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Religious Intelligencer.

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—Two EPISCOPAL MINISTERS in New York—Dr. Rainfor and Dr. Newton—are likely to be disciplined for what some of their brethren regard as very serious offences. They have had ministers of different denominations preach in their churches. Of all the wrong things a minister may do, there is nothing quite so bad, according to some brethren of "the apostolic succession" as the recognition of others than themselves as having the right to preach.

—A VERY GOOD suggestion is made by a contemporary, viz.: "Before you undertake to pray the Lord's Prayer very loud in church, be sure that you are not selling goods with a thirty-five inch yard stick or potatoes with a seven quart peck-measure."

—"WHO WAS Melchizedek?" is an oft asked question. A view which we have not seen before is that held by Dr. J. H. Hopkins. He states his belief "that Melchizedek was a visible appearance of the Son of God himself to Abraham, in the form which he was to wear as man, after he became incarnate."

—PRAYERS for the poor are numerous. They ought not to be fewer nor less fervent. But the rich need more prayers in their behalf. Their danger is great; and is the graver because not realized by them. Riches make great temptations—temptations to pride, to self-reliance, to neglect of the means of grace. Many a soul is dwarfed and destroyed by riches. Pray for the rich.

—HE DID NOT MEAN what was implied in his question and complaint. It happened on this wise. Of one who was interested in foreign christian work, he asked,—"Why send money abroad, when there is so much to be done at home?" The other quickly replied: "Well, I will give \$5.00 for the home work if you will."

"Oh, I didn't mean that."

Of course he didn't. Few of them do who complain about too much being given to the work of sending the heathen the knowledge of Jesus.

—"A CHRISTIAN STEWARDS' LEAGUE" has been organized in the west. This pledge is subscribed to: "We covenant with the Lord, and with those who enter with us into the fellowship of this consecration, that we will devote a proportionate part of our income—not less than one-tenth—to benevolent and religious purposes. And this we do in His name who has loved us and hath given Himself for us, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." How good it would be were the idea of stewardship general amongst Christians. The treasures of Christian undertakings would be full, and the work of the Lord would be prosperous everywhere.

—SPIRITUALISM is, it seems, to be investigated by a Boston association recently organized for the purpose. Rev. Edward Everett Hall, Mrs. Mary E. Livermore and some other people of note are leading in the movement. They may accomplish something satisfactory, but it is doubtful. Of course they will be able to show, what people of sound minds already believe, that spiritualists have no foundation for

their claims. But those who enjoy believing in spiritualism, will continue in spite of all evidence, to be gulled by the tricks of "spiritualistic mediums."

—THE CENSUS is now being taken. Every person should facilitate the work of the officials by readily and fully answering the questions asked in the forms.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in New York has suffered a severe loss by the death of Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby, one of the foremost ministers of the denomination. He was a man of striking ability, abundant in labours, and wielded a strong and far-reaching influence.

—ILLUSTRATING the combination of courage and christian spirit in Dr. Crosby, the N. Y. Advocate tells this story of him: Finding a robber in his house one day, he seized and dragged him to the police, and delivered him up. He then visited him in the prison and talked with him in such a manly and Christian way that the man was thoroughly converted, became a true Christian, married a Methodist girl, settled in the West, where he still is, and corresponded with Dr. Crosby probably until his death.

The Converts.

It is impossible to estimate the value of the special religious influences that may be exerted by those converted in the revivals that have been going on everywhere during the season now closing. They ought to add greatly to the christian force and activities of their generation. The degree in which they will do so depends on the training and direction given them in the early stages of their christian experiences. Too often much of the new life, with all its glow and force, is allowed to become inoperative and to die for want of special occupation best calculated to nourish and utilize and develop the divine enthusiasm.

The idea seems to prevail—though not to so great an extent as formerly, yet too generally—that when one joins the church about all that is necessary has been done, and that there the responsibility of pastor and church practically ceases. Great efforts are made to reach the unconverted, and much attention is given them until they are in the church. Then they are, too often, allowed to look out for themselves, or so left to themselves that they easily get the impression that work in their behalf is ended, and that there is nothing for them to do but drift along on the current of a formal church life. This inattention to converts is wrong, and is responsible for their lack of development of spiritual life.

It needs to be remembered that young converts are but babes in Christ. The babes of our homes if treated as babes in Christ often are, would not be long with their parents. They are not left to themselves to grow as best they can. In most households the babe is not only the centre of interest but the chief object of attention. Great care is given to its food; and the development of its faculties and powers is most carefully watched and aided. Attention and care are only relaxed in proportion as self-reliance is manifest. With quite as much solicitude should babes in the divine life be regarded and helped.

Not only the strength and comfort of their personal christian experiences depend, largely, upon the care and instruction they receive in the infancy of the new life, but their worth to the cause of Christ in efficient services through many years is also involved. They need much and careful instruction as to the privileges and duties of the christian life—the importance of growth, and the means by which it is attained; the study of the Bible, and the reading of christian literature, personal work, and helps to it; their relations to the church, participation in its activities and support of its interests; and many other matters that belong to the christian life and are essential to its becoming and doing the best possible. There may be more or less work by young christians, but it will fail of having the best and fullest effect, and they will sooner tire of it unless they are carefully instructed. Right views of the christian life, its possibilities, and the demands upon it are necessary to the intelligent work so much needed in this time.

There was never a time when there was more need of the well-instructed christians, well organized and wisely directed in the conflict against organized evil. And it will be a grand thing for the cause of truth if the thousands of young people just now come and coming into the church are so taught and directed that they will add as much of intelligent spiritual force to the army of the Lord as they do of numerical strength to the church rolls.

Christianity And The Learned.

It would surprise some persons to know how many of the world's leading men of science and progress are Christians. It is stated that seven-eighths of the members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science are members of churches or church attendants. Christianity never before had a stronger hold in our seats of learning. The Christian people of America have put nearly \$70,000,000 into the schools of higher education, and nearly \$50,000,000 of that sum has been put in during the last thirty years. Seventy years ago the unbelief of Thomas Paine ruled among the great majority of students in American colleges. How is it to-day? Take the oldest of American universities. Dr. Dorchester, in his "Problem of Religious Progress," says: "Inquiries extending through 1,400 graduates of Harvard College within the last ten years, shows only two skeptics, one an atheist and the other an agnostic, and never before were there so many evangelical church members among the students of that institution." Under all Christian governments there are 685,000,000 inhabitants, an increase of nearly 90 per cent., in fifty years! These are the calculations of the leading German and American statisticians. Now these nations under Christian governments are the masters of the world's power.

In the year 1500 the number of Christians in the world was 100,900,000. In 1800 it was 200,000,000. In 1880 it was 410,000,000. That is, Christianity in the last seventy nine years, gained as much as in the eight centuries previous to 1800. Take America. In 1800 there were a little more than 5,000,000 inhabitants in the United States. In the evangelical churches the number of communicants was 364,000. In 1880 the population was 50,000,000, an increase of nearly ten-fold. How many members of evangelical churches were there? More than 10,000,000, an increase of more than twenty-seven-fold. Do not forget that in this resplendent nineteenth century, in this land which has been flooded with the populations of Europe, Asia and Africa, a land which has been fighting a long battle with the forces of the earth, subduing the continent to some measure of civilization, although the population has increased with unexampled rapidity, still the number of church-members (not including the Roman Catholics or the Liberal sects) has increased nearly three times as fast as the population. The period of swift progress has been the last thirty years.

Mission News and Notes.

—WORLD-WIDE MISSIONS tells us of a converted African, who said: "Though I know not the way to heaven, I keep close to Jesus, so that when the roll is called I know I shall be there."

—MR. and MRS. George C. Stebbins, the singing evangelists, have left Dr. Pentecost in India. This is due to a change of plan. Dr. Pentecost has decided to work chiefly among educated natives, who do not appreciate Western music.

—Among the Telugus in India, fourteen missionary societies are at work; having ninety-two male and twenty-seven female missionaries, not counting wives. There are seventy-two mission stations and 53,000 church members, 40,000 of whom are Baptists. The Telugus are one of the finest races of India.

—Dr. Pentecost will spend the hot season in Simla, which is a center of fashion, society and godlessness. A wealthy friend in Scotland has purchased a tent for his use in India capable of seating 1,200 people. Dr. Pentecost will use this in his campaign in various parts of India owing to the difficulty and expense of procuring suitable halls.

—The Maharajah Holkar, one of the greatest native princes in India, and a Mahomedan by faith, has presented to the Canadian Mission eight and a-half acres of ground, conveniently situated in Indore, for the erection of a mission college and a mission hospital for women. In publicly announcing this fact, Mr. Wilkie, the principal, states that the Maharajah has just forwarded a gift of fifteen hundred rupees to be divided between himself and the lady principal of the hospital, and that the Maharajah's Prime Minister had laid the corner-stone of one of the new buildings.

—A letter from a member to his pastor: "Enclosed find \$6 missionary money. Five dollars is tobacco money. I quit the use of tobacco. Next morning I subscribed \$5 more than I would have done. I decided not to chew, smoke, and spit the heathen out of my mouth any longer. I am poor but never saw the time that I could not raise money for tobacco. Missionary money can be raised as

easily. I have hardly thought of tobacco since I made that pledge, yet I was an inveterate slave before. After I quit tobacco, my eyes fell on the Scripture, "He that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger."

—"Debt is the word that confronts our missionary societies without regard to denomination. The American Baptist Home Society needs fifty thousand dollars before March 31 or it will close its fiscal year in debt. The Presbyterian Board of Home Missions will report a heavy debt. Other missionary boards and societies are in the same sad plight. It ought not so to be."

The above is from one of our American contemporaries. In fact all the missionary societies report difficulty. We trust that the funds of our own church will show fairly well at the close of the year. At present there are serious deficiencies to be made up. It is in hard years that there is a special call for liberality.

General Religious News.

IN FRANCE in 1881 the census gave nine millions of adult males. Of these nearly EIGHT MILLIONS were returned by themselves as renouncing Christianity. The majority of adult women adhered to the church. Only one-ninth of the adult males did so. It will be curious to see how this year's census will turn out in this respect. There is more dogmatic infidelity and atheism in France than even in Italy or Germany.

THE EFFORTS of General Booth to rescue the poor of London are not the only attempts in this direction. The amount of money annually expended on this unfortunate class is enormous. The author of the *Classified Directory to the Metropolitan Charities of London* recently stated that \$24,590,000 is expected as the income of these societies for the year 1891. Of this amount \$19,750,000 is to be expended in charitable and missionary work in London. It seems incredible that so vast a sum can be devoted to this purpose without more manifest results. The "submerged tenth" must be low down indeed, or these millions must be badly managed.

A VERY ABLE circular was issued by the Church Extension Committee in Belfast, in which it is shown that, though so many churches have been recently erected in that city, yet so rapid has been the growth of population, that the present church accommodation is less in proportion than it has been for the last sixty years. During the last five years 6,954 new houses have been built, and building operations are going on rapidly at present. Five new sites have been, or are being, taken for the erection of churches.

THE APPROACHING MEETING of the Evangelical Alliance at Florence has drawn more than usual attention to the condition of evangelical religion in Italy. Protestants everywhere should give their sympathy and, as far as possible, their financial support to these brave Waldensians and members of the Free Church of Italy who are spreading a pure Gospel in the historic home of the Papacy. As yet they are not numerous or strong, but they are growing at an increasing rate, especially the Waldensians. The celebration of the bi-centenary of the return of the Waldensians from exile has put renewed enthusiasm into their ranks. It is proposed to place a bronze statue to the memory of Henri Arnaud, the great Waldensian leader, at Torre Pellice. It is felt that the coming Alliance will be a great impetus to the work of evangelization in Italy.

Revivals.

—The Stetson University, Florida, is the scene of a good revival of 153 students, nearly all have become christians.

—Twenty-five converts were baptized in Tremont Temple, Boston, Sabbath, 29 ult., by Rev. Dr. Earle.

—A revival has blessed the Baptist institutions at Wolfville. About thirty conversions are reported.

—Twenty-seven persons were received into the Baptist church, this city, last Sabbath. These are part of the fruit of the revival services held in that church.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—Rev. J. W. Clark wishes to acknowledge, with thanks, a donation made him by his Tracey Mills friends on the evening of the 24th ult., and subsequently, amounting to \$81.00, \$75 of which was in cash.

LINCOLN, S. Co.—Rev. Jos. McLeod has held some meetings in Lincoln lately. Several persons have begun the christian life.

RUSKAGORNISH, S. Co.—The revival progresses encouragingly. Last Sabbath Bro. Downey baptized six more converts.

SNIDER MOUNTAIN.—I write a few words to tell the readers of the INTELLIGENCER how we are getting along here. Rev. Wm. Deware has been our pastor since last Conference. The church was in a very low state. There were a few trying to hold on and keep up the prayer meetings. He commenced holding special meetings March 15th. God has wonderfully blessed his labours. The congregations were large and attentive and the Holy Spirit was present. Sinners were converted and backsliders reclaimed. On Sunday, March 22nd, seven were baptized and on Friday, March 27th seven more. These, with two others by letter, were added to the church. The pastor's labours are highly appreciated. The special meetings are closed, but the interest keeps good and the outlook is cheering.

GEO. L. GRIGG.

DONATION.—A largely attended Social was that held at the pleasant and happy home of Rev. E. B. Gray on the 26th of March, the occasion being the 65th anniversary of his birth. The ladies brought many good things in the shape of baskets and pies, which were sold to the highest bidder. The proceeds, which amounted to \$33.00, were presented to the host by the Chairman of the evening. Bro. Gray gratefully accepted the kindness of his friends thus tangibly expressed, and assured them of his deep interest in them. Several expressed themselves hopeful that Bro. and Sister Gray might be spared for many years, and that on each succeeding birthday, might meet again in their hospitable home making it profitable for all.

March 30th.

GRAND MANAN.—I am glad to be able to report progress. The church at Grand Harbour is enjoying a season of special blessing. The work bids fair to be a gracious out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon young and old. Sunday, the 29th, I baptized two—an old man, upward of sixty five years, and a young lady. Others are inquiring the way of life. Praise God. The outlook is good; there is a marked awakening among the people. I have made thirty-five pastoral visits this month, and conducted thirty-four religious meetings; I made one visit to White Head Island and married a couple there, and made five calls home. God has greatly blessed me with health and strength to work in his vineyard. I expect to be able a week hence to report further blessings, pray for us.

T. O. DEWITT.

March 30th.

TRACEY MILLS, C. Co.—God has again blessed us with an out-pouring of his Holy Spirit. The two weeks faithful and earnest work by Dr. McLeod, was of great benefit to our church at Tracey Mills. During the most of the time of the special meetings the weather was cold and stormy and the roads for the most part were bad. Still the interest increased and the meetings were largely attended, many people coming long distances to take part in the work of extending the Kingdom of our Lord. The pastor and church have been greatly refreshed. Some idle members, have commenced work again for the Master, and have promised greater faithfulness. A goodly number of precious souls have been converted, thirty-seven (37) of whom have followed their Lord in baptism. Some others intend to be baptized soon. While several were heads of families, the most were young, being interesting and interested members of the Sabbath School. Never before did I so much see it my duty to lead the children to Jesus, and never before have I seen so many young people rejoicing in the hope of eternal life. As a Church we recognize the increase of our responsibilities, and our prayer is that He who helped us to bring these precious souls to Jesus, may give us wisdom and grace to lead them on and out into the "green pastures and beside the still waters."

The Tracey Mills Church, "thanks God, and takes courage." Never during the more than five years of our pastoral acquaintance with it, has it been in better condition spiritually or otherwise. Its interest in missions (Home and Foreign), and, indeed, in all the work of our denomination is deepening. Few of all our churches contribute more to Foreign Missions take more RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCERS, or pay more or better their minister. The relations between pastor and people have always been of the most pleasant kind. The Deacons, brothers Owens, White and Webb, together with many other dear brethren of this church, are earnest faithful men, always walking in unison and love. Brother J. F. Adams, known widely and for long as the talented and efficient leader of the choir, still occupies that position notwithstanding his more than three score years and ten. The

sisters are much interested and are actively engaged in the work of the church, the Sabbath School and missions. Under the superintendence of Brother E. L. West, the Sunday-school, which is kept open all the year, is prospering greatly.

Yesterday we filled our appointment at Knoxford, and many who were present felt to say with Peter, "it is good for us to be here," while we talked of Jesus and his resurrection. This Church, also, has in its membership a band of noble, earnest and loyal workers for God. May the time be near when to this church shall be added many souls "such as shall be eternally saved."

Our appointments at Boundry Line are regularly sustained, and, though we have no church organization, the meetings and congregations are good. The people there have just completed a most comfortable and neatly finished place of worship. Its dedication will take place some Sabbath in May next, due notice of which will be published in the INTELLIGENCER. We wish to acknowledge, with thanks, the encouraging and profitable visits made us, during the special meetings, by Revs Gray, Rideout, Philips, and Harvey (Baptist).

J. W. CLARKE.

March 30th.

FROM REV. JOSEPH NOBLE.—It has been some time since I reported. It is a great satisfaction to me to read reports from others, and it may be a satisfaction to some to hear from me. I have been able to keep up my regular appointments all winter—two preaching services each Sabbath, about three miles apart, and two prayer meetings in the middle of the week. One week I held some extra meetings in Upper Brighton; I hope to some profit. I made a short visit to Queens County and spent a Sunday in Upper Gagetown. I held a meeting on my way back in Prince William. I was glad to know that the brethren on that pastorate have secured the services of Brother W. Currie. The church in Upper Gagetown is in need of a minister. Last week I was at Bumfrou to help Brother J. J. Barnes; he was holding special meetings, with a good prospect of success. Brother Barnes is working hard and a number of the church members are working with him. I believe he is the right man in the right place, and if the people consider their own interest they will keep him with them a good while.

I wonder sometimes in these days how it is that so many people do not see the difference between their own will and the will of God. The will of God is to "follow after the things that make for peace, and things that edify, submitting ourselves one to another, the younger submitting to the older, to obey them that have the rule over us," with many such passages. Our own will is to have our own way, let the consequences be what they may. I often feel badly; but my prayer is that God may help us to see and follow after the things that make for peace and the prosperity of His cause. My health continues good.

March 30th.

J. NOBLE.

NOVA SCOTIA.—Rev. J. L. Smith, writing in the *Morning Star* of his work in Nova Scotia, says:

I have been about a year in my present field, which is composed of four churches and five preaching places. There are five meeting-houses, four of them good, one new, built during 1890. Special meetings have been held since December last at four of these meeting-houses with the following results. At Pubnico East in December the meetings developed a good degree of spiritual interest among the members of the church. A number of backsliders were reclaimed. No decided conversions. In January meetings were held in Central Argyle. Some powerful meetings were experienced and deep impressions made. Some three or four were hopefully converted, but no baptisms have occurred yet. In February at Glenwood a revival spirit was manifested before any special meetings were held, and so soon as meetings began God displayed his saving power. The meetings lasted about two weeks and resulted in a harvest of twenty-three, twenty-one of whom joined the church. The meetings were remarkable for their uniformity. No "dark" meetings in the lot. Always active and spiritual. It was "the Lord's doing." At Pubnico Head meetings began March 2, and continued to March 25. The hand of the Lord was with his people from the first. Baptisms occurred on the 8th, 15th, and 22nd, by which forty-three were added to the church. I believe not all of the harvest has been gathered yet at this place. Here and at Glenwood the manifestations of God's love and power were such as I never witnessed before. The work was his, and the glory is his, but ours has been the blessing. Greeting to all my fellow-workers, and may God bless his Zion! During all these meetings we had very much stormy weather to contend with. The baptisms all took place out of doors at the seaside.

FROM REV. G. SWIM.—The special meetings at Coldstream have been closed for the present. Good was done; the church was helped, wander-