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## NOTES AND NEWS.

Those who are going to the Annual Meeting at Tiverton will do well to read carefully the "Important Notice" in this paper.

The financial manager of THE CHRISTIAN expects to be at the Tiverton meeting, and this will give many of our readers a convenient opportunity to renew their subscriptions.

H. Murray sends us an interesting account of the P. E. I. Association. We are glad to know that the Island churches have decided to work heartily with those in N. B. and N. S. in the prosecution of home mission work.

Let us go to the convention at Tiverton anxiously seeking God's guidance and blessing and earnestly praying that much may be done and planned there which will result in an advancement along the lines of true success by all our churches.

We welcome A. N. Simpson to the work in these provinces, and hope that he may find many willing helpers in his new fields, and much to encourage him in the way of results. We hope he will send us church news from time to time and also some "Original Contributions."

For a few Lord's days the writer has been studying things from the pews. He knows now just how awkwardly a person feels who goes, as a stranger, to church, and finds no one to conduct such visitors to seats, and is afraid to take one lest he be regarded as an intruder. Attentive ushers can rival an earnest preacher in attracting strangers to the house of worship.

Profanity is one of the worst of sins, and in some communities and circles it is one of the most common. Old men whose grey hairs should have taught them its folly, thoughtlessly, yet habitually, take God's name in vain; and younger men, even children, quickly learn their ways. How terrible to hear creatures blaspheming the name of the Creator—of their Creator. We are glad to see that a law is now, or is soon to be, in force in New York forbidding profanity in all public places.

A new aphorism for aggressive labor: "Dead saints will never catch live sinners"—*Endeavor World*.

Listen to Commander Booth-Tucker's stirring words in the recent convention: "Heroes are made of cowards by the alchemy of the cross."

The Seventeenth International Christian Endeavor Convention is a thing of the past. But its influence will never die. Instead of race war, sectional prejudice, and party strife, all were animated by one endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

An address of deep thought and profound eloquence was given by that new trustee from the Disciples of Christ, Dr. F. D. Power, of Washington. He discussed the race problem, problems of missions, of reaching the masses, of Christian union, and found everywhere that the gospel is the key to all problems.—*Endeavor World*.

*The Christian-Evangelist* has changed its form and dress and is now a masterpiece of the printer's art. As a family and religious journal it has no superior. The brotherhood ought to be intensely proud that we possess such an excellent paper devoted to the work of restoring Apostolic Christianity.

The Salvation Army during their last "Self Denial Week" raised \$165,000 to carry on their work among the lowly and neglected. What a rebuke to many Disciples of Christ, who while professedly believing that the gospel is God's power for the salvation of men, yet are not denying themselves of even one cent for the work of sounding out the truth abroad.

The union sentiment is growing, especially among the Presbyterians of Scotland. In the Synod of the United Church not a single voice was raised against it, and the Free Church is even more ready for union. The annual meetings of next year will reveal the fruit of this agitation, and it will, no doubt, be gratifying to those who are looking for the answered prayer of the Lord.—*The Christian Tribune*.

In our wanderings we have been amazed to see how wide-spread is the use of the pipe, the cigar, and the cigarette. We have lately been thrown into the company of many men, young and old, and almost without exception they are smokers. Apparently most of them do not think there is a man or woman in the world to whom the smoke is offensive. Indeed, some of them seem to think they are doing you a favor when they envelop you in smoke, for they choose their position on the veranda or lawn so that you will get the full benefit. What a blessed thing under such circumstances is the power to self-locomotion!

There was a destructive fire. The wind blew the flames towards large, ornamental shade trees. The fire did not touch them, but the heat dried up the bark on the exposed side, and since then it has peeled off, the trees have lost much of their beauty

and afford less shade. They live, but their lives have evidently been shortened. So it is with many a man who exposes himself to temptation. Evil influences will destroy the beauty of his character, diminish his usefulness and often shorten his life. Beware of the fire.

For years the writer has carried a gold-mounted fountain pen, which for special reasons he valued highly. It has often dropped from his pocket when he stooped, but as it was an easy matter to pick it from the carpet, the road or the grass, he took no precautions against its falling out. The other day he was on a raft. The pen fell out; but this time it went to the muddy bottom of a river. And it is too late now to take precautions.

First one extreme and then another. A short time since we worshipped in a meeting-house where no provision whatever was made for ventilation. The air became heavy and the people listless. The same week we attended service in a place that was full of low drafts owing to the windows being opened from the bottom; and, as if to make up for the pure air we were defrauded of in the other church, we found ourselves settled in one of the strongest drafts. Of the two evils we prefer to have neither.

Clergymen used to hold themselves aloof from the people. The people were away below them. The pulpits were raised high above the pews and the preacher literally spoke over the heads of the people. But a change is taking place and now, more and more, the minister is a man among men. He has come down to live among his people. But all the old towering pulpits have not gone. We listened to a man the other day whose feet were almost on a level with heads of his congregation. We felt like saying, "Canon, come down?"

From *The Christian Guide* we glean this interesting item of news which was first published by the *Louisville Courier-Journal*: "Princeton, Ky., July 11.—At the first of a series of summer church services last night, Rev. J. L. Hill created a profound sensation by preaching a sermon on Christian Union and denouncing all church creeds. Rev. Hill is pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, has the largest congregation in Princeton, and is a descendant of the celebrated Hill family who were pioneers in the establishment of the Cumberland Church in Kentucky and Tennessee. He handed in his resignation as pastor to-day. He will enter the evangelistic field, possibly under the auspices of the Christian Church."

The above is but one of the very many indications showing the unrest in the religious world, and should inspire the brotherhood to further activity and greater enthusiasm in hastening on that glorious day when all God's people are one.

Brothers, preach the word. Preach the truth in love. Do not needlessly stir up animosity. Harsh words will never settle disputes. The words of a pugnacious preacher