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Those who have sent their renewals for 1901 have our thanks.

Some from whom we hoped to have payments in January have not yet been heard from. Will they and all others whose subscriptions are still due do us the favour of forwarding them now?

In Australia the Presbyterian bodies have united. They may now confidently expect a degree of prosperity not possible while separated.

Christians should not waste their strength in conflicts with each other. The Devil likes them to do that. They should combine their forces against the strongholds of sin.

The Universalist Church in the United States does not grow. It has been losing for the last five years steadily, as recent statistics show.

Of the dangers confronting in the twentieth century, the chief ones, according to General Booth of the Salvation Army, are "religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, and heaven without hell."

Rev. Lewis Jaeger, for many years an active and successful Presbyterian minister in this Province, passed to his reward last week. He died at Buctouche, and was 86 years of age.

In another part of this paper is a statement of the philanthropic work being done by the King's Daughters in St. John. It is a most worthy work, and deserves the practical sympathy of christian people.

New that the so-called "Holy Year" in the Roman Catholic Church has ended, it is possible to estimate the results. The two things which the faithful were expected to do in a large way were to visit Rome and to contribute Peter's pence.

Perhaps many people in this country, if asked concerning the relative strength, numerically, in Great Britain, of the Established Church and the Nonconformists—might off-hand answer that the Established Church is larger. But the opposite is the fact.

In England and Wales alone the Protestant Nonconformists outnumber the Anglicans nearly 700,000 communicants. In Scotland, leaving out the Presbyterians, the other Protestant bodies outnumber the Anglicans. In Ireland they are nearly equally divided.

The sins of the fathers are visited upon the children. It is true, also, that the sins of the children are visited upon the fathers. Here is a recent case. A few days ago, as reported in our news columns, four young men were sent to the New Jersey Penitentiary for long terms for having caused the death of a young woman.

Readers who have heard that Rev. Jos. Noble was ill, will be glad to read the letter from him which appears in another column.

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RELIGION AMONGST STUDENTS.

In a paper on the College man's religion at the beginning of the twentieth century, Mr. John R. Mott, the General Secretary of the Christian Federation of the students of the world, writing in the Sunday School Times, brings out some very gratifying facts concerning the religious character of the students of this time.

—Apropos of the twentieth anniversary of the Christian Endeavor Society, Mr. Amos R. Wells summarizes the wonderful progress of that movement for the readers of the Review of Reviews.

but it is equally true in state and other undenominational institutions. What is a still more striking fact is that the proportion of christian students in colleges is larger than it ever was. And the number of students who are being led into the christian life continues to grow.

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THE QUEEN'S FUNERAL.

Saturday was the funeral day of Queen Victoria. In every part of the British Empire it was observed. Business was suspended, mourning draperies were on and in public buildings, places of business and private residences.

Not only throughout the British Empire, but throughout the world there were solemn observances of the day when all that was mortal of England's great Queen was borne to the burial. Never before in the history of the world did all nations, kindreds and tongues gather in sincere mourning at the bier of any human being.

The reports of the funeral say that it was a most wonderful pageant. The most touching part of the funeral, because the most simple and natural, was the removal of the body on Friday from Osborne House to the Royal yacht which was to bear it to Portsmouth, enroute to London.

Arrangements are being made to take the census of Great Britain on Monday, April 1st. During the last week in March, 40,000 men and women will leave printed forms at every house in the land.

POLITICAL NEWS.—The Kent Co. election is to be held—nomination Feb. 8th, polling Feb. 15th.

The Manitoba Legislature is to meet Feb. 21st.

Mr. A. B. Copp, barrister, of Sackville, was elected by acclamation to fill the Westmoreland vacancy caused by the death of Mr. W. W. Wells.

Mr. Michael Welsh is mentioned in connection with the Carleton Co. seat.

The Ontario elections are expected not later than June and there is a belief in some quarters that they will be on as early as March.

The New Brunswick Legislature is to meet Feb. 28th.

Mr. Lount, a former M. P. for Toronto, has been appointed Judge in place of the late Judge Rose.

It is announced that Mr. J. K. Pinder, a former M. P. P. will be the opposition candidate in York Co.

McKinnon (Liberal) of East Queens. P. E. I., has been unseated. The Judge in giving judgement spoke in terms of the corruption and debauchery that had been carried on.

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Rum was furnished at baptisms, funerals, dedications of churches, ordinations of ministers and like occasions.

Stoves were unknown. All cooking was done at open fireplaces.

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NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Premier Bond, of Newfoundland, has gone to England, at the request of the Colonial Secretary, to discuss with him the French shore question. The Newfoundland Legislature will meet during Mr. Bond's absence, with Mr. Harwood as acting Premier.

A PENSION ROLL.

The pension appropriation for this year, now before the United States Congress, amounts to \$145,245,230. The war of the rebellion closed thirty-six years ago. Thenumber of pensioners now on the roll is 993,529, nearly double the number of ten years ago, and nearly four times as many as there were twenty years ago.

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CHINA.

The news from China is not very satisfactory. Russia is, evidently, determined to look after her own interests without respect to what any other power may wish; and without reference to the right or wrong of her action.

THAT "INVESTIGATION."

The Globe suggests, and very properly we think, that the next police investigation held in St. John be conducted on different lines, and that common sense methods be used.

THEIR "SORROW."

The Toronto rumsellers decided to shew their mourning for the Queen by closing their groggeries on the day of the funeral. Perhaps they kept the agreement they made amongst themselves, and perhaps they did a side-door business, such as they do on Sundays.

FOR CONSCIENCE SAKE.

The Presbyterian Witness has information to the effect that in one part of Nova Scotia a number of "industrious and sober men" have been dismissed from work because they would not work on the Lord's Day.

Newfoundland is to have a new Governor. Sir Cavendish Boyle has been appointed to succeed Sir Hugh McCollum, who was recently Governor of Natal.

TO BE WITHHELD FROM ALL RAILWAYS WHERE CONTRACTORS COMPEL WORKMEN TO LABOR ON SUNDAYS.

This much at least the Governments of the Provinces and of the Dominion can do without dealing unjustly with any man or company. But there is law on the statute-book that makes needless Sunday work a penal offence, and if magistrates are true to their duty they will take measures to teach contractors that they are not above the law of the land.

MRS. NATION'S HATCHET.

Mrs. Nation keeps on wrecking illicit rum shops in certain Kansas towns. She has many sympathizers and there are, also, many to criticize her course. The latter include, of course, all whose sympathies are with rumselling, and those who for political or business reasons desire the favour of the rumselling gang.

THE CHAPLAIN OF THE SENATE OF CANADA DIED SINCE LAST SESSION OF PARLIAMENT.

On his death it was intimated that Rev. Mr. O'Leary, one of the South African Chaplains, would, probably, be appointed. Now it is announced that the government has decided to abolish the office.

"MUST FIGHT," HE SAYS.

Dr. Armstrong Black, of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Toronto, preached to the Highlanders (Volunteers) last Sunday. He is reported as having said, in the course of his sermon: "There will come, sooner or later, a day of trouble in the history of this land.

"HISTORY TELLS US WE MUST PREPARE FOR THIS."

Before we come into the full and true and noble work of life we must be baptized and consecrated to that work in blood.

"It may be the result of racial questions; it may be a war of religion; we may fight on these Canadian plains on account of some old world quarrel. But come the day will. Come it must. When that day comes Canada will have in fuller measure that baptism of blood, some of the drops of which have been sprinkled on some of our gallant and noble heads."

SENATOR WARK, OF THIS CITY, NINETY-SEVEN YEARS OLD, HAS LIVED UNDER THE REIGN OF FIVE SOVEREIGNS.

He was sixteen years old when George III died in 1820, and remembers the accession and death of George IV and the accession of Victoria.

Rev. W. B. Hinson, formerly pastor of the Moncton Baptist church, and more recently a pastor in Los Angeles, California, is now in charge of a new paper in the California town, having had to abandon the pulpit on account of throat trouble.

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Mgr. Merry Del Val, who represented the Pope in Canada for a time, will, it is said, be the Papal delegate to the United States in place of Mr. Martinelli.