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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19TH, 1902.

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

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

ought to have the Intelligences, but hibitionist says the conditions of the earnest word from you might induce him to become a subscriber. How much good its regular visits might do him and his family no one can tell. It would be helping on the work of the

"The worship of Dr. --- will be resumed next Sabbath," was th announcement made concerning pastor who was about returning from his vacation. Of course, the brother making the announcement meant to say that the pastor would again take up his work; but what he did say was perhapo, not so far from correct, for there are congregations whose attach ment is to their pastor rather than to Christ. The pastor who has such congregation has reason to fear for them, and needs, also, to change hi methods.

Ten millions of people in France - more than one-fourth of the population-registered themselves, in the last census, as having no religion. This is the lamentable condition to which the Romish church, established in that country, has brought the people. With fire and sword the best of its people were driven out of France when the Huguenots were persecuted into exile. And now the descendants! of the Huguenots are striving to send the Bible and a free evangelical religion back to the unhappy people who have no religion.

It will be a good day for all the churches, Dr. Maclaren says, when to compel changes in the till during their members ask themselves whether its passage is doubtful. They will, cer they are doing the work for which they | tainly, make an effort. Failing to make are established by their Lord, if they changes, they should refuse to enter fail in winning men to be His, and the contest so hopelessly handicapped whether Christ will be satisfied if, This matter will doubtless, receive full when He asks them why they have consideration at the Convention which not carried out His commands to take is to be held in Toronto next Tuesday His Gospel to those around them who It is likely to be one of the greatest are without it, they answer, 'Lord, we were so busy studying deep theological questions, arguing about the mittee on temperance has issued masses alone.

Christian countries send missionaries to heathen countries. The same christian countries send cargoes of rum to heathen countries. Here are the true facts: Bishop Hartzell, als, to themselves-to show that they of the Methodist Episcopal church, mean what they have talked so much recen ly went to Africa on a ship with about, to strongly oppose the governtwenty-four missionaries, representing ments which are playing to the rum e ght m ssionary societies. About the traffic. In Manitoba the government same time a ship with a full cargo of which is doing this is Conservative, in New England rum, comprising 570 Ontario the government is Liberal. puncheons, and valued at \$120,000. Both should be punished. If temperwas lately cleared from the port of ance men are n t strong enough to Boston consigned to the use of the take the grip with the political parti s aborigines on the West African coast. which have had their allegiance, they

cargo of rum are members of christian laugh at them as of small account. If congregations, help support the on the other hand, they are independbecause of the money they possess. of temperance and prohibition such a early riser on will see Jupiter as a How long, O Lord, how long!

has, at last, passed a bill prohibiting will be watched with much interest. the sale of liquor and fire arms by Any weakening or compromise will United States people to the natives of the New Hebrides and other Pacific all over the Dominion. Let us hope Islands. It is supposed the House of Representatives will, also, pass the bill, and then the President will approve, of course. For years Dr. Paten has been begging the nations to do this. Long ago Great Britain did it, and some others. The United States Congress, doubtless because of commercial pressure, could not be persuaded to fall into line with Great Britain. It is cause for thankfulness, however, that at last the right thing

has been done. It is a little amusing, and just a little disgusting too, to notice that some United Stat s papers -some of them religious papers, speak of the legislation as though the U. S. Congress is the pioneer in the matter, and that the other nations are likely to fall into line.

PROHIBITION AND REFER-ENDUM.

How characteristic

The Ontariogovernment hasdeclared its policy on the probibition question. A prohibitory law has been introduced. It is a copy of the Manitoba law. It is not to become operative till voted upon by the electorate of the Province. Voting on the act is to take place on the 14th October next. To become law there must be cast in i's favour votes equal to a majority of the votes p lled in the general election which is to take place in June.

The plan determined upon is, evident ly, very satisfact ry to the rum traffic men. Prohibit onists are indignant, and many of them are expressing themselves very emphatically. Mr. F. S. Spence, the Secretary of the D minion Alliance, and well-known Have you a neighbour who throughout Canada as a foremost prodoes not get it? A judicious and referendum are most unfair, and he shows this by the following calcula-

> "At the time of the last Dominion p'ebiscite 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. If at a general election 70 per cent. of this number of votes had been cast the number would have been 403,749. Requiring prohibitionists to vote half of that number would mean 201,872. In the plebiscite they really secured 154,498. So that with such a percentage of votng on the plan of this new bill they would have been beaten by 47,374. According to suggested plans of requirwould have been beaten by 7,371 votes. So that if the 60 per cent. method they would have had a handicap of about 74,000."

The fact is that by the terms of the referendum the prohibitionists are asked to do an impossibility. The iquor traffic men do not need to go to the polls at all, and they can devote their efforts to keeping voters away from the polls, which is, with large sections of the electorate, much easier than persuading them to vote.

Whether prohibitionists will be able conventions ever held in Ontario. The Methodist General Conference com validity of critical inquiries as to the special call to all its ministers, urging dates of the books of the Rible, preach- them and the representative workers ing and hearing eloquent discourses, in their churches to attend the convencomforting and edifying one another, tion. Other religious bodies and all that we had to leave the Christless the temperance organizations are being tor in her own thought and aroused, also.

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, It is not improbable that some of need not be surprised that the liquor the men financially interest d in that men and the politicians continue to churches, and are given a uch deference ent and brave they will give the cause

The United States Senate The action of next week's convention carry dismay to the hearts of thousands for courageous action.

THE STUDENT VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The approaching Quidrennial Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Mission, which occurs in Toronto February 26 to March 2, 1902, is an event of such importance that the organization respossible for this gathering is naturally attracting much attention. If the enterpr se of a few men, most o them of little culture, wrought such great results in the firs: Christian century, the movement which promises to bring together in a gre't missionary ga hering in Toronto 2,500 students and professors from nearly 500 institutions of higher education in the United States and Canada and which is represented on the field by over 1,800 missionaries is certainly worthy of consideration.

The significance of his movement to institutions of higher learning is very manif st to all who can compare the coll ge of twen'y years ago wi h the same institution to-day. Then there rarely existed so favorable a symptom even as apathy with regard to the missionary enterprise; there was absolute ignorance or thought lessness concerning the subject. In the vast majority of colleges missionary meetings were non-existent ; missionary libraries did not exist; contributions to aid in the world's evangelization and college-supported missionaries were equally infrequent; downright mission study was almost unthinkable; and candidates for the fore gn field, feeling the chill of an unsympathetic or scoffing environment kept their high ambitions locked within their own breasts. To-day these conditions are totally reversed, and almost wholly because of the Student Volunteer Movement and its strong ally, the missionary committee of the College Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations. Travelling secretaries of the Movement visit so ne 300 colleges each year carrying with them the appeal of the non-Christian world and putting new life and methods into existing missionary machinery. Missionary reading and study, missionary meetings and giving, and intelligent prayer for missions are the rule instead! of the excep ion and each year they are becoming more effective. Under this new o. ler missions take a rightful and ing prohibitionists to secure 60 per honored place in the student's estimacent. of votes cast, the prohibitionists tion. Volunteers, literally by the thousand, are naturally won and begin in undergraduate days awise study principle had been applied in the and preparation for their important plebiscite, the prohibitionists would work. The rassociation in Boards is have had a handicap of about 7,000 | helpful to them personally and is an votes, while, according to the new aid to the strong propagation, both within and without the institution, of the missienary idea. Probably no single missionary force outside the missionary boards is so effective as the summer campaign and winter de putation work of these volunteers.

What is the significance to the churches of this great student uprising? When choice young men and women are freely offering their lives for the non-Christian world, surely the trifling sacrifice of financial support and the exercise of a prayerful interest in these young volunteers, are but as dust in the balance in comparison with the great renunciation which these students have made. No clarion call has come to the churches in all the Christian centuries that should be so awakening and effective. The volunteers' watchword, "The Evangelization of the World in this Generation", has put new life and purpose into 5,000 young men and women; and when understood as a sane call to the Church to consider its responsibility toward an unevangelized generation that in a few years must pass beyond her reach it should be an equally powerful facactivities. It is the divine imperative of the Gospels, plus the inspiring er, viz. : energy that should come from clearly apprehended duty. We may certainly expect that one result of the coming Convention will be to bring burg canal, begun in 1877, and combefore the American Christians, a never before, the solemn is ues at stake, and the urgent call to partic pate in so glorious an enterprise.

THE PLANETS SAYS THE PRESBY TERIAN WITNESS ;-By the micdle of the month all our planets will be out of eveni g ky. Venus is rapidly winging back towards the setting sun, and so i. Me cury. But to secure a good look at Mercury look the first cloudless evering at Venus in her aplendour in the Wetern siy, and b twe n Ve us and the Western horizon you will pick up Mercury. Try between 630 nd 7 o'clock. You need not try after the 18th. If you are an lift as it as not had for many years. norning star.

"STOP THE TAP."

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

cient method. Alas! by most sane his wasteful method!

hold to the stop the tap method in linois windwheel was lately set up on population. promoting needed reforms, and dealing w th crying evils.

State, is 'ooked upon by ome with horror. Our Lord, went to the roots of things: "Make the tree good." The radical method is His teaching. No compromise, no palliation. His thought in "Make the tree good" we cannot miss. The straight, direct method is clear. That surely is not dogmatism but fact. And if fact, the straight path can scarcely be missed. Then, why is it that it is sometimes missed? That even the Church of God, as to more than the liquor traffic, has missed it? Because this thoroughness is not popular, it is thought to involve a sacrifice too great, in this age of growing material ideals.

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

Paul withstood Peter to the face, in maintaining "The new wine, in new bottle." The prophets held to the bed rock of "righteousness," and God was with them. The rallying cry was, "the law of the Lord." That law "lays the axe to the root." It is radical, thorough. It destroys the bringes behind, and marches straight forward. It saps the evil by planting good. It destroys "the works of da kness," by the living grace of the spirit of holiness. It puts human law in harmony with the eternal law, to work righteousness, and so aids, by God's means, to "make all things new" - the fulfilment of the divine purpose, "Thy will be done on earth, as in heaven."

HOME RELGOUS NEWS

-The annual report of the Sailor's Home work, St, John, presented 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.

-Bishop Rogers, Roman Catholic, of Chatham, N. B., has retired from the administration of the affairs of the di cese, being succeeded by the Coadjutor bishop Barry. His retirement is due to failing health.

-Rev. D. McOdrum of Cape Bre on, has accepted the call of the Moncton Presbyterian church.

POLITICAL NEWS. - Wm. D. R Cameron, of Sherbrooke, Guysboro county, has been appointed to the Nova Scotia Legislative Council.

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 preliminary investigation in the St. James division, Montreal election case is showing more "irregularities." Another arrest was made

Mr. F. H. Hale M. P. was given a on Friday evening.

GREAT CANALS.-The great ship canals of the wo.'d are nine in numb-

1. The Suez canal, begun in 1859, and completed in 1866. 2. The Cronstadt and St. Peters.

pleted in 1890. 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, con-

necting the Baltic and North seas, completed in 1895. 6. The Elbe and Travo canal, connecting the North sea and Baltic,

opened in 1900.

Lake Erie with Lake Ontario. States and Canadian, respectively, NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

MODERN PALESTINE.

The railroad in Jeru alem is now a familiar thing. The trolley line is be- tendants, 13,224 assistant priests (a tap that stepped or permitted the c m'ng familiar. Various lines are rank still lower than the curates), 37,water to flow in the trough. Those projected to connect various places 363 monks, 2,299 male novices, 7,802 who had not recovered commenced to familiar in sacred history, such as lay-brothers, 151 priest; of congregaladle the water out of the trough; and Samaria, Bethany, Bethlehem, Lake tions of orders. 20,550 nuns, 1,005 those who had recovered stopped the of Galilee, Jericho, Nazareth, etc. fe nale novitiates and 1,130 lay sisters. filling of the trough by turning the tap. The Palestine of the past is vanishing. The total amounts to 154,,733. Anoth, To stop the tap is the common-sense | More than 200 phonographs lately er curious fact is, that, although the and cirect method, and the ladling out went to Jerusalem, and in one day re. Ultr montane journals defend the is the costly, wasteful and very ineffi-cently an American "travelling man", Spanish clergy from the attacks made sold nearly \$4,000 worth of medern upon them by alleging t at they are people how very much there is practised Yankee goods. American leather, hard at work educating the people, flour, watches, and some canned goods the number of illiterate people in Somehow, some way we are slow to are finding quite a demand. An Il- Spain is over 60 per cent, of the entire the plains of Bakaa, and the firm that placed it is confident that there is to! A STATE DINNER. Radical sm, both as to Church and be a demand for these wheels all through Palestine and Syria, and for Governor General at the opening of other irrigation machinery. A curious thing is that the leaders in these enterprises are often Jews, and they are conducting them as a part of the "back to Jerusalem" movement.

OUT OF WORK:

There are many unemployed in the chief cities of Sweden and Norway. In Gotenberg alone there is an enrollment of 5,000 persons out of work a condition unparalleled in the history of the country. Relief works are being undertaken in some places

CANCER INVESTIGATIONS.

A scheme is on foot in London for the most thorough investigation into the causes, prevention and treatment of cancer. All the leading members of the Royal College of Physicians and much below the Papal representative the Royal College of Surgeons are in favour of the proposal. The scheme provides for the equipment and en dowment of laboratories exclusively for cancer research, with a director and assistants. Grants will te given in aid of cancer research in any part of the Empire, at home or abroad, and assistance will be given to the already existing cancer research department of Middlesex Hospital and to any o her hospital which establishes a special cancer department. The cost is estimated at not less than £100,000, towards which several thousand pounds have been promised. Both the King and the Prince of Wales have express ed their approval of the movement.

HOSPITAL INQUIRY.

Complaints having been made about the management of the St John Public Hospital, the local gov ernment has appointed a commission to inquire in o the management of affairs of the institution. Chief Justice Tuck and Messrs Lee and Knowlton are the Commission of in quiry.

OBJECT TO HIS COLOUR.

Booker T. Washington has been asked to give the Commencment Day oration at the University of Nebraska and has accepted the invitation. And now the members of some of the classes, the seniors being leaders, are declaring their opposition to Mr. Washington because he is a ne ro, They might be ter judge the man by his brains and his success as an educator than by the fact that his colour is a shade darker than their own. Perhaps they will have more sense later.

Thursday. The Governor's speech democratic institutions. But who mentioned the evidences of progress asked Lord Dufferin, were such in the province. The output of coal the gence of ages, the British constitution of any in the history of the province. a King irresponsible for four year Since recess steps have been taken to- The Canadian systhme ele wards the establishment of a public a Government answerable sanitorium for the treatment of tuber- | Parliament complimentary banquet in Woodstock | cular diseases, the site selected and | and subject to dismissal whenever secured. During the present year failed to carry out the popular definite steps would be taken to establish a Maritime agricultural and horticultural school.

> Mr. Thos. Robertson M. P. P., of Shelburne Co. was elected speaker of the Assembly.

> The Quebec Legislature, also, met Thursday. There were the usual cere

ROMANISM IN SPAIN.

A controversy in the German press the socialist papers on one side, and the Ultramontane organs has brought out some facts about how Spain is burdened with Roman clerics, male and female. It is shown that there are in that unfortunate country 4 cardinals, 9 archbishops, 51 bishops, 7. The Welland canal, connecting 543 church dignita ies, 1,239 cathedral canons, 692 c ergy belonging to noble 8 and 9. The two canals, Unit d families, 172 who are their assistants, 16,931 parish clergy, 23,698 clerical public, but, evidently a very ples connecting Lake Superior with Lake incumbents, 5,471 parish chaplains (a one. The terms of the agreement rank somewhat inferior to the incum-

bents) 16,876 assistant elergy (something like our curates), 5,531 mass at-

The "State Dinner" given by the Parliament each year is an official affair, to which members of the government, the chief officers of the Senate and Commons and certain other high officials are bidden. At that given last Thursday night it is announced that Monsignor Falconi, the Papal delegate, and the Roman Catholic archbishop of Ottawa, had the positions of honor, sitting the one on the Governor General's right, and the other on his left. Is this to be understood as a recognition by the Governor General of the Pope's delegate. M Falconi, as the chief personage in the government of the country? It looks very like it. It does not appear from the reports of the dinner that any Protestant clergyman was present. there was one, he had to take a place se that it was not thought worth while to ing distr mention his presence. Great is Falconi

LORD DUFFERIN. Lord Dufferin died Wednesday His death was not unexpected, h heal h for some time having been ver frail. He was in his seventy-sixt year. In his death the Enpire ha lost one her ablest and most success ful diplomats. He had filled some the most important positions and ways - whether as Ambassador Paris, Rome, St. Petersburg, Con stantinople, as governor general Canada Viceroy of India-with mark ed ability and success. In no part of the Empire will he be more genuinel mourned than in Canada. He cam h re as Governor General at a some what critical time in the history the country. Confederation had bee accomplished, and the question Wha now? was a more or less disturbing one. Some as says the Mail and Em plre, regarded Confederation as the first step to a new alliance different to that hitherto enjoyed. Others viewe it as the in tial move towards the in dependence which some Imperial state men had told us we were quite we come to take. "Others again hoped the it meant a strengthening of the unid with the Empire. This last was the view of Sir John Macdonald. In th midst of the discussion Lord Dufferi appeared. Before coming, he declar ed that it was his desire to eement Is pe ial union, and he set about work in a marvelously clever was He combatted no prevailing theory to our future, but seized upon best points in all the suggestions t had been advanced, and showed the these advantages were to be exp ienced to the full under the Briti Crown. Annexation, hinted at The Nova Scotia legislature met on some, was pointed to as a desire manifest in the agricultural, mining, I tutions enjoyed more fully than und fishing and lumbering enterprises of that wonderful product of the intel last year was considerably the largest | tion? The America system elect Independence-he preferred this servility and loss of national selfspe t-but what independen could be better than that which g

BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

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