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## NOTES AND NEWS.

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### A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

"Time wasted is existence; used is life."  
—Young.

"Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time; for that is the stuff life is made of."  
—Franklin.

"Observe a method in the distribution of your time. Every hour will then know its proper employment, and no time will be lost."  
—Horne.

C. H. DeVoe closes his work at Richmond, Ind., on Dec. 31st. He has been there for about four years and did a good work. He now enters the evangelistic field where, we think, he will accomplish even greater things.

We regret the occurrence of numerous typographical errors in the December number of THE CHRISTIAN. Geo. D. Weaver's article suffered the most. But the thoughtful reader could generally make the necessary corrections, and the careless reader would perhaps not notice the mistakes.

A glance at the proper column will show that another of our young preachers has taken unto himself a wife. This is the third case of the kind in about six months. If we remember aright some years have passed, prior to this period, without our being permitted to chronicle such an event. An epidemic now seems to have broken out, and we shall be glad to hear that a certain young man in Charlottetown and another in north St. John have not escaped.

W. F. Shaw's many friends will be interested in his letter which we print this month. He has been laboring heroically to clear off the debt and also to have the meeting-house remodelled. We heartily congratulate him on his success, and hope that the church, now unencumbered and better equipped, will start on a new era of greater prosperity and far-extending influence.

One of THE CHRISTIAN'S truest friends, who not only subscribes for the paper and gets others to do so, but who pays for four extra copies which are placed where they will do good, sent \$5 last month, and the following message: "I always enjoy THE CHRISTIAN, and want to read it right away when it comes. But I think the last copy surpasses most of the others, there are such good things in it. 'The More Excellent Way' and 'Thanksgiving' are indeed excellent."

In the present issue we give a large amount of space to the account of the Jubilee Celebration. But the circumstances are so unusual as to fully warrant this. Few of our readers, perhaps none of them, will ever again read an account of a similar celebration in honor of another who shall have spent fifty years of almost uninterrupted labor in the ministry of the Word in these provinces. Those of our preachers who are oldest in the service will be very much older before their half century of labor will be rounded out.

Here is an interesting item from the *Christian Standard*: "During fourteen ballots at the Chicago convention [for the nomination of the republican candidate for president of the U. S.] James A. Garfield received but one vote each ballot. This lone vote kept his name before the convention till the tide turned in his favor. The vote was cast by Milton Wells who now preaches at Urbana and Prairie Creek, Ia. After the election Bro. Wells received two letters in the same mail—one from a small congregation in Wisconsin, calling him as pastor at \$600 per year; the other from President Garfield, offering him the governorship of Arizona. He chose the former."

Clergymen of all denominations will immerse when a person of sufficient influence desires to be (so) baptized. Recently, Dr. W. H. Steeves, of Fredericton, N. B., was immersed by Very Rev. Dean Partridge, the ceremony taking place in the Episcopal cathedral in that city. Rev. Sub Dean Whalley, and a few friends of Dr. Steeves' family, were present. As the cathedral, unfortunately, has no baptistry, it seems that the magnificent St. John river, near by, would have been the most suitable place for the administration of the beautiful and instructive ordinance. But for some reason a portable bath tub was proffered, and we fear that much of the impressiveness of the solemn service was sacrificed; for the doctor is a large man, and his complete immersion at any one time was, under the circumstances, impossible. In order to be prepared for the decorous and proper administration of the ordinance we would suggest that the cathedral authorities have a baptistry put in their sacred edifice.

J. H. Fuller, in reporting a meeting, says in the *Christian Oracle*: "Some people who think one church as good as another were much afraid that some persons would unite with the other." Yes, and when they find a Disciple of Christ in a community where there is no church of his brethren, they will

say, "Oh, your people and ours are so much alike, you better unite with us." But let one of their members desire to unite with the Disciples of Christ, and some of these same people who said there was so little difference, will contend that the differences are entirely too great to allow such a step to be taken without the sacrifice of truth, principle, etc., etc. It is wonderful how objects seem to increase or diminish in size as you look at them through the small end or through the large end of a telescope.

THE CHRISTIAN hastens to extend hearty congratulations to Geo. D. Weaver and Miss Laura Fullerton, whose marriage took place in Pictou, N. S., on Tuesday morning, Dec. 28th. After Jan. 9th they will be at home, New Holland, Ohio, where he has been preaching with great acceptance since his graduation from Kentucky University. May these two talented consecrated workers have many years of happiness, usefulness and success.

Why is it that some church members who can well afford to give, even if they cannot afford to give largely, enjoy an easy conscience while failing to do what they should for the spread of the truth? That is a question as easy to answer as to ask: Their hearts are not right in the sight of God; but they think all is well. Jesus sacrificed all the joy of heaven that the world might have the gospel, and some people who think they are Christians will not give five dollars when they ought to give fifty, and some will not give one when they ought to give ten to have the gospel preached in the closed house of worship in their own community.

We are glad to see that the American Home Missionary Society is making a call for \$100,000 this year. The needs of the work demand that this much be raised. The brethren who are guiding the work say that, if they receive this amount annually, they will organize one hundred new churches a year. We in the provinces are being generously treated by this society, and should plan to give our share of the \$100,000. More money has been appropriated for this year than ever before in the history of the society, and the churches are relied on for help in this enlargement of the work.

The heroes are not all dead nor away in the foreign mission fields. A faithful preacher laboring in Florida writes, as reported in *The American Home Missionary*: "Up to the time of the late frosts I travelled at my own charges, but I have since been reduced to hunting for a postage stamp. To be a foundation stone buried out of sight has some compensation; but at the same time I have surrendered my insurance policy to devote the premium money to keep the cause moving." We admire the self-sacrificing spirit of the man, but will not write what we think of the churches that made such sacrifice necessary. There is a day coming for the settling of accounts.