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An extensive revival of religion is in progress in Sweden. In Sundvall 1,000 persons have been converted since the beginning of the year...

As we go to press the very sad news of the death of Rev. Walter Bars, of Geneva, New York, comes to us by telegraph. His death occurred after a brief illness, on Sunday, the 5th inst.

conduct, bold and uncompromising in his opposition to wrong doing, courageous and unflinching in his advocacy and defence of the truth and the right as he understood them...

with the constitution, cannot do it. It is only the State of Louisiana that could bring to trial the New Orleans lynchers, and this she is not likely to do.

Congregationalists and Baptists. Congregationalists are so "few and far between" in most parts of the Maritime Provinces that many of your readers are apt to have very indistinct and incorrect ideas of their importance as a denomination...

ings and methods of Mr. Spurgeon, so that he has probably done even more than Mr. Spurgeon himself in making other denominations Baptist in everything but baptism, government and name.

CONCERNING THE RAMAPATAN SEMINARY and its Principal, Rev. Dr. Mabie writes: "Our stay at Ramapatam was brief but pleasing. We found the seminary a real bee-hive of activity."

It is pretty generally conceded as a right to editors to use the first personal pronoun in the plural form, but the western editor who spoke of his better half as "our wife" would seem to have come to think that the editor was made for the pronoun and not the pronoun for the editor.

"Will some persons who are not editors please make a note of this? Some of our own correspondents make use of this first person plural quite unnecessarily and awkwardly."

The last issue of the Antigonish Casinet criticises some remarks in an article entitled "Politics and Piety" which appeared in a recent issue of this paper, and which alluded to the concentration of power in the hands of the Roman Catholic hierarchy...

But he was not a man to succumb easily to the power of disease. He recovered his health, and these thirty years which seemed to be wrested from fate have been charged with labors more than sufficient, it would seem, to fill a long and active life. It was not until 1861, when he was 35 years of age, that he entered the ministry, although, for many years previously, he had been a prominent, active leader in Christian work.

Mrs. J. ELLEN POTTER, president of the non-partisan Women's Christian Temperance Union, on a recent Monday morning, gave an address before the New York Baptist Ministers' Conference, which the Examiner's report characterizes as "strong, sensible and earnest."

PASSING EVENTS.

Few names were better known in America than that of Dr. Howard Crosby of New York. He was a man still apparently in the full exercise of his powers, and the announcement of his death, which took place on Sunday, March 29, fell with startling suddenness upon the public.

THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN STRONG GROUNDS in reference to the New Orleans difficulty and has recalled Baron Fava, its minister at Washington. The recall of a minister, as is well understood, is usually regarded as an immediate precedent to war, and the action of the Italian government has, therefore, created a little surprise and some apprehension in the United States.

FOR YEARS PAST THERE HAS BEEN NO TIME when an European war might not be regarded as an immediate contingency, and just now the war clouds seem to be hanging low over that continent.

How many Baptist ministers and missionaries count it one of the greatest blessings of their life that they sat at the feet of a great and distinguished scholar and teacher as Horatio B. Hall.

Baptists must not forget either that Mr. Spurgeon's parents and grandparents were Congregationalists, and that therefore he owed most of his education and religious training to this denomination, which probably did not fail to have him duly sprinkled.

DR. PENTECOST HAS CONTINUED at Calcutta ever since his arrival, preaching the gospel daily with great earnestness and directness, directing his efforts chiefly to educated natives. Large results have not yet followed, but there has been such a very clear and very forcible presentation of the truth that many of the educated Hindoos of Calcutta have probably got a clear idea of the claims of the gospel, and fruit must surely be gathered sooner or later.

W. B. M. U.

INASMUCH as you have done it into one of the least of these My brethren, you have done it into Me.

NEW SOCIETY.—On February 19, the ladies of the Oxford Baptist church, Cumberland Co., N. S., organized a W. M. A. S. President, Mrs. E. C. Corey; secretary, Mrs. J. C. McCormick; treasurer, Mrs. William Wood; auditor, Mrs. J. Baird. Our present membership is nine. Our numbers are small, but with God in our midst our numbers shall increase, for our Master has promised us that He will be with and help the few that do His will.

CONFERENCE.—Friday afternoon, March 13th, the ladies of the Missionary Aid Societies of Victoria and Carleton counties, met at Woodstock for the purpose of discussing different methods of work.

BISHOP THORNTON of the Methodist Episcopal church, says the editor of the Lone Star, "is in a position to take a widely extended view of the progress of the gospel in India, as his travels take him from the Himalayas to South India, and from Kurrachee to Singapore. In the course of conversation with him, in the train a few days ago, we learned that there is taking place a decided movement towards Christianity, and that it is breaking out simultaneously in various places in Northern and Central India, widely separated from each other, and among different peoples. Its appearance in many places at the same time cannot be accounted for by contact, and looks like the result of direct supernatural influence. It is his opinion that stirring times are near, when many will turn unto the Lord. He thinks also that the present leadings of Divine Providence indicate that more attention must be paid, by all mission agencies, to the evangelisation of the lower classes of the people.

Thoughts Low and High.

BY REV. C. H. SPURDON.

The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my vine and fig-tree, and say unto me, My servant shall be healed. Matt. 8:8.

before God is to know that we are undeserving and unworthy, while He is holy and glorious. We must hear Him say, "I am God, and beside me there is no one else."

The free grace of God in Christ, then take that free grace here and now. God help thee! Believe the more in Christ, because thou canst not, in any degree, believe in thyself.

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DR. W. J. LEOPOLD'S... TINK... LEOPOLD'S... EVERY MAN... EVERY WOMAN... YOUNG MEN... YOUNG WOMEN...

Sabbath School. BIBLE LESSONS. SECOND QUARTER. (Condensed from Peloubet's Notes.) Lesson III April 19. Jonah 1:1-17. JONAH SENT TO NINEVEH. GOLDEN TEXT. "Preach unto the preaching that I bid thee.—Jonah 3:2.

INTERVING HISTORY.—2 Kings 10:32 to 15:11. Our last lesson belonged in the first part of Jehu's reign. Jehu, in spite of his great energy, was only a partial success, because his energy was not guided by conscience and the word of God.

EXPLANATORY. I. THE DIFFICULT MISSION. 1. "Now," Hebrew, and. The first word here is a connective, as in many books of the Bible, simply showing the close connection between the various books, forming one continuous whole.

JONAH. "Jonah the son of Amittai." Jonah means A dove. His father's name, Amittai, means the truth of God. Nothing further is known of him. His birthplace was Gathhepher, in Galilee. His age, at the time of his lesson, would have been mature, after he had been a prophet for some time. This hard duty was not to be performed by a novice.

II. RUNNING AWAY FROM DUTY.—Vers. 1, 2. "But Jonah rose up." He must do something, go somewhere. The sinner arises, because, will he, nill he, toll he must. If he shrinks from the way of God, because it is hard, he may not yet be idle. There is the way of ambition, of covetousness, of pleasure, to be trodden, which certainly are far broader.

III. NO SAFETY OUT OF THE PATH OF DUTY.—4. "But the Lord sent." Literally, as in margin, cast forth, indicating the suddenness and violence of the storm. "And there was a mighty tempest." A hurricane, a Levania like the hurricane experienced by Paul (Acts 27:24). "Was like to be broken." Broken up, wrecked, foundered.

IV. CONFESSION OF SIN.—7. "Come and let us cast lots." Jonah, too, had probably prayed, as much as a man can pray who is still doing wrong. He probably prayed more for repentance and forgiveness than for any other thing.

What Shall We Say to Papa? Then he is away, that is evident. Oh, yes, far away from his boy and girl; and between his home and the country of his adoption, wide waters spread. He is not at all a business man to get rich, but is on the King's business, and bringing to the poor of his subjects the best of all riches. The father of Gerty and Bob is a missionary.

"I say, Gerty, let's send him a real jolly letter; won't he be glad to go: it out there?" "Yes, that he will. Now, what shall I say next, Bob? Let's see; I've told him all the school news, all the home intelligence, including that about Jacko jumping through the kitchen window; and I've sent him some of our best minnette from the front garden."

"What a good idea, Bob! But what shall I say?" They put their little heads together, and written in their bold and best copper plate were added these words: "Oh, darling papa, we do love you so much, and we had all the words in the dictionaries we could not tell you how much we love you. God bless you a thousand times, dear father; don't be down hearted if you are tired and the blue people are not nice with you. We are so praying for you ever so much. Last night poor Gerty was lying awake with the toothache, and after she had repeated all the verses she knew, she said: 'Now I'll pray for papa till I go to sleep.' Good-by, father darling; we kiss this letter for you, and tell it to carry all the love we can to you—x x x x x—three from each of us."

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