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It is not particularly surprising that Rev. Dr. Rainsford favours the opening of rum shops on Sundays. It is only a little while ago that he was advocating the establishment of rum shops under the auspicies of the church.

In what consists the greatness of a nation? Surely in the strength and power, physically and intellectually, of its people! Then why legalize and give the protection of law to a traffic, the inevitable effect of which is to destroy and blight man, physically, mentally and morally?

An Exchange makes the following terse remark:

"We would think more of Christians who absent themselves from the night service, if we were sure they stayed at home to practice the gospel they heard in the morning."

News of revival is always gratifying. It cheers the hearts of those whose prayer is "Thy Kingdom come," and it stimulates those who have grown careless in the service of God. Our exchanges contain reports of revivals in many places. Many are deciding to be christians. And all who have experience of deliverance from the condemnation and power of sin rejoice in these accessions to the number of the true believers in Christ.

Like the mystical personage in the ancient fable, we nineteenth century mortals are apt to carry our own faults in bags hung on our backs where we cannot see them, while the bags containing the faults of our fellows are hung conspicuously in the front. We, whoare so quick to point out defects in our brethren, may perhaps find, by and by, that we were condemning our ownconduct hidden from us though it be.

Another case of failure to run a religious paper at a too low price has occured. The *Christian Inquirer*, Baptist, of New York has given up after six or seven years plucky struggle. A good deal of money was spent by its managers in the attempt to put it on a self-supporting basis. They made a good paper, but they could not make it pay. It has been consolidated with the *Examiner*. The lesson is plain enough—and yet many unthinking people will continue to cry out about the high price of the religious paper, and some will even withhold their support because they cannot get it for less than the cost of producing it.

How the movement towards providing a home for the India Boys' Orphanage is regarded by the missionaries there, is expressed in a note to the *Star* from the Principal of the Balasore, India, High School. He says:

"I am very glad to see that our New Brunswick friends are moving in the matter of a new home for the Boys Orphanage. It is surely very much needed. Just at present Mrs. Boyer and her boys are using the house which Bro. Ager is repairing, the repairs inside having progressed far enough to allow of its being occupied. Yet that must be their home for a time. But the compound is small, and in several respects ill adapted for such a purpose. Furthermore, it cannot be that a station so important as this will long continue with only one male missionary, and when the second one comes, either he or the orphanage is liable to be homeless. Hence the move for a new home for the latter seems to me to be in the right direction, and I most sincerely hope and pray for its success."

Winning Souls.

"He that winneth souls is wise." "Let him know that he that converteth a sinner from the error of his ways shall save a soul from death." To win others to Christ is the work of every christian. How can I best do his blessed work? every christian may well ask.

The daily walk, the Christ-like spirit and purpose is always and effectually influencing others for good.

Intercession for the unsaved. This is more than prayer or supplication. It is the fruit of more definite and urgent thought. It is good to set apart each day of the week for definite persons and subjects.

The pen is a power where neither voice nor life comes in contact with the soul we yearn to save.

Printed appeals are an agency which all can use. The clipping from a newspaper, the tract or leaflet, or the legend on our note paper, may lead a soul to Jesus. Answering a business letter, a correspondent once wrote how much good the printed motto did him which was on his correspondents, letter paper, "Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." A man was once saved from suicide by reading a Christian motto under a coat-of-arms on a coach door that his eye fell on, as he was about to hurry to the river.

Individual conversation, one by one, alone, with those we love, is a fruitful method of labor in bringing souls to Christ. This can be done with Sunschool scholars, and intimate friends, and our words and prayers with them will not be wholly unblessed.

The members of a church agreed at a certain hour Saturday evening, whether at home or abroad, alone, or in their store, to lift up united prayer for their pastor's work the following day. There had been no additions to their church for several years before he came, but he received some sixty souls to its fellowship, and the table where he sat at the Friday night meeting would sometimes be covered with written requests for prayer. All at work, and always at work; all at prayer and *continuing* with one accord in prayer; voice and pen and printed page, above all, the "living epistles," read of all men,—these seem to me to be the sure agencies God blesses in winning souls to Christ.

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Dr. Parkhurst's Way.

Dr. Parkhurst is not very mealy-mouthed in his condemnation of wrong and wrong-doers. He doesn't hesitate to call things by their right names; and he does it in very expressive language too. Listen to this.

"Neither the devil nor any of his minions can be caught in a trap. You can hammer him, but you cannot snare him. Cajolery only lubricates the machinery of his iniquity. Petting him oils the bearings, minimizes the squeak, and maximizes the velocity."

Again this: "Reality is not wornout. The truth is not knock-kneed. The incision edge of keen-bladed righteousness will still cut." "The truth will frighten even a politician if you will lodge it where David did when he fired at Goliath."

In defence of his vigorous denunciation of and severe thrusts at wickedness, he says:—

"You have got to fit your work to your theme. We do not handle charcoal with a silver ladle, nor carry garbage out to the dumping-ground in a steam yacht."

It would be a grand time for goodness and virtue, and a most depressing season for evil doers, if every Gospel minister were so squared off against iniquity, wherever found, that only such strong language could adequately express the depth of their feelings against it and the cravens that are dumb in its presence.

The following words of Dr. Parkhurst were born from experience: "The humanly incarnated principles of this gospel were able in three centuries to change the moral complexion of the whole Roman Empire, and there is nothing the matter with the Christianity here, except that the incarnations of it are lazy and cowardly, and think more of personal comfort than they do of municipal decency, and more of their dollars than they do of a city that is governed by men who are not tricky and beastly."

There is too much of this silence for policy's sake. The sooner lovers of truth and haters of iniquity speak out and act up to their speech, the sooner will reform come. It won't come while we are cowards and hold our tongues.

Voices and Echoes.

A few weeks ago a man high in the Church, closely connected with all of its benevolent operations, was found to be a defaulter. He had robbed widows and orphans for years, had absolutely broken up one bank and paralyzed another, and then he shot himself. His former pastor returned to the city where these deeds occurred, publicly spoke of his magnanimity and liberality, and intimated that "his tragic death expiated his possible mistake."—*N. Y. Advocate.*

That is the kind of pulpit lying which brings religion into contempt. Some preachers seem to think that when they preach a funeral sermon or write a death notice they must eulogize the dead, especially if he has been a man of means or influence.

The Chinese government levies a a regular tax on beggars, and gives them in return the privilege of begging in a certain district.—*The Rejister.*

In this christian country men are licensed to make beggars, and then the sober people are taxed to support the product of the licensed traffic.

Rev. Madison C. Peters, pastor of a Reformed (Dutch) Church in New York, having induced his people to adopt the "individual communion cups," says that he believes it will "double the number of communicants."—*Journal & Messenger.*

Upon which our contemporary remarks,—Is it possible that half of those who might be there remain away from the Supper of the Lord for such a reason as that suggested in the declaration of Mr. Peters? Does any one know of a church member who is, for such a cause, absenting himself from the table of the Lord? Is there a Christian man or woman who dares to give such a reason to himself, to say nothing of giving it to his Savior? It seems to us that it can be safely said that he who stays away from the table of the Lord for such a cause ought never to be allowed to approach it.

Items from Texas.

The Intelligencer of March 13th is at hand, and scanning its columns I notice the denominational news column contains but two short notes of the work among our churches. As the editor cannot publish the items of news from the various churches and places, unless he be in possession of them, and as Texas is a big place and a state of great variety I have thought a few items might be interesting to the readers of our paper.

A number in private letters to me have said, "write often to the Intelligencer." Bro. Siddell has certainly been away from home some time for he expresses the sentiment of one who has been so situated: I want to thank Bro. Siddell for his article on links, he expresses my sentiment correctly.

We have had the most severe winter that I have seen in Texas. We had four inches of snow in February and it did not entirely disappear until the second day. For several days or rather nights the thermometer registered in the vicinity of twenty above zero which is very cold for this climate. In fact we think it about as severe as 30 below zero in New Brunswick, from the fact the change is so great. For when the weather is hot, it is almost as hot as the Irishman saw it, when some one asked him how hot it was by the thermometer. He said it was hot the full length, and if the thermometer had been longer it would have been hotter. In fact we have decided the old lady was about right when once asked about the climate of Texas, she said it was the hotest and coldest and wetest and driest climate in the world. The winter is past and the glorious spring time has come; the trees are putting on their dress of green and all nature is springing into life. The farmers are about through with their corn planting; in many places the corn is up and growing very rapidiy.

Yes, we have a variety of people. We are infested with the class who know it all. A few days ago we listened to a young man who claimed to have travelled extensively, and in his travels he had heard something of the greatest country in the world (Canada); and as he ventilated his discriptive powers we were not a little surprised, for we had been in Canada ourselves and knew a few things about the country and finally, when he went on to tell of the despotic form of government, well, we merely remarked, that some people can accumulate a vast amount of ignorance in a very short time. Truly it doth not yet appear how much ignorance it takes to kill a man, for that class keeps living.

In the month of February D. L. Moody spent thirteen days in this city. It was my privilege to hear him at nearly every service. Nine years had passed since I heard him before. The snows of those winters have left their impress but in spirit he seems quite a young man. He is one of God's noblemen. As I listened to the burning persuasive words that fell from his lips I wondered how any one could resist the appeals so lovingly made as he held up Christ to the unsaved, and no christian could hear him without being led out into greener pastures. And while all his sermons and addresses were good yet it seemed to me that his sermon on the atonement was the grandest we ever heard. Those who heard it will ever read their bibles with interest. In fact Mr. Moody is a one book preacher, and that book is the Bible. He is indeed a man mighty in the scriptures. A peculiarity about him is, he is very plain in his manner making no effort to be eloquent although at times there is a burning eloquence in his sermons then again a tinge of satire and sometimes a sally of wit that provokes the unbidden smile. But amid all he ever keeps before his audience the great truth, repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation. This perhaps is enough to say in this connection, except that a vast amount of good was done in those meetings. It is here like most places. During Mr. Moody's meetings there was not a church in the city sufficiently large to hold the people, but since Mr. Moody's departure they are all larger than is necessary to accomodate the audiences.

As we are living in a day of invention, I think if some one would invent a church building on the order of India rubber that would expand for revivals so as to hold the crowds and then contract so that it would hold a little two by four preacher and about one dozen dry members at the prayer meeting such a church house would be in great demand, by the average church that I have seen.

Following the Moody meetings came the city election. I was going to say from the sublime to the ridiculous. Well if the compositor makes us say nothing worse it will be all right. In my last I said uninteresting letter &c., and the compositor made me say ministering letter, &c. I thought it made a slight change in the sense but perhaps not. As I remember some one told me that some words differing in pronunciation, mean the same, and of course the composition knows. You need not say any thing about this of which I am going to tell you. I have been told that politics here are very corrupt and if I were to express my opinion it would be this. I think that when once a man gets a case of politics he never gets over it. There seems to be no remedy as you never can doctor the old politicians. They remind me of the old darkey who went to a doctor one day and said, "Boss I knows you's er human doctor, but my ole mewl is awful sick, and I thought as maby as you is er human doctor you could do sumpin for him." The doctor prepared a lot of calomel and told the darkey to put it in a quil and blow it into the mules mouth and maybe it would do some good. The next day the darkey sent for the doctor in great haste. Arriving at his cabin he found the old fellow in bed all covered up with blankets and groaning terribly. "Hello," said the doctor, "I thought it was the mule and not you that was sick" "Dats so boss it was de mewel was sick yistiddy but its me today." Well what is the matter? "It dat calamel boss well what about it you gave it to the mule diden't you"? Well boss I tried to I put it in de quill and put dat in de mewls moouf, but boss de muel he blowed fust." That's the way with politicans they'll blow fust every time and from our observations we notice the same clique are in power about all the time, I nearly forgot to say that it is for the benefit of the country "entirely" that the offices are so eagerly sought by the professional politicians.

Those items have grown too long there are several things of which I intended to speak but will not do so at this writing. In closing, permit me to say a word to the ministers. Write to the Intelligencer you can help the paper and all the readers. We like to hear from you often, you need not write long letters I will do enough of that to cultivate the grace of patience in the Editor. But write, dont wait for a donation or an address before you write for those are things that seldom happen to some of us. And I have almost come to the conclusion that those things can be taken as a hint that the people would like a change of ministers. I wish to remind our brethern that if some of us should wait for such a thing before we write; we will never write for we are so much liked and greatly appreciated that the people want us to remain always, as they never make us addresses or donations, and consequently we write of other items. Go thou and do likewise.

J. H. E.

San Antonio Texas,

March 22nd, 1895.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

We are compelled, much against our desire, to repeat our notice to those whose subscriptions remain unpaid. We do not quite understand the failure of so many to give attention to a most reasonable request. There are, perhaps, some who have been unable to do what they have desired to do. The number of such, however, must be quite small; and a postal card from each, stating the fact, would have been the proper thing. In the great majority of cases the delay is, we fear, attributable to neglect rather than to inability. They have not intended to increase the Intelligencer's burden, but have simply forgotten, or thought it would make no difference. But it does make a difference—and a very serious one.

To all such it is necessary to again appeal for immediate payment of the amounts due by them. We wish this notice to be read by each one who owes anything to the Intelligencer as though addressed to him personally, and to be understood to mean that *payment from him is needed and expected now.*

Further forgetfulness and delay will be avoided if each one concerned will immediately after reading this, make payment to the nearest Free Baptist minister or other agent, or by letter to this office.

We cannot go to the expense of sending bills. Nor is it necessary. Each one can easily tell the amount due from him by consulting the date on his address label. Do that—and forward the money at once.

We trust no one will be so unkind as to neglect this duty longer.

Mission News and Notes.

—The *Chinese Recorder*, Shanghai, speaking of the increased prayerful and practical interest in foreign missions by the church in the home lands, ascribes it largely to the timely persistency of missionary periodicals, which does much to keep the love warm and throbbing with sympathetic, prayerful interest.

—A hundred years ago, says Dr. George Smith, foreign missions followed one method—unmethodical preaching. Now a division of labor employs five methods, all based on the evangelistic: 1, the witness bearing or hortatory; 2. the educational and industrial or training; 3, the medical or healing; 4. the apologetic or controversial; 5, the pastoral or edifying.

—A cable message from Constantinople reports that the missionaries of the American Board in Armenia are again being persecuted by the Turkish authorities. The Turkish officials charge them with importing arms and storing them for use against the Mohammedans. An excuse is evidently being sought for driving them out of the country.

—"The work of the missionary," said Christian Frederic Schwartz, "is the most honorable and blessed service in which any human being can be employed in this world"

John Venn, 1799, laid down this first principle of missionary work: "He that goes forth should be taught of heaven, should have heaven in his heart, and should tread the world under his feet."

— Christian King Khama and some other members of his tribe have made a present of forty oxen, which will realize some £352, to the Phalapye Mission, to aid in building the new mission house there. His kindness and generosity have been further demonstrated by the construction of a road from the mission church to the *stad*, and a stone fence round the church itself.

General Religious News.

—The tithes of the 40,000 Seventh-day Adventists amounted last year to $350,000.

—In the West End of London parochial missions are being so vigorously prosecuted that the dinner hour in numerous households has been altered to permit of attendance at the services.

—A series of Bible conferences, under the care of the Evangelist, George C. Needham, has been carried on in Massachusetts. Nearly two hundred and fifty Bible lectures have been given. Over thirty pastors in eight cities and towns have assisted. There has been great quickening and deepening of spiritual life, and the results have gratified the workers.

—Commander Ballington Booth will inaugurate a new campaign for the Salvation Army in New York. The efforts of the soldiers will no longer be confined to the degraded and poor, but meetings are to be held for the rich and educated classes. The picked men of the army, the scholarly and refined ones, have been selected for this work.

This will be but the beginning of the movement among the rich. Many prominent ministers have become interested and a wide spread campaign is in contemplation.

Denominational News.

Campo Bello.—The work of salvation goes on here. Six more were baptized on the 24th inst. The Lord truly is in our midst.

J. B. Daggett.

Donation.—The friends of Waterville and vicinity met at the residence of Deacon Wm. Davis on the evening of March 11th for the purpose of making their pastor and Rev. T. S. VanWart a donation. Bro. Davis was chairman and Bro. George McLeod Secretary-Treasurer. The sum of $52.00 was raised—equally divided, and, by the chairman, presented to the parties for whom intended. After speeches by Bros. VanWart, Downey, McLeod and Davis and prayer by the clergyman the meeting broke up. A very pleasant evening was spent, and all went home feeling the better for having been there.

By Order of Committee.

From Rev. A. G. Downey.—The special services at Upper Waterville have closed for the present. Twenty-six were baptized. Of these 19 were received into the Waterville church, also one by letter and 4 on experience, making a total of 24, with a number yet to join. The church has been greatly strengthened. Since last writing I have also received three into the Third Tier church and one into the Lakeville church. At present I am at work with the Seventh Tier church, where the Lord is doing a grand work. Several are to be baptized this week. Brethren, pray that the Lord's work go forward.

A. G. Downey.

March 25, '95.

Donation.—I wish through the columns of the Intelligencer to sincerely thank the many friends on my field who of late so nobly exhibited respects to myself and wife. On March the 11th, a number of the brethren from Midland spent a pleasant evening with us leaving us $33 since which we have received $7 making $40. Also on the evening of March the 19th the friends of Norton Station made us their annual visit and donated us a purse of forty dollars. The friends at Long Point gave me a beautiful rug worth eight dollars. For these and many other expressions of their kindness that we are continually receiving. We extend our thanks. One must say that the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places and we have a goodly heritage.

David Long.

Norton Station.

Acknowledgement.—Mrs. Downey and myself wish hereby to publicly thank the friends at Waterville for their unbounded interests in our comfort. About the close of the special meetings here Bro. Wm. Culberson told the people that if they would they could go to his woods and cut and draw us a lot of wood. As a result his woods were full of men on the afternoon of March 7th. The farmers there took their teams and brought me 10 big loads. Last Monday Bro. Gilbert and Howard Palmer came out with their machine and made blocks of the logs. There are 25 cords of storewood in the lot. In addition to this we have received from the donation of March 11th, and from sums handed us at different times during the past month by the friends there, about $34.00 May the Lord of the harvest abundantly bless the many and willing workers of my pastorate.

A G. Downey.

Petitcodiac.—By request of some of the brethren at Petitcodiac I visited part of that field, on Sunday, 17 March. At the morning service which I held at Petitcodiac eight members were united to the church. Bro. J. W. Lowery, who is one of the deacons is an active worker. This church though small has a number of active members who strive to do what they can to keep up the cause while they are without a pastor. They hold a prayer-meeting every Sunday morning which is well attended and a good interest manifested. The brethren intend painting their church and parsonage during the summer. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock I attended the funeral of Bro. James