TERMS AND NOTICES.

The RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER is issued on Wednesday, from the office of publication, York St. Fredericton. N. B.

\$1.50 a year in advance

If not paid in advance the price is \$2.00

New subscriptions may begin at any WHEN SENDING a subscription, whether new or a renewal the sender should be careful to give the correct address of the subscriber.

IF A SUBSCRIBER wishes the address of his paper changed, he should give first the address to which it is now sent, and then the address to which he wishes it sent.

THE DATE following the subscriber's name on the address label shows the time to which the subscripti nis paid. It is changed generally, within one week after a payment is made and at latest within two weeks. Its change is the receipt for payment. If not changed within the last named time, inquiry by card or letter should be sent to us

WHEN IT IS DESIRED to discontinue, the INTELLIGENCER, it is necessary to pay whatever is due, and notify us by letter or post card. Returning the paper is neither

coarteous nor sufficient. PAYMENT of subscriptions may be made to any Free Baptist minister in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and to any authorized ag. nts as well as to the proprie-

ALL COMMUNICATIONS etc. should be addressed Religious Intelligencer Box 384 Fredericton, N. B.

Keligious Intelligencer.

Rev. JOSEPH McLEOD D. D., ... EDITOR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9TH, 1900

The world expects the Church of Christ to rebuke sin, with out 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. "Take heed how ye hear."

A Roman Catholic tea planter in Assam, India, compliments the Baptist missionaries in his region by proposing to build a church for them. The reason he gives is that he finds that the converts of the mission make the best and most trustworthy laborers.

Two of the India Free Baptist missionaries-Mrs. Burkholder and Miss Bacheler-arrived in New York last week. They are reported in fairly good health. They are at home for needed rest, after many years of faithful work in their difficult field.

The absonce of a single figure makes a great difference sometimes. It did in the mention of missionary receipts in our last issue. The omission of the little figure one diminished the contributions in 1898 by ten millions. Instead of \$9,126,-120, read \$19,126,120.

The Methodist Episcopal Conference (quadrennial) is now in session in Chicago, having begun on Tuesday of last week. It will continue about a month. There are delegates from all countries in which the denomination carries on work. The annual conferences of the body had since the last meeting of the General Conference declared in favour of having the laity equally represented with the ministry, and one of the first acts of the Conference was to ratify this action.

A Roman Catholic priest in Pennyslvania 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." The priest was strong enough to be true to his convictions though brought into conflict with the ecclesiastical authorities. Protestant ministers have suffered for practically the same reason-for daring to oppose men connected with the liquor traffic, and who contributed something to the

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."

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 personsan average of one hundred and twenty a year. That is a good record, though many a man who has not received one tenth the number has worked as intelligently and as faithfully; he simply did not have the constituency from which to gather so many. But the most suggestive fact of the twenty

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

Observer says that scores, even hundreds of pastors in New England are themselves and their congregations. more than three hundred of them crowded into Park St. church, Boston, to attend a service in the interest of a the necessity of the atonement, the sinfulness of men, the need of regenernothing short of this kind of preaching | the present failure and spiritual dearth could possess the power to awaken men from the spiritual lethargy which was tendencies are so strong toward New Theology and mere intellectualism, and-death truths. makes it all the more significant. As revival may give men such a realiza- given tion of the truth of spiritual things as the ever-living facts of heart experi-

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 matter which demands the attention of christian people and the govern. ments of christian countries. He said: "The men who, like Paul, have gone to heathen lands with the message, we 'seek not yours but you, have been hindered by these who coming after, have reversed the message. Rum and other corrupting agencies come in with our boasted civilization, and the feeble races wither before the hot breath of the white man's vices. The great nations have combined to suppress the slave trade. Is it to much to ask that they shall combine to prevent the sale of spirits to men who, less than our children, have acquired the habits of self-re-

Later there was a meeting to conider the subject, and suggestions were made which, it is hoped, may move Great Britian 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. Referring to the fact, to which we make allusion in another column, the Christian Intelligencer asks, - 'Is history to repeat itself in France? Have the people for gotten the days of Robespierre, and the reign of terror? The Government fell into the hands of atheists who sought to demonstrate that man needed neither God, nor Bible, nor Sabbath nor Church, nor religion by destroying every vestige of Christianity, abolish ing the Sabbath, altering the calendar and changing into warehouses the churches. The triumph of atheism seemed complete; but it resulted in a reign of terror. The God they denied withdrew, and left them to themselves France was converted into a prison, and its inhabitants into criminals. Day by day the sword and the guillo tine demanded fresh victims to satisfy the popular frenzy, until, in the brief space of ten years, three millions of Frenchmen perished by these means. France was literally baptized with the blood of her own inhabitants, and the people at last recoiled in horror and dismay from the infamous system. The He wrote recently in a friend's the bulwarks of virtue are destroyed, name of liberty. Since then only a century has elapsed, and well may the warning voice of history.

HONOURED.-Rev. C. H. Paisley. of Mount Allison University, Sackville N. B., had conferred upon him last week, by Victoria University, Toronto, Divinity. We congratulate Dr. Paisley. He will modestly and worthily wear the deserved distinction.

A PRESENTATION .- On the eve of his departure to join his regiment in Dublin, Lieutenane Neville Vince was given a complementary dinner by a number of his friends ir. Woodsto:k, years pastorate referred to is that 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. A writer in the New York | The recent appeal of the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which we dealt at the time, is the text moved by an unwonted concern for of the paper. He shows that the sym p toms of spiritual famine or decline enof Christ.

should have the careful and prayerful reformation. better state of things. The most consideration all who are concerned for hearty 'amens' greeted assertions of the true life and the real prosperity of the need of repreaching with direct- Zion, and we reproduce portions of ness and power the deity of Christ, some of them. It seems quite clear, he says that there has been a wide departure, on the part of churches and minis ation and the work of the Spirit. It ters, from apostolic teachings, aims, and seemed to be generally realized that methods. This may easily account for

The essential teachings of the Word of God, that constitute the preacher' seen in the growing dearth of spiritual | message to men, are summed up in sin results. That such an awakening and salvation. In the last analysis should centre in Boston, where the these are the only essential and funda mental factors in preaching, the life-

This graphic illustration of hov in the days of the Wesleys, so may it these great essential truths are left be to-day, that a wave of spiritual out, and the condition resulting in

"Said a friend not long since: 'W shall sweep away mental difficulties by had a peculiar experience in our church committee lately. A man who had long been an open and flag ant sinner was converted, and his life completely transformed. After a time he came before the committee for examination for membership. There was the the deepest sense of his guilt and lost condition, the firmest laying hold of Christ and His atonement, and sincere and complete consecration to the service of his Lord. After he had gone out I said: "Pastor and brethren, this is a peculiar experience. I have been a member of this committee for thirteen years, and this is the first sinner I have known to come before our body for admission to membership."' That was a very large and wealthy church, and it meant that it had probably been largely made up by the ingathering of the unregenerate. A little later the pastor of that church said: "I have the kindest people in the world. They are rich and cultured, and always ready to increase my salary or send me away for a rest; but somehow Iscan not reach them with the great Scriptural teachings. I sometimes feel that I must go and preach to the people in the slums, so as to get some response to my preaching!'

It naturally follows that the preacher and the church, once under such deleterious influences, direct their efforts at the classes rather than at the masses. Such churches become gatherings of the elect according to purse, culture and station.

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. Christ is intensely anxious, as Peter shows us, that those saved by His grace should be neither workless nor fruitless in the knowledge of Himself. Churches are useful and successful as they approximate this ideal, or as all the membership hears and heeds Christ's command to the Church, Go preach."

But how often has the Church be come, in place of a soul-saving society consecrated to Christian service, selfish drawing-room clique employing preacher, trained professionally rather than sent of God, to do all its preaching, and holding him by the powerful bribe of a large salary to do his preaching exclusively for themselves and according to their notions

Referring to the "bondage of the pulpit" to the pews, as one of the deadly evils of the day, preventing the experiment was complete. It was preaching the plain gospel, he goes on proved that where God is disowned, to say that professionalism in the pulpit has come in like a desolating flood. the checks of vice removed, and the The prospect of a good salary and attention of many a one in that direction who has absolutely no qualifica-France of to-day pause and pay heed to tions for the sacred office. The increasingly worldly demand has been responded to by an increasingly worldly supply, until the secularizing tendency has become almost irresis tible. And when the failure of the the honourary degree of Doctor of ministry to do the work belonging to i is fully demonstrated by the ceasing of the church to grow in membership, then the professional evangelist, with his superficial emotionalism and his abounding mechanism, is brought in to stimulate the process of ingathering.

preaching of Gospel truth has led to tist church,

a'ms and methods on the same low p ane, 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 few days ago asking assistance in fast in the faith delivered once for all | caring for the victims of the drink to the saints." Unless God interpose, who will be able to stand the test? They are feeling deeply a sense of un- umerated in that appeal as existing in Meanwhile the world for which Christ treatment of inebriates with a view to spirituality and lack of power. He the Methodist Church are to be found died is perishing. Surely it is high curing them of the drink habit. Much tells that on a recent Monday morning in the various branches of the church time for every Christian who has any interest in Christ's work of redemption | the slaves of drink; and it was urged The points he makes are such as to heed to the call to repentance and strongly that it is the duty of the

CHRIST AND AGRIPPA.

Last week two or three of the Ne York dailies had a bit of 'news' which nade their sales reach large propor tions-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. These "letters," it was announced, had been "discovered carved in stone over the gateway of the old palace of the kings of Ephesus and that they were undoubtedly the letters referred to by Eusebius and other early writers, according to whom they were written in Syro-Chaldaic characters and originally discovered under a stone eighty-four miles from the city of Iconium in the year 97 and then lost."

Of course, somebody has to b quoted as certifying, or seeming to certify, the genuiness of the "letters, and so Prof. Murray of the British humblest and fullest confession of sin, Museum is made to say that they are of great interest, &c. There are cer tain legends of some such correspond ence as this "discovery" claims to reveal and establish, but that it actual ly occurred is not believed by anybody whose opinion is worth anything The pretended "letters," / especially the one which our Lord is said to have written, is so unlike anything that we have learned about Him in the inspired record of His life, are such an awkward jumble that sensible christians, not to say anything of the scholars who give special attention to such things, must instantly reject the poor and ignorant

> Merely as a matter of curiosity w append the 'alleged letters." That from Agrippa to Christ is made to

"I have heard of thee and the cures" wrought by thee without herb or medicine, for it is reported that thou restoreth sight to the blind and maketh the raiseth the dead, chaseth out devils and unclean spirits and healeth those that are tormented of diseases of a long continuance. Hearing all this of thee, was fully persuaded that thou art the love which his people give him. very God come down from heaven to do such miracles, or that thou art the Son of God and performeth them. Wherefore I have sent thee a few lines cure my diseases; besides, hearing that the Jews murmur against thee and continue to do thee mischief, I invite entertain us both.

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 be But, concerning the matter thou hast written about, this is to acquaint thee that all things for which I hen I shall be taken up and returned o Him that sent me. But after my ascension I will send one of my disciples that shall cure thee of thy distemper and give life to all them that re with thee.

No wonder Dr. Joseph Parker, referring to these alleged manuscripts, declared it impossible to believe that Christ had ever written "such inconceivable nonsense.

Home Religious News.

field for that body.

-The Centreville, C. Co., Baptist church is to be rebuilt iuside and out.

minister at New Mills, Restigouche the liquor traffic. Wise and energetic most awful crimes perpetrated in the position has undoubtedly turned the Co., has gone to England and Scotland action on this line may now ensure us

> -Rev. E. J. Grant has become pastor of the Baptist church at Arcadia, Yarmouth Co., N. S.

-The Methodist church at Bellisle, R. Co., was burned to the ground Wednesday afternoon. The organ and S. S. library were saved. The fire is supposed to have been started in the lry grass by a spark from the Central Railway engine.

-Four converts were baptized by Rev, O. P. Brown, at Maugerville, S. Co., on Sunday, 29th ult. They and railways of Cuba. The Company's In the end, lowered or leveled two others were received into the Bap- capital is \$8,000,000. Sir William Northwest. We recall the fig.

NOTES ON EVENTS

PLAYING WITH THE EVIL.

A deputation of Toronto citizens waited on the Ontario government a habit. Among the things they suggested was the making provision for the was said about the ruined homes of 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 s 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

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 o 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 ob jecting 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 lame to walk, cleanseth the leper, 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

A BOER RESOLUTION.

Last week the United States Senate entreating thee to come hither and had to deal with another resolution of sympathy with the Boers. It was introduced by a Mr. Pettigrews, one thee to my city, which is but a little of the men who seeks votes by playing one, but is beautiful and sufficient to to the anti-British section of the electorate. The motion was defeated by a vote of twenty-nine to twenty.

DUTY OF PROHIBITIONISTS.

Assuming that there will be a general Dominion election during the present year, the Camp Fire of Toronto urges prohibitionists to be getting ready for it. It says: "In the Plebiscite of hundred and fifty guineas to the vas sent hither must be fulfilled and 1898, prohibition majorities were recorded in the constituencies of 120 forty thousand pounds. Messis members of the House of Commons, out of a total of 213. Outside the Province of Quebec there are 121 members out of a total of 148 whose constituencies voted for prohibition by average majorities of over 1,000. It ought to be easy for the friends of temperance to unite in these constituencies in such action as would secure the nomination and return of a representative in harmony with the public -Mr. Chas. Stirling, a Baptist opinion thus strongly expressed. licentiate, is to occupy the Tobique Again we urge upon our workers to lose no time. Let county conventions be speedily held. Let politicians of both parties understand that they must nominate prohibitionists or lose the -Rev. J. M. McLeod, Presbyterian support of those who voted against a Parliament that will give us the legislation for which we voted."

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 Van Horne is a leading member of the this same Archbishop took pal

Company, and is the chairman a board of control.

Industrial progress in Mexicois. marked. One of the signs is recent organization of a great come to carry on meat-packing at va points in the country. It has a country. of \$2,000,000. Three establishing are already projected. Cattle ra is extensively carried on, and wi increased as the meat packing pany's facilities extend. The com expects to supply Mexico, all of tral America and South America countries with canned meats; a may compete with United 8 packers in their own territory.

CAPT. MAHAN.

McGill University last week ferred the honorary degree of D. upon Capt Mahan, of the Uniteds Navy. Capt. Mahan is the best most widely known naval expert author in his country, and stands in all countries. In a speech follow he declared his strong conviction the rightness of the British position the present war, and urged the of the two great English s nations.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Again the question of union Canada is receiving some attenti Newfoundland. Twice before matter was agitated, but both there was developed strong oppos But now some of the leaders who previously opposed to confeder are, evidently, favourable to it. new Premier of the island government the anti-B Mr. Bond, who was formerly on to union, is understood to enco

it. The organ of his govern recently had an article on the que pointing out the mistakes made former proposals, and intimating now an acceptable scheme may ranged. The union of the "an colony" with the Canadian confa tion is only a question of time perhaps a not very long time.

WHAT DEWEY SAYS.

Admiral Dewey, replying to tation of Canadians who a few ago invited him to visit Port St said he was very much touched invitation—that he had not been touched by any of the eviden good will shown him since hea in New York last fall, and hea

"I want to say that the one who stood at my back during trying days at Manila was an En man. But for his support and moral courage he inspired men don't know what would have happ

I refer to Sir Charles Seymour. It would be well for our States friends to remember this ment of their much honoured Ad Nor is it the only instance in they were indebted to Great B in their war with Spain. It was ain's attitude and her word that Europe from actively espousing cause of Spain.

RELIEF FUND.

The fund for the relief of the ands of sufferers by the Ottaw Hull fire has grown rapidly, and amounts to about a half million The Queen contributed five hu guineas and the Prince of Walt The English contributions amo nolds and Everett, of St. John had the management of the relid there, are in Ottawa assisting the

MANY UNEDUCATED.

At the annual meeting of the Educational Association, Toronto last month, and white attended by delegates to the of seven hundred from all parts Province, the reports and disco revealed the fact that tho children in that Province are up in ignorance, notwithstandi abundant provision made for the public schools system. is largely with the parents, trustees and other school office a good deal neglectful of their A large number of children of age are never enrolled, and of enrolled a large percentage and very small portion of the time.

HE IS TROUBLED.

The Archbishop of Ruperts has been complaining to the ment of the Interior that illicit sale of liquors in the Peace district, and that the half-bree Indians are being demoralized He wants the department to the laws prohibiting the sale of in those unorganized portions

your of pro to declare hi ast such interfe ty as he believ nition of the ed in licence mend license ws the illicit s Of course does the mis does harm. license the fe er district, des ill be well! BE HONOURED.

MAY 9 19

he University 29-31, it is un lemen are to ee of LL. tioned as sele overnor Mc Premier dry, Rev. Car e. Rev. Canor ligan, of Newf of. Wm. Crock neation, and se ther Colleges.

the celebration

The war in the ve nearly so ited States p South Africa rgested that erest of the some English adopt an addr e Filipinos and a special boy would be a s such small tri

a speech at t e birthday of talked so out the Mon at it would was unders y might soon some thing em to promise nderstood by hich Germany Brazil. Th id that he di refer to any ason, the pa eir first inter

WORD OF WA

The United S

otwithstandin ENIANS, OF C The Wellan ge was, evi he men in c nd Dolmanuilty parties; hade by detec f the Fenian life is to d British. Two olan, came f ere connecte hemes, Nola nurder a few j

rom Dublin neasiness in being feared t ot only throu rimes, but r chemes of the hom they re The militia he attempt or oldiers is st fficers and m Windsor, (e ready ot ta

INITED STAT Turkey has 100,000 to t cording to ng as possil ealizes that omething v ime of the r four year belonging to was destroye mounting to the Sultan: negotiations \$100,000, wh

o be paid pr or another p till the Unit become impa minister at C would not re ish capital. U. S. govern tory demand and is likely Turkish les something . settled at or