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NOTES AND NEWS.

How are you keeping your New Year resolutions?

If men would live as they will wish at the last that they had, what a heaven there would be here below!

How much will you give this year to help preach the gospel to one hundred million heathen? Christ gave himself for their redemption.

If your subscription to THE CHRISTIAN has expired, and you have neglected to renew, please send the amount this month. "Prompt payment pleases people."

E. B. Barnes has entered upon his fourth year at Normal, Ill., with the unanimous wish of the congregation. The brethren will soon remodel the interior of their place of worship.

C. Howard Buchanan, formerly of St. John but now pastor of the church in Odon, Ind., closed a meeting at Concord, Ind., a short time ago with 18 additions. He will spend his time between these two churches.

The importance of Christian Union is becoming more and more evident to the religious world. Its desirability is admitted. How can it be effected? is now being widely discussed. It is an encouraging sign of the times.

The first Lord's day in March is the date upon which all our churches are requested to make a liberal offering for foreign missions. The work is too important and the reward too great for any church to neglect its duty or to turn aside from its privilege.

We regret to see that some of our churches, so far as the annual reports show, gave nothing last year to send the light to those who sit in darkness. We hope that this year these churches, and all the others, will aid in sending the gospel to those who have it not.

Some of our churches seem to have given up sending in "Church News." Can it be that the largest church in Nova Scotia has, for

six months, had nothing worth reporting? More news—genuine news—in this department of this paper would add much to its value. Please send in news.

Geo. Mueller, a great English philanthropist, received and paid out during his life time for orphanages and mission work, over \$7,000,000. When he died his estate was worth only \$800. He was a faithful steward of the Lord. His treasures are in heaven.

M. E. Ryan who is now ministering to the church at Erie, Penn., held a successful meeting with the First Church in Hogers-town, Maryland. There were 31 baptisms, and two added by statement. We are glad to know of Bro. Ryan's activity and success in the work of the Lord.

We learn through the *Christian-Evangelist* that the church at Centreville, Iowa, has introduced the individual communion cup system and are much pleased with the change. We are sorry for it. This, we believe, is the first of our churches to go astray in this matter, and we hope it will be the last.

Our provincial brethren will be interested in knowing that the beautiful little stone meeting-house lately built by the church in Boston is on 32 Regent Street. Fasten that address in your minds so that you will know where to find the brethren when you go to Boston. Remember 32 Regent Street.

Fame and learning and wealth can be carried as far as the grave, but not into eternity. We will carry our records, our characters, with us to the Judgment Seat. We shall be unable to leave them behind even if we would—and many would. Less attention to the things that perish and more to the things that abide would be a wise change for many to make.

How many church members are living careless, even godless lives! The Lord's Word and his Altar have no attractions for them. They have forsaken his House and his Table. Their love to him has grown cold, but it has warmed to the world. "Thou shalt love the Lord." "Love not the world." "If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him."

The *Christian Standard* tells us that recently Sister Threlkeld of Fulton, Mo., put into the hands of her minister a pair of diamonds as a contribution to the Church Extension Fund. A leading Kansas City jeweler put a retail value of \$225 on the diamonds. The donor said that, in view of the great need of housing our 2,600 missions, she could not afford to wear diamonds, though they had been a gift to her from her husband.

At the present time Charles R. Scoville seems to be the leading evangelist among the Disciples of Christ, so far as increasing the membership of the churches is concerned. Last month we reported his meeting at Buchanan, Mich., with over 200 additions. We now report his latest meeting at Youngstown, Ohio, where the church membership

was increased by 165. At the close of this meeting the church gave the new members a grand reception, and the pastor, Lincoln Davis, presented each convert with a copy of the New Testament.

Another of our faithful missionaries has fallen at his post—Chas. E. Garst, of Tokio, Japan. If we mistake not, his years of service in that land exceed those of any of his co-laborers. It is said of him, "He had intellectual power, and had done more than any other man to shape the thought of New Japan along the lines of Christian economics." A good man must be sent to take his place.

Our churches will see the need of enlarged offerings for the Foreign work when they read that the Foreign Board has appointed the following for the fields specified: Miss Carrie E. Goodrick, Cleveland, and George Manifold, Charlottetown, P. E. I., to go to Japan; and Albert Buxton, Fairbury, Neb., and Melvin Menges, Stanford, Ill., to go to Cuba.

The place prepared for the devil and his angels has no cool sea-breezes. People who feel that they must go to the coast each summer should remember this. There will be no healing balm there. All who shrink from pain here do well to keep this in mind. There will no music there for those whom it charms, no beauty for those who find in it their delight, no pleasure for those who make that their present pursuit.

At Geneva, N. Y., the *Christian Standard* says, Sister Crowell and her two daughters, Gertrude and Alice, started a Sunday-school with a few scholars in their home. The enrollment has since reached 50, nearly all young men, and the school is now held in a pleasant room in the Masonic Hall. Lewis S. Cost, minister at Waterloo, N. Y., has been preaching for them occasionally on week-day evening, and recently baptized nine members of the school.

We learn from *The Christian-Evangelist* that five brethren who became Disciples of Christ in Norway, met in Chippewa Falls, Wis., some eight years ago, to break bread. They continued to meet from house to house. Their numbers increase, and a church and Sunday-school were organized. They now conduct two Sunday-schools, one in English and one in Norwegian. They have lately completed a meeting-house and opened it for public worship.

Many successful protracted meetings are being reported. J. V. Updike closed his meeting at Ottumwa, Ia., with 129 added to the church. The Central Church, Des Moines Ia., continues its meeting, 150 already added. The meeting at University Place Church, Des Moines, resulted in 128 additions. 110 have been added at Soc City, Ia. Iowa surely intends to win its share of the 100,000.

Ontario, California, is a fruit-growing colony founded by Canadians. We had a struggling mission there for years. The Unitar-