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Religious Intelligencer.

REV. JOSEPH McLEOD, EDITOR.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1886.

—MR. MOODY is now holding a series of meetings in Chicago, the scene of his early labors. After the 24th inst. he will go south to fill engagements there.

—JOSEPH COOK'S Boston lectures for '86 will begin on Monday, February 1st. The series will embrace eight lectures. The topics are not yet announced, but that they will be live topics and discussed in a masterly way is certain.

—THE REPORTS at the annual meeting of Plymouth Church (Becher's) were not very encouraging. The additions were less than in any former year, the collections for benevolent purposes smaller, and the pew rents fell off considerably. These things are attributable chiefly to the fact that Mr. Becher, as brilliant and powerful a speaker as ever, fails to preach the simple Gospel of Jesus Christ.

—THE IRISH in America send a large amount of money to their friends in Ireland. The Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York is authority for the statement that the annual remittances are not less than eight millions. A large number of poor relatives in Ireland derive their chief support from this source. Besides this large amount, thousands are sent to keep Fenian and similar organizations running.

—PAUL, writing to the Corinthians, said: "I caught you with guile." Perhaps in that expression an Episcopalian paper finds warrant for a suggestion as to one way of promoting the interests of the Episcopal Church in Scotland. It soberly advises that every minister who can should "adopt a strong Scottish accent and phraseology," and expresses the belief that by this means the establishment will be more in favor in Scotland. What next?

—FOR THE accomplishment of almost every purpose there must, it is thought in this day, be an organization. One of the latest English societies is devoted to war against the wearing dead birds as ornaments by ladies. The wholesale slaughter of the birds is cruel, and to correct the fashion of using them as ornaments is believed to be the only way to effect their preservation. The movement deserves success.

—THE MISSIONARY committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States endeavored to raise a million dollars for Missions in 1885. There was a marked increase over the contributions of former years, but the million was not reached. Nothing daunted, they have set about raising the million, if possible, in 1886. We think they will accomplish it. We fervently hope so.

—DR. PHILLIPS is not the man to eat the bread of idleness, nor to drain support from the Mission treasury while at home so long as he can avoid it. Though he has but just reached America, he has already become pastor of a church in Rhode Island. He must be at work. To stop work would be to die. We hope the change in his work may afford him at least a little of the rest he evidently needs.

—THERE is a constant increase in the number of students attending the Union Baptist Seminary. Six young men and two young ladies have entered since Jan. 1st. Although the attendance is not as large as it might and ought to be, there was never a better lot of students in attendance than now, and never was there better work done. The outlook is decidedly encouraging. The next term begins on Wednesday, Jan. 27th. At that time new students will be admitted and new classes formed.

—HOW MUCH the moral and Christian movements of the time owe to the devotion and consecrated wisdom of woman cannot be estimated. The temperance movement, especially, is under the greatest obligation to her. After the great victory for temperance in Atlanta, Ga., Dr. Hawthorne in a speech describing the forces that were engaged in the contest, said,—"I am not prepared to go as far as the French proverb and say that 'what a woman wills God wills,' but I will say that there is no community on earth in which a cause worthy of success has ever failed, to the support of which women brought an undivided mind and heart."

—THE WAY in which the Toronto women exercised their franchise on the first opportunity and the good result of their voting, have had the effect of moving their sisters in other parts of the Dominion to begin a vigorous agitation to have the right of voting given them too. In Montreal, ladies petitioned the City Council, and the council has voted to ask the Legislature to amend the city charter so as to permit women, who are otherwise qualified, to vote in civic elections.

In Portland a number of ladies have petitioned the City Council for the right to vote. Their prayer is likely to be granted. This movement is sure to spread. In St. John, Fredericton, Moncton, Woodstock, and elsewhere in this Province, and in every part of Canada the women will want the right given their Ontario sisters. And they will get it, too.

—ON THE first page is a letter from the pen of Dr. J. L. Phillips. In it he sets before the Free Baptist churches of the United States the condition and needs of the India mission. The facts are not pleasant reading; they are very painful. But it is always well in such matters to know the truth. The facts are the best possible appeal, and if the churches are not quite lost to all feeling they will give a response that will speedily change the condition of the mission.

What do the churches in these Provinces think? Are they doing their duty in this India work? We are sorry to have to say that, in our opinion, our churches are falling far below their duty in this matter. We should be more sorry if we believed they were satisfied that they are doing all they ought. We have to repeat here what we have had several times to say, that weakness and decay are inevitable if there is continued failure to do what is required in mission work. "Lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes" is the command of the Lord.

—A good deal has been said about the gifts made by the late W. H. Vanderbilt, and the impression has been sought to be made that his gifts were on a very generous scale. We are glad to find that another and more correct estimate of his gifts is put forth by some. For instance, Rev. Mr. Iglehart, a Methodist minister, puts the case with firmness and force. After commending the gifts he says:

But we must remember that the sum total of his great benefactions is only a fraction over one-tenth of his income for one year. Do you think that such a pittance pays his obligations to his fellows or his God? After subtracting the expenses of his living there was left from his income last year, without touching a dollar of the principal, enough money to endow eight colleges with \$500,000 each, to build 20 hospitals costing over \$100,000 each, to erect 100 churches costing \$10,000 each, and to furnish bread and fuel for 40,000 poor families. In his will he has left a million to benevolence. That seems large to us, but it was small for him. It was only the 1-200th part of his estate; the other \$199,000,000 he left to his family. After providing amply for his posterity he could have left a fund that would have yielded to the causes of education, benevolence, and religion \$3,000,000 a year for a hundred, for a thousand, years to come.

Many a poor man, indeed all poor men who give anything at all, do more generously than the great millionaire.

PERSONAL.—W. B. Beveridge, Esq., formerly M. P. for Victoria, Co., is on a visit to the Province. His home is now in Wisconsin. . . . George Stephen, President of the Canada Pacific Railway, has been made a baronet.

THANKS.—Our thanks are due Dr. E. O. Cosman for late Minneapolis papers. . . . We are indebted to the Librarian of the Ottawa Y. M. C. Association for a copy of its 19th Annual Report.

PREPARATION.

One of the secrets of success in any pursuit is expressed by the single word—Preparation. Its value is seen on every hand. Everyday life affords abundant illustrations. The land carelessly and imperfectly prepared will yield but a poor crop, despite its great fertility. The student may have genius, he may be what is called brilliant above his fellows, but if he has not the habit of application he will be a failure. The genius that succeeds is that of hard and careful work. Lacking it there will be imperfect work which will sooner or later, so far as attainments are concerned, class the brightest intellect with the dunce.

The preacher learns the importance of preparation; or, if he fails to learn it, his congregation soon learns it for him from his lack. The absence of careful preparation will take the power out of sermons which otherwise might have made deep and lasting impressions. The sermon which gives only the result of pulpit thought will furnish but little which the hearers will take home and ponder, and which will mould their lives for God and goodness. The best sermons, those which most powerfully and permanently influence their hearers, are the fruit of earnest thought and careful reading, sanctified by the Lord by fervent prayer and the baptism of the Spirit.

The Sabbath-school teacher who would succeed in interesting, instructing and persuading his class, must faithfully prepare himself for the work. It is not enough to just read over the lesson, or to use some one of the provided sets of questions and answers. He must study the lesson, using the best available helps, with prayer for the Spirit's leading and light. The Christian who would deal with an unconverted friend, whether one careless of his soul or anxious about it, cannot afford to go about the work in a haphazard way. He must not think the Spirit will supply his lack if that lack is the result of his indolence or neglect. Acquainting himself with the portions of the word of God applicable to the case in hand, with intelligent reliance on the Spirit for quickening and help, is the preparation needed. Without it, harm instead of benefit is likely to be done. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NEWS.

—The Edinburgh Sabbath-school Teachers' Union numbers 2,710 teachers and 23,552 scholars.

—"If London did not have its 400 city missionaries," said the Earl of Shaftesbury, "it would require 40,000 more police."

—The lay element is coming more and more to the front in the Episcopal Church. Nearly 700 lay readers were licensed last year.

—The Salvation Army numbers 1,780 officers in England and 1,296 in other countries. The total number of the corps is 1,439.

—A sermon in Boston on Dives and Lazarus moved one man to devote \$1,000 to the care of the poor. The name of the donor will never be known.

—A son of Baptist Noel is one of the band of enthusiastic Englishmen who are working with Mr. M'All in his noble efforts to evangelize France.

—The average Sunday plate collection in the Rev. Newman Hall's church, London, is \$175; and in the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon's congregation, in the great tabernacle, \$345.

—Rev. Jacob Freshman is prospered in his work among the Hebrews in New York. A man of culture and consecration, he is winning his way to the hearts of the people.

—The Free Baptist Church in Boston is prospering under the administration of the new pastor, the Rev. Mr. Haynes, a recent graduate from Bates College and Theological Seminary.

—A gracious revival has been in progress in Fayette, Me., for a month past, resulting in 116 conversions. Ninety additions were made to the Methodist Church, and thirty-three to the other churches in the place.

—After seeing all the sights of the French capital a little party of American visitors dropped into one of the M'All Mission rooms. As they walked back to their hotel through the gay crowd of thoughtless Sabbath-breakers, they could not help turning to each other, and saying: "Surely we have just seen the best thing in Paris!"

MISSIONARY NEWS.

—Israel Goldstein, a converted rabbi and Jewish missionary on the Rhine, is now working among the Bessarabian Israelites.

—The Church of England Missionary Society raises "a million for missions." Its ordinary income was last year \$991,065, besides its special receipts of \$166,640, making a total of \$1,157,705.

—Rev. J. Paton, of the New Hebrides mission, has not solicited a single subscription since his arrival in Scotland to make known the needs of the mission, but his touching and profoundly impressive appeals have been responded to with free will offerings amounting to \$40,000.

—Some fifty years ago, Dr. Ray Palmer preached and published a missionary sermon, in which he pictured how his soul returned 500 years later to visit the earth, might see closed Japan opened to the Gospel, and its people instructed in Christianity. It will not take seventy-five years to accomplish that for which his faith required 500.

—The missionary work in Morocco is most interesting. Although the English missionary authorities state they cannot guarantee a salary, persons are constantly offering themselves for work in that land. Medical work is a special feature. In Tangiers alone during the past year 1,800 patients have been treated. Recently an attempt has been made to translate portions of the Scriptures into Moorish Arabic.

—The province of San Paulo, Brazil, a priest recently snatched a new Testament from the hands of a lady, and burned it; and one of the colporteurs of the American Bible Society had a box of Scriptures weighing one hundred pounds forcibly taken from him and burned. The authorities would give him no redress saying that the government would not protect heretics.

—The launching of the little steamer "Good News," on Lake Tanganyika, was one of the greatest events, says a missionary of the London Society, in the history of the natives of that part of Central Africa. It was celebrated by the astonished people by the firing of guns, and shouting and dancing. They would not believe that the vessel would float in her iron sheathing, nor could they see how she was to be moved into the water over a distance of 145 feet.

—Germany has at the present day no small part in the missionary work of the world. There are twelve German societies laboring in India, China, Africa, the East Indies, Australia and Palestine. They are represented by 517 missionaries at 342 stations, are employing 2,560 native agents, and have in charge 193,975 native Christians. Of these 72,000 are communicants, while 40,063 children are taught in their 790 schools. The total contributions of these societies last year were \$1,276,800.

Denominational News.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

THE MIDLAND and Norton churches have been without a pastor since Rev. J. W. Clark went to Carleton Co. They are earnestly endeavoring to engage a minister, but, as yet, have been unsuccessful. Several visiting ministers have ministered to their spiritual wants. Saturday, 2nd inst., was the regular Conference meeting of the Midland church. A goodly number of the members were present and testified to the goodness of God. Rev. H. H. Cosman, Seal Cove, Grand Manan, was present. Sabbath afternoon he preached. The flock needs a shepherd. They are not discouraged, but trust that a pastor will soon come that way.

The people at Long Point, Belleisle Bay, set to work to build a new church edifice about the middle of July, 1885. They have a neat and comfortable, free-seated building now completed. It will be dedicated and set apart to the worship of God ere long. I hear that they have engaged Rev. J. A. Robertson to take charge of the church.

C. E. BLACK.

FROM MISS HOOPER.—I am hoping to get away the last of this week to visit several places in the Fourth District. With the help of the pastors of the churches I hope to awaken more interest in the work of the Lord in India. I am glad to hear of the safe arrival of Dr. Phillips in America, yet cannot but feel sorry that a vacancy, such as his absence from India causes, must remain so long unfilled. Surely there are those who will answer the call and get ready for the Master's service in the foreign field very soon.

J. B. HOOPER.

Jan. 12th, '86.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—I wish to acknowledge through this medium a few kindnesses showed me by my congregations lately. Some time ago the Waterville church invited Mrs. G. and myself to attend a social gathering in that place, where a company of kind friends gave us a hearty welcome. After a pleasant evening which all seemed to enjoy we returned to our home fifteen dollars better off.

Shortly after we were asked to attend a similar occasion at Greenfield. Circumstances prevented our being present, but on going to the place soon as possible after we were made the recipients of some fourteen dollars worth of useful goods. These events seemed to animate the people of Waterville, and the matter being taken in hand by two young men our house was one day invaded by our friends. A supper was provided by themselves, and a large company partook of it. The evening was pleasantly spent, music being furnished by a choir of singers, Miss Cora A. Grass presiding at the organ. The Chairman presented us with the sum of thirty dollars, for which token of care I thanked them. After prayer the company separated. I must

further mention that the ladies of this place presented Mrs. Grass on Christmas eve with a handsome shawl and other useful articles.

J. B. GRASS.

PENOBSCOT, K. Co.—Some special meetings have been held at Penobscot by the pastor, Rev. G. W. McDonald. The result has been good. The church has been quickened, and there have been several conversions.

A GIFT.—I was most agreeably surprised New Year's evening upon being presented with a beautiful fur coat, a gift from the members and friends of the first F. C. B. Church, Victoria Corner, C. Co., for which I wish to acknowledge my gratitude to them, and to God, the bountiful giver of every blessing.

GEORGE W. FOSTER.

REV. WM. KINGHORN was quite ill during last week, but he is now much better. He was not able to go to his appointments last Sabbath.

GIFTS.—The friends at North Head of Rev. H. H. Cosman and wife made them a present, Christmas eve, of a nice set of china dishes. Their Seal Cove friends presented a fine autograph quilt. These things help them to feel much at home.

PRESENTATION.—The friends of Rev. A. C. Thompson in Petitcodiac had arranged to present him with a \$50000 fur coat for a Christmas present, on last Christmas eve, but the coat not coming to hand on time as expected, the presentation had to be deferred till Jan. 5th. Early in the evening (before the hour for week of prayer service) a few friends assembled at Mr. T.'s house, when J. W. Lowry, chairman of the committee, called upon the Rev. I. N. Parker, who read the accompanying address:

Rev. A. C. Thompson:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—We, the undersigned members of your church and friends of other denominations, beg your acceptance of this fur coat as a slight token of the esteem in which you are held by us and the community generally. The zeal you have displayed in promoting the cause of the Master whom you serve and the hearty support you have given to every moral and educational work for the benefit and support of humanity, have justly entitled you to our highest regard. We offer you this gift, not as a reward for your faithful services, for we believe you are looking to a higher source for the more noble and lasting reward, but simply as an evidence to you that your labors are highly appreciated by those for whom you labor, and we sincerely pray that you may long be spared to work in the Master's vineyard, and that the coat may long last to contribute to your bodily comfort, by excluding winter's chilly blasts.

In conclusion, we couple with your name that of your beloved wife, in offering you both our very best wishes for your continued health and prosperity.

Hiram Humphrey, David Coates, Andrew Pugsley, J. D. Cochrane, Abigail Pugsley, Mrs. John Lewis, J. W. Lowry, Elton Cochrane, A. E. Killam, M.P.P., Alex. Brown, sr., D. L. Trites, D. D. McDonald, M.D., Jas. H. Morton, W. O. Dunfield, Nathan Steeves, George Graves, John Brown, Rev. I. N. Parker, Hon. Geo. E. Foster, Henry O'Brien, B. H. Freeze, M. B. Kieth, John Lewis, Mrs. James Lowry, Charles Tucker, James M. Killam, Mrs. M. Sorraat, Mrs. B. H. Freeze, Charles Holmes, Marshall Graves, and others.

Rev. Mr. Thompson replied feelingly; thanking the donors for this, another expression of kindness to him. Mr. T. on coming to this field of labor was heartily received by all the people; and nearly two years ago he was presented with a purse of money to assist in purchasing a horse; this a few months later being supplemented by a donation completing the amount for the horse, with a surplus. Last winter his people again remembered him; and now he has still another token of their esteem and good will.

CARLETON SEWING CIRCLE.—Last Thursday evening the Carleton F. C. Baptist Sewing Circle held its annual meeting, for the hearing of the report and receiving the account of the Sec. and Treasurer, and the election of officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. D. W. Clark, President, in the chair. The Secretary, Mrs. L. Jordan, read her report, in connection with the unanimous adoption of which some very pleasant little speeches were made. She also submitted her account, showing the total receipts during the year to be \$254.21. Of this \$158.00 had been paid into the building fund of the church. A vote of thanks was passed to the officers for the efficient services rendered during the year. The following officers were elected for 1886: Mrs. D. W. Clark, President; Mrs. J. W. Clark, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. John Treacartin, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. John Portmore, 3rd Vice-President; Mrs. Luther Jordan, Sec.-Treasurer; Mrs. G. A. Hartley, Inspector of work; Mrs. McDougall, general saleswoman.

The following is the Secretary's Report:

DEAR FRIENDS.—In presenting a Report of another year's work I have thought proper to refer to our past, present and future. The past speaks for itself. Organized at a time of need, supported by willing hands and liberal hearts, the circle has not been unsuccessful in its mission. For the present we are happy to be able to say that it is flourishing and putting forth good efforts; and although it was dormant for several weeks during the summer, yet its receipts from ordinary sources are larger than those of last year. For its conduct past and present we claim it to be a model of its kind. Such bodies, whether truthfully or not, are sometimes said to be mere retail gossiping shops, or occasions for rivalry, unkind words and thoughts, among its members and visitors. So far as we are aware no unfriendly word or unjust thought has ever been uttered or cherished. And proudly do we say, we can trace no mischief that has been made in our circle in any way. No work performed but that intended to assist the church in its good objects, and so we meet and part, each member more and more satisfied with each other. Sickness has deprived us of the pleasure and profit of the attendance of some of our active members. Among whom we may mention Mrs. A. C. Smith, whose punctual attendance and wise counsel we greatly miss. But we are not without hope that soon and with returning strength she will be among us again. As we look into the coming year we know not what changes may take place; but we hope and trust health and happiness may be enjoyed by the members of our circle, and that our work and meetings may be pleasant and increasingly prosperous, even more so than those of the past.

MRS. LUTHER JORDAN, Sec.-Treasurer.

Carleton, Jan. 12, 1886.

It may be justly said of this circle that it is doing a good work. Quietly meeting once a week, they make up garments for family use, which are sold at moderate prices, realizing quite an amount of money in aid of the building fund of the church. It affords its members a pleasant opportunity of visiting each other and taking a plain tea together once a week, as well as of accomplishing a great deal of good. Each evening's gathering is closed by reading the Word of God and prayer.

H.

DONATION.—On December 22nd, the brethren and friends of the Rev. S. H. Weyman at Eagle's Settlement assembled at the meeting-house, and, after enjoying a most sociable feast of good things and the interchange of home felicities, presented the rev. gentleman with \$24 in cash as a kind leave-taking of the old year. This church, Lewis Mountain and Wheaton Settlement have the pastoral care of Mr. Weyman. He has also the care of the two Millstream churches. Five Points is without a pastor. The Rev. Mr. Weyman is down for a temperance lecture, at the call of the Sons of Temperance of North River, for 14th inst.

SCATTER.

BEAVER HARBOR.—I have engaged with the church at Beaver Harbour for another year for half my time. Our meetings have been well attended, and a good interest is manifest. It seems as though the revival interest has been going on more or less all summer; and we are hoping to see sinners giving themselves to Jesus soon. A great many of the people here are much interested in the cause of Christ. They have a good and neat place of worship, on which they have spent some six hundred dollars in repairs and improvements in the last year or two. There is a good Sabbath-school, of which Bro. Roscoe is superintendent. During the summer from fifty to sixty scholars have been in attendance, with from six to eight teachers, all of whom have taken a good interest in the work. The school held a concert on Saturday evening, 9th inst., and it was very interesting. It was about as pleasant a time as ever I spent in any concert. It was plain that the superintendent and teachers had taken no small pains in training the children for the occasion. There was excellent singing by the choir, Mrs. Martin Eldridge presiding at the organ.

I have engaged with the church at Kingston for one-fourth of my time for this year. One-fourth I have yet to myself. I have been speaking to a number of the people about taking the INTELLIGENCER, and intend some time soon going around to see what more I can do.

JOHN A. ROBERTSON.

Jan. 14th.

LOWER CANTERBURY, YORK CO.—The Lord is blessing us at L. Canterbury with a gracious season of revivals. I commenced holding meetings about sixteen days ago. All around was dark, and the love of many had waxed cold. No meetings were held only when a minister came along and the church had almost lost its visibility. But God has been gracious unto us and has smiled upon us through the face of His Anointed. Backsliders have been reclaimed, sinners have been converted, and the hearts of the few that "sighed and cried for the abominations done in the land" have been