

deeply wronged Master, let us take it for granted that this question of our Lord is applicable to, and emphatically addressed to each and every individual S. S. Teacher: "Simon son of Jonas lovest thou me?" Could any question be possibly propounded more calculated to lead to a more thorough self-examination than this?

It is essentially necessary that the S. S. teacher should ponder this question well. He should by all means ascertain his actual feelings and standing in this matter. This decides and determines his relation to Christ. His principal qualification as a S. S. teacher is based on an affirmative answer. If he can answer with confidence as to his readiness and willingness to devote himself to his service, however humble that service may be, then with a due measure of confidence he is able to respond: "Lord thou knowest all things then knowest that I love thee."

But on the other hand he may have his honest doubts on the matter. Then deeper probings of heart and soul are needed. He should study every minute detail of the operations of his mind in relation to his religious belief. If he cannot come to a satisfactory solution of the problem, then I would advise by all means, however moral or learned he may be, to weigh well his position before attempting to become a S. S. teacher. The result of the blind leading the blind has, in all ages and in every department of human effort, had one and the same sad ending. Delay in this case may not be dangerous, but wise. Honesty and sincerity of purpose on this point would often save Superintendents of S. S. much trouble and anxiety.

To my mind it appears that the workers in S. S. should be the children of the Kingdom; men and women in whom is the fear of the Lord, who love their Master, and are willing to make a sacrifice—a living sacrifice of self, time and talent.

Some will tell you that this is an extravagant view to take, that it is blind enthusiasm, and that it is unattainable. I answer where is your faith in our blessed Master? Is the religion of Jesus a sham and a snare? Is the dear old story of the gospel an idle tale? Is the power of God a magnificent fraud? Is it possible that the preaching of the word is a vain work? Surely not! It cannot be that the ministry of the word for so many centuries can produce so little fruit, that it cannot command a sufficient number of trained disciples for this very important work. Let us look this phase of the subject fairly in the face. In a so-called Christian congregation, say of 200 families, there ought to be an average of at least two out of each family to enter the various classes of the S. School. This would make an aggregate of 400 pupils. To manage this properly we would require 80 teachers and 20 officers. And will any one conversant with the usual workings of the average church question the fact that one at least in every two families has not given his or her heart to Christ, and is willing to labor in the S. School? I believe the proportion will be found even larger. Here then is a band of workers prepared through the instrumentality of the church to work in this particular field.

Mission News and Notes.

In Exeter Hall London, a native African from Upper Congo spoke in broken English, and having contrasted his people "who want gospel" with those who have it "so much," brought tears to many eyes as he asked: "Isn't it a shame to keep gospel to self? Gospel not meant for English only! Isn't it a shame my people wanting gospel? Isn't it a shame?"

The Moravian Missionary Society is the oldest Protestant enterprise for evangelizing the heathen. It began work in 1732. They now have 369 missionaries of both sexes and 50 native assistants. They have sent forth missionaries in the proportion of one for every 60 members as compared with one for every 5000 members among Protestant churches generally. What a noble record, but oh how humbling to Protestants.

A meeting was held in New York the other day, under the presidency of Dr. John Hall, for the purpose of furthering the work of Protestant missions in France. There were present an officer of the Evangelical Society of Geneva, and the pastor of a Reformed church in Paris. They testified that the work of Protestant missions in France was slow and difficult. It was begun in 1831, and there are now only 700,000 Protestants in that country. But the Catholic opposition now is not so formidable as it once was, and French Protestants are good material, as the Huguenots, and other historic dissenters, testify.

For a long time the Moravian missionaries in Greenland could find no

word in the language of the Esquimaux that they could use for Savior in their translation of the Bible. But one day some men were out in a terrible storm and were rescued in their time of need by one of their neighbors. When they were telling the story of their wonderful escape, one of the missionaries asked, "What would you call the friend who saved you?" They replied with a word that gave the missionaries the expression for which they had been searching, and since that time it has been used among the Esquimaux to designate the Savior of mankind.

In London, lately, a gentleman called and presented to the Bible Society a check for \$5,000. It was a touching as well as a valuable gift. It formed part of the portion saved up for a beloved daughter who has been removed to the home above. The father regarded her portion as sacred to the Lord who had provided for his child. He did not wish for any honor to himself but desired that his act should be made known, as it might lead other parents to do likewise, and thereby to extend and perpetuate a good work. In most cases when a child dies the share of the parent's wealth he or she would have inherited is used as an additional portion for those who survive. This man took a different view, and Christian people can judge whether it was not proper and wise.

General Religious News.

According to Canon Farrar there are now 4,000 clergymen of the church of England without employment.

Nine hundred and eighty million dollars are invested in the 140,000 churches in the United States.

A Lutheran clergyman has been sentenced to eight months' imprisonment for illegally solemnizing a marriage between a Lutheran and a member of the Orthodox Church. He has before suffered imprisonment for a similar offence.

During the year 1892, the Fulton Street Prayer Meeting, New York, received requests for prayer to the number of 8,755, and the attendance at the noon service for the year was 13,226.

A Romish priest entered the house of a lady who had joined the Methodist Church in Bay City, Mich., and finding he could not intimidate her with threats because she had been reared a Romanist, seized her Bible and threw it into the fire! What next?

Some of the clergymen in New York have adopted the plan of illustrating their Sunday sermons with stereopticon views. Last Sunday one clergyman preached on Christ passing through Samaria, and he used the stereopticon to show all the interesting scenes of that country, including Jacob's tower, the interior and exterior views of Joseph's tomb, and a picture of Jesus talking with the Samaritan woman at the well.

Things Religious in the Provinces.

The Methodists of Nappan, N. S. have decided to put \$1,000 of repairs on their church building.

Rev. T. F. Fotheringham (Presbyterian), St. John, has been appointed a member of the advisory board of the world's congress of religion in connection with the World's Fair.

The Reformed Baptists are holding special meetings in what is known as "the River meeting house," between Norton and Apuquai, K. Co.

Rev. Mr. Hinson preached his farewell sermon in Moncton last Sabbath. Montreal may be congratulated on getting Mr. Hinson.

Rev. W. J. Stewart, who has just retired from the pastorate of the Russell's street Baptist Church, St. John, has gone west. Mr. Stewart has for several years been an active worker in his denomination, and will be much missed.

Revivals.

Moody and Sankey have had large audiences in Baltimore and hundreds have professed conversion.

Rev. S. Jones, the well known evangelist, began a fifteen days' series of meetings at Kokomo, Ind., recently, in a tabernacle with a seating capacity of 5,000.

Rev. John McNeill's visit to the Roman Catholic districts of Ireland is awakening great interest. In Dublin Roman Catholics flock to his meetings.

The special meetings in the Portland, St. John, Methodist Church continue with much interest.

Denominational News.

Pembroke, C. Co.—Rev. C. T. Phillips is holding special meetings at Pembroke.

Connell, C. Co.—Rev. J. Noble, writing 20th inst. says: The work is going on well at Connell. Five were baptized yesterday.

A number of friends from Lakeview, Hamtown, and vicinity met at our home on the 16th of March to show their esteem for their pastor. The meeting being called to order. Robert Black was chosen chairman, P. McCutcheon, Sec.; D. S. Fowler, Treas.; Thos. Corcoran, Auctioneer disposed of the pies in a very efficient manner. The chairman then presented the writer with the sum of \$12.30. May God amply reward them in my prayer.

S. J. PERRY.

Rev. John A. Robertson, who has been living in Malden, Mass., for the past two years has been on a visit of a couple of weeks to the Province. His health is better than when he went away. He intends returning to the Province in the Fall to remain here. This will be welcome news to his many friends. There is work for all our ministers, and we trust Bro. Robertson will find a field awaiting him.

Port Mouton, N. S.—We have but a brief correspondence to forward at present, relating to the features and facts of religious effort and interest which have proved favorable during the past few weeks. The Lord has been pleased to bless us with a manifestation of his saving grace by the conversion of a number of souls, within the working boundaries of both Methodist and F. B. churches, of whom a young man and a young woman were baptized and united with the F. B. church, at this place last Sabbath.

We are hopeful that they may be very useful in the Master's kingdom. Others have been reclaimed, and some converted in the vicinity. The winter has afforded many evidences of an over-ruling Providence, directed for our temporal and spiritual welfare, some by the hands of friends, in donation and private gifts. For all we are truly grateful to the people and thankful unto God. Ps. 100:4.

J. W. SMITH.

March 10th, '93.

Personal.

Rev. Wm. Kinghorn is much better than he was.

Rev. G. A. Hartley was ill for several days, and unable to preach one Sunday, but is now well again.

Rev. J. W. Clarke was quite sick last week, but is now out again.

C. T. A. NOTES.—Coleman and Howard, this city, were each fined last week for rum-selling.

EQUAL RIGHTS.—Iceland, Pitcairn Islands and the Isle of Man, are the only places in the world where women are granted equal privileges with men.

MINISTERS DECEASED.—Rev. Jas. Spence (Baptist) died in St. John on Thursday. He was 75 years old, and had lived in St. John twenty-five years. He was seaman's chaplain, and was uniting in his labours in behalf of the sailors.

Rev. Jos. Bent, an aged Methodist minister, died at Bentville, Annapolis Co. N. B. on the 18th inst. He was 87, and had been retired from the active work in 1858, but continued to preach quite regularly until within a few months.

TURNED MOHAMMEDAN.—A Mr. Alex Webb, recently United States Consul at Manila, has, it is reported, embraced Mohammedanism. He has resigned his consulship, and is now in New York an accredited missionary of the faith of the "Prophet." Some of the most distinguished and enlightened Mohammedans of India are his supporters in this undertaking, and a mass meeting of 3,000 persons, representing all classes and sects of Mohammedanism bade him God-speed, at Hyderabad, on the eve of his departure for this country.

Denominational Notices.

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Parliament.

In reply to Mr. Flint, Hon. Mr. Wood said there were one hundred and forty-four breweries in Canada, employing one thousand eight hundred and forty hands. Of these breweries nine were in New Brunswick and five in Nova Scotia. Of nine distilleries, one was in Nova Scotia.

Hon. Mr. Foster laid on the table additional papers relating to the French treaty.

The house has been in committee since nine o'clock on Dr. Weldon's bill to disfranchise voters accepting bribes was further considered. It was opposed by a section of the French members.

The filibustering tactics of the opponents of the bill finally prevailed, and the doctor consented to report progress with leave to sit again. At this stage of the session the bill is killed beyond resurrection.

Mr. Casey read an extract from a report of the speech made by Clarke Wallace at Kingston, in which he said speaking of the Ulster men, I am sure that in their efforts they shall have the sympathy of the Orangemen of Canada; more than sympathy; they shall have our active aid, if that active aid be necessary.

Mr. Casey asked an explanation of these utterances.

Mr. Wallace said he was correctly reported. He repudiated the charge of disloyalty made against himself and the Orangemen of Canada. He denied all responsibility to parliament for his views on British politics, and he said he had only done as his colleague, Hon. John Costigan, in expressing his views on the Irish question. He was an upholder of the unity of Great Britain, Ireland and Canada, and was opposed to disintegration of the empire.

Mr. Dawson moved a resolution, of which the following is the substance:

And further, it is the duty of this house promptly to repudiate said utterances of said N. Clarke Wallace, lest his political connection with the government might lead the public to the erroneous conclusion that his views so expressed were shared by this body, a conclusion which would give additional influence to such utterances and the more endanger peace and good government throughout her majesty's dominions.

There was a lengthy discussion, and the resolution was lost 74 yeas, 105 nays.

The debate on the Caron charges was resumed.

Mr. Edgar's resolution re the Caron charges was rejected, yeas, 69; nays, 119.

Hon. Mr. Foster on Saturday submitted further correspondence with reference to the French treaty, which he considered were not of sufficient importance to have printed unless the leader of the opposition so requested.

Mr. Laurier asked if the finance minister was prepared to inform the house what action the government proposed to take with regard to the treaty?

Hon. Mr. Foster requested him to postpone his direct question until Monday.

Hon. Mr. Foster in reply to Mr. Laurier said that owing to the lateness of the session he would not press the bill for revising the electoral lists this year.

The supplementary estimates will be presented on Monday.

Local Legislation.

Mr. Mitchell introduced a bill further amending the act relating to coroners' inquests.

Mr. Blair introduced a bill amending the public health bill of 1890.

Mr. Phinney gave notice of a motion for the detailed expenditure on the Kouchibouguac and Millstream bridges, as given in the auditor's report.

Mr. Mitchell recommended a bill providing for the redemption of debentures falling due in 1894, 1895 and 1896. Agreed to.

Mr. Blair committed a bill providing for the boys' industrial home. Agreed to with amendments.

Mr. Mitchell committed a bill to encourage the development of nickel mines. Agreed to with amendments.

Mr. White introduced a bill relating to attorneys.

Mr. Tweedie introduced a bill to facilitate transmission of timber down rivers, lakes and streams.

Mr. Tweedie introduced a bill to further amend the general mining act.

Mr. Pitts gave notice of a motion for Monday next that a committee of seven members be appointed, to whom should be referred the petition, praying that such orders and such regulations may be recommended as will carry out the purposes of our free school law; that all regulations contrary thereto may be rescinded, and that the administration of the law may place all on a footing of equality, with power to send for persons and papers, and examine witnesses, and with instructions to report to the house all the proceedings of said committee.

Mr. Emmerson committed a bill, in amendment of the act relating to the education of the blind, explaining that it was to provide for the education of pupils over 21 years of age who had not hitherto attended the institution. Agreed to.

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Mr. Alward gave notice of inquiry for a detailed statement of the expenditure of \$450 paid by J. A. Edwards on account of coach hire.

Mr. Wells introduced a bill for establishing and maintaining a police force for the city of Moncton.

The house considered the report of the lumber commission submitted to the house last session.

The following was adopted: Resolved, That it is expedient that the leases to be granted for the timber crown lands after the expiration of existing leases certain such covenants and conditions as will protect the crown against such lands being held for speculation purposes, by a stipulation that a certain average cut should be made in respect to all lands held by the lessees or in such other manner as the governor in council may deem advisable.

Resolved, That it is expedient that the leases to be granted of timber crown lands of the province after the expiration of the present leases shall contain a condition among others that the lieutenant governor in council may increase the rate of stumpage and mileage upon land held under lease at any time or from time to time during the continuance thereof.

Resolved, That after the expiration of the present leases of timber crown lands the leases be offered at public competition upon the condition that the same shall be renewed annually at the pleasure of the lieutenant governor in council, and for a term not exceeding 25 years.

To the last resolution Mr. Stockton moved an amendment that the term be made not to exceed 10 years. It was lost and the original motion carried.

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Marriages.

GRIFFIN-STANLEY.—March 18, at the residence of James Griffin, North Head, Grand Manan, by Rev. S. A. Barker, Charles S. Griffin and Carrie M. Stanley, both of Grand Manan, N. B.

Deaths.

LINTON.—At Calgary, N. W. T., on the 7th inst., Jennie Alberta, aged 2 years and eight months, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Linton, and granddaughter of Mr. J. G. VanWart, formerly of Fredericton.

MARSTON.—Suddenly at North Head, Grand Manan, Feb. 17th, Charles T. infant son of George and Ada M. Marston, aged 2 months and 16 days.

HUGGARD.—At St. John on the 12th March, after a lingering illness, of Consumption, George Huggard aged 48 years, leaving a sorrowing widow, one son, two daughters, with a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. But their loss was his gain. His remains were brought to the family burying ground, Wickham, Q. Co. Funeral services by the writer.

S. J. PERRY.

THORNE.—At Johnston, on 17th of March after a lingering illness, Edwin Thorne, aged 25 years, leaving a widowed mother, two brothers, and two sisters to mourn their loss. The writer performed the obsequies by speaking from Heb. 9th verse 27 to a crowded house.

MCNEILL.—At Maple Grove, Stanley, Oct. 26th, 1892, in the fiftieth year of her age, Mary, wife of Albert McNeill, leaving a disconsolate husband, four sons and two daughters, with a large circle of friends to mourn their sad loss. Her illness was long, and she suffered much. The writer had the privilege of visiting her a few days before her death, and was pleased to hear her say there was a bright prospect awaiting her.

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