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The religious newspaper was never more in the homes of the people than now.

Itis a most astounding thing that chris ian ministers can advocate Sunday liquor shops, as some in New York are doing.

powerful effect, the devil is busy to counteract its gracious influence.

It has been well said that a man can no more be a christian without facing evil and doing his part to conquer it, than he can be a soldier without going to battle, encountering the enemy, and doing lis ut most to vercome him.

One result of the twentieth century money raising movement is the payment of a good many church debts. Four Methodist churches in New York city recently paid off \$183, 000, and are now free from debt. Re ieved of such a burden they can devote their energies to aggressive christian work.

Rev. Joseph Harvey died in Woodstock on the 12th inst. He was seventy-nine years old. For several ation. An immense deputation, repreyears he had been unable to engage in active work. He was well known, and in the years of his strength was one of the most successful Baptist ministers in this Province. Many were converted under his ministry.

Good old Dr. Cuyler has reached the age of eighty. He is in good physical health, is clear and strong in mind, and is doing his important part in the work of life with unabated ability, and is enjoying it. It has been given to few men to serve so long and so successfully, and to be beloved by so many people in many lands because of the help he has given them by his christian writings.

The question of making women eligible as delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which has agitated that body for several years, has been settled at last. The several State Conferences have voted to change the word "layman," as applied to a delegate, to LAY MEMBER. By this change it will be allowable to appoint women dele-

A missionary of many years experience in China, and of int mate knowledge of Chinese affairs, predicts of compensation for certain classes of that "within ten years China will make another and bloodier attempt to expel the foreigner." He says that she is "buying and making vast munitions of war, and organizing her army on corrected lines, and he believes that the next attempt will be gigantic in force and result in universal upheaval and most strenuous opposition. dismemberment at a terrible cost.' Let us hope he is far astray in his prophecies.

The much lauded Gothen any of the evil effects (there are no go d ones) of the traffic. The Stockstatement that fifty two per cent. of the cases of pauperism with which it is called on to deal are due to drink. because the sale of liquor being "farmed to be taken seriously. out" there is an incentive to push sales! liquors.

n w definition by Rev. Campbell Just so long as they allow themselves shout to some Huckleberry Finn, at Northfield. He says, Sacrilege, dishonest schemes as those by which there was hurrying to and fro, and we have always thought, was the break, ing into a church and stealing therefrom. This is not so; it is going int church and putting something on the plate. Sacrilege is centred in offering God something which costs nothing, because you think God is worth nothing. God looks for the giving at His altar of a gift that costs something.' And yet how many there are among us whose giving costs them nothing in which the subscription is paid. It is changed the way of sacrifice or self-denial. They only give what they can spare 'without feeling it."

> One of General Booth's daughters, Mrs. Booth-Clibborn, and her husband have left the Salvation Army and joined the Dowieites. It is only two or three year's ago that the General's son, Ballington Booth, and lation asked for. his wife left the Army and started a new movement. The old leader of the going away from him of the members of his own family. But he has shown himself a true and brave man in many a hard place and trying experience, and he is likely, in this latest trial, to shout a hallelujah and go on with his sturdy fight against the devi and all his works.

DELAYED REVIVALS.

One of large experience and great success in revival work says that many revival effort has proved a failure be cause wisdom was not exercised in the selection of the time of making the eff rt. No sane man in this country plants corn in September. There are The Mormons are carrying proper times for doing all things that on their work in Japan. Just when need to be done. God's work is not so the gospel is being preached with different from all other work that we can afford to throw away all common sense when planning to carry it forward. Nor is the Lord's work of so mall importance that it can be made to give place to everything else. ought always to have the first consideration and the first place in the list of our doings. Nothing can compare with it in importance. It has to do with the destinies of immortal souls. Let us watch for opportunities of doing most effectively the Lord's work in the revival of His people and the conversion of the unsaved.

PROVINCIAL PROHIBITION

The prohibitionists of Manitoba have taken the right course regarding the proposal of the government to ask the people to again vote on prohibition before putting the law into opersenting every section of the Province. waited on the government, asking that the law be now put into operation, and protesting against the proposed referendum. At a great mass meeting held in the evening, the statement of Premier Roblin, that he would adhere to the referendum scheme, was read, and a resolution was passed recommending the temperance people of the Province "to ignore the referendum and abstain from polling their votes thereon.'

The Ontario Legislature is being deluged with petitions for the passage of a prohibitory law. It is to be hoped the petitions will receive the consideration they deserve, and serve to check the manifest disposition to play fast and loose with the question. At this writing it has not been announced just what course the government in tends to pursue, though everything said and done so far gives the impres sion that the liquor traffic men are having more influence with the gov ernment than the temperance men. The referendum plan is, certainly, the jiquor men's. There is, also, a suggestion that attached to whatever legis lation is undertaken will be a scheme

Manitoba, and refuse to have anything to do with a referendum. Against compensation, in any degree, to any class of liquor dealers there should be pastor has Apostolic precedent for un-

Not only are the Governments of Manit ba and Ontario on trial just now-as to their honesty in dealing with a great question; but the prohibitionists of those Provinces are on trial, berg system of dealing wi h the liquor too. If they allow themselves to be traffic does not appreciably diminish humbugged into acceptance of the rum men's referendum scheme, handicapped by a compensation clause, and the holm Board of Guardians makes the demand that they poll a majori y of have professed interest in, and will his gig and the white-faced horse as The Gothenburg system does not meet | give the rum men and the politicians | he came over the hill a half mile away. the requirements of the case, they say, additional evidence that they are not There were calls to be made before he

and encourage the consumption of to do, if they would be respected, is to came down to our sheep-foid, -Alas! visit their righteous indignation on the I fear there were a few goats - among

Sacrilege has been given a members who have played them false. the sheep -some Tom Sawyer would Morgan, the successor of Mr. Moody to be fooled into approval of such 'The minister is coming' and then, the governments of Manitoba and faces were scrubbed until they shone Ontario are now playing to the rum and tangled heads were combed traffic, they may expect to be laughed and mother had counte us to see if at-as they ought to be-and to have no influence whatever with governments or legislatures If they will stand up like men, and stand together, they can win victories.

The Convention of Nora Sectia pro hibitionists, held in Truro last Wednesday, was large and representative. The situation was thoroughly discussed, and a resolution adopted to petition the Legislature of that Province at the approaching session to enact a prohibitery law. A committee representing every County of the Pr vince has been appointed to attend at the Legislature in the interests of the legis-

Will New Brunswick prohibitionists the Army must, of course, feel keenly do anything? No move has yet been made, so far as we know, towards ask ing the legislature of this Province for a prohibitory law. The Legislature will be meeting soon-perhaps within a month. It is the last session of the present House. If another Legislature is elected before a prohibitory law is asked for, prohibitionists may count on at least four years of delay before anything will be even attempted.

WHAT THE DEACON SAID.

XVI. About Pastoral Visiting

"I see by the papers that your pas tor has resigned", said the deacon, as he took off his overcoat.

"Yes," I replied, - "they-I mean a few of us-asked him - I mean sug gested that we thought it was time we had a change. We thought an older man would do us better, one who could do more visiting. Our late I mean our ex-pastor is nearly

'Our pastor has resigned too", said the deacon. "Your resignation-or his!" I asked

"It was ours this time", said the "The same old story, I suppose

said "he did not visit enough." "No," said the deacon, with a sigh

'it was some:hing worse than that" I was beginning to enjoy the dea con-I smelled scandal, and the odor of violets was not more pleasant to me Scandal to the average man, and the below, and above average woman, as grateful as the smell of venion t the hungry hunter.

"What is there worse than for minister to neglect his visiting?" agerly asked.

"Visi ing too much," replied the deacon; "our ex-pastor visited too

much." I suppose I fainted then, for they were sprinkling me and fanning me when I regained consciousness, and faintly gasped the deacon's last words, 'visited too much," that is the first time I ever heard a minister charged with that. - "And yet, I said in feeble voice, "about everything they get has to be charged."

As my strength came back I thought I had a position to defend, and I would defend it; so I told the deacon that I could not understand how a pastor could visit too much, unless his flock was a very small, one, of not more than two or three families, and he was a very large, strong energetic man with an abnormal appetite, who ca'led before breakfast, and came back to dinner, and then thought, as it was getting too late to make another call, he might as well stop to supper. Such a pastor, under such conditions, might visit his people to death. "But", I continued, "a pastor in these days has from fifteen to a hundred and more families under his care, and how can he visit them too much Why they are never satisfied. They Ontario prohibitionists should fol- are like Oliver Twist always crying children, tell them that. Deal faiththat a pastor to satisfy the demands of his people must visit if he would retain his hold of them. And then the ceasing visitations. Paul went 'teaching' from house to house, you

I think the deacon must have felt that I had the best of the argument, for instead of making any objections to my statements he seemed to change the subject, and became reminiscent.

"When I was a boy, said he, "pastoral visiting was a good deal like house cleaning; but it has degenera'the registered votes, they will show ed" -- and he sighed "We knew the themselves unworthy the cause they minister was coming, for we could see could get to our house. If we had The one thing for temperance voters by chance missed seeing him as he

any had escaped, (there were large families in those days) and then we were marshalled into the best room, and seated in a row, and by the time the Minister knocked at the door the little platters were outwardly clean, but inwardly? How fast the buttons on the little jackets rose and fellover the hearts that even mother could not wash clean. How we wish ed that we had been better boys for we were sure the keen bright eyes of the minister could read our hearts and knew all about our misdeeds - that we had been disobedient and selfish, fighting. He shook hands with us all day. and asked our names, and who made us, and 'What was the chief erd o man', and did we know the Commandments, and the Beatitudes? And then, how he talked to Mother, as if he knew how we worried her, for he toldher how much she needed divine wisdom to teach her children. And when he prayed, he prayed for us all by name; and if the names were scriptural as they mostly were-he prayed that Moses might be patient and lead other boys right and not wrong; that Joseph might be kept pure and good, even though he had to go to prison; that Caleb and Joshua (the twins) might get into the promised land; that Thomas might believe and not doubt, (I used to remind Tom of that prayer when I would tell him something, and he would say, 'That's a whopper'); that Dorcas might help They are reported as law-abiding and mother with her sewing; and that conten'ed, and become more self-sup-Martha and Mary (the other twins) porting. About 4,000 of the indians might both 'choose the good part' and so on for all the rest.'

"And, when he bade us good bye he shook hands with us all again, and then laid his hand upon our heads and prayed, 'God bless the lads,' and gave us his benediction, and was gone. But not the gracious influence left behin d; that lingered for many a day. Mother went about her work with a lighter step, and a brighter smile upon her face; and as for us boys, -well, we were boys still, and did wrong, and got into mischief, but we were better boys old minister has been in heaven for hear again his tremulous voice as he prays, 'God bless the lads.'"

he looked up his eyes were wet.

"That was pastoral visiting," quietly said, "and there can never be too much of it.',

"But the modern, up-to-date minis ster has two sermons to prepare eve week, in addition to his other work. He has to be teacher, and how can he be teacher from 'house to house,' and hoped that now the law will be rigorin the pulpit, if he does not study With unexpected calls and callers to take the time; with many funerals, and a few-all to few-weddings, to attend, Saturday night often finds the weary pastor wading through his 'sixthly,' and his 'sixteenthly' and the 'lastly,' and 'in conclusion' seem no more like to reach their conclusion than the debt on the church, or the arrears on the Religious Intel-

"Do not neglect the sick, the aged nor the poor, and do not neglect your sermon; if there is any time, left after that, give it to the others," was the advice given to a young minister by an aged

one, of ripe, and varied experience. "Have a distinct object before you in your pastoral visitations," says another authority. "Go to help. If comfort and consolation they need prayer meeting tell them of their neglect. If they are mean tell them of their meanness; if unclean, of their and they will not complain of your not visi ing them enough. Once a year will satisfy the most of them, especially the mean man; one visit will cure him of fault-finding, about visiting, if it does not cure him of his meanness." The deacon rose to put on his coat, and I thought it was time.

"I will tell you when a pastor visits too much," he said. "When he visits at the expense of his sermon - unless he visits the sick. 'Charity covers a multitude of sins,' and over-much v siting covers a multi-ude of poor sermons. I think when my pastor is ringing door bells all the week, and I see the word, hunted look on his face, of 'hash' for next Sunday'

"He visits two much, when he thinks more of holding his people by the flattery of his visit, than of helping them. He visits too niuch when he sees that a member of another church has a grievan e against his pastor, and takes advantage of that grievance to win him to his own church, by visiting him. And he visits too much when he visits families that do not rightfully belong to him."

THADDEUS.

NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

The British Parliament was opened Tuesday of last week by the King. Queen Alexandra accompanied him. The King's Speech iid not contain any particularly important statements. The references to the South African war were greeted with warmest applause-a most unusual thing to occur in connection with a Sovereign's Speech at the opening of Parliament.

FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Four squadrons of Canadian Mounted Rifles sailed from Halifax for South Africa on Tuesday of last week. They Scotia, 9,178; New Brunswicd, 9,857; were given a hearty send-off. Another troopship carrying the balance of the 79,099; Manitoba, 102,441; N. West and that Tom and I had just been troops, will sail next Friday or Satur-

TAMMANY. Croker has retired from the leaders ip of Tammany. The defeat in the last New York elections was regarded as such a rebuke of the Tammany methods under the Croker that his retirement became necessary. His successor is Lewis Nixon. He is said to be a man of education and of very good reputation. But whether the methods of the organization will be changed remains to be seen. The fact that Nixon is Croker's choice suggests doubt of real improvement.

CANADA'S INDIANS.

The report of the Indian Department, just out, shows that Canada's Indians now number 99,527 - an in crease of 517 since last year's report are in the Maritime Provinces-in Nova Scotia, 2,020; New Brunswick, 1,655; P. E Island, 315.

MARRIED VS. UNMARRIED.

A German statistician, Dr. Filz, has after several years investigation, reached the conclusion that marriage is conducive to long life. He presents tables showing that the death rate among married people between 20 and by Parliament with a view to discover-30 years of age is 6.7 per thousand, unmarried 8.4; between 30 and 40, married 9.1, unmarried, 15.8; befor that pastoral visit. Although that tween 40 and 50, married, 14.2 unmarried, 26.5; from 50 to 69, married many a year, there are times when I 24, unmarried, 42; between 60 and 70 can feel his hand upon my head, and the proportions are, married 45, unmarried 71. These figures prove that the fact should be made known to the deaths of married persons between | the whole country. The deacon bowed his head upon his 30 and 70 are three-fifths less than of hands, and seemed far away, but when unmarried. The average life of the unmarried person who passes 31 is 58.6, of the married 64.4.

SUSTAINED.

The Supreme Court of Prince Ed ward Island has given judgment de claring the validity of the Prohibition Law of that Province. It is to be ously enforced.

SOUTH AFRICA.

According to trustworthy informa tion, Dr. Kuyper, the Dutch premier recently intimated to the Boer delegates the desirability of their giving some incimation to the British govern ment of the basis upon which they would entertain peace negotiations.

The British captured a Boer laager at Roodekranz, near Ficksburg, last Sunday, with 10 wagons and 2,500 sheep. It was discovered that boots, candles, clothing and Martini bullets were being made at this laager.

A despatch from Wellington, N. Z. says a patriotic meeting attended by thousands of persons passed resolu tion approving Great Britain's congive it to them. If they have neglected Chamberlain's refutation of foreign ago the British Government made slanders.

J. G. Henderson writes to the Lon uncleanness; if proud, tell them of don Times offering to pay £10,000 if their pride; if they are spoiling their the charges of inhumanity on the part low the example of their fellows in out 'more, more'; so you see deacon fully with your people in their homes, of British troops in South African war be proved within six months The treasurers of four London hospit als are named as arbiters. If Henderson loses, half the money is to g to hospitals in London, the rest to b divided between the hospitals of Berlin, Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam.

The trial of Dr. Krause, the former governor of Johannesburg, on the charge of inciting Cornelius Broecksman, the public prosecutor of Johannesburg (who was executed by the British authorities in South Africa) to murder John Douglas Foster, an English lawyer, who was on the staff of Lord Roberts, resulted in his being found guilty. He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

THE CENSUS.

An official statement, presumably based on complete returns, of the census of 1901, was given out Wednes- Ligne. We wish our brethren abunday of last week. The population of I dant success in this go d undertaking.

the Dominion is 5,369,666-an increase of 536,427 since 1891. By provinces the population is as follows:

Prince Edward Island....103,259 British Columbia. 177,272 North West Territory 158,941 Yukon..... 27,167 Unorganized districts 25,546

Total...........5,369,666 The increases in the decad by provinces were as follows: Nova Ontario, 68 621; British Columbia, Territories, 126,773; Quebec, 152,364. P. E. Istand suffered a decrease of 5,819.

The increase of Quebec's population is nearly one third of the whole increase; it is larger than that of any other province, and even of the Territories into which thousands of immigrants have gone; and it is nearly double that of all older Provinces continued.

The unit of representation is of course, changed by the Census, and is now 25,367, being determined by dividing the population of Quebec by 65 the number of that Province's representatives. The representation in the next Parliament will be 210 instead of 213 as now.

Quebec's contingent remains stationary at sixty five. Ontario will have eighty-five members; New Brunswick thirteen; Nova Scotia, eighteen; Manitaba, ten; British Columbia, seven'; North-West Territories, six; Prince Edward Island, four, and the Yukon one. This means a cutting down of Ontario representation by seven. New Brunswick loses one member, Neva Scotia two, Prince Edward Island one. Manitoba gains three seats, the Territories two, and British Columbia one.

The exceptional and peculiar methods used in securing the French population ought to be looked into ing how much they had to do with swelling the Quebec figures and thereby increasing the Quebec influence in Parliament. If the returns were properly secured nobody has a right to say a word; if they were secured by methods unfair to the other Provinces

The first President of Cuba has been chosen-T. Estrada Palma. He is a man of ability and character and, it is believed, will be a judicious Chief Magistrate.

Prince Henry of Germany is shortly to visit the United States. Perhaps he will visit Canada, also.

Chief Justice McColl, of British Columbia died last Thursday.

Lord Dufferin, formerly Governor General of Canada, is seriously ill. The Colonial Premiers have been.

monies on June 26th. Kruger is reported to be in poor

invited to attend the coronation cere-

Reports about the Pope say, alternately, that he is in excellent condition, and that his death any day need not be a surprise.

PROTECT THEM.—The United States Congress is again being urged to enact law for the protection of the natives of Polynesian islands from the traffic duct of the war in South Africa and in strong drink and in fire-arms. Years it illegal for British subjects to sell in the New Hebrides or in any other of the Pacific Island either rum or guns, - fire-arms or "liquid fire." Several attempts have been made to induce Congress to follow British example, and it is hoped that this winter the effort will prove successful. Wherever British rule extends native races are protected as far as possible from their deadly foe, strong drink. -It is one of the sins of the late South African Republic that it sold liquor freely to the native tribes. Wherever British Crown colonies exist there native races are protected

> FIFTY THOUSAND.—Rev. A. F. Adams has been appointed manager of the Twentieth Century Fund, which the Bapti t convention of the Maritime Provinces decided upon about a year and a half ago. The scheme to raise \$50,000 in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Of this it has been decided to use half to advance missions in India, and the other half to be sub-divided among home missi ne, the Northwest and Grand

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