*Spurgeon.*

J. G. Holland wrote: "Women only can make wine-drinking unfashionable and heal the nation of its curse." Mortality is the body, of which the faith in Christ is the soul—so far, indeed, its earthly body, as it is adapted to its state of warfare on the earth, and the appointed form and instrument of its communion with the present world; yet not terrestrial, nor of the world, but a celestial body, and capable of being transfigured from glory to glory, in accordance with the varying circumstances and outward relation of its moving and informing spirit.—*Coleridge.*

A lady has just given \$6,000 to the temperance cause who a few years ago was told by her husband that as temperance was being agitated in their State (Virginia) he thought he would sign the pledge to help keep the cause. With great pride, she said, "I should be ashamed of a husband who would thus surrender his personal liberty." One year from that time he died of delirium tremens, and her sons, learning to drink at their mother's table, have both died drunkards.

Home News.

Nova Scotia.

Frederick Lyons colored, aged 50, committed suicide by hanging in the Police Station, Halifax, Saturday night last. Drink did it.

The Supreme Court has sent Rodgers Amoro of Digby to stand his trial for the murder of Mr. Carleton at Water town, Mass.

S. R. Caldwell has been gazetted surveyor of Customs at Halifax.

The Steamship *Caspian* grounded while entering the harbor on Friday morning during a fog, but was got off without damage by the returning tide.

A young woman named Hetty Beeswanger was seriously injured by the accidental discharge of a pistol in the hands of a boy named Charles Gossip, in this city on Thursday night last. The ball and parts of the fractured scull have been extracted from the girl's head.

A WONDERFUL CHANGE.—Rev. W. E. Gifford, while pastor of M. E. Church, Southwell, suffered from chronic dyspepsia so badly as to render life almost a burden. Three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him.

A lady writes: "I have used Ayer's Sarsaparilla in my family for many years, and could not keep house without it. For the relief of the pains consequent upon female weaknesses and irregularities, I consider it without an equal."

The Provincial Teachers' Association held its Annual Session in Halifax, last week. There was a large attendance and some very interesting essays upon educational subjects were read and discussed. Among the Essayists, we observed that our friends Professors F. H. Eaton and A. E. Caldwell were credited with having presented very able papers.

The Normal School at Truro closed its session last Wednesday. There have been 125 pupils attending. 82 of whom received diplomas classed as follows:

Superior 3. Viz., Miss Haliburton, Miss Chaffman and Mr. Ruggles. Good 44. Fair 35.

COLORADO BEETLE.—The dreaded potato bug has made its appearance in Wolfville. Prof. Tufts a few days ago found the larvae at work vigorously in his garden. He showed the grub to Prof. Hutchins, of Maine, who pronounced it to be the veritable Colorado beetle. The farmers of Kings should be on their guard against this pest.

"ROUGH ON RATS."—Clears out rats, mice, roaches, flies, ants, bed-bugs, skunks, chipmunks, gophers. 15 cts. Druggists.

A Paris newspaper credits the widowed Baroness Rothschild with the intention of establishing in Versailles a home for aged and destitute authors and journalists. She is said to have set apart 500,000 francs for the purpose.

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A PRAISEWORTHY OBJECT.—"None name it but to praise." This is true of that unsurpassed remedy, "Hagyard's Yellow Oil." It cures pain and inflammation, whether from sprain, burn, bruise, or frost bite, lame back, rheumatism, neuralgia, sore throat, croup, deafness, and is for internal and external use.

"BUCHAN-PAIN."—Quick, complete cure, all annoying Kidney, Bladder and Urinary Diseases. \$1. Druggists.

All unpaid subscriptions to the *Capital Fund* of the Baptist Book and Tract Society, are requested to be forwarded to the collector in each district or to the Society direct at an early day, as we are ordering large stock and require more *Capital*.

GEORGE A. McDONALD, Secy.

ITCHING PILLS.—SYMPTOMS AND CURE.—The symptoms are moisture, like perspiration, intense itching, increased by scratching, very distressing, particularly at night, seems as if pin-worms were crawling in and about the rectum; the private parts are sometimes affected. If allowed to continue very serious results may follow. "SWAYNE'S OINTMENT" is a pleasant, sure cure. Also for Tetters, Itch, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Erysipelas, Barbers' Itch, Blotches, all scaly, crusty Skin Diseases. Sent by mail for 50 cents; 3 boxes, \$1.25, (in stamps). Address, Dr. SWAYNE & SON, Philadelphia, Pa. Sold by Druggists.

A REMARKABLE FACT.—It is a remarkable fact W. A. Edgers, of Frankville, who was so far gone with liver and kidney complaint that his life was despaired of, was cured with four bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters. At one day he lay a fortnight without an operation of the bowels.

Not a particle of calomel or any other deleterious substance enters into the composition of Ayer's Cathartic Pills. On the contrary they prove of special service to those who have used calomel and other mineral poisons as medicines, and feel their injurious effects. In such cases Ayer's Pills are invaluable.

We would call the attention of our readers to the advertisement in another column of Messrs. J.E. Roy & Co., Agents for the celebrated WANZER SEWING MACHINES. The name WANZER has become a household word throughout the world, the Company are the oldest and largest Sewing Machine factory in Canada, having been established nearly 27 years. The extent of their business can be imagined when it is known that the instruction books for their machines are printed in 32 different languages. The Wanzer Company have taken prizes at all the great world's fairs, as will be seen by the display of medals in their office here. It will also be remembered that "the Wanzer Machines" were awarded a special prize at the Dominion Exhibition at Halifax, 1881, and at the County exhibition last fall, first prize at Yarmouth, Antigonish and North Sydney, besides prizes throughout the Dominion. From what we know of the Wanzer Machine we feel confident that it is everything they claim it to be.

On Tuesday afternoon, 3rd inst., Major General J. Winburn Laurie and Lady, who have been long and favorably known as patrons of husbandry, were invited into the mysteries and full membership of the noble order bearing that name, at a special meeting of Up. Newport Grange, No. 619, Patrons of Husbandry. A bountiful "Harvest Feast"—an integral part of the Degree work—took the place of supper and the evening was devoted to discussing the question, "Does farming pay?" to music, and the usual social Amenities.

The General and Lady were the guests of the Worthy Master until afternoon on Wednesday, when in company with the Worthy Stewart and Lady they visited Herbert Grange at Brooklyn. The visitors were hospitably entertained by P. W. M. the Rev. Brother Henry Howe.

On Thursday morning, The General and Lady who had been the guests of our Worthy Stewart proceeded with a large majority of the members of Upper Newport Grange en route to the Gores to attend a quarterly session of Hants Division Grange.

Arrived at the residence of bro R. R. Blois, Secretary Hants Division Grange, all were hospitably welcomed. The Division was during the day the guest of Maple Hill Grange the members of which spared no expense or pains in entertaining their visitors.

The session was in all respects an enjoyable one. Bro. Laurie, who is a thoroughly well informed practical farmer, was pitted with questions on stock raising, Silos and Ensilage, etc. etc., and gave full and satisfactory replies, replete with valuable hints to all.

Bro. Colpitts, traveller for the Grange Wholesale Supply Co. varied the proceedings with a display of his fine musical talent. The brother performed the somewhat unusual feat at one and the same time of playing on the cabinet organ and an accompaniment on the clarinet.

As the General and Lady drove off, the Worthy Master gave three cheers for brother Laurie and sister Laurie which was responded to with three ringing cheers.

That delightful drive home in the cool evening! The magnificent scenery, the glorious sunset, the long procession of vehicles winding down the hillside into the beautiful nestling valleys, climbing up the hills to catch a parting glimpse of the sun retiring behind his gorgeous curtains, the air ringing with the music of the clarinet, these will never fade from memory but cannot be pictured to the absent.

Hants Division Grange adjourned to meet again on Thursday, October 4th at Brooklyn as the guest of Herbert Grange.

A. PATRON.

A SECRET FOR THE LADIES.—The great secret of beauty is pure blood. Eruptions and all blotches that disfigure the face, may be quickly cured by Burdock Blood Bitters. Annie Heath, of Portland, certifies that she was cured by this remedy, after suffering for two years.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the most effective blood-purifier ever devised. It is recommended by the best physicians.

Dominion of Canada.

A financial collapse is reported from Winnipeg.

A horrible new disease is reported from British Columbia, as having appeared among the Chinese.

Hon. Alex. Mackenzie is at present in Scotland. He has arranged to return in September.

News of the World.

MADAGASCAR.—A telegram dated July 5th, via Zanzibar, from Admiral Pierre reports that he repulsed a night attack on June 23rd and another July 6th. The Hova loss was heavy. The French loss was only one killed. Admiral Pierre does not mention any trouble with the English consul at Tamatave.

Three thousand Chinese troops have been ordered from Canton to Yanchan on the Tonquin frontier.

A case of illness, suspected to be cholera, is reported at Menouf, which seems to show that the disease has reached Rosetta, a branch of the Nile. Several deaths have occurred at Malta.

Thirty eight deaths from cholera occurred at Damietta July 13, fifty-seven at Mansurah and fifteen at Samanoud.

Since the outbreak of cholera at Mansurah, eleven men and an officer attached to troops forming a cordon around the place, died from the disease. The colonel and staff became alarmed and fled. The colonel has been arrested and replaced by a British officer.

Affairs in Crete, owing to the resistance of the people to the payment of taxes are very grave. Committees are being formed throughout the island to resist illegal measures of the Porte. An outbreak is expected.

Fighting continues in Zululand. It is reported that Cetewayo is defeated.

The *Times* says that it is intimated that a renewed attempt is about to be made to obtain the international copyright convention between England and America.

Two thousand weavers on Ashton-under-Lyne have struck.

A despatch from Brekeney, Switzerland, says nearly all the cultivated land in that district has been ruined by storms.

The powder magazine at Batavia, Java, has been burned, and a quantity of war material destroyed.

Andrew White, an escaped lunatic, murdered his wife, son and daughter, at Joliet, Ill., last Thursday.

Cyclones, rain and hail storms have done immense damage to property in the west. Telegrams from Nebraska, Iowa, St. Lewis and other points, report great devastations to the crops.

Reports from Sonora, Mexico, are to the effect that Apaches are raiding in districts of Montezuma and San Paripia, committing murders and stealing cattle. A special from Opusura, states that a band of 20 savages attacked Hacienda, Paripia, six miles south of Opusura killing three men. Intelligence is brought that Col. Bandola started in pursuit, with 30 Mexican troops, and found the bodies of three men. It is positively known that twelve men were murdered by the Apaches, in the neighborhood of Opusura, since Creek took their families from Sierra Madres.

Miscellaneous.

An interesting fact about Russia is that in many of its coldest provinces fruit-growing is an important branch of industry. In the province of Kazan, which is 350 miles further north than Winnipeg, and where the mercury in winter sometimes falls as low as 60 degrees below zero, apples are grown in large quantities at a profit. In the province of Vladimir, which is almost as cold as Kazan, cherries of excellent quality are raised in great abundance. Both apples and cherries are shipped from these provinces in large quantities. In these high latitudes fruit trees are usually small, being not over eight feet in height, and are planted in clumps like stalk of corn. Their low branching limbs are usually loaded with the most luscious fruit.

The temperance movement is making remarkable progress in England. The revenue returns afford unanswerable proof of the decreased consumption of alcoholic liquors. Mr. Childers showed in the course of his recent Budget speech that the revenue from excise duties is now \$25,000,000 less than it was seven years ago. This indicates an enormous diminution in the consumption of beer and spirits throughout the United Kingdom. That this decrease is not due to hard times or commercial depression is proved by the steady increase in the consumption of tea during the same period. The English people are becoming more temperate. Drunkenness is not so fruitful a source of misery and crime as it has been.

John Wesley once wrote to one of his followers a letter which contained a bank-note and the text, "Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." His follower replied that he had been often struck with the beauty of the text, but had never seen such useful expository notes on it before.