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Religious Intelligencer.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th, 1890.

—PRAY. The Gospels make much of our Lord's prayers. Frequently He spent whole nights in prayer. For each new scene of trial He girded Himself by prayer. And so He taught His disciples to "pray without ceasing."

—ABOUT RIGHT. A theological professor lately created a stir amongst some very good people by the off-hand remark that "religion is no longer recognized as belonging to the skies, but as belonging to the streets."

The remark is, perhaps, open to misconception, but it contains essential truth, nevertheless. The new life is from above, but it must show itself in the street and business and home relations. Religion that does not "belong to the street" is worthless.

—JUST LIKE HIM. It is stated that Mr. Spurgeon has just relinquished claim to a fortune which had been left him. It appears that a gentleman, lately deceased, bequeathed the greater part of his property to the famous Baptist pastor. But the testator left some needy relatives, and on the facts being put before him by the trustees, Mr. Spurgeon generously gave up all title to the property, giving the trustees power to deal with it for the benefit of the said relatives. Mr. Spurgeon's largeness of heart is well-known, and we can well believe the incident to be true.

—COLLEGES FOR WOMEN. In a recent address, Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer, formerly President of Wellesley College, answered in the negative the question, "Do we need more colleges for women?" In the course of the address these facts were brought out: That of 357 colleges in the United States, 147 of them admit women to equal privileges with men; and besides these there are 270 colleges for women alone. That is to say—

There are one hundred and ten colleges for young men exclusively, and two hundred and seventy for young women exclusively, while the women actually have access to four hundred and seventeen of the colleges, and the young men have access to only three hundred and fifty-seven.

The women seem to have much the best of the facilities for education. But they are worthy, and are evidently making the most of their advantages.

—FEEBLE SAINTS. That was an amusing distortion of a good hymn, but there was not a little sound philosophy in it, says the "Christian Weekly," when the old negro preacher sang,

"Judge not the Lord by feeble saints." And yet this is precisely what the great majority of unconverted men are doing all the time. They will not go to the Bible and give heed to what God himself says. They have no ear for his voice of mercy that offers them salvation for the taking. They do not pay any attention to the solemn warnings that the Scriptures utter. They judge the Lord by "feeble saints." They attempt to feed their starving souls on the imperfections of Christians, and poor food enough they find it! Because God's people are not all that they ought to be, therefore these cavilers will keep aloof from the religion which they profess. Because God's believing

followers are not perfect—they do not claim to be—therefore, say these unbelievers, there is no power in religion. Christians cannot claim exemption from criticism. They do not expect it. They know that the eyes of the world are upon them. But they say to the unbeliever, "If you would know the truth, go to the Word; go to Him who is the truth; judge not the Lord by feeble saints."

—UNION. A meeting was recently held in Minneapolis for the purpose of developing union sentiment between Free Baptists and Disciples. Such meetings cannot do harm, and they may do much good.

—FOR IMPERATE WOMEN. In Brookline, Mass., a "Home for Imperate Women" was opened recently. The work to be done by the institution is, certainly, a most praiseworthy one. But how saddening the fact that such a "Home" is needed. What of the traffic and customs which prepare inmates for the "Home"? And what of the people some of them professing Christians, who give countenance to such traffic and customs?

—A STRANGE QUEST. Japanese officialism has embarked upon a strange quest—the discovery of a basis of morality. The Education Department does not see how Western religion with its morality can be introduced without great confusion and peril. Various local governors and prefects have been in communication with the Department on the subject, and it has been decided that the doctrines of Confucius are best suited to the disposition of the Japanese people, and text-books of Confucius's morality are to be compiled for the schools. Fortunately, the manufacture of bases of morality is no part of the mission of Governments. Thirty years hence it is likely that the one basis of morality in Japan will be the Sermon on the Mount.

—ITS MISSION. A church, says the "Watchman," is planted in a community to convert and redeem that community, not merely to edify those who are already converted. There is, however, a failure in too many cases to appreciate this fact. It may be doubted whether much of the preaching commonly described as simply "edifying" goes for a great deal. Its qualities are apt to be those of the essay rather than of the genuine sermon. Preaching is not in the best sense "edifying" unless it arouses the hearers to new exertions in advancing the kingdom of God. It is difficult to imagine real sermons preached by living men doing nothing more than to impart a comfortable sense of satisfaction with the present and the future. Real preaching by men whose souls are illuminated by the truth is as certain to win men to the allegiance of Christ as seed corn properly planted is to yield a harvest.

Spiritual Growth.

The time of many annual meetings is here. Some have already been held, some are now in session, others are just at hand. At these meetings results are summed up and presented not only to those assembled, but through the papers and in the printed official records to all the world that cares to read. Many of these reports have, always, gratifying features. They show not only something attempted, but something done. In all these things Christian people do well to rejoice.

But there are other facts beside these which can be tabulated and marshalled in various significant ways. There are facts concerning church life and church on-getting which no statistics, no matter how accurately gathered, nor how skillfully arranged, can be made to grasp. The columns of Reports, and Manuals and Year Books, are too clumsy to hold them. Only in the invisible ledgers of God whose sleepless eye notes all events, and who weighs and rightly estimates all motives and impulses and efforts and achievements, can they be properly registered.

These are the facts which relate to the spiritual state of each and all souls in the communion of the church. They are the facts which bear on the unfolding into character of the faith and love and trust and longing for purity which each member may possess. If any such development has been going on, we can all of us feel it, for even one growing life makes a new and sweeter atmosphere in a church, and helps to elevate the tone of all. But the matter cannot be put into any terms of our human arithmetic.

We could wish there were balances into which churches could be put at each annual meeting, so sensitively adjusted that the slightest variation in spirituality might be detected at once. Then we should know the exact standing of each in the light of eternity, and

whether or not there had been any such headway made. "We number so many," yes; but how much do you weigh? How much spiritual apprehension—how much spiritual force—how much spiritual significance, does your church stand for?

Who does not see that this is the pith of the whole business? We record the other facts—facts of outward activity, because we can; but these are the vital facts. How much victory over sin has there been? How much yielding to evil drawings, or how much mastery of temptation? How much real growth in grace and knowledge? How much likeness to Christ has been taken on, and how much more loyalty is there to the will of God?

What is all other progress worth if there has been no progress in spiritual life? Supposing the church has been lifted out of debt; supposing a new mission building has been reared and dedicated; supposing the gifts of the people were never before so large and free; supposing the roll of the membership was never before so long; supposing there has been an increase of pew-holders and wealth, and good standing in the estimation of the community, and all that—that of it, if there is not more faith in God, and more consecration to the service of God, and more openness to all blessed influences, and a deeper and sweeter sense of the heavenliness of all heavenly things?

So, at their annual meeting, and in view of any flattering statistics which may be presented, while profoundly grateful for all good accomplished—it becomes pastors and officers and members to read carefully between the lines to see if the facts and figures brought forward mean all they seem to mean. The report may be very encouraging on the surface, and yet the actual state of things may be that the church as a whole has less faith and less love, and less consecration, and less mutual affection than when in outward matters it did not look so prosperous. The report may seem very discouraging, when judged from financial and social standpoints, while as a matter of fact the spiritual fervor and force of the whole fellowship may be high. Not by might, but by my spirit. Be the showing what it may statistically-wise, that church has done best which has had the deepest religious experiences in her membership and has grown most Godward.

The true measure of a church of Christ is its spiritual condition. Has the church advanced spiritually? If so the year has been a prosperous one. Has the church advanced spiritually? If not, the year has been only imperfectly successful no matter what outward achievements enter into the record.—A.

England in Africa.

Mr. Stanley loses no opportunity of warning the English people that British commerce may be driven out of Equatorial Africa if the Government do not show more backbone in resisting German demands. He wants to know why English trade is declining in East Africa and our political influence in Zanzibar, whilst the German eagle has been allowed to fly over 600,000 square miles of territory, discovered and explored by British travellers. If the north-west line of demarcation between the spheres of British and German influence is continued from 1 degree south latitude to 30 degrees east longitude, he will take, he says, 100,000 square miles from the area allotted to us by the Anglo-German understanding of July 2, 1887. To Lord Salisbury's remark that countries lying three months from the sea should not be taken possession of without the gravest consideration, Mr. Stanley replies that when the Australian Continent was more than three months' journey from England, the British of that period never thought of distance. Sir Samuel W. Baker, in a long letter to *The Times*, also insists upon the necessity of unequivocal support being given by the Government to trading companies in Africa, if they are to be successful. The construction of a railway from Suakin to the Nile, and the irrigation of the land between Abyssinia, the Blue Nile, and the junction of the Atbara river with the main Nile, would, he prophesies, bring 30,000,000 of acres under cultivation, and the Arabs would then become peaceable and permanent settlers of a great fertile area, instead of a nomadic people wandering with half-famished herds in search of pasturage upon the deserts. The slave trade would disappear, and enough cotton would be grown in the Soudan to supply all the mills of Lancashire.

MISS WILLARD was given the cordial welcome of a large audience in this city on Tuesday evening of last week. She fully met the expectation of her hearers, which is saying a good deal, for they expected much. In the W. C. T. column on another page her visit is fittingly chronicled.

The Methodist Conference.

The Methodist Conference in session in this city during the week past was attended by the ministers of the denomination from two provinces, N. B. and P. E. I. There was also a very good lay representation. One of the General Superintendents of the General Conference, Rev. Dr. Carman, was in attendance, having a general oversight of the work done. Rev. Dr. Sprague was elected President, and Rev. Thos. Marshall Secretary.

The session throughout, was a busy one, and was, we understand, marked by a good degree of harmony.

The report of the mission work of the denomination showed encouraging progress, in both the home and foreign branches. The Woman's Mission Society raised about \$2000 last year.

The Book Room report showed the business in a thriving condition. The Educational contributions for the year were \$1198, an increase of \$152 over the preceding year.

The pulpits of all the churches in the city, except the Episcopal and the Roman Catholic, were occupied by ministers of the Conference on Sabbath.

Notes By The Way.

How fast time flies. It is no sooner here than it is gone, and we are led to exclaim, "Roll on, thou mighty river of time!" For the last few weeks I have been visiting the far famed valley of Annapolis, now clothed in all the beauty and charms of Spring. All nature seems redolent with glory resplendent. The Master Painter has tinged the earth, air and sky with gorgeous tints of surpassing loveliness. What an Eden! The South and North Mountain, the upland and the dyke, the towns and villages, the flowing streams, the tidal waves, the blooming trees, the rapturous notes of the feathered songsters, all combine to make this valley one of the most delightful spots on the face of the earth. Just listen to the great orchestra of nature. Their strains of melody and song united with the music of the spheres. They have opened up the great theater in the Grand Cathedral; its massive doors are open wide; its floors are richly carpeted with colors such as only nature weaves. The white blossoms of the cherry, the plum, the apple and the pear, hang upon the boughs like snow-flakes, and fill the air with a rich perfume. How sweet, reminding one of the aromatic groves of Java and Formosa. But hark! Gladdening strains are floating, floating—mingling with the songs of the angels, a seven fold chorus of hallelujahs and harping symphonies.

Come with me now, as we climb the North Mountain. Here is a picture, very much like those described in Grecian mythology. Here are the laurel groves and the ever-falling fountains, whose waters leap, with thrilling pulse, down the windings of the rocks and shelves. All are happy. The trees laugh and kiss the clouds. The rivulets sing sweet strains rushing on towards the sea. The green-coated musicians with their drums, remind one of the Salvation Army, striving to awaken the sleeping powers of the soul. On our way to the top of the Cathedral, the music heightens, the sparrow, the robin, the lark, etc., lending their loftiest strains to give honor to the scene. But the top is reached and now we wend our way to "The Look-off." Here we take a bird's eye view of the great valley, so gorgeously clothed in all the richness of beautiful Spring. Five counties of Nova Scotia are now within the range of our vision. What a sight! We see men as trees walking; we hear the lowing of cattle, and the bleating of lambs. A flower garden lies before us; its walks, are ornamented with many varieties of trees. Men are at work; they are repairing the roads; building vessels and private residences, planting, decorating, etc. We pause enraptured. Here is Cape Blomidon! On the clouds is the rainbow's arch. What an array of beauty, whichever way the eye turns. Seldom, if ever, have we the privilege of looking on a scene more beautiful than the Annapolis Valley—the Garden of Nova Scotia.

I preached and lectured twenty-five times during five weeks' sojourn in the valley and on the North Mountain. All endeavored to make my visit pleasant. In private carriages and in boats I believe I rode not less than two hundred miles, and so enjoyed the privilege of taking in the most beautiful parts of the valley. Bro. Freeman did a good work on the Mountain, and could there be a pastor sustained at Canning and on the Mountain these churches would undoubtedly flourish again. The want of pastoral labor is the cause of many a church languishing.

W. K. BURN.

June 6th, '90.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

FIFTH DISTRICT MEETING.—The following arrangement of homes for the delegates and ministers attending the Fifth District Meeting has been made. Delegates: Perry Point and Big Cove, James D. Williams. Narrows and Carpenter Settlement, George Henderson. Hamilton Mountain, Benjamin Henderson. Jerusalem, Widow Waters. Wickham Village, Abraham Holder. Sen. Treasurer of District, Samuel J. Holder. New Ireland, Aaron Kimble. 1st Church Greenwich, Charles Holder. Upper Hampstead, Charles Holder. Little River, Brown's Flat and Shannon, George Holder. 1st Church Westfield, Thomas Middleton. Lakeville and Tennant's Cove, John Day. Bald Hill, one James D. Williams and one John Day. Clerk of District, George Holder. Ministers: Rev. G. A. Hartley, Samuel J. Holder. Rev. A. C. Thompson, Widow Waters. Dr. McLeod, George Holder. Rev. John McKenzie, Charles Holder. Rev. T. W. Carpenter, Aaron Kimble. Rev. John Robinson, John Day. Revs. O. N. Mott and J. N. Barnes, Widow H. Holder. Lemuel Cosman, Samuel Holder, Samuel Perry, James D. Williams. SAMUEL J. HOLDER,) Com. J. N. BARNES.

SIXTH DISTRICT.—Homes for ministers, delegates and members have been provided for by the committee as follows:

Addie, John—Lower Studholm delegates.

Derry, Isaac—Steeves' Settlement delegates.

Finnis, Albert S.—Rev. J. Nobles, Rev. G. F. Currie, G. W. Sharp and Taylor Village delegates.

Finnis, Edward—Lower Ridge delegates.

Frazer, Joseph—Newtown delegates. Gibbon, Mrs. M.—Kierstead Mountain delegates.

Gaunce, Zebulon—Rev. Dr. McLeod, Rev. A. C. Thompson, Penobscot and Portage delegates.

Gaunce, Isaac—Rev. T. S. Vanwart, Rev. G. A. Hartley and Coverdale delegates.

Hayes, Geo.—Moncton delegates. Hayes, Charles—Lewis Mt. delegates. Kieth, Robert—Canaan Forks delegates.

Kieth, B. A.—Midland delegates. Little, John—Rev. W. DeWare, G. L. Good.

Law, James—Dutch Valley delegates. McLeod, Alex.—Rev. C. T. Phillips, Sussex delegates.

McLeod, John—Rev. F. C. Hartley Cornhill delegates.

McMillan, John—Wheaton Settlement delegates.

McMillan, Thomas—Apoahqui delegates.

McMillan, James—Norton delegates. McMillan, Alex.—Erb Settlement delegates.

McPherson, Robert—Licentiate Lemuel Cosman, Peteticodiac delegates.

Mason, Malcolm—Rev. T. Babcock, Graves Settlement delegates.

Parlee, A. W.—Lower Millstream delegates.

Patterson, Wm.—Eagle Settlement delegates.

Soper, John Mc.—Lutz Mountain delegates.

Soper, Geo. W.—Rev. A. H. McLeod, Victoria Road and Dover delegates.

Taylor, Wm.—Kingston delegates. Taylor, Mrs. Samuel—Long Point delegates.

Wright, W. B.—Snider Mountain delegates.

COMMITTEE.—W. B. Wright, A. S. Finnis, Malcolm Mason, Isaac Gaunce. Any ministers or delegates, or delegates to the Woman's Missionary Society whose names have been omitted, or visitors, will be provided for on their arrival by the committee. Those coming by train will stop at Apohaqui Station, teams will be in waiting Friday morning till ten o'clock to convey them to Head of Millstream, twelve miles distant. Those coming by train will please drop a card to A. S. Finnis, Shek's P. O. Head of Millstream, not later than Wednesday July 2nd.

ISAAC GAUNCE, Sec'y to Com.

ADVOCATE HARBOR, N. S.—It has been some time since anything from this part of the Province has appeared in the columns of the INTELLIGENCER. Although we have experienced the disadvantages connected with building up a new interest, yet we have reason to be encouraged. There were twenty-one members in the Advocate church when this pastorate was formed. Since then the Port Greville, Apple River and Salem churches have been organized, and we have at present on the entire circuit a membership of fifty-seven.

Last winter the ladies of the Advocate church prepared a "Goose Supper," and succeeded in raising money enough to purchase a good organ. A tea-meeting was held in Port Greville, the proceeds of which were for the minister's salary. A "Basket Sociable" was held in Apple River May 24th, and \$50.00 raised for the same purpose. We intend building a new Meeting House in Advocate. The frame was procured last winter, and the building will probably be erected during the present year.

Our people were glad to enjoy the privilege of attending the Special Conference at Canning. It was a pleasant and profitable session.

D. T. PORTER.

FROM REV. A. H. McLEOD.—I have returned to my circuit, after visiting Deer Island for four weeks. I made 110 calls and held services nearly every night, and trust that the labour was not in vain in the Lord. I gave the hand of fellowship to another Sister at Chocolate Cove. The last meeting

was a very enjoyable one, in which 42 testimonies were given. At the communion table were 50 Christians commemorating the death of the Saviour. I had no need of any support from the H. M. Board, for the sum of \$38.60 was presented to me as follows:—Lamberts' Cove \$2.50; Northern Harbour \$11.00; Chocolate Cove \$12.00; Fairhaven \$13.10. For these as well as many other unmentioned kindnesses, I feel very grateful to the people of Deer Island. May God bless them.

They want a pastor. Who will go? From this time till Conference a regular supply should be given them, if there is no one to engage for the remainder of the year.

Bro. Burr is with us for a few days. He has preached acceptably to my congregation here during the last two Sabbaths. He lectures at Stoney Creek, Albert Co. tonight. I trust the brethren of this District, which convenes at Upper Millstream the 4th of July, will come together praying for blessings from God. The first meeting is a conference in the afternoon, in which all Christians are in some way expected to report themselves as to their Christian standing. May God direct us in all things.

A. H. McLEOD.

June 16th.

C. T. ACT NOTES.—And now it is stated, perhaps by authority, that the two hotels which, like their managers, have been taking a rest, will re-open again about the first of August. The travelling public, as well as the citizens, have been getting along very well without them, and have no particular interest in the matter of their being reopened or remaining closed.

Sheehan, the chief of Fredericton Junction's rum-sellers, is charged with violation of the Act. We wish success to the prosecution.

We do not take much stock in what circus people say. But this testimony by the managers of the circus that was in this city a few days ago is, evidently, the truth. *The Sun* says:

After the performance at Fredericton, in conversation with one of the officers of the police force of that city, they said that Fredericton was the most orderly town in which they had ever exhibited; that there were probably 4,000 visitors that day at the circus, and not the least disturbance or misconduct. They attributed this state of things to the fact that liquor selling was rigidly prohibited. There were no arrests by the Fredericton police that day.

That Club concern in Chatham, designed to evade the law, to the charge against which we referred last week, was convicted of rum-selling. All like attempts to dodge the penalties of law breaking should be prosecuted and punished.

CONDOLENCE.—To Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth Johnson and family.—We, the officers and members of Plymouth F. B. S. School, wish to express our sympathy with you in the loss of your dear son Leslie. While you mourn the loss of a dutiful son and kind brother, we, too, with saddened hearts, realize that a dear brother in Christ has departed. As member and officer of our school he was always earnest and active in his work, ever ready to follow where duty called; and while we deeply feel the loss of one so useful, we look back upon his consistent Christian life, and thank the Giver of all good for the wonderful grace which enabled our dear brother to live for Him, and to triumph in the hour of death; and while we cherish his memory we feel assured that the influence of his devoted Christian life will long be felt in the hearts and lives of his many friends. Although cut down in the morning of his manhood we remember that;

"He liveth long who loveth well,
All other life is short and vain;
He liveth longest who can tell
Of living most for heavenly gain."

We sincerely hope that you may have the sustaining presence of the Heavenly comforter in this hour of sorrow, and be enabled to say "Thy will be done."

Signed in behalf of the school.
ROBERT A. SIMS, Supt.
MAUD E. PURDY, Sec.

WIGGINS AGAIN.—The irrepressible Wiggins has another prediction and scare for the people who pay any attention to him. He says Southern Europe, especially Italy, will be visited with disastrous earthquakes this summer, owing to the peculiar conjunction of the planets. The atmospheric conditions, he adds, will be favorable to the spread of cholera, and the disease will probably reach this country. The professor has given the Government the benefit of the information, and has urged that precautionary measures be adopted without delay. Documentary proof shows that he informed the authorities that the "grippe" epidemic would extend over both continents.

A LARGE CHURCH.—Phillips Brooks has about twelve hundred communicants in his church, forty-three of them being received during the year. The Sunday-school numbers 868, and the total annual contributions amount to \$52,157.

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