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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Christmas is over and the New Year has commenced. Let us all try to do more for Christ this year than we did last.

At the close of the Old Year and the beginning of the New is the time when most business men examine their books, balance accounts and see how they stand financially with the world. Some are satisfied with their year's work and others are not at all satisfied. How is it with you, my brother or sister, in reference to your business account with your God? Have you summed up the work of the past year? If so, are you altogether satisfied with the way your account stands with him? If not, what do you propose doing? The best thing that can be done is to set new resolutions that you will do better in the future, and work continually to that end.

We were pained to learn of the death of Sister Adams, of Salem. The memorial from Bro. Spriggs came in too late for our last issue. Please read it in this number. Bro. Adams has our sympathy.

Several brethren have subscribed for the HERALD to send to friends for a Christmas or New Year's gift. This is making an offering to the Lord, and is as it should be. We hope that others will follow their good example. Let brethren and churches who are able not only send it to their friends, but take a number of copies and send them out to do missionary work. We yet have to learn the important fact that one of the very best ways to reach the people with our distinctive plea is to do so through our books and religious papers.

The Annual Meeting of the Christian Brotherhood of Western Washington Territory, will convene at Sumner, W. T., on Friday before the third Lord's day in January, 1883. So writes Bro. S. Bonney. He says he would also be glad to have one or more of the Oregon preachers present. We would like very much to meet with these good brethren, but can not well leave the office that long during the winter.

We are authorized to announce that Bro. P. R. Burnett will begin a meeting in Independence on Friday evening before the 1st Lord's day in January, to continue, at least, over Lord's day.

Dr. T. J. Conant, in his able defense of the genuineness of the Commission, as reported by Mark, gives us a reason why some are wont to reject it, that they think too much stress is laid on baptism. What a reason! There is no more stress laid on baptism in this passage than on many others in the New Testament. Shall we, therefore, reject them all? We think some of these Doctors of Divinity had better write a book of their own to satisfy their whimsical notions of things and throw away the Book that God has given them. This is the shortest way to get rid of the positive authority of Jesus Christ.

We call special attention to the article in this issue entitled "An Abomination," by Bro. J. W. McCarty, Prof. in the College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky. We not only indorse this article, but think it would be a good thing if every preacher in the country would read it to the churches from the pulpit.

In the *North American Review* for January we have "The Revision of Creeds," by Drs. Newman Smyth, Lyman Abbott, and Henry Ward Beecher. They devote 24 pages of the *Review* to this subject. Our opinion is that if these reverend gentlemen and the churches they represent would throw away all human creeds and confessions of faith and do like the Apostolic churches, take the Bible alone as their creed and spend their time in a study of it, they would be engaged in a far better work than in writing about the "Revision of Creeds." Creeds have always been a continued source of strife and division among those professing Christianity, and there can evidently be no Christian union on any basis other than the Bible alone. It is worse than folly to talk about the union of religious people until the destruction of the last human creed in Christendom.

It is stated, on good authority, that there are at least fifteen or twenty millions of opium smokers in China, and that the vice is growing continually on the people. As to the fearful effects of this wide-spread evil, it is said that the opium smoker will not only part with his worldly possessions, but he will even sell his wife and children, and then take to stealing and other crimes in order to get the means to satisfy his fearful cravings for the drug. W. N. Collins, of the English Church Mission at Peking, says: "To supply his pipe the man will take the clothes off his children's backs, exposing them to all the severity of winter weather; he will sell his wife; he will take the wedded garments off his aged mother, and so cause her

to die a cruel death from cold." Now to think that the Christian nation of England, by the powerful arguments of her guns, is actually forcing this poisonous drug upon China, under the continued and solemn protest of the latter, all for the sake of filthy lucre, is, indeed, enough to make the blood run in the veins of one who desires to see justice done to all, and the nations of the earth placed on a higher plane of temperance. It is also known that thousands of people in America are falling victims to the opium habit, both male and female. In view of these facts, therefore we think now, as we have thought all the time, that the great temperance work should take on a much broader basis of operation, and thus turn its batteries against everything of an intemperate nature.

We have received the prospectus of a new paper to be started soon called the *Christian Home Magazine*, edited by Lucy Rutherford and Amanda Bostick, and published by C. M. Wilmett & Co., Dallas, Texas. It is to be a monthly pamphlet of 32 pages, devoted to home culture and the development of Christian character. It announces an able corps of contributors, and promises to be a first class Magazine. We wish them success in their enterprise, and will be pleased to place them on our exchange list. Price \$1.00 per annum.

Bro. Bruce Wolverton asks us to state that the collections and subscriptions for church work will be noted next week.

We are informed that the Linn County Cooperation will meet near Albany on the 10th of this month. The exact place and the time of meeting are not stated. We have a special and rather pressing invitation to attend this meeting. But as this month and next are our two busiest months in the office we feel sure that the brethren will excuse us should we not be able to comply with this kind request, rather than have us neglect their paper. We'll see what we can do. We hope to be able to do better during the spring and summer months.