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MONEY intended for the educational fund can be sent to T. H. Capp, Springfield, Missouri.

We are glad to learn that Bro. William Murray will soon be with the church at Kempt, N. S.

We are glad to learn that the brethren at Bowmanville, Ontario, (Bro. Ellis B. Barnes' present field of labor) have opened their new house of worship under such favorable circumstances.

OUR Evangelist, Bro. Applegate, is working hard. He is eating no idle bread. He is a worker; and from private correspondents we learn that he knows the truth and proclaims it as but few men can.

DR. CUYLER in a very terse way presents his view of the Westminster Confession of Faith, thus: "The confession emphasizes what nobody preaches, and is always silent in regard to the greatest truth that everybody preaches."

PRESIDENT HARRISON has submitted to the United States Senate for ratification an act relative to the suppression of the slave and rum traffic in Africa. Already representatives of eighteen nations have signified their willingness to carry out the provisions of the act. Among these representatives are found the Shah of Persia, the Sultan of Zanzibar, the Sultan of Turkey, nearly all the European sovereigns, and the President of the United States. If this act is enforced it will be a glorious thing for Africa—for then firearms and the liquor traffic, with its heartrending and soul-destroying evils would be virtually abolished and the slave trade a thing of the past. For the suppression of these things it is proposed to establish an International agency at Zanzibar, to construct roads and railways, and at different parts in the interior of the country to establish strongly fortified outposts.

BRO. H. MINNICK, under date of February 19th, informs us that the Lubec meeting closed on Lord's evening, February 1st. The immediate result being thirty added to the church of that place. This, with the thirty-one at South Lubec, makes a grand total of sixty-one.

TO THE questions asked by Bro. E. B. Barnes in the December issue, Is there anything more monotonous in the wide world than travelling by rail at night? let us know what it is; a correspondent in Santos, Brazil, South America, writes: "Well, here it is, I think. On the passage to this place I had for twenty-two successive days light head winds and calms, during which time our average rate of sailing was thirty-four miles per twenty-four hours." A little over a mile an hour.

REV. THEODORE L. CUYLER, discoursing on the subject, "Hold up your Pastor's Hands," said, (1) Keep your own seat in the sanctuary always occupied. If your minister can come to church through a storm, so can you; the same obligation rests on you both. I never have delivered a discourse strong enough to move a parishioner who was loitering at home, or wandering off to some other place of worship, nor have I ever made any converts in an empty pew. If a good reason keeps you from the house of God, try to find a substitute to occupy your seat. (2) If the truth proclaimed from the pulpit is adapted to the case of your unconverted husband, or wife, or child, then co-operate with your minister in making that truth effectual. It never strengthens the hands of the pastor for a church member to go home and pick flaws in a faithful sermon or to dissipate its influence by trifling conversation.

THE following encouraging note was received the other day from our beloved Bro. Winfield Thornton, and with his consent we place it in our columns. It is but one of a number of facts which show us—that what at the time may appear an unseasonable, a weak and fruitless effort—may in a few years be productive of much good. There is a sowing time and a reaping time. Some of us, however, get discouraged, because the reaping does not immediately follow the sowing time. But here is the note:

BRO. CAPP,

A few years ago, while Bro. Howard Murray was preaching for a little band of brethren in the backwoods of Maine, two boys, sons of a farmer, confessed their faith in Christ. Shortly after the elder brother went to California. The money earned by severe manual labor was sent home to give the younger brother the benefit of the public schools and the Maine State College. To-day the younger brother, at the age of twenty-five, is a member of the Maine legislature, and one of two members of that body who are content to be known simply as Christians.

THE DEBT CANCELLED.—Not a thousand miles from the city of St. John there lives a man having in his employ a large number of men. For their support and convenience he has in operation stores of various kinds, at which they obtain the necessary articles of living at a low, if not lower than, current prices. Some time ago one of the men too sick, and as week after week passed away the wife

labored and toiled to keep want away from the door, hoping that her husband would soon be well again—but all to no purpose; the husband grew worse, the bill at the store grew larger each week, until one day the head clerk at the store said, "We can't let you have any more on credit." What to do she scarcely knew, but at the last, driven by the straitened surroundings, she made up her mind to go direct to the "boss" himself, and, though a stranger, explain to him the whole affair. Somewhat timidly she approached and laid before him the facts of her husband's sickness, her own efforts and hope of his recovery, and that at the store further credit was refused. He listened to her attentively, and at the conclusion said, "Come with me," and, going to the store, said to the clerk, "Did you refuse this woman credit? Yes, sir," said the clerk. On what ground? Because already she owes a little over \$200.00 with but little prospects of ever paying it. Let me see the account said the head of affairs, and after looking over it took up a pen and, dipping it in red ink, drew it twice across the page and said to the clerk, *give her all she wants.*

What a lesson there is the foregoing. Our debt to God is more than we can pay, and still we need more from Him. Let us go to Him, acknowledge our indebtedness and ask Him to help us, and He will cancel the past and give us all we need.

THE *Missionary Weekly* has, in the following, words of truth and soberness, and should help us to see the folly, yea, the sinfulness of adopting names not sanctioned by "Holy Writ." To call religiously ourselves by any other name than God's word doth allow is to follow in the footsteps of the Corinthians, "I am of Paul, and I of Apollas, and I of Cephas"—a course so emphatically denounced by the Apostle Paul:

An important step toward Christian union would be taken if all who love the Lord Jesus should drop sectarian names and wear only the name of their Master. Party names breed division, engender strife, and keep apart many who otherwise would be united. Why is it necessary after converting a heathen to label him with a denominational name? Why baptize a Mohammedan into the name of Christ, and then call him a Lutheran? Why marry a disciple of Confucius to the Heavenly Bridegroom, and then ask him to take the name of Calvin? Why tell a poor Hindoo that Christ died for him, and when he accepts Christ as his Saviour require him to say: "I am of Wesley?"

John Bunyan is said to have made this remark: "And since you would know by what name I would be distinguished from others, I tell you I would be, and I am, a Christian, and choose, if God should count me worthy, to be called a Christian, a believer, or such name as the Holy Spirit approves; and as for those titles—Anabaptist, Independent, Presbyterian, or the like—I conclude that they came neither from Jerusalem nor from Antioch, but from Babylon, for they certainly tend to divisiveness. You may know them by their fruits."

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