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NEWS AND NOTES.

The Annual Meeting at Milton, 1901!

Good men will see opportunities of doing good.

"A feeble faith is mightier than a mighty feeling."

Attempted things are counted and crowned by the King of Kings.

"When we are living to do good, we can depend on God and angels to help."

When a man grasps you firmly by the hand, it means his heart is full or his purse is empty.

Keep active while you are waiting. The man who sits down to wait opportunities will surely miss them.

The 20th century will offer no greater word than the 19th, namely, the redeeming power of the Gospel.

"Every Christian life ought to be such that if all men were living it the result would be a heaven upon earth."

The old Quaker said to his wife, "All the world is queer except thee and me, and sometimes thee is a little queer."

Salvation does not depend so much upon what the head thinks about God as upon what the heart is doing with Christ.

The last issue of THE CHRISTIAN was held over in order to give the report of the Annual at Westport, which was so full an interesting account that a number of articles were crowded out.

Bro. A. Martin, of Muncie, Indiana, who spent three months in mission work in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will hold a meeting with the church at Bowmanville, Ont., about the 15th of October.

The National Convention will meet in Kansas City on October 11 to 18, 1900. Preparation are being made for the entertainment

of 5,000 people. A great crowd with great enthusiasm is bound to make a great impression.

The man who never forgets that he is a Christian, always remembers that there are others.

Bro. H. A. Devoc, the new member of the Home Mission Board, called at the office of THE CHRISTIAN on Sept. 21st. He hopes (D. V.) to hold a meeting in Digby, N. S., with the aid of one of our New England brethren next summer.

Bro. R. H. Bolton delivered his farewell address to the Church at LeRoy, Pa., on September 9th, after a short pastorate of seven months, his failing health compelling him to do so. He is now at his old home in Findlay, O., where he has gone to rest and recuperate.

"The Hebrews have a saying that God takes more delight in adverbs than nouns. 'Tis not so much the amount that is done, but the manner in which it is done, which he minds. Not how much? but how well. It is the "well doing" that will merit the "well done."

Prayer meeting topics for October, 1900:
3rd.—Good Works and Alms Deeds. Jas. i, 27; Acts ix, 36-39, I. John, iii, 16-18. Concert of prayer for benevolences.
10th.—Witnesses.—Acts, i, 6-11, ii, 29-32.
17th.—What God hath done for Us. (Ps cxxvi). Prayer for National Convention.
24th.—Willing Service. II Cor. viii, 11-12; Ex. xxxv, 5; xxxvi, 5-7.
31st.—Serving our State and Neighborhood. Matt ix, 35; Acts ix, 31; xviii, 7-12.

The Southern California Christian Convention met at Long Beach, Cal., August 11, 1900. Bro. H. W. Stewart, who was on the programme, gave an excellent address on "Popular Amusements." The dance, the theatre, card playing, etc., was severely criticised. The convention voted that it be published in the *Pacific Christian*, *Christian Standard* and *Christian Evangelist*. Many of our readers will be glad to know that Bro. Stewart's health is improving.

Bro. Geo. D. Weaver, who is pastor of the Christian Church at Putman, Ill., has just closed a successful meeting with that church with thirty-six additions. He believes the very first thing for a pastor to do is to up-build the church spiritually, and when the church attains a good spiritual plane it is an easy matter to have converts. Bro. Weaver is a native of Nova Scotia, and we are pleased to hear of the spread of the truth through his ministrations.

At the Annual meeting at Westport, Bro. Mohorter invited the managers of THE CHRISTIAN to have agents in New England for the paper. A motion was unanimously carried that the same courtesy be extended to Bro. Mohorter the editor of the *New England Evangelist*, which is a bright and newsy pamphlet of sixteen pages, published month-

ly at fifty cents a year. The agents of THE CHRISTIAN are authorized to take subscriptions and forward to James H. Mohorter, 18 St. James street, Boston, Mass.

Japan is the foremost of heathen nations. Japan is also foremost in adopting Christianity. During the last year 3149 have been added to Protestant congregations. There are 14 Christians in the National House of Representatives, including the speaker.

Japan has two first-class battle ships, both of which are under the command of Christian captains, while the proportion of Christians among the officers of the army is singularly large. The same is true of the judicial department, as well as of the instructors and students of the university.

Thirty-seven missionary organizations are at work in Japan, chiefly American and British. There is an adult church membership of 41,808, 194 theological students, 308 native ministers and 725 unordained preachers and helpers. The contributions of native Christians last year were \$47,683.

The following from Rev. Dr. A. J. F. Behrends, pastor of one of the leading congregational churches of New York city, on Christian Union, is very refreshing.

"There was once one church of Christ in Jerusalem. Three thousand united with it in a single day. . . . They had the widest liberty without schism. I want to see one church of Christ in New York and one church of Christ in London, one church of Christ in the United States, one church of Christ in the British Empire, one church of Christ in Japan and China, one church of Christ in all the world. I shall not live to see it, but it is coming.

"Our missionaries are ahead of us. They have thought their way through into a simpler theology than have we. . . . They have learned that China and Japan will never utter the shibboleths of our schools. They take the old Bible, just as it is. . . . That simplicity must master us. Nor is it difficult to say what that ultimate simplicity must be. It will be the primitive simplicity. There can be no other. The gospel is older than Wesley, older than Calvin, older than Luther, older than Augustine, older than Paul. . . .

"Religion must centralize in personal trust in, and devotion to, the personal Christ. He is our Master; he alone. We must stop deifying our creeds. We must stop deifying our rituals and politics. . . . Build upon the foundation of prophets and apostles, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. . . . It is usurpation of authority on the part of anybody to separate in any way, and upon any pretext, whom God hath made one in Jesus Christ. Back to Christ. We all say that. And then, as soon as we get out of Carnegie Hall, we put our faith in the keeping of the Augsburg Confession, or the Thirty-nine Articles, or the Westminster Confession, or the Twenty-five Articles of the Synod of Dort. We feel that we must follow Luther, or Calvin, or Wesley, or Roger Williams, or John Robinson. We coddle our creeds and canons, even when they are moth eaten. In the name of Christ, and for the