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This paper, while not claiming to be what is styled an "organ," may be taken as fairly representing the people known as Disciples of Christ in this country.

Editorial Notes.

We notice a rumor that Mr. Gladstone may return to active political life, if indeed he does not again become Premier. What a lesson Mr. Gladstone's career furnishes to young men! With a loud voice it says to young men, take care of your body! Do not destroy your body by any evil habit; keep yourself pure! And what a responsibility rests upon parents to see, so far as they can, that their boys while they are yet in their teens are not having their constitutions undermined by practices which we are all apt to think our boys will not fall a prey to. Keep an eye—nay, keep two eyes on your boys. Train them to hate the deadly cigarette, and to dread the more deadly secret practices which all boys are in great danger of being innocently led into.

The cleavage between the High and Low Church parties in Canada is apparently widening. A recent statement by Archbishop Lewis, of Kingston, with regard to Wycliffe College brings prominently forward the fact that there is an irreconcilable difference between the two schools of thought and practice. The one is headed towards Rome, and is traveling as fast as is prudent; the other is trying hard to keep on Reformation ground without breaking with the old church. Our sympathies are with the latter, but the former seems to

be gaining ground in this country. This is a time for old-fashioned gospel preaching. The Reformed Episcopal Church is making an earnest effort to stem the tide of Ritualism, but it will, we predict, not accomplish very much, it does not go back far enough. Reformers should go right back to the Apostles, and stop not on this side of them.

Things are getting interesting at Ottawa. Sir C. H. Tupper's resignation is an indication of a breaking up of old parties, which is encouraging to the country, or ought to be. It is not good for a country like ours to be forever divided into two or more political camps, which never vary in membership. A little independence now and then is wholesome. Why should a man be a Tory or a Grit all his life just because his father was a Tory or a Grit? This is a good time for young Canada to do a little thinking on its own account. What claim has the Tory party or the Grit party on the unquestioned loyalty of a young Canadian? What is at the bottom of this unvarying fealty to an old party that is preached so much? The professional politician knows; he wants an office. The people generally are fooled; they are but tools in the hands of the politicians. Let the people open their eyes a little and the days of the professional politician will be numbered.

In the *Catholic Record* of March 23rd there is an article on "Union in England"—the great movement which Pope Leo XIII. and the English Catholic Hierarchy will set on foot. It is very evident an invitation to the Ritualists in the Church of England to cast in their lot once and for all with the Church of Rome. The article closes with these words: "If he (the Pope) succeeds the Established Church in England will soon be numbered with the things that were; if he fail, he will at least open the door to many who have already been tending to Catholicism and hasten their steps." If there are Ritualists who are not consciously tending to Rome, this candid declaration should open their eyes. No doubt but that the Pope looks with exceeding favor upon the High Church move-

ment in the Church of England. He knows well what it means. It is instructive to consider that in Protestant England it should seem opportune to the Pope to make such an overture in the last decade of the nineteenth century. People often wonder how there could have been such dreadful lapses from New Testament faith and practice so soon after the days of the Apostles. An attentive observation of what is going on before our own eyes will aid us in coming to the conclusion that very great changes may be, and indeed will be, effected in a few years unless those who profess to believe in Christ are careful to honor His revealed word. Whenever anybody claiming Jesus as Lord ventures to ignore His law, either by adding to His plain requirements or by taking from them, that body is heading towards Rome, no matter what pretence of loyalty to the Word of God it may make. Let so-called Protestants beware.



DR. JAMES BUTCHART,
MISSIONARY IN CHINA.

We notice in some of our religious exchanges a clinging to the idea that there must be some sort of a ritual in connection with the opening or the closing of the Public Schools, or the religious future of young Canada is doomed. We have no such fears. From our standpoint the true religious interests of the rising generation would be served by removing from the common schools all pretence of religious

exercises. We should like to know how many of those who clamor for religious services in the Public Schools have family worship in their own homes. How many of them even attempt to give their own children any instruction at home? Is it not, to say the least, very probable that most of these people have turned their duty in that respect to the Sunday School teacher and the preacher? That is one of the evils of our day, as of other days. The Public School teachers have their hands full without imposing upon them the duties of indolent parents. We need national schools in this country, and in order to get them we must make our common schools non-sectarian, and keep them so. We do not despair of getting our Roman Catholic fellow citizens to see eye to eye with us on this subject after a while. We must be patient, of course, and charitable too. We Protestants must get the idea out of our heads that a Roman Catholic is always on the look-out for an opportunity to stab us. It is most likely not true that every priest is a lewd fellow and that every nun is a prostitute. It is more than possible that we Protestants have got an exaggerated notion of the villainy in the R. C. Church. Let us cultivate our Roman Catholic neighbors a little more; we may find some remnant of humanity in them. And by and by, perhaps even in Ontario, they may join with us in establishing a system of national schools, which will be for their good and for our good—for the good of our common country.

Jew, refers to the religion which the Jews profess. Hebrew refers to a language which they no longer speak, and has consequently no meaning at the present time. Israelite refers to a nation which they at one time formed, and it has at present no signification except when reference is made to the ancient nation. The Jews are a religious community, and that is all that separates them, or rather distinguishes them, from their fellow citizens. The Jews do not call themselves Hebrews. A few who do not know any better may call themselves so, but they are wrong. Those who know what is right call themselves Jews, and that is the only correct name.—*Jewish Tidings*.

Contributions.

Two Moods.

PETER ANDERSON.

The last of all the babbling throng had gone,
And I was sitting, saddened and alone,
By the faint embers of the fading fire,
That, like my hope, seemed ready to expire,
When through the silence of the lonely room
This whisper to my spirit seemed to come:
"Why wage this war, when error never dies?
Why plead for Truth, while men prefer the lies?
With men who cannot, or who will not see
The truths that seem so potent unto thee,
On whom thy honest scorn of fraud and wrong
Falls as the echo of an unknown tongue;
Whose souls are armour'd with imperious greed,
Whose sole religion is an outworn creed
Which superstition dreams contains some spell
Wherewith to cheat, at last, both heaven and hell.
Thou hast enough of evil, all thine own,
Enough, enough; let general ills alone;
What art thou more than all the timid throng
Who sail life's twilight sea of right and wrong,
Nor dimly see, with dull, distempered eyes,
Past the horizon that around them lies,
And with dumb walls shuts down for evermore
On all that lies behind and all before?
Have thine own argosies all sailed so fair
That thou must others teach the course to steer?
How much that men held true, in ages past,
Has proved but specious error, at the last?
Though men by millions in their little day
Hugged it, while centuries slowly rolled away,
Deeming mankind mistaken—all beside—
Lived for it, fought for it, and for it died.
How knowest thou that thy ships will stand the test
Of Time; that has dismantled all the rest,
And covered every coast explored by men
With stranded wrecks, that shall not sail again?
Thou art the veriest fool to vex thy soul
With problems that affect men, as a whole;
Peace and be still; thou art at best but one
Of all the mighty millions, moving on
To where life's fevered dream so soon shall cease
In the deep slumber of a dreamless peace;
While heedless of all human hopes and fears

From the exhaustless sum of coming years,
The mocking centuries march, with measured tread,
Over the dust of the forgotten dead."

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I started up as from a troubled dream
In which the force of all things hideous seem
Conspired to crush us, with a nameless dread;
And to the hopeless monster I said:
"O whispering coward voice; thou art a liar,
I will relight my lamps, rebuild my fire,
Chase out the gloom and chill of sable night,
And challenge thee to face me in the light.
Were error dead, man's work on earth were done;
The conflict ended and the battle won,
But when the war is fiercely waging, then,
Then is the time for brave and manly men,
For men who feel the grandeur of the fight
And that they work for God, who plead for right.
I have enough of evil, it is true,
Evils that fetter me my whole life through
And mar the best my hands attempt to do;
But thou wouldst make them greater, and not less,
With thy poor coward plea of selfishness.
Not at the first essay might mortals climb
To the far heights, where final Truth sublime
Faces with changeless front all changing time.
Despite of all that pessimists may say
The grand old world grows wiser day by day;
And if the heights to which man has attained
By slow and toilsome labor have been gained,
With many a dire misgiving, many a fall,
And many a backward step; in spite of all,
Brave souls still lead the way, mount upward still,
Let creed-bound cowards loiter where they will:
The darkness lies behind; the lights before
Beckon the leaders onward—ever more—
You needs must follow where *their* feet have gone,
Nor can you hold *them* from new heights—afar—
As well attempt to roll the sunrise down
Or stay the coming of the morning star.
No man who pleads for what to him is right,
Howe'er mistaken, fights a needless fight,
Or fails to leave after his lips are dumb,
An impress on the ages yet to come:
The phase of truth that I alone can see
Is God's own message to the world—for me—
Failing to speak it, I forever fail,
And make my craven life of no avail.

I know that life's brief voyage soon is done,
That we must sail beyond its setting sun,
But still I trust that my storm-beaten bark
Will not go down, in the oblivious dark;
But find a mooring on some fairer shore
Where life's perplexing tempests beat no more;
And if, at times, all charts seem blurred and dim,
My final refuge is to trust to Him
Who planted in the soul the deep desire
For something purer, permanent, and higher
Than I might ever dare to claim as mine,
O whispering voice, by following words of thine."

"Unto Him That Is Able To Keep You."

ANNA D. BRADLEY.

My morning reading chanced to be from that strange, terrible book of Jude I read it, as I always do, with a shrinking heart, a feeling of terror which—no matter how often it might be read—the book never failed to inspire in my breast.

It is seldom that I feel spiritually refreshed from reading the letter of Jude.

I recall the chosen people of God, whom He led out from Egypt and whom He afterward destroyed. I see how even the angels failed to keep their first estate, and were thrust from the presence of God into everlasting darkness. And when I read all of the terrible denunciations, I feel so weak and so afraid I seem to myself as a helpless mariner, far out in mid-ocean, struggling against the angry waves, which at any moment may overwhelm me. How do I know that I will be more steadfast in the faith than was mighty Israel? When an angel from heaven fell, dare I believe that I can be faithful to the end? And feeling and fearing thus, Jude's fierce letter never drew me nearer to the heart of God, never taught me how to rest.

But this morning I read it again—read it with the same old throb of terror; eager to hasten on to the close that I might find, on other pages, words which would give to me more of strength and cheer.

But just as my fingers were eagerly turning the leaves to find other portions that I could read with more of comfort to my soul, I seemed to hear—it did not appear to be my own voice reading—those closing words, "Now unto Him that is able to keep you."

Why, how blindly had I read the book! Always shrinking in fear from such a precious assurance as this! Instead of a denunciation, it is a

beautiful benediction, which should, all of these years, have been filling my soul with trust and peace. I see now why Jude should commence his letter with "Mercy unto you, and peace and love be multiplied." It was because he was divinely commissioned to point, at its close, "Unto Him who is able to keep us."

What though I am but a small, weak atom of humanity? It is not *my* strength that is required in buffeting the adverse waves. My battle is between those mighty billows and the One who created and holds them in their place. I do not fear, for I trust my cause unto Him who is able to save me.

Full well I know that in some home where this paper shall go there will be found some heart that is either lonely and sorrowing, or, in some way, is oppressed by many cares. The spirit is bowed down by some anxiety, which, perhaps, they do not dare to whisper even unto their dearest and their best.

Perhaps they are temporal, perhaps they are spiritual cares that oppress. I do not know. But this I know—somewhere that this page shall go to-night it will find a heart bowed down.

To you, oh brother, sister, wherever you may be, I would whisper the comforting words of another and bid you steadfastly look "Unto Him who is able to keep you."

Able to keep you in sickness and in health; able to keep you in loss or in gain; able to keep you in life or in death.

What does it matter though you may be treading a way that is rough or dark or drear this evening? You cannot fall, for you have committed yourself "Unto Him who is able to keep you."

"Unto him!" Just think of it. The Maker, the Ruler, the Friend, the Father, the Saviour! Oh, trembling, fearing brother, sister, remember it is "unto Him" we must look.

"Unto Him who is able!" Ah, the thought grows more precious as it expands. No need to fear the threatened disaster, the fiercest temptation, the most cruel foe. There is absolutely nothing for us to really fear, for we are relying upon One "who is able" to shield us from every danger.

"Unto Him who is able to KEEP!" To keep! Think of this, oh lonely, fearing one. He "keeps." He does not save us for a day, a week, a month, a year. But always and always, through all eternity, close to Himself He will "keep" you and me forever.

"And, now, unto Him who is able to keep you!" Just see how still more precious, because so personal, the tender words of love become. It is

"you" whom He loves, "you" whom He shields, "you" whom He saves, "you" whom He will always keep. No matter how poor or small or weak you may be; still "you" are the object of His eternal love.

As the sweet assurance presses home, how the shadows lift to make way for the glad sunbeams; how the burdens grow light because of the Mighty hand that is pressed beneath them; how the fears vanish; how the rugged way grows smooth again; and all because you and I are not alone, but have trusted our all "Unto Him who is able to keep us."

Day-Dreams of the Future.

THE DREAMER.

CHAP. II.

While my mind was taking in these wonderful discoveries, the old man had quietly left his seat, and walking over to where some vines grew, which I had not yet noticed, he plucked and brought to me a bunch of grapes.

"Eat these," he said, "and they will refresh you while I tell you my story; for it is long, and some of it will be sad to the listener. What it must be to tell, I will leave you to judge."

I thanked him for his kindness and tasted one of the grapes. Beautiful as they were to look at, what most surprised me was their flavor, and as I ate them it seemed as if new life and vigor found its way into my blood. My head grew clearer, and my mental powers gained new strength to listen to what the old man had to tell.

"To make my story complete it will be necessary for me to go back to the period of time which marks the close of your consciousness of events. Looking back to that time, and judging from my present knowledge and experience, your conclusions as to men and things must have been fairly correct, although I was not then able to arrive at any just estimate of current events, which was entirely my own fault. It is true that I was a professing Christian, a member of a recognized church, membership of which was an open sesame to all the privileges and respectability which such a position could confer. I avoided everything which was outwardly immoral, contributed largely, as I thought then, for church work, and, in fact, was looked upon as an average Christian man."

The same look of sadness and regret which I had noticed before clouded his face, and a sigh which seemed to come from the bottom of his heart broke the silence. I waited quietly until he was ready to go on, but in the meanwhile

something else had claimed my attention. A flock of beautiful birds had alighted near, and were pluming their feathers and cooing softly to each other, when, to my horror, I saw coming along an animal from whose appearance I judged that the birds were in danger; but to my astonishment, instead of the murderous gleam I expected to see in its eyes, and the destruction which might follow, I watched the animal walk softly in among them, evidently with no wish to harm the birds, and without causing any alarm in them; and some words seemed to float across my mind, "They shall not hurt nor destroy." This had all passed with such dream-like rapidity, that I was quite ready to give my attention to my companion, who had recovered from the effect of his saddened memories.

"You must pardon me," he said, "and I will not again allow my thoughts to wander; but when I look back at my conduct from my present standpoint, I am astonished that I dared to call myself a Christian. It was all a mockery, for the one all-absorbing passion of my soul was the accumulation of money. I called it a desire to secure a comfortable provision for old age, and mentally set a figure which would meet the demand; but no sooner was that reached than my desires expanded and a larger sum seemed necessary; and so it went on, until every pure desire, every generous impulse, every higher aspiration were swallowed up by this all-engrossing greed of gain. What makes the remembrance all the harder to bear is that there was in my home surroundings no incentive to such conduct, for there was nothing which did not breathe a spirit of the truest piety; the word of God was not only studied, but practised, and the name of Jesus was honored and loved. We had two children who, under their mother's influence and training, developed characters similar to her own, and both became while quite young sincere, earnest Christians. As I look back to the time when wife and children were mine, I am overwhelmed with astonishment at my own blindness and folly, for while I never openly opposed any of the details of my home life, there were often times when I secretly fretted under the restraints it imposed on my besetting sin, but which I hid most carefully from my loved ones. And yet there must have been many a time when my words and actions grieved and surprised them, with all my care to hide my fault which grew on me so steadily."

"I notice that you always speak of your wife and children in the past tense," I remarked.

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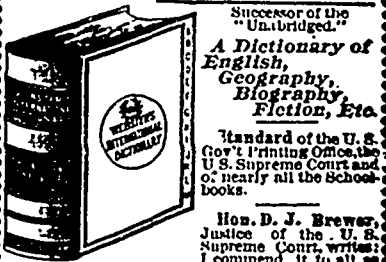
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APRIL 7. *Things to be Consecrated.* Ezra iii. 1-7.

Our lesson carries us back between five and six hundred years prior to the advent of the Son of man. About fifty thousand of the sons and daughters of Abraham had gathered in Jerusalem from Babylonian captivity. The capital of Israel had long been desolate. Her walls had been thrown down, her temple demolished, and her altars overturned. The fires of seventy years, captivity had burned away the last vestige of idolatry from their hearts. Their harps had hung so long on the willows of Babylon that they were eager to tune them in harmony with Israel's greatest and sweetest singer, and make Jerusalem echo and re-echo with praises.

What things they consecrated to God! "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." So wrote Paul to Timothy, and in another place, speaking of the old types and symbols, etc., he says: "These were written for our examples upon whom the ends of the ages have come."

As we study this lesson from Ezra, we may be impressed with our great responsibility and duty toward God.

1. They found the altars overthrown, and began immediately to restore them. These returned Jews, before they built houses, or a city, or a temple, rebuilt the altar of God, and restored the Divine worship. "They placed God's claims first. So Christ says to us, 'Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.' 'As it is written.' They took for their guidance what was written. This is the test by which a true and false revival of religion may be distinguished. Any religious movement which ignores what is written in the word of God is not a movement led by the spirit of God."

2. They kept the Feast of the Tabernacles. See Lev. xxiv. 33-44, and Num. xxix. 13-23.

3. They offered the required sacrifice.

4. They gave liberally of their means to rebuild the temple. Workmen were needed; masons to prepare the stone,

and workers in wood to make ready the timbers. Money was required to pay the laborers and bring the material from afar to Jerusalem. God asked for a per cent. of His own which He entrusted to His people. They responded liberally.

Thus we learn that these returned exiles: (1) acknowledged God's authority; (2) submitted themselves unreservedly to His will; (3) worshipped Him in His own way, "as it was written," and (4) gave liberally of their means for carrying on the work of the Lord.

Here was a full and complete consecration to God of themselves, of their means of worship, and of their material possessions.

Shall we who live in the Gospel dispensation, in which the types have given place to the antitype, the shadow to the substance, the law of severity to the law of love, and the dim, uncertain rays of the Mosaic dispensation to the effulgent glory of the Son of God, do more than the returned exiles to Jerusalem? Dare we do less? What things have we consecrated to God?

APRIL 14. *Risen with Christ—* *from what?* Rom. vi. 1-12; 20-23. (An Easter meeting.)

"Easter is a word of Saxon origin, and imports a goddess of the Saxons, or, rather of the East, Estera, in honor of whom sacrifice is being annually offered about the passover time of the year. The name became attached by association of ideas to the Christian festival of the Resurrection, which happened at the time of the passover; hence we say Easter Sunday, but very improperly, as we by no means refer the festival then kept to the goddess of the ancient Saxons. It was the custom of the primitive church to remember and celebrate Christ's resurrection by meeting every first day of the week."

The Apostle to the Gentiles in his first Epistle to the Church at Corinth, fifteenth chapter, enumerates three grand facts which he declares to be the Gospel, which he had preached to them, which they had received, wherein also they stood, and by which also they were to be saved.

For a year and a half Paul had labored with this people declaring the whole counsel of God: (1) how that Christ died for our sins according to the scripture; (2) that He was buried, and (3) that He hath been raised on the third day according to the scriptures. This Gospel which Paul so faithfully, boldly and so successfully proclaimed, he received by revelators as well as from men.

That Jesus Christ rose from the

dead is the best authenticated fact of ancient history.

A little more than three years previous to His crucifixion Jesus "came by water" in a symbolical death, burial and resurrection.

If we would rise with Christ we must first die with Him, and be "buried with Him through baptism unto death." "For if we have become united with Him by the likeness of His death, we shall be also by the likeness of His resurrection." "But if we died with Christ we believe that we shall also live with Him."

Notice carefully that little word "if." So much depends upon it. Let us not deceive ourselves. There is too much at stake. "If ye be risen with Christ, seek those things that are above."

From what have we risen?

1. We rise from a death to sin. Our life has been spent in living in sin. We are now to live a life of righteousness.

2. We rise from our old life to walk in newness of life. Our old man has been put off, we have crucified him. "Old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."—2 Cor. v. 17.

3. We rise from death to life. Rom. vi. 7, 23.

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These passages of scripture teach plainly that baptism is immersion, and to attempt to teach anything else in a wilful perversion of God's express commands.

"Having been buried with Him in baptism wherein ye were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God who raised Him from the dead." Col. ii. 12.

"For as many of you as were baptized unto Christ did put on Christ." Gal. iii. 27.

There is "one Lord, one faith, one baptism." Eph. iv. 5.

"Every baptism is a sermon, a living sacrifice, and a monument confirming the central facts of the Gospel."—EVEREST.

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Sunday School Committee of the Co-operation of Disciples of Christ:—Jas. Lediard, Chairman, Owen Sound; George Fowler, London; Miss L. Pitcher, London.

All matter intended for publication in this department should be sent to Jas. Lediard, Owen Sound, Ont.

Will all our Superintendents and Secretaries please take notice:

That our Sunday School year closes with the last Lord's Day in April, thus allowing time to complete the reports for the annual meeting.

Last year 40 schools reported to the annual meeting. We hope for a larger return this year. Let every school in the Province prepare itself to make a report. It will help us to know just what we are doing in this important department of our work.

The following list of questions will be sent you at the close of the Sunday School year, and you will greatly advance the interest of the work by a careful and prompt reply:

- Name of Sunday School.
- Name of Superintendent and P. O. address.
- Number of scholars on roll.
- Average daily attendance.
- Number of teachers. Number of additions to Church from school.
- Number of members of the Church that attend school.
- Amount of money contributed during the year for: (1) Home Support; (2) Home Missions; (3) Foreign Missions. Total.
- Have you a library? Number of volumes.
- Do you use the International Sabbath School Lessons?
- Do you continue Sunday School all the year?
- What attention do you give to temperance work?
- Suggest any special methods you use to insure good attendance.

I place these questions in this column that you may grow familiar with them and be prepared to fill up your form promptly when it is sent you. It is simply "stirring up your pure minds by way of remembrance."

If your school is a new one and has come into existence since the last annual meeting, drop me a card and I will send you a form for statistics in time to report.

If from any cause your school should be overlooked, or your blank form go astray before reaching you, or after you have received them, cut this list out of

the EVANGELIST and fill it up and forward to me.

I would like to hear from the teachers an expression of opinion on the following question: Is the first Lord's Day in June a good day for taking the Sunday School offering for Foreign Missions, seeing that nearly all our Sunday School workers are absent from their classes attending the annual convention?

Here we find it a decided disadvantage. Any Sunday in the year would suit us better. Think of it, please, and let me hear from you.

JAMES LEDIARD.

Married.

A very pleasing event occurred at the residence of Mr. John Wilson, Marsville, on March 6, at 4 o'clock, being the marriage of his second daughter, Nancy, to Noah, second son of Mr. Robert King, all of Garafaxa, by the Rev. Mr. Elliott, of Hillsburg. The bride was assisted by the sister of the groom, Miss Mercy King, while the groom was supported by the brother of the bride, Mr. W. Wilson. The bride and bridesmaid were handsomely and neatly dressed in cream cashmere. The bridal veil and orange blossoms were very becomingly worn by the bride. After the ceremony about one hundred and ten of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties sat down to a sumptuous repast, after which all enjoyed a pleasant and sociable evening. The presents were numerous, useful and costly.—COM.

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**The Need of Old-Fashioned
Preaching.**

We are pleased to note a revival of interest in the principles which the Disciples of Christ have maintained from the beginning of their work. Leading papers published in the States by our brethren are urging that special attention should be paid to what we have been in the habit of calling "first principles." It is declared that this is necessary for the sake of our own young people. It is certain that not only our young folk, but also our older folk, will soon lose interest in our distinctive work unless there is frequent emphasis laid upon our plea and its importance.

There is a type of mind that would never initiate any reform, nor do anything that would bring the person into unpleasant relations with friends or neighbors. We have it among us, and it deprecates whatever savors of controversy. Discussion is discounted and discouraged. A disposition to argue is looked upon as being unspiritual. It is urged that our minds should be on practical matters—feeding the poor, clothing the naked, comforting the afflicted, and so on. We freely grant that no amount of doctrinal soundness can make up for the lack of charity and good works, nevertheless it can never be right to treat the word of Christ as a dead letter, nor to assume that what He has seen fit to appoint may be ignored. It would rather appear to be the part of faith to say that whatever the Lord Himself has ordained must be important, whether we can see it or not.

The union spirit is in the air, we are often told. And some people are inclined from that fact to argue that the Disciples have done their work, and that the sooner they cease to be a separate

people the better. The union spirit may be in the air, and that is about all it is so far as many professing Christians are concerned. Before there can be union that will amount to anything, there must be a clear apprehension of the Scriptural basis of union, and a genuine willingness to conform to it. And those who insist that the New Testament should be carefully studied in order that the Lord's will should be known and recognized should not be treated as wicked disturbers of the peace of Zion, but should rather be honored because they remind us of our duty to hear the word of the Lord and do it.

It cannot be too often affirmed that the believer should now be received into the fellowship of a church of Christ on the same conditions as were required by the Apostles, and it is always important to maintain that no human being has any right to vary from the teaching of the New Testament in this regard. This great law should be diligently impressed upon the minds of our brethren, and every proper opportunity should be used for directing the attention of our religious neighbors to it.

The Apostle Paul taught that divisions were sinful in his day; if then, they must be so now. It is from this standpoint that we must view the union question. When we realize that unless we are doing our best to bring together the divided followers of Jesus we are not faithful to Him, we shall then be prepared to do justice to such a man as Alexander Campbell, and shall count ourselves happy to have the privilege of laboring to further the cause to which he devoted all the power of his magnificent mind.

"The Critic's Corner."

Under the direction of our lamented Bro. Sheppard, "The Critic's Corner" was long one of the most popular and profitable departments of our paper. We have had many inquiries as to whether the "Corner" would not again be started. We are pleased to be able to announce that an experienced brother, who is well versed in the Scriptures, has kindly agreed to undertake the charge of this department. It gives us great pleasure to make this announcement, and we are sure that our friends will rejoice with us.

All queries must be addressed to "X," Box 100, Owen Sound, Ontario. They will be answered in the DISCIPLE as time and space will permit. Our readers are invited to use "The Critic's Corner" as freely as they formerly did, and we are confident they will read the replies given with pleasure and satisfaction.

"I Have Never Been Immersed."

In the December 1st EVANGELIST, page one, there was an article with the heading, "The Leading Revivalists Immersed." It was credited to the St. John Christian, and, of course, was believed upon that authority to be correct. One of our subscribers wrote us saying that a neighbor had questioned the statement, at least so far as Mr. Moody was concerned. In the circumstances we thought the proper thing to do was to write to Mr. Moody and ask him to kindly state the fact. Mr. Moody replies, "I have never been immersed." So let all papers and persons who may like ourselves have given currency to the incorrect statement be at pains to give equal publicity to the true one.

As to the other leading revivalists reported to have been immersed we have no further information than the article referred to contained. If we had their addresses we should write to each directly. Any reader who can help us in this matter will oblige by dropping us a post card.

It is quite natural that those who themselves believe that the act of baptism is immersion should be glad to hear of others coming to see and to practice the truth on the subject, but due care should always be exercised lest that which is not true should be set forth as a fact.

Omnibus.

Can't you send us one new subscriber to the DISCIPLE?

So far as we have heard, our friends are pleased with the changes made in the paper. We shall have things still more orderly by and by.

Let no church fail to send a contribution for Foreign Missions to A. McLean, Cor. Sec., Cincinnati, O., that has not already done so.

Our friends can help us by patronizing those who advertise in the DISCIPLE, and at the same time mentioning the fact that they saw the advertisement in our paper.

The proprietors of "Pink Pills" in another place in this issue speak of the manner in which they are wronged by unscrupulous imitators of their goods. It is well that the public should be warned and protected.

We invite articles of from a column to a column and a half in length for the DISCIPLE. We desire so far as possible to confine each department to its own page, which will on the whole be most satisfactory to all.

Mr. George Munro, well known here, editor of the CANADIAN EVANGELIST, has greatly improved that publication, changing its form to 12 pages and the name to THE DISCIPLE OF CHRIST. This journal is always spicy and interesting.—*Blenheim News.*

It would be a great convenience at this end of the line if those who write for publication in the DISCIPLE would use paper, note paper size, write with ink on only one side of the paper, be careful to spell all words, especially proper names, correctly, and avoid crowding too much on a page.

The Bible College of the Disciples of Christ closes its first session this week. The school rooms in Cecil Street Church of Christ have been used for class rooms. The work of the session has been encouraging, and the new college promises much for the denomination under whose auspices it has been opened. The young men of this church in the Province studying for the ministry have heretofore gone to the States for their education, but will now, no doubt, take advantage of home institutions. The Principal, Prof. T. L. Fowler, is much encouraged with the outlook.—*The Toronto Globe.*

Dr. McIntyre, of Denver, Colorado, lectured to a large audience in Gore Street Methodist Church, of this city, on Friday evening, March 22nd. His subject was, "Buttoned-up People." He said many striking things, as, for instance, "I believe there is love enough in the world to sweeten every home and make every life happy if it were only properly expressed and demonstrated." That saying might be called the key-note of the lecture. It was a well satisfied audience that listened to Dr. McIntyre that night. The people went home feeling that they had not only been richly entertained, but also greatly benefited, and no doubt, in the case of many, with a solemn resolution to make life sweeter for those around them.

The appeal made in another column by Bro. E. R. Black on behalf of the church in Aylmer will, we feel sure, strike a responsive chord in the hearts of the Disciples in Ontario. We presume that where cash is not available now, subscriptions will be acceptable. The friends of the Co-operation will feel that as the May collection for Home Missions is so near at hand they should give their ready money to the Home Mission fund of the Co-operation, especially as there is likely to be a considerable deficit. June 1st, unless all the friends of the Home Mission work

give with more than their accustomed liberality. We are confident that the Aylmer Disciples would be sorry if their appeal were to even partially cripple the Home Mission work of the Co-operation. If subscriptions are made to the Aylmer building fund at present that will answer the purpose of the brethren there, and will not interfere with the general work in the Province.

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Here is a request. We wish some one in every church in the Province to write a word for the *EVANGELIST* in the interest of our Home Work. Bro. Joseph L. Leary, of Toronto, has set us the example—a good and practical one.

Read Bro. Leary's article in last *EVANGELIST* and if you don't approve of it just say so; but if you do, please act upon it.

Over one thousand dollars will be required before June to meet the obligations of the Board.

The "times are hard" we hear on every hand, and this is assigned as a reason why some can give nothing and others very little for the support of our work. This is certainly a mistake. The times are not hard. The cause at the mission points was never more encouraging. Good meetings are being held all over the Province and large numbers have confessed Christ. Hard times! Why, the times were never so good.

If you wish these good times to continue and improve, please send in something to support the laborers.

Examinations this week. The first

\$200 ill spent for other cures, \$5 well spent for K. D. C.

session of our College is now a matter of record. The students and faculty seem pleased with the progress made during the session. The work was begun after mature deliberations and opened up with much "fear and trembling" The blessing of the Lord has been upon us in the work, and we feel encouraged as never before. The new enterprise has found a warm place in many hearts, and we confidently look for an increasing number of friends and contributions.

The *EVANGELIST* came to us this morning in altogether a new form, but we soon recognized it as the same old friend, filled with an unusual amount of good cheer and breathing the same sweet spirit.

We have in it a paper of which we are all proud—proud of it in every respect unless it be in its too limited circulation and the large number of delinquent subscribers on its lists. I like the revised name. No one will ask now, "Under whose auspices is that excellent paper published?" Long live THE DISCIPLE OF CHRIST AND CANADIAN EVANGELIST.

My address is now *West Lorne*.
T. L. FOWLER, Cor. Sec.

London Needs the Tent

In a late issue of your valuable paper was an article by Bro. Bulgin, of Harwich, in which he advocates the purchase of a tent for use in the Province.

I had been trying to think how we could obtain a tent for more aggressive work in London, and Bro B. has shown the way. Let the Board of Co-Operation purchase a tent with a portion of the Farewell legacy. This would be carrying out the departed brother's wish in a most satisfactory manner. The tent could be rented and would soon pay for itself. We can use it in London for at least two months. Let us think about it and take action at our June meeting. GEO. FOWLER.

London, March 13, 1895.

An Appeal.

This is a "charity" letter. I will not deceive the reader. We want help, financial help, from every sister church in the Province whose situation is more favorable than ours.

The church house in Aylmer was totally destroyed by fire two months ago. We feared the loss was irreparable, and have spent the intervening time considering the question of rebuilding in every aspect. We know now that it is a question of life or death to the cause in Aylmer. But our members with little exception have no visible means out-

side of what is required for the support of their families. And many have barely been able to "make ends meet" this winter. Yet the few brethren here have contributed over \$300 to the building fund. I know what it has cost and regard it as a noble effort. Some of our churches have already promised us help. St. Thomas has given us great encouragement. We are fortunate in being able to rebuild on a new site (the old site was a very unfavorable one) a substantial and commodious building at a total cost of \$1,000 or \$1,100. The church is esteemed by the entire community for its genuine Christianity. I have never met a better quality of Christians. Our S. S. has been one of the best in the most essential things. Our children are regarded as the *Bible scholars of the town*. We have given every week to missions. I appeal to the preachers and elders of the congregations to lay our case before their people, and I trust we may be deemed worthy of a substantial offering from many churches.

Send all contributions to John Hodges, Aylmer, Ont., and due acknowledgment will be made.
E. R. BLACK.
Aylmer, March 25, 1895.

Literary Notes.

TO PUBLISHERS.—All books, tracts, pamphlets, magazines, etc., intended for notice or review in this department must be addressed to the Editor of THE DISCIPLE OF CHRIST, 85 Wellington Street North, Hamilton, Ont.

LITTLE BOOKS.—Cotton Mather said, that since he had given away many little books, God had given to him many great books. Great books have their value. But little books are far more important for common use; and while students may need the great books, the people need the little ones. Busy men and women have no time for long stories. All the books of the Bible, as written, were little books. Thousands of people who cannot read large volumes would gladly read brief, pointed tracts and pamphlets. Persons interested in scattering "small books on great subjects," will do well to examine the different numbers of the *Anti-Infidels Library*, published by H. L. Hastings, 47 Cornhill, Boston. Most of them are 5 or 10 cent pamphlets, in readable type, but so packed with facts that they contain as much information as one would often find in a book costing a dollar. The circulation of some of these publications has been enormous, nearly sixty tons of a single one of these little tracts having been printed.

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THE TREASURY OF RELIGIOUS THOUGHT for April completes a volume which may compare not unfavorably with any earlier. This closing number begins with a sermon on *The Compulsion of Love*, by Rev. W. F. Anderson, the successful pastor who has recently completed the beautiful building of St. James' M. E. Church at Kingston, N. Y. The other sermons and notes of sermons are by representative men, and of a high order. Rev. Isaac L. Kip appears for the first time in this magazine in an able article on *The Way Ye Call Heresy*. Dr. Brown, of New Haven, gives the third of the series of essays on *Two Decades of Religious Progress*. The different departments are fully maintained, and the number contains a full and valuable index of the sermons, texts, authors, and articles of the year 1894-95. The editorial suggests the ideal of a Christian magazine, and foreshadows improvements contemplated for the next volume.

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Obituaries.

COULTER.—Sister Coulter died March 18th, and was laid to rest on the 20th. She died in the hope of a glorious resurrection. A. H. Glencairn.

You Don't Have to Swear Off Says the St. Louis *Journal of Agriculture* in an editorial about No-To-Bac, the famous tobacco habit cure. "We know of many cases cured by No-To-Bac. One, a prominent St. Louis architect, smoked and chewed for twenty years. Two boxes cured him so that even the smell of tobacco makes him sick." No-To-Bac sold and guaranteed; no cure, no pay. Book free. Sterling Remedy Co., 374 St. Paul St., Montreal.

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Church News.

Items of Church News should be pointed and brief. What can be clearly written on a post card will be usually ample. To ensure prompt insertion all items for this department should be in the editor's hands at least five (5) days before the date of publication.

TORONTO, Cecil Street.—On March 17, one united by letter, and on 24th one by letter and three confessions. Good audiences and good meetings. At our annual meeting the reports were most encouraging from all departments. The membership of church showed a net increase of 59, and the Sunday school an average increase of 17 over last year. The work is moving on apace. Our next effort is for Home Mission work. A united effort by all will show much done if we work with a will. J. L.

COLLINGWOOD, March 2.—Three confessions and baptisms last night. C. S.

OWEN SOUND.—Four additions here since last report; two baptisms at the close of the prayer meeting last week. This week's prayer meeting the largest in our remembrance. Sunday school doing well, and steadily increasing. Two confessions in Kilsyth last Lord's Day. J. L.

ST. THOMAS, March 28th.—We began in January to prepare for our March meeting. We had engaged Bro. L. L. Carpenter, of Indiana, not to hold a meeting for us, but to help us. We went to work heartily and systematically. We quietly canvassed the city, listed those with whom we expected to do special work, each took one or more individuals with whom to work personally, invited them to our meetings, showed ourselves friendly with them and succeeded in getting a large number interested. We had cards and bills printed announcing our meetings and distributed them freely. A week before Bro. Carpenter came we held services every night. Bro. Carpenter came March 5th. He captured our hearts from the first. Seven were baptized on the second evening. The preaching was winning, plain and practical. Up to date forty-five have accepted the invitation. Of these, thirty-seven have been baptized, and twenty-nine have taken membership with us. Several of those baptized remained in the Methodist Church. Bro. Carpenter has returned to Indiana, but the meeting continues. Indeed we shall not soon lose the impetus given us by this prince of evangelists. The question box was used with good effect. The Christian Endeavorers did most excellent work. Eighty-four were added to our S. S. Rumors of a large house are in the air. W. D. CUNNINGHAM.

Counterfeiters at Work.

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Will the public, in their own interest, bear in mind the following facts.—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are never sold by the dozen, hundred or ounce. If any dealer offers you a pill in this form (no matter whether colored pink or not) he is trying to cheat you and should be avoided.

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The Ladies' Auxiliary at Winger tendered a reception to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stove on Friday evening, the 15th inst., at the house of the President, Mrs. John Forrester. There was quite a large gathering, numbering altogether about sixty-five, and with social intercourse, luncheon and songs and glees a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was passed by all. Mr. Stove who is a graduate of Hiram College, Ohio, has been engaged as pastor of the church, which is already showing good results from his earnest efforts.

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Auxiliary Programme for April, 1895.

SUBJECT—"The Auxiliary."

1. Hymn—352 (Hymn and Tune Book.
2. Scripture Reading—Mal. iii, 16-17; Psalm lxvi, 16-20; John v, 39; Acts xii, 12.
3. Prayer.
4. Business, minutes, reports of committees, new business.
5. Roll call, responded to by a short missionary item or scripture.
6. Reading given below or any other readings, recitations or essays bearing on our subject.
7. Hymn—531.
8. Sentence Prayers.

As no programme has come to hand for April, I have prepared the above. The following clipping from the *Missionary Tidings* will be found suitable to the topic.

A. M.

An Apostle of Christ saw fit to admonish his brethren not to forsake the assembling of themselves together, knowing that if they continued steadfast in the study of the Word, and in worship, they would develop into strong, stalwart Christians. If this result obtained in the church, it will also be true in all its auxiliary work.

That was a wise provision in our Constitution asking the Sisters to come together once a month to study missionary work. Once in a while a Sister will say—you are welcome to the *ten cents* a month, but don't ask me to attend the meetings. That dollar and twenty cents may buy as much medicine, or as many Bibles, as that much given by one who is a regular attendant at the Auxiliary meetings; but who will say that the givers are blessed alike?

No, my Sisters, we can not study and talk, and pray, about anything without becoming deeply interested in that thing. When the sisters have met twelve times a year, and talked of our mission fields, our missionaries, our relations to them, and to the whole world, lifted our voices in praise to Him who has called us to so grand a work, we *must* be stronger, better prepared to do the work God has given us to do. We will have broader views, higher conceptions of our relations to each other, and to God. Then we would not forget the sweet fellowship we enjoy as we talk face to face of our Father's kingdom, and plan for its extension.

Our hearts will beat in unison with the great heart of God when we look away from self and are willing to be used anywhere, everywhere, that the seed of the kingdom may be sown with a lavish hand, believing that the reaping will surely come. Then may I earnestly exhort every Auxiliary member to attend every meeting, when possible? By so doing your knowledge of missionary work will be extended, your horizon broadened, and your enthusiasm so kindled that it will put new activity into all your endeavors, making you a power for good wherever you are.

Bring with you to each meeting—
A Sister that is not a member.
A desire to be helpful.
A prayerful heart.
A determination to do all you can.
Then God will be with you and that to bless.

Yours, MRS. LIBBIE F. INGELS.

C. E. Societies.

An effort will be made to place a Junior Society in every Congregational Church in Ontario before the next Provincial Convention.—*Endeavor Herald.*

We submit the above for the consideration of all our churches that have no organization for the special work done by this society in teaching the children to live as well as know the great truths of the Gospel of our Saviour. Nobody of Christians knows better than the Congregationalists the value of the society in building up the church, and no unprejudiced person who is at all conversant with the work done by this society but will recognize the wisdom of this move. The Junior Endeavor Society proposes to promote an earnest Christian life in the boys and girls and to prepare them for active Christian service. This is not a new idea, born of enthusiasm, but is hoary with the ages and has been inculcated in both dispensations. Moses in giving the law to Israel told them to teach it diligently to their children. Solomon said train

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up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. Paul admonished parents to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Christ tests our love for Him by telling us to feed the lambs, for it is not the will of our Father that one of these little ones should be lost. And from all quarters comes the cheering information of the valuable work that the juniors are doing among their comrades, and from personal observation we have been pleased and delighted in the interest manifested by children in endeavoring to lead their associates to the Saviour. W. W. C.

It is one of the gratifying signs of our times that spiritual Israel is coming into a more manifest union under King David's greater son. To my mind it is daily becoming clearer that the movement which has brought us together is led on of God. Its spirit and its methods seem to be peculiarly called for by our times and adapted to its needs. We are living at a crisis. Changes which are taking place are of profound significance.

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In a grand and awful time;
In an age on ages telling,
To be living is sublime.

Two of the denominations also recognize the union tendency of the Endeavor movement, and fearing the result are, by pledges of loyalty to their own church and by walls of division in the shape of party names, doing all in their power to impede the onward march of this true spirit of progress. But it will not down. Hampered it may be by the obstacles of man, but the prayer of our blessed Master "That all may be one," will ultimately triumph and then Zion in all her

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How His Daughter Was Restored From the Terrors of St. Vitus Dance—Her Case One of the Worst Ever Known—Has Fully Recovered Her Health. From the Berlin News.

The readers of the *News* have been made familiar with the virtue of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People through the articles appearing from time to time in these columns, and while the druggists say that many in this vicinity have received undoubted benefit from their timely use, it is only recently that we have heard of a cure in Berlin of such importance as to take rank among the most remarkable yet published. There is hardly a man or woman in the town of Berlin, or the county of Waterloo, who does not know Mr Martin Simpson, issuer of marriage licenses and general merchant, King street. Any thing said by Mr. Simpson will be implicitly relied upon. A day or two ago we had a talk with him in reference to his fourteen-year-old daughter Helen, who had for two years been a great sufferer from St. Vitus dance. He tells us that it was the worst case he ever saw. She did not sleep for whole nights and was an intense sufferer. She was totally helpless and could neither eat nor drink unless administered to her by her parents. The best medical attendance was had, but all to no avail. She kept getting worse and worse, and finally, when in the p. roxysms, commenced to froth at the mouth, and her parents believed she was going out of her mind. Though unable to walk for about eight months she would in her spells have fits, making her jump high above her couch. While in this condition, the worst case ever seen in this place, Mr. Simpson, as a last resort, purchased some Pink Pills and gave them to his suffering and afflicted daughter. He assures us that in thirty hours she found some relief. In a week the "dance" was entirely stopped and she was able to sleep, and was rapidly regaining her former strength. Some months after the use of the Pink Pills was discontinued she again had touches of disease, but a few doses of the pills stopped it, and for the last eight months has been entirely free from the terrible malady from which no one who knew the circumstances expected she would recover, and her parents, as may be expected, are warm in their praises of the wonderful remedy which worked such great results. These facts are known to all who are acquainted with the family, and further comments are wholly unnecessary.

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The *Christian Commonwealth* pertinently remarks: "It comes to this, that there are so many unemployed because there are so many more employed than there ought to be. There are distillers, brewers, publicans, potmen, barmen, barmaids, and, indeed, a vast army of men and women employed all over the land, in every city, town, village and hamlet, in making the population intoxicated, immoral, thriftless and criminal. The quick result is that trade is spoiled in every legitimate channel, and myriads can never get work, and so are in chronic semi-starvation. Now then, there are so many unemployed on the one hand, because there are not enough unemployed on the other hand. The people employed in the drink traffic are the prime cause of our irrepressible industrial distress, which is one of the facts despised by nearly all the Socialists."

The gifted editor of that journal—W. T. Moore—has struck through the tap root of the monster evil. We second the motion that our legislatures, and churches, too, throw all the whisky traffickers overboard; prohibit the distillation of alcohol, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes; convert the distilleries into machine shops and cotton mills, and turn the saloons into schools and houses of industry. Verily, public sentiment indicates such a transformation.—*Christian Leader*.

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North American Life.

ONE EFFECT OF DISASTROUS FIRES—
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"The happening occasionally of extensive and most disastrous fires, such as those which lately visited Toronto, awaken the public to the intense importance of having the risk of such a calamity removed from their individual shoulders to those of responsible companies. Notwithstanding that the losses to the various insurance companies were heavy, no rumour has yet been heard that these would in any way impair their strength or stability to meet any other contracts which they have pledged themselves to carry out to their many thousand policy holders all over the land. Such a loss at any one time, in any particular locality, could hardly fall upon a life insurance company, because the nature of the business of life insurance is entirely different to that of fire insurance. The life insurance companies licensed by the Dominion Government of Canada with but very few exceptions, have always been regarded as institutions worthy of the utmost confidence of the insuring public, and corporations built upon scientific and substantial foundations. Although Canada is a comparatively young country it has insurance companies of 20, 30, 40, and almost 50 years' standing, which, as the years increase, only, apparently, tend to strengthen and solidify the superstructures which were carefully laid in past years. The North American Life Assurance Company's annual report, with the speeches of those present at the meeting, and especially that of President Blaikie, are well deserving the most careful perusal of every person interested in public corporations, and especially those who think seriously of the subject of life insurance. Not only did the company hold its own during 1894, but made very considerable advances in those most important departments which concern the policy holder. The new business received was over three millions of dollars, being the largest in the history of the company. Notwithstanding the procurement of this large volume of new business, and the payment to policy holders of death claims, matured endowments, profits, etc., of the large sum of \$1,333,426, it increased its reserve and surplus funds for policy holders by about \$284,000. As might have been expected from the character of the men who compose the Board of Directors of the North American Life, the policy of the Company, as disclosed by

the report, seems to have been, not to dazzle the eyes of the public by mere volume of business, secured at the expense of policy holders already in the company, but to so conduct the business in hand that the results of policies already matured, and the ample provision made for those yet to mature, would give undeniable evidence of their capacity to provide safe and profitable insurance for their patrons."—*Toronto Globe*.

The *Cumberland Presbyterian* in answer to the question "Why I am a Cumberland Presbyterian," sums up the matter under the general heading of a providential guidance, thus:

We, too, have been providentially led. For ancestry, prenatal influences, birthright, parental training, the influence of books, companions, teachers and pastors are all factors or instruments of providence. We go, not so much in the way we deliberately mark out for ourselves beforehand, as in the way we are led or pushed or pulled or attracted. We choose, but the perpetual pressure and influence of circumstances daily affect our choice.

This is a good lesson in natural history but it unfortunately makes Providence the Author of sectarianism and the Father of religious denominations. It also discredits the will which is man's highest endowment, and leaves sinners practically irresponsible for their condition. Was it not from such bondage that Jesus came to deliver us?—*Christian Evangelist*.

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1. The receipts last year were \$11,852.02; this year, \$15,188.01, or a gain of \$3,335.99.
2. The number of contributing churches last year for twenty days was 586; this year 1,020, or a gain of 434.
3. Of the 1,020 contributing churches, 469 are new ones, or churches that did not give last year.

These figures encourage us, but it must not be supposed that a great victory is won yet. There ought to be a mighty uprising at once. We ought to leap forward at the rate of \$3,335.99 per week, instead of that amount in about three weeks. We are moving forward, but by no means fast enough. We can have *three thousand* contributing churches this year, and \$50,000 from them alone, if we will push the matter to a finish. These are not unreasonable figures. They are clearly within the bounds of the possibilities. Will we do our duty, and do it at once?

Illinois leads in the number of contributing churches, Missouri comes next, then Ohio, and then Indiana. Last week Ohio took the fourth place, but this week she takes the third, and gives the fourth to Indiana.

Last year Oskaloosa, Iowa, raised \$85. The apportionment of that church this year was \$100, but it has raised \$213.70. This is an illustration of what we mean by going forward. T. L. Stipp, Vernal, Ill., raised \$73.55 from the churches which did not give anything last year.

REMEMBER.—Less than one-third of the churches that gave last year have responded this. Shall we lose as much by the old churches as we gain by the new?

The receipts for the week ending March 20 were \$5,500.66.

Let *new* and *old* remit at once to A. McLean, Corresponding Secretary Cincinnati, O.

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Bulletin of the Foreign Society.

The Executive Committee met in regular monthly session in the Mission Room, in the Y. M. C. A. Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 15, 1895. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. S. Dickinson.

FINANCES.—The receipts for February amounted to \$1,944.61; the disbursements to \$6,089.26.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.—*Turkey.*

—Dr. Kevorkian writes: "We have in our schools in Marsivan one hundred and twenty boys and girls. All these attend our Sunday-school. Our meetings are also well attended, and by the grace of God we are endeavoring to sow the precious seed of the gospel."

Scandinavia.—Dr. Holck writes: "Since my last letter I am glad to be able to report seven additions in Copenhagen and fifty in Norway."

India.—Dr. Durand reports that work began on the leper asylum buildings, January 30. The hospital is built and furnished. The furniture cost \$200.—E. M. Gordon writes: "I have just returned from a tour of over a month in the villages. Many hundreds have heard the name of Jesus who had never before seen a Christian. In one village as we told the people of the mighty works of Christ, they exclaimed with one accord: 'He is God! he is God!' In another village the people were deeply impressed with the truth."—G. L. Wharton writes that the churches in Australia are supporting one missionary and four helpers.

Japan.—C. E. Garst says: "The magazine—*The Light of the World*—is especially gratifying to me. I had hoped for it so long, and I think it about the best way to get at the people. When the war with China is over I think the whole East will move forward; then will be the time to thrust out the workers."—Miss Mary Riach writes: "The woman's meetings are always well attended. Three of the women are very much interested, and I think before long they will decide for Christ. I am praying as well as working for them. In our visiting we have come across so many instances where the children in our schools have carried the gospel home to their parents. They were ready and eager to hear more. There are two families where we visit regularly once a week, as they are so situated that they can not come to the meetings. Two of the oldest girls in the school who have attended regularly for two years expressed a desire to become Christians, but their parents opposed it so strongly that they could not. One was taken out of school, but we called on the family two or three times in a friendly way, and her parents have allowed her to return to school. We hope that ere long they will permit their daughter to acknowledge her Saviour as she wishes."—Miss Johnson reports that the Emperor of Japan has not only given the

agents of the American Bible Society permission to distribute Bibles among the soldiers in China but has instructed his officers to render all assistance possible. The fact that such permission has been granted is causing many to turn their attention to the Bible.

China.—Miss Emma Lyon writes: "I have rented a building on the street to be used as a chapel, and if I can get a Christian woman who can teach, I shall have a day school. I held my first meeting here to-day, with about fifteen women present."—W. P. Bentley reports an Endeavor Society organized in Shanghai. This society has fourteen members. Most of them are their own converts.—James Ware reports that the first number of *The Review of the Churches*, under the editorial management of E. T. Williams, has appeared, and is attracting the unqualified admiration of all the missionaries and also the Chinese Christians. He relates this incident: "An old lady who was bitterly opposed to the gospel became very ill. Our Bible woman, Mrs. Li, visited her, and tidied the room, after which she knelt down by the bedside and prayed for her. This latter act broke down all the old lady's opposition, and she is now one of our most hopeful inquirers. She said to Mr. Ware, 'I could not understand what made Mrs. Li love me so much as to come and kneel on my dirty floor and pray for me.'"

The calls from the field are incessant and importunate. Thus far in the year the Committee has not been able to grant many of the requests received. Better days are coming. The Committee is planning to enter Africa this year. Will not the friends of missions pray the Lord of the harvest to raise up the right man to go out as a pioneer? Forty years ago we entered Africa. Our missionary died, and no man was found then to take up his work. The time has come for us to enter the Dark Continent with the gospel.

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Noble Choice.

We find this interesting incident in the Boy's Brigade Courier. A young man in a London omnibus noticed the blue ribbon total abstinence badge on a fellow-passenger's coat and asked him in a bantering tone, "how much he got" for wearing it.

"That I can't exactly say," replied the other, "but it costs me about twenty thousand pounds a year."

The wearer of the badge was Fred. Charrington, son of a rich brewer, and the intended successor of his father's business. He had been convinced of the evil of the ale and beer trade and refused to continue in it, though it would have brought him an income of twenty thousand pounds a year.

Correct Speaking.

What is it to speak correctly? It is to accustom ourselves to speak and write accurately, having special care to use no language or utter any statement that is not elegant or strictly truthful.

amount of personal grace in the speaker can compensate for the disagreeable effect that the use of slang has upon the hearer. When once the habit of using these slang phrases has been formed, it is almost impossible to eradicate it.

Bad Reading.

The other day a little fellow sat reading a book, when suddenly he saw his father coming along. He put the book out of sight, and stood up in great confusion, waiting for his father to pass by.

Bad reading is deadly poison, and I, for one would like to see the poisoners—that is, the men who furnish it—punished like any other murderers. Yes, and more, it's far worse to kill the soul than to kill the body.

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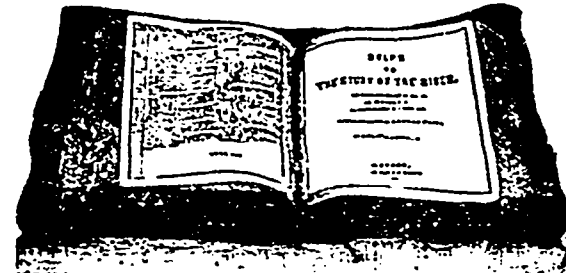
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