

THE OPENING YEAR.

Don't start a stranger, but we greet you as we greet those who have come to us with a new year's joy...

Friend, thy feet are on the brink of the Jordan. Eternal scenes will soon break upon thy vision...

But art thou an old sinner? Remember that the sinner dying a hundred years old shall be accused...

Merchants, farmers, mechanics, tradesmen, lawyers, doctors and all of every class who are encompassed with cares...

But what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Or what for the mansions of the wealthy, or the show and glitter of the world...

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TESTIMONY OF PEDO-BAPTIST WITNESSES

We closed our last with citations from NEANDER and MACHEN. Let us next hear the testimony of the great SCHLEIERMACHER...

A distinguished theologian, in a public address, not long since treated in a masterly manner the question, "SHALL WE DO WITH THE BABY?"

He showed that infant baptism was "a source of perpetual embarrassment. It does not know and cannot find its proper and natural place...

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THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

for the comments of Dr. Lange. Before closing this investigation we shall have the privilege of summoning Dr. Schaff himself to the witness stand...

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NOBLE UTTERANCES.

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REVIVAL PROGRESS.

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INTRODUCTORY MISSIONARY LETTER.

DEAR VISITOR—As you announced in your last issue, that I would prepare a series of articles on Missions for the coming year, I wish to indicate their character, and make a suggestion in reference to them.

It is well known that we now have four Missionaries of our own in the Foreign field—Miss D. Wolfe, Mr. George and wife, and Miss Norris. Whatever we can learn of them and their labor, we shall make prominent in the hope of stimulating our churches to a yet greater missionary zeal.

We have sent forth these persons as our representatives among the heathen. It is our duty not only to contribute toward their support, but to pray that they may be increasingly useful in saving souls from death.

In addition to these, we are supporting twenty-three native preachers. These are represented by our Missionaries as being faithful men of God, and doing work that will last when day and time are no more.

Next to a compilation of the work performed by our laborers, we shall notice what is done by the Missionaries of our brethren in the Dominion of the American Baptist Missionary Union in Boston.

During the past year, they have been abundantly blessed, especially among the heathen. The scenes there in the numbers and heartfelt earnestness of the converts, reminds one of Pentecostal days.

The missionary operations of the A. B. M. Union, with whom all our work is harmoniously and effectively done, will need particular mention. From the days of Dr. Judson, to the present, they have had a line of noble and devoted men at work.

HINTS TO PREACHERS.

These are hints, addressed by an exchange in a poetic style to preachers of the gospel, which they will do well to inscribe upon memory's page. Make no apologies. If you have the Lord's message, declare it; if not, hold your peace.

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Do not grumble about your pay. If you want more money, go to work and earn it. Do not get excited too soon. Do not run away from your heated track, but when they draw anything they go slower. It takes a cold hammer to bend a hot iron.

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Do not bowl and scream. Too much water stops mill-wheels, and too much noise drowns sense. Heavy vessels ring the loudest. Powder is not shot! Thunder is harmless. Lightning kills. If you have lightning, you can afford to thunder. Do not scold the people. Do not abuse the faithful souls who come to meeting rainy days, because others are too lazy to attend. Preach the best to the smallest assemblies. Jesus preached to one woman at the well, and she got all Samaria out to hear him next time.

FROM OUR ONTARIO CORRESPONDENT.

The weather—the Fall and Fire Questions—The St. Lawrence and the Fisheries—School Systems and Law Masters—The "Battle of the Gauges."

To-day, the fifth day before Christmas, we are having the first really frosty day of the season, a few inches of snow last night, in addition to the slight sprinkling which previously partially covered the ground, has given us very respectable sleighing, and the musical jingle of the sleigh bells, borne to our ears by an atmosphere sharpened to almost down to zero, assures us that fairly winter is at last upon us.

For weeks past the weather has been in the main, mild and beautiful to a degree almost unprecedented in November and December days, in this region. Nor is the advent of the snow and the genuine winter temperature at all unwelcome. Already the impatient farmers are hurrying forward the much needed loads of fuel destined so soon to send up their cheerful blaze from many a Christmas hearth. Alas, no! I must take back that expression. For us in the towns and villages of Ontario there exist no blazing fires, to tinge with ruddy glow the cheeks of the family circle, and to cast sweet, fantastic shadows upon the wall, in the sweet twilight hours. Not even the steady, comfortable glow of the well filled coal grate, is often found as a substitute. Wood and coal are alike too expensive to admit of such wasteful modes of consumption, save for those who can afford luxuries. Both alike are economized in dark, hot, hideous stoves, which while they rob the air of its moisture, and those doomed to breathe it, of the cheery blaze, or the delightful glow, do yet, if moderately supplied with fuel, most effectively dispel the chillness from the breast of December. We would cheerfully submit to the imposition of another half dollar per ton at the hands of Sir Francis, if it could only be the means of inducing some enterprising firm to construct one or two of your inestimable beds of coal to our arctic school.

AMERICAN BIBLE UNION.

32 Great Jones Street, New York. A WORD IN SEASON.

We have just received a letter from Dr. Henry Ward Beecher, of the city of Mexico. The following brief extracts arrest attention: "I give you my opinion, and that of all the Mexican friends capable of judging of your excellent translation of the New Testament, called El Nuevo Testamento."

"It is in excellent language, and in conformity with the original Greek. You may make use of it in distributing copies, or in any way in which it can serve the cause. John W. Butler, of the same city, writes in equally strong language, and offers to aid in every suitable way to circulate our books."

Rev. Thomas M. Westrup, in the city of Monterey, Mexico, is equally decided in recommending our Spanish Testament, and equally ready to aid in circulating any number which we can afford to donate. He has six Baptist churches under his charge. The pastor of four congregations in and near the city of Mexico fully accords in these views, and has freely expressed them to us in person.

We have, from time to time, as the Lord has granted us means, furnished copies of this excellent version for circulation in Spain, in Mexico, and in South America; and scarcely a week passes in which we do not donate some. More than 18,000 copies of Spanish Scriptures already have been printed from our plates, and nearly all are in circulation. At this period of the year we wish to do more than usual. New Year's Gifts are reasonable. None can be better or more appropriate than the page word of God. We wish to send to Mexico within thirty days, more than 2,000 copies of Spanish Scriptures. We are now giving orders, both to printers and binders, to prepare them. But we have not the means of paying for them. There are already seventy-three congregations of Evangelical Christians in Mexico, and we wish to see the whole country evangelized.

The most efficient means for this object is the pure word of God, the seed of the kingdom. Who will send us means to furnish this New Year's Gift to the thousands? THOMAS ARMISTEAD, President. W. H. WYCKOFF, Corresponding Secretary.

FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

REV. AND DEAR SIR—Enclosed please find two dollars for the Visitor for 1871. I would like very much to see it placed in the hands of all our Baptist people, and I often pity the family that is without it, and wonder how it is that any will deprive themselves and their children of the reading of it a whole year for the small sum that it costs. I often think, in looking over its pages, that some single article is well worth the \$2 that we give for the paper. Wentworth's communications and the letter of the Rev. Mr. Leland are among the many articles that we appreciate.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd are well. He is much engaged; preaches often, and some powerful sermons. We have had some very interesting prayer-meetings, and many are praying and looking for better times. We have had some cold weather of late: strong N.W. wind, and mercury four or five degrees below zero. Yours in haste, ELIPHALET READ.

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