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Why should two votes in favour of legalized iniquity have as much value as three votes in favour of morality?

Has there been revival in your church this year? If not, have you endeavored to determine what, if any, responsibility you have for the lack of revival? Think about it—and pray, too.

Have you a neighbour who ought to have the INTELLIGENCER, but does not get it? A judicious and earnest word from you might induce him to become a subscriber.

"The worship of Dr. ... will be resumed next Sabbath," was the announcement made concerning a pastor who was about returning from his vacation.

Ten millions of people in France—more than one-fourth of the population—registered themselves, in the last census, as having no religion.

It will be a good day for all the churches, Dr. Maclaren says, when their members ask themselves whether they are doing the work for which they are established by their Lord.

Christian countries send missionaries to heathen countries. The same christian countries send cargoes of rum to heathen countries.

The United States Senate has, at last, passed a bill prohibiting the sale of liquor and fire-arms by United States people to the natives of the New Hebrides and other Pacific Islands.

PROHIBITION AND REFERENDUM.

The Ontario government has declared its policy on the prohibition question. A prohibitory law has been introduced.

The plan determined upon is, evidently, very satisfactory to the rum traffic men. Prohibitionists are indignant, and many of them are expressing themselves very emphatically.

"At the time of the last Dominion plebiscite there were 576,784 names on the voters' list in Ontario. The total vote cast by the prohibitionists was 154,499, or 27 per cent. of the total number of votes polled."

Whether prohibitionists will be able to compel changes in the till during its passage is doubtful. They will, certainly, make an effort.

Both in Manitoba and Ontario temperance voters are face to face with a grave duty. They owe it to the cause of temperance and prohibition, and, also, to themselves—to show that they mean what they have talked so much about.

The action of next week's convention will be watched with much interest. Any weakening or compromise will carry dismay to the hearts of thousands all over the Dominion.

THE STUDENT VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The approaching Quadrennial Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, which occurs in Toronto February 26 to March 2, 1902, is an event of such importance that the organization responsible for this gathering is naturally attracting much attention.

The significance of his movement to institutions of higher learning is very manifest to all who can compare the college of twenty years ago with the same institution to-day.

The untried path is always, to some, a pit-fall of danger. There has not been an advance in the world's progress, but has been derided as portending sure disaster.

—The annual report of the Sailor's Home work, St. John, pre-ented last week, was very satisfactory. Rev. H. H. Cosman, who has been Manager and missionary of the Home for two years, has done excellent service and was reappointed.

HOME RELGIOUS NEWS.

—Bishop Rogers, Roman Catholic, of Chatham, N. B., has retired from the administration of the affairs of the diocese, being succeeded by the Co-adjutor bishop Barry.

POLITICAL NEWS.

A convention of Liberals in British Columbia has decided to run provincial politics on Dominion party lines. The N. Brunswick Legislature is to meet March 6th.

THE PLANETS SAYS THE PRESBYTERIAN WITNESS.

—By the middle of the month all our planets will be out of even sky. Venus is rapidly swinging back towards the setting sun, and so is Mercury.

"STOP THE TAP."

In an asylum for the insane the authorities had a novel way of testing the inmates supposed to be cured. There was a trough of water filled by a pipe from a fountain spring.

MODERN PALESTINE.

The railroad in Jerusalem is now a familiar thing. The trolley line is becoming familiar. Various lines are projected to connect various places familiar in sacred history.

OUT OF WORK.

There are many unemployed in the chief cities of Sweden and Norway. In Gottenberg alone there is an enrollment of 5,000 persons out of work.

CANCER INVESTIGATIONS.

A scheme is on foot in London for the most thorough investigation into the causes, prevention and treatment of cancer.

HOSPITAL INQUIRY.

Complaints having been made about the management of the St. John Public Hospital, the local government has appointed a commission to inquire into the management.

OBJECT TO HIS COLOUR.

Booker T. Washington has been asked to give the Commencement Day oration at the University of Nebraska.

LEGISLATURES.

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GREAT CANALS.

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3. The Corinth canal, in Greece, begun in 1864, and completed in 1893.
4. The Manchester ship canal, completed in 1894.
5. The Kaiser Wilhelm canal, connecting the Baltic and North seas, completed in 1895.
6. The Elbe and Travo canal, connecting the North sea and Baltic, opened in 1900.
7. The Welland canal, connecting Lake Erie with Lake Ontario.
8 and 9. The two canals, United States and Canadian, respectively, connecting Lake Superior with Lake Huron.

NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

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Spain is over 60 per cent. of the entire population. The total amounts to 154,733. Another curious fact is, that, although the Ultramontane journals defend the Spanish clergy from the attacks made upon them by alleging that they are hard at work educating the people, the number of illiterate people in Spain is over 60 per cent. of the entire population.

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