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THAT GOD IN ALL THINGS MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.—Peter

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Nearing the end of the year a few words about the INTELLIGENCER for next year are in order.

With next month it will complete forty years of life. During all these years it has kept steadily about the work, and rejoices to believe that it has not lived and laboured in vain.

It has sought to be a faithful witness for the truth; it has, from week to week, carried news of the progress of the work of the Lord to the people; it has advocated and defended the doctrines and usages of the denomination of which it is the representative; it has presented the claims of the several departments of our work and has urged their generous support; it has furnished a vast amount of sound teaching concerning right living, for old and young; it has been the helper of pastors and Sabbath school workers; it has vigorously advocated the temperance reform, and given support to every moral and christian enterprise.

That these things have been done perfectly is not claimed, but that there has been a fixed purpose, undeterred by any influence or consideration, to do these things, we are sure, and for the degree in which they have been done, and the success which has attended the work, we are profoundly thankful to God.

For the favour shown the INTELLIGENCER by the people we are grateful. It has the support of a large circle of warm friends, and the number has, we are glad to be able to say steadily increased. There is reason to believe that it never stood better with its readers than now. The many kind words said of it by those who read it regularly, and the hearty commendation of its course by the recent Conferences are very gratifying.

In days when the work presses hard and the difficulties multiply, the kind words said will be remembered, and will give cheer and stimulus. And our readers may feel assured that no effort will be spared to make it all that they can desire.

The past is the INTELLIGENCER's promise for the future. In no respect will it be permitted to fall below its standard. In every respect the aim will be steadily upward.

TO FREE BAPTISTS.

The INTELLIGENCER is the only Free Baptist paper in Canada. It was established in their interest, has been devoted to their work, and never more heartily and loyally than now.

It would like to go into every Free Baptist family in the whole country, and believes it ought to. But it cannot do this without assistance. The ministers and members of the denomination can do much to extend its circulation by presenting its claims, and the benefits to be derived from it, to those who are not now subscribers. No religious paper can be successful unless it is properly pressed upon the attention of the people. The success or failure of a denominational paper depends much more upon the ministers and other friends of its work than upon the editor.

Is it too much to expect to begin the new year with a list of subscribers which will include all the Free Baptist homes in these Provinces? There are more than a thousand homes which need its visits, as the organ of the denomination with which they are connected, but which it does not now cater. And these can be reached by active effort, in every part of the field, by the ministers and others interested in denominational work.

Brethren, give us at least a thousand new subscribers before the New Year.

Read the offer below, one which gives every subscriber a good chance to canvass new subscribers, and then begin the work of securing them at once.

Pastors may help greatly by speaking from their pulpits about the INTELLIGENCER, and soliciting their people to subscribe. Please do so, brethren. Do it now.

RENEWALS.

The INTELLIGENCER hopes to retain every present subscriber for 1893. It needs them, and thinks they need it.

FROM ALL PROMPT RENEWALS ARE ASKED. From this time on renewals should come in steadily. It is not well to delay renewing till the very close of the year. It is better, both for the paper and the subscribers, that they should be made before the year ends.

Our friends will do us a favour if they will renew now.

SPECIAL OFFER

Any Subscriber sending a new subscriber with his own renewal can pay for both one year, with \$2.50.

Do not delay taking advantage of this offer. This is the time of year when families are determining what paper they will have for next year. This is, therefore, the time to secure them for the INTELLIGENCER.

Let there now be renewals from all subscribers, and a general and vigorous canvass for new names, enabling the INTELLIGENCER to begin the new year with a wider circulation and larger opportunity for usefulness than ever in its history.

NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER says that the difference between the mind-cure and the faith-cure is that in the mind-cure you don't have to have any faith, and in the faith-cure you don't have to have any mind.

THE CANADA REVUE, a French Canadian periodical, strongly condemns the present Quebec educational system. The colleges are all "priest manufactories," it says, and are not able to fit young men to face the duties of life. It severely censures the clergy.

VAST SUMS of money have been expended by the people of Australia in their efforts to exterminate the rabbits which have become such a nuisance there. But with all the outlay they continue to increase. In New South Wales it is now proposed to build a brick wall around the colony and then exterminate the rabbits within it.

THERE IS in the United States and elsewhere general advocacy for better roads. It is to be hoped that the demand for improvement will become irresistibly strong in this Province. It is well said that once out of the notion that roads are to be kept up by a tax worked out in small road districts, we shall have made a long step in advance. If a country road engineer could be employed who has made a scientific study of road-making, as men study civil engineering, we should be likely to begin a system of roads which would be permanent. At present a large part of the work on roads is worse than wasted.

THE SHUMAGIN ISLANDS, an insignificant group just south of the Alaskan peninsula, have forced themselves upon public notice by the volcanic energy suddenly displayed by one of their number. The three islands are quite small, two of them being merely solitary peaks tossed up in some plutonic convulsion in past ages, but showing no sign of present activity until the 28th of August last, when the crater of one of them was rent open and an eruption began which covered both water and land for 250 miles around with mud and ashes, and afforded a spectacle to those who ob-

served it of the rarest and most impressive kind. The eruption continued for several days. At first it was difficult to locate it, as the island is thirty miles out at sea, and hidden from inland Alaska by the coast range of hills. Now that it is known where the disturbance occurred, it is remembered that this mountain chain of nearly a thousand miles, of which Shumagin forms a part, has of late shown signs of unusual perturbation. On Sept. 23, while the cutter "Rush" was cruising near Akulan Island, the volcano on it belched out smoke to the height of a thousand feet, while the land around was shaken by an earthquake.

THE KING of Sweden can speak fluently in Swedish, German, French, Italian, English and Latin.

APPEARANCES indicate that Congress builded better than it knew when it appropriated the five million souvenir half dollars to the World's Fair. It seems likely to prove more profitable to the Fair than an appropriation of \$5,000,000 in ordinary currency would have been. An offer of \$500 has already been received for the first coin struck, another of \$4,000,000 for the entire amount; another of \$4,500,000 for the whole amount on condition that the fair be opened on Sunday; and numerous individual offers for the coins at prices much more than double their face value. Though not intentionally, it was in reality a very shrewd scheme for raising some two million and a half dollars from the people for the Fair, without anybody's feeling it, and besides obtaining a large amount of gratuitous advertising.

AFRICA north of the equator is mostly Mohammedan; in the division of the whole country, British Africa stands first with a population of over forty million; then French Africa and Arab Africa with the same population between them; the Congo-State follows with fifteen million; Turkey, Italy, Germany and Portugal bring up the rear. Russia and Austria have no possessions in Africa.

FROM THE RECORDS of Yale College during the past eight years it is shown that the non-smokers were twenty per cent. taller than the smokers, twenty-five per cent. heavier, and had sixty-six per cent. more lung capacity. In the last graduating class at Amherst College the non-smokers have gained in weight twenty-four per cent. over the smokers; in height, thirty-seven per cent.; in chest girth, forty-two per cent.; and in lung capacity, eight and thirty-six hundredths cubic inches.

In Memory of Mrs. Booth.

The Salvation Army did a great thing, says the "Christian World," when it organized Mrs. Booth's funeral service at Olympia, but it did a more complete thing when it preached the memorial service held at the Agricultural Hall on Tuesday. There was not a hitch in the affair. The great army of men and women, Salvationists and non-Salvationists, that covered the area and filled the galleries of the immense structure, obeyed their instructions to the letter. When every seat seemed occupied, lights were turned down, and simultaneously there flashed upon a huge screen suspended across the west-end of the hall the words 'Perfect Silence.' Immediately the proverbial pin might have been heard to drop. Then came the silent order, 'All rise and sing,' and forthwith the vast assembly rose and, led by the bands, sang the well-known hymn, 'Jesus, the name to sinners dear.' While the people remained standing they repeated aloud a short prayer, and 'Our Father,' concluding with a grand, deep, sonorous, soul-inspiring Amen! After some texts of Scripture, Mrs. Booth's portrait was thrown on the canvas, followed by the room at Clacton, and the 'vacant chair,' with the words, 'She being dead yet speaketh.' Then the enthusiasm of the multitude found vent, and the place rang with 'Hallelujah!' 'Glory!' 'Amen!' and 'Bless her!' The 'Messages from Mrs. Booth' were strikingly characteristic—'What a laughing-stock to hell is a light, frivolous professor! Put your hands to the plough, and He will give you strength to push

it along! No matter how tremulous your voice, go on, if you choked. The Army's faith in women preachers was shown when, on the appearance of the words, 'I believe it is established by Scripture that woman has a right to preach, and if she has a right she has it independently of any man-made restrictions,' the meeting broke into loud and prolonged cheering. It was, however, when the command was given, 'Hoist the flag of death over the breweries and dram-shops' that the fever heat of enthusiasm was reached, and maintained, as they were told that 'To trim on the drink question is the highest treason to Christ,' that 'Charity to brewers has consigned millions to hell,' and those who promised to fight against the drink curse were asked to 'stand, raise your hand, and say Amen.' That was another Amen to be remembered.

A great many other messages were given, as well as incidents in Mrs. Booth's public life. There were in all 230 slides. Directions for their manipulation were telegraphed to the officer in charge of the dissolving views by means of a special wire. The General's speech was also read from the words: 'Two years have passed since my beloved was taken to heaven, to-night she calls as loudly as ever. Soon the earthly day will close with the General and many others in this hall. The shades of evening are drawing on. I join now my voice to the sainted spirit of my beloved, and to Christ's who died for you, and call upon you to present yourselves as living sacrifices for the salvation of mankind.' The General looked white and careworn, and one felt that the 'shades of evening' were truly drawing on.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

"Rise up ye women that are at ease." Isaiah 32: 9.

[All contributions for this column should be addressed to Mrs. Jos. McLeod, Fredericton.]

Miss Hooper's Report.

My Dear Sisters:—During the publication of the yearly Indian report I was ill in a Calcutta hospital, hence no account of the work entrusted to my care was given.

The schools at Swarasatipura, Jangun and Brahmonia were kept up as usual. The result of the yearly government examination was not known when I left. Swarasatipura school I've always considered the most encouraging of the three. Indeed it seems little short of a miracle that in a village where idolatry had such a strong hold the head man of the place should be willing to dismiss the family priest and turn the idol temple into a school-house, and that for a girl's school too!

At Jangun opposition has ceased and religious instruction received, not only in the school, but in the homes of the high-caste as well as in the huts of the poor.

Only a few months ago a priest who lived by imposing on the superstition of the people said to us: "You are destroying our trade by teaching the people your religion." Another Brahmin who was the family priest in the home of the man who formerly opposed us so, came and asked me for work, saying: "I can't live on the small pay I get from the Babu. Another Brahmin of Jangun put a little boy who had no home under my care. I put him in the orphanage which is under Mrs. Boyer's care."

At Brahmonia we have seen much up-hill work and had our faith tested. The very name shows it was once a village of Brahmins. The people are poor, and many of the little girls have to work in the fields to earn their daily food. When ill I felt the school would have to be closed, but Dr. N. M. Phillips visited it and said it was "a pity to close such a nice school." So we will thank the Lord and take courage about Brahmonia.

During the cold season vacation of the Bible School, two of the students, Umesh Singh and Amrita Singh, (Butini's sons), I employed as Catechists. They did much good work in the schools, villages, markets and bazaars.

The Bible women, Uma Kokoi, Gelha, and their assistants, Suni and Sorra, have worked faithfully during the year.

Owing to illness and family cares Kokoi was unable to attend to her work for a few weeks before I left. She has since moved with her family to Cuttack, where her husband is employed.

Kokoi was a superior worker and won the hearts of her heathen neighbours. She began a new work in a Telugu village, a blind boy who spoke Oriya acting as interpreter.

July 11th Mrs. Griffin writes: "Your Bible women are well. Sorra goes with my women. Do you think you can support Sorra? Gelha and Suni are also going with my Bible women. Vina had a little surplus from her Bible women's fund and she helps support them now. We are hoping you can secure their support in New Brunswick. Uma goes with Mrs. Boyer's Bible women. As soon as you can ascertain and let us know if New Brunswick will support them we shall be glad. I have no extra funds at all. The women were very anxious to go on with work. My garrie goes each Tuesday to the villages where your women used to go in your garrie. On Wednesday my garrie does not go. I would send them on that day to the outlying villages if you could help me a little with the cost of garrie. Ask the women won't you? May God bless the people of New Brunswick and help them to send out more workers than ever before. Vina and Dr. Nellie are both in very poor health; they must both go home this year. Dr. and Mrs. Bachelor are to go too, and our family. How we wish New Brunswick would send out a man to take Mr. Boyer's place."

A letter of August 15th, from Mrs. Boyer, who is in the Hills with her sick baby, says: "None of your work is dropped; Nellie took all of your schools with Idias and provides for their support. Vina supports Suni and Gelha. They go with Mrs. Griffin's Bible women. I have asked the New Brunswick women to support the school at Ujuzda and Dannie's wife. I have also asked the men to support the orphanage."

A letter from Miss Coombs, of July 9th, says: "Dr. Nellie has given up her medical work; something had to be dropped, there will be such an exodus in the spring—Dr. and Mrs. Bachelor, and Mr. and Mrs. Griffin. We are anxiously looking for new comers. Hattie Phillips is not able to return this autumn, so Nellie and I have decided to remain."

Later, a card from Miss Coombs, says: "The doctor says Mrs. Boyer cannot bring up her Rilla in this country."

In all probability Mrs. Boyer may soon be obliged to leave her loved work.

From a personal knowledge of the field and the workers I feel that a crisis has come in our work over there. The need, especially of workers, is very great. Shall we lose the opportunity; or shall we give the gospel to the perishing millions of Orissa? "Thrust in thy sickle and reap; for the time is come for thee to reap."

Since my return in the last week in June it has been my privilege to attend Seventh, Fourth and Third District Meetings. The people seem interested in the work when they hear of it, yet I feel how difficult it must be to realize the state of the heathen world when one has always lived in an atmosphere of christianity, and where "blessings fall like the dew."

When the "Our Father" falls from our lips may we remember our brethren and sisters in heathenism. By-and-by may the King say to us "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

JESSIE B. HOOPER.

Corn Hill, Kings Co., Oct. 3rd, 1892.

On motion of Mrs. E. Dunfield, seconded by Mrs. Fenwick,

Resolved, That the Report of the Corresponding Secretary be adopted.

Mrs. J. S. Smith, Treasurer, submitted the following Report.

Mrs. J. S. Smith, Treasurer, in account with F. C. B. Woman's Mission Aid Society, for the year 1892.

1891.

Oct. Cash on hand..... \$764 70

1892.

Sep. 19. Rec'd from 1st Dist. per Mrs. N. B. Millberry, Treas. 40 50

July 23 Rec'd from 2nd Dist. per Mrs. R. J. Alexander..... 193 74

Sep. 20 Rec'd from 3rd Dist. per Miss Grace Yerxa..... 84 60

Sep. 26 Rec'd from 4th Dist. per Mrs. J. W. Hoyt..... 87 41

Sep. 21 Rec'd from 5th Dist. per Miss Sarah Carpenter..... 42 80

Aug. 1 Rec'd from 6th Dist. per Mrs. David Long..... 233 24

Sep. 21 Rec'd from 7th Dist. Miss L. J. Fullerton..... 210 00

Sep. 21 Helping Hands Band of Carleton per Miss L. J. Fullerton..... 25 00

Sep. 21 4 Conference Pledges of \$5 each..... 20 00

Oct. 3 Interest..... 18 95

Oct. 3 Collection at annual meeting..... 8 76

\$1,729 70

1891. EXPENDITURES.

Oct. 27 Paid Mrs. C. W. Weyman, post age..... \$ 1 00

Nov. 6 Paid Mrs. C. I. Boyer for work..... 36 25

Nov. 11 Miss Jessie B. Hooper..... 150 00

1892.

Mar. 9 Paid Miss Jessie B. Hooper..... 150 00

May 10 Paid Mrs. C. I. Boyer for work..... 72 50

Aug. 18 Paid Mrs. C. I. Boyer for work..... 36 25

Aug. 18 Paid Mrs. C. I. Boyer for work..... 62 50

Aug. 18 Postage..... 1 16

Oct. 5 Balance on hand 1,220 04

\$1,729 70

Ordered, That the Report of the Treasurer be adopted.

The love of the unseen Saviour fills the soul with joy unspeakable and full of glory. What will it be when we see him in all his glory, hear his glory, hear his joyful welcome, and dwell with him forever?

It is a sign that we shall prevail in our prayers when the Spirit of God moves us to pray with a confidence and a holy security of receiving what we ask.—Cassian.

Among Exchanges.

FAULT-FINDING AND CRITICISM.

Fault-finding is one thing, intelligent criticism another. The former is as much below the latter as a green crab-apple is below a ripe bellflower. The intelligent critic sees the excellences as well as the defects in the object of his criticism; but the fault-finder sees only the defects, and greatly magnifies them. The intelligent critic points out excellences to cheer and encourage, while at the same time he points out defects that they may be amended or got rid of. But the fault-finder points out defects merely to gratify his morbid cynicism and to humiliate and mortify the object of his censoriousness. In short, "he is the human owl, mousing for vermin and never seeing noble game."—Tele-scope.

MORE APPROPRIATE.

It is proposed to coin from silver now in the treasury ten million silver half-dollars, which are to be souvenirs of the World's Fair. They will have a special design, and the design should be an appropriate one. We venture to suggest that in case the Fair is to engage in the saloon-business and keep open on the Lord's Day, the following emblems should find place on these souvenir half-dollars. It would be absurd under the circumstances to enshrine the Goddess of Liberty on the coin; put in her place a bloated drunkard astride a beer barrel. The thirteen stars are all right, only the ordinary drunkard sees more than thirteen. Let the obverse bear a carter crow rampart, torn fragments of the Bible in either claw, on its breast a shield with the design of a church turned upside down, and above the inscription, "In coin we trust." Instead of "United States of America" put "United States of the Rum-sellers." And, by the way, why use a noble metal? Make the half-dollars of brass. Foreigners would then cease to sneer at our coin, calling it commonplace and lacking appropriateness.—Golden Rule.

THE LATEST.

Those churches which are fond of novelties may be interested in a recent attraction at a church picnic of a colored congregation in Maryland. It was enlisted by a clothes-washing bout, in which thirty colored women participated. Fires were built, and kettles were put on after dinner in a grove. The contestants marched in procession, led by a brass band. The band struck up a quick-step; and the women washed with their hands, and some of them involuntarily danced with their feet. The clothes were washed and hung upon lines to dry; and the woman and spectators repaired to the church, where addresses were delivered by the pastor and others. The ironing followed. A committee will report later who is the best washer. This seems to be a modern application of the saying that "cleanness is next to godliness."—Chris Register.