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A Business Word.

Within a few days statements of account have been sent to several hundred subscribers.

Already some responses have been received. We thank those who have been so prompt.

But we need to hear from every one and at once.

We trust that every subscriber who has delayed payment will now make an earnest effort to pay.

DRUMMOND says this good thing, and true—"In the New Testament faith is never opposed to reason, but to sight."

"A religion of 'whereases' and 'therefores' is too prolix for this earth, and will have no show for adoption in heaven."

True. Do something. Do the thing which God has put just at hand for you. Keep on doing. "Work while it is day."

REV. JAS. SPALDING, of Cambridge, Mass., who joined the Roman Catholic church last November...

THE CANADIAN exhibit at the World's Fair is to be closed on the Sabbath. The New York Legislature, too, has voted that the exhibit of that state shall not be open on the Lord's day.

HEAR this testimony to a mother's influence. Said Thomas Randolph: I believe I should have been swept away by the flood of French infidelity if it had not been for one thing...

A CHINAMAN lecturing in the United States on "Why I Remain a Heathen?" gives as one reason that, from his observation, he thinks that many christians do not believe in their own doctrine.

MEMBERS of the British Parliament, as is well known, receive no pay. An attempt was made recently to have them paid about a thousand dollars each, per session...

There are too many, even of those who are members of churches, whose lives deny the faith they profess.

THE ANONYMOUS writer, who attacks either institution or persons, ought to be suppressed. "The Lutheran World" does not put it too strongly when it says, "The man who will write about another anonymously what he would not put over his own signature is a bad man."

URGING the necessity of deeper devotion to Christ, the Methodist "Guardian" says truly: There is too much croaking and small jealousy, and too little earnest unselfish work.

THERE is much truth, and very suggestive truth, in this from the "Christian Advocate": "Those who do not believe in future punishment do not usually believe in any punishment. They do not believe in law, unless it should be a law without a penalty, which is equivalent to no law."

FOR A LONG TIME Brooklyn has been called "the city of churches." The people have enjoyed a reputation for church going. It would seem, however, that they do not deserve the reputation.

THIS TESTIMONY of a judge ought to have weight. He was for many years on the Bench of the Superior Court of Massachusetts. He was not a fanatic on the question of prohibition.

THE PARLIAMENTARY reports tell that the Government has resolved to increase the salaries of the judges.

AN ENGLISH MINISTER whose health kept him out of the pulpit for several months, and who spent the time in wandering about the country getting acquainted with the people and their needs, came back to his work with some new ideas and resolves.

I have learned that the preacher must be less of an official, nothing of a priest, every inch of him a man. Every man who bears the Christian name involves the honor of Christ in his character and life.

responsibility. But the preacher necessarily carries that responsibility in even greater measure. God helping me, I am resolved to live a simpler life, to talk a simpler language...

The ministry carried on in that spirit will be a success. Such a ministry is needed everywhere.

THE BREWERS of the United States are to make an exhibit at the World's Fair, in Chicago, next year. All the accessories of the business will be shown. They will be careful to show the growth of the business since they exhibited at the Centennial exhibition in 1876.

That Religious Parliament.

A few weeks ago we referred to the proposal to hold a "Religious Parliament" in connection with the World's Fair next year.

Discussing fully the general purposes of the so-called Parliament, he goes on to say that "the first thing that strikes us is the moral incongruity of the whole movement."

His second objection is that "the plan confounds moral distinctions. The representatives of the religions of the world are called to a common platform, invited to a common fellowship, asked to a common review of the triumphs of religion in all ages."

Again he urges that "the Parliament seeks to promote a 'fraternity' which is an utter perversion of the gospel idea of brotherhood."

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Dr. Parkhurst's Crusade.

That Dr. Parkhurst has done and is doing more good by his brave assault upon wickedness in high places in New York than a score of ministers could do in a generation...

It is not surprising that he has been the subject of some criticism. It does not particularly affect him, however; certainly it does not turn him aside from his good purpose.

Unfortunately, as are the "Religious Telescope," there are so many christians so called nowadays, who seem to think that preachers have no business to drag from their hiding places and expose to the electric light of public opinion concrete, specific, political, and municipal corruption and malfeasance in office.

Not very long ago, when a pastor did, from his pulpit, turn the light of truth and facts upon the gambling, drunkenness, licentiousness, &c., by which crimes of the worst kind flourish, many "good people" gravely questioned the propriety of his course.

Spurgeonisms.

Among Spurgeon's last words were these: "Nothing but faith can save this nineteenth century."

Spurgeon died a comparatively poor man. The immense profits from the sale of volumes of sermons and other books were generally given to the poor, or expended upon religious work.

A member of Spurgeon's Church was in the habit of making long prayers. On a certain occasion he exhausted the famous preachers' patience, whereupon he went to him and said, "Brother, you've prayed long enough, and if you feel offended at my saying so you are a goose."

After preaching for over forty years, and after printing the sermons I have preached for more than six and thirty years, reaching now to the number of 2,200 in weekly succession, I am fairly entitled to speak about the fullness and richness of the Bible as a preachers' book.

He was always extremely careful to verify any scientific illustration which he intended to introduce into his sermons, often going himself or sending his secretary to the authorities at the British Museum or elsewhere for information.

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The following incident may be of interest now while so many items regarding him are being published. The Sunday following the birth of his twin sons, Thomas and Charles, was his first public appearance after that interesting family event, and a visible smile was observed throughout the congregation as he reverently read the following lines of the opening hymn: "Not more than others I deserve, Yet God has given me more."

Dr. Joseph Parker addressed these words to young ministers at a recent service: You are not George Whitefield simply because you have a cast in one eye; you are not Mr. Spurgeon because you are eccentric.

When Spurgeon was asked why he never came to this country, he replied: "Why, I would rather go to Hindostan. I could be of much more service there, and then I am afraid my views on the communion would be so different from my brethren in the United States that I would scarcely feel at home with all their kindness."

It is remembered of Mr. Spurgeon how he says in his book, "The Saint and his Saviour," that he learned his theology from the cook in a school taught by a Mr. Swindell, and in which he himself was usher.

Few preachers had more to contend against than Spurgeon had in the earlier years of his ministry. When he began to make a little stir in London he was caricatured and ridiculed by the press and the wits of the city.

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Mission News and Notes.

In this country there is one Christian to every five of population; in heathen nations one to fifteen hundred.

About a third of humanity—or, to put it in round numbers, 400,000,000 people—speak the Chinese language. English is spoken by about 100,000,000 people.

The British Empire in India covers an area of 1,486,819 square miles, a territory nearly as large as Europe, without Russia.

Dr. Geo. F. Pentecost in one of his recent letters from India, says that God is giving the churches in that land more converts than they are able to provide for.

A correspondent in India of the Christian Leader, exceptionally well informed regarding Christian work, writes: I cannot but wish that God would stir up some of the able men in Scotland to turn aside, if but for a season, and come and throw themselves into the white field of India.

The first Protestant missionaries to India were Glegenbalg and Plutcho, who were sent in 1706 by the King of Denmark to Tranquebar on the

Coromandel coast. In 1750 the mission was joined by Schwartz. When the English wanted to treat with Hyder Ali, he refused to receive an ambassador, but said: "Send me the Christian" (meaning Schwartz).

The work among the Mexican Indians have never been so encouraging as at the present time. One small congregation of Indians during the past year has built a little church, receiving only ten dollars of outside help.

A missionary in China writes: "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they know without a preacher?" (Rom. 10: 14.) On a late visit to the out-station I traveled the first day in a passenger boat down stream.

General Religious News.

There are 24,736 Baptists in Philadelphia.

There are said to be 264 religious sects in England.

The Established Church has in England thirty three bishops and 24,000 other clergymen.

In the United States there are six Reformed Presbyterian bodies, numbering in all 25,367 members; 300 congregations; 289 church edifices.

Twenty-two bishops of the Episcopal Church have declared themselves in favor of Sunday closing and believe the opening of the Fair on that day would be a detriment, not a benefit, to the workingman.

Rev. N. W. Pridgen, a Campbellite preacher, died at Athens, Georgia, March 29. This was the minister who attracted considerable attention about four years ago—on April 9, 1888—by preaching his own funeral sermon to an audience of five thousand people.

It is stated that the Russian government looks upon the movement of the Salvation Army with great disfavor. The Army has done much successful work in different parts of Russia, principally in Finland, and has even entered St. Petersburg.

Some stir is being created in religious circles in France by Mr. MALL's new scheme of evangelizing the country by means of a "sermon boat."

The Belyium Roman Catholics are pushing their work in the Congo Free State. One order has five stations occupied by a dozen priests, extending from the coast beyond the last Baptist station. The Bishop of Ghent also has a station at Matadi; and the Sisters of Charity occupy three stations on the Lower Congo.

Reviews.

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