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RENEW NOW FOR 1887.

Now is the time to renew your subscription for 1887.

But one week of this year remains. In that week we should have remittances from many hundreds of subscribers.

Please do not neglect nor delay this important duty.

With your own renewal send at least one new subscriber, if possible.

GOOD-WILL TO MEN.

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play;
And mild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

The ringing, singing, on its way,
The world revolving from night to day.
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.
— Longfellow.

— A CHRISTMAS PRESENT. Perhaps you feel like making the INTELLIGENCER, as one of your friends, a Christmas or New Year present. We hope so. May we be permitted to make a suggestion as to its character? Nothing would please us better than your own prompt renewal and the names of some of your neighbours as new subscribers.

— THE MISSIONARIES. The letters from missionaries which appear in this issue will be gladly read by many. While we here will be enjoying, in pleasant family gatherings, the glad Christmas time, they will be en route to their far-away field of labour. But wherever they are they will have the presence of Him whom they love and serve.

— DOES HE? The Wesleyan asks, "Can a man love his church who is not sufficiently interested in reports of Christian work to take his church paper?" We are afraid the love of such an one for his church is very feeble.

And then, some may be non-readers of their denominational paper, because their attention has not been called to the good they would get from its regular visits. Will each one who reads this tell such how much they can get in the INTELLIGENCER for less than three cents a week?

— MOODY. Of Mr. Moody's personal appearance and his endurance of the work in which he is engaged, it is said that the eight years since he was last at work in Boston have wrought but little change in his physical appearance. Blessed, apparently, with an iron constitution, he appears to have the same characteristics of form and feature, the same peculiarities of voice and delivery, the same man, in short, but slightly modified.

— FORBIDDEN. Cardinal Tascheran, of Quebec, has issued a mandement prohibiting Roman Catholics from attending meetings of the Salvation Army. He also directs that tracts, hymn-books and other literature distributed by the Army people must be burned as soon as received. Those who disobey this order are regarded as guilty of mortal sin. And yet the Army goes on with its work and will probably do good to some of the Cardinal's needy flock.

— PROVIDING FOR THEM. In London, a joint letter, signed by the bishop of London, Cardinal Manning, Mr. Spurgeon and other representative men, has been issued calling attention to the anticipated distress during the coming winter, and suggesting as an immediate remedy the providing of work. In making this provision, the writers maintain that the following principles be strictly adhered to: That the rate of wages be below the ordinary rate, so that the workmen may as speedily as possible be absorbed into the ordinary labor market at full wages upon the revival of trade. That the work undertaken be secular work, and not in the interest of any religious body; and that it be not work which any existing public body is obviously bound to undertake. That no one be employed in such work unless he have resided in London for the past six months, so as to prevent an inrush of country labor.

— "REMARKABLE POWER." What a remarkable power, suggests the Gospel Age, there must be in some fingers. An Episcopal bishop places his fingers on a young man's head and the young man wets his finger and places it on a child's forehead, and, according to the Churchman, there is a magical and eternal result. It declares:

Every babe generated into the human family has a right to be regenerated into God's family; and the sooner the better. Neglect is perilous to the child, because the little one may be called away before ever it be made "a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven."

Isn't it amazing that there are any, even a very few, who really believe this kind of teaching?

— LIKELY TO GIVE IT UP. The Mormons are having a pretty hard time of it in these days. When they found it getting uncomfortable for them in Utah they sought to find a place in Mexico. A short time ago it was announced that they had secured a large grant of land in Mexico, with a view to making it their home when they found themselves unable longer to continue their polygamy under the laws of the United States. An active agitation, however, against this proposed step has arisen in Mexico. An emphatic demand has been made upon President Diaz to cancel the grant of land referred to. And, as existing local laws are very strict against polygamy, it is probable that the Mormons will not go to Mexico.

Where they will try next remains to be seen. They have large resources, their leaders are very determined and they will not easily give up.

— "PLUCK," IS IT? One of the papers commends the Bishop of Manchester for "pluck." And here is the statement upon which it has based the commendation:

"The Bishop of Manchester has more pluck than the majority of eminent ecclesiastics. He has dared to own frankly that he has tried total abstinence and finds it does not agree with him. At the close of the second year he broke down utterly, and was told by his doctor that he must either give up half his work or take a light stimulant with his principal meal. There are a good many hard brain workers whose experience is very similar, and who will feel more comfortable when they find the bishop in their company."

Pluck, is it? Lack of pluck we should call it. And, more still, lack of appreciation of the great harm that must result from such a show of weakness and such a plea for indulgence in intoxicants.

It is a most lamentable thing when men in influential positions give pronounced approval by word and practice to one of the most dangerous and deadly customs.