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### RENEWALS NOW.

Renewals for the next year should now be coming in. In no way can the be a little ahead of time than a little behind time. Will they kindly le us hear from them at once?

## Zeligious Intelligencer.

REV. JOSEPH McLeod, D.D.,.... EDITOR WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12TH, 1900.

The Unitarians of the United States have made no gain in

the last ten years. Nor have the

Spiritualists. Has the revival come to your heart and life? If it has, the gracious power will make you influential with others. If it has not come, do not cease waiting upon God, in humble and earnest seeking, till "the flame of

Nine hundred thousand dol-

sacred love" is rekindled in your heart.

lars have been subscribed towards the always have the world with them. Methodist Church Twentieth Century (In many churches these form th reached. Of the contributions thus far made, the contributors have desig- the church, and then alas for the church shall go towards paying church debts.

S., has been preaching sermons in- retail, filled the Church with the un tended to be especially enlightening to converted." Protestants. He has endeavoured to explain the "infallibility" of the Pope, and, probably, sundry other things rances and Helps in the Ministry. that are quite puzzling to the average mind. It is not stated that he has made any converts.

ago that Lord Halifax, who is the head | really no message, but simply stand in of the extreme high church party in the pulpit because it is a place, rather the Church of England, had joined the than a calling, speak only half a mes-Roman Catholic church. He has since | sage because they really fear some rich denied the correctness of the report. | man or some influential woman in the It would be a good deal better for parish. The man who has made hi Protestantism in the Church of England if Lord Halifax and others like him would join the Roman Church, with which they are so much in sympathy.

Dr. Joseph Parker, pastor of the City Temple, London, is to have editorial charge of a London evening paper for the week beginning Dec. 17th. He is to have a chance in the week's control of the paper to show he how hinksa daily paper should be conducted to do the most good. As in the case of Mr. Sheldon, who had a week of the Topeka Capital, Dr. Parker will discover that it takes more than a week to even begin to learn how to conduct a paper. The men who have never had any experience are the ones who are surest they can do it just as it should be done. A very little experience opens their eyes.

A traveler in Russia relates that he saw a votary of the Greek Church devoutly telling his beads with one hand, and with the other deliberately picking the pocket of a fellow worshipper.

A bright writer, "Senex Smith," in the Journal and Messenger more than hints that in some home churches there are worshippers as seemingly pious and yet as dishonest as that Russian. They pick other people's pockets "in the way of business" all the week, and then they "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," on the Salbath, in the sanctuary.

A Romanist periodical, published in England, is named "The Poor Soul's Friend and St. Joseph's Monitor." Its chief mission is to secure interest in and relief for those

ences. It announces that it has the Pope's authority and blessing. It pleads very earnestly, if not very sensibly, the cause of the "dear ones departed." A recent issue calls attention to "the consoling fact that one hundred days' Indulgence can begained for the souls in Purgatory each time we recite the short but beautiful prayer, My Jesus, mercy, in their behalf. If this is too much, readers are reis paper changed, he should give first the minded that the suffering souls relieved 'certainly will not forget us when our time comes." It is almost incredible that such puerile and grovelling superstitions should prevail in this time of the world.

The world moves. One of the signs, and, as the Christian Observer says, one of the strangest of recent events, is the permission granted by the Sultan of Turkey for the construction of a railroad and a telegraph line to Mecca, the burial place of Mahomet. Let it be remembered that in time past no Gentile (or non-Mahometan) dared enter the sacred enclosures, which are ten miles in diameter. It is forbidden in the Koran under penalty of death. In the year 1853, when Richard Burton went there, he did it under disguise as a friends of the Intelligencer so well dervish. Though Burton was wondersh ow their interest as by quick renewals | fully familiar with Eastern languages f their subscriptions. They had better and usages, he found the peril so great that he left Mecca that night. What a change, when the Sultan now permits the construction of a railroad to transport travellers, if not to the sacred enclosures, at least to their vicinity. What a step may this prove, in days to come, toward destroying the exclusiveness of Mahometanism!

A Southern Methodist paper writing especially of its own denom ination says, the world is in it, "in i as big as an elephant, as raving as jion, as offensive as a skunk, as poison ous as a viper." Is not it sadly true of other branches of the Church-of all of them, in more or less, that "in the lust for members, by superficial preach ing, by personal pressure, by social attractions, by worldly baits, have widened the gate and brought great numbers of unconverted men, women and children into the Church, and these unregenerate, unbroken ones The million mark will be majority, are active and controlling, and the world then gives direction t nated that seven hundred thousand By our superficial views of piety, by our desire to attract and conciliate money, position and fashion, we have A priest in North Sydney. N. in short and in long, by wholesale and

In a recent article on Hind Rev. C. M. Sheldon says,—Men who have a message to give from the pulpit very often blunt its effectiveness be cause they are afraid of hurting people's It was rumoured a few days | feelings; and other men who have money dishonestly, to the preacher' own knowledge, very often shuts th preacher's mouth to the presentation of gospel truth, which, of necessity should denounce the methods employed by the money-maker. How much this fear of man is to-day robbing the ministry of its real power in America no one can tell, but that it is a serious and often alarming hindrance, very few men in the ministry or out of it would dare deny." Yes, and just this fear of men-this moral cowardice, the Teles cope suggests, is one of the causes of the pulpits of to-day having so little influence and power over the irreligious and worldly-minded. They see that ministers are restrained from declaring the whole gospel by selfish, money considerations; that they are "looking out for number one," rather than sincerely, fearlessly preaching the truth as Jesus did, and that church members live the same kind of selfish social life that they live, do as they themselves do, and therefore conclude that the Christian religion is only pretense and a fraud. Can we blame them? Judgment must begin at the house of God.

# SPEAK TO THEM ABOUT IT.

The INTELLIGENCER desires th earnest co-operation of all the ministers in its behalf just now.

This is the time of year when many cople are deciding about their paper. or papers for next year. Every home needs a religious paper. Every Free Baptist home should have the INTELLI-

Will our brethren kindly give some special attention to this matter now? of officers and committees, two finan- thousand dollars worth of religious for which they are not at all prepared.

attention to the importance of prompt , two organizations for home and foreign i renewals for next year. This month should bring many hundred of re-

New subscribers also, are needed. To secure these, we have to depend upon the kind offices of the friends of the paper. For what they have done we are thankful. Just now we would ike every one who can do so, to make an effort to enlarge the INTELLICENCER'S circulation. The pastors are able to help. Please speak to your people, brethren.

New subscribers will receive the paper from the time of receiving the subscription till January 1st 1902, for a year's subscription.

When a new subscriber is sent with a renewal, \$2.50 will pay for both one

We hope the ministers and all who are interested in the INTELLIGENCER will endeavour to give it "a boost' during the remainder of this month both in renewals and new subscribers

### PRESBYTERIAN UNION.

One of the most notable occurrences of the closing days of the century is the union of the two Presbyterian mission building is clean and combodies in Sco land known as the Free Church and the United Presbyterians. The union was consummated in historic | merely a nominal fee; a little church, a Edinburgh a few weeks ago. The final | beautiful parlor a cheerful reading room act, the signing of the covernant of bodies, was, in itself, a most impresthe event, and expressing the joy of the Church of God at the union of Christian forces, and the promise therein of more efficient Christian ser-

The history of the christian bodies ing. Their separation occurred in 1843. They have flourished in a good degree foreign lands, being prosperous. Their s rength is shown in the statistics of their condition last year

United Presbyterian Church, ministers, 637; congregations, 594; communicants, 199,089; Sabbath school scholars and teachers, 114 806. Free Church, ministers, 1,149; congregations, 1,112; communicants, 269,089 Sabbath school scholars and teachers,

therefore with 1,786 ministers, 1,706 to head the list, has not yet been congregations, 405,178 communicants, | found. 283,965 Sabbath school scholars and

The movement for union has been going on several years. Union was almost accomplished twenty years ago. But a few men of influence in the Free Church were opposed to it, and it was thought wise to defer it. There was a large majority of ministers and Kent Co. died last week. He had churches in favor of it, but there was very properly a disposition to consider | There are now four vacant seats in the the feelings and wishes of the minority | Legislature-one each for Carleton, and negotiations were suspended. Even now there are some who have refused to consent to the union, and place Thursday. In Burrard Rev. though few in number, they are continuing the organization of the Free Church. It is probable that very soon they will see the wisdom of falling into Liberals. line with their brethren of the united

The two parties to the union just formed are quite worthy of each other Both owe themselves to principle; both have been fighters and sufferers for conscience's sake. The United Presbyterians contended earnestly for an evangelical faith, and against state usurpation of the Church's spiritual rights. The Free Church was equally energetic in its testimony for evangelical truth, but held, also, at the beginning, a theoretical belief in the establishment principle, which belief how ever, under the pressure of fact and experience, steadily declined and became practically extinct. Both bodies were successful in their work, having hundreds of flourishing congregations, and keeping the various departments of activity in a healthy and thriving condition. Both raised yearly very large sums for foreign missions, and their colleges and other educational institutions are of the highest type.

who are enduring purgatorial experi. They can help the paper by calling cial systems, two educational systems, literature. It is a good work.

missions, etc., etc., where amalgamaion if it could be effected, would do the work more efficiently and ec nomically?" The union is the complete answer to this question, welding these unnecessary doubles into one.

This union is symptomatic of the spirit that is now abroad in the religious world- a spirit under whose influence barriers are everywhere being removed, and through which alliances and fusions are taking the place of old estrangements and divisions. It is suggestive of what may and ought to be done by other bodies, no farther apart than were the two so recently m de one. May the dawn of the new century witness the manifestation of the better christian love in the concentration of christian forces fir the speedier extension of the principles and power of the Kingdom of Christ.

### HOME RELIGIOUS NEWS.

-The Seamen's Mission in St. John s, evidently, doing a good work. It furnishes a good home for sailors at a moderate cost, and surrounds them with helpful influences. The latest statement about it says that "fr. m the gospel hall on the ground floor to the bedrooms on the uppermost storey the modious. It combines a restaurant, where meals are served to sailors for marking the recognized importance of hall, and frequently it is filled with any but commercial institutions. sailors, who join heartily in the singing and often in the speaking. A good work is being done in this connection also. Sunday evenings choirs of the various evangelical churches take turns in rendering music and pastors address that have now become one is interest. the seafarers, who take a particular delight in the exercise." The present missionary and manager is -their work, both at home and in Rev. H. H. Cosman, who is given the credit of much of the recent success of the institution. Mr. H. C. Tilley is President of the organization which has control of the institution.

-The St. John Y. M. C. A. building fund has not yet reached the first \$20,000, which it is hoped to get in large subscriptions. Two of the five \$2,000 amounts and four or five of the ten \$1,000 subscriptions necessary The new organization, which is have been promised. But the \$5 000 called the United Free Church, begins subscription, with which it is desired

POLITICAL NEWS .- Mr. Bond, the Premier of Newfoundland, wishes to increase the number of the government from seven to nine, and has made application to the Imperial Secretary of State for the Colonies for permission, which will, doubtless, be granted.

Mr. P. H. Legere M. P. P. for been in the Legislature since 1895. York, Kings and Kent.

Two British Columbia elections took Mr. Maxwell, the former representative, was returned; and in the latter Mr. Galliher was elected. Both are

In East Queens, P. E. I. a recount by the County Court Judge gave McKinnon (Liberal) a majority of seven. An appeal will, it is said, be in the morning only. taken to the Supreme Court. The votes cast out were those marked on the back by the returning officer.

The political friends of Hon. A. S. Hardy, ex Premier of Ontario, made him a present last Thursday. It consisted of a cheque for \$12,000, a silver tea service of 100 pieces, and a case of silver cutlery, each inscribed with the provincial coat of arms and the Hardy family crest.

The Quebec Legislature has 74 members. The election last week resulted in the return of seven opposition members; the other 67, 39 of whom were returned by acclamation, are supporter of Mr. Parent's government.

THE B. A. B. AND T. SOCIETY. -- For thirty-two years the British American Book and Tract Society, with headquarters at Halifax, has carried on colportage work. In that time three quarters of a million dollars worth of The union of these bodies commends | Bibles and evangelical religious literaitself at all points to common sense and ture has been put in circulation christian feeling. In doctrine, in throughout the Maritime Provinces and ecclesiastical principle and usage, in in Newfoundland, Labrador and the religious aim and aspirations, they Mage len Islands. Many who are not saddest in Canadian history. They ing powers depended on themselves were, practically, one. The case read by any other gospel agency came to this, -" Why keep up the have n reached by the colporteurs wherethey wentafter leaving Anticosti. cumbrous machinery of two Church of this society. Last year 13 men were systems all over the country—two sets | employed, who made 28,420 visits, and of denominational meetings, two sets distributed, by sale and gift, several They are in the beginning of a winter

## NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

INCREASE OF IMMORALITY.

Charities in Ontario says that "drunk- behalf. But, after all is done the enness and immorality are on the can be, their lot is pitiable in increase among the girls and young extreme. It was a wicked thing the shops of the cities" f that Province. drive away to suffering and death the There are, of course, many times more poor people for no other reason the mberlain. girls and young women in the shops that their English tongue and Protection Friday and factories than a few years ago. ant faith were offensive to him. "The drudgery of their employment and the constant nervous tension made JEWS IN CANADA. them feel the need of amusement and There are said to be 25,000 Jews excitement after the day's work was Canada. Of these, 10,000 are with the constant free intercourse other 10,000 are scattered over the done to protect the girls and young women who are so much exposed to

### A MISTAKEN POLICY.

evil influences and associations.

It is not enough to bring people into the country. It is important that the right kind of people be brought, and that they be so settled as to quickly become citizens in the true sense. The Westminster well says that "to bring colonies of people from Central Europe and plant them, as the extreme. If such people come as union, by the Moderators of the two hundred or so comfortable bedrooms, be made welcome, but there should be baggage rooms, etc. The sailors have the no more Galician "villages" or Douk- day. sive scene. There were present on the freedom of all these, and are cared for hobor "settlements," the inhabitants momentous occasion representatives of and their wishes considered. Every of which do not know the English FATHER O'LEARY. various religious bodies, their presence evening a service is held in the gospel language and are unacquainted with

A CONSUL'S VIEW. The United States Consul at Cape Town, Mr. J. G. Stowe, who is now in England on his way home, says that the war in South Africa will be completely ended in about four months. The present plan of the British campaign is sure, he believes, to bring the end in a short time. About burning farms of the Boers, he said "the only farms destroyed are those from which shots are fired at the British or those which are being obviously used to shelter the Boers." He related several instances where the British had good done. excuses for burning farms, but had

CALCUTTA'S STUDENTS.

It, probably, is not generally known that it is claimed that Calcutta has the largest number of college students of any city in the world. Its great University every year examines over 10,000 students, the first and third year men not being counted. Besides, there are in the city twenty-four colleges and seventy-four high schools This means a high percentage of educated men and the dominancy of trained intellect. If the soul wa equally trained in the high truths of Christianity, what a religious power the thousands of bright and vigorous youth who go out of the higher insti tutions of learning, would be among their countrymen!

# A CLEAN CITY.

It is claimed that Paris is the clean est city in the world. Every morning 2000 male and 600 female scavengers divided into 149 brigades, turn out to perform the toilet of the capital. The men work from four in the morning till four in the evening, less two hours for meals. The women are engaged

It would be good if as much could be said of the morals of Paris.

It will be a surprise to many people | the Parliament in the spring." to hear it said that the Jews are the most poverty-stricken class in civiliza- bury paid a tribute to the skill of Lo tion. It is stated that sociological Roberts and General Kitchener, a investigations abroad show this. It is to the bravery of the officers a not easy to believe, for, as is pointed soldiers. out, the Jews have almost exclusive occupancy of the marts of Broadway, New York. In finance their names appear more prominently both in London and New York than any others. In Chicago they almost government as already outlined. Any monopolize the ready made clothing industry, both as to manufacture and distribution, and are found prominent in many others. It will not do to estimate the resources of the Jews in Europe, or elsewhere, from their appearance and domiciles.

DRIVEN TO DEATH.

Misfortune has followed them. Disease and death have been the lot of many. Dr. Griffith, the Methodist minister other nations. The concert of the

who has been so much interested ory result w The Inspector of Prisons and Public them, has made an appeal in the women employed in the factories and the heartless Menier was allowed heral leaders

over. These influences, combined Montreal, 5,000 in Toronto, and that very sh among the sexes, led all too frequent- Dominion. Besides the synagogue ture of a civ ly to drunkenness and vice. If the in the two cities named, there are established facts are as stated by the Inspector, synagogues in Hamilton, London ver and the they are a call to the christians of the Quebec, Ottawa, Halifax, St. John fred Milner cities to do much more than is being Winnipeg, Vancouver and Victoria. pointed gov

TO INVADE ENGLAND.

army, wants to invade England. talked about it in the French Senameter lots in one day last week, and explained howean that Sy easy a thing it would be to do. Thertified. government of France, which is fairly wise body of men, would n accept Mercier's motion to comple Reports fr immediate preparations for the mobil intradictory zation of the army and navy with se said, with view to the invasion he talked about hina situation colonies, in our country, is suicidal in but the people of France have in exing. T large degree the feeling which Merci saturday su with no end of magazines, etc.; a half enterprising individuals should voiced in his silly speech. They will us, - What make trouble for their country sor Boxers—the

It is announced from Montreal if a "handsome and costly gold chalic is to be given to Rev. Father O'Lear one of the Chaplains with the Canadi soldiers in South Africa. The dono are said to be Protestants, and presentation is said to be in recogn tion of his ministrations to wound and dying Protestant soldiers. Wh about the other chaplains? There no doubt they did their duty quite f ithfully as did Father O'Leary. they to be recognized in any manner? It would be in order Roman Catholic citizens to make pre entations to the Protestant Chaplain Just watch, and see how much of it

Mr. Kruger has not been as warml received in some places as he had a ticipated. Like the German Empero the Emperor of Austria, in respons to an inquiry as to whether the e Boer President would be welcome Vienna, intimated that he had engage ments which would occupy him f some weeks. The French people a very angry at the German Empero and the newspapers are bitter in the comments. Their rage at Gres Britain is intensified.

Two things may comfort Mr. Krug -(1) the warmth of his reception The Hague, where he arrived Thur day; the Chamber of deputies pass a resolution of welcome and sympath and (2) a resolution of sympathy passe by the Massachusetts Legislature.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

The British Parliament assemble ast Wednesday. The Queen's speed was very short, as follows:

'My Lords and Gentlemen:

"It has become necessary to make further provision for the expenses curred by the operations of my armic in South Africa and China. I ha summoned you to hold a special session in order that you may give your san tion to the enactments required this purpose. You will not enter in other public matters requiring ye attention until the ordinary meeting

In the House of Lords, Lord Sal

In regard to South Africa, he spok with great solemnity. He said Transvaaler, the Free Staters. and th world should understand there coul be no deviation from the policy of the thing resembling independence neve could be granted. The war must pre ceed to the inevitable issue.

We must let it be felt, he said, th no one, by the issue of an insolent an auducious ultimatum could force th British government to humble itse and abandon its rights. He coul never allow that a shred of independ The experiences of the Fex Bay ence should be left. How soon the people, who were driven from their Free Staters and the Transvaaler homes by M. Menier, are amongst the | would have anything like self-govern are having a hard time in Manitoba It might be years and it might be generated

> Regarding China, Lord Salisbury said he was unable to reveal anythin as it would be betraying not only the secrets of the government but those

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