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## Religious Intelligencer.

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## GREETING.

To all the readers of the INTELLIGENCER the editor sends greeting, wishing them

A HAPPY NEW YEAR, and from beginning to end A GOOD YEAR.

—SEVENTY SEVEN. On Wednesday last, (29th ult.) Hon. W. E. Gladstone was seventy-seven years of age. Of course numberless congratulations were received by him, and they came from every part of the world. He well deserves all the good words said of him and the good wishes expressed for him. May he live yet many years and be able to carry out all the great and good plans he has in mind.

—CHEAPENING RELIGION. Some men, professing Christians, seem to be always asking, "How can I serve God without using my hands. How can I serve God without using my tongue. How can I serve God without going to prayer meeting?"

They want to be regarded Christians, but are equally anxious to avoid doing anything for Christ and His church. To have the name and the benefits if possible, of a religious life, at the smallest cost in thought, labour and money is their ambition. Despicable cheapening of religion.

It indicates the absence of an essential of true religious life—love. He who loves God with all his heart is anxious to serve Him in every way, and all he can.

—GOLDEN.—As will be seen by a notice in another column Rev. Jos. Noble and wife have celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. We wish we had known a week or two before the event, so that we might have given notice of it. We have no doubt that many of their friends in all parts of the Province would have been glad to contribute golden offerings or their equivalents on so interesting an occasion. Even yet it is not too late, and we venture to express the hope that from the various fields where Father Noble has so faithfully laboured, gifts may besent. We extend our congratulations to the venerable couple, and trust they may together spend many more years of peaceful and useful life.

—SECRETED.—It is announced that the \$250,000 required to place on a substantial footing the Training School for Christian Workers, which Mr. Moody proposes to establish in Chicago, has been all subscribed. Can't go. Mr. Moody has had to decline an invitation to visit Sydney, New South Wales. His engagements nearer home occupy all his time for the present.

A GOOD PASTOR.—The religious paper is a good pastor, regular in visits and faithful in preaching.

It makes fifty-two pastoral visits every year to every family on the list. It preaches a great number of sermons on every subject of gospel truth and duty.

When you, Brother Minister, induce a family to take this paper you make fifty-two visits at once, preach many sermons, tell the church news in a plain and God-fearing manner.

—WEEK OF PRAYER. This is the week known throughout Christendom as "the week of prayer." In many places union prayer meetings are held every day in the week, and everywhere there is an observance of it in concert of prayer for specified objects. That the prayers offered may bring great blessings on all the world is the devout desire of a great host of God's people.

In this city union meetings are being held. On Monday evening the meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday in the Baptist, this Wednesday evening, it will be in the Free Baptist, Thursday in the Methodist, and Friday in the Temperance Hall.

—MISSIONARY SUNDAY.—We hope the ministers and churches will not forget that 1/2 vote of Conference, one Sunday in this month is to be Missionary Sunday. The Conference resolution is,—

"That each minister be requested to have at least one Sabbath in the months of January, April, July and October in each year to be known as Mission Sabbath, on which he shall especially present the claims of Missions, and at which a collection shall be taken in aid of Missions."

It is very important that in all the churches this recommendation of Conference be carefully observed. It is desired that the treasures of the Societies be kept in funds to promptly meet the obligations they have assumed. And this cannot be done unless the churches do their duty. We hope to hear that in every part of the field the work has been faithfully done.

LADIES IN POLITICS.—Many ladies in Toronto are taking an active part in civic affairs, and are using all their influence to have the best men, regardless of party lines, elected to the City Council. They are, of course, strong for temperance and social reform, and are bound to make their influence felt.

A GOOD TRIP.—The veteran editor of the *Christian Standard* having been presented by his friends with the wherewith to enjoy a holiday trip, is to start on a six months jaunt on the 22nd inst. He intends to "do" Egypt, Palestine, important European points, and England, Ireland and Scotland. He has well earned the trip, and doubtless will greatly enjoy it.

## THE INTELLIGENCER IN 1887.

At the beginning of a new year our readers may be looking for a statement of plans for the year.

The best idea of the future can be had from a revision of its thirty four years. Many of our readers have had it every week during that time; and hundreds of others have read it for many years. They know what it has been.

What it has been in spirit, character and aims it will continue to be.

Of course improvements will be introduced as we see their need and feasibility. The experience of twenty years ought to be worth something, and our readers may be sure that they will get the benefit of whatever that experience has taught in the management and make-up of a paper. We aim to make the present year better than any previous one in its history.

Above everything the INTELLIGENCER is designed to be a Christian journal. Because this is its character, we may with propriety and confidence ask Christians to pray for it that it may be a true and successful exponent of Christian principles. As pastors and other Christian workers are remembered at the throne of grace, so the INTELLIGENCER desires to be.

## THE NEW YEAR.

It is impossible to prevent a feeling of uncertainty from entering our hearts at the beginning of a new year. Such feeling is deeper and stronger than, than at any other time; and though we may try to coax or to reason it away, it remains and asserts itself on every convenient occasion. What is it like? Is it going to stay away our friends, or give us new ones? Will it bring joy or sorrow? Will it be a time of prosperity or adversity? These and kindred questions suggest themselves to thoughtful people. We cannot but wonder how the new year will effect us and ours; for our own selves, our own loved ones are very near our hearts and are much in our thoughts, especially at this season; and where we can see nothing, and, with all our peering, cannot pierce the mists, we are full of wonder and doubt.

And yet is not it wiser to measure that which is to come and that which has come and gone? Always there has been joy as well as sorrow, singing as well as weeping, some success and some failures, some disappointments and some glad surprises of unexpected pleasures. And the new year belongs to the same family as the others. With its pleasures and its sorrows, it will not come un-

blessing and unblest. If it seems to frown, there are smiles behind the frowns; and the hand that looks stormy will be found to be gentle, too. We need not be afraid of our guest, nor hesitate to give him greeting, for he means well, and is throwing back the echo of the song that has been ringing in our ears, "peace on earth, good will to men." He will, let us believe, lead us into pleasant places, and, if sometimes the hills are steep and difficult, and the valleys deep, he will help us, and perhaps in his companionship one shall go a good part of our journey; it may soon be that he will bring us to the end. If we be ready for that, and we shall be if we are ready for the right living that is before us, we need not murmur.

Heartily we may wish each other a Happy New Year. There is something coming, what form it may take none may know; wait patiently be diligent in good doing while you wait, wait trustfully, and that which is coming will be the best thing, the gift of divine wisdom and love.

## Correspondence.

Letter from Miss Hooper.

S. S. CITY OF CALCUTTA, MEDITERRANEAN, Saturday, Dec. 4 1886.

Dear Editor,

The card sent you on the 29th, had scarcely been given to the pilot of the tug which towed the steamer out of the Mersey, when a storm arose which continued all day Monday, Tuesday, and part of Wednesday. The state room which is occupied by a lady, her little daughter and myself, is in the forepart of the ship and partly to the starboard; so we got the full benefit of the storm. As wave after wave swept over the deck and receded it seemed like the booming and reverberation of cannon being discharged. For the first time in my life I have been thoroughly sea sick. No effort of the will was of any avail, so I joined in the chorus in which, with few exceptions, took a part. Even the poor stewardess fell a victim, and paid tribute to Neptune. I feel quite at home here, as this is the steamer on which Mrs. Phillips and I went home nearly three years ago. Capt. Thoms has succeeded Captain MacNeill; he is just as kind and gentlemanly, however. Several of the officers are the same and also the stewards. They remember the invalid passenger of three years ago, and "thocht" she "was dead long ago." Yesterday we passed Cape St. Vincent, a high perpendicular promontory on the top of which is a monastery. A little to the North is the signal station and lighthouse. Today is bright and clear but very cold. Dolphins and porpoises follow the vessel and seem to be glad of the sunshine. The water for quite a distance is literally covered with sea gulls; their efforts to keep out of the way of the vessel are amusing; they have eaten so many fish they can scarcely move.

This morning, looking through the porthole above my berth, the purplish tinted rocks of Morocco were to be seen, and the white houses of the town of Etna nestled on the sheltered shore below. We went on deck to see Gibraltar opposite; stern and immovable, it stands like a mighty sentinel guarding the entrance to the blue waved Mediterranean. On the shore of the bay sheltered behind the rock lies the town of Gibraltar. We wonderingly gazed at the old monarch of the seas. Presently a beautiful white cloud touched it on the side and hung out from it like an acrobat from a pole; after a little it changed to a smoky hue and, wrapping itself around the rock, shut off Gibraltar from our view. Yet the fact remains that "Britannia rules the wave." A little farther on, glistening and white in the sunshine, we see the snow capped Andalusian and Tierra Nevada mountains.

TUESDAY, 7th.

We had another storm on the Sabbath, and yesterday, wind, hail and rain kept us in our cabins all day. Today is clear and sunny. The sunrise was grand, clouds of golden fire seemed to rise out of the sea and fringe the horizon; a rainbow was seen at the same time, so we may have another storm ere sunset. We hope not though, as we expect to reach Malta tonight to coal. We will go on shore, although we fear it will be rather late to see very much of the town of Valetta. We passed the island of Pantelleri early this morning, and could see the dim outline of Sicily also. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer are on deck, where I am sitting, Indian fashion, writing on my lap. We are all remarkably well and in good spirits. We can hardly realize, sometimes, that we are on our way to India. We are glad every day that Our Father has led us thus, and we are trusting Him for the future. We often say to each other, "They are praying for us at home." Should this

be in time for the homeward mail from Malta you will get it about Christmas, so we wish you all at home a very happy one. We shall still be on the ocean but our thoughts will turn homeward.

JESSIE B. HOOPER.

## TEXAS LETTER.

Dear Editor:—As the festive season has arrived I thought a few lines from Texas would be interesting to the friends at home, who never saw Christmas in summer time. The fact that I am uncomfortably warm, with the doors and windows open, and the thermometer showing the temperature eighty above zero, is almost enough to make a New Brunswicker think that there must be a mistake in the date. I can myself scarcely realize that this is Christmas time. I suppose the young people at home think it a queer country where the people have no snow nor ice for Christmas; and many will wonder how Santa Claus can travel, as he is always represented as travelling in a sleigh. Well he can drive his buggy if he wishes to come. Santa Claus is not looked for with the same expectancy in this country as he is looked for at home; there is not nearly so much interest manifested in fitting up for Christmas time in the south as in the north. I think it is because the people are more given to laziness than the Northern people, (of course I only think that, I would not say it out so they could hear it.) There is something in the air that makes one feel slow, or kind of careless; in fact it does not take one from the North long to catch the disease, slowness, that is epidemic here; in some cases they do not take it here, they bring it with them. Although this is the joyous time, there is very little public demonstration. A stranger to go through the city now would not suppose that this was the Christmas season; there is no grand rush of business such as is seen in the cities at home, at this season; everything goes on here just the same as if Christmas came every week or never came at all. There is great interest among the theatre goers of the city, as this is the grand opening week of the new opera house, which has just been completed, and is said to be among the finest in the United States. I thought I had some news to write but I guess I was mistaken. O, yes, I have a large potato to tell you of. This is not hear say. I have seen what can well be termed the mammoth potato; it is on public exhibition in this city; it is a sweet potato of the yam species, and turns the scale at thirty two pounds. I am quite sure that will take the prize for large potatoes. It was raised in Demitt County, one hundred and fifty miles from San Antonio. Texas is the largest state of the union, and comes to the front with the large potatoes. But I do not wish to be understood that potatoes are the only things that grow large in Texas. I have been here a little more than a year, and can now boast of being able to take down the scale at one hundred and seventy five pounds, which is thirty five more than I could do when I landed here. At that rate of improvement I expect soon to be among the heavy men. I have been looking and looking for the publication of the basis of union as agreed upon by the joint committee. You know how anxious some people are to help others keep secrets. I never like to be inquisitive but would only like to know, and I hope soon to see the agreement. But I would not have it published before the right time on any account, that is if it would in any way be derogatory to the final consummation of the union, for I think it is time that we had enough of the spirit of the Master to go to work in any way that shall tend to further the cause of Christ. And if by union we can do more for the salvation of men, then why not unite? If union is strength, let us have it, and ask the Lord for the Spirit to enable us to use it to his glory. I have never in any other place seen so much prejudice as exists in this country, between the different Denominations. It seems strange to me that one professing to be a Christian cannot see anything beyond the color of the skin. You could sum up some people's prayers in about these words, "O Lord bless me and my wife, Bro. John and his wife, amen." I do not think I am a chronic grumbler, but it seems to me what the churches in the south need is more charity, the kind Paul speaks of in writing to the church at Corinth. Well I have had the pleasure of preaching to a congregation of colored folks in this city, and a more enthusiastic audience I never preached to in my life. Enthusiasm seems to be a marked trait in the coloured people of the south. When they worship they enter into the spirit of it (as they say) with all their might, and that enables one to hear the service, if any were within a

mile of the church. I will close by wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

I hope to be able to write something more interesting next time.

Yours etc.,

J. H. EBB.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 22nd 86.

## THINGS ABOUT TOWN.

—A baulky horse is not the right kind of an animal to send to a funeral.

—Open rum shops cannot be found in the Capital now. And the places where it is secretly sold are fewer and more carefully concealed than ever before.

—The W. C. T. Union gave a dinner to the news boys and a lot of other boys and girls on New Year's day. The boys enjoyed it, and the ladies enjoyed serving them.

—No notice has yet appeared of a dinner having been given to poor children this New Year by a rum seller. Probably it has not been done. There should never be any so poor (in spirit) as to accept it.

—The merchants, generally, speak of the holiday trade as good. Some of them say it was never better.

—It is sometime since Fredericton has had so bad a fire as that which destroyed Grieves' Hotel on Wednesday last. Probably there were never more narrow escapes of so many persons from burning at any one fire in the City. It is cause for devout thankfulness that no lives were lost.

—On New Year's eve Messrs. Vandine and Roberts were made recipients of a purse by a number of citizens, expressive of appreciation of their earnest, faithful, and successful efforts in the enforcement of the C. T. Act. They are faithful officers and deserve well of all good citizens.

—It is proposed to establish a Jack Scholarship in the University. This is, certainly, a fitting way to perpetuate the memory of the late Dr. Jack and the eminent service he rendered the institution during his long connection with it. It ought not be difficult to raise the amount necessary.

## GENERAL RELIGIOUS NEWS.

—The Hospital Sunday collections this year in London have yielded \$200,000—the largest amount ever obtained.

—The Presbyterians began work in Alaska in 1877. The Episcopal and Baptist churches are preparing to enter the field.

—A recent collection in two Swedish churches in Minnesota, in response to an appeal for a missionary church there, resulted in \$40, all in coin 1,500, pieces being pennies, and only six coins were as large as a 25-cent piece. Almost every one of the 2,000 persons present gave something.

—The *Baptist Weekly* is authority for the statement that recently, in Connecticut, three persons were baptized whose ages were respectively 92, 96, and 106.

—In round numbers there are about 400,000 Christians in Madagascar, in the proportion of ten times as many Protestants as Catholics.

—The Rev. W. H. Campbell, of the London Missionary Society, who is at Cuddapah, India, writes: "The seed that has been sown in past years is beginning to bear fruit, and there are signs that a deep spiritual movement has begun among the Sudra farmers of this district. A number have already come forward and received baptism, and very many others seem inclined to embrace Christianity. In one village, Upalupad, where there has been a Mala congregation for many years, almost the whole Sudra population seems impressed. In February two old men—leading men in the village—came here and received baptism, and since then they and one of our evangelists have been laboring most earnestly to bring others to Christ. In June two more received baptism, one of them a Brahmagani, or spiritual teacher, who had a considerable number of disciples in the neighboring villages. A few weeks later the village magistrate followed their example. When we visited the village a few weeks ago the people came in crowds to hear us. From morning to night they kept coming to our tent to enquire about the way of salvation. One young man received baptism in his own village, and with him a Brahmagani from a village ten miles distant. These new converts are men of good position, educated, and intelligent. Before they became Christians they held the Brahmagani creed, a kind of mystical Theism which tends to pass into Pantheism. I am surprised to find how firmly they have grasped the fact of the union of God with man in Christ, as the ground of the possibility of our union with God."

—The American Sunday School Union reports the establishment during the past year of 1,618 new Sunday schools, with over 60,000 scholars.

—Over 7,000 conversions were reported to the Missouri Methodist Conference at its recent session at St. Joseph. The net increase in membership was 4,354, being more than double that of last year.

—"What have all your missions accomplished?" Answer. During the last year 155,553 members have been added to the churches on missionary ground. This is only 28,404 less than the accessions in the same time to the churches in all Christendom.

—The growth of the membership of Protestant churches in Japan is now about 500 a month. The president of the Government University at Tokio speaks earnestly in regard to the better education of women, and advises that schools for this purpose be established in central portions of the Empire.

—In 1813 Protestantism in France did not count 150 pastors; and had not a single establishment of charity, education, or evangelization. That Church has now 900 pastors, 37 homes for orphans, 42 retreats for the aged, two convalescent reformatories for prisoners, besides asylums for the blind, deaf, and dumb.

—There are in New York city 293 evangelical pastors distributed among the denominations as follows: Baptist, 34; Congregationalist, 6; Lutheran, 22; Methodist, 53; Moravian, 2; Presbyterian, 64; Episcopal, 74; Reformed Episcopal, 1; Reformed (Dutch) 26; and Independent, 11. The Protestant evangelical ministers in active service as editors, teachers, professors and occasional supplies, will double the number.

## DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

SOUTHAMPTON, YORK Co.—There have been added to the Church in Southampton, during this month, fifteen. On Sabbath 12th inst. I added by baptism five, on Sabbath 19th Bro. Downey five by baptism, and on Sabbath 26th I added four by baptism and one by letter. The good work of the Lord is going on blessedly. Thank the God of all grace.

G. T. HARTLEY

Dec. 27th

REV. G. F. CURRIE has been spending the Christmas and New Year at home. He preached once in the Fredericton Church, a good sermon. He expects to return to Tobique.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONCERT.—Long before the hour of seven on Christmas Eve the people of Dover W. Co. had assembled in the F. C. Baptist Church to enjoy a Sabbath School Concert as provided by a joint Sabbath School Committee. The church was finely decorated in green, the Christmas tree was laden with presents for the young folks, and was very beautiful, and the light streaming from the windows made the surroundings brilliant.

Bro. Albert Dennis, Asst. Superintendent, was chairman, in calling the meeting to order he made some suitable remarks concerning Sabbath School work. The Programme was as follows,—Singing, by the Choir; Prayer, by the Pastor; Recitation, by the Sabbath School Children; Speeches by the Superintendent; Christian Colpitts Esq. Job McFarlane and the Pastor. —Then came the refreshments which consisted of Apples, Cake, etc.; after which the gifts were distributed. Closed by singing God Save the Queen.

A. H. M.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—The residence of Rev. Joseph Noble, Woodstock, was visited by a goodly number of friends on Tuesday, 28th ult., come to help Mr. and Mrs. Noble celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Rev. C. T. Phillips was appointed chairman and E. J. Clarke, sec. tres. Music, Mrs. G. W. Slipp at the organ, social converse, and felicitous speeches by the chairman, Major Vince and Rev. Mr. Noble, caused the hours to pass quickly and pleasantly. The mementoes in the shape of half and quarter eagles, &c., amounted to \$52. —Sentinel.

BATH, C. Co.

I report myself from this place. We have been here only a week, but like it very well. The people seem very kind and are apparently anxious to be helped. I trust under God to be able to benefit society in this section of country. Our churches here are in a very discouraging state, but they seem hopeful. I trust I shall also be able to do something for the paper after a little.

Bath, C. Co., will be my address.

T. S. VANWART.

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