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

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## NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

Among recent church advertising in America one notices that Rev. Mr. H— is described to the curiosity-seeking public as 'ex-president Harrison's pastor,' and Rev. Mr. K—'s attractive point is in his being 'Gen. Grant's brother-in-law.' Doubtless both of these gentlemen preached as well as if they had not been compelled to appear in livery.

The new bridge which is to connect New York City with the New Jersey suburbs is to be completed in 1900, and is to cost \$36,000,000. It will be 7,340 feet long, and its span will be 155 feet above highwater mark. The Brooklyn Bridge required 10,890 tons of steel, but this will require 132,349 tons. The cables are to consist of steel wire in the form of loops or links connected with steel pins.

A few plain words about "Trilby" is the title of a caustic criticism of M. Du Maurier's famous novel, contributed by Mr. D. F. Hannigan to *The Literary World*. He expresses his utter disgust that 'such poor stuff should have been accepted as 'good fiction by the British public,' and sees in it another illustration of Carlyle's famous dictum that Great Britain was made up of 30,000,000 persons, mostly fools.

Funerals are expensive in this country. In some of the cantons of Switzerland, they cost nothing; rich and poor are alike buried at the public expense. Even the coffins and melancholy appurtenances are furnished free. In some places strangers are included in these benefits. The graves are arranged in rows, rich and poor lie side by side, friend and foe, orthodox or heterodox—all levelled by death. A public superintendent looks after the graves, which are kept in order for a period of ten years.

The Republican party of Massachusetts has put the following plank in its platform: "We believe that the saloon breeds crime and poverty, and is a proper subject of legislative and municipal restriction, and that laws increasingly rigid as can be enforced strictly and universally are the best hope of progressive temperance."

It is simply a recognition of the public sentiment which is demanding that legislatures deal with the gigantic curse.

Under what was once Lake Angelina in Mich., are said to be the largest iron ore deposits ever discovered in the Northwest. To get at these deposits all the water in the lake, which covered 160 acres, and was 70 feet deep in places, has been pumped out. It took a pump delivering 20,000 gallons per minute from April until July, running night and day, to empty the lake. Now there is a bed of mud from two to forty feet deep, which it will take sixteen months to dig and pump out.

The laws concerning celibacy in the Roman Catholic Church are not always strictly enforced. This appears to be particularly the case in Hungary, which contains three thousand six hundred and sixty-seven parish priests; and the Catholics there are becoming so outspoken that recently a priest argued that it should not be maintained longer, and affirmed that very few of the parish priests in that country could retain their office today if the laws regarding it were strictly enforced.

Labour is evidently a drag in the Australian market:

|                              | Per week.        |
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| Farm laborers are paid . . . | \$2.25 to \$2.50 |
| Boys, from . . . . .         | 37 to 75         |
| Bakers . . . . .             | 8.75             |
| Woodchopper . . . . .        | 1.25             |

The United States Tobacco Journal says that the bicycle has caused a total reduction in the consumption of cigars for the year of seven hundred millions. We hope this statement is true; for it means purer air to breathe by the amount of the absence of smoke produced by burning seven hundred millions less cigars, while at the same time it blesses the boys and young men of our cities by giving them healthy outdoor exercise, and saving them from shattered nerves and "tobacco heart."

The stupendous work of connecting the Black Sea with the Baltic by a canal of sufficient depth to float the heaviest ironclads of the Russian navy, is to be at once undertaken. The length will be about one thousand miles, the estimated cost 200,000,000 rubles, and the period of construction about five years. Starting at Riga, its course will be "so far as possible that of the Dwina, the Bereina and the Dnieper, terminating at Kherson." It will be lighted by electricity. Though primarily strategic in its design, it will be utilized for commercial purposes and will doubtless prove one of the busiest and most remunerative of artificial waterways.

## Members—And Members.

This portion of an article in the *Wesleyan* about church members is needed and may be read its truths pondered by pastors and burden-bearers in many churches:

Some little time ago, the pastor of a city congregation at one of his weekly prayer meetings, remarked that possibly the church nowadays was in danger of allowing people to be associated with her as members without adequate test of their fitness for that most solemn and responsible position. In our anxiety to believe the best of everybody and to do the best for every body, we were in danger, he thought, of lowering the real standard. We would say, "Suppose your experience is not just what it ought to be yet it will improve. Come into the church and you will have a better experience by and by." And so as, indeed it is often remarked, people slip into the church and slip out of the church a great deal too easily.

There is no doubt a great deal of force in what the pastor said. The very anxiety, not indeed to swell the church membership list, but to benefit as large a number of people as possible, naturally tends in the direction indicated. It is quite possible to make the road too easy, to open the door too widely, and the result is disastrous in the extreme, not only to the individuals concerned themselves, but to the church to which they are attached, not as fruit-bearing but as dead, dry branches. And the state of many in our churches seems to indicate that the thing has been done. With all Christian charity, one is staggered to answer the question as to the genuineness of the piety of not a few who by connection with the church are named by the holy name of Christ. Upon His own test, the test of character they are found wanting. They do no work. They lift no burdens. They are so many useless weights. You never see them in prayer meeting. The class-meeting knoweth them not. And yet they are members "in good and regular standing."

It is a pitiable thing to be a member of a Christian Church without any vital attachment to Jesus Christ, to have a name to live and be dead, to be, to use a plain man's strong expression, "going down to hell with the name of a Christian." The worldlings, the giddy, the "society people" the indifferent, are infinitely better outside the Church than in. Outside their condition and character may be and by become evident to themselves, inside they are in terrible danger of being lulled by a mistaken sense of security and hopelessly doomed by a false position. It is a pitiable thing, too, for a church to have such people in its membership. Such a membership is a rope of sand, without cohesion without strength, without reality.

LETTER CARDS.—The post office department at Ottawa has decided to issue letter cards of the denomination of two cents and a one-cent letter card for use in towns where there is no delivery by carrier.

TREATMENT OF DRUNKARDS.—Under a recent Wisconsin statute judges of the courts are authorized to commit drunkards to institutions for giving the Keeley treatment. It is asserted that most of the 137 men so far committed have been cured and converted into good citizens at an average cost of \$100 each.

## 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.]

## Annual Meeting of the W. F. M. Society.

In accordance with an appointment made last year and published in the Year Book, a meeting of the Board was held on Friday at 3 p. m., in the vestry of the F. C. B. church, Woodstock, N. B. After the opening exercises, Mrs. C. T. Phillips in the chair, roll call, found only five members of the Board present, viz., Mrs. Wm. Peters, Mrs. Chas. Ebbett, Mrs. Vince, Mrs. C. T. Phillips and Mrs. J. McLeod.

On account of there not being present a sufficient number to transact business, nothing was done except to arrange for a public meeting which was done by appointing Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Vince, Mrs. Ebbett and Mrs. McLeod a committee for that purpose. It was decided also to ask Mrs. Shaw to be present at that meeting with Mrs. Boyer's children and present them to the audience. Meeting adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. on Monday 7th inst.

Monday, Oct. 7th 1895. Meeting opened at 9 a. m., with singing, reading of Scripture and prayer, Mrs. C. W. Weyman Cor. Sec'y., leading the devotional exercises. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The roll being called the following persons answered to their names:

Mrs. Stephen Barker, Bath, Carleton Co., 1st Vice President; Mrs. L. E. McFarlane, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. J. T. Parsons, Marysville, N. B., 3rd Vice President; Mrs. C. H. Ebbett, Gagetown, N. B., 5th Vice President; Mrs. C. W. Weyman, Apohaqui, K. Co., 6th Vice President; Mrs. C. W. Weyman, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. Joseph McLeod, Recording Sec.; Mrs. D. McL. Vince, Assist. Rec. Sec.; Mrs. M. Fenwick, Auditor. Board of Managers, Mrs. Wm. Peters, Mrs. David Long, Miss S. Carpenter, Miss Jane Weyman, Mrs. C. T. Phillips.

The Cor. Sec'y, Mrs. Weyman read letters from Miss Gaunce, the Missionary in the field of the Women's Foreign Mission Society, also from Mrs. Boyer, telling of the work there and mentioning many encouraging features in that connection.

A letter was also read from our very capable and painstaking Treasurer, Mrs. J. S. Smith. A communication from Mrs. McNinch, Home Sec., was read by Mrs. McLeod.

Mrs. Fenwick read the Treasurer's report. Accompanying which was the formal resignation of her office, which she has so efficiently and satisfactorily filled for a number of years.

At a meeting held on Tuesday, a. m., a resolution was passed expressing appreciation of Mrs. Smith's service, and regret that she does not feel that she can continue to fill the position. Mrs. C. T. Phillips was appointed a committee to formulate this resolution and forward to Mrs. Smith.

On motion of Mrs. Weyman, seconded by Mrs. C. H. Ebbett, it was Resolved, That this Society pay Miss Gaunce \$400 salary, for the ensuing year, to be paid quarterly.

On motion of Mrs. C. T. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Fenwick, it was Resolved, that Miss Gaunce be paid an additional \$50 to be used in her work, at her discretion.

On motion of Mrs. Barker, seconded by Mrs. Long, it was Resolved, that \$200 be appropriated to Mrs. Boyer's work in connection with the Ujarda mission.

It was also Resolved, that \$50 be appropriated to Home Mission work as carried on by the Home Mission Board of General Conference.

Adjourned by singing the Doxology.

Oct. 7th, 1895.—The regular business meeting of the Society opened at 10.30 a. m. The President, Mrs. A. C. Smith not being in attendance, and whose absence was much regretted, Mrs. McFarlane, President of the 2nd District was called to the chair. The meeting was opened with the usual devotional exercises.

The Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were approved.

A letter from Mrs. A. McNinch, the Home Secretary, was read explaining the reasons why her report was not properly made out, viz., because the District reports, with one exception, that of Fifth District, had not been sent to her. She also, sent her resignation of the office of Home Sec., on account of having removed to Nova Scotia.

The report of the Executive was heard, and adopted. A letter was read from Mrs. Babcock, now of Lewiston, Me., formerly an earnest worker in our Society.

A nominating committee for election of officers was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Wm. Peters, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Long, Mrs. C. W. Weyman and Mrs. Henry Hartt.

Verbal reports were heard from two or three members of a committee, appointed last year, to work toward the raising of a fund for building an orphanage in India. Very little had been done.

Rev. J. B. Daggett was allowed a short time to tell something of what the Young People's Societies had been doing and what they were planning to do in the interests of the Orphanage Fund. He reported something like \$50 received from the sale of the picture of Mrs. Boyer and her school of orphans.

On motion of Mrs. C. T. Phillips, it was Resolved that Mr. Daggett be offered an opportunity to present the claims of the Orphanage at our public meeting.

The report of the nominating committee was heard, and was taken up section by section, resulting in the election of the following officers:

Mrs. A. C. Smith, President; Mrs. Stephen Barker, Mrs. L. E. McFarlane, Mrs. J. T. Parsons, Miss Augusta Slipp, Mrs. C. W. Weyman, Mrs. A. C. Smith, Vice Presidents; Mrs. Joseph McLeod, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. I. S. Smith, Assistant Rec. Sec.; Mrs. C. W. Weyman, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. Henry Hartt, Home Sec.; Mrs. D. McLeod Vince, Treasurer; Mrs. M. Fenwick, Auditor; Board of Managers, Mrs. Wm. Peters, Mrs. David Long, Mrs. Geo. Atherton, Miss Carpenter, Mrs. G. A. Hartley, Mrs. J. W. Clark, Miss Jane Weyman, Mrs. C. T. Phillips, Mrs. J. J. Barnes, Mrs. E. Dunfield, Mrs. C. Burt, Mrs. F. C. Hartley, Mrs. R. J. Alexander.

Adjourned to meet at 10 a. m. on Tuesday 8th.

## PUBLIC MEETING.

The public meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society convened in the church at 3 p. m. on Monday, Mrs. Joseph McLeod presiding. There was a large attendance.

Miss Annie Fisher presided at the organ, and the president, pro tem, after the singing, read a portion of scripture, and Mrs. John Shea led in prayer.

Mrs. C. T. Phillips gave an address of welcome to the members in a very cordial manner.

Mrs. C. W. Weyman read the corresponding secretary's report, speaking of the work of Mrs. Boyer and Miss Gaunce, of the death of Rev. Dr. Phillips and of other workers in India.

This report included also a very interesting description of mission work in Balasore and Ujarda from the pen of Mrs. Clara I. Boyer.

Mrs. Stephen Barker read the report from the Districts, which was in complete because of the failure of the District Secretaries, to send their reports to Mrs. McNinch.

Mrs. D. McLeod Vince read the report of the treasurer. The aggregate receipts were \$2,048.63, the balance in hand is \$1,316.31, showing an expenditure during the year of \$732.32.

Mrs. M. Shaw sang very effectively as a solo "The Better Land."

Mrs. Merritt, delegate from the Maine State Missionary Society, addressed the audience telling of the work done by, and bringing the greetings of the Woman's Mission Society of Eastern Maine.

Mrs. T. F. Sprague, from the Methodist Missionary Society, Woodstock, gave an eloquent address in response to an invitation from the president.

Mrs. J. H. McDonald, representative of the Woman's Society of the Woodstock Baptist Church, spoke cheerfully of the work their society was engaged in.

Mrs. W. S. Saunders, of the W. C.

T. U. conveyed the greetings and encouragements of that grand body of faithful workers, to the audience.

Rev. J. B. Daggett spoke in the interest of mission work in the foreign field, and of the need of an Orphanage for the boys under Mrs. Boyer's care.

Mrs. John Shea being present, with Mrs. Boyer's children, Bessie and Rilla, came forward and presented the children to the audience, telling of their stay with her and many little matters in that connection. Mrs. Boyer's many friends were pleased to see the children looking so well and happy. While a hymn was being sung a goodly collection was taken. The meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. E. B. Gray.

Oct. 8th, 1895.—Meeting opened by singing and prayer. Mrs. C. T. Phillips in the chair. On motion, Mrs. J. S. Smith was made Assistant Recording Secretary.

After much discussion as to methods of work in the interest of Home Missions it was, on motion of Mrs. Holmes seconded by Mrs. C. W. Weyman, Resolved that \$100 be appropriated to Home Mission work under the direction of the Woman's Society, and that the Rev. J. Noble be our missionary, the same to be paid in quarterly payments.

On motion, it was Ordered, That the Committee on editing column in RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER remain the same, viz.: Mrs. J. McLeod, Chairman and Editor; Mrs. G. A. Hartley, Miss Fullerton, Mrs. R. J. Alexander and Mrs. J. J. Barnes, and that the names of the Vice Presidents of the Society be added.

On motion a committee was appointed to arrange for public meeting of 1896, consisting of the following persons: Mrs. J. McLeod, Miss Merrithew, Mrs. G. A. Hartley, Mrs. C. T. Phillips, and Mrs. C. W. Weyman.

On motion of Mrs. McLeod, it was Resolved that this Society pledge itself, to pay into the treasury of the "Young People's Society" for the India Orphanage, the sum of \$100 on condition that they succeed in raising the \$1000 which they have pledged themselves to raise this year.

While a committee waited upon Rev. Mr. Noble to see if he accepted the position of Home Missionary, Mrs. F. H. Hale, for four years a missionary in Africa, gave a short but very interesting account of the work as carried on there and what progress had been made.

On motion it was Resolved, that we do now adjourn to meet on Friday at 3 p. m., at the time and place of meeting of General Conference of 1896.

Mrs. J. F. McLeod, Recording Secretary.

NOTE. The reports of the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Home Secretary are not in the hands of the Recording Secretary, and, therefore, are not printed with the foregoing minutes of the meetings of the Society.

"DE S'ETIES."—Dr. Cuyler, of New York, tells the following good story, the moral of which is applicable to many churches other than that of the poor colored brother:

We asked an old colored preacher how his church was getting on, and his answer was, "Mighty poor, mighty poor, brudder." We ventured to ask the trouble, and he replied, "De s'eties dey is just drawin' all the fatness and marrow outen the body and bone of the Lord's body. We can't do nuffin without the de s'eties. There is the Lincum S'ety, with Sister Jones and Brudder Brown to run it. Sister Williams mus' march right in front of de Daughters of Rebekah; den dere is de Dorcas, de Marthas, de Daughters of Ham, and de Librarian Ladies." "Well, you have your brethren to help in church," we suggested. "No sah, dar am de Masons, de Odd Fellows, de Sons of Ham, and de Oklahoma Promis' and Pilgrims. Why brudder, by de time de brudders an' sisters pay all de dues, an' tend all de meetin's, dere is nuffin left for Mount Pisgah Church but jist de oob! De co'n has all been shelled off and frowed to the speckled chickens."

A NEW JUDGE.—The appointment of Mr. Curran to be a judge of the Supreme Court of Quebec does not command the approval of the English speaking Protestants of that Province. The late Sir Frances Johnson, whose place he fills, was a Protestant, and the Protestant claim that a Protestant should have been appointed his successor. There is a good deal of feeling about it.

## Literary Notes.

*The Homiletic Review* for October, deals with many topics of the day. "The Preacher and the Preaching for the Present Crisis," emphasizes the requirement on the part of the minister of special Biblical and theological knowledge, if the preacher is to keep abreast of the age, and of special power to preach (rather than read) the gospel. "Congregational Worship," insists in a fresh and forcible way that it should be congregational. The Sermonic Section is peculiarly rich and varied. Under "Hints at the Meaning of Texas," will be found "The Law and Blessing," "The Strait Gate, or the Way of Salvation," "Avoid Theatricals in Well Doing," "Dead Faith Worthless."

"Preachers Exchanging Views;" "Living Issues for Pulpit Treatment;" "Sermonic Criticism;" "Illustrations and Similes;" "Helpful Data in Current Literature;" "Notices of Books of Homiletic Value;" and Editorial Notes, are all rich in timely topics. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnall Co., 30 Lafayette Place New York. \$3.00 a year.

*The Missionary Review* of the world for October is a number of varied interest. It is opened by Dr. Pierson, with "The Romance of the Holy Bible," one of the Miracles of Missions and relating to the wonderful history of Christianity in Madagascar. "The Gospel in Russia," presents an inside view of the difficulties and persecutions and prospects of Russian work in that Empire. The illustrated article this month is one on "Modern Christian Missions in Arabia." It presents the incentives, difficulties, and successes of work in that neglected peninsula. Persia is represented in two articles, one on the "Jews in Persia," and the other on "The Nestorian Church." Other articles of interest are "The Diversity of Operations in the Mission Field," "Criticisms on the Endeavor Convention," and "The Latest Blow to the African Slave Power." The International Department takes up among other things, Missions and Massacres in the East. The Field of Survey deals with North Africa, Egypt, Persia, and Turkey; and the Editorial and General Intelligence Department contains pithy and pertinent notes and comments. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnall Co., 30 Lafayette Place, New York. \$2.50 a year.

Abraham Lincoln's sentimental perplexities are to be shown in an article of singular interest which John Gilmer Speed has written from unpublished letters of Lincoln to Joshua Speed, for the next issue of *The Ladies Home Journal*. The article will show that the great President was not steady in his affairs of the heart, that he floundered in his love, and finally induced his friend Speed to marry and tell him (Lincoln) whether marriage was a failure or not.

A SUCCESSFUL INSTITUTION.—The St. John Business College, Messrs. Kerr and Pringle, Principals, is the leading institution of its class in the Maritime Provinces. For more than a quarter of a century it has been doing good work, and never stood better nor did more thorough work than now. Its old students many of them now in responsible and lucrative positions, speak in highest terms of the careful and valuable instruction they received. The latest Catalogue of the School tells the facts about it, gives information, etc. Copies are sent free to applicants to Kerr & Pringle, St. John.

## Among Exchanges.

WHAT IT IS.

Prayer is not a wresting of blessings from an unwilling hand, but a reaching up after blessings from a hand already open.—*The Lookout*.

THE WORST KIND.

Conscientious devils are the worst kind of devils. They originated the bloody Inquisition in Spain and perpetrated the horrors of St. Bartholomew's night in France.—*Rel. Telescope*.

KIND, YET CRUEL.

How are we to account for the fact that the kindest of men can sometimes be cruel? There are men who willingly help the "dying," as they are called, but who shrink with horror from a fallen fellow creature. To shun such unfortunates is a species of cruelty to the gentlest are more or less open. They allow the verdict of society to influence them rather than, like Christ, speaking a tender word and saying, Go, and sin no more. *The Standard*.

"SO 'UMBLE"

Did you ever see one of those Christians who, like Uriah Heep, take special pride in the fact that they are "so 'umble." Of all vain-gloriousness, this is probably the worst sort. They don't think enough of themselves to set themselves up to teach others. They feel too unworthy to lift their voices in prayer, or often even to take part in commemorating the Lord's death; they realize that they are "poor worms of dust," and if boasting can keep their humility before you, they don't intend that you shall forget it.—*The Lookout*.