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The Preacher's Trial.

AN INTERESTING CHAT WITH THE REV. W. T. CHAPIN.

In the Strain of Public Labor he had Overdrawn his Health Account—How he met the Crisis and Returned to his Duties with Renewed Health.

From the Springfield, Ill., Journal.

In the pretty village of Chatham, I. I., there lives a Baptist divine whose snow white hair is the one outward sign that he has encroached upon the days beyond the allotted three score years and ten. His clear eye, keen mental faculties and magnificent physique all bear witness to a life well spent. This pioneer in God's eternal vineyard is Rev. W. J. Chapin, whose 72 years are crowded with noble deeds in the Christian ministry.

To a Journal representative who asked him something of his career in the ministry, Mr. Chapin talked in an interesting strain, and said that, in spite of the indications to the contrary, his life had not all been sunshine and good health.

"As my present appearance testifies, I was fortunate in the possession of a very vigorous constitution. But as is too often the case, I overestimated my physical resources, and when it was too late learned that I had overdrawn my health account. The crisis came about eighteen years ago. At the time I was preaching the gospel from the pulpit, and I became suddenly so ill that I was compelled to stop before my sermon was finished. It was a bad case of nervous prostration, and for a time my friends and family were greatly exercised over my condition. Complete rest was imperative, and Mrs. Chapin and I planned and took a long trip. My health was sufficiently restored to resume work, but I was not the same man. I felt absolutely worthless physically and mentally. I had so lost control of my muscles that my fingers would involuntarily release their grip upon a pen, and my hand would turn over with absolutely no volition on my part. About two years ago, to intensify matters, I was seized with a severe attack of la grippe. I recovered only partially from it and had frequent returns of that indescribable feeling which accompanies and follows that strange malady. I looked in vain for something to bring relief and finally read an account of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Something seemed to tell me that they would do me good and I commenced using them. They gave me additional strength from the start and toned up my system from a condition of almost absolute prostration so that I was able again to resume my duties as a minister. The improvement was simply marvellous, and the credit is due to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Mrs. Chapin was present during the conversation and said: I don't think Mr. Chapin could ever have resumed his preaching after he had the attack of la grippe had it not been for Pink Pills. They did him so much good that I decided to try their efficacy on myself. I have been troubled for years with what our physician, Dr. Hewitt, called

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Children's Work.

Mrs. Jas. Lediard, Supt., Owen Sound, Ont. to whom communications for this department should be addressed.

I wonder if the readers of this column are at all interested in the war now going on between China and Japan. I think we all should be considering that these are the two localities of our foreign mission work. Did you ever think what a vast difference there is in the size and population in the two countries? The following is an item copied from the Treasury of Thought for October containing some items of importance: "Japan consists of 3850 islands, with an area of 147,000 square miles; population, 40,072,000. It is said a larger proportion of the population can read than in any other country in the world. They adopted a constitutional form of government in 1890. They have 28,000 schools, with 72,000 teachers and 3,410,000 pupils." There are 377 Christian churches, with an average membership of 100.

Japan is a wonderful little country, and when we remember that she is fighting against China, which has more than ten times the population, it looks as though she must be a brave little country too. Korea, the place they are fighting about, is about as big as the State of Minnesota, with a population of about 12,000,000. The people are described as being ignorant, superstitious and corrupt, and entirely under the power of the Buddhist priests.

The question is, "What effect is this war going to have on our Mission work?" I have often wondered that myself, but some people who should be able to judge, are of the opinion that the Gospel will have freer course in all Chinese Asia when the war clouds are blown away. I hope events may prove them correct.

GURLEH, October 2nd, 1894.—The Junior C. E. Society of Zion Church, after two months' vacation, have reopened their prayer meetings.

The attendance is very satisfactory, and the prospects for the winter's work is very promising.

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There has been another Junior society organized in this city, and some of our members of that church have left us.

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Praying that God's richest blessing will rest upon the Junior Work this year, I remain

Yours in the work, NELLIE REED.

"One of the older mission boys (it does not say where) was obliged to leave school for work. In the last prayer meeting he attended he said: 'It makes me feel very sorry when I think that next week my seat will be filled with my absence.'"—American Missionary.

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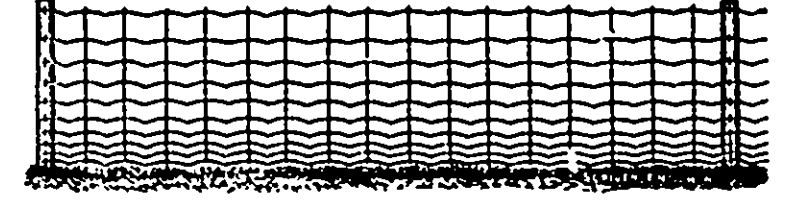
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