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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Our readers will find the Letter from Japan this week very interesting.

And so it has turned out that we are to have winter in Oregon. The thermometer has stood as low as 8 degrees above zero in this valley, and considerable snow has fallen since our last issue.

Bro. Bennett's letter from Australia was quite interesting. He tells us that we have 5,000 brethren in Victoria with 50 churches. This makes a fair showing there after all. Let the good work move grandly on.

We want an active agent for the HERALD at every postoffice and where we have no agent be kind enough to send us the name of some brother or sister who will act for us? Brethren, please look after this matter at once.

Now is the time to get new subscribers for the HERALD. Read your paper, then hand it to some one who does not take it and tell him to examine it, for you will call on him in a few days to subscribe. We have procured a number of names in this way, and if properly managed will not often fail. Try it with the number you now have.

Recently we asked a lady how she knew there were no infants in the Jailer's household to be baptized. She said she knew there were none there from the fact that "after the baptizing, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house. Infants would not rejoice over meat, but would be more likely to want milk!" Can our Pedobaptist friends get around that argument!

Sitting to pray is a posture becoming very popular and one which we do not at all like to see. Burkitt says, "Standing and kneeling are praying postures, but sitting is a rude indecency, except in cases of necessity." Bishop Hall says: "In prayer I will either stand as a servant to my Master, or kneel as a subject to my Prince." Kneeling was evidently more customary among the apostles and first Christians, but if we can not have uniformity in that, then let all stand which is also a Scriptural posture.

A word to the preachers. Brethren, do you ever present the claims of the HERALD where you preach? If not, why not? Now, send to us for some sample copies and some time at the close of your sermon distribute the papers, tell the brethren the necessity of such a paper and how it aids the preacher in his work for the brethren to be posted as to what we are doing, and then call for subscribers. In this way, you will get many that you would not otherwise reach. Also when you visit a family who does not take the paper, show them a copy and ask them to take it. It is your duty to help us in this way.

The *Christian at Work* says: "The Westminster Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, has successfully conducted telephonic worship. In a sounding board over the pulpit are two glass reflectors depending so as to throw their light directly on the reading desk. A Blake transmitter of the same tension was placed in both reflectors, and the tones of the voice were found to be distinctly clear, and were conveyed to an invalid's house a fifth of a mile away, and on a recent Sunday a lady participated in divine worship for the first time in years." We suggest that those brethren who can not enjoy such privileges would do well to revive the good old custom of coming to church. Try it.

The N. Y. *Independent* gives us this item from a Calcutta paper: "A young gentleman from New York, who belongs to a distinguished Presbyterian family, is now in India, and was called on the other day by an American missionary. The card was returned with the following indorsement: 'Mr. Blank is not at home to any dissenting pastor, being a Churchman.'" That is the way sectarianism works. One would naturally suppose that when Mr. Blank gets to heaven(?) he and his brethren will be huddled in one corner to themselves; and should the apostle Paul wish to call on him, his "card would be returned with the following indorsement: "Mr. Blank is not at home to any dissenting paster, being a Churchman!"

"The United States Senate has passed a joint rule, excluding the sale of intoxicating liquors from the National Capitol. It is to be hoped the House will also pass it. And yet what can you do when the Senators and Representatives bring "pocket flasks" as they have done and doubtless will do? "No drinking of intoxicants in the National capitol" is what Congress ought to declare, and what an overwhelming public sentiment demands." So says and exchange. Instead of calling on Congress to declare "No drinking of intoxicants in the National

capitol," the people should declare that no such Senators and Representatives should be sent there. Just so long as drinking men are sent there by the people, just so long will there be drinking in the National capitol. Give them a rest at home.

A man had just as well argue that in partaking the Lord's supper, in order to make it valid, that we must eat a certain quantity of bread and drink an exact quantity of wine as to contend that a sufficient quantity of water to immerse in is essential to the validity of baptism.—*Texas Methodist.*

In the Lord's supper, it is essential that a man eat and drink, and there must be bread and wine enough for this purpose. In baptism, it is essential that a man be buried in the water, and there must be water enough for this purpose. The Scriptures teach that baptism is a burial. We care nothing for the quantity of water used, so the act commanded is performed. What we object to in the Methodist practice is, that baptism is not performed at all. If they will baptize, we care not how little water they do it in.—*Christian Messenger.*

Joseph Cook has commenced his eighth course of the Boston Monday Lectureship, and one of the questions which he proposes to handle is the inspiration of the Scriptures: We shall expect to see something to the point on this important question: "When Robert Leighton, afterwards Archbishop, was once reproved for not 'preaching up' the times as all the ministers did, he grandly answered, "Let one poor brother preach up Jesus and Eternity." There are no grander themes or mightier inspirations to-day for consecrated ministers than those which kindled Robert Leighton's soul. The closer the ministry get to these themes, and the more mightily they are stirred by their inspirations, the more fruitful will be the work. May the Lord awaken the ministers and through them the churches."