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## Editorial.

### CHRISTMAS.

"Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now thy gracious Kingdom bring,  
By thine own eternal spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to thy glorious throne."

—Selected.

*The angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.—Luke ii 10.*

It seems to us that nothing new can be said about the birth and advent of our Lord and Saviour into this world. Men have spent much time contending about the month and day of his birth, but this will remain unsettled for all time. Evidently God knew that men would give more honor to the day than to Christ and his mission, which undoubtedly is the case today with the great masses of the people. They are so absorbed with gifts that they completely lose sight of the Giver, which we are also in danger of doing with the great spiritual blessings, and make greater ado about the blessings, and, like children over Christmas gifts, we dispute over the blessings and lose sight of our blessed Lord and Saviour who bestowed the blessings. No wonder that the Apostle desired to be so clothed from heaven that mortality might be swallowed up of life. We in our best state are so human and so full of the defects of memory and power of discrimination, especially in discriminating between the gifts and the giver, that we may give him the praise and remember that the giver is greater than the gift, as he is not bounded by the human capacity of receiving. So, while we enjoy the day, we may remember that the establishment of a day to be universally observed, or a time of universal exchange of gifts, was not the purpose of the advent of Jesus Christ to the world, but to bring salvation to a lost world; to lift the pall of universal death, and open the door of salvation to all people.

The heavenly messengers calmed the fears

of the shepherds so that they could receive the glad message from heaven to "all people" that lived then and down through the generations to the end of time.

In many places along the roads of France a large crucifix is set on a base of stone, which tells the traveler of a crucified Christ.

But we may, by the eye of faith, see a risen glorified almighty Christ who fulfilled his sacrificial mission and is now at the right hand of God as our great intercessor, and through him we may find the joy of pardoned sins and sonship in the great redeemed family of God, and being sanctified, "He is not ashamed to call them (us) brethren."

For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one, for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren. Heb. ii 11. ("For which cause" many are ashamed to call us brethren); but thank God for this cause Christ is not ashamed. The holiness people are constantly telling of "great joy," and we do really believe it is of the kind the angels told the shepherds about, and as it was to all people the holiness people are counted in in this thing, even if they are counted out of many other things; but the more things they are counted out of, so far as men are concerned, the happier they seem to get.

The tidings simply told of the advent of our great loving almighty Saviour, and he deigns to dwell in those who surrender themselves unconditionally and absolutely to him, and he is the very fountain of joy.

## A CHALLENGE.

The people of Beals, Me., church have done nobly in contributing to "The Balmoral Farm (Missionary) Fund." And now they offer the challenge to the churches that they will be one of "ten churches" to pay the entire amount now needed, \$1,580, about \$160 each, in addition to what they have already given, and close up the whole amount by Christmas.

We believe this to be one of the departments of our Lord's work. We should be glad to have the chance to contribute to it, especially when fifteen hundred and eighty people can pay the whole amount in a single day by sending one dollar each. Will we do it?

If the churches go to work in earnest the amount can be easily met by Christmas.

Thanks, Beals, we appreciate your proposition, and trust the churches will meet your challenge.

Editor.

## ACCORDING TO HIS WORKS.

*For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.—Matt. xvi. 27.*

There is much said in the Bible about works. It says much against works as a means of salvation, and also says much about works as an expression of faith in God, and as an evidence of true Christianity.

A writer says: "By good works are to be understood all manner of duties inward and outward, as well as thoughts, as words and actions toward God and man, which are commanded in the law of God, and proceed from a pure heart and a faith unfeigned, and are referred unto God's glory; for it is necessary that good works proceed from right principles and have right motives and ends, namely, a principle of love to God, the motive of obedi-

ence to God's law, and the glory of God as the chief end."

*Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.—1 Cor. x. 31.*

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works.—Eph. ii. 10.*

As the day of accounting draws near, we are deeply impressed with the need of preachers and people to go under the searching light of the "Word" and cry with David, *Search me, O God and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way (way of pain or grief) in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.—Psa. cxviii 23-24.*

How essential to have our motives in every act of our lives, every work we engage in, free from selfish purposes, and purely for the glory of God, and to save and help our fellow men to a holy life. We believe that the most wicked thing we can do is to make the service of God a thing of commerce; in other words to do acts of [professed] Christian service, whether visiting homes or the sick, or preaching, or holding revival services or any other acts for the purpose or with the object of financial or other personal gain.

*Feed the flock of God which is among you (not fleece), taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind. Neither as lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.—1 Peter v. 2-3.*

How can the "called" ministers of God so easily lay aside the work of the Gospel ministry? If called to the Gospel ministry beloved, let us wait on our ministry.

There may be times and places where a minister may need to supplement his salary by labor, but not lay aside his spiritual work. Paul made tents, but continued to preach.

The reward is to be according to our works, as recorded by a true and faithful accountant. All credit will be given to all workers. No matter who gets the credit here, the rightful one will receive his due. So let us labor as in the presence of God.

If we as Christian ministers and workers and Christians generally receive full remuneration for our labors here, what can the Lord reward us for when He comes?

If there are no sacrifices for Christ, no suffering with Christ, no real work without selfish interest in view, seen by our Lord and recorded in our favor, surely there will be no reward awaiting us.

## PLEASANT CALLS.

While attending the quarterly meeting at Hartland Rev. H. C. and Mrs. Archer and the writer were entertained at the home of Brother and Sister S. Hayden Shaw, and enjoyed the hospitality and fellowship of this dear Brother and Sister who are excellent examples of the Aquilla and Priscilla type of Christians, where preachers and people who visit them are unostentatiously "taught the way of God more perfectly." Their conversation is of heavenly things.

Brother Archer and the writer having been pastors of the Hartland church, we called on our aged Brother, Stephen McMullen, now within a few days of his nintieth birthday. The summons has already come for our dear Brother's departure, but he seems to be lingering a few days to deliver messages to those who call to see him; none can visit him without being helped, seeing and hearing how a man feels