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Religious Intelligencer.

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WEDNESDAY, November 4th, 1891.

—THE POPE'S feeble physical condition gives rise to much speculation about his probable successor. It does not make much, if any, difference to Protestants who may become the head of the papacy.

—SPEAKING of cooperation in christian work, Rev. Hugh Price Hughes says,—"A committee at your back is a very good thing, but one on your back isn't. I am of the opinion that if the building of the ark had been left to a committee, it wouldn't be done yet."

—TO A MINISTER who was worrying because he had not been able to secure an evangelist to work in his church, it was suggested, Why not ask for the Holy Spirit? He charges nothing, is always willing to come, and does excellent work. He can be in all the churches at once. Ask him to come.

—JUST THINK of it! The number of people who went to look upon the "holy coat" which has been on exhibition by the Roman Catholic authorities, for a consideration, is nearly two millions. The exact number is stated to be 1,925,130. It is pitiable. The coat has now been put away—"re-inshrined" they call it, to be brought out again in a few years. It is to be hoped that by that time there will not be so many foolish people.

—THE FIFTY-SEVENTH annual report of George Muller's Orphanage at Bristol, England, has just been published. It is the most extensive institution of the kind in the world, having accommodation for over 2000 children. The income last year was over £30,000. Mr. Muller states that since the founding of the institution in 1834 the amount received, by prayer and faith, for the support of the work is over a million and a quarter pounds sterling.

—HERE is a good and strong word from Talmage, one which many churches need to heed: "We have got to expel from our churches Christians who eat the sacrament on Sunday and devour widow's houses all the week. We have got to stop our indignation against the Hittites and the Jebusites and the Gergashites, and let those poor wretches go, and apply our indignation to the modern transgressions which need to be dragged out and slain."

—IT IS THE FASHION in some circles to belittle conversion. Commenting on the statement, made by a religious paper, that undue stress has been laid on that crisis of the spiritual life we call "conversion," the "Christian Advocate" objects to the statement, saying,—"Conversion is the most important change that ever occurs in the history of a human soul. To overestimate or lay undue stress on it is impossible. The great danger in these days is that this change will be under-valued. Many churches are suffering because thorough conversion has not been duly insisted on as the indispensable requirement at the opening of a Christian life. There are too many unconverted church members. To insist on Christian culture and development while the conversion of the soul is overlooked would be as unwise as to attempt to cultivate a tree which has not been planted. It is to be feared

that many ministers are laboring hard at the fruitless task of training and building up unconverted church members. Little wonder that they make slow progress.

—DURING the discussion by the Ecumenical Conference of the religious journal as a factor in Christian work, by one of the speakers, who, if he had not some time tried it himself, must have been a close observer, said:

He believed an editor should have plenty of assistance. Think of a man—one man—having to write "leaders," and gather items, and answer correspondents, and make clippings, and redress and curtail too bulky communications, and keep a look-out over the daily papers and leading reviews, and look after his household and bring up his family respectably, and give a little time to personal piety!

—THERE WERE some breezy hours during the Methodist Ecumenical Conference in Washington. The brethren were not all the time quite as patient with each other as they might have been. Most of the heat, however, was probably caused by misunderstandings not easily avoidable in a meeting of men from different countries and with different views and forms of expression.

For instance, a question arose as to the right a brother had to the floor. An English member desired the chairman to call him to order by rapping with the gavel. The English phrase for calling to order by using the gavel is "knock him down." And so, when in the midst of much excitement, the Englishman, desiring to help matters, very innocently called on the chairman to knock down the brother who was trying to speak, it is said there was blood in a good many American eyes. An adjournment gave opportunity to get at an understanding of the English phrase, and brotherly love continued. Mutual understanding will prevent unpleasantness and quarrels.

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Now is the time to push the canvass for new names.

THANKSGIVING.

Thursday of next week is the day appointed for Thanksgiving throughout Canada.

The appointment from year to year, of such a day is fitting, though it is to be feared it is too much made a mere holiday, with but slight thought of its object. Let us hope that this year, more than in any previous year, it will be observed in a truly thankful spirit.

The evidences of the bounty of the giver of every good are on every hand. It is long since the earth so fully yielded increase, in this part of the world. For all these it is "a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." For "He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills. They give drink to every beast of the field. . . . He watereth the hills from his chambers; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of His works. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man; that he may bring forth food out of the earth. . . . O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches."

The combination of influences which gives success to the labours of the husbandman is not of man's creation or at his disposal. "The sweep of the wind, the falling of the rain, the gentle dews, the shining of the sun, are the creation of an all-wise and beneficent mind, and controlled by an almighty hand. To Him let us render the sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise for His great goodness, that He has filled our land with plenty. Whether in the church service we join with those who reverently worship on Thanksgiving day, or in the home, our thoughts are of our country's abundance, let all hearts be filled with sincere and glad recognition of Him as the Father of these mercies, and all lips sing His praises "from whom all blessings flow."

True thankfulness begets thoughtfulfulness of others. "If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates, in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother. For the poor shall never cease out of the land; therefore thou shalt open thine hand unto thy brother, to thy

poor, and to thy needy within thy land." There is no better expression of thankfulness for mercies than in seeking to be God's messenger of mercy and help to others. The needy are everywhere, even in this favoured land. Make their hearts glad, make them think of God and His goodness by sharing with them your sufficiency.

Make an offering to the Lord's cause. "And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the Lord thy God, with a tribute of a free will offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the Lord thy God according as the Lord thy God has blessed thee." The church treasury needs replenishing. Contribute to it. There are communities in our own land destitute of religious teaching. Help the Home Mission Board send christian teachers to them. In the dark parts of the earth there are thousands upon thousands who await the light of life. Shall we rejoice in the knowledge of God, and revel in His bounties, and still be indifferent to their deplorable condition? While we praise Him, let us make an offering to help send them the glad tidings.

Prayer for Young Men.

Next week—Nov. 8-14—has been appointed as a week of prayer for young men. The appointment is made not only by the International committee of Y. M. C. associations, but is urged by the World's Conference which was held in Amsterdam in August.

Much success is attending the work for young men. To the World's conference were brought encouraging reports from Great Britain, Germany, France, Switzerland, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Italy. In India, a national organization of the Associations has been effected, and to the World's Conference committee were added members from India and Japan.

It is hoped that pastors will avail themselves of the opportunity the appointment the week of prayer affords of bringing to the attention of their congregations by sermons specially adapted to the occasion, the importance of definite work for young men along distinctively Christian lines. And the union of all Christian people in prayer at this season for God's blessing upon young men and the efforts put forth for their welfare is earnestly desired.

The growth of the work of Y. M. C. associations in the past twenty-five years is quite remarkable. The following comparisons show how it has extended.

In 1866, there were less than 100 Associations, with a total membership of not more than 15,000; now there are 1,385 Associations, with a total membership of 225,000. Then, there was one Association Building, valued at \$11,000; now, there are 231, worth \$9,946,085. Then, the total net property amounted to \$90,000; now, it amounts to \$12,000,000. Then, there were less than a dozen young men giving their entire time to the work; now, there are 1,186 secretaries and assistants. Then, there were less than \$50,000 contributed annually for local, and only \$522 for general work; now, there is over \$1,800,000 given yearly for the former purpose, and \$190,000 for the latter purpose. Then there was nothing done for special classes of young men, such as college students, railroad employees, &c.; now, there are 345 College Associations, 98 Railroad Associations, 11 German Associations, 37 Colored Associations, and 24 Indian Associations.

The following additional statistics show the present condition of Association work along other lines, being in every instance a very large increase since 1866: There are 987 Bible and Bible training classes for young men only, 1,367 weekly prayer, gospel, and praise meetings for young men only; 4,856 lectures and entertainments, and 4,350 societies given annually, 25,755 different students in the educational classes; 649 libraries, with 437,347 volumes; 779 reading rooms; over 50,000 visits to the rooms daily; 407 gymnasiums; 133 literary societies; 11,276 situations secured annually; 190 boys' departments. The entire cost of the extended work of the Committee (including salaries, traveling expenses, publications, etc., but excluding the expense of the foreign work) was, during 1890, \$57,072. The last Convention authorized and directed an enlargement of this work calling for \$750,000 annually. For this amount the Committee is dependent on voluntary contributions.

—Mr. James Swan, a very old member of the Baptist church in Queensland and a pioneer of the colony, has bequeathed all his property, valued at £25,000, to the Queensland Baptist Union, the only condition being the payment to his wife of a life annuity of £500. Mr. Swan was three times mayor of Brisbane, and was elected to the Legislative Council in 1878.

Mission News.

—Here is a proof of the missionary spirit which has actuated Methodism in her work of rescuing the benighted heathen from darkness and superstition. The Wesleyans of New South Wales have recently sent a strong mission force to work among the cannibals of New Guinea. In the party were a number of Fijian Christians who had volunteered for the service.

—Bishop Tucker, who has recently returned from Uganda, and who is shortly going out again, taking forty missionary workers with him, says there is a perfect hunger for the Scriptures among the natives. He had a conversation with the Roman Catholic missionaries before he came away, and that conversation made him feel that the great need of Africa was that it should be "flooded with the Scriptures in the language of the people." Mr. Pilkington says Africa needs men, and the Scriptures, but of the two he thinks the need of the Scriptures is the most pressing.

—The progress of Zenana Mission work, says the Belfast Witness, is one of the most marked features of the great work of bringing the heathen to Christ, to which the Church is now devoting so much attention. The Irish Presbyterian Church has taken an active and zealous interest in the work, and has contributed freely both agents and funds. Of course all that one Church can do in such a work is little, but each should do its best.

—The Church Missionary Society of England has just sent out a company of 107 missionaries, fifty of whom go to the foreign field now, the first time, twenty-nine of these being ladies. Their respective destinations are as follows: Eleven go to North India, nine to the Punjab and Sind, eleven, five of whom are ladies, to mid-China, three to West Africa, two to Yoruba, eight to Eastern Equatorial Africa, two to Egypt, six to Palestine, one to Persia, four to South India, two to Ceylon, three to Travancore, four to Japan. Others have not been located. Five ladies return to their husbands, and seven others go to become wives of men now in the field, Cambridge University, it is added, is represented by seven men. Oxford is not represented at all.

—Two educated and intelligent natives of India have come to America for the purpose of creating a sentiment in America against the opium-traffic, which is being carried on in their land to the destruction of thousands of their fellow-citizens. Hira Lal Kumar, of Calcutta, and K. Ram Chandra, of Madras, are now pursuing the study of law at Oxford, England, and have done what they could to arouse public sentiment in favor of their cause in that country; but being firmly persuaded that public opinion in America will exert a wholesome influence on Parliament, they come to plead their cause on this side of the Atlantic also. They will seek access to churches and circulate gratuitously a magazine, entitled *The Indian Appeal*. They have the endorsement of excellent men, and their cause is eminently worthy of aid. They hope to awaken thought, create sympathy, and produce conviction among our people.

General Religious Notes.

—Dwight L. Moody expects to engage in evangelistic work abroad this winter, either in Scotland and England, or in India.

—A significant correspondence is going on in the *The Christian World*, of London, in regard to consolidating the different organizations of Baptists and Congregationalists in various towns in England. Each is to retain its building, pastor and officers, but they are to hold their church meeting in common, consolidate their funds, and thus secure the greatest possible co-operation and division of labor.

—According to Russian sources, the total population of Russia is 102,912,642. Of these, 75,541,646 are adherents of the Orthodox Church. Of others 11,000,000 are Pascolites or "Sectarians"—i. e., Stundites, etc.; 7,646,796 are Roman Catholics; 5,104,200 are Protestants (nearly all Lutherans); 2,620,000 are Jews, and 2,000,000 are Mohammedans and heathens.

—The number of Baptists in each of the Australasian colonies is reported by *Truth and Progress* to be as follows: In South Australia, with a population of 315,000, there are 2,655 Baptist church members; in Queensland, with a population of 400,000, there are 2,170; in Victoria, with a population of about a million there are 4,500; in New Zealand there are 2,778 members to 600,000 of population; in Tasmania, 574 to 130,000; and in New South Wales, with a population about equal to Victoria, there are 1,500; while in Western Australia, with a population of 51,145, there is no Baptist church so far as we are aware.

—The general statistics of the Evangelical Association, which have just been published, show 26 conferences, 2,062 churches, and 150,234 members. There are 1,227 itinerant preachers and 619 local preachers; 2,535 Sunday-schools, with 177,639 scholars. The collections for the missionary society were \$134,443. These statistics show an increase over last year of 19 churches, nearly 2,000 church members, and over 1,000 Sabbath-school scholars.

—In Australia the Catholic Church is said to be making rapid progress. In 1800 there were but 475,000 of this communion in the country, and none of them in the Portuguese Goa. In 1890 the number had increased to 1,701,337, of whom 470,000 lived in Goa. As the entire population is 257,000,000, there is one Catholic among every 151 of the population. The hierarchy is represented by 25 bishops and 646 missionaries. The schools under Catholic control, 2,200 in all, have an attendance of 100,000. In Australia, including Tasmania and New Zealand, there are 629,500 Catholics, under the direction of 25 archbishops and bishops, and 774 priests. There are 1,103 churches; 649 elementary schools, with an attendance of 85,342; 2 seminaries; 17 boys' and 90 girls' boarding schools; 117 schools of a higher grade. The entire teaching corps almost to a man, is composed of Order men and women, the former having 348, and the latter 2,588 representatives in the schools.

Home Religious News.

—Special meetings are being held in the Methodist church at Marysville.

—Rev. L. M. Weeks has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church at Dorchester, and will move to Cornwall, Ont.

—The Wesley Memorial church in Moncton is to be formally dedicated next Sunday, 8th inst. Rev. Dr. Hamilton, Boston, and Rev. Dr. Lathern will preach.

—The Seventh Annual Convention of the N. S. Sabbath School Association was held last week in Halifax. The attendance of delegates was large, and there was a good interest throughout.

—Rev. Isaac Baird (Presbyterian) has accepted a call to a town in southern California and expects to leave about Nov. 10. He was at Charlottetown, B., several years.

—Rev. J. A. Gordon, pastor of the Charlottetown Baptist Church, and formerly of St. John, was offered the position of associate pastor of a congregation which worships in Tremont Temple, Boston. He has, however, refused to leave Charlottetown.

—A council met in Sussex a few days ago to consider the course of the Baptist church there in withdrawing fellowship from Rev. A. F. Brown, a member of the church. After examining the case it was decided that the church was justified in withdrawing fellowship.

Denominational News.

DEER ISLAND.—Bro. W. K. Burr has been labouring in one of our churches on Deer Island with some good results. Two were baptized last Sunday, and more are expected to do likewise soon. Some of these will unite with us.

We are looking ahead hopefully; as we commence another year's work on the Island. The past year has made us acquainted with this genial people, the next, we trust, will reveal the extent of our steadfastness and christian fortitude. Pray for us.

A. H. McLEOD.

Oct. 27th.

MONCTON.—Rev. G. F. Currie will continue pastor of the Moncton church this year.

CROSS CREEK.—It having been some time since I have written, I thought perhaps, a short letter just now would not be amiss. We are enjoying a season of revival just now in this field. Sinners are seeking the Saviour, some have found him, the meetings have been going on for three weeks with good results. On Sunday, the 25th, I administered baptism to five who give good evidence of the work of grace in their hearts, and have become members of our church. They are a great help to the advancement of the cause as they were all persons who will have a good influence. Others are on the way Zionward. We expect baptism again on Sunday. There is a strong spirit of opposition on foot but they that are for us, (being earnest prayers and the power of our God) are stronger than all they that be against us. My heart is made to rejoice when I hear sinners crying for mercy, to be able to point them to the Lamb of God; the prospect at present for the upbuilding of our cause in Stanley is much better than it has been for years, and the church, so long neglected, and almost extinct, is by the grace of God, slowly

but surely reviving, and promises at no great distance in the future to become one of the leading churches of the denomination. We have a church all plastered and the outside finish is being rapidly put on. Another dedication may be looked for soon, by our brethren. One of the best marks of better spiritual life in the church is, the care for their pastor's comfort which is manifested by the members of the church, God bless them, and may others soon be with us to assist in bearing the burdens of the church and the cross of Christ. Brethren pray for us that the Spirit of God may still do its work among us that more souls may be saved.

I have just refused a call from South Boston, to go and labour there for the Master, choosing to remain in our N. B., and try in my humble way to advance the cause of Christ and the interest of the denomination which I so dearly love, praying that God may bless the feeble efforts of his unworthy servant and asking my brethren also to give me their prayers I will close. May the grace and mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ be with us all. Amen.

R. W. CARPENTER.

Oct. 30th, 1891.

P. S.—There is at present no active clerk in Stanley church; so until further notice all church communication will be addressed to the pastor, Rev. R. W. Carpenter.

FROM REV. WM. DOWNEY.—It is sometime since I reported, and the friends of the cause are, perhaps, anxious to know what I am doing. Well, I commenced special services at Seventh Tier, Jacksonville, on the 13th of Sept., and continued until the 29th. I found that place greatly changed in thirty-one years. At that time I held revival services there, an extensive work of grace was enjoyed, and many of the younger people even converted. The greater part of them are not there now; removals and death have greatly thinned their ranks. Most of them, older professors and church workers, have passed from labours here to rest above; and those who were young children then are the fathers and mothers of today. I find that three of the converts of the revival of 31 years ago have since become ministers, one of whom has passed to his reward. I found the church here few in number and weak financially, but united and loyal, contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. Our meetings resulted in strengthening them spiritually and in reclaiming some who had been inactive for twenty years. The unconverted people were constant attendants, attentive and deeply impressed hearers of the word. But we failed in persuading them to become doers of the work. Just at the time when it became apparent that there might be a giving up among the young people, I had to leave for home in order to prepare at Maryville for the accommodation of General Conference. Immediately after Conference I returned to the work there, but found that the tide had ebbed, and our chances of getting a launch had passed. After spending a few days there, I started for Aroostook-Junction. The church and congregation at Seventh Tier met at the meeting house on the 29th Sept., and made me a donation of \$33.00 as an expression of appreciation of my labours among them. During my stay there I found a most comfortable home in the kind family of Mr. Judson Briggs, who owns and occupies the Elijah Briggs' old homestead, in which I made my home 31 years ago, at which time I baptized nine of the family, several of whom have since passed away to their reward above, including the father and mother. Judson, who is a worthy son of a venerable father, and his amiable christian wife, are unbending in their hospitality to all comers and goers of whom there are not a few. May God abundantly bless them for their great kindness to me.

I arrived here (Aroostook Junction) on Friday afternoon last, and preached here Sabbath morning and in the evening at Four Falls, one and a half miles farther up the Aroostook river. At the latter place I had the pleasure of meeting Rev. H. Hart who is holding revival services at California Settlement with good prospects of success, some six miles up the river. This is a broad and whitened field, especially opened to us as a denomination, and we should now do all in our power to reap it. If we do not, then shall the harvest be given to others. Now is our opportunity on this river and on the Tobique. The country is comparatively new and far from market, and though they have abundant crops, yet they can realize but little money out of them; hence the people cannot do very much in the way of financial support, or at least many so think, and this is one of the cases in which "as a man thinketh in his heart so is he." I shall probably remain here

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