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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28TH, 1900.

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.

Two of the Free Baptist India missionaries—Mrs. Burkholder and Miss Bachelor, are on their way home.

The question of the union of two Methodist bodies in England—the Primitive Methodists and the Bible Christians, is again being considered.

To proclaim the gospel in the whole world is the business of the Church of Christ.

There is evidently a marked spiritual awakening in some parts of the western States.

A Chinese Christian is hardly considered in good standing in the church unless he keeps telling the good news of salvation.

The fact is not too strongly stated by Dr. Withrow, of Boston, when he says that the liquor traffic men would sell their country as heartlessly as Judas Iscariot did Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.

Dr. Barrie, who went to South Africa with the first Canadian contingent, as the representative of the Y. M. C. A., writes encouragingly of his work among the soldiers.

Newton Theological Seminary is trying to raise a \$400,000 endowment fund.

A striking instance of the tyranny exercised by Spanish priests is given by a Bible colporteur.

Whether evangelical Christianity is declining is a question a good deal discussed.

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.

CHURCH DEBTS.

Among the good things which are being undertaken this year in many lands, including our own, by churches of many denominations, is the clearing off of church debts.

Church debts, Beecher used to say, are the devil's saddle, and he is in it much of the time.

To free themselves from burdensome debts and from whatever interferes with the freest and fullest participation in all branches of Christian work which appeal to them, is an undertaking worthy of all churches.

As a first step towards it the pastors and officers of the church might meet and outline a plan of action.

There may be, as suggested above, two or three or more churches whose whole existence, on the financial side, has been a struggle, notwithstanding the members have done their utmost.

THE FAMINE FUND.

Last week we directed attention to the India famine and appealed to all our churches and all readers of the INTELLIGENCER to share in the good work of providing relief for the suffering millions.

We would suggest that all contributions of Free Baptist churches be sent to bro. E. W. Slipp, St. John, the Treasurer for our India mission funds.

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 of our Free Baptist missionaries in India.

While England, notwithstanding she is engaged in an expensive and burdensome war, is doing nobly, and the Indian government is providing work for four millions, there are millions who must be provided for, or they must perish.

The pastor of the Marysville church read bro. Hamlin's letter to his people at the public service on Sunday.

Marysville, N. B. Mar. 24th.

GROWING—The Twentieth Century Fund of the Canadian Methodist Church has reached \$644,000.

NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

The Roman Catholics of Winnipeg have wearied of carrying on separate schools, and want the public schools board to take them over.

There is great and wide-spread distress in Porto Rico. The Military Governor of the island has reported to the United States government that the poor people in the middle of the island have practically nothing to eat.

The increased tax on whiskey, proposed by the British government, was objected to by Healy, one of the Irish members.

A bill to give woman suffrage defeated in the Massachusetts Legislature at its last session.

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 anti foreign feeling in China is very pronounced; it has not been more so for many years.

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

The latest attempted explanation of the attitude of the French-Canadian press on the South African war, is a suggestion that "foreigners"—"persons coming from France, where Anglophobia is an epidemic mania," have, being "full of spite, set themselves to make the good people they had come to live among altogether such as themselves."

A resolution favouring the introduction, in this province, of the Torrens land title system, was moved in the Legislature last week.

As we suggested two or three weeks ago, it is not so easy to raise one thousand men to garrison Halifax as would be to get ten thousand for South Africa.

It seems agreed on all hands that it greatly simplifies the matter of property titles and removes the uncertainty and large expense often attending the search and establishing of titles.

Quebec has a new license law. It pleases the rum sellers. The President of the Montreal rum sellers association congratulates his fellows on having got a law to their liking.

The Doukhobers in Manitoba are cutting wages so much that Canadian labourers are complaining of the unfair competition.

It is intimated that the Duke of York, son of the Prince of Wales, and the Duchess are planning a visit, when the war is over, to Canada and the other colonies that have sent soldiers to South Africa.

Osman Pasha, the greatest Turkish general, died at Constantinople last week.

Hon. A. H. Gilmour has been appointed to the Senate, in room of the late Senator Lewin.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ballington Booth have applied to the New Jersey court to have the name of their son changed from William to Charles.

The day before the "Monterey" sailed from Halifax with the Strathcona Horse, James Pender, one of the troopers, was informed by cable from London on Friday that he had been left a fortune of £100,000 by a relative.

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A PROHIBITION DECLARATION.

The Dominion Grand Council of the Royal Templars of Temperance, at its annual session at Hamilton, last week, adopted a strong resolution in favour of the prohibition of the sale of liquor.

On the standing of the prohibition question in the Dominion Parliament the report said: "It is apparent that our political leaders consider the prohibition question as a measure of reform, and we feel that they will do nothing to prevent the prestige of prohibition as a social agitation. It is theirs to play the role of politician for the present, to make Parliament; ours to organize and so vote as to bring power away from every Government that ignores the wishes of the people."

Our Dominion is soon to join the scheme of Empire-building, grand conception, comprehensive in its majestic power, and in all respects far surpassing the most magnificent dreams of conquerors in any world's history.

In regard to the plan inaugurated by the Dominion Alliance to secure the pledges of 100,000 voters to support prohibition independent of the action of their parties, the report said: "Your committee is within element of great value and chief interest in the work of moral and social reform. It has been the mainstay of the temperance movement, an ever warning to the citizen in moments of temptation, and a great safeguard to the home, which is the mainstay of our social and national life."

WAR NOTES.

There has not been much news of definite character during the week. Lord Roberts is putting the British army in proper shape, and is steadily preparing for a strong offensive movement.

A Monday despatch says that the "unfortunate occurrence" as Lord Robert calls it, which resulted in the killing of Lieut. Lygon and the wounding and capture of Lieut. Crabbe, Lieut. Col. Codrington, Capt. Trotter, the campaign press, and six miles north of the Guards line, a testimony to their bravery, was their discretion.

So far as can be learned from the despatches not much progress has been made toward the relief of Mafeking, which is in sore need of relief.