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NOTES AND NEWS.

On December 2nd, 1890, the Jefferson St. Church of Christ, Buffalo, N. Y., was organized with thirty-two members. The church now numbers 285, has a Sunday-school enrollment of 335, and also the largest Junior Endeavor Society in that city. The church has just completed a new house that will seat nearly 1,000 people.

We desire to greatly increase the circulation of THE CHRISTIAN, and will consider it a favor if our subscribers will send us, on a post card, the name and address of some friend who does not take the paper, but who, probably, would after reading a sample copy.

A minister in Iowa recently delivered an address on the Holy Spirit, and one who was present afterward said that the speaker did not seem to know much about the Holy Spirit, and what he did know isn't true. We are afraid there are many people nearer home of whom the same might be said. They seem to be dwelling in the fog.

We have received the first issue of *The New England Messenger*, the monthly magazine edited and published at Everett, Mass., by Bro. R. H. Bolton. This number contains an excellent report of the annual meeting at Lubec. We hope the New England brethren will heartily support this paper, and help Bro. Bolton to make it a permanent success. They need the paper.

Bro. J. H. McNeill, whom many of our Island brethren know very well, has closed the seventh year of his labor with the church at Rushville, Ind. During this time about 700 have been added to the church, and a \$30,000 house of worship erected. May our brother's next seven years be even more successful.

At the convention in Dallas, Texas, the Foreign Christian Missionary Society was able to give an encouraging report. The receipts for the year amounted to \$83,514.03, a gain of \$10,255.87 over the year before. The churches gave \$36,549.99 and the Sunday schools \$27,553.41. Individual offerings amounted to \$13,254.69. This society is carrying on work in China, Japan, India, Turkey and Scandinavia.

The Disciples of Christ are soon to begin missionary work in Africa. Bro. E. E. Faris, of Paris, Texas, has been chosen as the pioneer by the F. C. M. S. He is young in years and stout of heart. He is taking a step that needs bravery, but God will be with him. How would the reader like to undertake this task? We are glad to see that the ministerial students in Eureka College have also decided to send a young man to the dark continent to preach Christ. So we shall soon have two representatives there.

The American Christian Missionary Society takes the place of the General Christian Missionary Convention, and Bro. B. L. Smith succeeds Bro. Hardin as corresponding secretary, the latter having accepted the presidency of Eureka College. After January 1st, the headquarters of the society will be in St. Louis, Mo., instead of in Cincinnati, Ohio.

An enterprising farmer thinks he must have a good agricultural paper. The doctor must have his medical journal, and the lawyer his legal magazine. We all want to know what is going on in the world around us, and so we take the local papers. Should we not as Christians be anxious to know how the battle goes in the religious world, and subscribe to a good religious paper? But how many homes there are into which no religious paper goes. This ought not so to be.

In the report of general home missions given at Dallas, Texas, by Bro. Hardin, we see that the evangelists employed by the Board preached 5,181 sermons, added 2,650 to the churches, and organized 13 new churches. They raised for salaries, for building and repairs, and for other purposes, \$52,858.60. These faithful men deserve our hearty support. The laborer is worthy of his hire.

Hereafter we intend to reserve one page of THE CHRISTIAN for clippings from other papers. We hope to make the page both interesting and instructive. This will leave less room for long articles, and may at times compel us to divide such between two issues. We have a number of original contributions on hand that we cannot insert owing to their length.

The more some people are doing the more they want to do. Our genial college mate, Bro. P. Ainslie, is that kind of a man. Besides preaching for a church in Baltimore and editing a bright weekly religious paper, he is now "planning to establish in West Baltimore, a Christian home for poor working girls who earn small salaries." That is just like our good brother Peter, and we wish him great success in his undertaking.

We see by our exchanges that Bro. H. A. MacDonald, of Hopkinsville, Ky., held a meeting during November at Olmstead, Ky. We are under the impression that Bro. M. passed through St. John last summer on his way to his old home on the Island. We are sorry we did not see him.

Bro. C. H. Devos has been preaching for the church in Richmond, Ind., since January last. In that time they have had thirty additions at their regular services. Have organized a mission school, which has an average attendance of over sixty. Bro. E. V. Spicer, of Louisville, began a meeting with them November 10th. They expect grand results.

We count ourselves happy in being able to give to our readers, this month, the excellent article on Christian Union, by Bro. Neil McLeod. We know he is interested in the work in these provinces, and in this way he is helping it along. We want to hear soon from him again. Some brief article from his pen on First Principles will be most acceptable.

To our provincial preachers scattered throughout Indiana, Kentucky, Colorado, Virginia, Ohio, and other of the United States, greeting. Let us hear from you. We have not forgotten you, and we do not think you have forgotten us; but we would like to be sure of it. We include Bros. Capp and Shaw, and others who have labored in the provinces in "our provincial preachers."

We feel that our readers will be interested in the letter from the College of the Bible. We hear good news from our boys who are studying there. Will the preachers notice that our correspondent wants more church news. They would have the same desire if they were away from home.

In a recent meeting held in Lebanon, Mo., by Bro. Northcutt, there were seventy additions. He is now holding a meeting in St. Louis. He is a grand man of God, and we trust he may be long spared to preach the word.

The Indian likes to make a display; hence his furs, feathers, and paint. But we fear there must be some Indian blood in many white people. What are these church parades that are so common in the cities, but the outcome of the love of show? It is all right for the societies to go to church (as societies if they want to), but let them leave at home their bands and banners and plumes and brass buttons. These are not essential to worship.

The Vermont Avenue church, Washington, D. C., gave over \$2,000 for missions last year, an average of over \$3.00 per member. The church gives fifty cents for missions for every dollar it gives for local expenses. The pastor, Bro. F. D. Power, says he won't be satisfied till the missionary offerings equal the regular church offerings.

Bro. and Sister Shaw are now located with the church in Walnut, Ill., a beautiful little town of about 1,000 inhabitants. The church has a membership of nearly 200. He is preaching to congregations that fill the main audience room and the Endeavor room. He is already hearing sinners confess the name of Christ. If Walnut is not stirred up to do grand things, it will not be Bro. Shaw's fault.