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ANNIVERSARY.

An anniversary service will be held in the Moncton church Tuesday evening, March 17th. Rev. B. H. Nobles will deliver an address. Addresses will be delivered also by Rev. D. Mac-Ordum (Presbyterian), and Rev. G. W. Fisher (Methodist).

G. SWIM, Pastor.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE AND INSURANCE.-The report of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, just published, seems of special interest to abstainers. Though among the younger Canadian companies, being but sixteen years old, it stands in the front rank, writing last year new business of \$6,082,336 and having in force \$30,152,883 with assets amounting to \$4,406,329. This company is the only one in Canada which is required by its charter to keep the total abstainers in a class by themselves and to apportion the profits of the company arising from the saving in mortality according to the actual death rate experienced in the two sections. Every year the more favorable death rate in the temperance section has been marked. In 1902 it was \$3.66 per \$1,000 mean net amount at risk in the temperance section and \$6.75 per \$1,000 in the general section. Total abstinence pays in life insurance as everywhere else. Further information concerning this company can be obtained from The E. R. Machum Co., Ltd., St. John, N. B., Managers for the Maritime Provinces, from Mr. P. S. Berrie, agent at Fredericton, or from any of the company's representatives.

A PERNICIOUS DUALISM.

In this country we would regard with indignation and honor a body of Christians that would in their church relations resort to bribery, corruption, violence and falsehood. Yet in this Christian country, perjury, bribery, dishonesty -corruption are winked at in the political sphere. The citizen finds in the church the fear and love of God. He finds the love that suspects no evil and that does not plan to circumvent a brother. He finds strict honesty and a due regard to plighted promises. He passes from the church sphere to the political sphere and finds much that is hard to reconcile with the Christian spirit. God rules in and over the church; there is no doubt of that. But who then rules in the political sphere? Is there an Ahriman as well as an Ormusd? Is there a sphere from which the living and Omnipresent God may with impunity be excluded-and which may be given over to the "Prince of this world," the spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience?

In a Christian country there is no right place for this pernicious dualism. The Christian must be Christian in his politics, in his daily calling, in all his dealings with his brother man. There is one thing clear: Christianity cannot compromise with violence, hatred, perjury and corruption in connection with political elections any more than in connection with Church elections. There is no license in the Christian code for attempting to excite ill-feeling and mistrust against men by any misrepresentation of their conduct. In political

discussions the truth must be guarded with the utmost care. The rule applies that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. There is a high moral in the children's hymn which ought not to be ignored by men of years and understanding:

"God is always near me
Hearing what I say;
Knowing all my deeds and thoughts,
All my work and play."

God has not given up the political sphere, or any part of it, to the devil. He wants to saturate it more and more with the Christian spirit which is in accord with the highest patriotism and the greatest good of the people.—Presbyterian Witness.

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MINISTERS' Sons.—It used to be said -it is still said sometimes-that ministers' sons turn out badly-worse than other people's sons. It is not true, and never was. The facts are all the other way. There are some unhappy exceptions, it is true, but the rule seems to be, as might, indeed, be expected, that ministers' sons turn out well. Again and again facts and figures have been adduced to prove it triumphantly. Only the other day we read that no less than fifty-six per cent. of the more or less distinguished persons mentioned in the Dictionary of National Biography, published in England, were the children of clergymen. And we believe an examination of the records of the antecedents of the best men of our country would prove that the sons of the parsonage and the manse were taking a high ratio among them.

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-Some curious facts are brought out in connection with the publication of the Russian census of Nonconformists. There are about fifty sects with strange names and some with strange doctrines, the number of whose adherents is given as 2,-173,738, but is probably twice as large. The laws require every subject to profess the faith in which he was born, and prohibit his changing it for another, as well as attempts at conversion. Yet the reading of the Bible is allowed and encouraged, and colporteurs and Bible agents are given special privileges for travel, and their books are carried free.

-The Christian Endeavor Society reports last year as having been one of great expansion. The society was firmly established or made a good beginning in a dozen new countries in Europe, greatly increased its opertions in India, octupled them in Persia, held its own in China, and had a most excellent year in Japan. There are now in the whole world 44,123 Young People's Societies, 16,-376 junior, 1,383 intermediate, 46 senior, 2 parents', 79 mothers', and 123 floating—in all, 62,132 societies of all degrees. In the United States the numbers are 28,415 Young People's, 13,866 junior, 1,318 intermediate, 74 mothers', 26 senior, and 123 floating-in all, 43,822 societies.

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