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Religious Intelligencer.

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Unselfish lives! What a blessing they are to the world. "To do good forget not."

In conversation with Carlyle, somebody suggested that there is nothing remarkable about the book of Proverbs. The old man's reply was, "Make a few."

To extend the helping hand to others, is the most effectual way of getting the most and best help ourselves. He that blesteth others shall be blessed.

A genuine interest in foreign missions moves the heart, enlarges the sympathies, fosters gratitude for the blessings of a christian land, and results in increased liberality toward all God's work.

The rumshop which is called respectable belongs to the worst class. The rumrunner who is regarded "a good fellow—a sober man and very kind," is the most dangerous kind of a rumrunner. Do not be deceived.

At the Canadian rally in Boston, it was recommended that every Canadian Christian Endeavourer refrain from using the street-cars on Sunday. The recommendation was unanimously adopted, much to the surprise of the United States members of the Convention.

The census returns of the United States show that there are one hundred and forty-three distinct religious denominations in that country. Besides these there are many independent churches and miscellaneous congregations. The number of communicants in these several denominations is 20,612,806; and they are embraced in 165,177 church organizations. The church edifices number 142,521; and there are 111,036 regular ministers.

An English parson recently refused to publish the banns of marriage for a young man, the son of Baptist parents. The ground of his refusal was that the young man had not been christened; but in the greatness of his heart, he offered to christen him privately, to make him eligible for marriage. The young fellow was evidently very anxious to be married, for he finally consented to let the minister sprinkle him, privately. That is one way to get pervers.

Cardinal Vaughan has been taking a hand in the English elections. His instructions to the bishops and priests were to support only such candidates as were pledged to vote for subsidizing Catholic schools from the public taxes. That is just what the bishops and priests of the Roman Catholic church are doing in Canada just now. They are endeavouring to coerce Parliament into violating the rights of Manitoba, by threatening to cast the votes of their people against those who fail to do their bidding.

The Papal order that all Roman Catholic Knights of Phylas, ddellows and Sons of Temperance retire from those organizations is to be carried out strictly. Those who do not obey it will not be given the privileges and ordinances of the church. It affects many thousands in the United States, and a smaller number in Canada. It is not very wrong, according to the church, to sell rum, or to get drunk on whisky, but it is a deadly sin to be a member of Temperance.

"The Call for Men," which appears in another column, was printed in a late issue of *The Free Baptist*, and is the latest communication we have seen from the pen of Dr. Phillips. His reference, in the beginning of the letter, to the sudden death of a minister yet in the fulness of his strength, expresses the feelings which all who knew him will have when they read the news of his death. May the fact of his death emphasize his earnest words about the need of more labourers, and move some to devote themselves to the blessed work.

To gather converts into the church is a great and blessed work. That so many have been gathered in during this year is cause for gratitude. Now the converts must be cared for. The real success of revival, the *Tele-scope* rightly suggests, must and will be measured by the number who, having started during the meeting, are built up into solid, persistent, efficient workers in the Lord's vineyard. Therefore, look after the converts, encourage them, give them each some special work to do in the church. Show them that the Lord has called them to service in his harvest field, and that "he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal."

A Word in Season.

"A word fitly spoken and in due season, how good it is." Oftener than they realize christians have opportunities to speak for Christ—the word that will help some soul. Of the early disciples it is recorded that "they went everywhere preaching the word"—telling the good news of salvation to others. When the demoniac had been made a new creature he brought Christ that he might be continually with him, but Jesus did not permit him, but bade him go home to his friends and tell them of the Saviour's compassion and how great things He had done for him. He went, and everywhere told "how great things Jesus had done for him," the people were impressed, and, doubtless, many were won to the Saviour by his testimony.

The disciples of Jesus in this day are asked to do the same thing—speak about Him, commend Him to the faith and love of others, as they have opportunity. Many with whom they mingle, and who know them to be christians, may be longing for a word on this most important of all subjects, and wondering, perhaps, why they are silent. Silence may turn them to, or confirm them in, unbelief; while the simple, hearty word which could be said might lead them to trust and love Christ as their Saviour. If opportunities are watched for they will be open to us, and if we pray for the divine direction in speaking, our words will be blessed. Harlan Page, a very ordinary man, but faithful in his love for Christ and in christian testimony, was the means of leading more than a hundred persons to the Saviour. If all christians were equally faithful the kingdom of Christ, would come speedily. Let us be ready to speak of and for our Lord, whose we are, and thus win many to Him.

Dr. J. L. Phillips.

Last Wednesday, reading a London paper, just then received, *The Christian World*, of July 4th, this paragraph caught our eye:

The Sunday School Union received on Monday, July 1st, a cablegram announcing the death of Dr. J. L. Phillips, the organising secretary of the Indian Sunday School Mission. A letter from him at Mussoorie, India, dated May 31, which appears in *The Sunday School Chronicle* of to-day says: A sharp attack of fever has somewhat reduced my strength, but I hope to recover it and move up here, 7,000 feet above the sea, where many labourers from the fiery plains are now seeking rest and refreshment. Four days after the receipt of this letter came the news of his death.

We could not credit the statement. We had seen the *Morning Star* of July 11th, and as that paper had had no mention of it, we reasoned that it could not be true. But it is all too true—Dr. Phillips is dead. The *Star* of the 18th inst., confirms the sad news. His sister, now in the United States, had a cablegram from Calcutta announcing his death. All the particulars yet to hand are contained in the paragraph above from the London paper.

Dr. Phillips was well known and much beloved in this Province and Nova Scotia, which he visited several times. His first visit to New Brunswick was in July 1864, when, in company with Rev. C. O. Libby, then Corresponding Secretary of the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society of the United States, he attended the General Conference, held a year in this city. He was then a young man of twenty-four years, and had just completed his medical studies, and was about opening to go to India, the land of his life, and his love—"My dear India," as he was wont to call it. Up to that time

the Conference had not done anything in an organized way, for foreign missions. The presence of the young man, filled with the spirit of missions and eager to be in the field seemed to be a call of God to our people to have a share in the work. A Foreign Mission Society was organized, and Dr. Phillips became the missionary of the society—the first foreign missionary sent and supported by the Free Baptists of this Province. In the autumn of that year (1864) he sailed for India, reaching there after a tedious and perilous voyage of several months. Ten years later he visited this country. He and Mrs. Phillips were at the Conference held at Millstream, K. Co., in 1875. It was then that Mrs. Phillips organized the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, which for twenty years has been doing so excellent work. When, in 1878 they returned to India, Dr. Phillips became Principal of the Bible school and was not thereafter the missionary, directly, of our Conference. But he never ceased to have an interest in our work, nor did our people lose their interest in him. In many of our churches his voice has been heard pleading, as few men could plead, that the utmost be done to send the Gospel to the heathen. While he was the missionary of the Conference his monthly letter in the *INTELLIGENCER* was always read with great interest, and since then he has frequently addressed the churches through these columns. Our people will, we are sure, be deeply touched by his death, and will feel that the mission cause has sustained a most serious loss, for Dr. Phillips took a foremost place amongst the missionaries of all denominations in India. He was a man of much intellectual strength, and of great spiritual power. He was consumed of zeal for the spread of Christ's Kingdom. O, that there were more like him. Later we hope to be able to give fuller particulars of his life, which was abundant in labours, and of his death. Of his career the *Star* has this brief outline:

"The life of Dr. Phillips falls into the following divisions: 1. From his birth at Balasore, in 1840, to his thirteenth year, when, with his twin brother John, he was sent to America to be educated. 2. His stay in this country (1852-64) till his departure for India. He was graduated at Bowdoin College in 1860, received his degree of M. D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York city in 1864, and was married to Mary R. Sayles (who survives him) Aug. 10 of the same year. His ordination took place in New York, Sept. 28, 1862. 3. His work in India as a Free Baptist missionary (1864-85). During this period he raised in America \$25,000 for the Indian Bible School, of which he was subsequently principal for several years. 4. Since 1885 he had been successively pastor of the Free Baptist church in Auburn, R. I., chaplain of the state institutions of Rhode Island, secretary of the Evangelical Alliance of Philadelphia, and secretary of the India Sunday-school Union, with his home at Calcutta. The many labors and achievements for God and humanity that fill these years must be left to the pen of his biographer. He was a devout Christian worker and member of the Free Baptist denomination so long as he lived. He has gone whom all loved, by whose earnest and thrilling speech all were entranced, and whose magnetic touch many thousands will feel to their own good and the good of others through time, forever. Dr. Phillips leaves, besides his widow in Calcutta, four children, all of whom are at present in this country.

The Christian Endeavor Convention. Boston was crowded with Christian Endeavourers, and the papers outdid each other in endeavour to report every feature of the great Convention. It was, according to reports, the greatest convention of any kind ever held in Boston—or anywhere else. It is, of course, impossible to give in these columns anything like a report of the things said and done. We must content ourselves with some figures and other statements showing the growth and extent of the movement, and the ways in which the societies show their devotion to christian work. The report of the General Secretary of the United societies, says there are "41,229 societies with an individual membership from every clime and every nation, with skins of varying color, of which 480 are red, 20,300 are yellow, 109,400 are black, and 2,343,560 are white; in all, a great interracial brotherhood of 2,473,740." 7750 societies were organized last year—the largest increase in any year since the movement was inaugurated, fourteen years ago. In Canada 3105 societies; Ontario leads with 1995; Nova Scotia, 388; Quebec, 264; New Brunswick, 152; Manitoba, 156; Prince Edward Island, 62; Assiniboia, 53; British Columbia, 40; Alberta, 15; Sas-

katchewan, 5. In all, counting 5 in New Foundland, 3105, an increase of 1223 during the past year.

The "missionary roll of honour" was a creditable exhibit of the zeal of the young people in the cause of missions. The Secretary's report says: "Upon it are the names of over 5000 societies from 35 states, 7 territories, 7 provinces, 4 foreign lands. Each society has given not less than ten dollars to its own denominational home or foreign missionary board for the cause of missions. The total amount as reported on this roll of honor is \$149,719.09. The societies in the United States and Canada have contributed not less than \$425,000 for missions at home and abroad.

In a large sense the movement stands for a better citizenship. "The secretary says,—"The battle for christian citizenship which was begun three years ago, has been fearlessly waged, and has been blessed in promoting a more intelligent spirit of patriotism. The Christian Endeavor is against the gambling dens, the lotteries, the violation of the Sabbath, and condemns intemperance in every form, stands for total abstinence, for the suppression of the saloon, and for the annihilation of the power of the saloon in politics and in all "parties." Ay, we believe the liquor traffic is the implacable enemy of righteousness and purity, and of Christ and his church. The saloon must go! The saloon must go!

The representatives of Free Baptist young people's societies, present at the Convention, had a "rally" in the Shawmut Avenue Free Baptist church on Thursday of convention week. The church was crowded with enthusiastic young people, and it was a splendid meeting. Rev. O. H. Tracey, who presided, said it had been sought to secure accurate reports of the membership of the Christian Endeavor societies under different names in the Free Baptist denomination, but in all cases we have not succeeded. So far as can be learned there are about 715 societies in all, 631 young people's and 84 junior societies, many in name but one in aim, having the same pledge, methods, and constitution. Loyalty to Christ and the church and to all the various denominational enterprises is their abiding principle.

There were addresses by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Lowden, Prof. Anthony Rev. T. H. Stacey, Miss Robinson and others. The following resolutions were adopted:

The young people's movement we regard as giving promise of the future activity and strength of our churches, and therefore; Resolved, That our societies, in their present praying and working, should seek to furnish to the churches, as one of the best gifts for the future young men and women for the ministry, taking pains by a warm spiritual companionship to guard them from materialistic tendencies which would divert them to a mere commercial or money-getting life. Resolved, That we here reaffirm our loyalty to our own local church, and to our denomination at large, with its varied interests of home and foreign missions, educational institutions, and denominational publications. Resolved, That in all our experience we have found the C. E. organization admirably adapted in spirit and method to the needs of the Free Baptist denomination. Resolved, That we urge our young people to close attention to the problems of government and society to-day, by study, fitting themselves to co-operate with all good men and good agencies, and by generous sacrifice of time putting forth labour for the purifying of politics and the improvement of human conditions in labor, poverty, and misfortune. Resolved, That we express our hearty appreciation of the hospitality extended to us by the people of Shawmut Ave. church.

During the Convention there was a Canadian "rally." Besides the desire to have the Canadian delegates meet each other, it was thought desirable to consider the question of having a Dominion organization. After due discussion it was resolved that in the interests of the Young People's work in Canada it is desirable to have a Dominion Convention, that 1896 would be a suitable time, and Ottawa a suitable place for the first Convention. A committee was appointed to take the steps necessary to carrying out the Convention proposal.

The Call For Men.

BY J. L. PHILLIPS, D. D.

Such a shock as I seldom experience came over me yesterday when my eye fell on the paragraph announcing the death of Pastor Thomas Spooner, of Lawrence, Mass. My heart involuntarily cried out with the Psalmist, "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth." When a man of growing power and promise is thus suddenly cut off, we cannot but feel how inscrutable are the Divine purposes, and how broad and all-embracing God's plans. He moves and transfers His workmen, but the work goes on. And while we bow submissively to His will we must pray with added emphasis and eagerness, as the Savior bid us, for more laborers to be thrust into the ever widening harvest field.

While working recently in equatorial regions, on the populous island of the beautiful Malaysian Archipelago, I was over and again reminded most forcibly of the paucity of laborers in these immense and out-reaching fields of Asia, Africa and the Asiatic archipelago. Yea in the West need men, but for a moment compare the claim of your people who have heard the gospel from infancy with that of the millions who have up to this hour never heard the blessed name of the world's Redeemer, I well recall the

seven ministers I met in a small Western town, where one could do the work, and how I longed to cast lots as to who should stay, and to take the other six over to the pleading Macedonias of this Eastern world.

Three great and commanding movements of recent times have added not a little, I believe, to the quality as well as the quantity of ministerial supply in America and Great Britain. I refer to the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor and the Students' Volunteer movement. Through these providential channels many men of marked character and influence have found their way into the pulpits of our home churches and into foreign missionary fields. Organizations like these should be most earnestly and faithfully remembered in the prayers of the churches, and on the day of special prayer for colleges, too. The seal of Divine approval has been put upon them and despite discouragement their work has been above all gainsaying and most praiseworthy.

But this call for men should reach beyond all churches and organizations to the homes where the boys are growing up and just beginning to think of life's mission. Are we praying enough for the parents, particularly the mothers of our boys? Wallace puts it so beautifully in "Ben Hur" when he says: "They to whom a boy comes asking, who am I, and what am I to be? have need of ever so much care, each word in answer may prove to the after life what each finger-touch of the artist is to the clay he is modelling." After what we know of Samuel's mother and Timothy's I wonder when I hear so few prayers in pulpit and pew for the mothers of the men who are wanted for this broad earth's opening and inviting harvest fields now waiting for the sickle.

Just here I wish to say a word for what is termed lay-work. The movements cited above, pre-eminently the Young Men's Christian Association, has done grand service in many lands in the way of raising up laymen for active duty in aggressive lines. Thank God today there are scores and hundreds who in the technical sense are not ministers and yet are ministering successfully to multitudes of souls. The Y. P. S. C. E. has helped on this lay element in the church, and it is most cheering to see how ably the hands of the regular ministry in some places are sustained by a strong and successful corps of lay helpers of both sexes. The Junior Endeavor department is most important for there are found the children who may be early impressed with the call and claims of God, coming up from His needy children in so many lands.

In my recent tour to the Malaysian islands, and Netherland India, nothing impressed or cheered me more than the Seminary at Depok, in Java. Here I found forty young men from the principal Dutch islands, e.g., Borneo, Celebes, Java, Samatra, etc., studying the Bible with a view to becoming evangelists among their own people. Two of them were of darker hue than their mates and came from New Guinea, a region suggestive of barbaric gloom. Several were Bataks from the west coast of Sumatra, where not so many years ago cannibals abounded. It was blessed to see these noble young fellows sitting at Jesus' feet and studying his life-giving word. We are still old fashioned enough to call the Bible the Word of God, and could some of our "modern" or "advanced" brethren see what we see here it might brace up their flagging faith a bit!

Several young men of wealth from America and England have been this way recently on pleasure and sporting excursions, spending money and time and strength without stint. How I should like one of them, provided his heart was right with God, to accompany me with pen and pencil, sketch-book and kodak, along some of the beautiful routes of travel I'm taking for Christ's lost little ones in these tropical lands. How it would put life and hope into a missionary often weary and worn to have some one say, "I'll help you, to see some one coming! And why shouldn't some Christian young men, to whom God has entrusted wealth be devoting it, and their own lives with it, to his glory among the nations still sitting in darkness? What answer?

Home Religious News.

—The income of all the missionary societies of the world is about \$14,000,000 yearly.

—Java out of a population of 20,000,000, has only 20,000 native Christians and thirty missionaries.

—Rev. J. Nettleton, of Fiji, states that the native schools of that island sent, last year, nearly \$25,000 for the spread of the gospel in other lands.

—Rev. F. D. Crawley, formerly pastor of the Baptist church in this city, expects to sail for Moulin, Borneo, as a missionary, about the 20th of August. Mr. Crawley was born at Moulin where his father was a missionary.

—The report of the Mission to Lepers states that in India alone there are 100,000 lepers, in Japan 200,000, and in China 300,000. Obeying results have followed the spiritual ministry carried on in its numerous hospitals.

—Some months ago the Presbyter-ian Board, South, issued a call to the

children for \$10,000, that a boat might be put upon the Upper Congo for missionary uses. And now the pleasant intelligence is communicated that the amount is secured and the steamer ordered built.

Sixth District Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Sixth District was held at North River (Eagle Settlement) on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (12th-14th inst.) We were not present on Friday, but the brethren report a good conference, in the afternoon, and a good service in the evening, when Rev. J. Perry preached.

The business of the session began Saturday at 8 a. m. The ministers present were,—Revs. J. Noble, J. Perry, J. McLeod, B. H. Nobles, W. DeWare, A. H. McLeod, G. Swin, A. Perry, D. Long and S. J. Perry, and licentiates F. A. Currier and L. Fenwick. There was, also, a good representation from nearly all the churches. The chairman of the District, Rev. B. H. Nobles, presided. Prayer by Rev. G. Swin. Minutes of the last meeting were read. The reports of the churches were read by brethren J. E. Slipp and L. Fenwick. Brother Gideon McLeod spoke of the statistics of the attendance at prayer meetings and conferences, and suggested that a uniform basis be adopted. Either all who attended should be counted, or only those who are church members, the same system being used by all the churches. The reports of the attendance at conferences are, he thought, intended to show the state of the churches, therefore only church members should be reported. Rev. A. H. McLeod was elected chairman, and Rev. W. DeWare assistant chairman for the ensuing year. The following were appointed delegates to General Conference: M. Fenwick, J. E. Good, W. H. Heine, Thos. Perry and Jordan Steeves; their substitutes being Jas. Steeves, W. D. Fenwick, A. Colpitts, W. Cripps and H. Chapman. The next annual session of the District meeting is to be held at Norton Station. Rev. B. H. Nobles is to preach the next annual sermon. Rev. J. Perry objected to appointing anybody to preach the annual sermon, believing it better to make a selection when the meeting is held. Rev. J. Noble did not think it would be well to go back to the old time custom of making no arrangements for preaching, which sometimes caused a very awkward situation. Bro. W. H. Heine, from the committee appointed to summarize the reports of the churches, presented statistics showing the number of members reported last year 1546; increase during this year—by baptism 73, by letter 17, total 90; decrease—by death 22, suspension 29; withdrawn 39, total 88; the membership reported this year is 1566; value of church property \$37,900; money raised \$4359.68. The committee also reported as follows:

1. Twenty seven churches reported last year; twenty-five churches report this year.

2. We recommend that the ministers located nearest the unreported churches visit them and require that a report be furnished which can be added to this summary. We recommend, also, that any church which may at any time be without a pastor be very particular to send a report in order to keep the churches in touch with the District: We would emphasize the first part of this section, and that pastors living nearest the churches having no pastors correspond with the clerks of such churches a sufficient time before District Meeting to enable a report to reach the District Clerk in time for the meeting.

3. The following churches have not reported, viz., Taylor Village, Rockland, Canaan Forks, Erb Settlement and Lutz Mountain.

4. We recommend that Taylor Village and Lutz Mountain be looked after by the pastor of Moncton church. In regard to Lutz Mountain church, we learn that, while regular services have been held, the officers have been negligent of their duties, and unless, in future, the reports be regularly sent we recommend that the pastor of that church see that new officers are appointed, who will have the welfare of the cause more at heart.

5. Of the church at Rockland, we have learned that had a form been received by the clerk, a report would have been sent.

6. We recommend that Rev. A. H. McLeod look after the church at Erb Settlement.

7. In regard to the church at Canaan Forks the outlook is not bright, and we do not see our way clear to make any recommendation about it.

We would have considered a number of other matters in connection with the reports, and made other recommendations had sufficient time been granted us.

The report was discussed at some length by brethren Long, Lowry, J. Perry, A. Perry and others. Bro. L. Fenwick, from the committee on Sabbath Schools, reported that reports had been received from 22 schools; that they had 1115 pupils, 32 teachers, 1610 books in libraries, had raised \$244.61, and that 62 members of the schools had been converted during the year. The committee added: