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WEDNESDAY, MAR. 12TH, 1902.

Have you sent your subscription? If so, you have our thanks. If the sending has been delayed, kindly forward it now.

Business considerations demand sobriety. Even in Germany—the land of beer—there is a growing feeling against beer-drinking in business hours.

Of Chicago's more than two million people only one hundred and fifty-one thousand are members of evangelical churches.

Cobb Divinity School (Free Baptist) has just received \$20,000 by the will of Mrs. Sarah A. Edgecombe, of North Bath, Me.

There is a probability that the next World's Sunday School Convention will be held in Jerusalem in 1904.

Asked what would happen if England should withdraw from India, a highly educated Babu in Calcutta answered, "Go into a zoological garden, open the gates and let out all the lions, tigers, and hyenas, and you would see what would happen."

Not the rich man only is in danger of avariciousness. A poor man may be quite as greedy of his little as a wealthy man is of his much.

Archbishop Bond of Montreal, recently asked for a coadjutor bishop. The archbishop is past eighty, and finds it difficult to discharge all the duties of his responsible office.

Dr. Dunning is a member of the International Sunday Schools Lessons committee, which has been charged with being antagonistic to a quarterly temperance lesson in the series.

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We see it stated that the President of the London, Ont. Methodist Conference intends to begin a

movement [to have the Methodist Church adopt a rule that no man shall receive a christian burial who has not been a member of the church. He thinks it is wrong that men who have led bad lives should receive christian burial.

The late Rev. Dr. Dunn, a foremost Free Baptist minister in the United States, and for many years a Professor in Hillsdale College, is quoted as saying this about the denominational paper:

"Any head of a family who can keep a dog or buy a carpet, take a secular paper or pay fraternity fees, drink tea or coffee, and yet refuses to subscribe for such a religious and family necessity as a good religious periodical, ought to find the 'anxious seat' or give some other indication of a change of purpose immediately.

Referring to the fact that churchcommittees in search of a pastor are oftensay, "We must have a man who will please the young people," it is remarked that while it is of primary importance that churches should seek to make religious influences effective over the lives of young people, any church committee commits a grievous wrong against its young people if, through a desire of humoring them, it fails to put into its pastorate a man of character, of sound learning, and of wisdom and experience.

The leader of the opposition in the Ontario Legislature has declared himself against the Referendum as unconstitutional, and because of its unjust conditions. He, also, declares himself against the prohibition bill, because he thinks Provincial prohibition impossible.

RELIGIOUS STATISTICS

The INTELLIGENCER of Feb. 12th had an article on Religious Statistics. It dealt particularly with the growth of religious bodies in the United States in the last year.

Some denominations grow chiefly by drawing members away from other denominations. This seems to be true in a considerable degree of the Protestant Episcopal church.

The Christian Scientists have claimed, and heretofore have been credited with, very large numbers. Last year they reported a million members, which the compilers cut down to 100,000.

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which are recognized as evangelical we get an aggregate membership of 15,500,000. It is gratifying to find so large a body of communicants in evangelical churches.

THAT UNFAIR REFERENDUM.

Two changes have been made in the Referendum scheme of the Ontario government. The date of taking the vote is changed from October to November, which, perhaps, is neither good nor bad.

It would seem that the government was determined to make it impossible for the prohibitionists to win. There have been two plebiscites on the question in Ontario; once the vote for prohibition was 192,488, the other time it was 154,499.

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The position of neither party leader can be satisfactory to faithful prohibitionists. One is fooling with the question, offering a prohibitory bill loaded with conditions intended to prevent it ever becoming law.

The duty of prohibitionists is to make themselves felt in the general election, which is expected in June. They should do their best then to secure the election of men who represent their prohibition views.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY.—March 23rd

will be Temperance Sunday and the teachers in the Sunday Schools of our land will have another opportunity of presenting this most important subject to the young and old who attend this department of the services of the church.

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NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The census of 1901 shows the population of Newfoundland to be 220,289, 3,634 of them being in Labrador. The increase in ten years is about nine per cent. The chief religious denominations are Catholics, 76,259; Anglicans, 72,650; Methodist, 60,812.

ELECTION CORRUPTION.

In his address to the grand jury last week Judge Wurtle of Montreal referring to cases of electoral corruption which would come before them, urged them in dealing with such cases to put aside all party bias and be guided solely by the evidence.

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SOUTH AFRICA.

Word came to the Governor General Friday that Clarence Rideout, of the South African Constabulary, is dangerously ill with enteric fever at Lausfontein.

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TEACHERS FOR AFRICA.

The Colonial Secretary is asking for forty Canadian lady teachers to take charge of the training of Boer children in the concentration camps in South Africa. They will be engaged for a year. Passage there and back, and a salary of one hundred pounds sterling, with rations and house or tent accommodations, are the terms offered.

A QUEER SECT.

A London report tells that Count Tolstoi's illness has brought to notice a small community of disciples in a Norfolk village styling themselves the brotherhood Church. The members are forbidden to give or to receive money. They work for a living, but accept payment only in kind.

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The other camps visited were Dickinson's, Lawson's, Vandine's, McQuade's and Geo. Faulkner's, in three of which I held divine service. I found in nearly every camp men whom I had met or knew of, and made acquaintances which I shall long remember, and I hope the visit will be of lasting good to the men.

LIFE IN THE WOODS.—how is it spent?

What is it like? are questions that I have had asked me many times since my return, by those who, like myself previous to this visit, had never seen a camp. I have in a previous letter described the camp building and the bill of fare, and will now briefly describe the manner of work.

of men, with a pair of horses and a m st unique watering cart, are kept constantly upon the road from the yards to the landing, all grades are avoided or cut down, and the roads are kept perfectly smooth and as icy as possible.

The cook generally "turns out" at 4 a. m. Immediately he arouses the teamsters to feed, each locking after his own team. All is quietness, all the others being allowed to sleep until a half hour before breakfast, when a bell is rung and there is a general scramble, dressing and washing and, usually, a lot of joking and chaffing.

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Mail is brought to the depot camp twice a week, and then goes by first chance to the camps. It was my privilege to take mail in on two occasions, and it was amusing to see the rush made for me when I began to pull the letters out of my pockets, and a they were passed around there was many a joke.

I must add a word about Mr. Hale and his treatment of his men. The best testimony I can give is the fact that there are men in his camps to-day, in every capacity—teamsters, cooks, choppers &c, who have been in his employ from five to twenty years.

There was, one hundred and fifty miles from a dentist, and in the wilderness. But Mr. Hale soon had his settled on a butter firkin, the cook holding a light and myself standing near with the forceps; soon the clefting molar was located, and in less than I can write it the man was minding his tooth and his pain, and we were poking fun at our amateur dentist.

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Treasure laid up in heaven is not lost.