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INDIA AND MISSIONS

The recent census of India has been published, and gives that star of the British crown 287 millions of souls. Of these 200 millions have reported themselves as adherents of some form of Hinduism...

Extreme views by the over-cautious and conservative. Notably in this country Dr. Briggs and Dr. Smith have been running a little wild, and have been...

This has a blighting air, and indicates that the difficulty is likely to grow more serious. Much of the trouble in this case arises, no doubt, from the method our brethren employ in dealing with such matters...

Important service in India or that he has received the faithful servant's reward. He was a man of strong impulses, a generous nature and a sanguine temperament...

We hope our readers will avail themselves of the opportunity to get and read this little book. There is much that is pathetic in this story of John Thomas, the missionary. It is wholesome reading, too, apart from its special missionary interest...

Ten no free schools and no normal schools were established; higher education was just struggling into existence. The great progress made in these most helpful additions to education will strike every thoughtful examiner.

The First Church of Jerusalem.

BY J. DESNOYAN.

III. The means of grace by which the primitive Christian Church subsisted, when directly under apostolic care.

To such as candidly enquire, By what means and methods did the apostolic church subsist and grow? sacred history replies, "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

In these days when denominational enterprise and zeal are maintained by such a variety of modern methods, no questions can be of deeper interest, and importance than those suggested by this short historical statement of Luke: "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers."

principle feel "committed" in honor, and makes him shrink from the imputation of weakness and vacillation. These and other reasons may be given for declining the acceptance and adoption of this unique apostolic system of church life and practice.

Just now very few are coming into the country, but judging from the floods of letters of enquiry coming in from time to time there will be a rushing immigration in the coming spring. Among the prospective immigrants there are not a few Baptists, the greater number of them, however, will scatter over the broad farming lands in all directions from this central town.

My brother, my sister, are you now resolved to doze your New Testament, dismiss this subject for good and settle down into the comfortable indifference of a soft p-p in some "respectable" church, beseeching the consideration of apostolic church institutions and order to the clergy and ecclesiastical historians?

here of the "Chinook winds" serves not to remove the snow, but just to settle it down nice y for good running. Skating on the rinks, ponds and on the river, and tobogganing down the long slopes of the great Saskatchewan banks are exciting youthful amusements of the place; and "curling" for the more advanced in years. Football also gets its share of attention from different ages and sexes.

The contract for our house of worship was completed according to agreement some six weeks ago; but we are hindered from taking full possession of it by a very awkward delay in the shipping of the furniture and now in its transportation by the C. P. R. However, we have roughly extempore seats &c., and are using the house for Sunday school and worship &c. The cost of the entire building is a little more than at first we anticipated; but it is going to be a very cosy and comfortable place when completed.

The two chief speakers were Yatsubuchi and Shaku Soyoyama. The former is a priest of Kamakura, graduate of the college of law at Fukuoka, and is the head in Tokio well versed in modern learning, scholar of no mean ability. He is the speaker at the Pacific Conference at Chicago, also one of the speakers at Chicago, is a great preacher in Kinshu. Some edge occupied some time in giving impressions. Among the statements made by the priests were the following:

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Home Missions. The Board meeting for January was held on the 9th inst. Reports from General Missionaries Wallace and Marple and seven missionary pastors were read.

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JOHN THOMAS.

This heading may not be very striking to many of your readers. To me it means a looking back fifty-seven years when this paper was first published, and its first number placed before our denomination. It was the first religious paper published in our lower provinces. It has continued to grow and prosper from year to year, till it is now no longer looked upon as an uncertain venture, but as an established success which has gone far beyond the expectation of its earliest projectors.

In the little book before us, as in the biography of Carey, the author appears to us to have done his work very thoroughly and with excellent effect. The literary character of the book leaves nothing to be desired and the story of the missionary's life and work is told in so interesting a manner that any one who feels enough interest in the subject to read the first chapter will wish to read it through to the end.

John Thomas is not here set before us as a perfect man. Like other men, he had his defects, and some of these were such as at times to result in serious trouble to himself and to his friends. But he evidently had grand Christian qualities, and we cannot doubt that as a faithful servant of Christ he performed

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These words of the Holy Ghost upon this important subject of the pentecostal or reborn each one of us must receive or reject on his own responsibility. You and I may prefer some other plan of ecclesiasticism, but let us remember this is God's plan.

The progress that has been made during the years referred to is much more than any one would suspect who has not taken the trouble to examine into the facts. When the Christian Messenger was first published, rail roads and steamboats to carry rapidly our mails did not exist. Neither telegraphs, cables, electric lights, water supply to our towns and villages, and telephones to carry our conversations to distant places.

From Edmonton.

Being some time since your columns have had any news from this far-off mission field, a few lines may be of interest to your many readers, to inform of the state of the country and the progress of the good work in this vicinity.

The farmers have just about completed their threshing in the more thickly settled parts of the district. The frost kept off well last autumn and the yield to the comparatively few that sowed grain was something almost marvellous, especially in oats and barley. The wheat was tolerably good too, and almost entirely escaped the frost, but the excessive heat of the sun, for a few days before the crop ripened, had the effect of causing the kernel to shrink a little, which spoils its appearance and sale, but scarce affects it at all injuriously, for flour making; prices, however, are discouragingly low for the producer, especially so that of wheat, which ranges from forty to forty-five cents per bushel. Oats and barley retail at twenty-five and thirty cents. "Hard times" is the general cry here as well as in many other places, and not a few who came into the country with little provision and expecting winter work, will be in danger of suffering actual want before spring. There are, as yet, but four lumber shanties to give employment to men and teams through the long winter, which is a great hardship to men dependent on work for the sustenance of their families. No one should venture into this country to make himself and family a home, without, at least, one year's provisions or money to procure it, at the somewhat high prices provisions cost here. For the last three weeks or a month we have had snow enough to make the most charming sleighing, and it does seem to have come to stay. What little we got

RECOMMENDATION.

The matter of reappointing Rev. J. Walker and Rev. J. W. S. Young as general missionaries of the Board was again considered, and the same decision reached as before, viz., not to reappoint.

Applications were brought to the notice of the Board, but the financial condition prevented any grants being made.

Wolfville, Jan. 11.

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The Parliament of Religions and its Significance.

So much praise has been given to the Parliament of Religions as a great extending the truth that readers of MESSENGER AND VISITOR will be interested in the following letter from the New York Independent, of Jan. 14:

JAPAN. The Parliament of Religions, by the Rev. J. L. Deary, Missary of our Baptist Missionary Union.

The Buddhist representatives of Japan were in attendance at the Parliament of Religions and their reports are interesting. It was noted that the effect of the gathering really had upon the representatives of the various religions there as well as also showing what the hand effect is upon the people of the world. It was noted that the effect of the gathering really had upon the representatives of the various religions there as well as also showing what the hand effect is upon the people of the world.

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