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Your subscription, if not al ready paid will be very acceptable now. Kindly send it this week.

Spasmodic efforts are always followed by reaction. Stimulants need to be used only in extreme cases, and with great carefulness.

the Church Association in England has a list of the clergymen in the Estabblished Church who are believed to be disloyal to the Church, and seeking to betray her to Rome. In this list the twentieth century of the Christian there are the names of 9,600 clergy-

United States are perfecting the organization of their forces for political action. They intend to endeavour to hold the balance of power. Practically they do that now; and their fellows in this country do the same here. When will temperance voters make themselves felt with equal force ? They could if they would.

The Christian Guardian, the Toronto Methodist paper, expresses the belief that the next Legislature of Ontario will contain a larger number of active, earnest temperance workers and prohibitionists than the last Legislature did. We hope this belief may be fully realized. The same paper sees in the present election contest in that Province reason to believe that citizens are looking at public questions less through party spectacles, and hopes that the hidebound party man is rapidly passing. Measures and character are surely counting for more than they did. Let us hope.

Good Dr. Cuyler, always sensible as well as good, says this about a mission of the Church of God

If one mission of the Church is to save men out of drunkenness then by sound logic it ought to be still more its mission to save men from falling into drunkenness. Every pulpit ough to speak out just as freely and frankly against the temptation of the wine-cup or the social glass, against the tempta tions to gambling or dishonesty, or Sabbath desecration, or licentiousness. Suppression of the saloons never will be enacted and never enforced unless God's people put their conscience and their courage into their citizenship.

Bishop William Taylor died in California, last week, aged 81 years. As street preacher in California and other places, as independent evangelist and missionary in South America, India, Africa and elsewhere, and as the great missionary bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Africa, he is known to all who have knowledge of the work of the Church of Christ in page. It is to be hoped the churches the last half century. A man of profound religious convictions, of deep christian experience, of unfaltering are to entertain them. That they will faith, of martyr-like courage, of quenchless zeal-he went everywhere in the doubt. They always do. The hosname of Jesus, and preached and laboured with mighty effect. Many thousands were turned to righteousness by his proclamation of the Word, and many more thousands by the christ tian work he set in motion in many appointed to beheld with any if them. parts of the earth. He was really a great man. He honoured God, and God made him greatly useful.

Assembly of United States Presby- er twenty or thirty. The neglect to are unchristian. If we drift along in spiritual plane on which He lived. ook place on Friday. There were just now recall any District all the ruin.

changes are. -

"No man is condemned except on the ground of his sin."

"We believe that all dying in infancy are included in the election of grace, and are regenerated and saved by Christ through the Spirit, who works when and where and how He pleases."

"Works done by unregenerate men, although for the matter of them they may be things which God commands, which it is now sent, and then and in themselves praiseworthy and useful * * * they come short of what God requires, and do not make any man meet to receive the grace of God.

"The Lord Jesus Christ is the only head of the church, and the claim of amed time inquiry by card or letter any man to be the vicar of Christ and the head of the church is unscriptural, without warrant in fact, and is usurpation dishonoring to the Lord Jesus

It is stated that the Arch-Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and to any | bishop of Canterbury has, at the command of the King, requested the Anglican bishop of Ottawa to arrange dressed Religious Intelligencer Box 384 for coronation day services in his diocese. Probably a like request has eached the other Church of England importance to be carefully d ne. bishops in Canada and elsewhere.

This suggests to us that in a recent number of the Church Times (London) strongest sort, protesting against preparations that are being made in different parts of England to hold united Coronation services. The Church est minister to pastorless churches paper says that the very suggestion of such services is "repugnant." There can, it says, be no excuse for such shocking impiety. It is positively 'unreasonable" for others than members of the Es ablished church to wish to share in the religious celebration of An English paper tells that the national event. And Churchmen are urged to "stand firm against the insidious principle of corporate indifferentism in religion" - whatever that may mean. Strange, isn't it, that in era that any people calling themselves Christian should object to the "godly union and concord" of members of The rum traffic men in the different churches in common praye for the King.

Very little has been heard during the last two years about pers: cution of the Russian Stundists. It is going on again, though in a changed form. In former years the Russian gov ernment and the Holy Synod endeavored to show the Stundists the errors of their way, and the advantages of Or hodoxy, by a wholesale system imprisonment and ban shment. To a certain extent they succeeded. The priests and police were successful in driving the Stundist movement below the surface, if they did not succeed in destroying it. Now different tactics are to be followed. A number of priests have been set apart by the Bishops of those provinces in which the Stundists are most numerous, to visit the villages and invite the 'heretics' to 'disputations' in public. The priests defend the tenets of the Orthodox Church, the Stundists state the reasons why they decline any longer to continue in communion with the National Church. In a number of cases, how ever, the Stundists have been indiscreet enough to allow the calumnies of the priests to drive them into un. guarded expressions. The result has been that some ten or fifteen leaders have been arrested for 'insulting the Church' and speaking disrespectfully of the Orthodox faith. In one town a recent 'disputation' resulted in a serious riot. The debate was held in the church. As soon as the 'disputation was finished and the Stundists had declared their inability to rejoin the fold of the Church, the Orthodox fell on the Stundists, drove them from the church and injured several of them severely. A fearful fight ensued, and the enraged crowd had to be dispersed

DISTRICT MEETINGS. Meetings is drawing near. The dates and places are announced on another are making preparation for them. We do not mean the churches that make ample preparation there is no pitality of our churches has been deference or District Meeting, has been

only two dissenting voices. Important churches of which have reported in any late year, or in any year.

> -a sign of renewed life, if reports were made by all the churches in one year. Why not this year?

> One reason perhaps, why some churches are irregular in their reports is because they have the habit of neglecting attention to the matter till the Dis rict Meeting is right at hand - the last week, or the last day, before it. Then it is easy to say, "It" no use, we haven't time now to prepare the report and select delegates, we'll have to let it go this year." In s me cases this is done for several years in succession, much to the hurt of the church, and greatly to the regret of the District Meeting and the General Conference.

> To make sure of being reported, and of having the rep rt properly filled out, and the delegates judiciously selected attention should be given to the matter some weeks before the date of the District Meeting. What is hurriedly done is not often well done. The preparation of a report of church life and work for a year is of sufficient

Pastors usually give special attention to the reports. It is not easy to find an excuse for a non-reporting church there was a sectarian article of the that has a pastor. Some churches are without pastors. The officers of such churches should see that they are reported. For fear of neglect, the nearwould do well to give them some attention just now, especially with a view to making sure that their reports are prepared and their delegates appointed.

The report form asks a number of questions and provides spaces for statements on several subjects concerning which it is desired to get information. From the appearance of some reports that reach District Meetings, it would not be unfair to infer that no attempt had been made to give the information asked for. Some of the questions may not be easy to answer. There should, however, be an attempt to give the fullest information possible Whether asked for or not, whatever will help to an understanding of the church's real condition should be into the report. Be careful, brethren, to do the best possible in this respect this

Besides their reports, the churche should be represented by delegates. Last year, at some of the District Meetings, there was an unusual lack in this respect. Let us hope that this year each church will be fu'ly repre

If any of the District Meetings arranged for the publication of their o ogrammes this year, they should be forwarded in time. It is not much use to print them only the week before the meeting. Get them in early.

We are hoping that this year, more than ever before, the business of the District Meetings will be thosoughly done, the devotional services will be numerous and good, and that the churches entertaining the meetings will be blessed with revival through their instrumentality. Let prayer be made to this end in all the churches.

THE NEXT GREAT AWAK ENING.

A book by Dr. Josiah Strong, bearing the above title, deals with the problems which demand the attention of good people in this time. The Presbyterian Witness reviews the book interestingly:

Confessedly there is need for a 'great awakening." The world is too much with us. Extensive spheres of human affairs are managed as if there was no God to be taken into account. The devout Roman Catholic, passing the church which is supposed to contain the body and blood, the humanity and divinity of Christ, makes some sign of his devotion. This, possibly something much less than this, is the passing respect which the average business man pays to his religion. He The time for holding the District may spend an hour, an hour and half a week in the place where public worship is conducted. Though present in body he is often absent in spirit; and other thoughts than the thoughts of G.d creep through his mind. Real worship is often excluded His own example of loving service. demning the measure as too bad to by a spirit of criticism, or by unbelief, The Kingdom will come when the or indifference. Singing, praying, reading, hearing, of en became mere dom and follows the example of the monstrated so often that there is never formalities, Large masses of our popul great Redeemer in giving heed to the any question about the entertainment lation absent themselves from pub ic physical as we'll as the spiritual needs trained before he will pay any taxes when a general meeting, whether Con. worship, and have no Christian of humanity. Jesus recognized phy- in support of such measures of educa-The preparation we have in mind ness affairs, from our town councils, of His love which the most ignorant is the preparation of the churches municipal councils and legislatures; and degraded could understand. The revision of the Presby- Every year there are churches which Party spirit is on the whole antichris-

What then is to be 'The next great awakening?" We agree with the It would be a most gratifying thing writer of this volume that the crying need of the time is faith in God, the living and true God, ever present, ever active : a personal God who is on the side of righteousness, and who is the Judge of all. This is no new truth, ing, and pred cted them more than a the place until the cover hardens. but it is a truth of which we need to be constantly reminded. God is Spirit, said the Lord Jesus. The outward forms of religion are important; but without spirit and reality they may become a snare and a delusion. Gorgeous adornments of religious forms are a source of danger because men and meridian of London. In perigee or destitute. women and especially children are tempted to rest in them. Churches May 8th and 7 hours north declination fully equipped with the "machinery" of religion may yet lack power. Organization and ornamentation do not produce life, but life seeks organization and leads to it. The Spirit of God is the life that all Churches need as the only real source of power.

> The material development of the age so wonderful and on the whole so beneficent, tends to dim our perception of spiritual realities. The scientific habit prevalent in our age has not been favorable to the dominance of d gma. Science has revealed the universal reign of law in the natural world, and "law" in the estimation of a certain school excludes God. "In Him we live, move, and exist," is the Christian doctrine. Christ claimed that he revealed to us His Father and our Father, His God and our God. But science, these teachers tell us, has of the actual state of things from getbanished a personal God from the uni- ting abroad. High officials continue verse. Myriads who would not ex- to receive letters threatening them pressly and articulately deny God do with death. In Finland there is very so 'practically, by omitting Him from | bitter resentment against the new conthe whole round of their lives. scription law, numerous disturbances Obviously there is need for a "great have taken place, and the recruits are revival" of faith in God as cur Father refusing to present themselves. At and our personal Friend.

The note of the great revival of the fifteenth century was The just shall live by faith, not by ceremonies or forms or the performances of a prie-tly caste. Salvation is of the Lord. Faith is the link that c nnects as with the Divine Saviour. The next revival had for its note the sovereignity of God in Christ. His peop'e were to be ruled not by priests or by kings or even by parliaments, but by the very living God, the only Lord of the Conscience. This was the Puritan revival. Then came the Methodist revival of which the note was personal salvation. The revival of the first half of the nine teenth' century gave due prominence to individual guilt and responsibility and free agency. The note of the great revival of which Mr. Moody was the chief leader was the love of God.

Each age seems to need emphasis on a particular doctrine, while of course not ignoring any part of Divine truth Now what is the special message com ing to us in the twentieth century? The great questions peculiar to our time are social. The Social Ideal is the Kingdom of God when every man shall acknowledge the supreme Head ship of Jesus, when all shall feel re sponsibility for each and each for all Christ pleased not Himself. He was as one who served. He came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many. He preached the Gospel to the poor, and He at the same time opened the eyes of the blind, healed the lame, cleansed the lepers, unstopped the ears of the deaf. Thus in the lips of our Lord the coming of the 'Kingdom of Heaven"implied material blessings as well as spiritual emancipation. He fed the hungry multitudes. He cared for the necessities of His disciples. His kingdom will have come when God's will is done on earth as it is in Heaven, -then and not till then. God's laws express His will. We must not forget that the "laws of nature" are the expression of His will as certainly as the moral law. God is Lord and Master of the physical wor'd His Kingdom ruleth over all.

God's message concerning His Kingdom comes to us by our Lord Christ. It is contained in parable and miracle world recognizes the laws of the Kingworship in their families. Christianity | sical suffering and need and minister- | tion. is not expressly excluded from busi- ed to them, thus giving to men proof physical planeon which the mu titudes er as her Master did.

NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

"I TOLD YOU So "

Prof. Wiggins, of Ottawa, says he is now complete'y covered with lava knew the volcanic eruptions were com- and it will be dangerous to approach dozen years ago. Asked how he fore- Ash showers and detonations continue. knew all this, he said :

"I knew it by calculation. Look Post's correspondent, is safe, but the into the nautical almanac of 1902 and people are apprehensive lest the lightyou will find the following phenomena: ning flashes shall fire the hundreds of Moon in conjunction with the sun tons of explosives stored in the forts. May 7th and 10 hours west of the The inhabitant are fleeing. Most are neare-t point in her orbit the earth 15 degrees. You see the earth, moon and sun were in the same straight line and the sun was eclipsed on May 7th. All the great volcanic eruptions in history occurred at the moon's conjunction with the sun."

THE FISHERIES.

The conference of representatives of the Provincial governments with the Domin on government last week, concerning the fisheries, resulted in a general understanding that the best interests of the country would be best served by the dominion having sole control. Another meeting is to be held in the summer.

RUSSIA IN REVOLT.

Russia seems to be seething with discontent, though the authorities take every possible means to prevent news St. Petersburg the students are in state of ferment, and agitators are busy among the workpeople of the factories, urging them to come out on strike. Things have gone much further in Central Russia and the neighbourhood of Moscow. Strikes and disturbances are of daily cocurrence. Education has been spreading among the workers, and, realising their miserable condition, they are claiming the rights and liberties enjoyed by those of their class in other countries. The worst disturbances have taken place further s uth in Little Russia. Eighteen thousand peasants are in revolt, made desperate by the want of seed corn and the means of livelihood. Eighty estates of the nobles have been ravaged rigorous measures have been taken by some of the authorities, and the peasants have been arrested and flogged wholesale. It is rumoured that sedition is also spreading in the army. Russia has reques ed the French Government to watch closely Russian refugees in Paris, where it is suspected a group of agitators is working in concert with the Russian Nihilists.

ENGLISH EDUCATION BILL.

The education measure now befor the British Parliament has aroused strong feeling and is being warmly discussed through out the country. I is very objectable and noncomformis s and their pulpits and press have spoken with unanimity and emphasis against the measure. It is claimed that it will give into the hands of the Church of England the greater part of the primary and secondary education of the cuntry. The Board Schools have heretofore been nondenominational, and certain aid has been given to voluntary schools conducted either by the Church of England or the Free Churches. The Free Churches, partly because they believed in "Christian uusectarian schools," and partly through lack of funds, established few such schools; but the Church of England started many more than they could carry on efficiently. The present measure would, among other things, constitute the great majority schools of the neighborhood in which they exist. The Special Education Committee of the Wesleyan Conference met recently to consider the matter. Rev. Hugh Price Hughes and discourse; it was emphasized by presented lengthy resolutions conbe mended, and urging Wesleyans to oppose its passage in the House. Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker has announced that he will let his property be dis-

MARTINIQUE AND ST. VINCENT.

Mount Pelee is still active. On to be fully reported and represented yet the pure and lofty morality of Through the lower nature he reached the 20th there was an eruption more at their respective District Meetings. Christianity is not greatly regarded. the higher. He went down to the violent than the one that swept St. Pierre away. On the 24th the volcano tion of membership in this class would terian creed was adopted by the General fail to report; some years they numb- tian. The weapons of party warfare lived and thus raised men up to the belched forth a torrent of lava and mud, which rushed down the north long as his policy is in force, any st terians. The Assembly is meeting in report is more marked in some Dis- this way year after year ignoring God. The physical needs of the world afford slope of the mountain and swept away plus being based upon the experience New York. The vote on the revision tricts than in others: but we do not the end will be moral degradation and the church her opportunity to minist- what was left of the town of Basse of the society on policies belonging Pointe New fissures have opened in the total abstinence class.

the side of the mountain. St. Pierre Fort De France, according to the

From Kingstown St Vincent island, word comes that the number of new craters in the disturbed district cannot be ascertained, as ascent of the mountain is impossible, but there are apparently four active craters there. Rumbling sounds are heard and vapor is still issuing from different parts of the mountain and the lava is still flow-

LORD PAUNCEFOTE.

The British Ambassador at Washington, Lord Pauncefote, died in that city Saturday. He had been reported ill for two or three weeks, but the latest report, prior to that of his death. was to the effect that he was recovering. He was in his 74th year. He had been fourteen years the British Ambassador at the United States capital. He had dealt with difficult international questions in a way to command the confidence and respect of both countries.

PEACE PROSPECTS.

It is believed that peace terms have been agreed upon and may be announced very soon. The Monday London despatches say. "The announcement of peace may be expected at any moment, and it will be found that the government has remained inflexible on all vital points at issue "

The Fifth Regiment Canadian Rifles sailed from Halifax Saturday.

The late Archbishop Corrigan, of New York, left an estate of \$250,000. Australia denies the mails to those that would use them for sending infermation about gambling. She rightly puts character before revenue.

Preparations for viewing the Coron ation procession in London are proceeding on a great scale. Stands have been planned, and in many cases are already half built, which will accomand everything des royed. The most | modate 2,000,000 seated spectators.

The Countess of Minto is at the head of the movement to secure a common burisl ground for all the Canadians who have fallen in South Africa.

A SINGLE VICTORY ABSTINENCE

In several numbers of the 'National' Advocate' we have called attention to the recognition by the Life Insurance Societies of Great Britain of the claims of the total abstainer that he is a better risk than the drinking man. Now some American life insurance companies are coming to take the same position and officially recognize the total abstainer as a man in better health and with better chances of long life than the drinking man, hence entitled to lower rates; and one of the leading companies has established total abstinence class, and offers lower rates to men who do not drink.

The abstinence clause in the contract is at once an avowal of temperance in the past and a pledge not to stable mee drink in the future. The applicant must testify that he has been a total abstainer from all sorts of liquors, and must pledge himself to the same abstinence during the life of the policy Officials of the company admit that an injustice was done to men who have been total abstainers in placing of these church schools the public them on the same rating as men who drink. The records of the compan readily establish the fact that the proportion of deaths among drinking men was greater than the proportion among abstainers, and yet, as an insurance rish, both have been regarded upon the same footing.

An actuary of the company which has taken the step new to American insurance said that while the compan did not consider itself a temperance society and was not segregating all it policy holders who are total abstaines it would put in this new class any cepted applicant for insurance w declared that he had been a total a stainer from the use as a beverage alcoholic liquors, indulging wine, be and fermented cider, and as a cond agree to remain a total abstainer

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