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Religion that does not have expression in every day right living is worthless.

In one Anglican church in London the confessional is so well established that more than three thousand confessions were made last year to the priest in charge, after the manner of the Roman church.

Great preparations are being made for the International Convention of the Christian Endeavour Society which is to be held in Cincinnati in July.

Thomas Arnold, that prince among teachers of boys, once said that he was tired of dealing with boys who merely loved God; he wanted boys who not only loved God, but also hated the devil.

Swallow tail coats and low-necked dresses are the regulation style of dress for Sunday evening church service in a London church.

Protestantism is gaining faster than Romanism in Europe. During the past twenty-five years Protestants have increased twenty-three per cent, and Catholics twenty-one per cent.

There is no command in the Bible to which one who would win souls should yield such immediate and unreserved acquiescence as "Be filled with the Spirit."

"A christian, an upright man and a scholar," is what "The Wine and Spirit Gazette" says of Dr. Lyman Abbott.

In England the Church Association is strongly opposing any change in the Coronation Oath.

for a Roman Catholic Sovereign. Meetings are being held and resolutions of protest are every day being sent to members of Parliament.

Nearly every pastor has had somebody say to him, "I can be a christian and not unite with the church."

THE GOTHENBERG SYSTEM.

What is known as the Gothenberg system of dealing with the liquor traffic has been frequently referred to lately by Canadian speakers and writers.

The system gets its name from the city of Gothenberg, the Swedish city in which it was inaugurated.

The system may be briefly described thus: The municipal council is the licensing authority, and fixes the number of licenses required to meet what are regarded as the requirements of the public.

Before dealing with the working and effects of the Gothenberg system, it will help to a better understanding of it and the reasons for it, to glance at the history of liquor traffic legislation

in Sweden and Norway. Sweden had prohibition of the manufacture, and even of the use of spirits as early as the sixteenth century, and, with intermissions, most of the time till 1774, and with good results.

A WRONG SUPPOSITION.

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Our writer, after telling the error of opposition which the other minister pursued, closes his narrative by stating that he died suddenly in a cloudy spiritual condition, leaving the inference that God's judgment of condemnation was upon the man for his opposition to such teaching as the writer had been giving.

which that writer had in giving this story was to warn his readers against opposing his special doctrine.

Let us not suppose that people will suffer some kind of awful punishment if they do not accept our views of Bible teaching, or the doctrines which we may make a specialty of.

C. H. WETHERBE.

BITS OF LETTERS.

A friend in West Somerville, Mass., in a recent letter, says:

"Some of the churches here have undertaken to make converts by signing tickets. They got about sixty to sign. But it is hard to find them in the prayer-meeting."

The hand-raising, card-signing revivals are not particularly successful in permanent good results.

A Canadian Free Baptist minister, now in New England, writing of the desire to be at home, says:

"We look towards home with the same feeling we would have were we in Italy, i. e. because this is a foreign country—a country which from pulpit, press, and lecture platform is everlastingly insulting the mother country—so great is the prejudice against everything British."

The young men, in whom the British spirit still lives, do not need to stay where their flag and country are "everlastingly" insulted.

Rev. W. C. Keirstead will remain at Chicago University another year. He is to have a Scholarship which, with the tuition, is worth \$235, and is to have the standing of a Fellow in theology.

"I am very sorry indeed to hear of the death of Rev. G. F. Currie. It is sad that he should be called away while yet so young.

Bro. Keirstead promises more letters for the INTELLIGENCER so soon as he has more time. We are expecting the one on "Dowieism" very soon.

SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES.

There is not much news from South Africa, but what has been received is of the capture of Boer commandos, the aggregate being considerable.

Four of the Canadian contingent of the Baden-Powell died on the voyage to Africa.

According to the London Standard of the 3rd inst, the War Office is more hopeful of the termination of the war in South Africa than it has been for weeks.

POLITICAL NEWS.—It is intimated that Parliament may prorogue before the 24th inst.

It is again reported that the Minister of Justice, Hon. D. Mills, will soon become a judge of the Supreme Court of Canada.

DATES FORGOTTEN.—The rapidity with which people forget dates is illustrated by the following incident.

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NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

THE CENSUS.

The work of census-taking is nearing completion. It will probably be possible to announce the population of the Dominion in a few weeks.

THE PRESIDENT'S TOUR.

President McKinley started last week on a trip over the country, during which he will go through twenty-five states and travel about 15,000 miles.

THE ANTICOSTI "KING."

Newfoundland is watching the Anticosti lord's movements. A St. John's writer points out that M. Menier acts as if the island were a little kingdom, and he its sovereign.

INDIGO.

The indigo industry of India has been much interfered with by Germany, which makes indigo by chemical process from coal-tar.

SALARIES INCREASED.

The salaries of judges in Quebec and the Northwest Territories have been increased.

NATIONAL DEBTS.

Great Britain's debt is \$3,196,000,000; Russia's is \$3,575,000,000; France's is \$6,000,000,000.

AN EXPENSIVE NUISANCE.

The Superintendent of Immigration, Mr. Frank Pedley, giving evidence a few days ago before the Parliamentary Committee on Colonization and Agriculture, admitted that the disaffection among the Doukhobors is really greater than has been acknowledged by the authorities.

SPIRITUALISM.

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meeting that the churches in Canada are being honeycombed with spiritualism.

THE EXPLANATION.

Mention has been made in these notes of the extraordinary efforts being made to make the census returns show a large French population.

One of the confidential letters, sent to the French priests, asks them to furnish the names, ages and occupations of persons in their parishes who have gone to the United States during the last twelve months.

The population of the Province of Quebec is the basis upon which is calculated the representation of the other provinces in the Federal Parliament.

Attention has been called to the matter in Parliament. The Premier replies, in effect, that the French people are somewhat ignorant and need all these helps to get at the facts.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

It is stated that the mission of Mr. Bond, Premier of Newfoundland to England has not been successful.

If General Buller should be re-elected as it is intimated will be the case, the soldier who fought hard in the most difficult position of the entire campaign will have suffered an undeserved fate.

The Filipino problem is approaching settlement. The people of the island have been determined to get rid of the Friars.

Edinburgh does not take kindly to pro-Boer speeches. It is only in Ottawa that the pro-Boer can do things that are base enough to do from him.

London's population, according to the census just taken, is 4,536,034.

MISSION NEWS AND NOTES.

To drag the car of juggernaut now not a popular task. The famous cruel old festival is dying out.

North Africa has one Protestant missionary to 125,000 Moslems; Sahara has one to 2,500,000; Sudan, one to 45,000,000; West Africa, one to 30,000; Central Africa, one to 80,000; South Africa, one to 14,000,000.

It is said that the famine in India is sure to have far-reaching religious results. It will lessen the faith of people in Hinduism.