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The number of priests leaving the Roman Catholic Church in France is steadily increasing.

Rev. C. M. Sheldon, who has become so well known by his book "In His Steps," and others along the same line, is to visit England soon. He has been given eight months' leave of absence.

Two of the Free Baptist Some of its professed adherents may India missionaries-Mrs. Burkholder not measure up to the full standard, and Miss Bacheler, are on their way home. They left Calcutta about the first of the month. They have earned the rest they are seeking.

A striking instance of the There may be, as suggested above, two ! tyranny exercised by Spanish priests or three or more churches whose whole is given by a Bible colporteur. The existence, on the financial side, has story is the experience of an old woman been a struggle, notwithstanding the whom he met in his travels. She had members have done their utmost lived in a mountain village, and she And perhaps, their greatest effort now was assigned the duty of keeping a might not free them from debt. Such light burning in the church for the churches deserve and should receive souls in purgatory. For this purpose the help of stronger churches, and she was required to supply the priest probably, would receive it if the facts with a gallon of oil each month. Her are properly presented. husband having died, she found it

We commend this matter of debtdifficult to supply the oil, and for three paying to all the churches concerned. months she failed to take any to the To relieve God's house of debt is priest. When, in the fourth month good way to express thankfulness to she went to confession the priest im-Him for His manifold goodnesses, and posed as a penance for her neglect the at the same time to free the churches climbing on her knees up a hill more for better and more aggressive service than six hundred feet high. She did for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

# THE FAMINE FUND.

Last week we directed attention to the India famine and appealed to all

our churches and all readers of the Whether evangelical christianity is declining is a question a good | INTELLIGENCER to share in the good deal discussed. And not infrequently work of providing relief for the sufferit is affirmed that the indications of | ing millions. On another page we decline are neither few nor uncertain. print portions of an account of India conditions, contributed to the Chris-A writer in the 'Presbyterian' denies that there are any decline of real evantian Observer by a missionary. We gelical christianity, and discusses the print, also, a letter from Rev. J. T. question with much clearness and Parsons, telling what his church has strength. He concludes thus: It is done, and appealing to others to do evangelical Christianity that is the their part. Last Sunday the Susser great missionary, reformatory, upliftchurch had its attention directed to ing and redeeming instrumentality in the matter by the pastor, and, doubt this and other lands. The nineteenth century attests its mighty transformaless, made a suitable offering. Other tions in the individual and collective churches of whose action we have no life everywhere visible. It is the hope information, may have already made of the twentieth century. The churches their offerings. We will be glad to that preach it and uphold it are as hear of what any have done. W influential as ever. Money is lavished abundantly upon its extension. Men repeat what we said last week, that and women by the thousands are this is a matter which should have the accepting it every year. It is comattention of all the churches, no matter passing the nations as never before. There may be a decline in spots, but how many or pressing home claims on the whole, it is making progress.

> We would suggest that all contributions of Free Baptist churches be

may be.

#### CURRENT EVENTS. NOTES ON

The Roman Catholics of Winnipeg It seems agreed on all hands that it have wearied of carrying on separate greatly simplifies the matter of proschools, and want the public schools pertytitles and removes the uncertainty the prohibition situation and the board to take them over. At a meet- and large expense often attending the of prohibitionists. Special ref ing of the members of two Catholic search and establishing of titles. Its congregations last week a resolution, essential features are a thorough was passed making this request. They examination once for al', and a record suggest that the School Board rent of the title to land as absolutely vested bers of the Legislature and the the buildings now occupied by the in the registered owner. No question separate schools and retain the present can ever be raised of the validity of teachers, and that in other respects conveyances behind the cert ficate so the schools be subject to the same obtained, so that under this system rules as other public schools. The land may be a casily, cheaply, and question in the D minion Parlia Schools Board will have to deal care- safely transferred as any other propfully with the Roman Catholic Mana- erty. To compensate persons who gers, or they will find themselves may suffer from oversights in the supporting Catholic schools with the investigation of title a Guarantee Fund that they will do nothing to n public funds.

not necessary." Of course a system There is great and wide-spread dis tress in Porto Rico. The Military of this kind is not looked upon with favour by those whose profits as Governor of the island has rep rt.d searchers of titles are likely to be to the United States government that interfered with, and from them, princithe poor people in the middle of the pally, it gets opp sition. island have practically nothing to ea. and unless assistance is given there will be an outbreak of lawlessness and pleases the rum se lere. The President many will be stricken with disease of the Montreal rumsellers association He asks for authority and means to congratulates his f. llows on having got put twenty five thousand men to work a law to their liking. They did not, for three months on the improvement he says, get quire all they asked for, of the roadways of the island. This, one clause having been dropped at the he thicks, will enable him to supply last minute; but they got so much that work and food to the most needy. they are quite happy. Among the The period of acute distress will prothings which please them is the right bably have terminated within three or for hotels to sell on Sunday. Of course, four months. His plan will require the temperance people protested against an expenditure of nearly a quarter of the new law, but they do not count million dollars a month till the worst

The increased tax on whiskey, purposed by the British government, was minion is denied the prohibition of the objected to by Healy, one of the Irish members. He said it was simply "an attempt to bleed Ireland" for war

## A PROHIBITION DECLARAT

The Dominion Grand Courcil. Royal Templars of Temperam annual session at Hamilton. last week, adopted a strong rep was made to the advanced su temperance legislative agitation Manitoba, where a majority of ernment are pledged to pass a m reaching as far as the provinces such power.

On the standing of the probi the report said : It is apparent our political leaders c reider the bafiled us in our fight for this measure of ref. rn, and we feel a is usually established, though this is the prestige of prohibition as a ical agitation. It is theirs to pla role of politician for the present to make Parliament; ours to ganize and so vote as to huri power any and every Government ignores the wishes of the peor C.vada. We do not believe prohibi ory liquor law will be

until the se in power are made to derstand that Governments ha strength without the temperance Ours it is to make this prohi cause the stumbling block of anti-prohibition politician and anti prohibition candidate for ment, but a source of great st to those in accord with our views political parties are at present to vided by any great issue. It isa struggle between the ins and both sides are eagerly reaching of support. No more opportune could be presented by prohibita to make their vote count for our no better opportunity has been pr ted to us in recent years to str blow for God and home and Ca There never has been a time there was less calling for fideli country.

Our Dominion is soon to join liquor traffic, which was voted the by scheme of Empire building, gra conception, comprehensive

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The question of the union of two Methodist bodies in England-the Primitive Methodists and the Bible Christians, is again being considered, and it is expected that an arrangement will be reached at the Summer Conference.

To proclaim the gospel in the whole world is the business of the Church of Christ. The local organization that fails to do its part in this great work cannot prosper truly. And the individual christian who fails to do his part cannot have real spiritual strength and joy.

cheering.

A Chinese christian is hardly considered in good standing in the church unless he keeps telling the good news of salvation. How many members in good standing would there be in the home churches if the same rule were applied ? And yet there is nothing unreasonable nor unscriptural in the rule.

The difference has grown into a gives promptly, gives twice," they took they are only a trifling force. An South Africa with the first Canadian work because they have a church debt The latest attempted explanation of quarrel, hence the desire to change a special collection, which, augmented Boer force is at Fauresmith, contingent, as the representative of the to provide for. Some lessen their the attitude of the French-Canadian by contributions from other church the boy's name. It is not a nice place Boers from Philipolis and Se Y. M. C. A., writes encouragingly of support of local religious needs on press on the South African war, is a sources, amounted to twenty-five suggestion that "foreigners"-"persons spectacle. his work among the soldiers. When account of the debt; occasionally it is dollars. May we not hope that every coming from France, where Anglofontein and that neighborhood he last wrote he was able to report even suggested that they should do probably making their way. Num The day before the "Monterey generous hearted christian, reading phobia is an epidemic mania," have. sailed from Halifax with the Strath arrests, including prominent Af thirty conversions among them. He without a minister till the church debt this letter, or the earnest appeals elsethinks the opportunities for christian is paid. being "full of spite, set themselves to cona Horse, James Pender, one of ders, are constantly reported from where calling attention to this crying make the good people they had come the troopers, was informed by cable various towns occupied by the B work very promising. That God will To free themselves fro m burdensome need, may be so impressed as at once in the Southern district. from London on Friday that he had debts and from whatever interferes to plan what, personally or as churches selves." It is a very poor attempt at to live among altogether such as themgreatly bless the Y. M. C. A. workers and the chaplains who have gone with with the freest and fullest participation | can be done for the starving millions been left a fortune of £100,000 by a A Monday despatch says th accounting for the conduct of the the soldiers all christians will surely in all branches of christian work which relative. An exchange of cablegrams cept for the "unfortunate occurred The contribution of the Marysville as Lord Robert calls it, which res appeal to them, is an undertaking church was sent to Rev. Arthur Given, followed, proving beyond doubt that Quebec press. pray. the news was well founded. Colonel in the killing of Lieut. Lygon and worthy of all churches. We suggest Auburn, Rhode Island, who has con-A resolution favouring the introduc Newton Theological Semin- to all Free Baptist churches that have Steele allowed the trooper a furlough wounding and capture of Lieut. sented to receive contributions for that tion, in this province, of the Torrens of one month to go to England to sign debts that one of the best things they Crabbe, Lieut. Col. Codrington ary is trying to raise a \$400,000 endowobject, and promptly forward them to land title system, was moved in the ment fund. One fourth of the amount can do now is to set about paying their proper destination. the necessary papers. He sailed on Capt. Trotter, the campaign pre Legislature last week, but was not the steamer Vancouver for England has been secured. As an encourage- them. no new features. The mishap I hope these words may reach some voted upon. The matter was, however. and will rejoin the Strathcons Horse Guards officers, which occurred ment in getting the other \$300,000. As a first step towards it the pastors commended to the government for who may not have heard of this urgent at Cape Town. six miles north of the Guards line Mr. Rockefeller offers half of it, on and officers of the church might meet consideration. Let us hope it will need and awaken their sympathies. condition that the other half is raised and outline a plan of action. Then at a testimony to their bravery, but and prompt them to quick and generreceive favourable consideration. This As we suggested two or three weeks their discretion. They met a par a meeting of the congregation the plan not later than June 1st of next year. system, which bears the name of the ago, t is not so easy to raise one five B ers. whom they tried to cap ous action. It sounds like a large gift, but it is not can be completed and adopted, and set gentleman who devised it, was adopted "ousan i men to garrison Halifax as The Boers took refuge on ak J. T. PARSONS. nearly so much as some poor man's in motion. Of course, the undertakin Australia nearly fifty years ago. t would be t, get ten thousand for Marysville, N. B. where three of their comrades \$5.00. His share of the last "rake-off" ing in many cases will require self-Since then it has come into operation South Africs. Enlistment for home Mar. 24th. hidden, and within tive minutes denial both in labour and in contribuin Standard Oil profits was about in some Provinces of Canada and in duty has been slow, and the required \$8,000,000. And we do not believe tions, but it will pay. If the work is member of the British party was som - of the states of th + American number has not yet been secured ; nor GROWING -The Twentieth Century that gifts to Theological schools excuse So far as can be learned from undertaken thoughtfully and carnestly Fund of the Canadian Methodist union and is being favourably con- are they the same class of men that despatches not much progress is b there are few churches that may not Church has reached \$644,000. It is sidered in many other states just now. eagerly offered themselves for fiwar made toward the relief of Mafe the methods by which the money is be debt free by the end of the year intended to make it a million. Cured. Mussichusetts has recently adopted it. f services which is in sore need of relief.

and may want some readaptations and modifications, but the old Gcspel never praises and to trust in its redeeming power. Here and there, new prophets may arise with syren voices to lure

men in other disections, but God's Spirit still lifts up the Cross as the only hope of every man who seeks to be saved from sin and death, and the evangelical pulpit and press under His guidance and blessing are exerting a convicting, converting and sanctifying influence among all classes of men. Some years may not be as fruitful in saving results as others, but God has

supply the oil, the priest pronounced

leave the village.

His set time to favor Zion, and surprising ingatherings from the world omein the day of His outpoured Spirit to dumbfound the adversary and to gladden the heart of the friends of an aggressive and conquering Christianity.

## CHURCH DEBTS.

Among the good things which are There is evidently a marked being undertaken this year in many spiritual awakening in some parts of lands, including our own, by churches the western States. One Baptist paper, of many denominations, is the clearthe Chicago Standard, has had reports ing off of church debts. The aim is to of three thousand, two hundred and get everything of this kind paid off besixty converts baptized during the last fore the end of the nineteenth century. for four millions, there are millions nine weeks. Such news is most It is, certainly, one good way among the many which are being employed to celebrate the dawn of the near-at-hand

twentieth century.

with debt, some of them quite heavily. In some cases the churches were im- There is absolutely no hope for these properly ambitious, and foolishly extravagant in building. These, however, are but few. An even smaller months in the future, only as help buildings are very plain and inexpen-

sive, did their very best. and are yet The fact is not too strongly in debt. The majority have not erected pathetic appeals made to us; as the stated by Dr. Withrow, of Boston, larger nor more costly houses of worwhen he says that the liquor traffic ship than they need, and they are the oft-repeated injunction, "freely ye

Dr. Barrie, who went to bute to missions and like forms of

sent to bro. E. W. Slipp, St. John, had greater multitudes to sing its the Treasurer for our India mission funds, who would acknowledge then in the INTELLIGENCER, and forward them, through Dr. Given, to India.

# WHAT ONE CHURCH DID.

AN APPEAL TO OTHERS.

Our hearts have been stirred and our sympathies aroused by reading an earnest appeal by bro. Hamlin, one o our Free Baptist missionaries in India. in behalf of the sufferers from famine now devastating Central India. It is stated that there are in the famine stricken district more than fifty millions of human beings in various stages of

starvation, and that ten millions of men, women and children must die before the next crop is gathered in unless assist incereaches them speedily. While England, notwithstanding she is engaged in an expensive and burden some war, is doing nobly, and th Indian government is providing work who must be provided for, or they must perish.

The christian church, in the United States and Canada, moved by the There are many churches burdened distress of the millions, is responding most generously to the call for help stricken ones until the gathering of the next harvest, which is still some number of communities, whose church comes from those whom God has blessed with the means to relieve them. Shall we not, then, recognize the thrilling, voice of God, urging with emphasis

moving by way of Wepener they might have unlimited privilege to much of the time. Certainly they civilization, Her action in letting the was named for his grandfather "Gen." The pastor of the Marysville church Basutoland border toward Ladyb light shine upon the Dark Continent, | William Booth, the Salvation Army pursue their nefarious business. And often handicap churches. lessening read bro. Hamlin's letter to his people The Boers, with their guns, we may add, the politicians are ready their power to contribute to the supand in throwing it open to all nations, leader. Ballington and his father disat the public service on Sunday. They manded by Commandant Olivet, to bargain with them, and the people port of various branches of christian must, it says, conduce to the great agreed about some things, and the were moved to do something, and penetrate the hills and join the benefit of the world's economy and the endorse the deal. work. Members not infrequently former established a new organization recognizing that, in this instance at Kroonstadt. Gen. Gatacre'ss cause of true progress. plead that they are unable to contriknown as the Volnnteers of America. especially, the old saying "that he who are pursuing them, but appart

purposes. It is, probably, unfortunately true that Ireland will pay a full share of the additional whiskey tax. If Ireland drank less whiskey it would be less under the control of such men as Healy, and would have more peace and prosperity. Priests and whiskey

A hil to give woman suffrage was defeated in the Massachusetts Legis lature at its last ee-si n. The argu ment against the bill which seemed to was that women generally do not want to vote. It is certainly true of a great to South Africa.

make most of Ireland's trouble.

many of them.

When General Wood became Governor General of Cuba, one of the first things he did was to make an Investigation of the prisons of the island. The Spanish method, the Journal and Messenger says, had been to hold men for trial, often for years, sometimes in ignorance of the charge against them. The prisoner had practically no redress if for any reason those in authority chose to present charges against him, or to hold him in prison without trial. The investigation has resulted in the release of between 300 and 400 prisoners who had not been convicted of any crime, and of nearly 200 the injustice of whose conviction was evident.

The anti fore gn feeling in China is very pronounced; it has not been more so for many years Foreign enterprise is seriously menaced.

Japan is following the progress of the war with eager interest; and the general feeling is favourable to Great

a substantial majority in the Plebiscite. Quebec must be satisfied, at no matter what cost to the rest of the country. A fine state of things, surely.

very strongly in the legislation of

Quebec. The rum gang have it their

own way there. And that is the Pro

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Quebec has a new license law. It

The Doukhobsrs in Manitoba are cutting wages so much that Canadian labourers are complaining of the unfair competition. The Doukhobors are ready to work for whatever they can

It is intimated that the Duke of York, son of the Prince of Wales, and the Duchess are planning a visit, when have most weight, a d which prevailed, the war is over, to Canada and the other colonies that have sent soldiers

> Osman Pasha, the greatest Turkish gener l, died at Constantinople last week. The Sultan is much depressed by his death.

Hon. A. H. Gilmour has been appointed to the Senate, in room of the late Senator Lewin. Mr. Gilmour represented Charlotte County in the Commons for many years. He deserves the appointment he has received. life-long Liberal, he has faithfully advo cated the principles of the party, when in the next Dominion election. at some others were dodging from one thing to another for personal advantage. We congratulate him, and hope be may live many years to occupy and honour his seat in the Senate.

It is hinted that if all goes well in the South African war the British Parliament will be dissolved in the Lord Roberts is putting Free Summer, and that a scheme of Imperial federation will be part of the prog amme which the government will submit to the country.

situation in the Free State south men would sell their country as heart- quite able to pay for them if they set have received, freely give." Can we Mr. and Mrs. Ballington Booth line through Bloemfontein r lessly as Judas Iscariot did Jesus for about it in good earnest. Britain. The newspaper organ of the have applied to the New Jersey court dare we, permit this heart-rendering somewhat doubtful. It seems thirty pieces of silver, if by a bargain Church debts, Beecher used to say, cry for help to reach our ears without principal political party in Japan says to have the name of their son changed there is a considerable Boer they could make with a political party are the devil's saddle, and he is in it a prompt and generous response. England is the power that makes for from William to Charles. The boy

majestic in power, and in all re far urpassing the most magni dreams of conquerors in any o world's history. Anticipating sublime epoch in nation-buildin feel that now is the time to one for-ver drive from the home and and legislative halls of our great minio., tlat blight which is now m st gigaatic and almost only d ment to progress.

In regard to the plan inaugu by the Dominion Alliance to secur pl dges of 100,000 voters to sn no candidates tor Parliament e to support prohibition independ of the action of their parties, th port said : "Your committee nizes in the principle of the pled element of great value and efficient in the work of moral and social re It has been the mainstay of the emperance movement, an ever pr warning to the citizen in momen exptation, and (a great safegua the home, which is the mainst our social and national life. Web that it will cerve with equal val purging our political system so draw fur voters and prejudices of to the better consideration of nece reform. Therefore, your comm recommends a full endorsement of plan of tee Dominion Alliand secure 100,000 pledged voters to the battle of prohibition at the would urge that every Royal Te elector in Canada sign this pledge aid in securing the same endo from as many others as possible."

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