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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Church members should remember that while many are crying "hard times," there is never a time so hard that the Lord does not require us to serve him. Our devotion must always be commensurate with our opportunities.

How much are convictions worth unless those who possess them are willing to be governed by them? If all people have convictions, some have a very poor way of showing them on certain occasions. This is not the spirit of Christ, nor of holy men of God. No man has a right to trifle with his convictions by going contrary to them. Our convictions are given to us to be followed, and woe be unto that man or that woman who wholly disregards them in religious matters. Let us be done with this sort of thing.

Our Baptist brethren are learning. One of their writers in the *Chris-*

tian Index holds that John 3:5 refers to baptism, and then says: "By the new birth we are made heirs of God and heaven, and by the birth of water we are made visible citizens of his kingdom on earth, individual members of the true churches of Christ, which, collectively taken, compose that kingdom, each independent of all others, but dependent upon Christ, its only Law Giver and Head." The writer further adds: "We have no account of a mystical, or invisible kingdom in Scripture. If such a thing exists, it must be in the divine mind, with which we have nothing to do, as it has not been revealed to us." This is a step in the right direction.

We have received from the Christian Publishing Company, St. Louis, Mo., a neat, well bound commentary on the International Sunday-school Lessons for 1884, by Dr. E. W. Herndon, editor of the *Christian Quarterly Review*. Bro. Herndon is a fine Biblical scholar and a sound, clear and forcible writer. Hence we find in this book a splendid commentary on the Sunday-school lessons for the entire year. No teacher or scholar who wishes to be fully abreast of the time in the Sunday-school work can afford to be without such a help. Its low price places it within the reach of all. Price, teachers edition, 60 cts. per copy. Scholars edition 30 cts. per copy. The book can be had by addressing us at Albany, or the publishers.

Let those who received that *Red Mark* please remember that we are not at the office, and our Business Manager does not always know of special agreements we have made with certain brethren. Hence when any such brethren receive reminders, which has been the case on one or two occasions, they should know that it was unintentional on our part. All such matters can be easily rectified without any offense. But those who are justly due this office should give prompt heed to our calls for money. We would not

give much for that man's religion who will read a paper a whole year and then take offense when asked to pay for it. As a matter of business and religion, we expect those who read the paper to pay for it. Remember this.

Some of our leading exchanges are discussing the salvation of infants. The *Presbyterian Journal* says: "The Presbyterian church, as a body, has always held, and still holds, the doctrine of elect infants. It has not held the dogma that any who die in infancy were non elect, whatever Dr. Prentiss has shown were the views of some of the English divines who helped to frame the Confession." If there are no non-elect infants, then why talk about the *elect* infants being saved? From the fact that the Westminster divines put into their Confession work "elect," we think the plain inference is that they believed there were also non-elect infants, although they did not say so. In framing the Confession they simply *dodged the question*. Infant damnation was expressly taught before their day, and is held by some at the present time; but the Bible knows nothing of either infant damnation, infant regeneration, infant baptism or infant church membership.

From the Salem correspondence to the *Portland Daily Standard* we clip this pleasant notice of the marriage of Bro. S. C. Adams in Alameda last week: "The marriage of Rev. S. C. Adams, of this city, and Mrs. Rayl, of Alameda, California, is not so much a matter of surprise as of congratulation on the part of friends in this city. The bride was in my childhood well known to me as a writer of unusual merit, and the name of "Metta Victoria Fuller" fired my youthful imagination as something unusually fine in the world of literature and journalism. She was a resident of Sandusky, Ohio, and her contributions—both poetical and in prose—to local papers and Eastern magazines were marked for their originality and

brilliancy, dividing honors in the literary world with her sister, Frances Fuller, afterwards also Mrs. Victor. The sisters married brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have the best wishes of hosts of friends in this city." Bro. Adams has the best wishes of many friends in and about Monmouth as well as those from Salem.

The New York *Independent* says: "Parents should see that their children have proper books placed in their hands. The market is now flooded with dime novels, of the worst sort, and thousands of both sexes are very early led astray by their baleful influence. A daily paper in this city gives a practical illustration of the matter. It says that three lads in a certain town named, 'aged from eleven to fourteen years, after reading dime novels started out on a piratical cruise. They stole a hand-car and ran up the road to the nearest station house, which they stoned, breaking the windows and frightening the people within. When the passenger train came along it was saluted with a volley of rocks. One struck a man on the head, another badly cut a lady, and several of the car windows were broken.' There are plenty of good and cheap story books published, and their circulation should be encouraged among the young." Yet, many Christian parents will furnish their children with trashy secular, political and sensational papers in which all kinds of piratical cruises are daily flourished before their eyes, poisoning their minds and destroying their souls, and if you ask them to subscribe for a first class religious paper containing a department of wholesome reading matter specially prepared for the youth, they will say, "W-e-e! I am not a-b-l-e n-o-w to take a re-li-gio-u-s p-a-p-e-r and h-a-v-e no time to r-e-a-d it!"

Read carefully these figures from the *Christian at Work*, on divorce: "Up to the beginning of the present century divorces were few,