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Religious Intelligencer.

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Christianity is better propagated by the practice of its precepts than by the mere enunciation of its doctrines.

Men are in the majority in the congregation of the City Temple, London, of which Dr. Joseph Parker is the pastor and preacher.

This good and much needed advice is from the Morning Star: Dare to stand with a minority on a question of righteousness.

At the 'Christian Alliance' Camp meeting, at Old Orchard, Me., a few days ago, \$42,000 was given in cash and promises for mission work.

Mrs. Spurgeon, widow of the late Dr. Spurgeon, has given the Baptist Union of England a house at Brighton, to be used as a Home of Rest for ministers, missionaries and other Christian workers.

The report of the Young People's League meeting, furnished by a reporting committee, is given place on the first page, and crowds the Woman's Mission department out.

Next week the Nova Scotia Conference will meet in annual session, at Caladonia, Queens Co. The place is somewhat remote from the majority of the churches in that Province.

Much is said, and rightly said, about what is called a 'Forward movement' in and by the Christian Church. But that English preacher was right who recently said, 'It is not so much a forward movement we require in these days as an inward movement.'

The drift of the people from Romanism to Protestantism in Austria continues. The number in the last year is said to be fully 16,000.

One of their plans is to erect churches in hitherto neglected places. The chief means employed by them, however, is abuse of Protestantism, threats against the seceders, and securing government opposition to the preaching of the Gospel.

The Lord's Day Alliance of St. John, is seeking to awaken a general interest in the better observance of the Sabbath. Arrangements have been made for a number of public meetings in the important centres of the Province, to be addressed by Rev. Mr. Shearer, the travelling Secretary of the Dominion Lord's Day Alliance.

ROMAN CATHOLIC 'MIRACLES'

It is not at all surprising that the Church of Rome should continue its scheme of deceptions of its people by alleged 'miracles.' It is somewhat surprising, though, that it is possible, in this enlightened day, to deceive so large a proportion of its people.

How extinct in Italy nowadays is the masculine piety of Savonarola can be judged from recent relic worship in Turin. In the presence of a great array of the great ones of the country the ecclesiastics have been publicly exhibiting their great treasure, the 'Sindon,' the supposed shroud in which Christ was interred by Joseph of Arimathea, and which bears on it the brown outline of a human figure, alleged to be a miraculous impress of the body of Jesus.

The fact that there are several other Roman Catholic churches claiming to have a shroud of Jesus equally authentic with the one exhibited at Turin, does not disturb the claims of the priests nor the credulity of the people. One of their newspapers, in Florence, explains away this little difficulty by suggesting that the Jews in Herod's time liked to have an abundance of funeral wrappings, and that, therefore, all these shrouds are alike genuine.

There is a story of a man who received from a priest a leg of the ass's colt upon which Christ rode into Jerusalem. He was, of course, as became a faithful son of the Church, greatly elated in the possession of so important a relic. But, telling of his sacred possession, he found that four others had each a leg of the same colt.

I never saw a more impious and godless community. Nobody there believes in anything but money. In consequence of the crowds of fanatics who resort to the place it has become a huge den of robbers, who prey on the vices of the people as the friars prey on their credulity.

New York papers tell of great times they are having at a French Canadian Catholic church in that city, at 'the shrine of St. Anne,' worshipping a piece of bone from her right arm. The lame and sick are expecting cures from their devotion to the ancient bone, the genuineness of which is certified by Archbishop Corrigan.

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THE JESUITS.—On January 1, 1900, there were 15,073 members of the Jesuit Order in all parts of the world. Of the c. 6,525 were priests, 4,604 scholastics, 3,948 coadjutor brothers.

POLITICAL NEWS.—The Newfoundland legislature was dissolved last week. A general election will be held the last week in October.

There is a general impression that the Dominion elections will be held in October, though some think they will not be before January.

A series of meetings in New Brunswick is being arranged, to be addressed by Sir Chas. Tupper, Hon. G. E. Foster, and Premier Hugh John Macdonald.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier visited Sydney, C. B., last week, and was warmly greeted.

The Charlotte Co. Conservatives are called to meet in St. Stephen on Thursday of this week.

Sir Chas. Tupper, Sir Louis Davies, and Messrs. Tarte, Fielding and Blair arrived from England Saturday.

THE PERSONAL PRONOUN.—A story is told of a young theological student, which may help older preachers in their scripture reading. The young fellow had the habit of emphasizing pronouns, and evidently thought it was the proper thing, for his instructor in elocution had endeavored in vain to correct.

NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

CHINA.

Pekin was reached by the allied forces Wednesday. Word of the relief reached London Friday night and was confirmed by messages to other capitals at the same time.

What next? is a matter of conjecture. The despatches give no information; they are chiefly the guesses of correspondents, which it is waste of space to print.

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IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The Filipinos are still active, increasingly active lately. It is stated that the United States losses last month in the island of Panay were larger than in any month for the last six months.

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has also been investing large sums in furs, jewelry and furniture. It would be a good thing if he would take some lessons in cleanliness. His people might not appreciate it, but the Courts he visits on his frequent journeys would enjoy him more.

THE CONTINGENT FUND.

The committee in charge of the New Brunswick Contingent Fund, from which is paid fifty cents a day to each New Brunswick soldier in South Africa, announces that \$894.00 are needed to enable the committee to carry out the promise made to volunteers.

ITALY.

There is some speculation about a possible reconciliation between the Vatican and the Quirinal—in other words, between the Pope and the King of Italy. The Vatican resents the loss of temporal power, and ever since the unification of Italy has been unceasingly hostile to the Royal House, and has, in no small degree, contributed to the condition which made possible the assassination of King Humbert.

THANKSGIVING MEETING.

At a great mass meeting in Winnipeg on the afternoon of Sunday the 12th inst., the temperance people united in thanksgiving for the enactment of the prohibitory law.

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More than six hundred communities, and a very large number Jewish societies, were represented. The meeting was considered the greatest gathering of Jews ever held. The principal object of the Zionist movement is to move all Hebrews who are suffering persecutions in Russia, Rumania, Morocco, Galicia and elsewhere to the Holy Land.

THE ACADIANS.

Last week the Acadians of the Maritime Provinces had a Convention at Arichat, N. S. There has not been a meeting for ten years. The attendance was large, and there was considerable enthusiasm.

THE DOUKHOBORS.

More of the Doukhobors have gone from the Northwest to California. Twenty-two men were in the last party that went away.

SOUTH AFRICAN REBELS.

The Cape Colony rebels are supposed to number about 10,000. They have to be dealt with, Mr. Chamberlain, in a recent speech, divided them into six classes, thus:—(1) The ringleaders and promoters; (2) those who have committed outrages or looted the property of their loyal fellow-subjects;

GONE TO IRELAND.

A Roman Catholic priest, Rev. Fr. Twomey, of Ontario, has been appointed on a special mission to Ireland on behalf of the Dominion Government in connection with emigration.

SUNDRIES.—A London, Ont., lady has named her daughter Transvalette.

The public debt of France as present is about \$7,000,000,000, and is constantly increasing. The people of the United States have paid two hundred million dollars in war taxes since the beginning of the late war.

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