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## Religious Intelligencer.

Rt. JOSEPH McLEOD, D. D., EDITOR

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 4th, 1893.

—A NEW, WHITE PAGE of life is open before you. You are to write upon it. Let the record be of faith and good deeds.

—MAKE THIS YEAR better than any year in your life. Live a broader, brighter, more patient, more energetic, more helpful life than ever before. Do your best, trusting God for guidance and strength.

—THERE is a good degree of truth in the saying that "the man who is not a blessing to his neighbors in this world is probably not prepared for glory in the world to come."

—DR. BRIGGS, who has been on trial before the New York Presbytery on a charge of being not quite as loyal to the Westminster Confession as a good Presbyterian is supposed to be, has been acquitted.

—During this "week of prayer" we hope that all Christians are making earnest supplication for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church in every part of the world, that this may be a year marked by strong spiritual life and a great ingathering of souls.

—DO YOU HAVE FEAR and gloomy foreboding as you enter the new year? Why? Christians need not be greatly troubled. "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest," is a divine promise which His people in all ages and places may claim. Trust Him, and go forward in the path of duty as it opens to you.

—"PRAY FOR US," is a frequent request by ministers engaged in revival work. This request is not a mere form. The brethren making it feel that they and the work in which they are engaged need the blessing and help that come of much and fervent supplication. Are such requests for prayer heeded? They should be. Do not disregard them.

—FATHER MCGLYNN, the New York priest, who was ex-communicated five or six years ago, has been reinstated, and is again discharging priestly offices. His ex-communication was because of refusal to obey his bishop in political matters. A special delegate from Rome was sent to adjust the difficulty and succeeded.

—ARCHBISHOP VAUGHAN, the successor of Cardinal Manning, initiated a curious Roman Catholic "Movement" in London. He has released certain priests from parochial duty so that they may devote themselves to carrying on controversies in the periodicals. Protestants have nothing to fear from meeting Romanists in fair argument.

—IN HARTFORD, Conn., recently, a man went to the clerk of the court and asked for a license to kill a man who had, as he thought, wronged

him. The license was refused, and the applicant was adjudged insane and sent to an asylum.

In what is a license to sell rum different from a license to kill? We wish we could think that the applicants for such licenses are insane. And what are the communities which authorize liquor selling licenses—insane or worse?

—IT IS ALWAYS gratifying to receive new subscribers. Thankful for recent additions to our list, we hope for many more. But we want, also, to retain all the old ones. There is always, at the end of a year, when expenses are being counted up, a temptation to economize by dropping the religious paper. We hope none of our readers will yield to temptation. It is not economy to try to get along without a religious paper. The family needs it. If there must be a lessening of expenses there is surely some other item that can be more easily dispensed with.

—FRANCE continues profoundly agitated. The Panama scandals have involved so many public men including newspaper men, deputies, members of the Cabinet, senators, etc.,—that the very foundations of the republic are threatened. The end is not yet. The Bonapartists and Bourbons are, of course, seeking to make the most of the scandalous revelations, to their own advantage, but it is not very clear to an outsider that the country would be better under the government of either, than it has been under the republic.

—ACCORDING to a New York ritualistic journal, which rejoices in the fact it states, there are many Protestant Episcopal churches in the United States in which daily mass is celebrated. There is also in connection with the church a society known as "The Guild of All souls," its special object being to pray for the dead. It costs seventy-five cents a year to be a member. Cheap enough, surely. And membership gives the right to have the names of dead friends placed on the "Intercession Paper." This is one of the prayers:

O Lord, the God of spirits and of all flesh, Who didst put death under Thy Feet, didst destroy the power of the devil, and gavest Thy Life for the world, grant rest, O Lord, to the souls of Thy departed servants (especially . . . in the place of light and refreshment, whence pain and sorrow and sighing are driven away; and in Thy goodness and mercy, pardon every sin committed by them in thought, word and deed: Thou Who art the Resurrection and the Life, and Who livest and reignest, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The movement towards Rome is not slow.

## WELCOME, 1893!

"Welcome the New Year, which shall bring  
Fresh blessings from my God and King.  
The Old one leave without a tear,  
The New we hail without a fear."

## Another Year.

To the young the years go slowly. To the old they speed all too fast. The young standing on the threshold of a new year, plan hopefully for it. The old muse over past years, and with greater seriousness contemplate the mysteries of the future.

To both old and young, another year has come. The thing to do is to use it wisely. It is a gift of God—a precious treasure of time and opportunity for the use of which He holds us responsible.

The whole past year may have been full of mistakes—probably has been; it may have been marked and marred by sin; reviewing it may bring more distress and pain than pleasure. To mourn the mistakes, and have sorrow of heart for the sins, is right. Such mourning and sorrow should be sincere, deep and repentant, crystallizing in the utter and final abandonment of the sinful things, and in the religious avoidance of the places, ways, habits, companionships that were the occasions of them. To go back and repair what has been broken, to correct mistakes, to pick up and use wasted opportunities, to undo the sins that have been committed—these things are impossible. But we may all be wiser and better because of the blunders, the waste and the sins of the past. He is not wise who does not learn from what he has suffered. Leave "the things which are behind, and press forward" to better things.

The year may be given us, or only a fraction of it. Only God knows. But what need we care if each day, as it comes, is rightly used? "Go work to-day, in my vineyard," is the command of our Lord. To-day cultivate a Christian spirit, and practice it; use the opportunity of to-day: be true to yourself, to your fellows and to God to-day; walk in righteousness and true holiness to-day; lay up treasure in heaven to-day; "Seek first to-day—the Kingdom of God." Live-

ing thus, day by day, all will be well, whether little or all of the year be given us, whether we have one or many years.

The coming of a new year will remind many, and should remind all, of the necessity of acting in the present rather than postponing to the future. So many have said, "There is time enough yet," "to-morrow will be as to-day" only to find that they have forever lost their opportunity. This is true of secular things as of things religious. If we would do a good thing, the present is the time. If any reader of this has, on one plea and another delayed entering upon the life which is by faith in Christ, let him hear again the divine voice which says, "Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation," "to-day, if you will hear His voice, harden not your heart." Begin the new life with the new year.

We wish all our readers the best things in this year of grace. And they will surely have them if they order their steps in the will of God. Personal interests, citizenship, home affairs, business concerns, church relations, everything may confidently be commended to the keeping of our Heavenly Father. "Look up and not down, out and not in, forward and not back, and lend a helping hand to all who ask and all who need. 'And the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.'"

## The Insurance Cases.

The Insurance cases, which have attracted so much attention, not only because such cases are unusual here, but because of the position of the accused persons, have reached this point: C. B. Welton and Dr. Randall have been convicted in one case, the jury disagree in that case as to the guilt of Rev. Sydney Welton; in another case the jury disagreed as to the guilt of all the accused. Sydney Welton is out on bail. The cases against him may be tried again, but it is thought that they will not be. C. B. Welton and Dr. Randall are awaiting sentence, a writ of error having been applied for. It is intimated that the other charges of conspiracy against C. B. Welton and Dr. Randall, and one of forgery against the former, may be proceeded with.

The Messenger & Visitor, which, very properly refrained from making any comments during the progress of the trials, dealt with the painful matter, in its last issue, in a very judicious and Christian way. The following is the substance of the article:

The subject was, and is to us, as well as to many of our readers, an exceedingly painful one, and we judged that public references to it could be justified only on the ground that such references were plainly demanded in the interests of truth and righteousness. Certainly it has not been from any disposition to condone wrongdoing or to shield wrong-doers that we have kept silence, nor has it been that we have not felt most keenly the reproach which all this sad business has brought upon the denomination and, generally, upon the cause of religion. Two of the names mentioned above, (Sydney Welton and C. B. Welton) as is well known, appear on the published list of our ordained ministers, and one of them as pastor of a church in this city. In that capacity he has been highly esteemed, as also by his brethren in the ministry. We have known and loved these brethren, and do so still. With their families and their many friends, in this severe ordeal, we deeply sympathize. By no word or act would we willingly add to the burden of their sorrow—a sorrow in which we deeply share. But it must not be forgotten that there are duties sacred to truth and to the cause of Christ no less than to friendship and to Christian sympathy. Every religious denomination owes it, as a most sacred duty, to itself and to its Lord, to maintain the character and reputation of its ministry above reproach; and no considerations of personal regard must be allowed to stand in the way of the performance of this duty. Whether or not the charges brought against these brethren have been proven, and whether or not they are true, it is not for us to say; but whether proven or unproven, and whether true or false, they are certainly of a most serious nature; and in view of all the facts which have been brought to light, and of the sentiment which generally prevails as to the character and bearing of these facts, some action on the part of the churches to which these brethren belong, and of the denomination, would seem to be imperative. We presume, therefore, that these churches acting in accordance with well understood lines of Baptist polity, will severally call councils to consider what action, in view of the facts connected with each case, it may be necessary to take. And may such a measure of grace be given to all who have to do with these matters that they shall be enabled to deal with them in the spirit of wisdom, meekness and faithfulness.

Rev. Sydney Welton has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Portland Baptist church, and it has been accepted.

P. O. ADDRESS.—Rev. B. N. Nobles' P. O. address is now Sussex, N. B.

## India Letter.

DEAR BRO. McLEOD:—On the 27th Oct. the Str. "Clare McPherson" brought our good friends, the Coldrens and Burkholders, safely to Calcutta. The party from Darjeeling came down to meet them, and with the exception of Mr. Burkholder and family, all came to Balasore; so on the 2nd of this month I had the pleasure of meeting my old friends and my own little one too. She had been separated from me six weeks. She seemed about as glad to see me as I was to see her. How grateful I felt to see her looking so rosy and well. She has kept well until to-day, when she has a little touch of malarial fever. I am thankful that I made the decision to send her home.

We welcomed Mr. Coldren by a picnic dinner in the Audience Hall of the English High School. It has been bought and repaired since he left. As you know, he collected the funds for the purchase of the building, etc. As we all sat down to dinner, the school organ, contributed by Mrs. Harry Bicheler, struck up "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and we all joined in heartily. The native Christians had a meeting of welcome for Mr. Coldren. He addressed the A. C. F.'s one evening, and we all had a most enjoyable time while he was here. All the folks, with the exception of myself, have gone to Midnapore to the Yearly Meeting. I could not go on account of the effect the sun has on my eyes, and I was glad to remain quietly at home after so much knocking about. The last news from the Y. M. is that Mr. Hallam has been appointed here temporarily in place of Mr. Griffin who leaves this year. Mr. and Mrs. Hallam are my father and mother in this country, and I feel so glad to have them near me.

The work at Ujda is getting on gloriously. I am not quite sure whether I wrote you that Mr. Griffin went there last month and baptized five persons. He said he rejoiced that his eyes had seen such faith and devotion among new converts, before he left for America. The school has increased to sixty and twenty more are expected. The large schoolhouse is too small and the teachers' wages are too small; another man is needed there to help Dannie, and I am painfully conscious that I have asked for two small an appropriation for this growing work.

Dannie must have a house built, the schoolhouse must be enlarged and land must be bought for the poorer Christians to cultivate. I have a great dread of asking for money. It is said that missionaries are especially adepts at it. But how can I see that work stopped when a little money would go so far to help it on?

The boys! what shall I say of them? Nos. 38 and 39 are on the way to me from Calcutta. They are twins. A poor widow came to me, crying, this week. She feels that she must put her boy here, but hates to part with him. She said she would send him this week, but as yet he has not come. Should he come he will be No. 40. At this season, just as the cold weather is setting in, the boys seem affected with every disease the flesh is heir to;—every day, with spoon and bottle, I am among them administering my remedies for fever, diarrhoea, coughs, colds, and (don't be horrified) ringworm, itch sore eyes, and others too numerous to mention. A missionary's work comprises a great deal more than teaching religion to poor heathen. I am glad that whatever we do can be done as to God, and that I feel it so.

C. I. BOYER.

19th Nov. 1892.

## Union Baptist Seminary.

The last term's work was in every way satisfactory, for teachers and students were alike animated by the spirit of high purpose and earnest devotion. We have abundant cause for faith and gratitude, and may with renewed zeal "thank God and take courage." During my illness many of the burdens of the work were cheerfully borne by Prof. Trefry, to whose energy and ability much of the success of the term's work is due.

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of \$50.00 from a lady who does not wish her name to be known, although she is deeply interested in our School, toward the fitting and furnishing of an Art Studio. Miss Marion Vaughan, who has charge of the Art Department, is determined to make it a grand success.

There have been several donations to our Library of late. Mrs. Captain Masters, whose husband was so faithful a friend of the Institution, has presented us with a number of volumes, besides a donation in cash. Amongst the books are the works of Shakespeare, Milton, and Byron. We are also indebted to Mrs. Bradshaw for about twenty volumes, which will

be of great service to our students. We have been remembered also in a most generous way by Rev. E. A. Allaby, of Tryon, P. E. I., who sent us, a couple of weeks ago, direct from the Publishers, a splendid set of "The International Cyclopaedia," the edition of 1892, in 16 large volumes, beautifully bound in library leather. The price of this edition is \$60.00, and there is full value given for the money. No one can see this Cyclopaedia without acknowledging its wonderful merit. It has some 30,000 more references than the "Britannica," and for the purposes of the general student is much to be preferred. At the weekly meeting of the Eclectic Society the other evening the students with characteristic enthusiasm passed a vote of heartfelt thanks to Mr. Allaby for his thoughtfulness of their interests.

Miss A. M. Fitch, our teacher of French and Etiquette, has in a quiet way, and through 20 cent contributions, been collecting funds for incidental purposes, from friends throughout the province. Thus far between \$30.00 and \$40.00 has been sent to her, and with this she is purchasing books for the library, silver for the dining-room, a large hanging-lamp for the library, etc.

The Winter Term will open on the 11th of January, and not on the 5th, as advertised in the Calendar. Several new students are expected, and the building will without doubt be filled.

AUSTIN K. DEBLOIS.

St. Martins, Dec. 27th, 1892.

## Mission News and Notes.

A single Christian community in India not long since sent to the London Society Rs. 161. 5. 9 (nearly \$50), two gold earrings, and one finger-ring, "the proceeds of a self-denial week, and tokens of gratitude for benefits received."

It is twenty years since Dr. Mackay, missionary of the Canadian Presbyterian Church, began to labor in North Formosa. The result is in that part of the island at this day 2,605 baptized Christians, fifty native preachers, two ordained pastors, and many other workers.

The various missionary societies sustained by members of the Church of England make use of versions of the Scriptures in 107 languages, and by far the larger portion are supplied, often free of charge, always below cost price, by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The Presbyterian Church, South, sends forth seventeen new missionaries this year; during the last ten years it has more than doubled the number of its missionaries abroad, having now 112 in the field, and has more than trebled the contributions, giving \$130,000 last year.

In the last year the American Bible Society printed and issued 913,678 copies of the Bible, or parts, which is more than two books for every minute of the 313 working days; while by the British and Foreign Bible Society 13,000 copies of the Bible, in whole or in part, were issued every working day.

There is a "Do-Without Missionary Society" in Dorchester, Eng., with 700 members. All the members "are expected to pray every day for the society, and for each evangelist; also, every week to 'do without' something which they really like, in order to give at least a penny through one of the collections without reducing their regular offerings."

## Revivals.

—A great revival is reported at Omaha, under the labours of Evangelist Mills. So great has been the interest that stores have been closed that employers and employees might attend the meetings. The whole city has been deeply moved, even the rum shops have felt the religious influence.

—In Erie, Pa., a notable religious revival has been experienced. All the churches, except the Episcopal and Lutheran, united in special meetings. From the very first there was a marked interest, which grew day by day. Never before had there been such cordial co-operation. During the less than three weeks of the meeting, about one thousand avowedly entered the Christian life; but besides these great good in many ways, came to the churches and the city.

## N. B. &amp; N. S. Religious News.

—A Baptist Church at Cape Tormentine, W. Co., was dedicated last Sabbath.

—Of ten Y. M. C. A., secretaries in the Maritime Provinces, seven are from Pictou, N. S.

—Rev. Mr. Lucas and Mr. S. J. Parsons are announced to spend this month in York County in Sunday School work.

—Revival meetings have been held at Indian Mountain, W. Co. Five persons were recently baptized by Rev. Mr. Sherwood.

—Seventy members have been taken into the Methodist Church at Marysville within a few weeks, by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Lodge.

—The new Baptist Church at Port Maitland, N. S., is approaching completion. The vestry was opened for service on New Year's day.

—The Baptist Church, this city, had its annual re-union Thursday evening. There was a large attendance, and the meeting is reported one of much interest and encouragement.

## More of Rusiagornish, S. Co.

There is now a substantial bridge across the stream near where the mill used to be. The farm is owned by a Mr. Owens. There are very few of the Peabody name left in the place. The two Messrs. Smith, who were the first settlers, did quite an extensive business in farming, lumbering and milling. In an extensive reformation, under the labours of the late Elder George Garrity, when a young man, they were both converted and united with the church at its organization. They lived to a good old age, and died in the faith of the Gospel. Mr. Andrew Smith's farm was owned by his son, John, when I visited this place 38 years ago, and I found an excellent home with him and his good Christian wife. They were both members of the Free Baptist church and deeply interested in its prosperity; but they have both gone to their rest in the better land. The farm is now owned by their son, John, and there I still find the same good home with him and his Christian wife. He is one of the leading members of the church, is a well-to-do farmer, and respected by all who know him. The large farm house, built by his grandfather, although standing so many years, is still a good house; it is one and a half stories, with an old-fashioned chimney in the middle, having three fire places; two of them have given way to stoves and the other is in use occasionally. Christmas evening I sat down before a beautiful bright fire in the old fire place (nearly a hundred years old. While I sat, looking into the fire burning so brightly, my mind went back to the days of childhood and youth, when a large family of us would gather around the old fire place and pass the long winter evenings in work and conversation; and before retiring father would read his Bible and pray, and then an old uncle would commence, and we boys would brace ourselves up to stand what we thought was a three hours' siege. But returning to my story, Mr. Thomas Smith, the brother raised a large family, and as the two lived beside each other and worked their business together, I will forbear saying any more. The farm of Thomas, was subsequently owned by his son, Thomas, where I found an equally good home. He and his wife were leading members of the church. They had a large family, and have passed to their rest; all the children are dead, but two—a son and daughter. Mr. Charles Bunker who married the daughter owns the farm, and the son boards with his sister. He has kept store for a number of years, and is doing a large business. More next week.

JOHN PERRY.

## Denominational News.

REV. G. F. CURRIE was in this city last week. He reports the work in the church at Moncton encouraging. Since Conference there has been a good and growing interest.

Bro. Currie spent Christmas at his old home, at Royal Road. All the members of the family were together for the first time in nine years.

MILLSTREAM.—The Sabbath school in connection with the F. C. B. church, Lower Millstream, held their annual Christmas concert in the Temperance hall at that place. The programme consisted of choice recitations, dialogues, music, etc. The hall was well filled. The scholars knew their respective parts perfectly. This school is an "evergreen" and is in good working condition.—Cor. Sun.

PRESENT TO AN ORGANIST.—At the wedding of Burt White and Alberta Jones at Knoxford, Christmas eve, an event, not down on the Programme, occurred. After the wedding feast, which followed the marriage service, Rev. Mr. Thompson announced that he had a pleasing duty to perform. As most of the White family were present, he would improve the occasion by presenting to the late organist of the Tracey Mills church,—sister Leitha Nelson, nee White—on behalf of their church and church there, the purse of money that had been collected for her, which was accompanied with the following address,