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RESPONSIBLE FOR GOVERNMENT.

Our Canadian people are justly pleased with their system of government. It is our frequent boast that we are a self-governing body; that we are not ruled by an irresponsible aristocracy.

But if we have responsible government some one must be responsible to the Supreme Law; and if it is not the rulers it must be the people.

Nor is the case essentially changed by the fact that it is the many that are concerned. This is in harmony with modern life and customs.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHER.

Sunday-school teachers would do well to magnify their office, for certainly the opportunities and the duties committed to them are not to be despised.

arouse interest and enthusiasm. In the way of help, exegetical and illustrative, there is almost everything that can be desired.

The work of the earnest and devoted teacher is not limited to an endeavor to impart and enforce the truths contained in the lesson week by week.

The influence of the faithful teacher will be felt not in the Sunday school only, but in every department of the church's life and work.

Modern Pentecostal Revivals.

THE MESSINGER AND VISITOR has already alluded to the recent and remarkable intelligence received from the Telugu mission under the auspices of the American Baptist Missionary Union.

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any motives. In 1878, June 15, Mr. Clough sent word to all the native preachers to bring their candidates for baptism to a ford on the Gundalacuma river, a little north of Ongole.

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New Brunswick Eastern Association.

Owing to pressure of work—meetings every night—and to the fact that the season for special effort is rapidly passing away, we forego continued analysis of our condition as indicated by the Year Book, to say one little practical word to the members of this association.

Brethren, let us—Ask great things of God; Attempt great things for God; and Expect great things from God.

Remember how all God's mighty ones have been men of prayer.

Let us remember the praying ones of holy scripture—the Elijahs of the Word; let us be familiar with the multiplied prayers of the Bible and their corresponding answers; and then unitedly, earnestly, and persistently, beseech God for the blessing.

Then, let us Attempt great things for God. Though circumstances be unfavorable; though surroundings be depressing; though the love of many may have waxed cold; and the zeal of many be flagged; still, let God's faithful few in every church throughout our association make an honest, earnest, sensible, scriptural effort to obtain the blessing of the most high God.

And then, brethren, let us Expect great things from God. A discouraged student complained to Spurgeon that souls were not being saved.

O, you deacons, help the pastor! He is careful and troubled about the many things of a scattered field, and a difficult pastorate—hold up his hands; cheer his heart; tell him you are praying for him; be silent of his faults; sing of his good points; and help him all you can.

O, you members, help the pastor! Criticise him when you get to heaven; just now lend him a helping hand.

O, you singers, help the pastor! Be in time, sit well up in front; don't save your voices, swing the old gospel song along; praise God in a soul inspiring way.

Hold in w' yer old friend the Holy Ghost, for one once grieves him away, you'll not so easy get him back again.

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Baptist Ministers' Annuity Fund.

AN APPEAL TO THE CHURCHES IN THE CONVENTION FOR COLLECTIONS IN AID OF THE FUND.

Even the small amount in the hands of the Board has done much to relieve the wants of disabled ministers, widows and children.

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brethren have a prayer meeting. I am very much broken down, have disease of the heart, and irritation of the spine, which produces great weakness and nervous prostration."

The churches are responding nobly to the Grande Ligne appeal, let them show equal liberality in this call for help to the ministers and their families when the days of darkness come.

Please take collections promptly and forward them to E. M. Saunders, Treasurer, Halifax, N. S. On behalf of the Board, E. M. SAUNDERS, Treasurer.

Petitions for Prohibition and the Dissolution of Parliament.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Owing to the dissolution of the Dominion parliament and the agitation consequent upon a new election, a word to all friends of temperance, and all parties engaged in the prohibition movement is necessary.

1. Do not cease to canvass for signatures, but push the work all the more diligently.

2. If you have closed your petition lists, owing to the short time given in our first circular, and have not done the work as fully as you would have done had more time been given, open new lists and take such steps to increase the number of signatures as you may think best.

3. It is not enough to place the petitions in the lecture room or at the door of a church, and say to the people they can sign them if they so desire.

4. Have the addresses written upon both forms of petition—House of Commons and Senate—as we petition both Houses.

5. All persons who have sent complete petition lists to any ex-M. P.'s will please send them a stamp asking for the immediate return of said lists, as said petitions are seriously liable to be mislaid or lost.

6. Withhold all petitions until the new parliament opens, and then send them on the second week of the session to the M. P. and Senator, Ottawa, representing the constituencies in which the petitions reside.

7. We would respectfully ask the W. C. T. U., and all other temperance organizations, as well as all other parties having resolutions or petitions, or both, to observe the directions given above, so far as they may apply.

8. In case any person needs an additional supply of petition forms apply to either of the persons whose names are given below, and they will be promptly sent.

9. Do not forget the finances, which are imperatively needed to pay expenses.

Friends of our holy cause keep at this work with tireless energy, and by the blessing of Almighty God upon our work we will have good success.

D. STILES FRASER, D. L. BRETHER.

In the political excitement now on, let not our brethren lose sight of the petitions in circulation, asking the ruling powers at Ottawa, whoever they may be, for a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Don't make the hackneyed excuse, "That it will do no good." Nothing will do good unless tried. We must push this battle to the gate.

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Hants Co. Auxil.

The Auxiliary Home Mission Society, Hants Co., N. S., met in at Falmouth on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1891.

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The second meeting of the Hants Co. Auxil. was held at St. Martins of church on the 17th of the month.

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