RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

"He Knoweth All."

The twilight falls, the night is near I fold my work away, And kneel to One who bends to hear The story of the day.

The old, old story; yet I kneel To tell it at thy call; And cares grow lighter as I feel That Jesus knows them all.

Yes all the morning and the night, The joy, the grief, the loss, The roughened path, the sunbeam bright, The hourly thorn and cross.

Thou knowest all-I lean my head, My weary eyelids close, Content and glad awhile to tread This path, since Jesus knows.

And he has loved me! all my heart With answering love is stirred, And every anguish, pain and smart, Finds healing in the Word.

So here I lay me down to rest, As mighty shadows fall, And lean confiding on his breast Who knows and pities all. -Selected.

STRIFE IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Controversy, strife, division-these have been the sorrowful lot of the church. These human aspects have always been too apparent, and these signs of the church being militant have not been lacking. These, like the sprouts on the tree, have often largely Christian religion : (1) The churchabsorbed the sap of the church and members who have joined the church destroyed its fruitfulness. These con- in order to be converted. These will troversies have usually been seve. scathing. Even between Paul and reached personal renewal. (2) Those Barnabas there was discussed a ques- Christians who have no testimony to tion until "the contention was sharp render. The man who has assurance it. You have no idea or conception me leave off sin and makes me pray between them.

carnal natures. These things come to are asking for a token outside the That's it. Good Lord, show us that sponsible. To allow ourselves to beus when we "walk as men," or accord- word. "No man," says Christ, loyalty to Christ means marching come morbid and miserable for not ing to man, after the way of the car- "shall pluck them out of my hand"- orders, gun in hand, at the front having attained an impossible ideal of nal-minded. Discussions upon worthy that is enough, surely. When the ready to die, and Jesus Christ will conduct, is a sin. subjects and proper exchange of seventy came back to our Lord he put the angels on half rations before thought and opinion in any community told them to rejoice because their He will let a soldier in an army like names were written in heaven. Could that suffer one minute for bread. between brethren may bind to unity

of salvation in the world.

ASSURANCE.

There are three classes of persons in

particular who lack assurances in the

they have rejoiced then without assurand purity of conduct, but the larger ance? That was just before the cross. amount of divisions, factions, and strifes in the church are to be traced Away on the other side the cross, Job lifted up his voice out of his difficulties to a lack of high conceptions of Christ and said : "I know that my Redeemer Evangelical Church, who accosted a Nobody must delude himself into playand to carnal views of his blessed work liveth" and David said of his dead child : "He cannot come to me, but I The evils of strife are many. James can go to him." Stephen looked up to the Gospel; "So you say you have We must welcome and use the new talks about a "meekness of wisdom" into the heavens with a face all shining found Christ and have peace with light, the fresh knowledge, which in contrast with a wisdom which he with assurance. As Dr. Bonar once God ?" "I have, indeed," he replied ; comes to us, raising our standard calls by the hard words, " earthly, said at Northfield, whilst Stephen was sensual, and devilish." He commends speaking of Moses whose face shone I know it." "Know it," said the re- whether complete or partial, as a stepthat knowledge and good conversation with God's presence, his own face be- spectable man. "And have you the ping-stone to something better.-Conwhich is from above, but tells us that came shining. I waited to-day for a presumption to tell me this? I have gregationalist. "where envying and strife is, there is dispatch from my sick boy. It did not been a member of the Church for confusion and every evil work." What come and I was nervous till this after- thirty years, and have not got peace James points out to the church in his noon it arrived, and I learned that he time as the result of strifes in the was better. Then my heart was at church has been found to be true in rest. Why not trust God's messages that you have peace with God ?" "Yes, our times in every society where these and be at peace ? "Fear not" occurs contentions have found a place. "The in the Bible over nine hundred times. wisdom that is from above is first pure, May we trust God and Christ for and that Gospel is good news for the then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be eternity, and let the church of the like of me; and if I have no right to entreated, full of mercy and good fruits without partiality [wrangling], and Lord Jesus nurse us peacefully through peace, I had better go back to my giver." this wilderness journey. - D. L. Moody. | sins; for if I cannot get peace as I am, without hypocrisy."-Rel. Telescope. -----

MEETING HOUSE RELIGION.

BY REV. SAM P. JONES.

It is noticeable that these controver- and arrogant, who are without the to the meeting house with. That's have turned over a new leaf." "It ing at home for his sake. 'How could sies and divisions have often been at- loving spirit of the gospel. The church the truth. I have got a religious won't last," said the professor. "Well, I keep him back?' said the old man.

Nevertheless, two facts must be accepted unquestioningly. We may not be happy, or even content, unless we truly have done our very best. Noth-

----Difference of Experience-Why?

ing other or less than this, as a sensi-Dr. Bonar tells us of one who claim- tive and enlightened conscience deed to be a respectable member of an cides, can be accepted as a substitute. poor man, lately recovered from vice ing the hypocrite. Furthermore, our through faith in Christ and obedience best must grow better continually. "I have found Him; I have peace, and steadily, and using every success,

Giving, and Giving Up.

"He certainly is a most generous nor assurance yet ; and you, who have man. He has just given five thousand been a profligate most of your life, say pounds to the work of foreign missions. It's one of the most munificent gifts I have been as bad as a man can well we have ever received." be, but I have believed the Gospel,

"Not quite so," was the answer. "I know of at least one more generous

"Really? Well, I was looking I shall never get it all." "It's all a through the reports of the last few delusion," said the other. "Do you years, and I saw nothing like that sum think that God would give a sinner on the donation list."

"No; the gift to which I allude has What a little idea of religion some who have been doing all I can to get it not appeared in print, and will be people get! Why, there are grown for so many years?" "You are so known by very few except the Lord. people, gray-headed people, I expect respectable a man," replied the new The other day I was calling on a friend in this church that when you get a convert, "that you can get on without of mine, a very aged man, who told never have peace until they have religious idea, if it was at midnight, peace and pardon, but a wretch like me, with tears running down his sister, brother, you would jump up me cannot; if my peace is a delusion cheeks, that his only son was about to and dress and run to the church with it cannot be a bad one, for it makes leave home for missionary work in a far-away land. The father had discovered that the young man felt called will not be speechless. (3) The proud of religion except something to run and read my Bible. Since I got it I of God to such service, but was tarry tended with bitterness, which was evi- is full of haughty, unloving Christians, notion in my head, husband, and but it is agood thing while it does last, 'I had prayed all my life : Thy kingdom come;' 'Send forth laborers into FEBRUARY 23, 1887.

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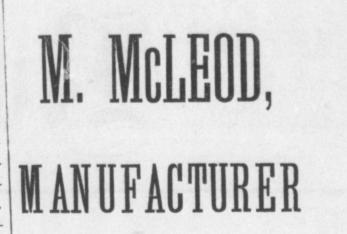
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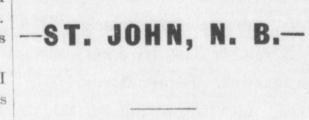
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dently furnished by the depravity of hindering the progress of the kingdom what will I do with it if I don't run and it is strange to see the like of you thy harvest;' and with the pain of spirit of Christ.

dissensions have often grown cut of others until we have rid ourselves of Oh, my brother, listen ! I have the when I have come to Him, you are unworthy beginnings and over un- foolish doubts, and settled it that we profoundest contempt for that man doing all you can to take Him away. worthy objects. The whole history of are born of God. Read John xxi. 20. who simply has the faith, the receptive But I'll stick to Him in spite of you. the church presents this fact before us. See also 1 John v. 13. The whole faith, the take-all-you-can-get faith, Among the disciples of Jesus during epistle is full of thoughts of assurance. the hold-on-to-all-you-have-got faith. his personal sojourn on earth this "Know," the key-word to the Book I have a contempt for that business. spirit was manifested. It was almost occurs thirty-two times. There are Every time you come to church you under the shadow of Calvary that, we six verses in particular to which your bring a basket or a bucket. Lord, are told, "there was also a strife attention might be called, viz: 1 John I have come to get something. Give among them, which of them should be iii. 5, 19, 14, 15, 24, 3. (Mr. Moody me something. Well, what do you accounted the greatest." It would read the verses in the order given, want? Oh, anything; anything in shame the church before the world, commenting briefly as he turned from the world you have got to give me. and many promoters of strife in the one to the other.) Christians ought I have brought a basket and a bucket church of our times, if the real issues not always to be bewailing their sins. to get it in. Ah, you come in here underlying them were presented before | Christ has made provision for the sins | and pack off, and carry off and tote off men. It would be the old case of the of the Christian ; and we have all sin- until you go home about empty. Now disciples repeated before a loving, ned since conversion. Leave those sins ain't that about the truth of it? Lord, serving, dying Christ. Personal am- with God, asking his forgiveness. And give me something. Brother, I say bition, personal pride of opinious of now as he has forgotten them, having to you this : Say, Lord, give me self-alas, how they gender strife !

It is a sorrowful thing to notice how too. It is dishonoring to God to be a man to the front that thou didst not this spirit of contention and strife constantly confessing old sins. It does send a forage wagon to take care of troubled the early apostolic church. not please the earthly parent to have him. That's it. God got an army We can only form some idea of it from his child constantly refer to an old, out yonder starving to death? Ain't the epistles of the apostles which have forgiven fault. So with God. There that ridiculous come down to us.

raul in his letter to the church at the Christian. His judgment is finish- the last war, when Gen. Early at the Philippi gives us a view of this feeling ed. Give God your trust. If you battle of Fisher's Hill won such at Rome, where he was a prisoner. want to be distressed, look within; if victory, and how he captured the for-Though he was a prisoner, there were you want to be distracted, look around ; age wagons and guns and routed the those who still envied him. They if you want peace, look up to God. army of his opponents there, and therefore so framed their preaching as Take the eighth of Romans and learn how they all commenced gloating over to even reflect upon Paul, supposing it, if possible, by heart, "There is their victory. to add affliction to his bonds. A therefore now no condemnation." Be- They fell in possession of more darker picture could hardly be pre- lieve it. Some have said, "Moody, rations and more everything than sented. Could it be that his kinsmen you are ahead of Paul, are you? He they had in months, and they comwere members of the household of feared he might be a 'castaway.'"

chain, his brethren envied him?

asked his pardon, let us forget them marching orders, and you never sent

need be no fear of the judgment to 1 often think of the incident during

menced gloating over the victory. Cæsar or in public office, and that from Read the passage, 1 Cor. ix. 24 27. That night the cavalry came rushing his favor and success in preaching Paul is not talking of salvation here, in on them and routed Early's army, among these, though bound with a but of the crown. You work for the and ran them off and recaptured the latter ; the first is a gift. Stars differ whole business, took Early's wagons

In Paul's epistle to the church at in glory, so shall our heavenly estate and everything away from them, guns Corinth, almost at the very beginning be. Our rewards shall vary according and all, and it took his army three of the epistle, in the first chapter, to our works. All who believe shall days to get together any more, and his heart painfully tells them how he enter, but some shall be saved, though they came in from the woods half

has heard, and from whom he as by fire, others shall have "an starved, just literally starved to death has learned, "that there are conten- abundant entrance." Will some of nearly. Early had them all form intions among you." This strife was these lazy Christians of to-day have to line and he was riding up and about their ecclesiastical standing, or the same reward as Paul? Not so. down in front of the ranks. And learned that all which God asks of any

human nature rather than by the by their unforgiving spirit toward the to the meeting-house with it? That's trying to take from me the only thing parting with my boy, in the certainty brethren. The truth for us all is that right where the folks have religion in that ever did me good. You never I should never see him again on earth, Nor is it less noticeable that these we all need assurance, we cannot help this country-at a meeting house. tried to bring me to Christ; and now

> Worldly Christians. Many Christians seem to have the

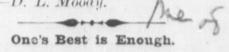
desire to live as near the world as they possibly can, to have as much of the world as they can, and have Christ at the same time. My experience has been that such Christians are the most | emphasis, the Christian's service, dewretched people on the face of the voted to worship and religious instrucearth. They neither enjoy the world, tion. Every Christian, for his own nor Christ. They are what are called sake, needs to be regular in attendborder Christian, running over the ance upon it.

and coming back among Christ's emphasis, an evangelistic or working people to-morrow. The best way is service. For the sake of others, every to keep as far from the world as you Christian should attend, should be praycan. Some one asked Billy Dawson | erful of heart and watchful for souls. how the world was getting on. He said The weekly prayer-meeting stimuhe didn't know; he hadn't been there | lates devotion and generates spiritual or a number of years.

the churches and chapels. There is Let the young of all ages attend the no doubt about that, but you will get young people's meeting. a good many more. The power of God will be with you, and then many make much of secret prayer. souls will be added to the Church. What do we see to-day ? A low standard of Christian life, and therefore

little power in the churches and chapels, and few sinners converted. People go on with their grand choirs, and their organs, and their preaching, but there are no conversions. What is the trouble ? The world has come into the Church. It is a popular thing now to belong to some church or

chapel. We want to see where we are, and to be separated from the world, if we would be faithful to our Lord. -D. L. Moody.



there is a deep joy in giving him up for Christ's sake. I said to myself, on hearing this

conversation, surely here is a true test of love—not giving only, but giving up. For though love cannot exist without giving, there may be large giving without love; but we can hardly doubt that it is love alone which for another's sake gives up what is held dear.

----**Pastoral Suggestions**.

The Sunday morning service is, by

line, mingling with the world to-day, The Sunday evening service is, by

power. Never stay away from it. We are told that if we lift the stand- The Sunday-school is large and inand too high, many people will leave teresting. Join a Bible class.

Read the daily home readings and

Constantly invite your friends to attend our services. Be cordial to strangers and intro-

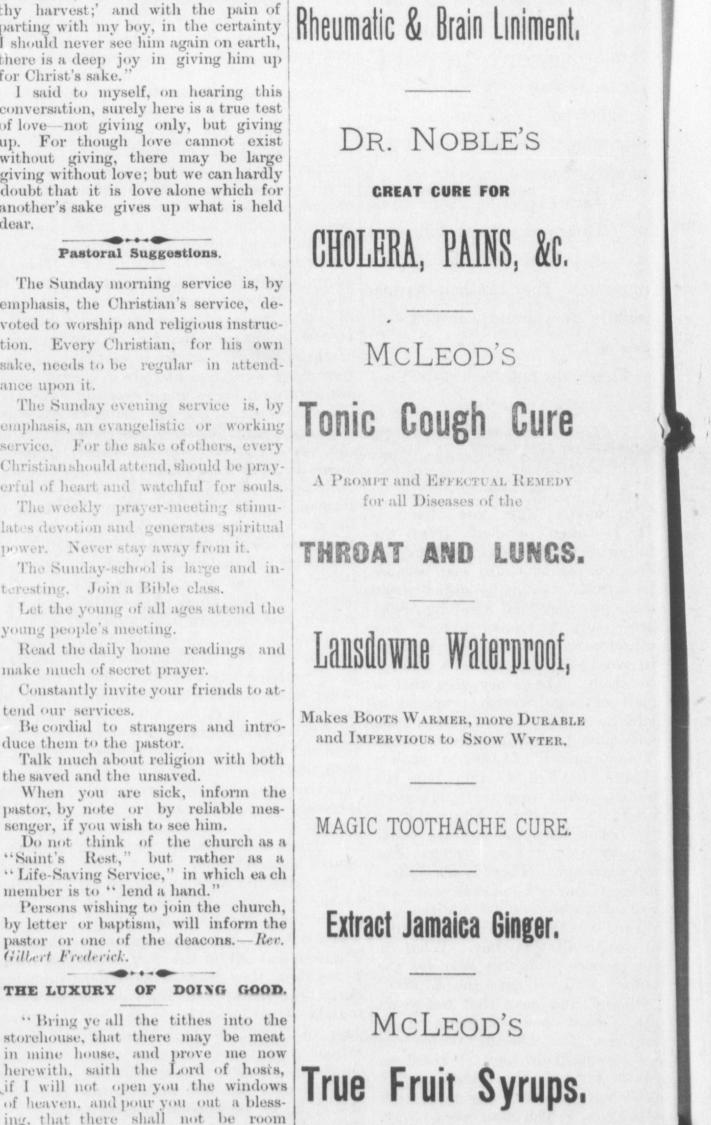
luce them to the pastor. Talk much about religion with both the saved and the unsaved.

When you are sick, inform the pastor, by note or by reliable messenger, if you wish to see him.

Do not think of the church as a "Saint's Rest," but rather as a 'Life-Saving Service," in which each member is to " lend a hand."

Persons wishing to join the church, by letter or baptism, will inform the pastor or one of the deacons.-Rev. Gilbert Frederick

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat Sometimes the lesson is hard to be in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of host's, into the church. One boasted that he be some very small vessels. Assurance of the line hollored "Bread," and back upon a given experience, whether of heaven, and pour you out a blesswas a convert of Paul, another of the does not depend on outward circum- they caught it up and it came from it has been happy or sorrowful, and, ing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."-Mal. iii. 10. eloquent Apollos, and another of Peter | stances. You say, "Moody, have you | the bottom of their stomachs, too : although we are conscious of having while others perhaps more vain than ever had the dyspepsia ? If you had "Bread, bread, bread, bread, "They meant made our utmost endeavors, we seem The language of Malachi iii. 10, RASPBERRY, is often used in prayer by those the rest said they were of Christ or had you wouldn't be so sure." Thank it, too, and they taunted him with it : to see how what we felt obliged to



the preachers who had received them Our vessels will be full, but there will directly some soldier up at the head one is to do one's very best. We look if I will not open you the windows

been converted under the preaching God, assurance is not so dependent on "Bread, bread, bread," and you leave undone might have been done, or of Christ himseif. How this grieved the constitution. We ought all of us know how soldiers could holler. how what we did do might have been the heart of Paul. They had almost to be able to read our title clear. If a Finally, when old Early stood it as done more skillfully and usefully. lost Christ in discussing how they had man threatens to take my house from long as he could, he reined in that There is no pain keener than that me, and I am sure I have a clear title bloody bay of his, and straightened which conscientious persons often feel found him.

epistle we see how Paul again is led to I am not afraid of what he may do. eye up and down the line, and raised present thus occasionally makes conconsider this same question of divisions And this we have regarding our himself up in the saddle, and said : cerning the past, and the bitterest or schism among the brethren at heavenly estate: "He that believeth "Fisher's Hill, you cowardly scoun- element of it is the fact that these Corinth ; and this same time it is about on the Son hath everlasting life." Do drels !" traditions or rather about men and you want a token that you are saved? Never heard any more about bread. accomplished. women wearing long hair. This schism The young man I met at Cambridge You see they had had bread enough But there is no need of remorse, of have, from the beginning of their service.

but were "doting about questions and promised to meet you here," said I, hollering "Bread, bread," which the light which we then possess- God. When he won a money prize strifes of words whereof cometh envy, "did you ask me to give you my watch Where's that bread you had? That's ed revealed to us, as involved in our for an essay on a religious subject, strife, railings, evil surmisings, per- for a token?" Have faith in God. the question. verse disputings of men of corrupt Zechariah doubted Gabriel and wanted "Fisher's Hill you cowardly scoun- honestly in the best way open to us, since been able to deny himself the minds and destitute of truth, suppos- a token. Gabriel gave him a token drels !"

In the eleventh chapter of this same to the property, Itell him to go ahead, himself up in his saddle and got his because of the revelations which the better things really might have been

had even debauched their sacramental came back to say that he was afraid he there to do them for three months, even of regret. Whether it actually work, put the sacred rule into pracwas mistaken about his conversion. but got routed and ran away from it. were possible, or not, to act and suc-So Timothy had in the church per- He ought, he thought, to have waited And I have thought about God's host ceed as it now appears to have been, sons who in their pride knew nothing, for a token from God. "When I up in the meeting-house many a time makes no difference. If we did all ed the principle of giving a tenth to

and he was struck dumb until the That's the way it works. It is not done, and may rest in peace. God's God has wonderfully blessed that lad, ing that gain is godliness.' Paul in his letter to the Corinthians child was born. Some one has said how much bread you want, it is not best and our best usually are two quite and increased his means and his enplainly shows that " envying and strife that the reason why we have so many how much bread you need, but what did different things, and it is only the the huxury of doing good."-Old and divisions" are the product of dumb Christians to-day is that they you do with the last bread I gave you? latter for doing which He hold us re- I Testament Anecdotes.

who are not aware that it is rather a challenge than a promise-" Prove me now herewith, said the Lord of hosts." We naturally ask whether God does "open the windows of heaven and pour down blessings' upon the faithful givers of tithes. Instances are not wanting among ourselves to supply the answer. No workers in our day have enjoyed larger blessings than George Muller and Charles Spurgeon, both of whom tice with believing and humble hearts. Years ago Mr. Spurgeon said : "I knew a lad in Christ once who adopthe felt that he could not give less duty, and if what we did was done than one-fifth of it. He has never then we did all which we could have pleasure of having a fifth to give. joyment of that luxury of luxuries-St. John, N. B.

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