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If it costs much to be a useful and effective Christian, it will cost you infinitely more to go back into thoughtless impenitence and live and die an unforgiven sinner. Genuine conversion to Christ costs self-denial; a falling back into sin will cost you self-destruction! There is a way that seemeth easy and pleasant to a man; but it leads down to death. Look at this mighty question calmly and make the honest reckoning. Put into the one scale some self-denials and conflicts and oppositions, and at the end of them heaven! Put into the other scale self-indulgence and a life of sin—and at the end of it hell! Weigh the two; and weigh them for eternity. Then decide! What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

General Religious News.

—In the United States there are 250 orphan asylums under Roman Catholic control.

—The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will open in Baltimore May 5th next.

—The Congregationalists of Chicago have planted 55 churches in fifteen years, and 26 of these have become self-supporting.

—A granite obelisk is to be erected at Canterbury in memory of the martyrs who were burned at the stake during the reign of Queen Mary.

—The African M. E. Church has 150,000 members in Georgia, and these have all been gathered in thirty years. It has a college at Atlanta with \$100,000 assets.

—The Pope dispensed last year no less than 38,000 benedictions, which brought into the pontifical treasury 500,000 francs. The greatest portion came from America.

—Prof. Francis W. Kelsey, of the University of Michigan, publishes an interesting study of the extent to which religious influences and practices prevail in colleges. In sixteen United States universities, with a total enrollment of 14,637, the Methodist Episcopal denomination could claim 2,659 members and adherents, the Presbyterians 2,234, the Congregationalists 1,730, the Episcopalians 1,215, the Baptists 1,063, the Church of Christ 607, the Roman Catholics 528, and the Unitarians 431.

—The statistical returns of the Society of Friends for 1897 show a total membership throughout the world of 112,413, as compared with 110,209 a year ago. This means a net gain of 2,114 or nearly two per cent. The greater part of the membership—92,398—is in the United States of America, where the net gain is 1,962. The total number of regularly established meetings for worship among Friends is 1,272, with 1,144 Bible schools. The recognized ministers of the society number 1,704.

Home Religious News.

—The Reformed Baptists are holding special meetings at North Head and Seal Cove, Grand Manan.

—The Baptists of Windsor, N. S. intend to build a \$30,000 church, to take the place of the one burned in the great fire.

—The Baptist church at Rockland, C. Co., is enjoying a revival under the leadership of Rev. H. Shaw. Rev. Mr. Young is assisting in the work.

—Evangelistic services are being held in St. Mary's church (Episcopal), St. John. Rev. Mr. Bareham is the leader. There are two meetings each day. There is a good interest.

—Rev. Jos. Sellar, Methodist, of N. B. has been transferred to the Nova Scotia Conference, and Rev. Thos. Deimstadt of N. S. has been transferred to the New Brunswick Conference. The transfers will take place at the end of the Conference year, in June.

—Several Baptist churches in Digby Co. N. S. are enjoying unusual revival interest. At Bear River, Rev. G. W. Schurman has received fifty to membership, and many others are likely to be received; at Freeport, Rev. L. J. Tingley has received about fifty new members; at Weymouth there has been revival for several months, and the pastor, Rev. H. A. Giffin, has received sixty converts into the church; in Digby town, Rev. B. H. Thomas has recently received twelve new members; at Hill Grove, Smithe's Cove, St. Mary's Bay and other parts of the County there is, also, revival interest.

SUNDRIES.—Five thousand Japanese are preparing to enter the Klondike. The Marquis of Salisbury has just completed his sixty-eighth year. Do not forget that every bill you pay makes it possible for some other man to settle his little accounts, and so helps to keep money in brisk circulation.

When you are undecided what to do a season of secret prayer and communion with God would not be amiss.

Denominational News.

GORDONVILLE, C. Co.—The special meetings held by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Barnes, have been closed. The roads between Gordonville and the pastor's home became impassable and he was cut off from them for a few days and it was thought best to close the meetings. A good season of refreshing was enjoyed in the church. There were no additions. This is bro. Barnes' sixth year with the Gordonville church, and every year except the present, there have been additions.

WESTFIELD, K. Co.—I have been holding special meeting at Westfield about four weeks. On Sabbath 6th inst three converts were baptized, and on the 13th inst, one. There have been added to the church four by baptism and two by letter. We are hoping for others. The church has been greatly strengthened. Pray for us.
H. A. BONNELL.

March 17th.

REVIVALS.—We hear that a good revival is in progress at Whitehead, Grand Manan, under the labours of the pastor, Rev. L. D. Harvey. We hope to have a report of it soon.

Special meetings have been begun at Grand Harbour, Grand Manan, by Rev. W. H. Perry, the pastor.

Special meetings were begun at Waterville, C. Co., but had to be closed because the pastor, Rev. A. G. Downey, suffered a severe attack of sore-throat.

A good revival is being enjoyed at Shannon, Q. Co., under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. C. B. Lewis.

Special meetings were continued in the church in this city last week. Four converts were baptized on Sunday.

Two weeks special meetings were held at Fredericton Junction by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Robertson. There was a good interest, and many received spiritual quickening and strength.

MINISTERS.—We are glad to learn from Rev. J. W. Smit, Kemptville, N. S., that his health has permitted him to work with less suffering than usual. He is hopeful. We trust he may have improved health in a still larger degree.

Licentiate F. S. Hartley spent last Sabbath with the Yarmouth, N. S. church.

It is intimated that Rev. J. T. Parsons is thinking of attending the great Sunday School Convention in London, in July.

Rev. A. Stoerger's health is still quite poor. He remains in St. John.

Rev. G. A. Hartley is to preach the annual sermon before the graduating class of Cobb Divinity School, on Sunday May 15th.

CENTRAL ARGYLE, N. S.—We have had some interesting and profitable meetings at Central Argyle. Four have been baptized and added to the church.

J. W. FREEMAN.

TRACY STATION, S. Co.—The interior of the church-building at Tracy Station has recently been renovated and repainted, at an expense of about \$100. The people say the pastor, Rev. J. A. Robertson, led the people to do this needed work, and he says that the people responded very readily to his request for money for the work, so much so that, with the collections on Sabbath, there will remain no debt against the house. Last Sabbath the church was occupied for the first time since the work was done. It was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the building of the church, and the services were of an anniversary character. There were good congregations present at the three services. There was preaching in the morning and evening by Rev. Jos. McLeod, and in the afternoon by Rev. O. N. Mott, a former pastor. In all the meetings there was a marked interest, and it is believed that impressions were made that will abide. In the evening meeting many Christians expressed their purpose to be more faithful disciples of Christ, and several unconverted young people manifested a desire to seek Christ. We are hoping to hear of a good revival here. Bro. Robertson is highly thought of by his people. Just now, we are sorry to say, his health is not very good, but he hopes to be able to go on with the work right away.

FROM LIC. STIRLING.—After closing the special work at Bear Island, I commenced special meetings at Prince William. We were just getting fairly started, and the interest seemed to be increasing, when the roads gave out and the crossing on the river got very bad, so we did not think it advisable to continue the meetings just then. We hope, however, (D. V.) to begin again as soon as the conditions look

more favourable. . . . Throughout the pastorate things are moving along very well; Sunday services and conference and prayer meetings are well attended. I am glad to be able to report that the converts baptized and taken into the church recently by Rev. Dr. McLeod are doing well; they have all joined the C. B. Society as active members, and have commenced leading the meetings in turn. . . . It is my intention (D. V.) to hold special meetings in all the churches of the pastorate; I am praying the cause may be helped and many be brought into the fold of Christ.

CHAS. STIRLING.

March 14, 1898.

SOME NEW BEATITUDES.—The "Morning Star" is responsible for these beautiful sayings for newspaper readers and publishers:

Blessed is the man who does not allow his subscription dues to his religious paper to go unpaid.

Blessed is the man who pays for his religious newspaper when he ought to.

Blessed is the man who can look the whole world in the face and declare that he does not owe anything for his religious newspaper.

Blessed is the man who would be ashamed to neglect payment for his religious newspaper.

Blessed is the man to whom no bill has to be sent for arrears on his subscription to his religious newspaper.

Blessed is the publisher of a religious newspaper to whom subscribers send payment for the r copies without waiting for five, four, three, or any reminders.

Blessed is the publisher who is able to pay his bills because subscribers pay theirs.

Blessed is the publisher who opens his mails and finds that delinquent subscribers are paying up.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—I wish, on behalf of Mrs. Swin and myself, to acknowledge our indebtedness to our friends at Lower Millstream and Apohaqui for a present of \$35.00 given us on the evening of Feb. 22nd. The ladies provided a supper, which all present enjoyed. A very pleasant evening was spent.

GIDEON SWIN.

KIND WORDS.—A subscriber writes: "Enclosed please find three dollars (3.00) as a payment on my subscription for INTELLIGENCER. This is returning you comparatively no equivalent for the helpful visits of the paper. Though other journals may bear fuller accounts of Klondike excitement or rumours of international war threats, yet the INTELLIGENCER is always read first, for it is the best. And frequently it is not put aside with one reading; but, like a good book, its second reading often seems more helpful than the first. With no formality do I write these words, but knowing that your tasks must be difficult, I gladly would say a word of encouragement; nor do I think it out of place to acknowledge the service of a helpful friend when the words come honestly from one's heart."

INSURANCE IN CANADA.—The report of the Superintendent of Insurance, just issued, shows the amount of insurance—Fire, Life and Accident—taken in Canada. The risks during the year by the 33 fire companies was \$669,288,650, an increase of \$1,619,602. Losses paid \$4,173,501, while \$7,075,850 was received for premiums, risks taken by the five Canadian companies \$114,379,430, received for premiums \$1,064,855, and paid in losses \$713,655.

An increase of \$8,532,918 is shown in life insurance business over 1895, the total amount in force in the line companies being \$327,800,499, which with the \$132,885,399 held on the assessment plan, makes the total life insurance in force in Canada \$460,685,898. There was paid in death claims \$817,898 which, with matured endowments, dividends, etc., brought up the total payment to \$6,500,000. The statement shows that for every \$100 received in premiums there has been paid to policy holders during the year \$56.73, leaving \$43.27 to be carried to reserve profits and expense. On the assessment plan the total amount of policies taken was \$18,471,800; received in fees, assessments, etc. \$1,565,581, and paid in death claims \$1,151,635.

In the accident branch the total premiums received in Canada were \$424,010, insuring an amount of \$81,024,188. The sum of \$232,583 was paid for claims with \$69,883 claims not settled.

A STIRRING STORY.—The beautiful Life of Frances Willard, by Anna A. Gordon, for 21 years her Private Secretary, introduction by Lady Henry Somerset. The only authorized life story with tributes by Francis E. I. Clark, President Christian Endeavor Society, Margaret Bottoms, President King's daughters, Dr. Parkhurst, Moody, Mrs. Stevens, President W. C. T. U., Bishop Vincent, Canon Wilberforce and a score of other

celebrities. The only book authorized by the Women's Christian Temperance Union. It will be fully illustrated. No one can afford to miss the inspiration of this stirring story. The Earle Publishing Company of St. John will supply agents with Prospectus Copy and Complete Outfit to take orders, for fifty cents. There will be no other authorized memorial volume and the work will be sold only by subscription.

New Brunswick Legislature.

Mr. Fowler's notice of motion with respect to the New Brunswick University was reached. He said: In giving my notice of motion I was not moved by a desire to do injury to the venerable institution to which the motion made reference. I had no intention to tear down. My desire was rather to build up and improve. The notice of motion which I gave has been discussed by the press throughout the province and the discussion has not been confined to the press. I may justly claim that the matter has aroused general interest. I trust the discussion will result in great good to the institution. He also said,—Owing to the lateness of the session and the impression in some quarters that there cannot be a full discussion in the time of the session I will left, and to an unwillingness on my part to appear as wanting to take the slightest unfair advantage, I will, with the consent of the speaker, ask leave to withdraw my notice of resolution.

Motion withdrawn.

Mr. White committed a bill further amending the New Brunswick election act of 1889. After some discussion, progress was reported with leave to sit again.

Mr. Emmerson recommitted a bill consolidating and amending the law relating to Municipalities act. Bill agreed to with amendments.

Dr. Alward committed a bill authorizing the city of St. John to supply water to the inhabitants, manufacturers and corporations of the parish of Lunenburg, city of St. John and for other purposes—progress was agreed.

Mr. White committed a bill further amending the law providing for short-hand reporting in certain courts.

Mr. White committed a bill further amending the law respecting arrest, imprisonment and examination of debtors. Progress was reported.

Mr. Tweedie committed a bill further amending the law relating to births, deaths and marriages. Agreed to.

TUESDAY.—Mr. Robinson recommitted a bill in amendment of the city of Moncton incorporation act.

Messrs. Emmerson, Richard and Pitts thought the bill was calculated to interfere with trade in the city of Moncton. The bill proposed a tax on commercial travellers. Mr. Robinson agreed to strike out the taxation clauses. This was done and the bill was agreed to.

Mr. Emmerson committed a bill to further amend the highways act of 1896. Progress was reported.

Mr. Wells committed a bill relating to osteopathy.

A motion that the first section be adopted was lost the vote being:—Yeas, 10; nays, 24.

After considerable discussion a motion to report progress was carried, the vote being:—Yeas, 23; nays, 18.

Mr. White introduced a bill amending the law respecting the administration of trusts and the liability of trustees; also bill amending of and in addition to law authorizing the acceptance of policies of guarantee companies as security for the faithful conduct of public officers.

Mr. Fowler introduced bill amending law relating to rates and taxes throughout the province.

Mr. Emmerson re-committed the highway act. Mr. Pinder moved that time for coming in force of wire tires be extended until the year 1900. This was lost, the vote being:—Yeas, 8; nays, 19.

WEDNESDAY.—Mr. Tweedie submitted a report from the contingent committee recommending that Mr. McDade, the official reporter of the house be paid the sum of \$1,000 in addition to the amount paid on contract account.

Mr. Davidson committed a bill to incorporate the Alexander Gibson Railway and Manufacturing Company (Limited).

During the discussion upon the bill, Mr. Tweedie spoke of the energy and enterprise of Mr. Gibson for many years. He well deserves the title of the Lumber King of the province. It was a significant fact that in 40 years Mr. Gibson had never had an action brought against him. Mr. Tweedie gave the following statistics showing the magnitude of the business carried on by Mr. Gibson:—

Vages per year paid by Alex Gibson & Sons: Cotton mill, \$175,000; saw mill, \$32,000; lath mill, \$15,750; shingle mill, \$10,100; stores, 6,336; office, \$5,000; river driving, \$17,375; hauling logs, \$75,000; dams repairs, \$1,200; rafting deals, \$3,200; loading deals, \$7,555; management, \$12,000; surveying, \$2,000; teams, \$2,500; farms, \$1,165; brick yard, \$720; repairs, \$1,200; towing, \$20,000; lumber expenses, \$2,600; Blackville, \$52,570; Canada Eastern Railway, \$56,000.

(Wages handling lumber in St. John not included.)

Shipments of lumber by A. Gibson & Sons 1898:—
Deals including out-
-ride purchases 112,818,050 ft. \$1,010,872.45
Birch timber, .26,132,540 ft., 11,785.00
Laths, 18,000,000 18,000.00
Shingles, 18,500,000 30,000.00
Heml ok boards 5,000.00
Dry goods groceries etc sold . . . 226,000.00
Total, \$2,365,647.45
Out on goods, . . . 650,000.00
\$1,945,647.45

Business of Canada Eastern Railway for the year ending June 30, 1897:—
Number of passengers carried, . . . 54,695
Tons of freight carried, 100,980
Consisting of the following: flour, 73,807 brels; grain, 129,798 bushels;

live stock, 544; lumber, 13,964,655 thousand feet; cord wood, 13,462 cords; manufactured goods, 37,654 tons; other goods, 26,809 tons. Total carried, 100,980 tons. Revenue, \$127,735.48. Expenditure, \$83,194.34.

The number of steamers loaded at St. John in 1897 was 45; number of sailing-vessels in 1897 was 18. The amount of wages for loading these at St. John was \$66,600.

THURSDAY.—Mr. White committed a bill amending the law relating to courts of probate.

Mr. White explained that the bill was largely a consolidation of the existing law relating to courts of probate, some amendments in matters of detail.

There was no opposition to the bill until section 77 was reached.

Dr. Stockton said he would take a vote on that section against the principle of paying over any surplus to the province. In his opinion any surplus under the bill should go to the municipalities.

Progress was reported.

After recess Mr. Fowler presented a report from the public accounts committee.

This report provoked a discussion which lasted till long after midnight. It was participated in by Messrs. Pinder, Emmerson, Dibble, Osman, Sumner, Robinson, Stockton, Tweedie, Smith, Alward, Fowler, Black and Lockhart. The house then concurred in the report.

Mr. White re-committed the bill amending the law relating to courts of probate.

Progress was reported.

Mr. Dibble committed a bill incorporating the Free Baptist denomination of New Brunswick. Agreed to with amendments and an amended title, the word "Primitive" being substituted for the word "Free."

At three o'clock Friday morning the house adjourned until 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY.—The house met at 11 o'clock.

Mr. White recommitted the bill amending the act respecting courts of probate.

Agreed to with amendments.

The Legislature was formally prorogued by the Lieutenant Governor at three o'clock.

During the session, which covered thirty-six days, eighty bills were passed.

"LIMITED."—"The word 'limited' in connection with corporations and firms," explained a prominent lawyer to a reporter, "is now in very general use. It originated in England, and almost every business concern there is a limited partnership. It means that those interested in a firm are only interested to a limited extent—that is, only to the extent which is stated in the articles of incorporation.

"The limit of one member of a firm therefore may be \$5,000, while the limit of another may be ten times that amount, or one-tenth or any other part. Thus, in the firm of Brown, Jones & Co., limited, Brown may have three-fourths of the stock, and Jones and the others the remaining fourth.

It limits the responsibility, as it makes a member of the firm liable only for that which is named in the articles of incorporation. In this kind of corporation or firm the law which allows them to limit their responsibility also requires that the word 'limited' shall always be used in naming the firm, so that all may know exactly that, though there may be a large number of very heavy men financially interested in a concern, their interest and responsibility are limited. It is a fair thing all around, for it prevents the use of big names, which have sometimes been used to boom enterprises and corporations, when in reality the owners of the names have had but little interest in the concerns."—Washington Star.

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Marriages.

WOOD-BRIGGS.—At the residence of the officiating Minister, Rev. G. W. Foster, on the 12th inst, Mr. George F. Wood, of St. John, N. B., to Miss Minnie L. Briggs, of Kars, Kings Co., N. B.

ESTABROOKS-FOSTER.—At the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Geo. Akerson, Rockland, on the 13th inst, by Rev. J. J. Barnes, Miss Amelia Estabrooks of Rockland, C. Co., and Mr. Caleb Foster, of Monticello, Maine.

Deaths.

ALLEN.—At Marysville, on the 11th inst., Nelson, infant son of John H. and Eliza Allen, aged 13 months.

DAVIDSON.—At Marysville, on the 16th inst, of Typhoid Fever, Annie David, eldest daughter of James and Anna Davidson, aged 7 years.

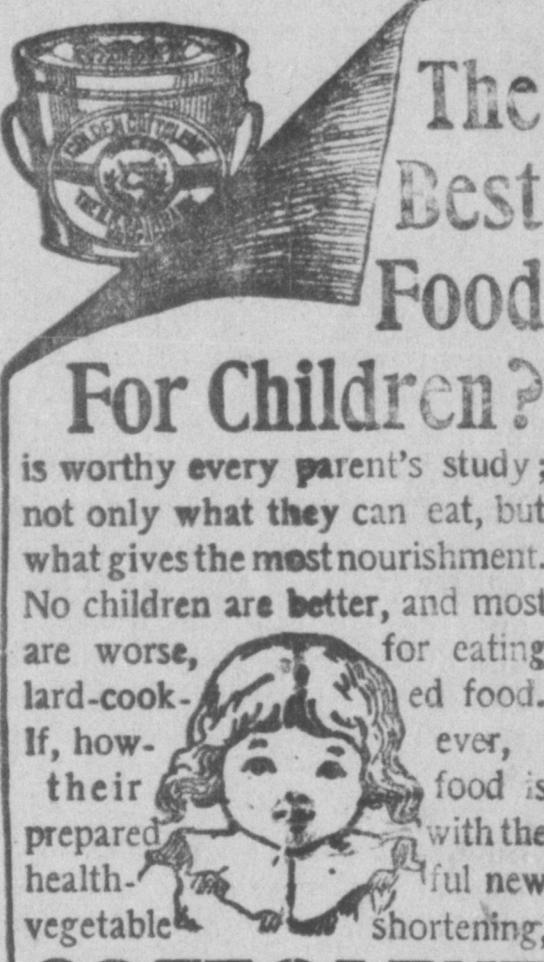
FROST.—At Glenwood, N. S., on Jan. 22nd, Albert W. Frost, aged 45 years, leaving a wife and six children to mourn their loss. The deceased had been the faithful Clerk of the Free Baptist church at Glenwood for the last ten years. He took leave of the church last, by Rev. J. J. Barnes, and his health, and had the respect of all who knew him. His health had not been good for some time, but at last pneumonia ended his days on earth. He died triumphant in the Lord.

J. W. F.

VANWART.—At Wickham, Q. Co., Feb. 26th, Deacon Garrett VanWart, aged 87 years and nine months, leaving two sons, Jacob R., who resides in the homestead, at Wickham, and George W., of Butte City, Montana—and three daughters, who mourn their loss. Mr. VanWart professed religion about 40 years ago, and until his death he held membership in the Free Baptist

church; a number of years ago at the organization of the Sixth Wickham church he was chosen senior deacon. In his life he was faithful to Christ and loyal to his denomination. He was respected by all who knew him, and highly esteemed as a Christian. He died as he had lived—strong in the faith of the Gospel. Funeral services conducted by the writer, assisted by Revs. G. W. Foster and T. W. Carpenter.
C. B. Lewis.

ESTABROOKS.—At Bridgewater, Maine Aug. 8th 1897, Mrs. Lucetta Estabrooks, relict of the late Chipman E. Estabrooks in the 71st year of her age, passed peacefully from the earthly to the heavenly home. Sister Estabrooks confessed Christ early in life, was baptized by Rev. S. Hartt and united with the Palmer Settlement Free Baptist church; later she joined the Waterville church. She always led a consistent Christian life, and was a veritable "mother in Israel." She left six sons, four daughters and 21 grand children. One of the daughters—a practical nurse—came from Boston and ministered lovingly to her mother during her last painful illness. Her remains were brought to Waterville, C. Co., to her old home, where she spent 50 years of happy life. Services were held in the Waterville Free Baptist church by Rev. Wm. DeWare, and her remains were laid in the cemetery beside those of her husband and three children, who had preceded her to the other shore.



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