





### God's Willingness to Bless Sinners.

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We have been pleading with God. Prayer after prayer has knocked at heaven's gate, entreating for the conversion of souls, and the upbuilding of the church. I have no doubt that our prayer has been, in itself, acceptable with God, through Jesus Christ. It is in itself a form of worship to which our gracious God hath much respect. The golden vessels of the elders before the throne are said to be full of odors, which are the prayers of saints. Prayer is typified by sweet incense, because God delights in it. He loves to see our desires for the accomplishment of his purposes. It is very pleasing to a father, as you who are parents can testify, to see his child in full sympathy with him, and anxious to help him in his work. Though he can do but little, and that little feebly and faintly, yet his eagerness to work with his father, and for his father, gives his father joy. Even thus does our Heavenly Father take pleasure in us, and in our desires for his glory. "Thou didst well in that it was in thine heart," said the Lord to David, when he did not accept what David proposed to do; and I believe there may be glory brought to God, not only by those prayers which are manifestly answered, but by those which for wise reasons the good Lord is pleased to lay on one side. We are nothing better than children even in prayer, and therefore it is not every request that is wise, but yet we are children, and therefore the cries which come from our hearts touch the heart of our great Father in heaven. Our desires that souls may be saved, and that the church may prosper, are so much in accordance with the mind of God that they must be a sweet savor unto Him. Therefore, brethren, let us pray on as long as breath remains. If prayer pleases God, it should always please us.

There are two things, however, which sometimes puzzle us. One is, *to see a child of God anxious to bring others to Christ, and persistently using the ordinary means, and yet success is not given him, and men are not brought to Jesus; at least, they are not brought in such numbers as the eager worker desired and expected.* Strange sight! Aye, a really more anxious to save souls than God Himself! It would be a marvelous spectacle if it were actually the case! It certainly looks so. This is the appearance upon the surface. Our earnest spirits long for the salvation of men. If we could save them, we would save them at once. If it were possible for us, when we speak, to convince and convert every sinner within hearing, it should be done. It looks for the moment as though we were more merciful than the All-merciful, more compassionate than He of whom it is written, "God is love." Ah, my brethren, it only seems to be so; we humbly ask pardon for yielding to the illusion even for an instant! It is our ignorance of our own hearts which makes us think ourselves so supremely kind and loving. Somewhat of pride mingles with this fond conceit of our own goodness. I fear that, if we were weighed in the scales of the sanctuary, it would be found that we do not possess all that agonizing pity which we suppose ourselves to possess. Too often our compassion shows itself in a selfishness, and is not a matter of fixed principle. Our zeal comes and goes; but if we felt it as intensely as we think we do, or as intensely always as we do sometimes, then we might have more reason for our complaining and interceding. For the present, we may rather blush for ourselves than complain of our God. We have not yet done all that lies in our power, and therefore we have no ground upon which to complain of our God.

If we are disappointed about our success in Christ's work, what shall we say? Shall we not first look for the cause within ourselves? From observation and experience, I have learned to look very hopefully upon dissatisfaction and anguish when they are seen in Christian workers. It gives me no sorrow to see my brethren unhappy and miserable, because others are not saved. It would be a far sadder thing to see them useless and yet contented. If ever I have been satisfied with what I have done for the Lord, I have invariably found my service to prove barren. Pangs go with birth, and anguish precedes success. So far as I am able to judge, it does not seem that the Lord can wisely bless people who are satisfied with themselves, and with their own efforts. It would not be safe to let a worker be contented with any large measure of success; they might be injured for life by such honor. Certainly God himself would have small honor, for the individual would steal every bit of it, and wear it himself. When you get to feel, "I am not satisfied for God is not blessing me as I long to be blessed, and therefore I fear something must be hindering the blessing," then you are advancing towards a right condition—a condition favorable to success. The Lord is always willing to bless us up to the measure of our fitness to be blessed, and sometimes the blessing is broken-hearted, and brought to an agony of prayer before we can hold the choice gift of the God of grace. I am sure it is so. We are straitened in ourselves. Our own weakness turns aside the divine benediction. "God is love," and we know the value of it; and He will also have us know our own inability, apart from His Holy Spirit, to perform any good work, or bring forth any holy fruit. His God takes care always to have security, that, if He works a great work by us, we shall not appropriate the glory of it to ourselves. He brings us down lower and lower in our esteem, until we feel that we are nothing at all, and then he condescends to use us. Some trumpet are so stuffed with self that God cannot blow through them. Some pictures are too full of their own muddy water for God to pour the water of life into them. However much we may wish for a blessing, God will not set the seal of His blessing to work which is begun and carried on in the power of self.

Besides this, the Lord wants us to be more thoroughly in sympathy with Himself. He has two designs in making use of us in His service, not only to save souls, but also to bless us as the instruments of such salvation. There are at

way two edges to God's sword; so that, while He kills sin in the hearer, He strikes a blow at sin in the preacher also. God has a way of killing two birds with one stone; or, if I may use such an expression, of making two birds alive with one quickening word. He has a way of blessing the very channel through which the blessing comes, as well as the people who receive the blessing. It was grace to the Gentiles to be preached to; but Paul called it "grace" to be permitted to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. The Lord intends to educate us by non-success as well as by success, and therefore He causes us to sigh and cry until His Spirit puts forth His power.

It is a natural law in the spiritual world that joy is not born without sorrow. We must travel in birth before Christ will be formed in men's hearts. There is no rejoicing in joy without a previous sowing in tears. As Christ Himself suffered to make us sinners, so we must measure, must endure pain of heart in order to give men peace of mind. We must die that others may live. We must agonize that others may rest. We must mourn that mourners may rejoice. It is a noble thing for a Christian to act as a priest before the Lord, and in a certain manner, to take upon himself the sins of the people, confessing them as though they were his own, and mourning over men's hardness of heart as though it were his own. He is in good measure, and we do well to take the sinner's place in prayer even as our Lord took that place in sacrifice. It is ours to lay ourselves before God, and cry out of the depths of our souls, as Moses did, "If Thou wilt forgive their sin, blot out Thy wrath against them, O Lord, Thou hast written." Moses was now in a prepared state to see the nation saved. Some try to make out that Moses did not mean what he said, but he did mean it, and the Lord did not rebuke him for excess of zeal or unguardedness of speech. Remember that for speaking unadvisedly with his lips on another occasion, Moses was shut out of the land of promise, yet for this language he received no check whatever, but prevailed with the Lord to turn away His anger from Israel. He felt in the compassion of his soul much more than could be justified in reasoning in cool blood, even as Paul did when he wrote, "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." If you ever reach such a state of compassion, you will wonder, if it were possible, as it were, to put your own soul in pawn for the souls of others; and you will express yourself in words which others may call fanatical.

When it comes to pass with you, the Lord will lead you to weep and lament at once. If it were possible for us, when we speak, to convince and convert every sinner within hearing, it should be done. It looks for the moment as though we were more merciful than the All-merciful, more compassionate than He of whom it is written, "God is love." Ah, my brethren, it only seems to be so; we humbly ask pardon for yielding to the illusion even for an instant! It is our ignorance of our own hearts which makes us think ourselves so supremely kind and loving. Somewhat of pride mingles with this fond conceit of our own goodness. I fear that, if we were weighed in the scales of the sanctuary, it would be found that we do not possess all that agonizing pity which we suppose ourselves to possess. Too often our compassion shows itself in a selfishness, and is not a matter of fixed principle. Our zeal comes and goes; but if we felt it as intensely as we think we do, or as intensely always as we do sometimes, then we might have more reason for our complaining and interceding. For the present, we may rather blush for ourselves than complain of our God. We have not yet done all that lies in our power, and therefore we have no ground upon which to complain of our God.

A second matter equally causes a difficulty in people's minds, and that is, *we see sinners more willing to be saved than God is to save them.* I have often seen this to be the case apparently. Apparently, I say, for it could never be really so. According to the statement of the scriptures, it is the case, but their statements are born of confusion, and not of the truth. It cannot be that a sinner should be eager for reconciliation, and the Lord be hard to bring to terms. Did you ever hear of a flock of sheep in the Highlands travelling all over the hills, and roaming down the glens, trying to find their shepherd? Have you seen reports in the newspapers of the efforts made by lost sheep to discover their shepherd, when he has been buried in the snow, and needed to be dug out? You smile, but the parable is to the point. I have observed several singular facts in natural history, but I have never heard of anything so remarkable as sheep seeking out their shepherd, and tracking his wandering footsteps in the cloudy and dark day. Yet that is what we might expect if it be true that sinners seek after the Lord Jesus and cannot find him. They say, "I have sought the Lord, and he has not been found of me; I have cried to him in prayer, and he has not regarded me. Alas, I have hungered and thirsted for Christ, but he is not willing that I should enjoy him!" What singular spectacles! A sheep seeking its straying shepherd! A piece of money searching for its mistress! A prodigal son rejoicing over his lost father! Is the rejoicing is altogether too absurd. Is it not? Can it be that, in this race of love, you, a poor, dead sinner, have outstripped the living Saviour? We sometimes sing—

"No sinner can be beforehand with Thee."

Thy grace is most sovereign, most rich and most free;

and I believe it. If I were to see a needle running across a table all by itself, I should know that under the table a magnet was at work out of sight. When I see a sinner running after Christ, I feel certain that divine grace is drawing him; the cords may be invisible, but they are quite sure that they are. If you are seeking Christ, it is because He is seeking you. The desire for grace is caused by the very grace which we desire. You must be unwilling to charge the Lord Jesus with unwillingness to save, seeing He has laid down His life to prove His power to redeem. No, it is not possible that there can be any backwardness with the Saviour; the backwardness lies with you. Get rid of the jealousy and disbelieving notion that Jesus is unwilling to forgive, and at once throw yourself into His arms. He thirsts to bless men; it is His meat and His drink in this respect to do the will of Him that sent

Him. You are being drawn by His loving hands, those warm desires for salvation are created in you by His Holy Spirit; believe this, and then recognize the bond which unites you to the Lord; by faith that bond will become consciously stronger from day to day. Trust wholly in Jesus, and the work is done. Trust Him simply; trust Him solely; trust Him without hesitation and you are saved.

It is remarkable that very often the most common-place things that we say in our preaching strike attention and convey blessing. An evangelist, some time ago, while he was expounding faith, took up a book, and handed it to a friend. "Now," said he to his friend, "suppose this to be salvation; I freely present it to you. Have you got it?" "Yes, I have it." "How did you get it?" "Did you buy it?" "No, you gave it to me, and I took it." "And you gave it to you, and you took it;" and that is how we receive salvation from the Lord. He gives it to us freely, and we take it by faith; that is all. Did the friend wash his hands, or put on kid shoes, before he took the book? No, he had been once or twice so, but not more surely have received the book; his hand did very well just as it was. It is just so with the gift of God. If a very poor man asks you to help him, and you offer him a shilling, he does not say, "Please, sir, I cannot accept your money, for I am not in the habit of wearing clothes." He is not so foolish; he asks no questions, but gladly takes what is freely given. Even so, let us accept Christ as the gift of God. The worse we are, the more we need Jesus; and the more prepared we are to receive Him, the more we are prepared to receive Him in the unquestionable sense that need is the best preparation for receiving charity. When the housewife looks out the linen for the laundry, she does not say, "This garment is too dirty to be washed." No, she looks over the household linen, there may be a piece or two so little soiled that she questions whether she shall send them to be washed; but if one piece is worse than the rest, she is quite sure that it is fit to go, and she puts it without a question into the bag. Oh, my sinful friend, your sinfulness is the reason why you should go to Christ for cleansing! Did you ever know a man stoop away from dinner because he was hungry? Did you ever say, "I must not drink because I am thirsty"? Do men say, "When I am not quite so thirsty, then I will drink; when I am not quite so faint, then I will eat"? Does any man say, "I am so ill that I shall not send for a doctor till I am better"? We do not talk in this fashion about other matters; then why do we talk so about our souls? Your sinfulness is the reason why you should go to Christ for cleansing! Did you ever know a man stoop away from dinner because he was hungry? Did you ever say, "I must not drink because I am thirsty"? Do men say, "When I am not quite so thirsty, then I will drink; when I am not quite so faint, then I will eat"? Does any man say, "I am so ill that I shall not send for a doctor till I am better"? 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Lesson X. March 9. Luke 4:33-44.

## THE GREAT PHYSICIAN.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

"He cast out the spirits with his word,  
and healed all that were sick."—Matt.  
8:16.

## EXPLANATORY.

I. JESUS TEACHING IN THE SYNAGOGUE  
OF CAPEARNUM. The first Sabbath after  
his rejection at Nazareth, Jesus again  
preached the Gospel in a synagogue at  
Capernaum, probably the one now de-  
molished and now to be seen at Tel-Hum.

II. THE TEACHING CONFIRMED BY CASTING  
OUT AN UNCLEAN SPIRIT. 33. And in the  
synagogue. Where Jesus was preaching on  
the Sabbath. A man which had a  
spirit of an unclean devil. Rather, de-  
mon. Demons are called unclean be-  
cause they are impure, unholiness, defiling,  
and produce such effects both in the  
body and the spirit of those whom they  
possess.

THE WORK OF THE DEVIL. The devil's  
characteristic work is to ruin both body  
and soul.

And cried out with a loud voice. Made  
a sudden exclamation during the exer-  
cises. The presence and teaching of  
Jesus aroused the antagonism of the de-  
mon.

34. Saying, Let us alone. These words  
translated a single intonation, expressing  
"iniquation or wonder mixed with fear."  
What have we. I and those like me.  
What have we to do with thee? Why do  
you interfere with us?

I know thee who thou art. The demon  
knew something of the works going on in  
the invisible world. The Holy One of  
God. Christ is the exact opposite of the  
unclean spirit, being holy, and produc-  
ing holiness in others.

35. And Jesus rebuked him. It is quite  
likely that the very testimony of the de-  
mons to Jesus had a malignant poison in  
it, as if they would make men think he  
was of themselves, thus blackening his  
character by the very finger that pointed  
him out as holy. Hold thy peace. Liter-  
ary "be muzzled." It is a word for a  
beast. And when the devil had thrown  
him in the midst, Jesus said that he ut-  
tered a cry of pain and had "torn him,"  
convulsed him, so that he was thrown  
down upon the floor of the synagogue  
among the audience.

He came out of him and hurt him not.  
They ran toward the unhappy man, ex-  
pecting to find him dead; and to their  
surprise, on lifting him up, they find him  
perfectly restored.

36. What a word is this! Or what  
word is this? What kind of teaching is  
this which has such power and goodness  
to enforce it? For with authority and  
power. Able to compel even demons to  
obey.

37. And the fame of him. The report  
about him. Thus the surrounding re-  
gions were prepared for his coming (ver.  
44).

III. HIS TEACHING CONFIRMED BY THE  
CURE OF PETER'S WIFE'S MOTHER. 38.  
And he arose out of the synagogue. At  
the close of the service interrupted by  
the demoniac. And entered. Mark says  
that he went immediately; i. e., from the  
synagogue directly to Peter's house.

Into Simon's house. The house of Simon  
Peter and his brother Andrew (Mark).  
And Simon's wife's mother. This distinct-  
ly implies that Peter was married, and  
that his wife was not afterward put away  
from any feeling in favor of celibacy is  
evident from 1 Cor. 9:5, where it ap-  
pears that she accompanied her husband  
in his apostolic journey. Was taken  
with a great fever. This fever was physi-  
cally violent and dangerous. And they  
brought him for her. There are many  
people whom we cannot save ourselves,  
but of whose needs we can tell Jesus.

39. And He arose earlier. Taking her  
by the hand and lifting her up (Mark).  
Rebuked the fever. Commanded it to go,  
as if it were an enemy. And it left her,  
instantly and completely. She arose and  
ministered unto them. Such a fever in-  
variably leaves the patient weak. The  
period of convalescence is always long  
and trying, often full of danger. The fact  
that she ministered unto them, i. e.,  
served in the ordinary duties of the  
household, shows that Christ in healing  
the disease also imparted health and  
strength, and it demonstrates the mira-  
culous character of the cure.

IV. HIS TEACHING CONFIRMED BY THE  
HEALING OF MULTITUDES. The same Sab-  
bath evening. 40. Now when the sun  
was setting. The multitude came after  
sunset (1) because the heat of the day  
would have been too distressing to the  
sick; and (2) because they did not wish  
to violate the sacred rest of the Sabbath  
day. At sunset the Sabbath ended; and  
so they felt themselves free to act. They  
that had any sick. In their families, or  
among their friends. With divers dis-  
eases. Various kinds. There was no  
kind of disease which Jesus did not  
cure. Brought them. To the door of  
Peter's house, where Jesus was (Mark).  
Laid His hands on every one. To show  
them whence the healing came, and to  
bring them into personal relations with  
Him, so that they might receive spiritual  
blessings.

41. And devils. Demons (see on ver.  
33-38). These were most difficult cases  
to cure, and such as prove divine power.  
No natural causes, no imagination of  
superstition, can account for these  
cures.

PARENT CONFIRMATION OF THE GOSPEL.  
Jesus Christ is living now, and working  
as really as when on earth, and in the  
same directions. He promised His dis-  
ciples that they should do greater things  
than He did in Palestine. And this pro-  
mise has proved true, not only in the  
moral changes from sin to holiness, from  
the diseased to the healthy soul, but in  
the physical blessings which He is work-  
ing through His disciples. Public and  
private institutions spring up every-  
where under the influence of Christianity,  
as herbs and flowers under the genial  
influence of springing.

CHRIST'S EXAMPLE AS TO THE TRUE  
METHOD OF SPREADING THE GOSPEL. Like  
Christ, if we must succeed in saving  
men, we must (1) preach the Word of  
God with the authority of divine truth,  
and of our experience; and (2) we must  
confirm the Word by good deeds, help-

ing the poor, visiting the sick, cheering  
the despondent, aiding the unfortunate,  
comforting the lonely, looking out on  
every side for some whom we can  
help, and whose burdens we can bear.

V. CHRIST RETIRES FOR SECRET PRAYER.  
The more a servant of God exerts him-  
self in outward activity, the more need  
there is that he should renew his inward  
strength by meditation.

42. And when it was day. According  
to Mark it was at the very earliest dawn.  
He departed from Peter's house, where no  
doubt He was staying. Into a desert  
place. Some uninhabited region, prob-  
ably far from Capernaum. Luke  
takes it for granted that every one must  
see that His object was to be alone with  
God. Mark tells us that He prayed.

VI. CHRIST'S MISSIONARY SPIRIT. 42.  
And the people sought Him. Guided by  
Peter (Mark 1:35). And stayed Him.  
They thought it was about to leave the  
city and go elsewhere, and therefore  
tried to persuade Him not to leave  
Capernaum.

43. And He said unto them, I must  
preach. Evangelize, tell the good news.  
To other cities also. It would be poor  
policy to confine His ministry to one  
place.

44. And He preached in the synagogues  
of Galilee. During the year Jesus made  
several preaching tours through Galilee.  
Andrew finds eight circuits of greater  
or lesser length. Capernaum would be  
a desirable place to stay, but better  
because Jesus went to other places. The  
influence of work elsewhere, reacting,  
would be felt there.

## Sunshine Buts.

"Is your head better, dear?" asked  
Mrs. Faber at lunch time. Marion had  
gone to school in the morning complain-  
ing of headache.

"Yes, a little; but it aches a good  
deal, yet."

"Perhaps you had better stay at home  
this afternoon."

"I wish I could," Marion said with a  
sigh; "but I don't like to miss the  
French lesson."

"Did everything go right?"

"Yes; but I was afraid all the time I  
was going to fail in history, my head  
ached so."

"Don't you like that hymn we sung  
going into chapel this morning, Marion?"  
asked her brother Will. It stirs one  
up so."

"Yes," said Marion; "but one of the  
girls behind me got one note wrong every  
time we sang it."

"My arithmetic was clear as daylight  
to me this morning, Marion, thanks to  
you. Help me again to-night, will you?"

"I would if I could, Will," was Marion's  
plaintive answer; "but I have so much to  
do, and I suppose my head will ache  
just the same, and—"

"Oh, I won't ask you if your head  
aches. I tell you, we'll go out to the  
Fort first and have a good walk; that'll  
fix your head all right."

"But not, but," exclaimed Will;  
saying a little impatiently, "You've been  
saying nothing but 'buts' ever since we  
came in, Marion. I hate 'buts.'"

"But is a very good word in the right  
place," said Mrs. Faber, "though it is not  
always easy to put it in the right place.  
But we will talk of something else now."

After school Will urged Marion to go  
with him to the Fort, but her head ached  
a little still, and she did not want to  
go. Will went reluctantly without her.

"Marion," said her mother, coming in  
just then, "if your head is no worse, I  
would like you to go out with me this  
afternoon."

"All the afternoon?"

"No; only a short distance. I have a  
shawl to take to old Mrs. Benson, and I  
would like you to go with me."

"Oh, mamma, I don't know what to  
say to her."

"I will do the talking, dear; but it will  
do good to see you; she is very fond  
of young people. And I think it will do  
you good, too; it always does me. Be-  
cause, the fresh air will be good for your  
head."

Marion gave a resigned sigh and put  
on her hat and sash; and she would rather  
stay at home and be miserable. As they  
left their own pretty street and turned  
down the narrow by-street where Mrs.  
Benson lived, Marion felt a pang of pity  
for those who had to live there. Head-  
aches were not the worst things in the  
world.

A little old woman with a face like a  
withered apple and a lower lip that  
looked as if it were poked out in a per-  
petual pout, opened the door and peered  
for a minute over the steel rim of her  
spectacles. Then down went the lip and  
up went the cheeks wrinkled in hearty  
smile, while Marion could see a flash of  
teeth that had been once white.

A heavy cane was passed to her left hand in front  
of the clean white apron, and her right  
gave them a hearty greeting.

"I had to take a peepin' at you, Mrs.  
Faber, before I quite made you out; but  
my eyes are good for a good deal of work  
yet. And Mrs. Benson says to me, 'I  
love the sight of a young face.' Mrs.  
Benson said, hobbling to provide  
chairs for her guests.

"I am glad to see you out of bed, Mrs.  
Benson," said Mrs. Faber; "you had a  
long time in bed—ten weeks, was it  
not?"

"I feel it very bad, I just wrap myself up  
in my quilt if there's nobody here to  
see."

"Then this warm shawl will be a little  
comfort to you, won't it?" said Mrs.  
Faber.

"Thank you, ma'am," said Mrs. Ben-  
son, looking her thanks with all her hon-  
est face; "that will be a blessing, indeed,  
ma'am."

"Let me help you put it on," said Ma-  
rieon, jumping up and tenderly arranging  
the shawl over her bent shoulders.

The pointing lip was trembling now,  
and the old blue eyes filled with tears.

"Thank you, my dear. God love you."  
"I think God must love her," Marion  
said to her mother as they walked home.

"Isn't she good? and so cheery!"

"Yes; she is a living sermon to me."

"And I know what her text is, mam-  
ma," said Marion, looking suddenly in  
her mother's face with a smile; "and I  
know why you wanted me to come and  
see her. Her text is 'But,' and she uses  
it in the right way."

Mrs. Faber gave Marion's hand a little  
squeeze. "I'm glad you noticed it; it al-  
ways strikes me. If I speak of any of  
her 'troubles,' she always answers with  
a pleasant 'but'—a 'but' that is like  
a little window looking out on the bright  
side of things."

"Yes," said Marion thoughtfully; "my  
'buts' were unpleasant; something dis-  
agreeable always came after them."

"Yes, dear, they were to-day. The  
words that come last are what we re-  
member, you know; so it makes a great  
difference what comes after the 'but.'  
There are two ways of saying 'but'; one  
leaves a little shadow in the world, the  
other a ray of sunshine."

"I am going to use 'sunshine but,'" said  
Marion, decidedly.

"How's your head," asked Will as they  
went in; "aching yet?"

"A little, but it is a great deal better,"  
answered Marion, smiling.

"Do you want some help with your  
arithmetic, Will?" she asked after tea.

"Yes, indeed; but I thought you had  
so much to do?"

"I have a little more than usual, but  
I can manage it all."

"You're a brick!"

One power Will could not see clearly  
until Marion had explained it over and  
over.

"I'm a nuisance, am I not?" he ex-  
claimed.

"You're the best brother in the world."  
This was a "sunshine but"; it brought  
a smile to Will's face, and seemed to  
clear the fog from his brain, for he un-  
derstood the very next time.

"Marion, here are some of St. Paul's  
'buts' for you to read to-night," said  
mother, handing her a slip of paper on  
which was written: "2 Cor. 4:1-10;  
6:9-10;" and Marion prayed that night  
that she might, too, though "sorrowful"  
at times, be always "rejoicing"—that  
the life also of Jesus may be made mani-  
fest in her body.—The Young Christian  
Soldier.

Mr. H. B. McKinnon, painter, Mount  
Albert, says: "Last summer my system  
got impregnated with the lead and tur-  
pentine used in painting; my body was  
covered with scarlet spots as large as a  
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that I could scarcely walk. I got a bottle  
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bottle was used there was not a spot to  
be seen, and I never felt better in my  
life."

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ker says that in soliciting charitable  
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have given proportionately and systemati-  
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cally, and who does not set down in his account  
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The chief action taken at Ottawa this week was the adoption of Sir John Thompson's amendment to the McCarth-

We very cheerfully publish Dr. Sanders' communication. If what has been advanced about the giving of a tent cannot stand the severest criticism, let it fall to the ground. The Messengers

ing? Do not the demands of the gospel in its world-wide mission supply the need for at least as generous giving as was that of the Jews who had only their own worship to support? Do we not, therefore, put the case very mildly when we say that we cannot suppose the

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The church at Tuni, Mr. G. side's field, has been badly damaged the falling of the roof. When Mr. G. side wrote (Dec. 3, 1889), thirty thousand tiles lay on the floor of the auditorium. On the Sunday before the present

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The Baptist church of Tracadie, N. S., wishes to acknowledge with gratitude the gift of two dollars from Messrs. Layton & McDermont, Great Village.

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union; each forgets his own interests in their own; each pursues the interests of the race and save souls; they go far ahead for us than they presume to hope for

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## Religious Intelligence.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

**NORTH CHURCH, Halifax.**—Bro. Manning has been very ill. At least according to his condition had changed for the better. Bro. Wallace is laboring with the church for a few weeks.

**TANCOCK, LUNenburg Co., N. S.**—Our meetings are increasing in interest daily. The church has been greatly revived, and sinners are enquiring the way of salvation. "To God be all the glory."

## A. WHITE.

**POTTER, ME.**—On the 14th inst., the Rev. A. W. Bates and his family were surprised by their friends, to the number of 60, who came with gifts and pleasant greetings which are beyond price. The faithful tithing of this dear brother on this field, deserves this expression. He deserves the absence of conversions. He asks the prayers of the faithful.

**CENTREVILLE, CARLETON Co., N. B.**—I have resigned my charge of this field, to take effect the 1st of April. I have twice had the pastorate of these churches. This time I have enjoyed six years of unintermitted peace and prosperity. A large and inviting field will soon demand the best energies of a good man.

## GEO. HOWARD.

**MACQUAC, N. S.**—Bro. S. D. Irvine, of Andover, is at present visiting Macquac. Our brother is being well received, and the outlook for this church, so long pastorless, is quite encouraging—congregations increasing and interest deepening. There are indications of quickening in the churches of Kingsclear and Prince William. The prayer and conference meetings are seasons of refreshing. May the Lord come in power.

## C. C.

**HILLSBORO VALLEY CHURCH.**—We have very little to report of a cheering character. The church is not as active as we would wish to see it, yet there are faithful few who are struggling on, and we believe earnestly praying for us, pouring of the Spirit. May their prayers be speedily answered. I have been housed with "la grippe" for three Sabbath, but hope to be able to resume my work next Sabbath. A large number of people have been sick of late, which has had its effect upon the church as well as the community.

## S. W. K.

**GUYSBORO, N. S.**—We are toiling on, striving to advance our Redeemer's kingdom in this locality, determined to know nothing among men save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Our home life has been very lonely coming here after burying both of our dear boys (truly God's ways are mysterious and past finding out), yet we have been blessed in our church work and comforted by the promises of God's word, and have received many tokens of appreciation from the kind people here, the last of which, we might mention, is a cash present of \$30, with instructions to buy a cow for ourselves. May God bless the donors. Brethren, pray for the Baptist interest in Guysboro and Boylston.

## W. P. A.

**VANCOUVER, B. C.**—In a communication from the deacons of the Baptist church of Vancouver we have the pleasing intelligence of progress by the labors of Bro. Kennedy, the late pastor. The church increased its membership by the ingathering of 103, 25 of these by baptism. A new and commodious church building has been erected at the cost of \$12,000, and over \$4,000 paid on it, in addition to the purchase of a corner lot 75x125 feet, on which the building stands. The church very much regrets that they were called upon by the unconditional resignation of Bro. K. as pastor, to part with his valuable services. Needed rest on the part of the pastor made this step necessary.

**MECHANICVILLE, N. Y.**—The weekly visits of the MESSINGER AND VISITOR are a source of great pleasure to us, and we are well posted as to the condition and progress of the Lord's work in your native land. It may interest your readers to learn that God's Spirit has been working powerfully in Mechanicville, my present field of labor. We began holding special meetings in January, and our faith was much tried on account of the prevailing sickness and unfavorable weather. But it has gladdened our hearts to see many converted, for whom prayers have long been offered. I have been privileged to lead thirty believers to the baptismal waters, since the beginning of this year, twenty-two of which number are adults, and most of them the heads of families; others have been received and are awaiting the ordinance. Nearly all these have been brought in through personal hand-to-hand work, the method indicated in the 1st chapter of John's Gospel, "the chapter of findings." Our Sunday-school has increased so rapidly that we are obliged to abandon our vestry and occupy the audience room of the church. All this is very encouraging to our little church, which was organized only a few years ago. It has been dependent for support to quite a large extent upon the Missionary Board.

## WALTER BARRS.

**WOODSTOCK.**—In the name of the Lord and through His sustaining grace we are holding on our way in Woodstock. As to our services we may say that they are well attended and almost without exception seasons of refreshing. One has been baptized upon profession of faith and we have reason to believe that others are not far from the kingdom. No special services have as yet been engaged in, but we hope soon to hold some, as most of our people seem to be recovering from the prevailing sickness. For those who know the history of the Baptist cause in this town and the difficulties in the way of our progress, I have a pleasing bit of news, the \$1,000 mortgage which, beside other things, was burdening the church has been lifted. I began the work in December, and last evening at our prayer-meeting I presented the brethren with the redeemed mortgage. It is needless to say we all feel relieved. In closing this brief communication I may add that I am confident if the church will stand shoulder to shoulder, each endeavoring to create harmony rather than dissension; each forgetting self and self-interest in the endeavor to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom and save souls; there are better times ahead for us than they could hardly have presumed to hope for three months ago.

## B. N. NOBLE.

**BRISTOL, CARLETON Co.**—Bro. Hayward has been holding some extra meetings at this place with good results. One has professed conversion.

**FREEMONT, N. S.**—We have held some special meetings in the Central Grove section of this church, and God has greatly blessed our efforts. Church members have been revived, wanderers reclaimed, and sinners converted. Last Sabbath was a joyful day with us, as nine happy believers publicly confessed their faith in Christ by baptism. Others are seeking the Saviour. Brethren pray for us.

## J. W. TINSLEY.

**KARA, KING Co.**—I have been laboring with the church at Kara, Kings Co., since the first of August, one half of the time. Spiritually the church is quite low, yet we thank the Lord for mercy drops, and some seasons of refreshing from on high. The people have been both kind-hearted and generous, and they have been mindful of our temporal wants by making us a donation of \$50, \$46 being in cash, for which we desire to be truly grateful, and pray that God may abundantly reward the donors. C. B. LEWIS.

**LOWER CAMBRIDGE.**—In your issue of this week you have an editorial on "The absence of revival power in our churches." I wish to say, that if your columns of "News from the Churches," contained a full report of all the baptisms, the outlook would justify all that you have said. But the revivals are not all reported to your columns. The Lower Cambridge church has experienced a great revival this winter, in which eighteen have been baptized. The report, which ordinarily would have been withheld, is now made to assist in relieving your gloomy reflections on the assumption that your columns report all the revival work going on in the churches. For my own part, during the last ten years, I have baptized about 190 persons, of which the only report has been in annual letters to the associations. Perhaps I have erred in withholding the news from the papers. A partial report is misleading. I propose that in future all additions be reported to the MESSINGER AND VISITOR, and that the clerks of the churches do the reporting.

## FEB. 20.

**NOTICE.** The P. E. I. quarterly meeting will meet with the church at Alexandria on the third Tuesday in March (19th), and as this will be the last meeting before the association, we trust the brethren will make it a point to be present. Brethren, do not leave these meetings with a few, but come yourself and bring as many with you as possible. Bro. Joseph Cahill, president of the association, will be present Tuesday evening, be sure and don't miss hearing it. F. D. DAVISON, Sec'y.

## FEB. 20.

**MARRIAGES.** **DALRYMPLE-MCCABE.**—On Feb. 13, by Rev. W. H. Child, all of Halifax, to Jessie McCabe, all of Halifax.

**DIAMOND-PETERS.**—On Feb. 5, by Rev. Jas. H. Tupper, George C. Diamond, to Carrie Peters, both of the Parish of Bright.

**DONNETT-SMITH.**—At Sackville, N. B., Jan. 29, by Rev. L. M. West, to Mrs. Eunice S. Donnett, of Fairview, to Mrs. Eunice S. Smith, of Sackville.

**HOLMES-BROOKS.**—At Upper Gagetown, Feb. 12th, by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, Wm. W. Holmes to Annie E. Brooks, both of Gagetown, Queens Co.

**DAVIS-MOULTON.**—At North River, Col. Co., Feb. 10, by Rev. M. W. Brown, Richard Davis, of Springhill, to Kate McCollum, of North River.

**BURNETT-ROACHE.**—At Lockeport, N. S., Feb. 12th, by Rev. E. O. Read, Wm. J. Burney, of Jordan, Shelburne Co., to Josephine Roache, of Lockeport.

**ANDREWS-CROSBY.**—At Yarmouth, N. S., Feb. 15, by Pastor H. F. Adams, Daniel H. Andrews, to Nellie Crosby, both of Melbourne, Yarmouth Co., N. S.

**LUCAS-PARSONS.**—At Middle Sackville, Feb. 12, by Rev. E. N. Archibald, Theodore Lucas, to Mary E. Parsons, both of Middle Sackville.

**DURANT-FALLEN.**—At the Baptist parsonage, Melburn Square, Feb. 12, by Rev. J. Tingley, Job S. Durant, of Boston Mass., to Addie Fales, of Margareville N. S.

**EMMONS-DEMONTE.**—At Mahone Bay, on the 12th inst., by the Rev. J. Williams, Mr. Hibbert Eissenhor to Miss Sophia Demonte, all of North-west, county of Lunenburg.

**TURNER-QUINN.**—At the residence of the bride's father, Carleton Co., Feb. 16, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, Elbridge T. Turner, of Mapleton, Maine, to Maria E. Quinn, of Carleton.

## Deaths.

**CULLINAN.**—At East Florenceville, Carleton Co., Feb. 17, of la grippe, Wm. Cullinan, aged 25 years.

**SWEET.**—At Billtown, N. S., of diphtheria, Lucy A., daughter of W. S. and Lela Sweet, aged 1 year.

**MARTIN.**—At Painsdown, Hants Co., Feb. 11, Jehiel Martin, aged 77 years. He leaves a large circle of friends to mourn their loss.

**BAKER.**—At Tanook, Feb. 3, George Baker, aged 83 years. Our brother gave convincing proof of Christ having been formed in him the hope of glory.

**MCLAUGHLIN.**—At Belfast, P. E. I., Feb. 4, of bronchitis, Chester Lavers, aged 13 months and six days, only child of John and Ophelia McLaughlin. The body was brought to Clyde River and interred in the family burying ground.

**JEWETT.**—In Woodstock, Carleton Co., Jan. 30, Edward Jewett, in the 41st year of his age, leaving a wife, three children, and a large number of friends to mourn the loss of a truly good and useful man. Bro. Jewett was the second son of Bro. Moses Jewett, of Prince William. His death was caused by a relapse, after an attack of la grippe.

**RINGER.**—At Northfield, Feb. 12, Elizabeth, widow of the late Peleg Ringer, aged 81 years. Sister Ringer was baptized by Rev. Thomas Earley early in life and united with Milltown church soon after she moved to Northfield, where she continued in the love and service of the Master until death.

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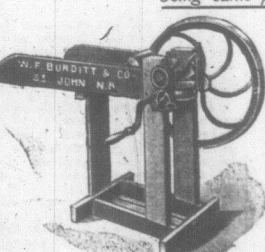
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## News Summary.

### DOMINION.

—Moncton is agitating for a public hospital.

—The Moncton Sugar Refining Co. has declared a dividend of three per cent.

—The Canadian Electric Co. have just finished another 150 light dynamo for their new station at Amherst.

—The ship carpenters of St. John have decided to knock off work at five o'clock after the 1st of April.

—During five days of the last week 30 carloads of material for the ship railway dock at Tidnish passed through Amherst.

—The Truro Gold Mining Co. are working actively at Caribou in getting the machinery started. The outlook is good.

—The Havelock mineral water is in such demand that casks can scarcely be provided in sufficient quantities for shipment.

—An extensive investigation is to be made into the Halifax water supply system with a view to securing a better service.

—The Union Furniture Merchandise Co., of Bass River, N. S., passed a very successful year, and have a dividend of \$1,000.

(Owing to the increase in the cost of manufacture, the price of vinegar will be advanced by the bonded manufacturers after March 1st.—Sun.)

—The ferryboat, Ounagondy, running between St. John and Carleton, made her first trip on July 8, 1870. Her original cost was \$17,846.—Sun.

—A mayflower in full bloom was laid on the editorial table Feb. 13. It was picked by C. M. Meteler, in Cunard woods yesterday.—Halifax Mail, Feb. 13.

—Moncton at present leads in heavy men. St. John shows four whose combined weight is 970 lbs.; Halifax four weigh 1070; but Moncton's four go 1,100.

—Mr. Oswald Smith, of Kingston, Kent Co., expects, as soon as spring opens, to forward several rafts of timber to Cape Tormentine, to be used in the construction of the breakwater.

—A survey of the railway from Yarmouth along the shore to Bridgewater is now being made, and hopes are entertained that a good company may soon be formed to push forward the work.

—Parties from Halifax have been inspecting the copper deposits at Victoria Beach, Lower Granville, and are assured that they possess great value. Specimens have been taken for analysis.

—One of the attractions of Barnum's show, now drawing immense audiences in London, is a boy 17 years old who weighs barely 19 pounds. The little fellow's name is Foster, and he is a native of Annapolis Co., N. S.

—On not more than one-sixth of an acre C. F. Ruggles, Esq., of Paradise, N. S., raised last season 175 bushels of carrots, 100 bushels of sugar beets, besides three rows of sweet corn, and two rows of sunflowers. The carrots were the shortest variety.

—J. E. Page & Sons, of Amherst lately sold to Samuel Dickie, of Onslow, for \$125, a pure bred Holstein bull calf, sired by Clothilde II's Artie, whose dam, Clothilde II, has recently completed a 60 days' butter record of 223 lbs., which is the best in the world.

—It is said a button factory is to be established in Oxford shortly for the manufacture of buttons from vegetable ivory. The service of T. Johnson, who has had twenty years' experience at this business in Europe, has been secured, and the company if started will, no doubt, be a success.

—Says the Gleaner: Persons digging for coal on the Tobique last October met with, at least, enough to encourage their early resumption of work in the spring. Gold, silver and lead specimens obtained last summer will confirm the faith of the rankest skeptic with regard to the Tobique's great future.

—The annual meeting of the Bank of Nova Scotia was held in Halifax on Wednesday. The old directors were re-elected. The bank has a balance sheet of \$1 million; its capital is \$1,144,300, and its reserve fund over 50 per cent, hence it can rank as one of the great banks of the Dominion.

—St. John, N. B., is organizing for an exhibition to be held in the city, beginning the 24th of September next. It is intended to give prizes amounting to \$10,000 to stock and agricultural products, and in addition a further sum for special prizes. Any information can be had from the secretary at St. John.

—The first direct shipment of Chicago beef arrived at Moncton last week. The car contained forty-five carcasses weighing 20,256 lbs. This car made the quickest run from Chicago on record, shipped on the morning of the 12th and arrived here on the evening of the 18th, being but five days in transit.—Times.

—A petition is being signed requesting the Dominion Government to place a new whistling buoy about six miles to the south of Partridge Island. Shipping men are of opinion that a buoy is much needed at that locality, and that it would be a great benefit to vessels running down the bay in thick weather.—Telegraph.

—Over seventeen thousand dollars were realized by the cheese factory in Antigonish last season, and it is expected that more work will be done this coming season, and several new factories will be started in the country outside. This shows that cheese-making pays when carried on as it ought to be.—Weekly Monitor.

—The sermons of Rev. T. deWitt Talmage deal with every phase of human duty. He struck a chord that should find a response in the breast of every father, when he exclaimed:—How a man who is not a father can care for his children is a mystery I have never been able to fathom. Procrastination is hell's deception. Go to-morrow morning and buy a policy in the Dominion Safety Fund Life Association, St. John, N. B.

An old stage says, "Have had dyspepsia over 25 years with terrible suffering; could not eat, sleep, or work; have used several boxes of Dr. King's Dyspepsia Cure; I have not had a good health for 25 years. No suffering; work now a pleasure."—Gleaner.

—The lubricating oil factory at Stellarton, N. S., is completed, and work is expected to begin shortly. Mr. Leahy is the manager. This industry is among the first to be started in the town of Stellarton since incorporation.

—The Cheggogin Gold Mining Co. have purchased some powerful machinery, including a 50 horse-power engine, an improved rock breaker, and stamp mill. They expect to have the mine in operation about the middle of April.

—The Times says that a petition against the compulsory pilotage commission at the port of Moncton has been numerously signed by shippers and others. The petition, which will be forwarded to the Minister of Marine, sets forth that vessel owners and captains refuse to come to the port on account of the compulsory system.

—Christopher McDonald, of Antigonish, is in town; and he had with him a large lot of furs of animals got in Guysboro, Antigonish and Cape Breton counties this winter. There were 381 furs (one a beautiful silver grey, worth about \$80); 419 muskrat, 80 minks, 8 otter, 13 racoon, besides lynx, wild cat, etc.

—It is estimated that the lumber cut on the St. John, the Aroostook and their tributaries, this year, will be 150,000,000, which together with the lumber hung up last year will give 200,000,000. Of this latter quantity, 125,000,000 is American cut, the remaining 75,000,000 Provincial. This latter figure also includes the Quebec cut which comes down the St. John.

—Notice is given that application will be made to the Legislature of New Brunswick at the ensuing session thereof, for an act incorporating and authorizing a company to be called "The Colonization Company of the Maritime Provinces," to acquire, improve, dispose of, lease, change or transfer wild or cultivated lands, mills, and factories of all kinds in the Province of New Brunswick.

—The Portia arrived in St. John, Sunday morning from the West Indies via Yarmouth, where she had been detained by the recent severe storms. The Portia brought a large cargo of raw sugar, molasses and small fruits, 5,000 coconuts, etc. It appears altogether probable that the commercial venture, the establishment of direct trade relations between St. John, West Indies and Demamara, will prove to be a great success.

—The exports and imports for the seven months ending 31st January, 1890, are: the exports for the period named were \$66,485,620, as against \$57,412,899 for the corresponding period of last year; an increase of \$9,072,721. The imports for the period named were \$65,539,433 compared with \$59,114,467 for the seven months ending January 31, 1889, an increase of \$6,424,966. The duties also show a corresponding increase, the amount collected being \$13,508,651, as compared with \$13,127,864, an increase of \$380,787.—St. John Sun.

Mr. Cross, of Greenfield, N. S., writes: "I suffered ten years with chronic Rheumatism and Neuralgia; doctors gave no relief. Comfort and relief came from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills; less than one bottle cured me. I walked 11 miles to day."

**BRITISH AND FOREIGN.**  
—The London Times correspondent at Cairo says Mr. Stanley tells him that the latest work he has written on foot in the last expedition is 4,400 miles and 1,000 miles in conveyances of one kind or another. The expedition has occupied three years, and rescued 300 persons at a cost of less than \$20,000. Lord Napier's Abyssinian expedition occupied six months, rescued eight persons and cost £8,000,000.

Vick's Floral Guide is one of the handsomest catalogues published. The illustrations are intended to give the reader a correct idea of the plant or flower illustrated. The guide is a very valuable picture which defies so many catalogues and reflect upon the integrity of those who issue them, do not appear in this list. The list of potatoes is good, and several new kinds are offered, among them the Early Market. It is said to be of the Ohio class, and is especially recommended for early marketing, as the quality is excellent in the early stages of growth or "unripe" condition. The entire catalogue is one that the R. N. Y. greatly commends to the examination of its readers.—Rural New Yorker, New York, N. Y.

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Brother and Sister Weeks, of Dorchester, desire to acknowledge the kindness of their people and others. A short time ago the Woodhurst section presented them with \$30 in cash. A little later a friend at Calhoun slipped a nice horse rug under the seat of the pastor's sleigh. Two weeks ago there was a parlor society, which took the form of a house-warming, and without any previous hint, one of the gentlemen presented a fine harness for the horse, and one of the ladies a beautiful dress for Mrs. Weeks. Bro. W. adds that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and his better half is sufficiently unselfish to enjoy only the blessedness of the recipient, and gladly allow their people the greater blessedness of the donor.

On the 11th inst. the friends of the Hillsboro Section met at the parsonage and after spending a pleasant evening, presented the pastor with \$12.90. A few evenings before the ladies of the church and congregation called at the parsonage and presented Mrs. Camp with a beautiful fur coat and muff. For these and many other tokens of kindness and goodwill from our people, we wish to express our thanks and pray God to abundantly reward them.

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**Convention Funds Received.**

Liverpool, N. S., \$21 65

Upper Aylesford church, 20 80

Mountain section, 19 69

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Amherst church, 108 72

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Dartmouth church, 34 40

Mrs. E. B. Hubley, St. Margaret's Bay, 1 50

Murray River, P. E. I., 5 00

Montague Bridge, P. E. I., 5 00

First Yarmouth church, for Convention Fund, \$15.50; N. W. M., \$11.35. 26 85

Mrs. Wm. Robertson, for H. M., 3 00

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hubley, Yarmouth West church, Cheggogin, 18 95

Temple church, Yarmouth, 7 00

Fairville church, N. B., 8 00

Fairville Sunday school, N. B., 4 00

Berwick, N. S., 16 40

First Ragged Island S. S., Goshorn, for F. M., 5 00

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Mountain section, 9 39

Goshorn, N. S., 2 50

Fredrickton, 188 37

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Yarmouth, Feb. 17. G. E. DAY.

**RECIAT.**—The second recital at Wolfville took place on the 14th. The audience was larger than at the first. The programme was considerably better. These recitals are very popular and supply a long felt want. The ladies deserve great credit. The following is the programme: Chorus, "Angels of Peace"; Piano Solo, "Andante G. Miss Eva Margeson; Readings, "The King of Denmark's Ride," "Little, Dora's Soliloquy," Miss Alice Rich; Piano Solo, Waltz Gb, Miss Clara King; Song, "Blossoms," Miss Ruby Coffin; Reading, "The Legend of Bregens," Miss Lalia Halfkenny; Piano Solo, Polish Dance, Miss Jessie Newcombe; Song, "Can I May I Dare I Tell?" Miss Beanie Nelson; Reading, "Chicken Talk," Miss Evelyn Keirstead; Ariel Quartette, "Those Evening Bells," Misses Nelson, Eaton, Allen and King; Piano Solo, "Chante du Paysan," Miss Kate Neily; Chorus, "To Thee, O Country."

**A Positive Danger.**

MR. EDITOR.—It is a well-known fact that the majority of people are inclined to look upon a cold in the head as a matter of little importance—involving at the most only a temporary inconvenience. No more disastrous mistake was ever made. The neglected cold in the head is the source of the catarrhal affections with which about seven-tenths of the people of this country are afflicted, and catarrh itself is too often the preliminary stages to consumption and death. The early symptoms of catarrh are manifested, but among them is a more or less offensive breath, dull, oppressive headache, offensive droppings from the nostrils into the throat and bronchial tubes, deafness or partial deafness, constant hawking and spitting, weak and watery eyes, a hacking cough and feeling of general debility, ringing in the ears and frequent dizziness. These are but a few of the more general symptoms, and those who experience them should lose no time in applying a remedy—delays are proverbially dangerous, and in the case of this too prevalent disease may lead to death. We offer Nasal Balm to the public as a positive cure for cold in the head and for catarrh in all its forms and stages. Nasal Balm has been tested in thousands of cases, and the testimonials in our possession prove that it is all we claim for it. It has cured other ailments—it will cure you. It is easy to use, pleasant and agreeable, and does not require a douche, or any torturing instrument to apply it. Give it a trial and be convinced of its great efficacy. Sold by all dealers or sent post on receipt of price—50c. for small or \$1 for large size bottles, by addressing FULFORD & CO., Brockville, Ont.

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**NOTICE.**

A BILL will be introduced at the next session of the Legislature of this Province to amend the Act incorporating "The Union Baptist Education Society," as to its membership, and to amend the 10th and 11th sections of the said Act, and to amend the Directors and mode of appointment, and time for holding Annual Meeting.

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