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## NOTES AND NEWS.

Miss Rioch has been making a tour among the churches of Ontario in the interest of Foreign Missions.

What are our readers doing to extend the circulation of THE CHRISTIAN? A little effort on their part would largely increase its circulation.

We occasionally read of churches loaning their preachers to some weak church for a few weeks' meeting. The example is worthy of imitation.

Have you renewed your subscription to THE CHRISTIAN? Look at the date on the yellow slip on your paper. It should be changed at once, if it is not as late as April, 1899.

The first congress of the Christian churches is to be held in St. Louis, April 25-27. It is for the discussion of live issues. Prominent names and interesting subjects appear on the programme.

Are the officers of our annual convention, to whom the matter was left, doing anything in the way of securing a place for our next convention? The place of meeting should be definitely announced in the next CHRISTIAN.

An evangelist went to Green Bay, Wis., where there are a few disciples. He hoped to organize a church. He began his meeting by preaching a sermon on Foreign Missions and taking up a collection. The meeting is still going on.

Some of our churches failed to make an offering for Foreign Missions in March, but it is not too late for them to have fellowship in this great work. Brethren and sisters who live far from any congregation can send their contributions direct to F. M. Rains, Box 750, Cincinnati, Ohio.

We regret a mistake that appeared on this page last month. In speaking of the new church in Boston the wrong location was given. It is situated at 18 St. James street, Roxbury. Rub the other address off your

mind and stamp this one there. When in Boston on the Lord's Day go to 18 St. James street, Roxbury. The church has a new pastor, J. H. Mohorter, who comes to them highly recommended.

Clarke Braden, who is well known in these provinces, has been secured for the presidency of Alma College, Ill. We do not expect that, even with this work on his hands, he will discontinue his sledge hammer blows against Mormonism and infidelity.

It has been noticed that this year many ministers are holding their own meetings instead of sending away for evangelists. It seems to be becoming common, too, for ministers to exchange meetings. The plan works well. It should be worked more.

The churches in Sangamon Co., Ill., have agreed to support Miss Kate V. Johnson, Tokio, Japan, as their missionary in the foreign field. How long will it be till one of our provincial counties will be able to undertake such a task? Not till we push our Home Mission work with new vigor.

H. A. Northcutt's meeting in Chicago closed with 104 additions. He began a meeting in Savannah, Ga., March 5th, and he is to spend this month in St. Louis, where he must be a great favorite, judging by the number of meetings he has held there.

It is published that Robert Breckenridge Halligan, of Chicago, has expressed an intention of giving \$500,000 to Kentucky University, provided the institution would perpetuate his name. We have not yet heard the decision of the college authorities; but, if the man made his money honorably, we hope his intention will be carried out.

A four-weeks' meeting, held at Martinsville, Ind., resulted in eighty additions—sixty-four baptisms. C. H. DeVoe of Spencer, Ind., did most of the preaching. During March he held a meeting with his home church. We are always glad to chronicle the success of our provincial boys.

The *Christian Standard*, while not neglecting other important matters, is wisely giving its readers some strong, clear, convincing articles on First Principles. As long as children are born, and young people are growing up, such articles will be necessary.

The beautiful flowers that appear when nature is loosed from the embrace of winter may suggest to us a resurrection and life eternal; but the Christian does not depend upon any such intimations. He knows Him who is the resurrection and the life, and who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light.

The Bethany Church, Evansville, Ind., had thirty-three members when Charles R. Scovill went there a few weeks ago to hold a meeting. It now has 267. Of these, fifty-seven came the last day of the meeting. No sensational methods were used, but still the meetings became the topic of conversation

on the streets, and in the stores and homes. To accommodate the throngs who came, a large hall in the central part of the city had to be secured, and, although it seated 2,000, it was crowded night after night.

In countries where the winter is not severe, dry and withered leaves often remain on the trees till spring; but they are pushed off by the buds of the new leaves that then begin to open out. Spring has put vigor into the trees. New life in a Christian will silently throw out of his character many things that detract from its beauty.

A lady, who had been "sprinkled" in her infancy, went to her pastor and asked him to immerse her. He refused, on the ground that if he complied he would have to immerse half his congregation. She then went to T. A. Rockwell, Humbolt, Kansas, who gladly baptized her.

The series of historical articles on the Reformation of the Nineteenth Century, which is running through *The Christian Evangelist*, and is to continue throughout the year, is so far proving interesting and valuable, and we believe the high standard which the first writer in the series—Prof. Chas. L. Loos—is setting, will be maintained by the writers who are to follow him.

Among the Disciples of Christ there is—and not without good reason—a growing dissatisfaction with the International Sunday School Lessons. Various improvements and substitutes are being suggested, and it is hoped that some system will be arranged that will be much freer from objection than the present one.

Encouraging reports come from the March collection for Foreign Missions. Many churches have given much more than they were asked for. The Fourth street church, Louisville, Ky., and the Central church, St. Louis, Mo., each gives between \$500 and \$600. Many churches give \$300 each, or more.

C. P. Williamson, Atlanta, Ga., is a very successful soul winner. He was having baptisms every Sunday evening. Many members of pedo-Baptist churches were attending. Some of the preachers, meeting him on the street, said, pleasantly, "When are you going to be through having baptisms at your church, a lot of our people go every Sunday evening?" "Oh!" said Bro. Williamson, "put baptisms in your churches and begin baptizing the people and then the runaways will stay home."

On the evenings of March 6, 7, 9 and 10, Isaac Selby, an earnest disciple of Christ, but once an unbeliever, and Charles Watts, a prominent English secularist, joined in debate in Cincinnati, the city where the famous Campbell-Owen debate was held many years ago. Selby affirmed: "It is reasonable to believe in a God who is the creator and moral governor of the universe;" and "Man has a soul designed for immortality." Watts affirmed: "Christianity is