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NOTES AND NEWS.

God bless you!

The King's business requires haste.

Nothing is settled until it is settled right.

Never judge a man's actions until you know his motives.

The man who helps us most is the man who makes us do the best we can.

"Gifts that grow are best. Hands that bless are blest. Plant-life does the rest."

Charity—When A gets into trouble, B begins to plan what C ought to do for him.

Socialism says, "What is thine is mine." Christianity says, "What is mine is thine."

Many a man would be troubled with insomnia if he knew what other people know about him.

The farmer had seven reasons why he voted against license—four sons and three daughters.

A B's Nest.—1. Be obedient. 2. Be Thankful. 3. Be Helpful. 4. Be Cheerful. 5. Be Patient.

The personal consecration of a Christian to the service of God should be understood to involve in every case personal service of some kind.

He who does not read much nor study much will not know much, and will not therefore do much.

Be very careful how you oppose others in their mistakes, because opposition gives growth. "Never water a weed."

A single soul, even of the poorest and most obscure, is worthy of all our efforts, of our time, our earnestness and our best truth.

Doubts come from inactivity. John working beside the Jordan bears testimony to his faith. John shut up in prison begins to doubt.

"To know thee is eternal life,"
"Hereby do we know that we know Thee when we do thy commandments."

The church that does not pay the preacher what it promised, is sure to find fault with the preacher for not paying his debts.

The greatest enemy we have to overcome is our self. Some one has said that "I is the centre of S-I-N, the medium through which Satan works."

A good old brother who was not a very good reader, read the hymn, Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, "Judge not the Lord by feeble saints." Very good advice.

Dr. Cuyler has said "that as I look back over a long, happy life, the only angels on the road are deeds done for Christ, and the only ghosts are the memories of lost opportunities."

How to read Mark xvi, 15, 16: "(1) What duty to follow—*Commission*; (2) What doctrine to accept—*Mission*; (3) What danger to shun—*Omission*; (4) What promise to enjoy—*Remission*."

"The difference now than in Noah's time. Then a storm was an excuse for getting into the ark, but now it is an excuse for keeping away from it, especially when the storm comes on Sunday."

Three things are necessary for a good crop: good soil, good seed, good culture. The good seed of the word of God, a good and honest heart, and faithful continuance in well-doing will insure a bountiful spiritual harvest.

We have received a copy of the *Leroy Messenger*, published at Leroy, Pa., by Bro. R. H. Bolton, the new minister at that place. It is published in the interest of the local church, and is a bright and newsy sheet.

The sin of sleepy Christians: 1. They have promised not to sleep; 2. God's promises are on conditions that we sleep not; 3. If we sleep others will be lost; 4. When Christians sleep the devil is busy. It is his time for work.

Man was made for something far better and nobler than this uncertain, unsatisfactory world. As another has said: "If God made man for this world only, he made him altogether too large, for he gave him longings and wants that this world cannot satisfy."

The great demand of the present age is the devotion, consecration and spirit of the Apostolic age. Divine truth requires a divine life. We need more than apostolic blows and knocks to prove our doctrine orthodox.

Mr. Sanford, the Nova Scotia agent for the Sunday-school work, said a few nights ago, "That if the so-called higher critics kept on eliminating the books of the Bible, they would soon be seen with nothing but the covers of the Bible under their arms."

Follow the footsteps of Christ and you will see that it was through the point of contact he did his work. It was through the marvellous touch of the Son of God. That is why we are not told to send Bibles to the heathen but we are told to go and preach the gospel.

We have a right to do as we please only when it pleases others. "Love seeks not her own." The most good to the most persons is the safe rule. If our actions please a dozen but displease one, we must follow the rule by pleasing the most, providing we do not violate any known law of G. d.

The best things are the cheapest. A good drink of cold water costs nothing, a drink of brandy costs ten cents. A gallon of old brandy costs more than a barrel of flour. A box of cigars costs more than two or three Bibles. A town election costs twice as much as a revival of religion.

The great doctor Wayland, when asked if it was sinful for Christians to play cards, answered, "You remember that the Roman soldiers threw dice while our Saviour was dying on the cross. Had you been present as his disciples could you have taken a part in that game. If not then, why now?"

We must be careful to understand the spirit of the law of God as well as the letter of it. We are not supposed to give all our coats away or to lend to every one who may ask us. This is not the idea. But to do good rather than evil to all who are really in need of our help.

The Rev. Matt. S. Hughes, a Methodist of Minneapolis, delivered a lecture on the Disciples of Christ. He said they were worthy of consideration because "It was American in its movement, and their growth is phenomenal, and because their plea for Christian union is manly and consistent."

We need grace and wisdom to win souls to Christ. As another has said, "We cannot win others to Christ if we can live without it." Paul's rule is best. To become all things to all men that we might win some. This of course does not mean that we should roll in the dust to please the pigs.

BAPTISM.—1. A condition of pardon of past sins. 2. A symbol of our death by sin and our resurrection to a new life.—Rev. vi. 3. An emblem of the burial and resurrection of our Saviour.—Col. ii. 12. 4. An emblem of our own resurrection.—1 Cor. xv. 29.

How can we fulfil the injunction of Paul as found in I Cor. i, 10: "Let there be no divisions among you?" By having only (1) the one Book, the Bible. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine and for instruction in righteousness." II Tim. iii, 16. (2) The one creed. "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matt. xvi, 16; John xx, 31. (3) The one church. "Upon this rock I will build my church." Matt. xvi, 18. (4) The one baptism. "And they went down into