

may enlarge to gigantic proportions, and hold its possessor fast anchored within the veil.

23, 24. *if... believe*, the question for you to settle is not "what I can do," but "whether you can believe." *all things*, proper for Me to give and you to receive. *father... out*, he believed, at any rate, that belief was needful. *help... unbelief*, either by taking it away, or by healing my son.

*Help my unbelief*.—I. While the unbelief of others was rebuked, that of this man was pitied—why: 1. It was the result of old teaching and ignorance; 2. It was earnestly struggled against; 3. The man himself felt and confessed it; 4. How the unbelief of an earnest man is helped.

25, 26. *saw... together*, and that thus rapidly collecting multitude would be the occasion of much confusion. *I charge*, a power thou canst not resist. *enter... him*, care for the future. Christ cares not only for present good, but future safety and glory of His people. *dead*, the evil spirit did his worst, since he could— with this victim—do no more. *many*, the multitude having now collected round him.

*Safety for the future secured by deliverance from present evil*.—"Come out"—"Enter no more in."—I. That the future may be assured, there must be a present casting out of evil; II. That the future may be assured, the evil must be kept out by the all-powerful Word of Christ; III. Folly of those who are vainly hoping for future improvement without seeking present deliverance.

27-29. *took... hand*, etc., tenderness, sympathy, help, arose, cured, privately, that others might not know the secret of their failure. *why... out*, right for men who have failed in doing good, to enquire into the cause. *kind*, then there were varieties. "The pertinacity and cruelty of this one showed him to belong to the worst kind." *prayer... fasting*, you yourselves, must very strongly, in such cases, feel your entire dependence and nothingness.

*Fasting and prayer*. I. The extraordinary difficulties which some have to encounter: 1. From the great adversary of souls; 2. From their own indwelling corruptions. II. The extraordinary means which they should use in order to surmount them. Address:—I. Those who are yielding to their spiritual enemies; 2. Those who are conflicting with them.—*Biblical Museum*.

PROSPECTUS FOR 1875.

In making kindly reference to the troubles through which Mr. Beecher has been passing, Mr. Bowen, the proprietor and editor of the New York Independent, defends himself from the imputation of entertaining jealousy against either of the parties concerned in the painful quarrel by stating the fact that in the year Mr. Beecher closed his connection with the Independent, the income of that paper increased by the sum of \$40,000, and in the year after Mr. Tilton had left it the income again increased by the sum of \$25,000. Mr. Bowen does not ascribe this success to the departure of these gentlemen; on the contrary, he says that a newspaper is an institution, which, when it has once established itself thoroughly, must with ordinarily careful management continue to progress, independent of personal changes in its staff. Such has been remarkably the history of the MONTREAL WITNESS during the past three years, during which time the DAILY WITNESS has increased its circulation from 11,033 to 12,900, and the WEEKLY from 7,000 to 17,000, while the total income of the business has increased during these years from \$73,668 to \$97,985. The expenditure has, however, kept pace with the income.

The WEEKLY WITNESS was commenced twenty-eight years ago at less than half its present size at the rate of \$2.50 per annum; almost as much as is now charged for the DAILY. Its progress was sufficient to induce its establishment in a semi-weekly form in the year 1856, and as a daily in the year 1860. Most citizens will remember the small sheet that first bore the name of the DAILY WITNESS, which appeared at the time of the progress of the Prince of Wales through Canada. A paper of the character of the WITNESS, starting as a daily in such an insignificant form, was by most people looked upon as a good joke. Many of our earlier readers doubtless amused themselves by purchasing the news in connection with the pious and moral selections which appeared on the reverse of the sheet. As, however, a lively business had

sprung up in the city during the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny, then not long ended, in what were called extras—small fly sheets sold at one penny,—a whole newspaper at a half-penny stood a good chance of replacing them in public favor. The DAILY WITNESS thus had a fair beginning, and in spite of many prognostications against the probability of its success and the many misgivings of its proprietors, who looked upon it rather in the light of an experiment, and who at first held themselves free to discontinue it after a specified time, its circulation has steadily gone forward year after year, and although it has had many rivals in the field of evening journalism it has never suffered from this to any appreciable extent. As it increased in circulation, advertising business naturally followed and demanded increased space, so that we are enabled now to issue at a little over the original price of one-half-penny, a daily sheet of first-class proportions, and containing more reading than any other in the city, with an advertising patronage at the highest rates which are asked in Montreal, and with a circulation which makes the extraordinary claim of being equal to that of all the other daily papers in the city put together.

The WITNESS ascribes its success, under Him to whom it owes and acknowledges its first allegiance, to the entire independence maintained throughout its history of any governing influences or interests save the good of the people of Canada. According to the best judgment of its conductors, it has sought without the bias of any political party or other restrictive constituency to further this end of its existence, without giving a thought to either hopes or fears of an interested sort. In following this course it has most naturally had to face assault after assault on the part of those who felt hurt by its animadversions, or who had deeper reason than they expressed to feel unfriendly towards it. Such attacks have, however, been far fewer, and have proved so far, much weaker to injure it than might readily have been imagined under the circumstances, while on the other hand, its conductors have been overwhelmed by many manifestations of appreciation and kindly feeling, which have been by their means evoked, and they look to the future with higher hopes than they have ever before indulged. They have learned to count upon the kindness of the readers of the WITNESS, old and young, to an unlimited extent, the past increase being very largely due to their exertions. Of such friends we have, we hope, an ever-increasing number, and to such we appeal, not omitting the young people, and even little children, to whose efforts we are largely indebted, and every one of whom can help us. If our readers believe that the WITNESS will do good among their neighbors, or that it will be for them a good investment of the trifle which it costs, we ask them, for the sake of all concerned, to commend it thus far to those whom they know, and if this is done during the coming three months as diligently as has been done at times in the past, we may hope to enter the year 1875 with a further and very large increase to our subscription list.

Our DAILY readers will have observed during this year a considerable increase in the number of special telegrams received by the WITNESS, bringing us European and American news, independent of that supplied by the Associated Press, and the news of other towns and cities in this Dominion. Many items of interest have also been added to the commercial information supplied, and country readers of all editions will be pleased with the farmers' markets telegraphed daily or weekly from the leading market towns of Ontario. Illustrations have been more numerous than in former years, and we hope to add to this kind of embellishment, as the facilities which the city affords for the production of pictures increase. We have but one improvement to announce for the coming year. It was our promise that if our friends would send us sufficient advertising patronage to fill the increased space we would again (for the

fourth time within a few years) increase the size of the WEEKLY WITNESS, this time by adding a column to the breadth of every page. The advertising business already secured by that addition is not yet sufficient to occupy all the additional space already added on account of it, but as we have reason to hope for a more rapid growth of that business in the future and as we have constantly on hand reading matter of interest which we are sorry that our weekly readers should lose, we are determined to begin the New Year with seven columns a page instead of six. The WEEKLY WITNESS will then be nearly double the size it was three years ago. Our friends will probably wonder at this constant increase in the amount given for the same money, and they will learn from it how much is gained to all concerned by the growth of our business. There is no reason to suppose that the WEEKLY has begun to reach the limits of its sphere. Although many of the three month subscribers will undoubtedly drop off, its general course should be onward till its circulation is five or ten times what it is now. If the DAILY is to continue increasing as hitherto it must make inroads upon the country parts to a much larger extent than ever, and many who have become acquainted with us through the WEEKLY may find, as time advances, that such a paper does not fulfil the requirements of this age of daily mails and daily telegrams. The DAILY WITNESS seems also to have a mission among the French-speaking people of this Province, as the avidity with which its French column is made use of proves.

Owing to the success of the three months system with the WEEKLY WITNESS, we have resolved to extend it to the DAILY and TRI-WEEKLY, during periods of the year when it is possible for us to receive the large number of subscription receipts to be passed through our books. During two months from the date of this Prospectus we shall be willing to receive new subscriptions to the WEEKLY WITNESS for three months at 15 cents, new subscriptions to the TRI-WEEKLY at 40 cents, and if two are sent together, 75 cents; and new subscriptions to the DAILY at 60 cents. To new subscribers remitting for a year in advance we shall also give any of these editions for the remainder of this year, in addition to the whole of next year. These very favorable terms are of course offered as premiums to new subscribers, and will be of no benefit to the persons who secure them to us. We find that much more is done out of good-will than for the sake of the trifling advantages which can be gained as commissions on such cheap newspapers. In the formation of clubs, however, we offer the same advantages as before. To any person sending us at full rates \$8.00 in one remittance, we will give \$9.00 worth of our publications, or to any person remitting cash for eight subscribers to any one publication, nine copies of that publication will be forwarded. The rates of subscription, payable invariably in advance, to the various editions of the WITNESS will be as heretofore.

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tion has increased during the past year from 13,500 to 15,000, and might be enlarged if friends will take hold of it actively. As it touches on no open questions, political or religious, it may be freely encouraged in schools, churches and societies which might regard it as unwise to take notice of a paper having any distinctive editorial character. It is now known we believe at almost every Post-Office, yet there is surely room for a vast increase in the number of its readers.

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