

when he commanded sinners to pray. And He who enabled the Pallicant to pray with acceptance, "God be merciful to me a sinner," and sent him home "justified," will not keep any of us waiting until we can solve the philosophical difficulty. Our duty, in any case, is instantly, implicitly, to believe the gospel, for only "he that believeth shall be saved."

THE CHRONICLE OF THE LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Some of our readers are already aware of the fact that, ever since the visit of the Rev. Dr. Mullens and colleagues, the proprietors of this magazine have been contemplating some arrangement by means of which they might be able to furnish their subscribers with the latest intelligence regarding the operations of our great English Foreign Missionary Society. At first it was proposed to incorporate the *Chronicle* with the *Canadian Independent* bodily; but such an arrangement having been found virtually impracticable, on account of the expense it involved; it is now proposed, if sufficient encouragement be offered, to add eight pages, monthly, to the *Independent* (without increase in price), for which Dr. Mullens kindly promises to supply us with "early proofs," from the pages of the *Chronicle*, of the doings of that Society. We shall thus be enabled to lay before our readers the cream of its Missionary intelligence, at a comparatively trifling cost.

The *Independent*, however, is only just paying its way. The change of the law requiring the pre-payment of postage on magazines, imposed a burden upon it which, through the neglect of subscribers to remit the six or twelve cents, almost broke its back. There are, moreover, hundreds of dollars of arrears due, which the publishers, in vain, appeal to their subscribers to send. They have struck off, as *bad debts*, several hundreds more. And under these circumstances they feel that they cannot incur the expense involved in the addition of eight pages per month, without a considerable increase of the subscription list, or some substantial guarantees to meet the possible deficit.

The extra cost of such an arrangement will be about \$120 per annum, one half of which is already pledged for three years. Who will speak for the balance?

CHRISTIAN DANCING PARTIES.

I have read with interest W. H. A's letter on the subject of dancing, and also your remarks upon it; and I do not see how Christian people can fail to realize the force of your five theses.

It is undoubtedly true that worldly people acknowledge that dancing is a worldly amusement; and, if they scoff at puritanical professors who refuse to participate in it, they, at least, recognize their consistency.

It is also true that the votaries of the dance are not frequenters of the prayer-meeting, or anything else that tends to promote the life of a church. If Sabbath school teachers indulge in it, no further enquiry