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Editorial.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN BURNS.—To our deep regret Mr. John Burns, who for many years has had much to do with the publishing of this paper and with whom the Editor always sustained very pleasant relations, has been called to be with his Master. He was a good man and true, and we shall miss his sympathetic care in the issuing of the paper. He was born in 1833, and died Feb. 17th, 1899. For many years he was an honored deacon and Sunday School worker in the Jarvis St. Baptist Church. Our readers will join with us in sympathy for his bereaved family.

DELAY IN MAILING THE FEBRUARY LINK.—Through some misunderstanding or neglect on the part of the mailing agent the February LINK which was ready for mailing some days before the beginning of this month, was detained for postage for a week or more. The mistake was probably due to the new postal arrangement, which requires the prepayment of postage. We had provided the postage, but it was not paid when it should have been. We trust all will go well henceforth.

REVOLUTION IN BOLIVIA.—Our missionaries in Bolivia have experienced considerable anxiety on account of the outbreak of a revolution. There seems to be some danger of an uprising of the Indians and a fearful massacre of the Spanish population in many localities. Our missionaries, at last accounts, did not feel that they were in any immediate danger; but if the revolution should continue it will no doubt interfere seriously with their work. Apart from these disturbances the prospects seem excellent, and the missionaries are encouraging educated young men to go out with the idea of supporting themselves by teaching. There seems to be a demand for teachers in that benighted land.

PER CENT. FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.—During the past summer *The Churchman* published some very interesting statistics relative to the gifts to Foreign Missions from the various denominations. We have before us these statistics for five leading denominations North. Of her total gifts to all purposes the Protestant Episcopal Church, with 659,268 communicants, gave 2.22 per cent.

to Foreign Missions, an average of 43 cents per communicant. The Methodist Episcopal Church, with 2,851,526 communicants, gave to Foreign Missions 5.83 out of her total gifts, which was 3½ cents per member. The Baptists, with 993,783 communicants, gave 6.50 of their entire offerings to missions, or 80 cents per member. The Presbyterians, with 960,911 members, devoted 6.76 of their entire contributions, or 9½ cents per member, to the foreign work. The highest record is that of the Congregationalists—one dollar and three cents for each of their 625,804 members, or 7.08 of their entire gifts for Foreign Missions. While we have such a lamentable showing before us, is there any danger of the church giving too much to Foreign Missions? One of these churches, with over half a million communicants, contributed to all purposes nearly thirteen millions of dollars, and yet only gave \$283,000 to Foreign Missions. Another gave about seventeen millions of dollars to all purposes, and less than a million to Foreign Missions. We are yet far from the ideal state, and if it were not so pitiful and painful it would be amusing to think of people complaining that the church is lavishing too large a percentage of her gifts to Foreign Missions.—*The Missionary*.

REPORT OF BOARD MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Board was held in the Board Room, Friday Feb. 17th, at 2 p.m. Owing to the absence of Mrs. Booker through ill-health, Mrs. Freeland presided. Sixteen members were present, Mrs. Hansel of Hamilton representing those out of town.

Miss Buchan read a communication from the Secretary of the World's Woman's Missionary Convention, which meets in New York in April, 1899, giving an outline of the programme. "Evangelistic work among the heathen," having been assigned the Canadian Societies, a resolution was passed that we fall into line with the other boards and take our part in the session devoted to evangelistic work.

As a brief historical sketch of each Society has been arranged for, Miss Buchan, Mrs. Newman and Miss Elliot were appointed a committee to prepare one, to have it published in the LINK, and also in pamphlet form for distribution.

The Treasurer's report was more satisfactory than last quarter, but the sum of \$2,500 is needed before the books close.