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The world expects the Church of Christ to rebuke sin, without respect of persons. And when the church fails to do so, the world regards it with contempt.

It is not always—indeed, we might safely say, not often, recognized that it takes two to make an effective sermon—a good listener as well as a good preacher.

A Roman Catholic tea planter in Assam, India, compliments the Baptist missionaries in his region by proposing to build a church for them.

Two of the India Free Baptist missionaries—Mrs. Burkholder and Miss Bacher—arrived in New York last week. They are reported in fairly good health.

The absence of a single figure makes a great difference sometimes. It did in the mention of missionary receipts in our last issue.

The Methodist Episcopal Conference (quadrennial) is now in session in Chicago, having begun on Tuesday last week. It will continue about a month.

A Roman Catholic priest in Pennsylvania has been censured by his bishop and suspended because of his open condemnation to a liquor making establishment carried on by some order of priests for the benefit of "the church."

Don Miraglia, the eloquent Sicilian priest, who, having renounced the Papacy, is working with great success as a Reformer in Italy, in a recent sermon at Geneva made the following striking strong and startling affirmation:

"There is to-day no religion in Italy. The fault is not with the Italians but with the priests."

He wrote recently in a friend's album, "Either the Vatican must perish, or Italy will perish." He is an ardent worker, and aims at rescuing the Italian people from the grip of the Papacy.

During a twenty years pastorate, the pastor of the Calvary Baptist church in Washington has baptized twenty-four hundred persons—an average of one hundred and twenty a year.

there were not in all that time any special revival services, nor any help from evangelist; the work was done in the regular services of the church. The health of the church was evidently good.

A writer in the New York Observer says that scores, even hundreds of pastors in New England are moved by an unwonted concern for themselves and their congregations. They are feeling deeply a sense of unspirituality and lack of power. He tells that on a recent Monday morning more than three hundred of them crowded into Park St. church, Boston, to attend a service in the interest of a better state of things.

In the address of General Harrison, ex-President of the United States, on assuming the presidency of the Ecumenical Missionary Conference, he touched wisely and strongly a matter which demands the attention of christian people and the governments of christian countries.

Later there was a meeting to consider the subject, and suggestions were made which, it is hoped, may move Great Britain and the United States to combine for the suppression of the liquor traffic in the New Hebrides, the Philippines, in Central Africa, and in all semi-civilized regions.

Has France forgotten? "The government which thinks it can get along without God, will soon find that God will get along without it," is a French paper's comment on the studied rejection of every thing religious from the opening ceremonies of the Paris Exposition.

And so there has manifestly been a wide departure from the apostolic methods of seeking and saving lost men. The Scriptural idea is that every man is a personal worker for lost men and a co-worker with Christ in His work of bringing men into His kingdom.

Referring to the "bondage of the pulpit" to the pews, as one of the deadly evils of the day, preventing the preaching the plain gospel, he goes on to say that professionalism in the pulpit has come in like a desolating flood.

HONOURED.—Rev. C. H. Paisley, of Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B., had conferred upon him last week, by Victoria University, Toronto, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

A PRESENTATION.—On the eve of his departure to join his regiment in Dublin, Lieutenant Neville Vince was given a complimentary dinner by a number of his friends in Woodstock, and was presented with a sword.

SPIRITUAL DECLINE.

In the May number of the Homiletic Review, Dr. Gregory has a paper on "Some Causes of the Present Spiritual Crisis," which may well challenge the attention of all thoughtful christians.

The points he makes are such as should have the careful and prayerful consideration all who are concerned for the true life and the real prosperity of Zion, and we reproduce portions of some of them. It seems quite clear, he says, that there has been a wide departure, on the part of churches and ministers, from apostolic teachings, aims, and methods.

"Said a friend not long since: 'We had a peculiar experience in our church committee lately. A man who had long been an open and flagrant sinner was converted, and his life completely transformed.'

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Christ is made to reply to the foregoing thus: "Blessed art thou for believing me, whom thou hast not seen, for it is written of me that they that have seen me shall not believe and they that have not seen me shall believe and they that have not seen me shall believe and they that have not seen me shall believe."

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aims and methods on the same low plane, and it is not a matter of wonder that wise observers remark that at present we are at an extreme low tide of the half-century in spiritual things.

Against all the force of secularized religion it is hard—perhaps was never before so hard—for any one to "stand fast in the faith delivered once for all to the saints." Unless God interpose, who will be able to stand the test? Meanwhile the world for which Christ died is perishing.

CHRIST AND AGRIPPA.

Last week two or three of the New York dailies had a bit of "news" which made their sales reach large proportions—which, presumably, was what they chiefly desired. They printed special cables from London and Rome, which said that two letters, one from King Agrippa to Christ, and the other from Christ to the king in reply, had been discovered after having been lost for 1803 years.

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NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

PLAYING WITH THE EVIL.

A deputation of Toronto citizens waited on the Ontario government a few days ago asking assistance in caring for the victims of the drink habit. Among the things they suggested was the making provision for the treatment of inebriates with a view to curing them of the drink habit. Much was said about the ruined homes of the slaves of drink; and it was urged strongly that it is the duty of the government to endeavour to save these men and restore peace to the wrecked homes. Not too much was said about the evil effects of the drink habit; it is simply impossible to tell all. But isn't it strange that good men should be pleading for a measure to take care of and try to cure a few of the victims of the traffic, while consenting to the continuance instead of demanding the destruction of the abominable thing which ruins a thousand times as many people and homes as ever can be saved by all the little cures that may be attempted? The scheme is about as sensible as establishing a few small-pox hospitals while encouraging, for a consideration, the introduction and spread of the disease; and it is less humane.

THE JAPANESE.

Japanese immigrants into the United States are in so large numbers that there is now a strong movement to apply to them the same prohibitory rule which is applied to the Chinese. They are at all points along the Pacific Coast. As many as ten thousand of them are said to be employed in railroad work, seriously interfering with American labourers. It is reported that as many as fifty thousand young Japanese will reach this continent this season. From our own Pacific Province there comes a cry that there are too many Japanese; and those who lead the anti-Chinese movement are objecting quite as strongly to the Japs. The treatment of Asiatics which some classes clamour for is not quite worthy two christian countries.

A POPULAR KING.

King Oscar is idolized by his Swedish subjects. An incident on his recent arrival in England throws light on the relations between himself and his people and explains his great popularity. At the station were some Swedish workmen, and they cheered him. Leaving the prominent attendants about him, he pushed through the crowd to shake hands and speak with his fellow countrymen at their work. He is great in size, and he is, also, evidently great in heart and good sense, and deserves the enthusiastic love which his people give him.

A BOER RESOLUTION.

Last week the United States Senate had to deal with another resolution of sympathy with the Boers. It was introduced by a Mr. Pettigrew, one of the men who seeks votes by playing to the anti-British section of the electorate. The motion was defeated by a vote of twenty-nine to twenty.

DUTY OF PROHIBITIONISTS.

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NO RELIGION.

There were no religious observances at the opening of the Paris Exposition. In keeping with this ostentatious disregard of God, is the purpose of the French government to enforce Sunday opening of all the exhibits. CUBAN RAILWAYS. A great company has been organized to purchase, extend and operate the railways of Cuba. The Company's capital is \$8,000,000. Sir William Van Horne is a leading member of the

Company, and is the chairman of board of control. * * * * *

MEXICO. Industrial progress in Mexico is marked. One of the signs is the recent organization of a great company to carry on meat-packing at various points in the country. It has a capital of \$2,000,000. Three establishments are already projected. Cattle raising is extensively carried on, and is increased as the meat packing company's facilities extend. The company expects to supply Mexico, all of Central America and South American countries with canned meats; and may compete with United States packers in their own territory. * * * * *

CAPT. MAHAN. McGill University last week conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon Capt. Mahan, of the United States Navy. Capt. Mahan is the best most widely known naval expert in all countries. In a speech following he declared his strong conviction of the rightness of the British position in the present war, and urged the cooperation of the two great English speaking nations. * * * * *

NEWFOUNDLAND. Again the question of union between Canada and Newfoundland. Newfoundland has been receiving some attention. Twice before matters was agitated, but both times there was developed strong opposition. But now some of the leaders who were previously opposed to confederation are, evidently, favourable to it. A new Premier of the island government, Mr. Bond, who was formerly Premier of the union, is understood to encourage it. The organ of his government recently had an article on the question pointing out the mistakes of former proposals, and intimating that now an acceptable scheme may be arranged. The union of the "new colony" with the Canadian confederation is only a question of time, perhaps a not very long time. * * * * *

WHAT DEWEY SAYS. Admiral Dewey, replying to a question of Canadians who a few days ago invited him to visit Port St. Louis, said he was very much touched by the invitation—that he had not been touched by any of the evidence of good will shown him since he had been in New York last fall, and he said: "I want to say that the one who stood at my back during trying days at Manila was an Englishman. But for his support and moral courage he inspired me, I don't know what would have happened. I refer to Sir Charles Seymour."

RELIEF FUND. The fund for the relief of the sufferers by the Ottawa Hull fire has grown rapidly, and amounts to about a half million. The Queen contributed five hundred guineas and the Prince of Wales contributed fifty guineas to it. The English contributions amount to forty thousand pounds. Messrs. G. H. G. and Everett, of St. John's, had the management of the relief fund there, and in Ottawa assisting the committees. * * * * *

MANY UNEDUCATED. At the annual meeting of the Educational Association, held in Toronto last month, and which was attended by delegates to the effect of seven hundred from all parts of the Province, the reports and discussions revealed the fact that thousands of children in that Province are growing up in ignorance, notwithstanding abundant provision made for the public schools system. The matter is largely with the parents, trustees and other school officials. A good deal neglectful of their duty. A large number of children of school age are never enrolled, and only a very small portion of the time.

HE IS TROUBLED. The Archbishop of Rupert's Land has been complaining to the Department of the Interior that the illicit sale of liquors in the Peace River district, and that the half-breed Indians are being demoralized. He wants the department to take the laws prohibiting the sale of liquor in those unorganized portions of the Northwest. We recall that this same Archbishop took part

ago at a represent meeting, in favour of prohibition, to declare his belief in the efficacy of the prohibition of liquor in licence commission license says the illicit sale of liquor is a crime. Of course it does the mischief. License does harm. License the district, it will be well. BE HONOURED. the University of Toronto, on May 29-31, it is understood that Governor Meade, Premier of Ontario, Rev. Canon G. H. G. of New York, and other dignitaries, and other Colleges. STAGGERED. The war in the United States has been nearly so. The South Africa. The United States. A speech at the birthday of the colony, talked so about the Monarchy that it would be understood they might soon come to promise. understood by the German in Brazil. The said that he did refer to any reason, the party first intended notwithstanding. The Welland. age was, even the men in and Dolman—guilty parties; made by detecting the Fenian life in two British. Two Nolan, came from were connected schemes, Nolan murder a few years from Dublin. business in being feared that not only through crimes, but schemes of the whom they had. The militia steps to guard the attempt of soldiers is still officers and men of Windsor, to be ready to take notice. UNITED STATES. Turkey has \$100,000 to have to be according to long as possible realizes that something was destroyed amounting to the Sultan; negotiations \$100,000, which to be paid for or another part till the United become impa minister at Ottawa would not refuse capital, U. S. government demand and is likely Turkish leg something of settled on