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An improved spiritual life would make an end of the friction and troubles which afflict some churches.

Not in withdrawing from the world, but in keeping unspotted rom the world, is the true showing of by the performance of essential condi the power of religion.

"No man was ever lost on a straightroad," is what Dr. Cuyler writes

Strong in the goodness of his cause, said Dr. Guthrie, with his back to the throne of God and his foot on the rock of truth, a man can stand against the world.

It is a good sign, indicating new church members want to have the Church paper go to their homes. Do pastors always advise the new members to take the paper? We hope so. Do not neglect it, brethren.

the trouble with a good many people is that instead of being Christian misaries exhibiting a great capacity for things. The Christian life, however, that takes its possessor and spurs on enter the kingdom of heaven, or, if he did, the spirit of idleness would speed ily be taken out of him.

This is "the week of prayer." It is being generally observed in cities, town and villages, and, probably, in some country places also. In some places the programme issued by the Evangelical Alliance is carefully folowed, in other places but little atten. tion is paid to the programme. The main thing is to have the true spirit of prayer, and to earnestly seek the deepening of spiritual life, with which will come the spirit of evangelism so much needed in all churches.

It has been well said that John the Baptist furnishes a most striking instance of righteousness un- put away the evil of your doings from body, and that the pulse of life or rewarded in this life. Think what a man he was during his short career, learn to do well; seek judgment, reand then think of the end to which he lieve the oppressed, judge the fathercame. Behold him that was the less, plead for the widow." Then prophet of the Highest the greater comes the great promise of spiritual than any born of woman, imprisoned | blessing. "If ye be willing and obedilike a malefactor! Behold him cut ent, ye shall eat the good of the land." off by a violent death before the age of Now it is true that these were words thirty-four, the burning light quenched, uttered to the Jews of old : but they the faithful preacher murdered for do- contain an exact statement of the laws ing his duty, and this to gratify the which govern in the spiritual world. hatred of an adulterous woman, and at God has not changed either in his the command of a capricious tyrant! nature nor in his methods of communi-Truly there is an event here, if there caing blessing. He hates sin as -"The world becomes better, not ever was one in the world, which might | thoroughly to-day as he ever did. He make an ignorant man say, "What profit is it to serve God?" But this is the sort of thing which shows us people. If we are to have the Lord center of vital force, of greater or less that there will one day be a judgment, The God of the spirits of all flesh shall at last set up an assize, and reward cleansed from the tnings which hide every one according to his works. The world shall yet know that there is God that judgeth the earth.

Roman Catholic Archbishop Bruchesi, of Montreal, has issued a pastoral in which he takes quite strong his forgiveness and blessing upon us, ground against some of the evils of modern social life-balls, theatres, &c. He calls the attention of parents to the evil resulting from allowing their young daughters to go to balls unattended, where under the guise of refreshment, intoxicating drinks are frequently served.

view. They had hoped to be able to of our sins. Su h a repentance as is a and the sublime devotedness of the following. heroes and heroines of history and of fiction might be offered as examples, for the spectators. Facts soon dis pelled these illusions. The same citizens have themselves, brought us their sincere avowal and the sadly un- at the same time indulging. But we deniable evidence of the same. This have not the courage to look them full in a complete failure.

couraging theatres.

the relaxation needed from the cares have escaped our own search, of a busy life,

CONDITIONS OF REVIVAL.

Revivals are not the result of any arbitrary exercise of divine power. They are governed by spiritual laws which work as regularly and irresistibly as do the laws of God in the natural world. We are persuaded that no revival ever came to church or community without having been preceded tions. It may not be possible always to trace them, but we may be sure that they have been there.

God has given great promises of n the albums of boys who ask for h's wonderful spiritual things, to be done for us and for the unconverted round about us; but he has as surely declared that "I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them. I will increase them with men like flock." What are some of the condi tions which must be complied with be fore we may hope to claim such promise as this? How are we to seek the character of a revival, when the of the Lord in such a way that he "will be inquired of to do it for" us?

This means prayer. But it does not mean the formal prayer, which has become stereotyped petit on. It means ar more than that. To some who fsought the Lord the prophet was com-The Observer suggests that | manded to say : "Thus saith the Lord God. Are ye come to inquire of me As I live, saith the Lord God, I will sionaries they are Christian omission. not be inquired of by you." When ye doing nothing, or for doing only easy mine eyes from you; yea, when ye claim the blessings which He has been from hearts deeply moved, "Thy make many prayers I will not hear s properly the strenuous life - the life | It is told of a christian woman, who its devotees. No absolute idler can of her husband, that she was praying allowed ourselves te live, how formal of great social, economic and political ame time she was carrying on a bitter the Lord to see her outstretchrd hands, or hear her prayers?

> If our hands an lives are more or less full of sin and worldliness and self-seeking, and, perhaps, of bitterness and contention, it is in vain that we appear before the Lord to seek His favour. Of such prayers He says, "They are a trouble to me; I am weary al believers, closely bound together in to hear them." Hear what He says one bundle of life; yea, compacted to us: "Wash you, make you clean; before mine eyes; cease to do evil, will tolerate it no more in his spiritual Church than he did among his earthly in our midst, in power and living glory, we must come to him with our hands to those about him. And there is and separate us from him. In a word, descends within the whole sphere of one of the conditions of a revival of religion is a thorough-going turning supplications are made; he whose in- Coverdale. to God from every known sin; n ta mere formal confession that we are "miserable sinners," and a p ayer for but a thorough turning to God.

Such a turning to God is by no means a small matter. Many have be. come so mixed up with the world in

Theatres also came in for special and have allowed so many question- most remote places of the earth are depunciation, and the pastora says: - able, if not positively, sinful, things the prayers of Christians, which day 'We may say that the theatre is our to creep into their lives, that to turn city's great danger of the hour. Even upon a'l these and fu ly repent means the best theatres are fields prepared a great purpose and needs great.grace for the easy sprouting, of all the seduc- to accomplish it. And yet this must tions of luxury, of falsehood, of pride be done if we would have God answer our prayer. Revivals may come in Despite our exhortations, some lead- answer to somebody's prayer, but not ing citizens had adopted the contrary in answer to ours, if we do not repent establish an almost irreproachable p ecedent condition to a revival of theatre, wherein the noble passions religion, involves among others the

The fearless and honest recognition of the sins tha beset and entangle us. We are more than half convinced that we are entangled in sins which we are attempt at purifying the stage ended in the face and call them by their right and true names. But if the He then makes the request of Lord is to hear us, there must be no Ca holic journalists to discontinue en- conscious hiding of our sins either from our own eyes or from his. Nay. The pastoral concludes with an earn- more; we are to call upon the Lord est appeal to revert to the truly Chris- to search us, and by the help of his tian life of the forefathers, who found | word and the light of the Holy Spirit in the intimacy of the family circle all | reveal to our conscience any sins which

> A frank and honest indgment upon any and all sins so discovered. No palliation or justification must be allowed. Sin is hateful to God, and from every continent and the islands cannot be excused or covered up.

We cannot be too radical in this matter of honestly confessing sin before and in the presence of God.

Having confessed sin, we must then bravely and loyally turn away from and break with it utterly. It is often break with it. Moreover, one main trees in the forest, and each has its reason why we do not discover the own leaf and form, but they, are all are unwilling to part with them. It is often very difficult to turn away from sin, for the reason that sin usually brings entanglements which bind us, and will in no wise let us go except after the most heroic determination to get right with God at all hazards. Moreover, the banishment must be made with final purpose. Sometimes a favorite courtier or officer is banish ed until the storm of public indignation which demanded his banishment is past; and then he is taken back into favor again. So, sometimes, believer parts with his sins under storm of conscience, only to receive i back again when the storm is over.

This honest repentance for sin hav. ing been wrought out, the believer is for him daily, and seeking the prayers our relations with God have been, of others in his behalf, and yet at the how cold our desire, how poor and unchristian feud with a neighbor, and that the "chariot wheels" drive would she yield a jot of forgiveness to turning to the Lord as is here indicatand the coming of a revival are usually contemporaneous. Nevertheless, the conditions must be complied with in the order of precedence. Such a work is too personal, some may say, to affect the Church at large. We are to remember that the Church is not a corporation with a separate personality; it is the aggregation of individutogether in one living organism, one death in any one member is felt throughout the whole body.

THE WORLD AT PRAYER.

Man is at his best when he is kneeling before God, subjecting his life to His guidance, and seeking His help, for then he is in his true relation to God. Writing of the increasing number of those who pray in the name of Jesus, the United Presbyterian says simply in proportion of the increase in number, but by the widening circle of holy living. Each one becomes a intensity, and communicates of his life his congregation with a fur coat on power in prayer. The blessing of God tercessions are always effectual bears! opens the door to kingdoms and hearts school with ten dollars. in other climes. As they pray, barr ers to the gospel give way, and walls which for ages have shut out the messengers your address label. Send its urgent interests, have allowed spirit- of grace fall down. Back of the com- enough money to cause it to ual things and interests to fall so much merce and the political influences be changed to Dec. 1902, or

and night go up to him who holds the scepter of the world, and whose will determines the movements of men and the course of events.

Much is said of the opening of the century, and of what we may expect to come to pass in it. We speak of past achievement and of future possibilities. But is there anything greater, anything which more forcibly expresses the changes which have taken place, anything more promising of this week? It is not too much to say, quarter of the globe. Thousands unnumbered in what are called Christian lands are praying, in other lands even where heathenism yet rules there are fellow Christians whose prayers go up to the heart of God. Thousands, who but a little while since bowed to idols and lived in the degradation of such worship, are now praying in the name of Chr st for his lieved to be a growing feeling in Gergrace and loving kindness. On the many favourable to the encouragment Day of Peatecost men of many tougues heard the apostles speak in | and farm produce their own language, but to-day the wonderful works of God are to'd in ! OBJECT TO THE SALE. tongues covering parts of the world then unknown and prayers are offered of the seas. Such a scene never opened any century; nothing ever gave such promise for the future.

There is one heart in the prayer We hear much said of the divisions of the Church, and the separations among Christians; much more than much easier to confess sin than to the facts warrant. There are many forth their leaves and extend their branches under the same sunshine All who love the Lord Jesus are quick ened by the same Spirit, bow before the same Father in the name of Christ, and offer the same petition.

The burden of that prayer is, "Thy kingdom come." They are children of the kingdom, and their thought and heart's desire is for the enlargement of the kingdom of their Father, and the enthronement of Christ in every land. When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, he placed the petition for the sovereign rule of God before the petition for daily bread. His instruction was, "Seek first the kingdom of God." His people are this day obedient to his will, and from spread forth your hands I will hide to accept the divine forgiveness and every continent the prayer goes up waiting to bestow, taking his place in kingdom come There is turmoil and the conscious favor and service of confus on, there is unrest among was in great anxiety for the conversion God. When we think of how we have the nations; there is the movement forces; we hear the noise and feel the movement, but as we listen with mean our service, it is not wonderful trembling, we hear that prayer, simple sweet and mighty, because God is in would not hear any reconciliation, nor heavily. It may be urged that such a it, "Thy kingdom come," and we lift our hearts in thankful confidence. To the neighbor who she felt had done ed is in itself a revival of the most the world's prayer there is an attenher a wrong. How could she expect powerful kind. It is. The condition tive ear, and a gracious answer waits,

> POLITICAL NEWS .- The Manitoba egislature has been called to meet on

> of February.

The new Premier of Prince Edward Island in Hon. Arthur Peters. Mr. Farquharson, ex-Premier of P

E. Island, is a candidate for the Dominion Parliament. Mr. A. A. McLean is his opponent. Dr. Ruddick, of St. Martins, has

ment candidate for the vacant seat for St. John County.

been nominated as the Local govern-

Longiey of Nova Sco: ia is likely to be made a judge.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—The Waterloo St., Free Baptist church remem- issuing food to 1,500 persons in Ambered their paster and his wife by pre- sterdam, 1,000 in The Hague, 1,000 on the continent of the violation senting one with a valuable Persian in Rotterdam, and 500 in Utrecht. lamb collar and the other with some

Rev. B. H. Thomas, of the Baptist church, Dorchester, was presented by

was presented with a valuable fur coat prayer. Grace seeks those for whom by the members of his congrega ion at

The Central Hampstead Sunday the pet tions to the mercy seat. To the School met at the home of the superends of the earth the power of God is intendent, I.E. Vanwart, on Christmas mighty to answer the cry of his people. evening. They presented Mr. Van-In answer to their importunity he wart on behalf of the members of the

Just look at the date on into a sub rdinate place in their lives, which are pushing their way into the some date tar.her on.

NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

A BISHOP ON PROHIBITION

ported as having said in a speech on government, tells of many atrocitie that "prohibiti no wherever it has ials, and, also, by other white me triumphed, has edura ed a race of who have trading concessions in the frauds and hypocrites." The bishop country. He furnishes sworn testimakes the mistake of charging mony of the Belgians handing over to prohibition what he should natives to cannibal tribes for the excharge to the liquor 'raffic. It is the press purpose of being eaten. Forced good than the world at prayer during traffic, not the prohibition of it, which labor prevails everywhere, and show destroys the moral sense, making gun rule is the truest description of "The world." The Church of God is frands hypocrites and criminals of men the present administration. The comnot restricted to any race or any The bishop has not yet come to look panies deriving wealth from the colon the liquor traffic with disfavour, lection of rubber are all more or less which accounts for his unfair condem. State enterprises, as a third or half nation of interference with it,

GERMANY AND CANADA

The German government, it is said is about sending two commissioners to Canada to report upon our dairy indus try and kindred industries. There is beof the importation of Canadian dairy

It seems that while the Government

of Denmark and that of the United States have practically agreed upon terms for the rurchase of the Danish West Indies by the latter government. the people of the islands in question are opposed to the transfer. Meetings have been held in some parts of the islands protesting against the sale, and the King and government of Denmark are appealed to. Instead of selling the islands, the people ask that reforms under the Danish flag, commercial, industrial and social be insins that keep us from God is that we rooted in the same soil, and send stituted, which they are confident Ki ng Christian and his ministers will

CAN IT BE

A report comes from Winnipeg to the effect that the Manitoba govern. ment is contemplating the adoption of the Gothenburg system as a substitute for the prohibitory law which has been passed by the Legislature, sustained by the highest Court in the Empire, and only awaits proclamation to be in force. Surely the Government and Legislature cannot seriously think of discarding the prohibitory law now that the right to enforce it has been established. As to the Gothenburg System, any form of license in this country is quite as restrictive, and not nearly so dangerous.

A TEMPERANCE CRUSADE.

The pledge signing temperance crusade in Great Britain is having great success. The aim is to secure million pledges to temperance. The work has been goirg on twelve months, and the closing days of the year were a fitting conclusion for the earnest work of the year. There is a good deal of enthusiasm and, what is better, much conviction is being caused.

Suspicious.

One of the things developed by the recent Pan-American Convention is the existence of a strong suspicion on The Dominion Parliament is expected | countries that the United States is not to be called for either the 6th or 13th altogether unselfish in its professions of friendship for them. They seem to think that the aim of the United States is to make conquest of them ultimately, and they find reason for this belief in its course towards Porto Rico and

BUSINESS DEPRESSION.

Holland is suffering from business and industrial depression almost, if not quite, as much as Germany. In Rot erdam 5000 working men are out It is intimated that Attorney General of employment. The factories of Helmond are daily laying off employes for lack of work. The situation is s milar in The Hague, Amsterdam, and Utrecht. The Salvation Army is

ARBITRATION.

Several years ago New Zealand established compulsory arbitration to settle all labor disputes, and New South Wales has adopted the same Rev. C. H Manaton (Methodist) policy only making the law more stringent and inclusive than that of New Zealand. It is suggested by the Halifax Witness-and the suggestion is a good one - that Canadian Legislators would do well to look into the

BELGIANS IN AFRICA.

The treatment of the natives in the Congo Free State by the Belgians is called "a disgrace to civilization." And if even a portion of what is told about their conduct is true, the statement s not too strong. An officer who been settled that colonial troops ar has just returned to England from to be present.

Africa, and who has been six years i Bishop Potter, of New York, is re- the public service of the Congo Stat. Sunday liquor shops a few days ago, perpetrated on the natives by the office the shares in them are invariably held by the Governmen'.

"Latterly King Leopold and th Government have made some show action again t the agents of some the Upper Congo companies, but only minor officials are ever touched, and the so-called reforms are merely in tended to throw dust in the eyes of the public, whose indignation has been aroused by the stories of this reign terror. While the present systems for the collection of rubber and the recruitment of natives continue the Con go Free State will remain a disgrace to the white man's work in Africa.'

FRENCH OBJECTIONS.

Some time ago it was proposed thearning found a colony of Finns in the Lak ways bad St. John district, Quebec. But theirns that project has aroused such opposition seek to d from the French Canadians that it hathe path been abandoned. The objection thalt, but the settlement was that it would in towards of terfere with the plans of those who difficultie are determined to make Quebec more three solid French Province.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Marconi, the discoverer of wireles God that telegraphy, has been in Ottawa fo urrender some days by invitation of the govern lways for ment. He has had several interview The battl with members of the government. H if we are says he has definitely decided to locat never kn the necessary plant on this side of the But our Atlantic for the tran mission of wire there are less messages across the ocean, it "paths of Cape Breton and not Newfoundland antness," The station will be built at eithe tures." Sydney, Mira or Louisburg, and th multitude work of construction will be com of Matthe menced in six months time. Withit being int a very short time after the work in his na started, he believes he will be receivin desire to and sending messages across the Atlantic.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Four times as many as are wante were ba have volunteered for service in Sout church,

Australia is to send another contin a good yo gent of 1000 to South Africa; and New Zealand sends her eighth contingent evangelis

The total killed, wounded, missing and prisoners since the commencement Rev. H. of the war including November, is :- dist chur Officers, 2,459; non-commissione in special officers and men, 32,634; during the worked h war, 2,612 officers and 60,262 non of beauti commissioned officers and men hav been sent home as invalids, and the total reduction of the field force from fully rest all causes, including invalids, is 81, why other the part of the South American 750. The net reduction in strength of their needs the British forces, taking into account stery. I those who have rejoined the columns man than is 23,471; of this total the deaths it seem to South Africa have been 893 officer would no and 17,455 non-commissioned officer life." V and men.

Gen. Botha has sent a note to al weeks in Boer commandoes requesting them to camps up keep on fighting, as the British Par Hale, an liament is to be asked for another was special vote, which will induce the British have bee nation to demand that the war is that it m South Africa be stopped.

Gen. De Wet has ordered the Boel Christ commandants to retard at any cost the upon the work of extending the British block Sabbath

Lord Roberts has issued an official school, u contradiction of the stories circulated bro. N. Boer women by the British troops in South Africa, and the employment of Boer female refugees for immora

The Northwest produced more than 109,000,000 bushels of grain in 1901

The German Empire census is 56 367,178, an increase of over 4,000,000 in five years; the greatest since the foundation of the empire. The increase is due partly to high percent age of births and parily to the in crease of immigration compared with emigration.

It is understood that the Governors of all the Provinces of Canada are to be invited to participate in the coronation ceremonies in June next. The Premiers of the Provinces have also been invited, and it seems to have

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