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NOTES AND NEWS.

February, 1900.

E. B. Barnes has been called for his fifth year at Normal, Ill.

One twelfth of the year has passed—how many of the New Year's resolutions have stood the test?

"Jerusalem is ruined and Judah is fallen, because their tongue and their doings are against the Law."

There remains but seven months to the Annual Meeting and "\$1500 for Home Missions" and "500 souls for Christ." What proportion of this has been accomplished?

Harry Minnick, after a successful ministry of twelve years at Lubec, Me., has resigned to accept a call to the Marshall Street church, Richmond, Va., where he begins work February 11th.

John Ruskin and Dwight L. Moody have passed from their earthly labors. Men of very different types, each has left his impress upon this generation, both were men thoroughly in earnest.

"Dread winter reigns tremendous over the conquered year." We have kept a careful account of the weather this winter and we have had but one day with sunshine all day the last three months.

There is no work on earth so important as Home Mission work. As the condemnation of those who know their Master's will and do it not is so much greater, so much greater the need of their salvation.

"The strong sectarian thinks he is the best friend of his denomination; but he is really doing more harm than good." This is taken from a Free Baptist paper, and goes to show that its editor is not in full sympathy with sectarianism or denominationalism.

The War Office is being blamed for carelessness and overconfidence. What will be the verdict in the fight for "The Maritime

Provinces for Primitive Christianity?" Look—churches without preachers, cities without churches, counties without even a schoolhouse mission. Apostolic Christianity was aggressive, was persevering, was self-sacrificing and liberal.

Some one has said that "truth, honesty, courage and charity, are the four words that give us nobility and manhood" We may add that all these are certain in their attainments, so that every one may be great if he will.

Prayer-meeting Topics for February, 1900

- 7th.—The Gospel for all Nations, John iii, 16, x, 16; Luke xxiv, 46, 47; Matt. xxviii, 18-20. Concert of prayer for missions.
14th.—The Duty of the Church to the Young. Matt. xix, 13, 14; John xxi, 1-17.
21st.—To Nineveh or Tarshish. Which? Jonah i.
28th.—Our Silver Jubilee Offering. Psalm lxxvii; II Cor. viii, 1-9.

At Westport, N. S., the meetings held during the week of prayer were so interesting that the church thought it advisable to continue them another week. It was during the second week that Bro. Murray was taken seriously ill. From later reports we are glad to inform our readers that he is now in a fair way of recovering.

One of our agents writes: "Nearly every family represented in our church, or who attend it, are subscribers to THE CHRISTIAN, I may be able to secure a few subscribers, however, and will if I can." This is a noble example and if followed by the other churches would not only increase the circulation of the paper but help the Home Mission work.

Our Sunday-school lesson brings out very prominently one important lesson, *e. g.*: That our Saviour increased in favor with God and man. This is a rule without an exception. He who grows in favor with God will grow in favor with his brother man. The better we love God the better we will love man. The person whom God loves the world will respect.

The great Teacher, the Christ of God, never intended that there should be divisions among his people, as is seen in his prayer recorded in John's gospel—"That they all may be one as thou Father art in me and I in thee, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me," yet only recently at one of the noon-day prayer meetings during the week of prayer, a Baptist brother thanked God for denominations. "Are ye not carnal and walk as men."

Those who are finding food for the soul in the so-called facts of science, should read carefully the Presidential address of Prof. Henry Rowland, of Johns Hopkins University, just published in *Science*. He considers science not advanced beyond probabilities. "The ideal scientific mind must always be held in a state of balance which the slightest new evidence may change in one direction or another."

Bro. W. P. S. Murray, a graduate of Bethany College, W. Va., reports having had twenty-nine additions by baptism since taking charge of the church at Croton, Ohio, a few months ago.

Bro. Henry W. Stewart, is now in San Jacinto, Riverside Co., Cal., where he intends to remain for some months at least. We know all the readers of THE CHRISTIAN would be delighted to have a letter from him for the next issue.

A GENERAL COLLECTION FOR HOME MISSIONS—The Home Mission Board of N. S. and N. B. asks each congregation to take a special envelope collection the first Sunday in February. How many will do this? How large a part of the \$1500 will be raised this month? This collection will indicate to the Board the real desire of the churches.

A generous and general collection will show that the churches want to win these provinces for Christ. That work is to be started at new points, weak churches are to be aided in having regular preaching and that there shall be a forward movement all along the line.

An ordinary collection will indicate a desire to continue in the ordinary way "do the best (?) we can" and—leave the rest to sectarianism or the devil.

A small collection—No, no! surely no such insult shall be given to our Saviour. We accept all his gracious gifts for ourselves and refuse to heed his command to disciple all nations! Better go without a meal, or a piece of new furniture, or an article of dress, than show such ingratitude to our Lord and Redeemer.

The following was copied from a church record in Boston and deals with the beginning of Mr. Moody's Christian life: "Saw himself a sinner, and sin now seems hateful, and holiness desirable—Has purposed to give up sin—Loves the Scriptures—Desires to be useful—Is not ashamed to be known as a Christian. Eighteen years old." A young man with such convictions and desires could not help being a power for God.

After several stormy sessions, the J. S. A. Senate refused to allow Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, to take his seat. All friends of morality will rejoice that polygamy has received a serious blow; and it is to be hoped that the Washington *Star* correct is when it says, "the institution of polygamy in this country has received a serious blow, from which it will probably never recover."

The South African war has come home to us. Canadian homes have sent their representatives to the front and already our sister colony has found graves for some of the Dominion's sons. Yet neither mothers' nor widows' tears are considered when the call comes for additional troops. The Empire needs them and a loyal and patriotic people supplies them. Is the British Empire of more importance than the Kingdom of our