the infant Church, the div.ne promise

was fulfilled and the insignificant little

band was transformed into a great host. That the times have changed,

that the Church has grown into a

mighty army does not make her any

of power, nor is God any the less will-

the expectant and prayerful spirit is present as it has not been present for

And what the Church will be, when

n trunk and branch and twig she

feels the quickening thrill of the fuller

of limitless possibilities. She has

prestige and wealth and scholarship

and numbers and influence. Let that

Church, called by different names, be

quickened in all her parts by the ful-

ness of God, let her feel the presence

of the risen Christ and she becomes a

great united and irresistible force for

righteousness in the world, before

which the forces of evil will go down

Let this prevailing note of desire

and expectancy and assurance deepen.

Let ministers of all communions make

it the central theme of their preaching.

Let good men and true women every-

where make it the burden of their

prayers, and let every man, woman

and child, who has been following the

Lord, but afar off, come into closer

Presence feel the thrill of a richer,

fuller life, and we shall see the Church

heads, ye weak and despondent ones,

for the day of deliverance is at hand.

PROTESTANT GAINS IN

EUROPE.

Evangelical Alliance in Halberstadt,

Professor Tell read a paper on "The

Loss and Gain of Protestantism at the

Turning Point of the Century." The

Interior's summary of it says he saw

and social progress a gain for Protest-

antism. Every recognition of rights

of conscience, separation of civil rights

from priestly control, progress of

culture, deepening of the feeling of

At the meeting of the German

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HOME FOR INEBRIATES.

cures by making the inmates do farm of public rejoicing. ing to bless the great army than the little company of earnest spirits who work. The rum shops are kept open tarried in Jerusalem until the promised, by public authority, that the supply of blessing came. The conditions on the victims for the hom; may not fall off! human side are the same to-day, and Great business!

wan: to be made into a state. They recently had a joint convention which passed resolutions favouring union and and richer life, brings a throb of joy have a combined population of nearly to the heart. She is an organization | 800,000.

JAIL DELIVERY.

One of the St. John celebrations of the birth of the new century was a general jail delivery. There were about twenty five inmates. By order of the Police Magistrate, who gave t iem some advice, they all went free. Unhappily, some of them were back before the century was twenty-four hours old. The rum shops were carrying on business as usual. And when that is so, there cannot long be an empty jail.

THE POLICE RECORD. The statistical report of the St John Police Court for the year 1900 is out. It shows 743 cases of drunkenness dealt with by the Court, 139 fewer cases than in 1899. Of course, this will be commented on far and wide as consecrated touch, and in that Sacred showing one fine effect of a license system - the decrease of drunkenness. of God put on her strength and her Nothing will be said of the number of beautiful garments. Lift up your times the Police Magistrate has cautioned the police against arresting drunken men, telling them they have no right to do so unless the drunken men are creating serious disturbance. The records of arrests for drunkenness in Scott Act towns, and in Portland and other Maine cities - where everybody who walks unsteadily is arrested, will be compared with the St. John record to show how much more drunkenness prohibition of the rum traffic produces. And, the strongest part of it will be that some sensible people in all scientific, literary, commercial will be deceived by the hypocrisy.

VOTING MACHINES.

Occasional reference is made to "the machine" as used in electionsthe thing mentioned being a device for improper purposes. This note is not about that kind of a machine, but about one for the more accurate recording of the wishes of the electorate. It has been used in a number of places in the United States, and has, it is claimed, given satisfaction. It works somewhat on the principle of the cash-register now in so general use in stores. The voter enters the machine and presses the button on which is the name of the candidate of his choice the vote is registered, and the machine is locked so that he can only register the one vote that is his due. Where he is allowed to vote for more than one candidate, the machine is, o course, so arranged. Then the passing out of the voter unlocks the machine and leaves it ready for the one that is to follow.

Many advantages are claimed for the system, among them these: I secures greater expedition in registering and counting votes. It secures perfect accuracy in counting. It makes it impossible to identify any man's vote, and removes all chances for ballot stuffing. Every man's vote must count. There can be no spoiled votes or doubtful votes, and no need of arguments and judicial decisions. and, therefore, a large percentage of the rancour and bitterness that follow many political campaigns will be done away with. The history of some political contests show the need for the reforms that it is claimed the voting machine would introduce.

GETTING PAID.

A reduction of taxes on beer is proposed in the United States. The Brewers are understood to be getting their reward for the part they took in support of the administration in the Presidential election. The rum men always stand together, and generally get what they demand.

Ex-PRESIDENTS AGREE.

Ex-Presidents Harrison and Cleveland have recently expressed themselves in regard to the expansion policy of the McKinley administration. Both are opposed to it. The people, however, have endorsed it, which President McKinley probably regards as more important than even the opinion of his only living predecessors.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION.

The birth of the twentieth century witnessed the birth of the Commonwealth of Australia-the federation of the Australian colonies. The Governor General, Lord Hopetoun, was

first Federal Government. A message a while Glasgow has bought a place which from the Queen and one from thee. But less dependent upon the great source it proposes to make a home for habit- Imperial Government were read. Thethe gove ual drunkards. It is hoped to effect event was celebrated with every sign. This t in ac

THE DELPIT CASE.

Some time ago we referred to this case. It has entered another stage e Duke and is attracting increased interest decided For the sake of those who may have this ye Oklohama and Indian Territory overlooked or forgotten the previous their was reference to it, we restate the cases. Mr. briefly: A marriage took place in the fir | Montreal between Mr. Delpit and presente desiring admission to statehood. They Miss Cote. They were married by an by son Protestant minister. They lived to week. gether several years, and childrenhe Duke were born to them. Domestic infelicity in the occurred, and Mr. Delpit sought tohe rank have it declared that no marriage hadnotion is ever taken place because, as he assert-visit to A ed, both parties were Roman Catholics portion and could not be legally married by a Protestant minister. The wife de clares that she was and is a Protestant, and that the marriage by Protestant minis er was, therefore, legal—that she is legally Delpit's wife and their children are legitimate. The question, in a way peculiar to Quebec, was referred by the Civil Court to the men Roman Catholic ecclesiastics, and they decided that the woman was and is a Roman Catholic because her father had not formally announced his withdrawal, that the Protestant ceremony worth was illegal and the marriage no mar-Engir riage at all. The question now is whether the law of the Roman Church is to be permitted to override civila for law. The Protestant churches are pretty well stirred up over the matter. as they well may be. A Protestanter. The er than minister is put in a bad light when, having, as in this case, married people south who, so far as he is aware, are non-Catholics, the law, at the dictation of ord Kit the Roman Catholic Church, intervenesce under and declares the marriage is not afollows: marriage, and that the man and woman The Bo he has married have been living in railway sin. The Roman Catholic Churchenoster, is mighty in Quebec, but it ought to Wet is v be settled at once whether it is super With ior to all law, even to the extent ofpe Color degrading honest women and declaring ins to the eas their children illegitimate.

PETER'S PENCE

The "Holy Year" in the Roman'er west Catholic Church, which ended Dec. 31st, has been extended six months HC by the Pope. The purpose of the The edit extension is, it is said, to further swell received the Peter's Pence, which was made aled "Th speciality of during 1900, and withint out much success. Nearly three and ibutors half millions of dollars were received itor give which would seem to be enough. Bu "That t more is wanted, hence the enlarge stigation one wh ment of the holy year. ce wou

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inhabi FRENCH WEAKNESS. Writing of the French feeling againsten so Great Britain, the Cincinatti Christian gnizant Standard says the essential weaknesse in s of the French character is seen in more senseless demonstrations against Greatason wh Britain on every possible occasion at destr The visit of Kruger was seized upon the rate in express traditional hatred for Englandamediate while a prominent member of thaining to legislature made himself the hero of Would the moment by a speech in the Assem That bly advocating preparation for thouse of p invasion of England. On the wholene with the British public has taken thes y to de childish demonstrations at their true onld be value and remained quiet. On thislent. matter of the invasion of England, mpathy Von Moltke's words are in point. a discussion of the subject, the grea DENC

general remarked that he could think of half a dozen ways to get an army of Ackno invasion into England, but not vening, single one for getting it out, The the n South African war has shown horree Ba difficult it is to overcome natural difficult it culties in the enemy's country, anarpose with no knowledge of the resources volunteer forces defending their owided by homes. No European nation is likelat down to commit the folly of attempting after th invasion of Great Britain. th Mr

HIS WELCOME.

en fol Lord Roberts was given a greamount greeting on his arrival in England ouring Wednesday. He was met by thustrnme Prince and Princess of Wales and F. For other members of the royal familyender o He had a special audience with thokens o Queen, who conferred an Earldon oriends. him, and he was, also, made a Knigho have of the Garter. He has already take ome ar up the duties of Commander in Chie teir pre touch of the British Army. el that

WHY NOT?

Lay Go us new It does not appear that the Canadia government has made any offer of methey hav for service in South Africa. Thre weeks ago the Montreal Witness su gested that it was about time th milar s government was moving in the matter That there are many men willing an sworn in, as were the members of the even eager to go there is no doubt

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The large department stores in New York say the Bible is the best selling book they have—that they sell more copies of it every year than of they sold thirty thousand Bibles a

been considerable talk about the union of the Unitarians and the Universalists in the United States. The movement makes but slow progress; indeed it does not seem that the union can be accomplished very soon, if at all.

Rev. W.W. Weeks tormerly, of Moncton, now of Toronto, was recently called to the pastorate of the Euclid Avenue Baptist church, Cleveland, Ohio. John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil man, is a leading member of the church. Mr. Weeks has declined the call. He evidently believes he is now where he ought to be, and a richer church is no inducement to him.

Archbishop Ireland, who has been considered a foremost friend and advocate of temperance in the Roman Catholic Church, has joined hands with the distillers, brewers and rum men generally in favour of rumselling in the United States army. It seems hard for Roman Catholic bishops and priests to take strong ground against the 1 um traffic, so many of their people are engaged in it.

Urging family piety, righteousness in our homes, as the great need, Mr. Moody told of a young minister who went to him with the statement, that he couldn't get along with his wife, and asking the great evangelist's advice as to what he should do Moody promptly and bluntly told him that if he could not get along with his wife he had better get out of the min istry at once, for, he said, no man has can get along with his family.

statistics of 1804 and 1900) a growth from about 80 churches and preachers to 1517 churches and 1466 preachers and from about 3000 communicants to 85,242. Were the denomination to show the same proportion of growth hereafter, at the end of the second century there would be nearly thirty thousand churches and over two mil lion communicants! Ye who smile may consider that, aside from all statistics, the distinctive principles that Free Baptists have stood for have had a tremendous expansion during the century just closing, and during the century to come may reach universality throughout Christendom And what are these principles? Free Will, Free Grace, and Free Com-

While the statistics of our denomination alone now show about eighty-five thousand communicants, it is likely that the total number of communicants in our own and similar bodies would run into the hundreds of thou

Perhaps the most striking result of the recent great Catholic Congress at Bourges is the confessions of failure of Continental Catholicism which it elicited from some : f the most distinguished priests and bishops. Archbishop Ireland, of Minnesota, who was present, expressed himself

I recall the days of my youth in France when the faith was living, when the churches were filled morning and any book in stock. One store said evening, and when the processions of the Holy Sacrament were followed in triumph by the population of the towns and of the country. To-day I traverse France from Calais to Marseilles, as I There has, first and last, do Italy, which in all respects it resembles, as also I do other European countries, and what do I see? Churches almost empty, churches where there is only a handful of people kneeling before the Holy Sacrament. I read the newspapers, and they teach me that we are in a life and death struggle, and that if things continue in this train we are, humanly speaking, vanquished.

Others spoke in a similar strain. For instance, s eaking of Catholicism in France, one bishop said:

Men are drawing away from Christianity. Amongst the masses it is indifference. With great numbers of them the whole life contains room for not more than three or four religious observances. In the middle and upper classes the men also, with some miserable exceptions, are escaping us. In the intellectual circles we find no nearer approach to religion than a vague ideal sm. One is tempted to repeat with some slight modification the famous saying, 'France 'no longer counts among the Catholic nations.

THE EXPECTANT CHURCH

The Church of God has come to the beginning of the twentieth century not only with a strong desire for a great blessing, but with a feeling of expectancy, amounting in many cases to a conviction that we are on the eve of a great and wide-spread work of grace. The Holy Spirit has, doubtless, moved and is moving the hearts of "prepare the way of the Lord." In an article on this subject the Westthat, notwithstanding the great things in Christian work accomplished in the nineteenth century, the Church has feeling that we are on the eve of a great access of spiritual power. They are feeling that God is about to make 14, in Garmany 1, in Sweden 39, in bare His arm and to send out times of refreshing upon His people, so that there is now a spirit of expectancy and desire such as has not been witnessed | the Catholic appeals to the church and during the present generation. For months the wave has been rising and earnest hearts are assured that a great flood of blessing is about to be poured out upon the Church. And all good men know that the times of refreshing must come from above, that a revival cannot be got up to order, but they also know that God will not bless an unbelieving or a prayerless or unwilling Church.

The memory goes back to that great! than it has been in the past almost Pentecostal time, when in answer to half century of its existence. the united and faith-filled prayers of

the unity of Christian nations, common Christian undertakings, the growing love for what is common to all believers—all this is a gain for Protestantism. The one great loss is the rise of Ultra-montanism, of Absolutism in the Catholic church; though this absolutism can build on no other foundation than that of Protestantism —on liberty of the press, right of free association, and liberty of communication. The following statistics were given as to the relative strength of Protestants and Catholics: In the last twenty-five years the Protestants in Europe have increased by 23 per cent, and the Catholics by 21 per cent. In Germany since 1890 the Catholics grew 18 per cent, the Protestants 21 per cent. In Prussia Protestants are to Catholics as 63.46 of the population to 33,66. Converts to Protestantism are ten times as great as to Catholicism and children of mixed marriages become Protestant rather than Catholic. Romanism has met the greatest disappointment in Great Britain. Spite of increase in churches and priests the number of Catholics here has decreased. In North America, too, Protestantism is most powerful. Here there are only 7,362,000 Catholics to 49,630,000 Protestants; that is only eleven per cent are Catholic. In heathen lands there christians in an unusual degree, as is are 5,000,000 Catholic converts countmanifest in what is being done to ing all baptized, while of the more carefully admitted Protestant converts there are 2,500,000. The Catholics a right to be in the pulpit unless he minster speaks of the prevailing feeling have been three centuries in the foreign field; the Protestants only one century. Romanism in our century has reached the greatest results where scarcely touched the fringe of her in most vital contact with Protestantpossibilities. "And those who have ism: for the evangelical faith is the been noting the signs of the times are parent progress. In 1890, in Italy young soldiers unable to read formed 49 per cent, in Austria 38, in France

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Denmark 26. That shows where the

intelligence is found. The Protestant

appeals to the Bible and must read

acts by hearsay of the priest.