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NEWS AND NOTES.

The Last.

The Last month of the year.

The Last year of the century.

There have been but eighteen such months since the birth of Christ.

And perhaps as few as sixty such years since the creation of the world.

We wish you an earnest thoughtful Christmas, so lived by you that when it is over He whose birth you celebrate may be glad that you lived to remember Him.

And a consecrated New Year, during which you will more than ever before deepen your spiritual life by waiting upon the Lord, take advantage of every opportunity of service, and daily show forth that graciousness which at first made the world wonder and won the world.

Let everyone strive to do, and to do his best. It is not the winning or the losing that is important but fighting the great fight of faith and action. The men who have caught the inspiration of the great leader, the Master of men, may plant their flag upon the ramparts or let

The victors when they come,
When the forts of folly fall
Find their bodies at the wall.

In either event the world is better for their having lived in it, and as for the other sort who never fight at all, but only know how the fight ought to be made, it matters little whether they have lived or not.

At this Christmas season when generous impulses are filling your soul do not forget the Lord's work and its needs. You will feel all the happier if you send a liberal gift to the treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

At the Normal, Ill., State Convention, Ellis B. Barnes, pastor of the Christian Church, was elected a member of the State Board and also trustee of the permanent fund. At a meeting of the Ministerial Association, in the Presbyterian church, Bloomington,

Ill., he read a very interesting paper on "The Saloon in Politics," which was discussed with much fervor.

Recently the Foreign Christian Missionary Society received a certified check for \$10,000 on the annuity plan.

Prayer meeting topics for December.

- 5—What Must I Do to Be Saved? (Acts xvi, 31; Matt. x, 32; Rom. x, 10; I Pet. iii, 21; II. Pet. i, 5-8)
- 12—What Must I Do to Save Others? (I. Tim. iv, 15, 16; John i, 40-45).
- 19.—Ministerial Relief. (Phil. iv, 14-19).
- 26—Nineteen Centuries of Blessings Through Christ. (Luke ii, 8-20; Acts xix, 20).

"Heroes and Heroines; or the Triumph of Faith, Hope and Love, a Silver Jubilee Poem written for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, held in Kansas City, October, 17, 1900, by W. T. Moore. It is a book of 53 pages, with paper covers, beautifully written, and printed on good paper with a portrait of the author. It will be sent to any address, postpaid, on receipt of 25 cents. Address A. McLean, Cor. Sec. F. M. S., Cincinnati, O.

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The P. E. Island Home Mission Board are waking up to the importance of mission work. A meeting of the Board was held at Charlottetown recently to determine on ways and means and methods of work in the province of P. E. Island. The January number of THE CHRISTIAN will be devoted to Home Mission work in P. E. Island. I. Harry Williams is the secretary of the Board.

Martin Luther, the great reformer, fearing that the people were about to assume his name as a religious title, said: "I beg that my name be passed in silence, and that the people call themselves not Lutherans but Christians. Who is Luther? The doctrine is not mine. I have not been crucified for anyone. Why, then, should the children of Christ take the unhallowed name of a frail mortal like me. Do it not; let us put away party names and have the name of Christ whose doctrine we hold."—*Milner's Religious Denominations*, page 71.

Tract distribution is one of the best ways of spreading the light of the pure gospel. The "Standard Vest Pocket Series," issued by the Standard Publishing Co., Cincinnati, O., at \$1.00 per hundred, in packages of 100 each. Specimen copies mailed free.

The New York Presbytery recently, with a majority of *one vote*, that of the moderator, decided against a revision of the Westminster Creed.

We stand on the Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible, in one faith and in the evidences that support it. Here, sir, we have the blood-sealed charter of immortality to man, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. The young, the old, the middle aged, the young athletic sinner, and the hoary chief in the ranks of infidelity, have felt the heart-stirring, soul subduing, transporting efficacy and attractiveness of the message of philanthropy to a bewildered lost and ruined world, and have gladly and humbly bowed to Prince Messiah and gone down into the mystic waters of baptism for remission, and have risen to lead a new, an elevated, a heaven directed life of purity and humanity.—A. Campbell.

It is with great pleasure that the Acting Board of the Christian Missionary Society announces that enough money has been pledged to care for the work in Galveston, and to put the church on its feet. If those who have taken offerings will kindly send them in promptly the Acting Board will be able to put the church in repair and to supply the pressing needs of the church until it gets on its feet again. In addition to this, the Board will be able to assist the church at Alvin where the church-house was entirely destroyed by the storm. The Board expresses hearty thanks to the brotherhood for their liberal response to the cry of our brethren in distress. We urge those who have taken offerings for this purpose to send them in immediately that this matter may be promptly closed up. Send all money to Benj. L. Smith, Y. M. C. A. Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

SAN JACINTO, Cal., Nov. 14th, 1900.

W. A. BARNES, St. John, N. B.—

DEAR BRO. BARNES: To be candid I must say that I was greatly pleased to receive the greeting which the convention at Westport was pleased to send me through you. While the brethren and sisters and the work and outlook were in my mind on that occasion in thanksgiving and prayer, I did not think that my name would come before this meeting in a way so gratifying and so much appreciated. Who does not like to be kindly remembered by those with whom he worked? The knowledge of such remembrance is a source of joy. I wish you would in some way convey my gratitude to those who so kindly thought of me and sent me their good wishes. At the same time assure them of my abiding interest in the work of the Lord in the Maritime Provinces. In no part of the great field am I more anxious to see the truth triumph. I rejoice in every forward movement that is made and in every victory won, and while I do not expect to toil in the Maritime Provinces again, I hope to continue to pray for the work and the workers there.

Very sincerely yours,
HENRY W. STEWART.

Bro. Stewart has been preaching for the church in San Jacinto, Cal., twice on Lord's day since October 1st. He has received several calls from other churches but they were too near the sea coast.