

solution which would fix the image and give him a permanent picture. So the truth is hard to fix in man's heart.

TOPICS AND QUESTIONS.

- (I.) THE SPIRIT COMFORTING. (II.) THE SPIRIT REPROVING. (III.) THE SPIRIT TEACHING. I. Whither was Jesus going? How did the disciples receive the news? v. 6. Why was it best for Jesus to go away? Whom would he send to them? II. State the three things of which the Comforter would reprove the world. Why of sin? Why of righteousness? Why of judgment? Who is the prince of this world? III. What had Jesus yet to say to disciples? Why did he not say them at this time? Who would guide them into all truth? Whose things would he tell to them? What other things would he show them? Whom would the Comforter glorify? How? Which verses in this lesson teach us— (1.) The blessedness of the Holy Spirit's presence? (2.) The work of the Holy Spirit upon the mind of the world? (3.) The work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of Christians?

THE HOLY SPIRIT COMFORTS REPROVES GUIDES US. TEACHES

PROSPECTUS FOR 1876 OF THE WITNESS.

IN OPENING this year's campaign for the renewal and increase of our Subscription List, we have to express our gratitude first to Him who overrules all things for good, and secondly, to the readers of the paper who have carried it forward on their shoulders to the front rank among newspapers. If there is anything in which we rejoice it is in the co-operation of so many in an effort to replace pernicious reading throughout the land with what they believe to be healthy.

The past year has not been all sailing through summer seas. Canada has been plunged into the greatest commercial embarrassment she has ever known, and we still wait for the time when the head will be again above water. The postal laws have been altered in a manner which must tend greatly to the extension of newspaper literature, but which, as all changes do, must necessarily interpose a temporary check on advancement. Moreover, the most powerful moral opposition that could be organized on earth has for six months used every means and the most untiring effort to break the WITNESS down. Although it has not as yet been wiped out, this opposition has had a visible effect on the circulation of the DAILY WITNESS, which had a very large number of Roman Catholic readers, and still has a great many. We must frankly say that one of our greatest desires has been to reach Roman Catholics of both races, and anything which checks the frank good-will which has long existed between us and very many of them we heartily deplore. The diminution of readers is, however, very small, comparatively speaking, and does not harm us, in a business point of view, as it involves no pecuniary loss, and we can still claim a circulation equal in volume to that of all the rest of the daily city Press. On the other hand, the general effect of "The Ban" has been like that of former assaults upon the paper on the part of those who had reason to wish its influence less. The special prominence into which, during each of the last three years, the WITNESS has been brought, has been by no means of its own seeking. The proprietors had certainly no wish to figure before criminal courts, in connection with tavern orgies, nor was it their desire that the paper should be denounced as unholy to a large class of its readers, but the figures which we give below will help to show that we have not lost friends by these attacks. On the contrary, many have in each case been gained.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Circulation of Daily, 1st Sept., Cir. Semi-Weekly and Tri-Weekly, 1st Sept., Cir. Weekly, 1st Sept.

The figures of the WEEKLY WITNESS are particularly encouraging. We look for the time when the circulation of that paper will be the highest in Canada, and we hope the next three months may put us a long distance on in the way to this goal. At the present juncture good literature must win in the race, or be left behind. The increase in the number of trashy papers is rapid, and in the United States one or two of this class take the lead of all others in circulation. The appetite for reading trash grows by indulgence, until it sometimes becomes as incurable as the love of strong drink, and almost as deadening to the moral nature. Postal Reciprocity with the United States will fill the country with this, and what is worse and viler still. Those ministers who are much among the people know that this is no false alarm. It becomes every man who has the good of the community in mind and satisfactory. We have, however, good reasons to be specially desirous to reach the whole country this winter, and have the WITNESS presented earnestly to the notice of every family. To this end we have determined to depart from the usual course of allowing our publications to commend themselves on their merits alone, and to inaugurate on a large scale a competitive effort on the part of all our subscribers to increase the subscription list. This competition will last during the month of October, and will be open to all. The list of prizes will be found below.

If this comes to any who are not familiar with the WITNESS, we may say that for twenty-nine years it has labored for the promotion of evangelical truth, and for the suppression of the liquor traffic. Our effort is to produce a CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE NEWS, which he lives at heart to do what he can to develop healthy reading by planting good periodical literature in every family. We know of no other way of doing so much for the future of a neighbourhood. A clergyman, who has himself, within a few months, added, we suppose, hundreds to our subscription list, says he means to keep up this effort in the present or in any other community to which he may be called, believing that much of his time could not be better occupied for the good of the country. Assistance, based on such motives, greets us on all hands, and is by far the most encouraging, unattached to any political party or religious denomination, seeking only to witness fearlessly for the truth and against evil doing under all circumstances, and to keep its readers abreast with the news and the knowledge of the day. It devotes much space to Social, Agricultural and Sanitary matters, and is especially the paper for the home circle. It is freely embellished with engravings.

- THE WEEKLY WITNESS has been enlarged twice, and nearly doubled within four years, and is the very most that can be given for the price. \$1.10 per an. THE MONTREAL WITNESS (Tri-Weekly), gives the news three times a week and all the reading of the DAILY WITNESS, for. \$2.00 per an. THE DAILY WITNESS is in every respect a first class daily, containing much more reading matter than the papers which cost twice as much, for. \$3.00 per an.

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PROSPECTUS FOR 1876

OF THE "CANADIAN MESSENGER." THE PIONEER PAPER.

The MESSENGER is designed to supply the homes of the Sunday-school scholars of America with family reading of the most useful and interesting sort at the lowest possible cost. It consists of eight pages of four columns each, and contains a Temperance department, a Scientific department, a Sanitary department and an Agricultural department. Two pages are given to family reading, two to a tale in large type for children, and one to the Sunday-school lessons of the International Series, and a children's column. The paper is magnificently illustrated. There has been a very rapid increase in its circulation during the past year, namely, from 15,000 to 25,000, and the ratio of increase rises so rapidly that the proprietors have sanguine hopes of doubling the latter figure before the end of next year. There has been, as a result of this prosperity, some improvement in the style of the paper, and it will, of course, be possible to introduce more and more improvements as circulation grows. Most of the growth of the MESSENGER has been by the voluntary recommendation of it by friends who have formed their own opinion of its worth, and by the introduction of it into Sunday-schools. Young correspondents say that their Sunday-schools are more interesting and better attended since it has been introduced.

Table showing prices of the MESSENGER: 1 copy \$0.30, 10 copies 2.50, 25 copies 6.00, 50 copies 11.50, 100 copies 22.00, 1,000 copies 200.00

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PROSPECTUS FOR 1876 OF THE NEW DOMINION MONTHLY.

IN general style and appearance the DOMINION has, during the last few months, very considerably improved. The change has been gradual, and perhaps little noticed; but those who compare the Magazine of to-day with that even of last year, will find in clearer type, better paper, and increased number of pages, a good deal of ground for satisfaction. And it is intended to improve on the present as much as the present is an improvement on the past, and the Magazine of next year will be read with an ease and pleasure greater than hitherto. When we say these improvements are not to be marked by any change of price, we refer to the full price of \$1.50 per annum. Hitherto the DOMINION has been clubbed with the WEEKLY WITNESS at \$1.00, which it will be simply impossible to continue, now that one-fifth has been added to its bulk, along with better paper and printing. The DOMINION is henceforth to be clubbed with the WITNESS at \$1.25, and is better worth its cost than ever before. Twenty-five cents, instead of fifty, will be the discount allowed to friends obtaining for us new subscribers at full rates, the inducements to subscribers being now put into the Magazine itself. The object of the Publishers of the DOMINION is to develop a native Canadian literature, and very much has been accomplished in this way during its history of nine years, the age of the Magazine being that of the Dominion of Canada. Those interested in the same object will not, we think, waste their efforts if they do what they can to make the

Magazine a pecuniary success, what we presume no Magazine in Canada has ever yet been for any length of time.

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MANNERS.—Manners are more important than money. A boy who is polite and pleasant in his manners will always have friends, and will not often make enemies. Good behavior is essential to prosperity. A boy feels well when he does well. If you wish to make everybody pleasant about you, and gain friends wherever you go, cultivate good manners. Many boys have pleasant manners for company and ugly manners for home. We visited a small railroad town, not long since, and were met at the depot by a little boy of about eleven or twelve years, who conducted us to the house of his mother, and entertained and cared for us, in the absence of his father, with as much polite attention and thoughtful care as the most cultivated gentleman could have done. We said to his mother before we left her home, "You are greatly blessed in your son, he is so attentive and obliging." "Yes," she said, "I can always depend on Charley when his father is absent. He is a great help and comfort to me." She said this as if it did her heart good to acknowledge the cleverness of her son. The best manners cost so little and are worth so much that every boy can have them.—Children's Advocate

—That teaching is not recognized as a profession is the opinion of the Brooklyn Journal of Education, which wisely adds that the right to teach should be made contingent upon the possession of needed scholarship and a special training to correspond with the conditions under which admission to other professions is controlled. It says further: "There is no profession in which so many seek to obtain a livelihood with so little preparation. It has been for years the last resort for all sorts of people, many very worthy ones too. The remedy, or at least one of the principal remedies, is to invest the office of teacher with more dignity, by raising the standard of qualification, so that notwithstanding the fact that many may be called, the fewer will be chosen, in consequence of the existing necessity for a training for special work, and the accomplishment of a scholarship of a grade far above that of to-day, in many cities, and which virtually detracts from the high office which it should be the object of every true teacher to maintain.

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