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We seldom call the attention of our subscribers to money matters, but some do not pay as promptly as they should, and that is why we do so at the present time. It is not our aim to make money, as our charge for the paper is only about enough to pay expenses.

Please refer to your direction label and send us the amount due at once.

We are glad to see that a number of our young brethren are becoming interested in THE CHRISTIAN. Several articles of late have been contributed by them to its columns, but on account of modesty they have not allowed their names to appear in print.

Word reached us a short time ago that our highly esteemed Bro. David Fullerton, of Pictou, N. S., had met with quite a misfortune, having lost the front and middle finger of his right hand by coming in contact with a circular saw. While his many friends will feel sorry when hearing of this, still they will be pleased that it was no worse.

BRO. EMERY has received another expression and token of the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren at Montague. We are rejoiced to know that such brotherly love exists between the preacher and people, for Bro. Emery considers the brethren at Montague equal, if not a little better, to any he has found elsewhere.

A GREAT TRAVELLER.—La grippe a short time ago made his first appearance at St. Petersburg, Russia, but has since made a tour throughout the world, and though unbidden and without respect of persons pushed his way into the homes of the rich and poor, of the statesman and soldier, of the priest and people, and snapped us under the tenderest ties and in many a home left a vacant chair. But though gone he, or another of like character, may return again to carry on the work commenced. Seeing, then, that we know not what a day or an hour may bring forth, let us be ready. Then we need have no fear of “the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.”

WHEN writing for the columns of the press do not sit down and dash off in fifteen minutes an article and then be surprised to find that said article

does not appear, or if permitted to pass it has undergone some change. When hurriedly written, words are left out, sentences are not finished, etc., that at times it is about impossible to represent correctly the mind of the author. When writing give your best thoughts, and these on any subject cannot be collected and presented in a moment of time. Study closely, write carefully, put the article away for a day or two, or a week, if possible, re-read it and then you'll re-write it, and the result will be—you will be better pleased with it, and more good will be to yourself and readers.

A VALUED correspondent to the columns of THE CHRISTIAN writes (we omit names):

Bro. Capp, add these names to the list of supporters of mission work:

Sister D	—	\$5 00
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And then Bro. G. said he would give \$10.00 and there is Bro. A. who is never behind in a good work, he'll give something. If you were talking to them you would get the money.”

Thanks, we'll attend to those brethren at our first opportunity and we'll report the result. Brethren, should you know of any G's and A's in your neighborhood and you have a delicacy in asking them to support us in this work—why write to us. This is the Lord's work. And to ask men to support it is not begging.

We call special attention to the Christian Tract Society on page 2. Truly, much good can be done by the distribution of such literature. Our villages, towns and cities are flooded with vicious and soul poisoning books and pamphlets that find an easy entrance into many a home, because, forsooth, they are cheap! Now, a number of young men, who are interested in the work of the Master, have taken hold of this enterprise to furnish good literature at a mere nominal price. Bro. Tyler, as you can see, will be associated with and give direction to this work.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Brethren, have you forgotten this Fund? Judging by the little that has been contributed of late we would say you surely have. We have young men that are deserving of support in this direction. Does some one say, Oh, I believe in a young man having as up enough to fight his own way through! Yes, that's all very well, but why not say the same about the members of your own family. Yonder, perhaps, is your daughter taking music lessons, the son attending college or learning a trade and you are meeting the bills. Why not be consistent and say, Oh, if they have snap enough they will come out right without my assistance. Brethren, remember we belong to the family of God, and among us are young men with the love of God in their hearts, and it is not a duty on our part simply, but a privilege, to aid them to gain as speedily as possible a better knowledge of God's word and how to present it. They are preparing for the Lord's work, not their own. If left to their own efforts, it might take eight or nine years to accomplish what, with a little assistance on our part, might easily be done in three. Brethren, be assured your best efforts in this direction will not by any means make “snap” the less necessary, but on the other hand

will increase it. Send something for the Fund right now. We need it right now. If you can't send a \$10.00, let it be a \$5.00, a \$1.00. Can't afford that, then 50 cents, yea, 25 cents. Let it be something.

WHAT a peculiar conscience he must have! A year or two ago there was in our city a preacher that could without any compunction of conscience tolerate as a member of his church a rum-seller, and from the pulpit speak slightly of the efforts to suppress the liquor traffic—alleging that the Bible favored its sale and use. But of late his conscience will not let him rest. It has been goading him to such an extent that he felt compelled to resign his present charge. And why! Because of the rum-sellers among his members? No! That some of his flock indulge in dancing and card playing? No. But the majority of his people, in all deference to his opinion to the contrary, favor the pew renting system; and his conscience will not permit him to live happily in the presence of such a gigantic evil! What a conscience he must have! Truly conscience is a creature of circumstance, but frequently its possessor is censurable for the influencing circumstances.

BRETHREN, let us help on the Mission work in these parts. The harvest is great and the laborers are few. There are some that have and will, no doubt, throw obstacles in our way and find fault—but what of it? Is it not a pitiable sight to see, as we have seen, that professed follower of the Lord Jesus argue for an hour or more against Sunday-schools, Mission Boards, and with an apparent pious indignation speak (but ignorantly) of the misappropriation of the brethren's money in mission work, and then, while looking around for a nod of approval from others like himself and nervously awaiting a reply, takes out a plug of tobacco and tears off a mouthful. What a conscience he must have. Remember, it is an easy thing to find fault. A child may destroy in a moment the finest work of the artist. Ruskin has well said:

“In the world's affairs, there is no design so great or good but it will take twenty wise men to help it forward a few inches, and a single fool can stop it; there is no evil so great or terrible but that, after a multituded of councillors have taken means to avert it, a single fool will bring it down. Pestilence, famine and the sword are given into the fool's hand as the arrows into the hand of the giant; and if he were fairly set forth in the right motley, the web of it should be sackcloth and sable; the bells on the cap, passing balls; his badge, a bear robbed of her whelps; and his bauble, a sexton's spade.”

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