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NOTES AND NEWS.

Miss Rioch will return to Japan about September 1st. She has had a busy furlough, telling the people about her work and the needs of Japan.

W. P. S. Murray, of Bradalbane, P. E. I., has been graduated from Bethany College, West Va., and has accepted work in the United States.

We understand that Neil McLeod, who has been doing missionary work in Jamaica under the C. W. B. M., will visit P. E. Island during the present month.

Our Ontario churches seem to have a strong liking for P. E. Island preachers. E. E. Crawford is located at St. Thomas, Herbert Martin, at Guelph, and G. N. Stevenson at Erin.

L. C. McPherson and wife, Buffalo, N. Y., have been appointed missionaries to Havana, Cuba. Melvin Menges and wife, Stanford, Ill., have been under appointment for some time.

The pledges made in Tiverton for Home Missions were to be paid within a year. Many of these have already been paid. It is hoped that all the others will be paid during this month.

This number of THE CHRISTIAN has much matter concerning the Jubilee convention. Read it with care. It may have force enough to send you to this assembly of the saints in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 13-20.

Geo. D. Weaver closed his work at New Holland, Ohio, on July 1st, and began at Putnam on July 2nd. He has been minister at New Holland continuously since he was graduated from Kentucky University.

The attendance at the International Christian Endeavor convention, at Detroit, in July, was not as large as in some other years, but all reports agree in saying that in other respects the meeting was as good as the best.

Many of our subscribers, as soon as their subscriptions ran out, forward the amount

for a renewal. This is better, both for them and for us, than delaying payment for years and then sending a large amount. But that is much better than not pay g at all.

We have to thank the Secretary of the P. E. Island Christian Association for the very full and interesting report of that gathering which we give our readers this month.

This month closes the financial year of the CHRISTIAN. We are anxious to be able to present a good report. We ask our subscribers' aid in this matter. Renew your subscription if you have not done so. We need the money now.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the Jubilee convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. It is expected that at least 10,000 Disciples will be in attendance. It will be good to be there. The chairman of the committee of arrangements sends a special invitation to the members of our provincial churches.

The Jubilee Convention.—Cincinnati, O., is the place, Oct 13th to 20th is the time. The inspiration which one will get there and the memories that he will carry away will well repay those who attend from a distance. Just think of sitting down with ten thousand brethren and sisters at the communion service!

Our new missionaries to Africa, Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Dye, arrived safely at their station Bolongi, three months after they had left home. They found E. E. Ferris, who has been alone since Dr. Biddle's death, in good health. These missionaries in the dark continent need our prayers. Paul was helped by the prayers of the brethren.

We are disappointed in not being able to announce the name of the church entertaining the Annual Meeting, but if arrangements can be perfected, the time and place for holding it will be announced in the next issue of the CHRISTIAN, which will be published early.

Ingersoll is dead. His power for evil was about spent; but he had prostituted great talents in insane attacks on Christ and Christianity. He probably knows more now about the mistakes of Ingersoll than he ever knew about the mistakes of Moses. We doubt whether he is as much inclined to ridicule holy things as when he was on earth.

Some of our churches have not made an offering to Home Missions this year. Perhaps they are wondering why greater success is not reported. It is because greater effort is not made, and it cannot be made because the funds are lacking. The churches have the remedy in their own hands. This month ends the missionary year and it should not be allowed to close with the Home Mission Board in debt.

People declare that the gospel is losing its power; but that cannot be. It does, however seem to be losing its proper place. When instead of proclaiming the gospel, preachers deliver discourses on such subjects as The Parson's Free Lunch, The Parson's Wife, The Lost Parson, The only Baby in 'Town, etc., as a Brooklyn preacher has been doing at the Sunday evening services, it is very evident they do not know the power or importance of the gospel.

We are enabled this month to give our readers a good picture of Isaac Errett. He was the founder, and, until his death, the editor of the *Christian Standard*. He was a far-sighted, clear-headed man, a man of great ability as a preacher, as a writer, and as a leader of men. As far as Alexander Campbell's mantle could fall on any one it fell on him. He was prominent in the organization of our systematic mission work.

It will be worth a trip to Cincinnati, O. from any point in the maritime provinces, to see the noble men and women you have heard about and read after for years, and besides you will be able to hear many of them speak when inspired by a great audience. You will see and hear also some younger princes in Israel, just rising to high places in the country—men from whose pens you will read in days to come and of whose achievements you will be proud.

God is good. Because he is good he destroyed the world by a flood, and passed Sodom and Gomorrah through the fire. He is good and he hates sin. He is good and he gave man a plan of salvation which he developed through four thousand years. His plan is the very best; as it is the only revealed one for those who hear it. We show our love to God and our confidence in his wisdom when we walk in the way of his commandments, not when we disregard them and mark out a way of our own.

The Bible is the Word of God, and all the demons in hell, and all the infidels and destructive critics on earth, cannot destroy it. The sun in the heavens is not safer from their attacks. But it is possible for them to combine and to create such a smoke that the sun will be hidden for a time. By their bold assumptions and lying tongues they may destroy the faith of some who will thereby be turned aside from the truth; but the truth still remains—and will remain.

"Sincerity," we are gravely told, "is never wrong." But it never made a wrong thing right, or changed an error into a truth. It never changed disobedience into obedience, or rebellion into loyalty. It never justified a heathen mother in casting her child into the Ganges, nor a civilized man in trusting for salvation to his good works. Uzza's sincerity did not save him when he disobeyed God, any more than Ananias' hypocrisy saved him when he lied unto the Holy Spirit. It is the sincerity of knowledge and not the sincerity of ignorance that is pleasing to God.