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## Religious Intelligencer.

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—NEVER GRADUATE. Men never graduate in religion. The nearer they are to God and the more they learn of His will and power, the more they are persuaded that there is yet much to learn. And so it is to the end of life. And perhaps afterward, too.

—WELL SAID. A speaker at a missionary meetings said this good thing:—"A dime makes as much noise in a collection plate as a quarter, and both make more noise than a bill. If you don't want your left hand to know what your right hand doeth, put in a bill."

—DON'T CARE FOR IT. The last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in the United States changed the rule about the time limit of ministers, extending it to five years in such churches as desired it. The statement is now made that so far the churches do not seem anxious to take advantage of the new rule.

—A THOUSAND. One thousand new names on the INTELLIGENCER's list for '89 is what we are aiming for, and asking the friends of the paper to get. It can be done if an all-round effort is made. Of course we will not object to a larger number; but we cannot be satisfied with a less number.

Send them, along thick and fast.

—CHANGE OF RESIDENCE. Many Christians who, when they change their residences, fail to transfer their church membership. Some of them attend the church of their denomination in their new home, but they do not become members. Some do not even attend the denominational church, but wander about among all the churches. Such people suffer great spiritual loss, not to say anything of the help they withhold from the churches which need them as members.

When you change your residence, brethren, unite with the church where your new home is. You need for your spiritual comfort and development all the responsibilities and all the helps which attach to church membership. And the church needs you.

—WILL WORSHIP ALL AROUND. President-elect Harrison is a Presbyterian. So soon as his election was assured several Presbyterian churches in Washington requested him to take a pew. To avoid showing any preference, and, perhaps, more particularly to avoid making any one church the resort of the crowd of sight-seers who have the habit of going where the President goes, he has taken seats for his family in several of the churches. This will hardly be as well for him as if he attended regularly one place of worship, but it will put the crowd off the track pretty often.

—A GOOD ILLUSTRATION. Here is an admirable illustration of the truth that a Christian may be in the world and yet not be of it:

A writer tells of going down with a party into a coal mine. On the side of the gangway grew a plant which was perfectly white. The visitors were astonished that there, where the coal-dust was continually flying, this little plant should be so clean. A miner who was with them took a handful of black dust and threw it on the plant; but not a particle of it adhered. There was a wonderful enamel on the plant

to which no finest speck could cling. Living there, amid clouds of dust, nothing could stain its snowy whiteness. This is a picture of what every Christian life should be. Unholy influences breathe incessantly about us and upon us. But it is our mission to be pure amid all this vileness, undefiled, unspotted from the world. If God can make a little plant so wonderfully that no dust can stain its whiteness, surely He can by His grace so transform our heart and life that sin shall not cling to us. He who can keep the plant stainless and white as snow amid clouds of dust, can guard us in purity in this world of sin.

—SPEAK OF IT. Has the INTELLIGENCER helped you in any way? If so, we would be glad to have you show your appreciation of it by telling your neighbours about it and persuading them to subscribe.

—GIVE IT. Can you think of a better Christmas or New Year present to some worthy old person than the INTELLIGENCER? Such a gift will be with them all the year, and even long after in the comfort and help it ministers.

—KNOWLEDGE. Remarkable paradox it is, yet nothing is truer than "that the more a man knows the less he thinks he knows; while the less he knows, the more he thinks he knows. Knowledge is the parent of humility; ignorance is the parent of self-conceit." This is true in religion as in everything else.

—REVIVALS. Every church needs revival. Promote it. Do not be deterred by opposition, no matter from whom it comes. The very opposition is one proof of the need of revival. Pray for it, and work for it. It is in God's plan for saving the world. The church was begun in revival, and revival will be needed while the church lasts, and till God's work among men is done. Seek revival now.

—INDIVIDUAL SERVICE. This is the day of organizations. They are so multiplied that for the promotion of almost every object there are organizations, one or more. Some of them are wise and some are not. Some accomplish much, and some accomplish nothing good. There is danger always that the organization may have the effect of relieving the individual of responsibility. When this is the case great injury is done. Dr. Wayland Hoyt says a timely word on this subject.

Organization is a great blessing—sometimes it becomes a bane. It is baneful when we think so much about the organizing that we lose sight of the actual and personal doing good. I think this a lesson we quite really need in these days. See: Our Lord did not wait for organization that He might do good through others by proxy, nor that He might simply provide over others as they went about doing good. But He did it; in personal ministrations He went about doing good. This was His enterprise. It should be mine. Let me organize as deeply and as thoroughly as possible, but I may not lay over on the back of organization my own personal service of beneficence; I must be on the hunt for personal chance of doing good. It must be my enterprise to do it personally.

—WELL DONE. Boston did well in the civic elections of last week. It was a square fight between the priests and the people, and the latter won a grand victory. For years the city government has been in the hands of Roman Catholics and other men who were ready to do the bidding of the priests for the sake of the votes they controlled. The matter was brought to a head by the case of Mr. Travis, a teacher in one of the public schools, who was removed for explaining the meaning of Indulgences as mentioned in Swinton's history. Later the priests demanded the rejection of the History from the list of school books because its reference to Indulgences was not quite acceptable to them. The people became aroused, and the victory of last week is the result.

—A CHURCH DEBT PAID. The Reformed Presbyterian (Covenanter) church in St. John has had its debt of nearly \$3000 paid by an old friend in Australia, Mr. Jas. Mitchell. He has not been in this country for many years, and is not personally known by the pastor or any of the members, except his sister, Mrs. Stevenson. The matter of the church's debt was presented to him by his sister, and a few days ago a draft for \$2700 was received from him. The church, is, of course, very happy. We congratulate them.

CONCERT, &c. —The Free Baptist Sabbath School at Jerusalem, Q. Co., intends holding a concert on Monday evening next, the 24th inst. It has been arranged to have a pie social the same evening, at which time the ladies will sell an autograph quilt. The proceeds are to go towards repairing the church building. The concert, &c., will be held in the Temperance Hall.

## CHRISTMAS.

Before the date of our next issue, Christmas will have come and gone.

We take this opportunity therefore, of conveying to all our readers cordial greeting and the wish that they may all enjoy a very pleasant Christmas.

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

What the world owes to Christ, who can tell? The fact that in every country and amongst all peoples the event is regarded as of supreme significance is proof of the wonderful power which has been and is being exerted by "the babe of Bethlehem." We see the fulfilment of His own prophecy, "And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me." His name has gone everywhere, and every part of the world has felt His gracious power.

Obedying His command, "Go teach all nations," His followers have established the school by the side of the church, and the benefits of a useful education have become the common privilege of men of all conditions. Under the influence of the Gospel useful knowledge has been supplied as it could not have been, indeed never would have been thought of, but for the Gospel. The secrets of nature have been discovered, speculation has been displaced by facts and principles deduced from them, and true knowledge, such as was never before possessed, runs to and fro in the earth.

Under the Gospel of Christ the world has become liberated. Despotism and tyranny have been supplanted. Suffering has been driven from civilized nations, and its extinction everywhere is a question of only a little time. Individual responsibility is more and more acknowledged. And with this there is the spread of the feeling of universal brotherhood. "One is your Master, and all ye are brethren," is being realized.

The world is in every way a better world because of the rule of Jesus Christ. Even His enemies are unable to deny this.

He is the great force in the whole world's life, and with steadily increasing influence is moulding and fashioning it, according to His own will, in goodness and purity. "All hail the power of Jesus name." Let all the people praise Him, and crown Him Lord of all.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men."

How the home-life of the world has been changed, purified and beautified by the coming and influence of Christ. The world is now a world of homes such as those of eighteen centuries ago knew nothing and could not even conceive of.

The Christmas festival will be most heartily celebrated in the home. It is well. What would the home be without Jesus? Let parents and children devoutly and joyously observe the anniversary of the natal day of the babe of Bethlehem, to whom they owe so much of all that makes the home-life bright and pure and helpful.

"Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day, in the city of David a Saviour."

Make a right use of Christmas. It celebrates the Divine love, the advent of Him who was the expression and the pledge and proof of that love. "God who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith He loved us," gave Jesus to be the substitute and Saviour of sinful men. Keep this great fact in mind. Contemplate the infinite love so marvelously expressed.

Make somebody happy this Christmas time. God expressed His love in the gift of Jesus. Express your love in a fitting gift.

In the bestowment of Christmas gifts do not forget the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Help pay the debt that perhaps burdens it. Make a contribution to the Home Mission treasury. Think of the millions who have no knowledge of the Saviour, and contribute something to send them the saving knowledge.

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

Is Jesus your Saviour? Have you given your heart to Him to love Him, your life to serve Him? He seeks to save you. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest to your souls."

If you have not done so, what time better than now to recognize His right to you, and make the consecration of yourself to Him.

Celebrate His giving himself for you by giving yourself to Him.

What a glad Christmas it will be if you do this. Henceforth every Christ's birthday will be also the anniversary of your birthday as a child of God, an heir of heaven.

Now while so warm our pulses beat, And gifts and greetings seem so sweet, May deep within our hearts this song, An undertone, be flowing strong, "Glory to God in the highest."

## The Slave Trade.

The cruel slave trade is hard to destroy. In spite of everything it has continued to flourish in some parts of the Dark Continent. England has done her utmost to prevent it, and has succeeded in a good degree; but lacking the hearty co-operation of some other nations success has been but partial.

There seems now, however, a prospect that the evil will be grappled with more vigour than ever before. France, Germany and Portugal have signified their readiness to co-operate with England in the good work; and their united efforts will, it is hoped, make the trade in men and women too difficult and dangerous to be continued. All civilized peoples will heartily sympathize with the movement for the extermination of the cruel barbarity.

## The Basis of Work For Souls.

Two things are essential to downright earnestness in work for souls: a conviction of impending danger, and a hope of salvation. Without a sense of danger, there is nothing to arouse men to efforts at rescue. Without a hope of averting the danger, there is nothing to nerve men in those efforts.

Elaborating these thoughts, the *Morning Star* says:

A conviction that souls are lost, is the basis of all honest and determined endeavors for their salvation. The thoroughly earnest preachers in this world,—the men who carry conviction in their very manner and words,—are men who, "knowing the terror of the Lord," do strive as for their lives "to persuade men" to turn from their peril, and be saved.

Those preachers who do not believe in hell, are never a power in winning men to heaven. They may be very lovely men in their personal spirit; they may preach sweetly; their words may fall soothingly on tired ears; but such men have no impelling purpose to strive to save the lost, and everything they say or do goes to prove this fact. It is one thing to turn a stream into a fountain pipe, that its waters may dance in the sunlight of a summer day; it is quite another thing to turn the hose into a burning house at midnight. It is one thing to row out into the lake in a light shallop for health or recreation; it is quite another thing to pull as for life to the rescue of a drowning man.

It makes a difference in a man's spirit and manner, whether he is doing the one thing or the other. Aside from any other question than that of downright earnestness of endeavor, it must be admitted that a conference of Christian workers who do not believe in a hell, or who do not look upon this life as man's only probation, in contrast with those who count man lost eternally without that full salvation by Christ which is now proffered to him freely, is very much like the contrast between a party playing blind-man's buff on an afternoon on the open lawn, and a party with torches out in the woods by night, hunting for a lost child.

It is only "playing soldier" that puts a man in uniform on guard when there is no enemy to be watched against. It would deprive the best soldier of his power, to send him unsupported beyond the enemy's lines, in daylight. Whoever preaches or teaches the Gospel of Christ with earnestness, must be convinced of the need of that Gospel, and of its sufficiency. He must realize that his hearers are lost without the salvation which he declares; and that it is open and free to all of them who will accept. Unless he believes this much, there is little call for or hope in his tireless endeavors in behalf of those before whom he stands; and this truth they will see and feel as clearly as he himself does.

The LECTURE of Mr. W. G. Gaunce at the University on Patriotism is very highly spoken of by those who heard it.

A FINE DISPLAY.—The stores of this city are looking remarkably well just now. The merchants have fine stocks of goods especially suited for the Christmas season, and they are putting them before the people in a very attractive way. By consulting our advertising columns those who buy in the capital will know where to get what they need, and to purchase to the best advantage.

## A Great Work.

The new form of mission work in London has been several times briefly referred to in these columns. It is certainly a most interesting Christian enterprise, and is meeting with extraordinary success. It is now a little more than a year since the movement was inaugurated, and the first annual report has been issued. It is so important a work and has been so signally blessed that our readers will be glad to know something of it—its spirit, methods and successes. For the following condensation of the facts of the report we are indebted to the *Christian Guardian*.

A number of workers, with the Revs. Hugh Price Hughes and Mark Guy Pearse as leaders, established themselves in the most important part of the West End, between Oxford Street and Piccadilly, and began this mission. They hired the well known St James' Hall, in which the inaugural sermon of the mission was preached by the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, on Friday morning, October 21st 1887. Thus at the outset was emphasized the fact that the mission, although of Methodist origin, was wholly unsectarian in character. A minister of another denomination took the leading part in its opening services, and workers from all evangelical Churches have given sympathy and support from its beginning.

It is one of the prime objects of this mission to urge those who have received spiritual benefit at its services to join some one of the Evangelical churches. No special effort is made to induce them to join the Methodist Church, but they are urged to join some church; and with such success have these efforts been crowned that the originators of the mission maintain that they "have solved the most difficult problem of modern evangelism, namely, the combination of unsectarian aggression with due provision for church life."

The Sunday services of the mission are three in number. Each of them has a special aim and adaptation to some prime necessity of the work. The morning service, generally conducted by the Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, deals with the relations of the individual to Christianity; at the afternoon service, under Rev. Mr. Hughes, the ethical teaching of Jesus is presented in its relation to the social life of the time; and the evening service is strictly evangelistic. At all these services the audiences have usually been large, the majority being men. At the afternoon service, which I called the Sunday afternoon Conference, members of Parliament, journalists, and others specially interested in questions in moral and social reform have attended in considerable numbers. On every Friday there are also morning and evening services at St. James' Hall. The evening service is for the deepening of personal piety, and serves "as the devotional rallying point of all the branches of the mission, while the requests for prayer then presented have had wonderful answers in all parts of the world." At Wardour Hall, the local centre of this work among the poor of Soho district, there are daily services, including two popular entertainments, at which high-class music is a prominent feature. The musical portion of all the services is, in fact, an important element in attracting large numbers. A large orchestral band, under the direction of Mr. Heath Mills, renders choice selections of classical and devotional music at the services in St. James' Hall.

Practical Christianity preached has been followed by actions which prove it to the people. Mr. Hughes says:—"It has been a fundamental principle with us to care for the bodies as well as the souls of men. We believe there has been too much truth in the bitter remark that 'some persons are so busy saving souls that they have no time to save men and women.' During the dinner-hours of the artisans and laborers the school-room has been open daily, so as to save them from the necessity of resorting to the public house for shelter and warmth. Hundreds of persons were clothed and fed during the distress, and work was obtained for many." In connection with the mission there is a medical department which attends to those cases of sickness with which the Sisters, a band of Christian women organized for visiting work, come in contact. Temperance work is actively prosecuted in connection with the mission, and Bands of Hope are being organized and recruited in connection with evangelistic work at the services. In short, a living practical Christianity is sought to be presented to the people in a way which wins their hearts for Christ; and the results of the mission during the first year of its existence prove that this aim has been realized. Its financial condition is such that those identified with the mission feel and know that a great and soul saving work will, with the blessing of God, crown their efforts.

## A. C. F.

## No. II.

"The Little Star" has been set apart by the F. W. B. Printing Establishment as the organ of the A. C. F. Societies.

Each number contains prayer meeting topics, with hints and suggestions, also notes from workers and other items of interest. It is published fortnightly. Single copies 35 cents per year, in advance. In packages, 25 cents per year. E. N. Fernald, Publisher, 457 Shawmut Ave., Boston. Constitutions may be obtained from the same address at 3 cents each. I have been explicit so that any interested might know where to obtain needed information to start societies.

With all due respect for those who have accomplished great things in the

past, with thankfulness to the Lord for present blessings, it seems to me that there is a great opportunity for grand and noble work for the glory of God, as Churches of the Free Baptist denomination of N. S.; advance work all along the line in our Churches; a building up of our membership in individual Christian life that shall make our churches more of a power for Christ in the future than they have been in the past.

The A. C. F. does not propose to take the place of anything useful in our ordinary routine of work.

Just as many conference meetings; just as many prayer meetings; with the additional A. C. F. meetings, especially for the younger members of the Church. The older members who have had modes of work for years are not to be disturbed, unless they wish to be, by the new society. It seeks to deepen and widen the effective power of the Church with a true Christian harmony. While it is designed for our younger church members, it is open to all ages, to all who may volunteer. Shall this society have a fair trial? GEO. E. STURGIS.

Dress Goods, newest styles.—Tennant Davies & Co.

## Mormonism in Nova Scotia

Says the *Presbyterian Witness*:

There are in Nova Scotia a number of Mormon perverts and propagators. Think of it. At this time of day, in this land of schools and churches, this monstrous folly rearing its head! To us it seems incredible. But it is true. In Hants and in Kings counties there are "churches" of these people. They frequently have "Baptisms." They pour contempt as best they may on the ordinances as administered by Christians, and they claim to "regenerate" by immersion. To argue with Mormons is out of the question. As well argue with the Hottentot or the Kafir who trots about with his half-dozen fat females, selling one and buying one when he finds an opportunity.

Mormonism is still aggressive in the Southern States, and, the "mean whites"—people without religion and without education. It is stated that about 10,000 perverts a year are captured in those regions, many of them girls from 12 to 20, and women from that age up to 40. One does not wonder at converts being made in those benighted regions—but in Rawdon, in Hantsport, and in other parts of the counties we have mentioned—the thing is perfectly shocking. We are glad to state that so far as can be ascertained no Presbyterian, no Methodist, no Baptist, no Episcopalian, no Roman Catholic has joined these people. Their captives are usually from the residuum which belongs to no church and which has not the fear of God before its eyes; persons who sometimes proclaim themselves New Lights, sometimes Atheists, sometimes Unitarians, anything or nothing, as the humor takes them. Still the country is under the deep disgrace of harboring persons who are so ignorant of the word of God, and so low in morals, and so devoid of common sense, as to become Mormons.

The Mormons are removing in considerable numbers, it is said, to our North West Territories. But thus far they have not been able to secure any concession from the Government, and there is no question that the moment they attempt to introduce polygamy the strong arm of the law will come down upon them. The existence of the sect in Nova Scotia, and the fact that it spreads, is a new and strong argument in favour of more energetic efforts to enlighten and evangelize all our people.

Sleigh Robes, Horse Blankets &c.—Tennant Davies & Co.

## DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

HARTLAND, C. Co.,—Rev. C. T. Phillips has been holding some meetings at Hartland. The church has been a good deal helped, and there have been some conversions. Revs. T. S. VanWart and J. W. Clark were with him some of the time, assisting in the work.

CLARK'S HARBOR, N. S.—The brethren and sisters here are commencing the winter campaign for Jesus. Dr. G. E. Sturgis is located here, and has been doing good work in connection with the pastor. He is much interested in the S. School. About fifty dollars worth of books have recently been added to the library.

To those who do not know Bro. Sturgis, let me say he is a very faithful, conscientious Free Baptist worker. The people at the Harbor made him a surprise visit recently, and left cash and supplies to the amount of about sixty dollars.

Mrs. Sturgis' parents are spending the winter at this place. C. B. Atwood.

ACCEPTED.—We understand that Rev. E. Crowell of this place has accepted a call to the F. B. Church at Barrington, the duties of which he will assume about the beginning of January.—*Yarmouth Herald*.

KEMPTVILLE AND CARLETON, N. S.—I have discontinued my studies for one year and have accepted a call from the Kemptville and Carleton pastorate. The interest in religious work here and its steadiness, prove the depth of