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SUBSCRIBERS IN ARREARS, READ!!

We are glad so large a number of our subscribers pay up promptly. There are some, however, who are in arrears since January, '86, indicated by the figures "86" on the labels of their papers.

TO THE WORK.

Last week we referred to some of the less pronounced ways in which believers may help on the work of saving souls. Let us again refer to this most vital matter, in view of the special efforts which are being made in many of the churches at this time.

Let it be distinctly borne in mind, also, that God and our dear Saviour expect us to help on in the great work which can only be measured by the infinite of Christ's sacrifice. How must selfishness in Christians, satisfaction at the thought of their own safety, which does not impel to help lead others in the same immeasurable blessing, and all absorption in self which prevents sacrifices for the soul good of others, appear to our Master, in view of his ever-abiding love for the lost, which is ever as warm and fervent as when he offered himself for them in agony and blood?

To the work, then, we exhort again. And we can do more than attend services and speak and pray. There is too much the impression abroad that this is the sum total of what ordinary Christians are to do in the work for souls.

system of this kind of work, so that none shall fall to crush the house of God from want of co-operation. The kindness displayed in doing this would, in most cases, prevent any from refusing to go, while in many instances, if persevered in, it would break up the miserable habit of non-attendance. There are very few, indeed, in city or country who could not be got to attend worship, were all Christians all the time on the watch to influence them in this direction.

AGAIN.

While in Halifax, at the joint meeting of the Boards, we learned a very painful truth. It was that the receipts from the Convention Fund were coming in very slowly, and that, as a result, the Boards are going deeply in debt. The receipts do not compare favorably with last year, while the work pressing to be done is increasing on our hands.

Let our pastors and leading lay brethren in the various churches, where the contributions have not been gathered in, take the matter in hand at once. With system, earnest words and work, there is no reason why our treasuries should not overflow. It is to be hoped that the district organizations will do what they can, and they can do much, if they but plan wisely for steady pressing of the work where it is not being done.

HIGH AMBITION.

The members of the advanced classes of the University of New Brunswick are determined to put a great gulf of difference between themselves and the freshmen, and this gain distinction. Their method of doing this is not by application to study to distance those who are just entering upon their course.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

We have received a pamphlet on this subject, written by Dr. Gordon, of Boston. He has been studying works on the so-called "Christian Science" or mind cure, and gives the result in these pages. After quoting the sentence from one of the volumes on this subject, "All is all the Satan there is," he declares:

This sentence gives the key-note of the entire system. Evil is not; sin, sickness and death are unreal; "matter and the material body are nothing but a belief and illusion." Dispel the belief of sickness and cast out the illusion of matter, and you heal disease. This, briefly stated, is the philosophy of "Christian Science."

He proceeds to compare the teachings of "Christian Science" and the Bible:

Christian Science. Holy Scripture. Jesus never ransomed man by paying the debt that sin incurs; whoseever sins must suffer.—II, 139.

Sin is not forgiven; we cannot escape its penalty.—II, 165.

If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.—I, 9.

Everything by prayer and supplication, let your requests go, and be heard.—Phil. 4: 6.

For Thy name's sake pardon mine iniquity.—David, Ps. 25: 11.

And forgive us our sins.—Luke 11: 4.

From everything that has a separate life or everlasting Thou art soul from God is the error that Jesus came to destroy.—II, 96.

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body.—Rom. 8: 11.

He shall also quicken your mortal bodies by the spirit that dwelleth in you.—Rom. 8: 11.

Man is co-eternal and co-existent with God, and they are inseparable in divine science.—II, 173.

At the same time as to recognize the fact that there is such a thing as mind cure. So great a medical authority as Prof. Flint declares that the influence of mind on disease is so great as to be worthy of constituting a separate branch of therapeutics. But this does not involve the doctrine of the so-called "Christian Scientists" associate with it.

Dr. Gordon thinks the ground upon which these have based their cure, as given above, may be carried out to a logical and little dreamed of by the best of the people who hold this view:

If the body is only a phantom and the flesh only a shadow, it is logically certain that by and by some very practical sinners will take refuge under this system, and in that that the sine of the body and the transgressions of the flesh are harmless, since they are only the phantom of a phantom, and the shadow of a shadow.

THE LADIES' JUBILEE REPORT.

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And now it is rumored that Gladstone has a political purpose in his "rip to Italy." It is nothing else than to secure the Pope's influence in favor of home rule for Ireland. He is to have an audience with His Holiness.

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Salisbury to make many changes in his local government bill, about to be presented to parliament, as the price of the support of the Unionists.

The privy council of Ireland has had a session, in which, it is said, it was decided to suppress the Land League in Dublin, in order to reach the central organization there, and thus more effectually cripple its general operations.

England has a difficult problem to deal with in the abolishing of cruel Hindu customs sanctioned by religion, and ingrained by centuries of caste and tradition. The Calcutta Englishman newspaper states that the high priest of Baidyanath, one of the most sacred shrines in Bengal, has addressed a letter to the Viceroy on the subject of infant marriage and widow re-marriage. He opposes all reform, arguing that customs prescribed by the Hindu Scriptures or tradition are binding on the conscience of Hindus, and therefore are not controllable by reason or expediency, and that to interfere in matters of conscience will agitate the people more than the government is aware of.

There has been a great contrast between America and Europe in the severity of the winter. While it has been mild with us, with little snow, the cold has been almost unprecedented in many parts of Europe, especially in Austria, and the snow has been impeding travel.

There is a lull in the war rumors. President Carnot has sent a message to Bismarck, stating that he will have to be financed from his place before any French cabinet shall adopt a warlike policy. The tri-annual elections for the French senate give a large Republican majority.

A correspondent of the London Daily News at Constantinople says: "The Porte learns that Lord Salisbury has informed the German government that if war shall be occasioned by the attempt of Russia to occupy Bulgaria. England will send two squadrons to the Black Sea; but that if the occupation of Bulgaria be obtained from, England will remain entirely neutral."

The Russian government continues to keep up its prohibitive duties against Germany. It is about to forbid private railways lessening the force of these duties by lower freight charges.

After the above was in type, a despatch announces that Russia has determined to move two more divisions of troops to the frontier. This makes the European situation more serious.

The Pope is making a good thing out of his jubilee. In addition to all the presents referred to last week, \$400,000 of Peter's Pence were contributed at the jubilee mass in Rome. He seems to be quite elated at the attention he received from kings and great men. He construes this to mean he is still a great factor in the politics of the nations. His address seemed to show he had no intention of coming to an accommodation with Italy. The government of Italy is not much alarmed, however, as it has determined to censure a certain officer in the army for attending the Pope's reception.

The flood in China is one of the most terrible calamities that ever happened. One sixth of the very garden of China is now an inland sea. This is due to the Hoang Ho river bursting through its banks and overstepping its old bed, from which it retreated ages ago. The region engulfed is as large as Wales and more thickly populated. Hundreds of thousands have been drowned, while millions are ready to perish from starvation.

The Fisheries Commission has resumed its work. Sir Charles Tupper is hopeful that an arrangement satisfactory to both countries may be reached.

Father McGlynn's old charge in New York are not prepared to accept the Pope as their political as well as religious head. At a largely attended meeting the following was passed:

Whereas, in a political harangue in the church on Sunday last, Mr. Preston grossly misrepresented the principles and outraged the citizenship of American Catholics by declaring if any man would take his faith from Peter and would not take his politics from Peter, he was not a true Catholic;

Resolved, we denounce this as an insult to all Catholics, and reiterate that the Pope has no title to obedience from Catholics in political affairs.

Resolved, we adopt the principle announced by O'Connell, that he would soon take his politics from the Sultan as from the Pope.

Resolved, as citizens and in the domain of politics we render neither allegiance nor obedience to any authority but the constitution and laws.

Address a denouncing Mr. Preston, Archbishop Corrigan and the "Palace crowd" were made amid loud applause.

This, if it at all correctly represents the growing Romanist feeling of America, may help to temper the Pope's jubilee joy over the flattering notice of politicians.

There was a terrible collision of two freight trains on the Canadian Pacific on the 4th. It took place on the trestle work over a ravine. The trestle gave way with the shock, and the cars were dashed in pieces at the bottom of the ravine eighty feet below. Seven train hands went down with the cars, and were all killed.

Table with columns for date, location, and amount received for Foreign Missions. Total: \$35 82.

Appeal TO MAINTAIN BAPTIST MISSIONS IN MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

To Our Baptist Brethren East and West: Dear brethren of the one Lord, one faith, and one baptism: the Baptists of Manitoba and the Northwest in Convention assembled send Christian greetings;

During these serious, stirring times, the Great Head of the Church makes special calls on the loyalty and liberality of His people. On this continent, into which Asia and Europe are pouring their surplus populations, Home Missions must be the chief concern of the churches. The watchmen on the tower of Zion must note the workings of Divine Providence in the settlement of the rich agricultural lands of the great Northwest. When this is done from the view point of Christian obligation, our Lord's commission reaches us with the force of a new enactment. That God's eye is at present on Manitoba and the Territories as a country where he is to locate vast numbers of people, no intelligent observer can afford to deny. They are coming in large numbers now. Next season the influx is expected to be largely in excess of any former year.

On the Baptists of the Dominion rest the responsibility. There also is the privilege of giving to the people who settle here the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in its primitive purity, and of establishing churches after the Apostolic order.

The convention lately held in Toronto was generously pleased to place the entire conduct of Home Missions in this western land in this body. In consequence, the Dominion Board notified us that their support to the missionaries under their care would cease from the first of November last. Our Convention could not have been called sooner than the 2nd ult. In the meantime, before the situation could be discussed or a scheme matured for the acceptance of fresh responsibility, our missionaries' salaries were in arrears. The large number of delegates who met in convention in Winnipeg, and the enthusiasm sustained at all the sessions, extending over five days, are sufficient proof how intense is the interest in the cause at home, and how conscious we are of our pressing needs and new-born duties; how keen our expectancy of God having large things in store for us.

The chief interest of our convention centered in the report of our Committee on Ways and Means. By reference to it, it will be noted that our plan is—1st, Not to attempt immediately to secure pastor or students for all fields calling for help, but to ask every Baptist in Manitoba and the Northwest to sustain the general treasury and thus aid in the support of our newly appointed Superintendent and General Missionary, the Rev. J. H. Best, of Brandon. 2nd, Support the Emerson, Morden and Portage fields to the extent of our ability, by special pledges if necessary. 3rd, Early next spring Pilot Mounds, Shoal Lake, Rapid City, Birtle, Greenfield, Deloraine, and other important centers must be provided for. Our city missions—the Point Douglas, under W. F. Irvine, and the German under Rev. F. A. Peteret—ought to receive immediate assistance, while the question of re-engaging Mr. R. Yule is a most pressing one.

The following estimate, exclusive of the colportage and German mission work, has been made, as the amounts required to sustain our most important fields up till the 1st of July, 1888:—For Emerson, \$200; Pilot Mound, \$175; Shoal Lake, \$200; Portage la Prairie, \$150; Morden, \$180; Point Douglas (8 mos.) \$160; Rapid City, \$200; making a total of \$1265; to which add \$600 for the General Missionary, sums up to \$1865. Pledges already have been obtained for any \$500, leaving \$1365 to be raised before the first of July next. If provision be made for Brothers Yule and Peteret some \$1800 will be required for the next six months. Knowing that God helps those who help themselves, our General Missionary has instructions to make a thorough canvass of our home resources. The Baptists of Manitoba are appealed to, to give to the fullest extent of their means. No present canvass of Ontario is advised. We know our brethren and many friends within the bounds of the Ontario and Manitoba Conventions need only have a clear presentation of our plan and requirements to respond generously and unhesitatingly. The feeling throughout the Ontario Convention was a sufficient proof of the deep interest to be manifested throughout in respect to our work by our eastern brethren. Heretofore a natural confidence being now restored, hearts east and west united, we feel your generous cooperation already guaranteed. As to the method in which your help may be rendered, we only, until Brother Best matures his plans, presume on a suggestion: To our brethren in Manitoba and the Northwest, where little or no convention work has been attempted, such as Prince Albert, Calgary, Moose Jaw, Regina, Deloraine, &c., send subscriptions to our treasury for the work's sake, and on the credit of what the Lord in the near future may have in store for yourselves. Begin your help now and a missionary will soon reach you. To the churches of Ontario and Quebec we say: Can you not take Manitoba missions into your regular systematic benevolence scheme? Or, if thought better, have special envelopes distributed for this purpose, which can serve as blank forms of pledges. Our collection they can be addressed to our

Treasurer, H. E. Sharpe, Imperial Oil Co., Winnipeg. As funds are needed immediately, we appeal to all Baptists east and west to come now in the name of the Lord to the help of Manitoba Missions.

Signed on behalf of the Committee: JAMES A. SMART, President; J. B. McARTHUR, A. A. CAMERON,—Special Com.

Notes from Brussels Street.

I have been here nearly four months; during which I have been so occupied in the Lord's work, in direct connection with the church and congregation, that little time could be spared for giving notes, even though I considered it a pastor's duty to give church news.

Some of my friends, however, are anxious to know how the work is progressing amongst us, and how we like our new field of labor. So a few notes at this time may not be out of place.

We are much pleased with the lot which, we believe, the Lord has marked out for us here. "The lines have fallen to us in pleasant places, we have a goodly heritage," amongst kind people whose sympathy gives our inspiration for an hour at a time.

Financially, we are encouraged. The salary is paid in advance every month, and the running expenses of the church promptly met.

Besides this, an outstanding debt of about \$250 has been practically wiped off; and the way seems clear for a grand rally in reaching out to help others.

Spiritually, we are not yet at dead perfect, but are not without some evidence of the Master's approval. A goodly number are seriously considering the great matter of salvation, and some are deciding for Christ.

On New Year's day I had the great pleasure of baptizing two believers, one from the Marsh Bridge Mission, the other from our Sunday-school.

Our Sunday-school is in a most flourishing condition; and our prayer meetings and Lord's Day services are increasing in interest. So that the outlook for the year, upon which we have just entered, is encouraging.

In the name of our God we have set up our banner, and written thereon as our motto "Loyalty to Christ."

An acknowledgment will conclude my notes for this time. Besides a number of gifts to Mrs. Mellick and myself at different times since we came here, there was placed in my study on Christmas eve, in our absence, a beautiful study chair, accompanied by a card containing the expressive sentence: "Christmas greetings from friends of Brussels Street Church."

With gratitude to Almighty God, and thanks to those kind friends, I remain forever H. G. MILLICENT.

Review of Work in 1887.

For the information of those who are interested in me personally, and especially those interested in the work in which I am engaged, you will kindly allow me to give, in your columns, a brief review of my labors as a missionary of our Home Mission Board during the year that has just closed.

In the first place, I would say that I have made a carefully prepared monthly report to the Board, of work done, besides a weekly communication to the Secretary during the entire year; and I have enjoyed my relations with these brethren and to testify to their courtesy, sympathy and honorable bearing toward their missionaries, as well as to their self-denying efforts to do their best, with the means at their disposal, for the interests of our denomination.

From a reference to my memo I gather the following facts:

I have preached during the past year 301 sermons, and attended 58 other religious meetings; I have travelled in the prosecution of my work 2,580 miles, and have labored with 35 churches; I have baptized into the fellowship of these churches 107 converts, besides giving the hand of fellowship to 18 others; received either on their experience as baptized believers or by letter. During my labors among the churches I have administered of the Lord's Supper 23 times, and have made 977 family visits, reading God's Word and offering prayer and engaging in Christian conversation in every visit. I received for Home Mission during the year \$381 52. This sum may seem small, but it must be borne in mind that my proper work is not the collection of funds, and that many of the losses visited were so, able to make such financial returns for my labors.

From these memos I have given a statement of such work as can be tabulated. As all Christian workers know, there is much work performed of which we cannot give statistics. May it be seen in the great morning day, that the work done has been solid and satisfying, and such as has had the Divine approval and blessing.

I desire to record my gratitude to my Heavenly Father, for giving me health to toil on during the year. In the midst of summer months I was threatened with a recurrence of the troubles that nearly ruined me in July, '84, and by suitable precautions and the blessing of heaven I am still able to do considerable work for the Master, and find the work increasingly pleasant.

I desire also to record my gratitude for the many expressions of kindness received. The friendly greetings, the whole-hearted

hospitality as we extended to me heart, and rendered duties.

I wish you, my friends, a happy New Year, and indeed, a year of the right. Let us give forth faith, deep humbled consecration to the work.

We are observing of prayer at Grand Next week (D. home again, and Shelburne Rem. readers remember prayers.

Granville Ferry

Though I write confine myself to immediate vicinity ever, at home. I have been paid the fever in the deaths were few in cases of the cases (about the church and congregation through the living hanging in the Among the victims J. C. Saunders, of of Halifax, and M. of Rev. W. E. M. B. Both are now seems rather strange most prevalent of the people. The natural causes of disease have not. An analysis of a fairly pure, and condition of the can be made. The no new case has been reported within the.

Since the middle been my privilege persons into the large. These were larger our mission station for baptism, and is very encouraging quite marked progress along the Ottawa mission hall in the have been opened Buckingham and church of 67 members during the summer just ready to be many of the field ingatherings. In has been a very The Rev. J. V. Millard has been assisting Millard.

It was my pleasure participate in a week F. O. Weeks, in 20th of December the reputation in excellent presiding ministers of the church in Sen. W. Weeks has been church in Brock excellent work in three Weeks rights have many Week's.

After a long vacation in Montreal has Rev. Mr. Cresney, pastor of Tremont, hoped that the church The Sunday school with great efficiency period of vacancy said that quite a baptism. Much L. H. Packard, the school, for his in church and school years.

On the 18th of privilege to exchange G. Upham, of the treat. It was very the increase in the strong hold the people. A large been added to the active, spiritual departments of the.

As will be observed the Canadian B. affairs are receiving The second Messrs. Governors of Mont for Jan. 17th, at 2 and the Senate is setting a 930.

It is hoped that provinces senators Ottawa, Jan 5.

The Dr. Saunders and G. Wendell on the name of Acadia and benevolent care regret that, in connection of the weather, small. I wish all him Bro. Saunders' of it, and the listens to his dictation clear idea of the accomplished by duty with regard unpropitious and a special convention be hoped that this