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Editorial.

—Do not compromise with any evil thing. Stand steadfastly for right at all cost.

—They are the true Christians whose creed and conduct agree, who not only acknowledge God but are faithful in their relations to men.

—The Lord does not forbid His children having the treasures of this world, but He warns them against the riches of the world possessing them.

—Every Christian should be a member of some church. For his own sake, and for the greater good he will be enabled to do, he needs the associations and obligations of church membership.

—Anti-swearing leagues are being organized in some English towns. Inspectors have been appointed whose duty it is to warn persons heard swearing in the streets or public vehicles. After one warning, offenders may be arrested.

—The Universalist Church in the United States is to have a general superintendent. He is to have a general oversight of the spiritual condition of the body. Such an officer in any denomination, rightly using his office, could do great good.

—With an election approaching this good word from the *Presbyterian* may well be pondered: "God has no better gift for a nation than an honorable, pure-minded, clean-handed, unselfish statesman. And yet when such an one is given to a people it sometimes happens that instead of appreciating and honoring him they allow him to be slandered and befouled and driven out with disappointed hopes and a broken heart. No wonder that a singularly high-minded Canadian statesman said some years ago that the uncharitableness and abuse of which a public man was the object made him sick and weary of political life. The virulence of party spirit is mainly to blame for this. We should all guard against that temper which can see no good in a political opponent and without prejudice we should endeavor to give honor to whom honor and appreciation to whom appreciation is due.

—The editor of the *Christian Advocate* tells of a subscriber of many years standing who writes that he is much attached to the paper, that he has been greatly helped by it in his spiritual ife and comforted in times of deep trouble, and that it is a most excellent religious journal, but he has decided to stop taking it because he disagrees with the editor on one point, and that a question of temporary duration. The case mentioned is not exceptional; other editors have like experiences. They often wonder that men—good men too—treat their religious papers differently from their secular papers. They have, however, to be patient, and keep on doing what they think is right. Like the editor of the *Advocate*, they have learned that there is probably not a single number of their papers issued which does not contain something to which some reader objects. To stop to consider what some known or unknown reader may think is one of the ways of paralyzing or distorting judgment. Editors do not like to lose subscribers, but they would rather do that than lose self-respect or freedom.

—Discussing the decline in the number of young men devoting themselves to the Christian ministry, the *Canadian Baptist* thinks the chief reason for it is that fewer parents than formerly dedicate their boys to this work. "Fathers and mothers want their boys to become rich, and they do. Some want their children to become scholars and artists, and in due time their ambitions are realized. Unconsciously the child fulfils the desire of the parent's heart. What he hears talked about in the home he accentuates in his life-purpose. The dearth of ministerial students is just the logical development of the worldliness of our homes. The materialism that is blighting our homes is depleting the ranks of our pastorate. When we have deepened the spiritual tone in our Canadian Christian homes we will have more of our boys hearing God's call to the ministry.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS.

The principal missionary boards have united in an endeavor to secure this year large Christmas offerings to missions. The movement is a most fitting one. When so much is being expended for presents one to another, there should be generous giving to further the great purpose of Him whose birth is celebrated—the salvation of the lost everywhere. It has been estimated that not less than $100,000,000 are spent annually for Christmas presents by the people of Christian lands. A good deal of this immense sum is not very wisely spent, though, perhaps, the most of it makes glad the hearts of young and old and helps many a burdened one to more bravely and patiently bear the ills and sorrows of life. In so far as life is truly brightened and helped by the bestowment of gifts the giving is pleasing to Him who is "God's unspeakable gift." Surely it will be pleasing to Him if the Christian Church at the near-at-hand Christmas time will make special gifts for proclaiming His gospel in the dark parts of the world. Pastors, Sunday school superintendents, leaders of young people's societies everywhere are asked to give special attention to this. We trust that in all our churches special Christmas offerings for mission work will be made. On another page is an article on the real joy of the Christmas season which we commend to all our readers.

GIVING.

Giving is one of the most important of all our Christian duties. God never meant for anything he made to exist simply for the sake of existing, but he rather meant for every one thing to give to some other thing. The sun in the heavens, the beast in the field, and the flower on the hillside, live not for themselves alone, but in their turn contribute to other things in creation.

We are dependent upon each other and upon God, hence the laws of our being are such that if we fulfil our real mission in life, we must not live for ourselves, but for others. Many of our blessings have come to us as gifts from others. Our enlightenment of mind, with many of our attainments in life, we never could have acquired unless others had possessed the giving spirit. We are under special obligation to give to God, since he has given us so much. All the resources of the world, with the right to rule absolutely, is a gift from God bestowed upon the race of man. He has given the world through the Bible its loftiest ideals and examples. He has given his Son as a sacrifice for sin. Viewing God as our only real benefactor, it surely should bestir the recipients of his gifts to give him something in return. He not only demands his followers to give back some of the wealth has bestowed upon them, but he demands a part of their time, thought and energies. P.

JESUS, FRIEND AND SAVIOUR.

The words of Jesus, in answer to those Pharisees who were finding fault with Him for going to spend a little time at the home of a man whom they called a sinner, are words that should give cheer and encouragement to every person who has heard the good news. Jesus did not come to earth robed in the garb of a king or an angel. If He had, poor fallen man could not have approached Him as a brother. He disrobed Himself of His glory and came in the likeness of man. We often see the portrait of Jesus with a halo of light around His head; this is only the idea of the artist. Isaiah tells us there was nothing in His appearance to distinguish Him from other men. True, on the Mount of Transfiguration He disrobed Himself of His humanity, and they caught a glimpse of his divinity; but that was only for a moment.

Ministers who have gone down into the slums of large cities to see the destitution and evil which prevail in those places, did not go robed in clerical garments. If they had done so their mission would have been a failure. Jesus came as the Son of man to seek and save man, therefore He came in the likeness of sinful man. He sinned not. He triumphed over every foe. When we think of Jesus we see our brother, touched with all "the feelings of our infirmities." He entered into the inner circle of life, and, therefore, understands our needs. He stands in relation to every person as a Saviour, and to His followers He is as a "mother, sister and brother." "He that doeth the will of my Father, the same is my mother and sister and brother." A few weeks ago, while spending a few days away from home, I read in one of the papers of the death of a little child which took place on her father's vessel while coming from Boston to St. John. I gave little thought to it, as I supposed the child to be a stranger to me. When I arrived home, to my surprise the little girl was one that I knew well and had often talked with as she played at her father's door. How different I felt when I knew the child. We are slow to sympathize or help, because we do not know the persons. We often misunderstand one another because we cannot enter into the feelings of our fellow men. How cold and comfortless often are the words, to a heart-broken mother, weeping over her dear child, "You must not weep." How often there would be more sympathy in a tear than there would be in a word of advice from one who cannot feel the pang of sorrow like the weeping mother. Jesus knows each of us individually. "Nathaniel, I saw thee under the fig tree." He knew how Peter would deny Him, before His betrayal. He revealed to the woman at the well her past life. What comfort it should give to every follower of Jesus to know that His relationship is nearer then that of an earthly father to the child. We are often impressed by the mother's long-suffering and forbearance toward her dissipated and wayward boy. As we better understand the relationship between Jesus and the lost we can better understand why Jesus wept over Jerusalem." How often I would have gathered you as a hen gathereth her brood under her wings, but ye would not." How His great loving heart was grieved because of their indifference to His appeal. Could we see sin as Jesus saw it, how we would flee from every appearance of evil. Could we see the value of a soul as Jesus sees it, we would be more anxious to strive to get sinners to come to Him for salvation. Only eternity will reveal the value of a saved life devoted to the service of the Master. The prophet said they "that turn many to righteousness shall shine as stars." Christians should do all in their power to save the young from going into sin by persuading them to accept Him who came to seek and save those that are lost. D. L.

—A small rural Presbyterian congregation in Nova Scotia, composing sixty-five families, has expressed its willingness to give up its pastor if he is to sent as a missionary to Korea, and has manifested its interest in that mission by forwarding to the agents of the church $52 as a contribution towards wiping out the foreign mission debt.