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Religious Miscellany.

MY HEART IS SINGING.

My heart is singing with the saints to-night,

With those on earth and those who've entered glory.

My heart is singing with my lips to-night—

How fresh again the grand old Christian story!

I'm singing with a myriad tongues, to night,

What myriads more will sing in years to come!

Here on the earth, 'mid all the care and strife—

And still re-echo it when they've entered home.

I'm singing with the pilgrim on the heights—

I join him in the consecrated measure!

And sing afresh, with that new ransomed soul,

Emerging from the treacherous vales of pleasure.

I'm singing with the woodruff, winged being,

The broad-winged seraph, ever pure and white,

From earth to heaven hovering to and fro;

And with the choir to seraphs once who sang,

In Bethlehem,—some centuries ago!

I'm singing with the holy messengers,

From earth to heaven hovering to and fro;

And with the choir to seraphs once who sang,

In Bethlehem,—some centuries ago!

I'm singing with the truthful, loving soul,

Who in the Master finds his chief delight;

I'm singing with the soul now quitting clay,

And soaring into everlasting light!

My heart is singing, with my lips to night,

Of all the gifts and graces, Thou hast given!

And O, I praise Thee, that my humble song

Joins with the host of earth and heaven.

Church Herald. GRACE H. HORN.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

A SERMON.

Preached in Centenary Church, St. John, N.B.

By REV. HENRY POPP, JR.

"Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."—Dan. xii. 4.

(CONCLUDED.)

There are also,

3. Ecclesiastical advantages. Public meetings

and women, God purposes to evangelize the

world. The times in which we live are

remarkable for the various, persistent and

industrious efforts of the advocates of error to

subvert the principle of Christianity, and thus

retard the universal triumph of the

When shall we look for those who shall prove

themselves successful champions for a holy

faith in the pulpit, and the senate, and in the

various departments of science, philosophy and

literature? Must we not depend upon those

who have been equipped for this sublime con-

dition? by the high advantages of Christian Edu-

cation?

We come now to the consideration of our

last inquiry, viz.

III. On whom does it devolve to provide this

education?

In reply we say it devolves,

1. On parents.

He who from the beginning hath set the solitary

of mankind in families, hath constituted

parents the primary instructors and guardians

of their offspring. It is incumbent on them

not only to clothe and feed their bodies, but

also to clothe and feed their minds. They are

required to have their children instructed in

useful knowledge according to their position

in society, and the means at their command.

Especially it is obligatory upon them to teach

them the fear of the Lord. The divine injunction

recorded in Deuteronomy, ch. 6, v. 7,

is, "And these words which I command thee

this day, shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt

teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt

talk of them when thou sittest in thine house,

and when thou walkest by the way, and when

thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

forced. The success of these public industries,

as contributing to natural wealth and happi-

ness, must largely depend upon the character

and qualification of those engaged in them.

By placing a Christian Education within the

easy reach of the people, the government will

instruct and develop their natural genius, and

educate them up to those principles and habits

of industry, economy, benevolence and integ-

riety—which under the blessing of God, must

make them intelligent, honorable, wealthy,

happy and strong. Such a system of public

education as we speak of will course justify

cases by providing for the daily reading of the

Bible in every school, as the recognized source

of all just authority and the only fountain of

all true wisdom.

Lastly.—To provide this Education devolves,

3. On the church.

The great teacher indicated the relation of

the church to this important question, when

addressing His disciples He said, "Ye are

the light of the world." In various ways, it

is the church required to illustrate the function

of her existence. By the purity of living, and

active goodness which should characterize her

members. By the conscientious discharge of

parental duty in the religious instruction of

children within the hallowed enclosure of the

Christian home. By faithfully supporting and

zealously co-operating with the Christian min-

istry in their evangelizing efforts. By the or-

ganization and maintenance of Sabbath-schools.

By a loyal and generous support of the gov-

ernment in their efforts to provide schools for

the children of the people, inspection of class,

color or creed—where they may not only be

taught the duties they owe to their Queen,

their country, and their God—but qualified

successfully to discharge them. And lastly—

By the establishment and patronage of such

series of higher education, as shall be in every

respect conducted upon Christian principles,

and where the youth may be taught the fear

of the Lord, and thus educated both for time

and eternity.

In conclusion, allow me to ask, "Has this

subject engaged your attention to the extent

which its importance demands? If not, I ap-

peal to you as philanthropists to give it your

best thought, and warmest sympathy. I ap-

peal to you as patriots who proud providence has

entrusted the destiny of so magnificent a coun-

try as this Canada of ours—to examine its

claims and yield it your most liberal support.

I appeal to you as Christians to carry out the

spirit and principles of your sacred profession,

by exerting yourselves to promote by the or-

ganization of your ability the great work of

Christian Education upon which the immediate

and eternal welfare of present and future

generations, most of necessity depend. Identify

yourselves in sympathy and action with Him

who sought to edify the hearts and intellects

of men—and you will set in motion a train

of influences which long years have been

rolling down the ages in glorious and saving

results. In the language of Daniel Webster,

"If we work upon marble, it will perish; if

we work upon brass, time will efface it; if

we work upon iron, it will crumble into dust;

if we work upon immortal minds—if we imbue

them with right principles, with the fear of

God, and the love of their fellow-men—we

grave on those tablets something that will

brighten through all eternity."

General Miscellany.

OUR NEW EDUCATIONAL SCHEME.

In the editorial columns of the Guardian we

The question is, therefore, how shall they

most effectively fulfil the purpose for which

they were designed? how shall they be most

efficiently sustained? Of course the less of

the students in the secular departments of these

institutions contribute largely to their main-

tenance. The interest on the invested endow-

ments is also an important item of support.

But these together are not quite sufficient.

The following is the deliverance of the Con-

ference on the subject, in which deliverance

the Conference fully concurred: "After care-

ful consideration of the financial condition of

these institutions, we find that the sum of

\$15,000 per annum, in addition to all present

available resources, is necessary to secure their

efficiency for the educational work of the

Church."

Now this sum will not be thought an extra-

ordinary amount in addition to local support

to maintain in efficient operation four impor-

tant educational institutions. Indeed, we believe

that our own Victoria College could make use

of an amount equal to the whole, to the manifest

advantage of the students. It is, therefore,

But how shall this amount be raised? It

must not be by a fiscal and spasmodic effort,

when the institutions of the Church become so

embarrassed that they can no longer with-

stand a large subsidy. Under such a hand

to mouth policy they would inevitably waste in

inefficiency, and be a constant burden instead of

an advantage. It would also prove the most

expensive mode of raising a million of dollars

of interest to yield the income at six per cent

per annum. This, we perhaps cannot as a Church

at present raise, although our American friends

have raised as much for the endowment of a

single one of their forty colleges—the new

Syracuse University—and are, we believe, try-

ing to raise more than a million of dollars.

The General Conference meets the case by

making provision for the formation of an Edu-

cational Society somewhat after the manner of

our Missionary Society. Its management to be

vested in a Central Board, with branch soci-

eties in each Annual Conference. Public meet-

ings shall be held on each circuit or station

each year, at which, says the constitution, "all

information as to our educational work shall be

presented to the Board, and contributions taken

up on behalf of the funds of the Society. On

the preceding Sabbath, it adds, "sermons on

education shall be preached in all our churches

and preaching places, and collections made for