

TERMS AND NOTICES.

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WHY NOT?

From Edinburgh and other parts of Scotland glad tidings continue to come of the work of the Lord. In London certain pastors have met and discussed the situation, and resolved on fuller consecration to God, and more prayer and work, that they may see His cause advance and many souls saved.

A LARGE COLOURED CHURCH.

A Baptist church in Richmond, Virginia, is said to be the largest church in the world. Its members are all coloured. A writer in the Christian Missionary gives an account of a service he attended at the church, which was held in the evening.

FROM OUR MANITOBA CORRESPONDENT.

Overland—Every man the guardian of his own property—Across the mountains, the great westward movement of the people is now in progress. The Prairie Provinces are being settled, and the land is being cultivated.

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service not less than sympathy; giving, even more than faith. And there should be no season of inaction long enough to allow the lesson to be unlearned or dropped out of the thought.

Many churches have been quickened by the services of the Week of Prayer. Many sluggish souls have been at least partially aroused. The way to save ourselves from sinking again into the old, sad stupor and the dull routine is to enter resolutely into the "Week of Prayer" with a new motive, the quickening is in danger of proving a mere spasmodic, making a promise to the ear and breaking it to the heart.

A few years ago this church contained a membership of about five thousand. Hundreds have since departed, and the church is now a shadow of its former self. It is gratifying indeed, and cause for thankfulness to God that a people so short a time ago in bondage are religiously as otherwise so prosperous.

On our arrival at the place, most of the congregation were absent, and as I had no other means of regaining their attention, I resorted to the old plan of singing, tuning their hearts to the occasion. Their style of singing is somewhat peculiar. In some of the hymns the melody is made to glide up and down the scale in such an odd sort of way that it often requires the most delicate ear to detect the real tune. Others are executed in a rollicking, straggling, chant-like style which is really charming.

For a while we were entertained with a kind of music; after which the pastor gave us a hymn and the whole congregation sang. The music was of a most beautiful and sweet character. There is only one reason why God is not just as graciously near to every community and individual—it is because they do not draw nigh to Him. Let Christian men and women draw nigh to God in prayer and work, and they will not long mourn the absence of His all-wise presence and power.

"Supper being ended," a collection was taken for the poor members of the church. This followed the singing and the reading of the scriptures. The shaking of hands, and I tell you, this was one of the prettiest sights I ever saw. It impressed me much. Two thousand hands clasped in token of brotherly affection, and the voice of gratitude to a Father's love, was what before my eyes had never seen, my ears had never heard; and I came away feeling that I had learned a lesson in regard to this sacred ordinance, which I never should forget.

Mr. EDWARDS—Such a busy week as this has been. We have been packing up to move to Bhimpoor, in the Santal country. Dr. Bacheiler is back at his post, and I am relieved of work here. He gives me to understand that the Foreign Mission Board will go to the head-quarters of the field, and you know this is what I long wished to do. We have been for the present at Bhimpoor, which is only 20 miles from here, but it is quite probable that a more central location will hereafter be found in the wide extent of Santal country we shall have to visit.

But I should speak of day of the arrival of our friends from America, and the annual conference, which closed its sittings here on the 3rd inst. The reinforcement consisted of the 22nd of November, the anniversary of the month's day. Thank God for reaching our hearts on that day, so full of sad memories. A little party of us took a boat and went out two or three miles to meet our friends. There is a canal now from Oolobahar to Midnapore. Little steamers ply between Calcutta and the former place, and canal boats bring passengers right up to this town on the banks of the Kasal, so that now people come here from Calcutta all the way by water, which is a great convenience. The journey occupies from 28 to 40 hours, and the distance is but 70 miles. The canal boats are pulled by men who run along the bank and sometimes propelled by oars; when there is a favorable breeze a small sail is hoisted. This method of travelling is slow enough, to be sure, but easier than the crude bullock carts, and less expensive than the railways. But, when shall we have a railway in these parts.

The missionary party reached us in the best of health and spirits, and need I say that a very hearty welcome awaited them here? Dr. and Mrs. Bacheiler return to many old friends and to a work which twenty years of service have been devoted to, and for which they have twice crossed the mighty deep. May the Lord grant them many years more, and all the strength and grace they need for a work so arduous, and best of all, so glorious, so great, as missionary work in India. The new comers, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall and Miss Cilly, bid fair to be a real accession to the mission force in this field. They have already entered upon the acquisition of the language with zeal and a determination to master it. This is the first duty of a new missionary, and upon its faithful discharge depends not a little of his future success. Our native Christians know this, and many warm prayers are being offered up for those who have just come, that they may acquire such a ready command of the vernacular as to be successful in preaching the glorious gospel to these poor heathen idolaters.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are stationed at Balasore, where our beloved Bro. Smith fell at his post last year. Thank God for sending relief to the sorrowing suffering widow. She has held on most nobly these long, weary months, and helped to sustain us so soon for her fast falling strength. Miss Cilly remains here for the zealous work among Bengalis

and perhaps the boys' school. Still our force remains very small and weak in view of our large and increasing field. May others soon follow in the steps of those who have come.

The crowning event of the late Conference was the ordination of Jacob Mishra, a young man of whom I have sometimes spoken in these letters. He has been employed and supported by the Midnapore church for a short time past, and we hope may soon become its pastor. He is a son of Rama, a native preacher of blessed memory. You cannot tell how thankful we are at such an event. Would that we could see a score of young men entering the ranks of the native ministry! There is work for three or four score such in the broad fields now opening up before us among the Hindus and Santals. Let every lover of the mission pray most earnestly for our native helpers, and for those who are looking forward to the work of the ministry in this pagan land.

It is quite probable that we shall soon organize a new church at Bhimpoor, and if so, the mission churches will be divided into two quarterly meetings and have a yearly meeting of our own. Your readers may be aware that our churches here have heretofore been known as belonging to the Orissa Quarterly Meeting, and this for many years was connected with the New Hampshire yearly meeting in America. Severing this connection and organizing independently will mark a forward movement in the mission, and cheer our friends at home.

I am looking for the published report of your annual Conference and your benevolent societies. It seems hardly possible that almost ten years have passed since it was my happy privilege to meet you all at those interesting meetings at Fredericton. Since that time, however, we have not met, and it is not as if we might have found you in the earthly vessel, they think it is made of the right material.

"What is the prospect?" To my mind, just this—When one within their own house, they will support themselves. It will be clear to any who will come to Halifax, that there is a work for Free Baptists to do here. Much has been lost by delay. Had we occupied this place six years ago, we would now have been a power not to be feared. Two of our brethren from abroad, were with us on Sabbath last—(Drs. B. W. and D. S.); their expression was—this interest must be saved. With nursing and care it can be done.

Dr. M. L. Halifax, P. B. Church, wants and needs the prayers of every brother and sister in the denomination. It needs help, and that soon. That the brethren may secure a house of worship, they are endeavoring to do. The seed our good Brethren and sisters have sown in the soil of Halifax, is now beginning to sprout. It is helped now, I have no hesitancy in predicting, that before 75, there will be such results, as will convince the most fearful. Would the denomination risk a tenth as much as the few here are risking, not only Halifax, but the entire denomination would experience a decided benefit.

"They that honor me, then will I honor." I have intended to write more, but my sheet is full. Pray for Halifax, P. B. Church, in prayer, and in the hour of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into the harvest." S. NARON LUTHER.

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The BISHOP'S MOVEMENT in the Episcopal Church, in the United States, led by Bishop Cummins, is evidently gaining ground. The agitation of the Episcopal party indicates increasing fear of the influence of the Reform movement. They have occasion for anxiety. Though a few congregations only have, as yet, come out upon the new platform, but there are unmistakable symptoms that more are coming. The tide of feeling rises, and the courage and faith of liberal men grow stronger, and a large movement may be expected before long. When the Convention assembles in the large congregations rally under the banner of reform, recruits will most likely come in troops, and the young church will become a power. So let it be.

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at the public expense, therefore it must be thrown, no matter what the Protestants may think or desire. This is an assumption with a vengeance. It is just as though the old gentleman should issue a proclamation in these words—"People of New Brunswick, I, as the Master at large, do not like your free school system, therefore you must give it up, and adopt such a system as I can approve, that is, such a system as will give my priests the control of the schools." Perhaps it is imagined that intelligent, independent people of this country will submit to this arrogant dictation. When the time comes to test the question another opinion will be had—the Infallible Pope will have a most convincing proof of the fallibility of his judgment.

THE CALL TO BATTLE.—The Freeman has sounded the alarm, and summons the hosts of the faithful to do battle against the "godless" free schools system—that horrible system which is "conceived in iniquity," and which is "registered in hell." Perhaps the Freeman has received special instructions from "our glorious Pius Ninth," that it goes at its work with an amount of ill-temper that savours very much of the spirit which prompts the multitudinous curses that every little while are uttered by the old man of the Vatican.

There is evidently no little fear entertained by the Freeman, and it doubtless speaks the fear of the priests too; that the people are not so so easily blinded as they have all along supposed. We can assure them that there is full reason for all their fear. We are glad, however, that the Freeman is urging its readers to prepare for the struggle. We can assure most heartily its suggestion that "the constituencies should at once begin to prepare for the contest on which so much depends." Let the people remember that an attempt, in point of determination and bitterness, to be made in this Province, is being made to rob us of a 350,000 vital to our highest interests; that such attempt will culminate at the polls in the next election. Let it be remembered that the design is to deprive the present law with provisions, or substitute for it a system that will give the Pope of Rome through his ministers, the privilege to use the public money for the dissemination and strengthening of the principles of the Papacy, principles that are opposed to equal rights, that make rebellion against the authority of the State a virtue if only it serve the Papacy, and whose policy is to keep the people in ignorance, that Rome may be supreme.

PROMISERS.—We are informed that the petition circulated by the New Brunswick Temperance and Prohibitory League in favour of a Dominion Prohibitory Law, are being numerously signed. The work is going quietly, but surely forward. We learn also that it is proposed to hold the first general meeting of the League in this city during the first week in March. It is to be hoped there will be a large attendance.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC are nobly doing their part in the great work. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia cannot afford to be idle. The cause is in our midst. Every day that it is left unattended its interest and deadliness increases. If we are true to ourselves and to society, if we desire the true prosperity of our country we need to be quick and strong in our protest against the rum power, and to be fully in earnest in our efforts to banish it from our midst.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

"We want to have our own way in this matter of education, and we will be satisfied with nothing less," is in effect, what the priests say. If they cannot bribe or bully the Local Legislature, or hoodwink the people into compliance with their wishes, they will if possible overturn the Constitution. Our readers have not yet forgotten the Costigan resolutions of last year. It seems that they intend to fight it out on that line. It having been established that the New Brunswick Legislature had full power under the Constitution to pass the present School Law, the priests have determined to try and get the Constitution of the Dominion so amended as to compel New Brunswick to give them separate schools. "Petitions," says the *Protestant Witness*, are in preparation for the Dominion Parliament to be signed by the Roman Catholics of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island. On the ground of these petitions resolutions will be moved in the House of Commons in favour of amending the B. N. A. Act as to force the Maritime Provinces to grant Separate Schools to the Roman Catholics. The Amendment of the Confederation Act will include Provinces to be formed, as well as those already existing. It is expected that the Quebec members, without exception, will favour this movement. The Ontario members are not expected to support it in a body, but after the support accorded to the Costigan motion, hopes are entertained that a fair majority of Ontarians will vote with Quebec. The Manitoba and British Columbian members are expected to vote in favour of the B. N. A. Act as amended. A few votes from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island can be counted upon. Thus, it is hoped, New Brunswick will be forced to succumb, and the conquest of New Brunswick implies victory everywhere else.

We have perfectly reliable information that such is the case, and such are the hopes of the Roman Catholic ecclesiastics. The Pastoral recently issued was part of the program. To be forewarned is to be fore-armed. The House of Commons cannot and dare not tamper with the Constitution in the interest of any sect. We forbear further comment this week. We state what we have reason to believe is the fact: let the public think over the matter."

A HEAVY SHOT.—The London Times is a heavy paper, and when so disposed casts heavy blows. In reply to some recent utterances of Archbishop Manning, it has the following telling sentence: "If there is one thing of certain history, it is—science, the unscrupulous advocacy of presentism, the despot of domestic ancestral life, has been the Roman Catholic Church!" We wonder if the Freeman and some other papers of its way of thinking, who are very recently accepted the statements of the *Times*, concerning Canadian affairs, as strictly orthodox, will as readily ally themselves with the above statement. And yet the correctness of the above statement is proven by every fact of history, while the other statements were only opinions.

BUSINESS.—Occasionally we are told that a subscriber feels annoyed, because the number on his wrapper has not been changed, but the complaint that the payment was made six, nine, or twelve months ago. We have frequently requested that subscribers inform us immediately on any misapprehension or omission occurring. It is almost, and in no case is it impossible for us to tell after a lapse of some time, whether the mistake has occurred or not. If subscribers would kindly so inform us as the mistake occurs, it can be satisfactorily arranged. For the information of any who have not taken notice of previous requests concerning these matters, we append the following:—1. All payments by subscribers, an acknowledgment, in the first issue of the paper, after their receipt. The number following each acknowledgment, will be the number to which the subscriber has paid. If a subscriber having sent money, does not see it acknowledged, he should write us at once, stating the amount sent, and the date of sending.

2. The numbers on the labels are revised about once a month. So that a subscriber may see his payment acknowledged with the number on the label attached, and yet the number annexed to his name on the label is unchanged, the subscriber should write us stating the date of the paper in which his acknowledgment appeared. If our friends will observe the above rules, much trouble and annoyance, and possible dissatisfaction will be saved—both them and us.

DOMINATIONAL.

SALISBURY, W. C.—The following is communicated by a good brother—"Rev. S. Smith is engaged with the church at Five Points, North River and Lake's Mountain. He has laboured earnestly since he came here for the upbuilding of God's cause, and has had some encouraging seasons. But the field is so large that he cannot properly attend to the whole circuit. His labors are very well appreciated by the people generally, and some are praying for a revival. We fear, however, that too few are united on this point and sufficiently earnest to obtain so great a blessing as a good revival."

SOMERVILLE, C. Co.—We learn from Elder J. Perry that the revival under his labors at Somerville, Carleton Co., noticed in last week's issue, is daily growing more and more interesting. At the time of writing twenty had been baptized, and the work according to the outlook at that time (Feb. 2nd), had just begun.

PROPOSED DONATION.—We learn from the *Sentinel*, that it is proposed to pay a donation visit to the widow of the late Rev. Yerns White, at her residence, Williamstown, on Tuesday evening next, the 17th inst.

DONATION.—Rev. C. T. Phillips wishes to acknowledge the receipt of a donation of cash, to the amount of \$84.00 from his friends on the evening of the 3rd inst. He wishes also to thank Mr. and Mrs. John Roach for so kindly opening their house to the donation party.

METHODIST NOTES.—A revival is reported in the Charlottetown, P. E. I. Wesleyan church, of which Rev. D. D. Currie is pastor. Fifty persons have been converted. There is a revival in the Canning, N. S. Circuit. The *Wesleyan* says—"the revival tide is upon us." Good tidings are reported from Lawrenceton, Tyrone, P. E. I., Burlington, and other places. Rev. Mr. Delist, Montreal, has been presented with a pair of Buffalo robes. A friend writes us, that the Methodists at Salisbury, are enjoying quite a revival. About fourteen have joined the church during the last two weeks. Special meetings, beginning with the Union Prayer Meeting of the first week of the year, have been held, and resulted in the hopeful conversion of several young men, who promise to become useful members of that branch of Christ's Church. Some alterations and improvements are to be made in Cansington Church in this City. There is a revival among the Wesleyan denomination at Fairville, and the conversions are numerous.

BAPTIST NOTES.—Eight converts were recently baptized at Liverpool, N. S., by Rev. G. O. Gates. Rev. J. Rowe, a short time ago, received a donation—\$55—from his friends in Hebron, Yarmouth Co. Rev. G. N. Ballentine reports an interesting and somewhat extensive revival in Brookfield, Q. Co., N. S. The Appraisers of the damage done to the Methodist Episcopal Church, have awarded \$4,760 as the damage done by the late fire. The proceeds of the Baptist Choir Concert, in Moncton, were upwards of \$120.

THE WAY TO DO IT.—In a private note from Rev. Solomon Smith, he says—"I am glad what I can for the paper. I generally inquire in any household I visit for the INTELLIGENCER, and if I find it is not taken I recommend it and urge them to subscribe."

The result of this plan is that in the course of time, Bro. Smith sends us a good number of new names. Some others of the ministers do the same. Why cannot all the ministers do this plan? If they would the INTELLIGENCER would soon be in every Free Baptist family in the Province, as it ought.

THINGS IN SHORT METRE.

THE PROTESTANTS of Memphis, Tenn., are endeavoring to do something for those who were made orphans and widows by the yellow fever. Their appeal for assistance is meeting with some response.

It is estimated that one in every twenty-five of the native converts in China are preachers. Their conversion is thorough, their conviction of duty deep, and the need of workers presses on every side.

A young Japanese nobleman, while at the University of Michigan, was led by curiosity to attend service in a Christian church. He became deeply interested, professed faith in Christ, and was admitted into the church by baptism.

A recent writer, who has formed his conclusions from close personal observation, notes a striking resemblance between the Buddhist form of worship and that of the Catholic Church, and ascribes them to a common pagan origin.

A man may send from Land's End, in England, to Kirkwall, in Scotland, the longest distance, Great Britain, from a wilderness to the edge of the icebergs, over a distance of seven hundred miles, a telegraphic message at one cent a word. In this country it costs at least twelve times as much.

As a gentleman passed one of the Philadelphia churches some Sabbath ago, he saw members of his choir coming out of a bar-saloon, and returning to conduct the closing services of the church—one of them with an oath on his lips. These were persons hired to praise God for that church. It was an evangelical church.

MORE VICTIMS.—If the readers wish to know of some of the last week's victims of the rum press department, they are referred to some paragraphs in our issue of the 6th inst. The number of the sacrificed on the altar of Bacchus is increasing every day. But certain persons grow rich and respectable (I) by the sacrifice of the poor unfortunate wretches, and society says it is all right. How long, O Lord, how long!

THIS AND THAT.—Rev. H. W. Tippet, who went to England a few months ago for his health, died in Manchester on the 5th inst. He was for twenty years pastor of Queen'sbury, York County, where he lived for two years in Fredericton, where his health was now. Rev. J. K. Barakat has been presented with a purse containing \$400 by the members of his church, residing at Sussex Springs. The new Episcopal Church at Sussex Vale will be consecrated on the 24th inst.

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