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Religious Intelligence.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 23RD, 1900.

This is Empire Day, and is being duly celebrated by the public schools.

To-morrow (Thursday) is the Queen's birthday. In every part of the British Empire she will be thought of with thankfulness and joy.

The Argentine Republic is gradually freeing itself from Roman Catholic domination.

The net gain for all religious bodies in the United States last year was only about one and one-third per cent—a not very encouraging showing.

The Twentieth century Thanking Fund being raised by the Methodist Church in Canada, has reached \$800,000.

It is a great thing for the christian pulpit to have a man in it—a real man, who thinks for himself and says what he thinks.

The "Rams Horn" continues to make war on Dowie, whom it calls "the prince of charlatans."

Because the South African States, now in rebellion, choose to call themselves republics, many United States people think they must regard them as struggling for liberty against a powerful tyrant.

The use of clap-trap methods in the endeavour to secure attendance at churches deserves the severest condemnation.

The reason for the small increase in the membership of several christian bodies, according to Dr. Carroll, the Church statistician, is that "the pulpit does not put sufficient emphasis on the necessity and conditions of a religious life."

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But there are those who refuse it, and, with the blind fatalism of their race, lie down in the dust and die.

But, we repeat, with all the government has done and can, and in addition to the large contributions already made much, very much, more is needed.

POLITICAL NEWS.—The election campaign in British Columbia was warm.

W. W. B. McInnes, M. P. for Nanaimo, B. C., sent his formal resignation to Ottawa on Tuesday of last week, to take effect as soon as received.

Mr. Chas. Hibbert Tapper, A. C. Bell, M. P., and Hon. N. Clark Wallace will speak at Westville, N. S. on Thursday of this week.

In Yarmouth.—F. Stoneman, mayor of Yarmouth was elected by acclamation last Tuesday for the vacant seat in the local legislature.

It is reported from Charlottetown, P. E. I. that Mr. Wise, who was removed from his seat in the Legislature has had written issued against Mr. Commiskey, Speaker of the legislature.

THE U. N. B.—The centennial of the University will be celebrated next week. A three days (May 29-31) programme has been arranged.

GENEROUS.—Among the contributors to the fund for the relief of the Ottawa-Hull fire sufferers was a convict in the Kingston Penitentiary. He sent \$5.00, and expressed regret that he could not send more.

IN PARIS.—Evangelical services are to be held during the Paris Exhibition in two leading centres. The work has been promoted by the Society of Friends and the M'All Mission, and will be conducted on the lines of the Evangelical Alliance.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NEWS.—There are something over 2,000 members connected with the twenty-five Baptist mission churches in France.

The monster convention of the Society of Christian Endeavour is to be held at the Alexandra Palace from July 14th to July 20th.

The Presbyterian Church of Canada has a very prosperous work among the French Canadians.

A religious census of Philadelphia has been taken by Christian workers. Among 253,168 visited, there were 62 Christian Scientists, 93 Spiritualists, and 22 Atheists and Agnostics.

The natives of the Samoan island of Tutuila, which has fallen to the United States in the partition with Germany, are all said to be devout Christians.

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