

## THE WOMEN OF INDIA.

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man the Queen had ever seen. This visit marks an epoch in this woman's life, for while she made an effort to keep her seclusion, she came in contact with the world at large.

Not only a social but religious reform is agitating the women of India. The Gospel of Christ has entered the zenana, and many have realized "If the Son shall therefore make you free ye shall be free indeed." Weary of forms and of a debasing idolatry, many are seeking God, "if haply they might feel after Him and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us." Statistics do not, can not give any idea of the permeating power of Christianity or the leavening process going on in their homes. The Rev. Dr. Weitbrecht, of the Punjab, tells of a religious movement among some Hindu women of the upper classes in the city of Lahore. A society was organized called the "Association of Worship," which was at first composed of only five families, who met for worship and the singing of devotional hymns once a week. But the number has greatly increased. The covenant to which each member subscribes runs as follows:

"We will renounce lying, slander, quarreling with friends and relatives, and all kinds of obscenity; and we will try to promote the welfare of our sisters."

Dr. Weitbrecht points out that . . . it is evident "God is working in the mind of India, through the Bible and its teachings, a gradual but radical change of conceptions which is even now producing the first fruit of a harvest."

Every such reform, every cry out of the darkness like this, is a longing for something higher and a note of triumph for the seed sown by the missionary.

The Bible Woman's Conference, the Annual Conference of Christian Women, the Christian Workers' Union, the Nurses' Training-School, the Woman's Medical School, are all evidences of the religious emancipation of India's women.

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## A REIGN OF TERROR.

In Winslow, Ind., after the defeat of the liquor men by the Anti-saloon League, the liquor element began a reign of terror, with assassination, house-wrecking and assault. Yet this is the kind of business and the class of people the liquor organs would make respectable.

## PARLIAMENT.

**Monday.**—Mr. Monk's bill to provide for a general Canadian insolvency law came up for its second reading, and was defeated.

Mr. Charlton's bill to remove restrictions against alien labor was given its second reading.

**Tuesday.**—On motion to go into supply, Mr. Bourassa made an attack on Lord Dundonald. He quoted from Dundonald's speech at Hamilton, in which the commanding officer advocated a general improvement of the Canadian militia. Lord Dundonald wanted to swallow up the funds which should go for development of the industries of the country. Such conduct was not in keeping with responsible government, and Canada should give the British government to understand this.

The Minister of Militia endorsed what had been said by Dundonald in regard to the necessity for reforms.

Several members rebuked Bourassa's action.

The Premier expressed appreciation of Lord Dundonald's many good qualities, but defended Bourassa. Dundonald, he said, had no right to speak except through the Minister of Militia.

The railway congestion in the west was discussed.

**Wednesday.**—The bill to incorporate the Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Railway Co. was read a second time.

The bill to aid in the settlement of railway labor disputes was discussed at some length, and allowed to stand over.

**Thursday.**—The railway commission bill came up for its second reading. The discussion on the bill was almost purely technical and legal.

The house went into supply to consider public works estimates.

The item of \$200,000 for a Maritime Provinces dredge, to cost \$525,000, was passed.

**Friday.**—The house in supply voted public works estimates.

In regard to the Marconi operations Mr. Fielding said a hitch had occurred, and it was not the success hoped for as scientifically predicted. Repeated assurances were being given to the government that commercial messages would shortly be handled. The government did not propose to make further contributions.

## IN ABYSSINIA.

An edict has been issued by Emperor Menelik, of Abyssinia, prohibiting the importation of alcoholic drinks into his empire. He justifies his conduct by the mischief done by European liquors, which have found their way to his court. He has watched their effects, and has come to the conclusion that if he does not put a stop to the drinking that is going on, his empire will soon fall a prey to other nations. In the preamble to his edict, he says that drunkenness is pernicious, enfeebles a race, and destroys the body and mind. He desires that his people remain strong, healthy, independent, and as a means to that end prohibits alcoholic drinks in every part of his dominion.

**THE BIBLE RELIGION.**—Says the *Canadian Baptist*: The superiority of the religion of the Bible—its greater fitness to meet the needs of men of every race—has received a new illustration in India. A proposal has been made to introduce the study of the Bible into the schools of India. But the people of India fear its introduction would prove dangerous to their old religion, and the native press is bristling with objections. Christians have no such fears in reference to the study of the Eastern religions in their

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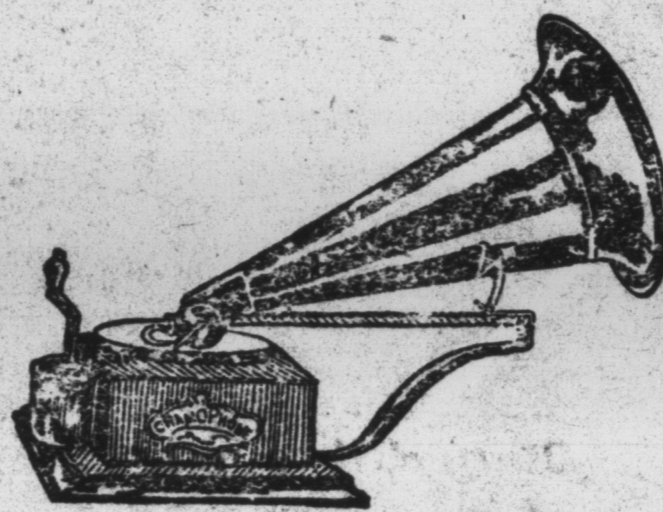
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**THE LATEST.**—Another religious sect, having self-immolation as the cardinal article of its creed, has been discovered in Russia. The members contend that any man living longer than thirty years does so at the expense of other individuals and they accordingly pledge themselves to die

at that age. Like some other Russian suicidal societies which have been discovered in recent years, the manner of death is burial alive, the devotees being voluntarily immured in vaults with solemn ceremonies. The discovery resulted from the police surprising members performing their rites on one of their number. Numbers of the adherents of the sects, which is said to have branches at Kieff and Odessa, have been buried alive.

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