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The recent general election

in Great Britain is said to have resulted in a substantial gain in the Protestant voting power in Parliament.

The pastor of St. Luke's

church (Episcopal), St. John, Rev. R. P. McKim, is endeavouring to have the pew rent system abolished in his church.

The pastor (Rev. Mr. Simpson)

of the Methodist church in Lansdowne, Ont died in his pulpit on Sunday, 11 inst. He was preaching when the summons came.

In the Presbyterian Church

of the Northern States there are said to be two thousand unemployed ministers, and at the same time three thousand churches without pastors.

Last week there was in

these columns reference to a question of theology in our Massachusetts. The Court sustained the will, very properly recognizing the principle of personal liberty.

Rev. Ransom Dunn D. D.

one of the leading Free Baptist ministers in the United States, died on the 9th inst. He was over eighty years of age.

The St. John Y. M. C. Association

needs a new building. The amount of money needed is \$34,000, which will, also, cover the debt against the present property.

Protestant missionaries in

Africa will have to reckon with a formidable organization founded by the late Cardinal Lavergne - 'The White Fathers.'

Christianity makes progress

in Japan. There are now, as reported in the Interior, 121,000 Christians in that country, of which number 42,000 are Protestants.

Presbyterian or Congregational. There are 2,260 boys in the mission boarding schools and 3,240 in those provided for girls. In the 16 theological schools 113 students are preparing to become pastors of native churches.

In Austria the Pope's blessing

can be had for two pence. Probably it is as cheap in other parts of Europe, at least wherever the priests are anxious for full treasuries.

FREE BAPTIST LOSS.

In another part of this paper is printed 'The Monticello's Death Roll.'

It was sent us by Rev. Edwin Crowell, pastor of the Free Baptist church in Yarmouth. He writes:

'With the exception of H. K. Poole, the members of the ill-fated crew, hailing from Yarmouth, Barrington and Cape Island, were all connected with the Free Baptist congregations.'

I have this week attended the burial services of N. C. Hopkins, N. Murphy and E. B. M. Hilton. The last is the only brother of Mrs. Cooper, wife of Rev. C. F. Cooper, and of M. S. Dora Hilton, so prominently connected with our work.

The widows of the two former are both invalids, and the shock has proved a terrible strain on them. It is generally believed that Capt. Harding put on no life belt and that his body went down with the ship; but we are hopeful it may yet be recovered.

Our Yarmouth church suffers an unspeakable loss, and my induction into this pastorate has been sad beyond description. Pray for us.'

THE "INTELLIGENCER" FOR 1901.

Nearing the end of the year - the INTELLIGENCER's forty-eighth - we are looking to our friends to rally round the paper in such a way as to give it a good start into the new year.

In the year now closing we have endeavoured to give our readers a good helpful paper. Many testimonies of appreciation have reached us.

In the next year, if we are spared to reach it and go through it, it will be our aim to keep the paper up to its long time recognized standard, making it a messenger of instruction and help to all whom it may reach.

We are now at a time when renewals for the next year should be coming in. In no way can the friends of the INTELLIGENCER and the things for which it stands, so well show their interest as by quick renewals of their subscriptions.

They had better be a little ahead of time than a little behind time. Will they kindly have this in mind, and let us hear from them at once?

HOME RELIGIOUS NEWS

Rev. J. W. Jox has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Congregational church in Truro, N. S.

Rev. J. S. Sutherland, Presbyterian, of Sussex N. B., has accepted the call to St. John's church, Halifax and his induction will take place about the middle of next month.

Rev. E. E. Diley has retired from the pastorate of the Sackville Baptist church to take charge of the church at Bridgewater, N. S.

Evangelistic meetings are being held in the Brussels St. Baptist church St. John, conducted by Rev. H. F. Adams.

POLITICAL NEWS. - There are three vacancies in the New Brunswick legislature - York, Kings, and Carleton, Messrs Gibson, White and Carvill having resigned to contest the Dominion elections.

It is intimated that Mr. W. W. Wells, M. P. for Westmorland Co., is likely to be made registrar of deeds, in which case there will be another vacancy in the Local Legislature.

Sir Richard Cartwright is spoken of as likely to be made High Commissioner at London, in place of Lord Strathcona.

Senator Power, of Halifax, is mentioned as the probable speaker of the Senate during the present term of Parliament.

It is stated that the Conservative organization of the Province of Ontario has advised every defeated candidate on the Opposition side, in whose constituency the decision was in any respect close, to demand a recount. The Conservatives are counselled not to trust the decision of any returning officer, past corruption having left an inference of guilt of all deputies. Already recounts have been demanded in South Perth and West Huron.

A recount was demanded in the Kings Co. N. B. election. The recount will take place at Hampton, on Friday of this week.

The election in Kings Co., to fill the seat in the Local Legislature vacated by the resignation of A. S. White, is to be held soon. A convention of Conservatives to nominate a candidate is to be held Wednesday of this week.

The Quebec legislature has been dissolved. The election of a new Legislature is to take place Dec., 7th.

The P. E. Island Legislature has been dissolved, and a general election will be held on the 12th., Dec.

The election in Yale, Cariboo, B. C. will be held on the 28th., inst., and that in Burrard, B. C., on the 6th., Dec.

Hon. Geo. F. Foster has, it is said, had the offer of several seats, but has not yet decided anything about acceptance.

"PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD."

The letter signed by the Moderator and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference, which appears in another column, has been sent to Free Baptist ministers and the clerks of Free Baptist churches in New Brunswick. The letter is to be read in the churches. It explains itself. The subject with which it deals - the need of a great spiritual awakening - is one of vital importance. To commend it to the earnest and prayerful thought of ministers and people should not require a single word of argument or appeal.

The Church of God, in every branch of it, and in every land, is looking with desire and expectation towards the near-at-hand new century, for a marked spiritual impetus. Recognizing the necessity of "preparing the way of the Lord," there is felt to be need of much heart-searching, of humble penitence and confession of sin, and of fervent prayer for forgiveness of the lack of Christlikeness which has too much marked professed Christians, and for the baptism of power for service.

Let judgment begin at the house of God. When Christians get right, God uses them in the conversion of sinners. Let each Christian search his own heart, and wait before God in true contrition and faith till he is forgiven all his backslidings and filled with the joy of salvation. Then revival such as the lovers of Zion long for, and which will bring thousands into the experience of the new life, will come to the land. "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

The newly elected British Parliament is to meet December 3rd. The chief purpose of the meeting is to vote the war expenses, which it is thought, will be in the vicinity of £100,000,000. Parliament will adjourn before Christmas for a few weeks.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Newfoundland elections resulted in the return of the Bond Government to power with an increased majority. The contest was, really, between the government and Mr. Reid, known on the island as "Czar Reid." Mr. Reid owns the railway and large tracts of land, including valuable mining properties. Mr. Morine is the leader of the opposition.

A RUMOUR.

It has been rumoured that the rum men of York Co. contemplate an attempt to repeal the Scott Act in the County. If they think the present a good time, perhaps they had better make the attempt.

AUSTRALIA.

Australia invited Canada to send a small contingent of her volunteers to take part in the ceremonies at the inauguration of the confederated British Commonwealth in the southern hemisphere. It would have been a graceful thing to do. It is stated, however, that the Canadian government has answered that it cannot send a contingent.

LEPROSY.

A writer about mission work among lepers makes some quite appalling statements about the extent of the disease in the East. He says: India has about half a million, China probably as many, and Japan 200,000 registered cases. The moment leprosy appears in a man, woman, or child, banishment is irrevocably decreed. There is no pity or compassion for lepers. Young or old are turned adrift as unclean things on the highways and byways, and are dependent for subsistence on the casual doles of food thrown to them. In India the leper loses caste, which is regarded the worst doom. In Japan he is treated with the greatest cruelty. The same is true in China. The leper there is often put to death by fire without compunction, and religion has not a ray of hope for him in the next world.

CUBA'S SCHOOLS.

One of the best things that has come to Cuba since it passed from Spanish control is the great increase in the number of schools. Under Spanish rule about 30,000 pupils attended the schools - such as they were. Now there are 150,000 pupils enrolled in 3,000 public schools, with 3,600 teachers. The number so rapidly increasing that it is believed that by the end of the present school year there will be an enrollment of 250,000 children. The teachers are very well paid.

THE PHILIPPINES.

The latest report of General McArthur acknowledges that the end of the war is not in sight, and that it may go on for some years. It is claimed by the Democrats that President McKinley had this report before the election, and withheld it from the public for fear of the effect it might have on the voting. The General's report says in the last year 268 soldiers were killed, 750 were wounded, and 55 taken prisoners by the Filipinos. The deaths amongst the soldiers from disease and exposure, in the same time, number more than a thousand. The General wants more men.

WHAT HE WILL DO.

Portland, Me., recently elected Rev. S. F. Pearson Sheriff of the County which embraces the city. He will begin the duties of his office the first of January. He has announced his policy and it is radical enough to satisfy the most radical friend of the prohibitory law. He says:

"My deputies will be instructed, when they raid a liquor saloon, to take everything there is between the floor and the roof, to clean out the place and to remove all the fixtures."

"They will be instructed to do this as quietly as possible, but to allow no resistance. If there is to be lead used, they will see to it that they fire first."

"The liquor traffic must and shall cease in this county. If the saloons are open the first day of January next it will be at the peril of the owners. They will not be allowed to stay open."

"The saloon men must remember that they must not harm a deputy sheriff, that when they strike a sheriff they strike the State of Maine. The liquor business will end here, no matter at what cost."

From what we know of Mr. Pearson,

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we think he will do all he says.

GAS.

According to the official report the total amount of natural gas produced and marketed in the United States last year was valued at over \$20,000,000 - an increase of \$5,000,000 over the previous year. The report adds that "both the great gas-producing fields, large as they once were, are approaching exhaustion. A large area of the Indiana division has yielded up over one-half of the volume of natural gas once stored in its great reservoir. The unjustifiable waste in all the gas fields has been enormous, all the fields show loss of pressure, and the field in north-western Ohio is nearly exhausted. That of Indiana is undergoing a rapid decline." "The prospect for increased production seems to be confined to the Western fields - in Kansas, Iowa and Texas."

WONDERFUL OPERATION.

A Toronto despatch tells of an operation of the most uncommon kind, performed a few days ago in the General Hospital in that city. According to the report the patient was almost cut in half. Both his legs were taken off, and all the bones of both hips have been removed. Only as a last resort for saving the spark of life would such a daring operation be ventured, and its successful culmination seems little short of marvelous. The patient, who was a labourer in the city, suffered from the disease known as spreading gangrene. It started several months ago from an injury to his legs inflicted in an accident. The operation removing so much of the man's anatomy was performed on Friday last, and so far the patient has not only maintained life, but has been gaining. So far as is known, such an operation has been successfully carried through but once, and that was in a London hospital. It is proposed to provide the man with artificial limbs which will furnish him with powers of locomotion.

REGISTERED LETTERS.

Of 3,675,000 registered letters which passed through Canadian Post Offices last year, only 136 went astray. Of these twenty-five were stolen by train robbers, and four were destroyed in railway accidents. The Postmaster General is now considering the question of insurance of registered letters.

THE ARGUMENT.

The hearing of the argument on the constitutionality of Hon. Hugh John Macdonald's new liquor act has been set down for November 26 before the full court of Queen's bench at Winnipeg. The Dominion and Provincial governments, the Dominion Alliance, Licensed Victuallers' Association and Hudson Bay Company will each be represented by counsel. The argument is likely to occupy some days.

THEY CONTINUE TO BOAST.

The President of the liquor dealers Association has been speaking again. And this is what he says:

"Every hotel-man, brewer, cigar-maker and liquor-merchant at St. John, N. B., to my personal knowledge, was arrayed against Foster in the recent election, and he was beaten to a standstill."

"The principal object and what led to the fight against Foster was that I wanted him defeated. We were sure of Blair's stand; we knew what to expect, I repeat, for that reason every man connected with the trade worked day and night to defeat the conservative candidate. The liquor question entered very largely into the fight against Foster, as it did against Hugh John Macdonald. We naturally dreaded that the fate which overtook our brothers in Manitoba would be ours. As for Mr. Fisher, I may say that I never considered him a serious prohibitionist. This was shown at Brome, where I succeeded in having the notorious Scott Act repealed. Liquor men are responsible for 200,000 of the votes cast for the Laurier government, and it is at their hands that they will demand and expect more equitable legislation in excise and customs laws on wines and spirits. I do not say this as a threat, but if the present government does not treat the trade with consideration in a readjustment of the laws controlling our business, we will hand over our case to the opposition."

HIS FLIGHT.

Kruger, with his gold, got away from South Africa quietly, leaving the people he misled to bear the troubles he got them into as best they can. A year ago he issued his ultimatum and declared war, to-day he is a wanderer, and in all probability will never again return to the Transvaal, where he,

more than any other man, caused

much misery and bloodshed. It is now clear the war in South Africa might have been avoided, had he availed himself of the many honourable avenues of escape 'Great Britain' opened for him, but since by ambition, conceit and avarice he fell, in exile he must find time for reflection. His life is an object lesson to many another small man in a big place, and history will judge him as anything but a patriot, especially since in the extreme hours of peril he abandoned his people and fled to a place of safety with his gold and valuables.

STRATHCONA.

The citizens of Montreal have decided to erect a monument to Lord Strathcona in recognition of his having equipped and sent the Strathcona Horse for service in South Africa. He has just sailed for England, after having spent a few weeks in Canada.

FENIANS.

A lot of Fenians, calling themselves the Irish Brigade, who went from the United States to fight against Great Britain in South Africa, have returned reaching New York last Friday. Amongst these are, probably, the fellows who were sent off from the United States under the auspices of the Red Cross Society. Of course, Tammany and that kind will treat them as heroes. If that were all, surprise would be excited. But certain christian people will join in the hurrahs for the cut-throat haters of Britain. And the papers that repeat such "christians" will say and insinuate all the nastiness they can, and then talk of love and fellowship for christians under this flag. The hypocrisy is disgusting.

The King of Sweden is in

poor health. It is said that Lord Wolsley intended to visit Canada. Amongst the rumours concerning the Czar's illness is one that he is a victim of an attempt to poison him. The woman who threw the axe at the German emperor the other day has been pronounced insane.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

One of the most important subjects within the scope of the Free Baptist Provincial Conferences, is the education of their ministers. A deep sense of obligation in this matter pervades the churches interested, and lies at the root of almost all the projects mooted from time to time for promoting denominational growth and usefulness. Not only is much time given to the examination of licentiate but the spasms of agitation for union are in recognition of the fact that a large constituency is necessary for the maintenance of adequate institutions of learning. Again, when we look upon the Foreign mission field, we read for information about the methods which satisfy the needs of the times, we find that a thoroughly trained christian missionary is the chief of all the factors contributing to success. Men who can teach and train native converts are absolutely essential to permanent success. Natural talent may be depended on with more confidence in the home pulpit work; even here it is evident that steady power requires in the preaching capacity for instruction, which he possess only in the degree in which is himself a student.

These and kindred considerations make the minister's scholarship indispensable. Now, of course, the amount of scholarship will vary with the circumstances in which Providence guidance and opportunity will determine where duty lies. The mission should have a special training added to the ordinary theological studies, perhaps even in medicine, to equip him for his work; some may be endowed with the teacher's aptitude, than an impulse will be felt into preparation will be made accordingly, others again are drawn towards immediate pastoral service, and be unable to give more time than suffice to obtain a firm hold of familiar subjects of the preached work. Granted the student, therefore, is two sources of help for him; men and books. The schools furnish the former in two forms, as teachers and as fellow students; and if culture and high ideals flow in these channels of help, the school will prove to be a new world to the diligent ambitious student. Here he ought to learn to think for himself and utilize books, the store-house of thought and knowledge and religion.

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TO THE CHURCH OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

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