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HINDRANCES, AND HOW TO MEET THEM.

create solitude for contemplation, which is the best There are hindrances to beginning the Christian nurse of wisdom. They can look at the things that life. There are also hindrances that beset the are seen in the light of the things that are not seen, Christian life after it has been begun. Of these when they can look at this world in the light of the latter-the hindrances that lie in the way of those world that is to come, when they can rise on the who have the Christian life implanted in their wings of devotion to the throne of God, and enter hearts and show it forth in their conduct, the into communion and fellowship with the Lord of things that go to check the progress of the Christian life and the Father of mercies. They can do that, life, to obstruct its course, mar its beauty, to stain and get food for their life within by prayer and its purity, to reduce its power, to stay its triumphs, thought on holy things. They can do that, and get to impair its blessedness, and to hold back its per- renewal of the strength which contact with the fection and glory. The Scriptures point out these, world never fails to weaken. They can do that, hindrances in biography, in parable and in precept. and get soothing, and tranquility, and peace for

- The Belleville

the Father.

Again and again we have instruction and warning the distraction and the troubles which the breath of hibition Building in this city on Friday evening to the end that they may not prevail against us. the world's temptations, the gusts of the world's last, to hear Hon. Mr. Blake discuss Dominic The history of redemption from the beginning until passions, and the force of the world's example are Policics. The number present is variously estimat now, shows that in every sge the Church of sure to produce upon the spirit. They can do that, ed at from 3,000 to 5,000. Mr. Geo. McLeod pre-God has felt, and not only felt, but been fettered and get refreshment to souls out of the fountain of sided, and an address was read by Ex-Mayor Ray. by them, been brought into grief through the power true gladness, and piety, and joy when sad and de- Mr. Blake spoke at great length of the various of them, and been arrested in many a march of pressed, and crushed by the evil that is in the spiritual achievement by the accumulation of their world, and that too readily finds an echo and an Mr. Huntingdon was also present and spoke. The force. As for example, the Church at Ephesus, answer in the heart. They can do that, and get speeches were fully reported in the dailies. They which was at one time the very type of a first love from God that light which will put all the things spoke to an immense throng in Gagetown on Mon--so single in its origin, so tender its purity, but of this world into true contrast with the things of day, and in Fredericton on Wednesday. Mr which in the lapse of a single generation yielded to the future. By contemplation and prayer in that Blake is admittedly an able man, and it is good that the causes that bring on a general decay of vital retirement and communion which every one can godliness so as to draw down upon it the displeasure | easily take out of the busiest and most toilsome of its neglected Lord, and into the experience of life, and can get that which will defy all the power

individual believers a consciousness of the world, of the world to harm us, will overcome all the and not only a consciousness of it but the influence difficulties that any one can cast in our way, will of it. Christians know too well that in their own make that progress in the Christian life, and have persons they often present the spectacle of men that enjoyment of the blessedness of the Christian going back into Christian childhood instead of going life, which will be of the surest pledges of its per- taken by the Intercolonial authorities to guard onward into Christian manhood-mourning over a fection and glory in the heavens.

Paradise Lost, instead of rejoicing in a Paradise From the seeking and getting of this kind of re-Regained ; overcome by all the temptations that tirement we should never let either the cares of this seemed to have fallen off them like a garment, re- life, or the pleasures of the world, or the demands lapsing into the very bondage from which they ap- of outward work, or the competition of a busy age, peared to have escaped, and to which they thought or any other thing beguile us. they should never again have been enslaved. It is But it must not be forgotten that in order to incumbent on us to be alive to these things. If we success over the hindrances to the Christian life have surmounted the obstacles which opposed the be- there must be resistance. The world, in so far as

ginning of the Christian life, if we have entered on it hinders Christian living, must be met by action, that spiritual, heavenly course of life which is by that kind of action for which the retirement last faith in the Son of God-if we have felt the power referred to is a preparation, and without which it and tasted the joys of that life, we need to remember | cannot be long sustained. The action needed is that the difficulties are not all passed away, that we the action of men who, while mingling with the

he will speed his way to the better country, and drank. Whiskey selling is a nice thing to legalize, made up his mind to shock the feelings of the rethat he will grow in grace and in the knowledge of and they are the highest style of good citizens who ligious community ; but he has succeeded in doing the Lord Jesus, by cutting out a path in which that sell it ! What matters it if the people do die, little so nevertheless. world and its spirit will not come nigh him, and in boys and girls included ? Aren't they intended to which he will be a stranger to the conflict and trial, be sacrificed to the whiskey trade for the special to all the work and endurance that are bound up pleasure and profit of the whiskey men ? with the steadfastness of those that walk in the

steps of him who came into the world to seek and Sir Leonard Tilley and Sir Chas. Tupper are save sinners and who left the world only to go to to speak in this city on Monday next, in Fredericton on Tuesday, and in Woodstock on Wednesday.

The people will not be able to complain that they There is, however, a way of retirement which loes help to success in the struggle against the have not been well informed politically ; and having world. Christians may sometimes retire from the heard both sides presented by such able men- the missionary, Mr. Carpenter, who knew their more active scenes of worldly life, they can some-Messrs. Tilley, Tupper, Blake and Huntingdonmes rest from the busier occupations of worldly they should be able to decide which is right-or. people, they can sometimes make room for serious perhaps we should say, nearest right-and govern thought and sober reflection, they can sometimes themselves accordingly.

> ... The Disciples of Christ Church on Coburg Street in this city was opened for public worship last Sabbath. Elder Crawford of P. E. Island preached the opening sermon. The church is very neat, substantially built, and commodious ; and best of all it is free from debt. The new Methodist Church at Gibson was dedicated last Sabbath. It also is free from debt We are very sorry to hear of the burning of the

> Methodist Church at Florenceville on Friday, and that there was no insurance. ... An immense audience assembled in the Ex-

questions on which the two parties differ. Hon he has so large and attentive a hearing.

... We do not know how much truth there is in the story, but it is going the rounds and we give it for what it is worth, thus :

Lorne on a portion of his recent Maritime Provinces trip says that extraordinary precautions were against any accident happening to His Excellency not only were the switches locked as usual, but all native gentlemen. the switch rails were spiked down so that they could not be opened. Detectives in the employ of

the Government travelled on the same train with him throughout the trip. It is rumoured that the was threatened with some danger while he was i the Maritime Provinces.

.President Garfield continues to improve The doctors think the worst is now past, and speak somewhat confidently of his recovery.

of his Christian character as follows : "President Garfield has been a communican

are still encompassed by things that are fitted to impede our advancement in the Christian life, to dominion refuse to be subject to its faithful, prayerful Christian. I have known him in dominion, refuse to be stained by its pollution ; it prosperity, and I have known him when it had Even among the Christians it is hard to get it dis-

MISSIONARY NOTES

THE TOTAL contributions to Home and Foreign Missions in the Presbyterian Churches of the United not often that more work is done within in the States last year was \$1,238,213.

THE NATIVE Baptist church in a Karen village, on Friday. India, took up a collection for sending missionaries to the Ka-Khyena. The amount was so large that poverty, declined to receive it. They insisted say-"We can live upon rats ; but the Ka-Khying: enas cannot live without the Gospel.'

THE EVANGELICAL churches of Austria propose t celebrate, October 13, the centennial anniversary of poorly-paid preachers and teachers.

established and attended by 120 boys and girls. Those in the oldest classes read and write in English. can read and understand the Bible as well as child-

and say that Europeans soon learn to like the Afridivided between the Romish and the Evangelical. During this century, at least 100,000 have been "NO OPIUM smoker is admitted to church membership by any Christian mission working in China." tian England put herself right in regard to the traffic

THE NORTHWESTERN Provinces of India have made a great deal in the temperance cause for itself, for

"A gentleman who accompanied the Marquis of wherein are taught reading, writing, arithmetic,

have formd themselves into a company which it is authorities had received a hist that His Excellency | hoped will grow into a Christian church. So much for a three-days' meeting in a city of 20,000 souls Branch. The Branch is sub-divided into County

study of the Word thereafter. MRS. MURRAY MITCHELL, who has been visiting leave the Canada Temperance Act entire until the the English Presbyterian missionaries at Amoy, act has undergone a test. He moved the following The President's pastor, Rev. F. D. Power, speaks China, writes : "I am very sorry to say that binding the feet is as common and imperative a are still encompassed by things that are fitted to world, walking up and down in it, refuse to be car-and L have alrease found him to be on monorthing to be car-it is purely social custom, and girls are supposed this Province.

THE ALLIANCE CONVENTION. The Convention called by the Committee of the

perance legislation.

sary provision for it.

assistance at the meeting.

Provincial Alliance

pinion that the C. T. Act is not ultra vires.

presence ; President and Secretary of the meeting

The following were elected the officers of the

for services ; also to Prof. Foster for his valuable

same length of time as was done by the Convention of July in the City of St. John. We are indebted to the daily papers for the fol-

lowing condensed report of the proceedings. Rev. Thos. Gales, of Montreal, Corresponding

Secretary of the Alliance, and Prof. G. E Foster, Secretary of the Untario branch of the Alliance were present, the former gentleman to represe the Council of the Alliance. Rev. Jos. McLeod.

Chairman of the N. B. Provisional Committee, called the meeting to order. On motion, Rev. Mr. McLeod was chosen Chairman of the meeting, and the Edict of Tolerance issued by the Emperor Mr. C. N. Vroom, of St. Stephen, Secretary. Joseph I., by raising a Jubilee Fund to aid their | committee was appointed, to get the names of dele gates, their credentials, etc. The chairman invited

THE FREE Church Mission on Lake Nyassa, in take advantage of the same rights as members who and that if the government decline to do so the that, had he not procrastinated, and sought to parinterested in the work of the organization to Central Africa is very successful. Its schools are | came as delegates from Temperance Alliances. Rev. Mr. Gales was called upon to explain the objects of the meeting and of the Alliance. Mr. ales said that the Alliance was formed in Ottawa in 1876, and he was then commissioned to visit ren here. Some of the older boys are now teaching various parts of the Dominion for the purpose of Province, and thank him for his kindly assistance, in Paris and London. The second is the old comhopeful, and have had no collisions with the natives, Province before, when he met members of temperin other parts. He then spoke of his visits to this labors.

nce organizations at Fredericton; he had been can character, and that the feeling is reciprocated. heartily received at the meeting of the Grand Lodge IT IS SAID that annually more than 1,000 Jews at Moreton, who promised to co-operate with the are converted to Christianity, nearly half of whom of the Sons of Temperance at Fredericton where a Alliance, and at the meeting of the Grand Division join the Greek Church, the rest being about equally similar assurance was given. The platform of the Dominion Alliance is the same as that of the United Kingdom Alliance, and the object of it is to probaptized. Surely here is encouragement to labor. the Alliance is stated in the constitution :- The object of this Association shall be to procure the suppression and total prohibition of the liquor traffic, The estimated deaths from the use of opium in China by such registration as may be and Provincial Legisare 160,000 annually ! It is high time that Chris- latures respectively, and by all other legitimate

It was desirable that New Brunswick should have a branch of the Alliance. New Brunswick can do

astonishing progress in free education. There is Canada and for the world. The attempt had been hardly a village without its government school, made to wipe out the Temperance Act ; the same thing may occur again and the Alliance should be the geography and history of India, and in the higher besides acting in cases when legislation is necessary ready to act unitedly in such a case. The Alliance, classes a little Euclid. These schools are governed should also be prepared to act in the enforcement by local committees, made up of Europeans and of laws already on the statute book. He explained the working of the Alliance in detail. The officers

are all unpaid. New Brunswick would be down AT TOTTORI, Japan, visited a little time since by for 15 representatives at the meetings of the Gener-Mr. DeForest and a native helper fifteen or sixteen | al Alliance. He concluded with an eloquent appeal to the temperance men present to join hands with the co-workers in other parts of the Dominion. Prof. Foster explained the working of the Ontario never before visited by a Gospel herald-and the Branches. The Alliance people will unite at the Everett, St. John; S. B. Patterson, St. John; Dr.

from whom they extract the promise that he will Northumberland County.

resolution Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting i is desirable to proceed with the formation of a

branch of the Dominion Temperance Alliance in Mr. Taylor of Albert County, in seconding the

resolution, explained at length the working of temly to the resolutions of the Alliance.

send forth such lecturers as may be deemed necesconnecting Midhat with the sanguinary misdeed sary, and generally to oversee and conduct the The Convention called by the Contained by the Contained of the Sons of Temperance Hall in this city. There was a large and representative attendance. The meeting was the unless of the guidance of City, County and The rules for the guidance of City, County and the proceedings for the guidance of City and the was tendered. His fellow Pashas, Mahmoud and business of the Branch during the year and report Nouri, were, by the evidence of those who say they Local Alliances are to be arranged by the Executive doubt it is feasible to argue that such a plot could The Provincial Alliance shall meet in the month The following resolution was adopted Resolved, That as legal restriction must go hand hand with moral methods in the suppression of

mperance, and as legal restriction can only be obtained through Legislatures elected by the peo-ple, it is of the first importance that true and good temperance men rising above all selfish and party considerations should bestow their suffrages only pon such men as guarantee by their character and are foremost in urging the European governments ledges that they will be favorable to progressive who are concerned about the tottering empire, have It was resolved that in the case of the Queen vs. Whatever the upshot, a signal illustration has been Russell, now on appeal to the Privy Council, the afforded of two striking facts. The first is the exmatter be laid before the Dominion Government traordinary vicissitudes that attend personal fortune:

hearty appreciation of the visit of the Rev. Thos. Gales, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, to our and bid him God-speed in his arduous but congenial plaint as to the wretched misgovernment, the des perate corruption, under which alone, whatever the conclusions adopted, such things are possible : sur-Rev. Mr. Gales made a hearty and suitable reply. On the call of the President, Judge Palmer made eying these it becomes not a matter of curiosity or n interesting speech, declaring it to be still his rejudice, but one of solemn responsibility, how long the peoples and rulers of Europe will allow On motion votes of thanks were presented to the

owners of the Hall for its use, the ladies for their by the miserable sophistry which promises an impossible amendment

DENOMINATIONAL.

FIRST DISTRICT MEETING .- Bro. McLeod : The PRESIDENT. - Rev. Joseph McLeod, Fredericton. First District Meeting held its last session with the VICE-PRESIDENTS. — A. Cushing, St. John ; W. . Turnbull, St. John ; G. H. Slipp, Fredericton ; F. C. Baptist Church in Perth, Victoria County : C. N. Vroom, Charlotte County; Geo. J. Bliss, Fredericton; J. R. Inch, Sackville; R. M. Taylor, A. M., and ending on Monday the 4th, at noon. As commencing on Saturday, July 2nd, at 10 o'clock, Albert County ; George Barnes, Sussex ; Hon. A. usual the morning meeting on Saturday was a Social McQueen, Westmorland; G. G. King, M. P., Conference ; it was presided over by Rev. J. Perry, Queens : Charles Burpee, M. P., Sunbury ; James Watts, Carleton; W. C. Anslow, Northumberland. and was a very interesting season much enjoyed Quite a number were present, and very many of SECRETARY.-C. H. Lugrin, Fredericton. TREASURER. -G. N. Babbitt, Fredericton. whom spoke of God's goodness and mercy to them. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.-Rev. J. E. Flewelling, The Lord was present to bless, and all could say, arleton; W. C. Davidson, Westmorland; Dr. "Surely it was good to be there." At 2 o'clock, Burnett, Kings County ; E. C. Freeze, Fredericton; Prof. G. E. Foster, Fredericton; J. S. Beek, Fred- P. M., the business meeting was begun. The meet ericton; Caleb Fenwick, Kings; J. G. A. Belyea, ing was called to order by the Clerk, B. Armstrong, Portland ; Ezekel McLeod, St. John ; Rev. John Esq., and Rev. J. Henderson was elected Modera-Reed, St. John; Chipman Bishop, Albert; Dr. Moore, Westmorland; W. J. Robertson, West-tor. The ministers present were Revs. J. Hendermorland; Gideon McLeod, Kings; Rev. W. A. son, J. Perry, J. Noble, A. Taylor and Wm. De Corey, Portland ; F. A. McCully, Westmorland ; Wier, and Licentiates S. W. Shaw, and Walter G. F. Atherton, Fredericton; Rev. John Betts, Doucett. We were also favoured with the presence Sussex ; Jacob R. Pidgeon, Portland ; Chas. A. of Rev. M. Park and Deacon E. Noble, of the next general election and support the candidate M. C. McDonald, Queens ; Daniel McGruar, Aroostook Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting. the coming of whom among us was highly appreci-The Alliance adjourned to meet in St. John in ated, and very greatly enjoyed. A large number July, 1882. Closing prayer by Rev. Mr. Betts. of churches reported by letter, and the delegation The Executive Committee subsequently held a present was greater than for some years past. Some brief consultation, and resolved to hold its first of the churches reported verbally, and almost all of meeting in Fredericton on Tuesday next, 26th inst. them reported themselves to be in rather a low state The Executive will proceed to give effect immediate- religiously ; but the outlook of the District is better and more hopeful than has been the case for a good many years, showing, very conclusively, that the MIDHAT PASHA AND TURKEY. missionary labour extended to the churches of the The recent trial of Midhat Pasha brought out not District, and the care and anxiety of the H. M. few striking, even startling facts concerning the Executive, imperfect, although that labour, care Turkish affairs. The London World gives a history and anxiety have been, have greatly benefited the cf the affair which will be read with great interest : District ; the good effect was especially felt in this Two questions were necessarily started at the trial session of the District Meeting. Two churches of Midhat Pasha. Was the Sultan Abdul Assiz were received into the District, viz : the Church at really murdered ? If so, had Midhat any share in Long Island, Tobique River, organized last fall by the deed ? The answers to both inquiries are ob- Rev. H. Hartt, and one at Birch Ridge, organized scure and uncertain. Seldom, one would think, has last March by Rev. T. Vanwart. It is true these even an Oriental court of justice been confronted two churches are small, numerically, but they appear to be rich in the Christian graces, and exhibit by testimony so antagonistic in its main averments, gaged as counsel in the Russell appeal case, was so dubious and perplexing in its general effect. a great deal of vitality and true earnestness; there can be but little doubt that in a few years they will fact that the deposition of the ill-fated Sultan was be a very great strength to the District. The numcontrived by Midhat. That was a performance of ber reported was about four hundred (400) members which he made a boast. Like most Turkish rulers in the District. At 1.30, P. M., a preaching service who have reigned long, Abdul had become difficult was held in which a number of brethren took part ; to move, and difficult to manage when he was stir- Licentiate S. W. Shaw led the meeting and preachwere appointed a committee to consider the appeal red. His normal condition was one of lazy besot- ed a short and timely discourse from Psa. 8 chap. tedness, which made it almost vain to seek his en-14 verse. On Sabbath morning the crowd began to assemble, his moods were uncertain, and he would sometimes the school-house being too small to hold the conshow himself fickle, fractious, opinionative about gregation, we assembled in Bro. J. Inman's barn, trifles, utterly and irredeemably self-willed. To but the barn was too small also, and a number could work with such a tool was hazardous, and involved not be seated. Prayer meeting at 9 A. M., and a waste of time and energy, very repugaant to the preaching at half-past 10 by Rev. Wm. DeWier, nimble-witted and ambitious Vizier. To get rid of text, John 8 chap. and 76 verse. Subject. " Social this hindrance and embarrassment there was but and Religious Freedom." At 2 P. M., sermon by so that should policemen be informants in cases of one way-the approved Turkish method. It was Rev. M. Park. Text, Gen. 5 chap. and 26 verse. law breaking they be allowed a portion of the fine cleverly pursued. The Softas-the young students Subject, "Walking with God ends in Eternal Life." for so informing. The letter was handed over to of Constantinople-among whom is a fanatical set In the evening at 7 P. M., Rev. J. Perry preached, who look for the regeneration of the empire in a and report says preached one of his most excellent amendments offered to the Act in the Senate last revival of Mahometan faith and ardour, were as dis- sermons, but, as the writer was not present to hear winter. He urged upon all bodies-religious and contented as the politicians whose aim it is to assi- it he is not able to give either text or subject. We temperance-to petition against Senator Almon's milate the institutions of the Porte to European hope the labours of the Sabbath-day were not in models, at least in outward seeming ; and these vain, but trust many hearts was comforted and enthusiasts took to parading the streets with the cry much seed sown, that shall spring up and bear fruit 1. Resolved, That political and legal action in the of "Turkey for the Turks." Midhat, whose pro- to the glory of God. We met for business at 8, A. fessed sympathies were at the farthest remove from M., on Monday, at which time Rev. J. Gravinor those of the rioters, took advantage of the disturbmet with us. The business was done very harmonance to compass his own ends. Their clamours iously, and, although there was a good deal of discussion about some local matters, all was attended with kindness and love. A discussion of the Home the sanction of the Ulema was gained for the contemplated step ; the palace was invaded, and Abdul Mission Work in the District, brought out the fact was dragged from the chamber of his women, whither that the Executive had done what they could to ordered communities in supplementing a good he had fled for safety, despite the out-cries of his care for the churches in this part of the country, wives, and the still more vehement entreaties and and would have done more if it had been in their protestations of his aged mother. In Turkey de- power. The meeting arranged the churches of the throned monarchs never live long. A captive District into five pastorates, preparatory to the next ex-sovereign'is a dangerous prisoner. No surprise, year's work, and if these pastorates can be filled, therefore, was excited when, a few days later, the and can be helped by the Home Mission Society, tidings of the late Sultan's death were circulated. no doubt good will be accomplished. The delegates chosen to attend General Conference were Bros. At first, the allegation of suicide was treated as a ed at noon for their midweek prayer-meeting, the ment and representatives at Ottawa to preserve in expected to be believed. Soon, however, the idea being Bros. F. Blodwith and C. Philips. The meeting adjourned to meet with the Church in of a self-inflicted death received a large accession of evidence and came to be widely entertained. It Arthurette, the first Saturday in July, 1882. ONE PRESENT. Perth, Victoria County, July 6, 1881. man, who, far from exhibiting the stolid impassive-Notice.-Subscribers who have recently received. order to further exercise the proper enforcement of ness with which his countrymen encounter misfor- bills from this office will greatly oblige us by retune, seems to have given himself up to morose sponding at once.... If there is a mistake noticed

not have been matured and fulfilled without his cognizance-that if there be anything true in the representation of what took place, he must have been at the bottom of it ; but such presumptions are all too slender to convict a man, according to these principles and forms of trial which Abdul Assiz. by an early firman, himself established. The seven intervened on their behalf, remains to be seen. there is proof that ere he was thrust from power Dominion Alliance be requested to make the neces- ley with one of the conspirators, Midhat might It was resolved that this Alliance express its tom of the Bosphorus-a fate which he again marhave been strangled or pitched in a sack to the botvellously escaped when, checked in mid career, he was sent, under the name of exile, to enjoy himself

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some of these things are outward in their character. One of them is found in the very position it-not merely that they may themselves be free to of a Christian. His position, is in the world. If serve the Lord and to run the race which is set the world were what God made it, and what it ought to be, there would be nothing in it to render may send through the world the healthful and sav- experience of him have I seen anything in his cona position in it trying to the Christian life. But it | ing influence of holiness, and truth, and love, and is not so. The world lieth in wickedness, and piety ; that they may imitate the example of Him friendship with it is enmity with God ; wisdom with who came to shed the holy virtue of his presence it is foolishness with God. The things that belong and power wherever there is a wound to heal, a to it are not of God ; for they are "the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of live." tions that are in the world are a snare to Christian The distinction between the men who breathe its men. The evil that is in the world is a burden to spirit and who walk in its ways, and the men who them. Conformity to the world is a mischief to live a Christian life and who breathe the spirit of tnem. But with all their might and with all the the Divine Master, is as great as the distinction diligence they can command, and with all the help between the tares and the wheat growing in the they may get from God, true Christians must make Naval Observatory at Washington was interviewed same field. It is plain, therefore, that the world it their business to strive against evil influences and concerning it the other day. He said he should

course of the world must be contrary to the course go forward in the path of holiness. of Christian life; it is plain that all the influences that come from the degeneracy and corruption, from the disobedience and impiety, from the conversation and example of men over whom the world reigns supreme, can have no other tendency than to extinguish the light, to quench the zeal, to slacken

the efforts, and to impede the progress of those whom whom the new man has raised superior to its charms. If this be so, when the line betweem the Church and the world is sharply drawn-when each exhibits its own proper qualities in the most conspicu-

ous manner, it is none the less so when the one seems to draw near the other. The smoke of idolatrous worship may not darken the sky around the

High may not be avowedly frustrated in their work ; ried.

for it may come to pass that the teaching of divine truth, the proclamation of the everlasting Gospel

abate many of the evils that are in the world, and under the sun. may purge away many of its pollutions, may sweeten the heart of society, and may disarm it of no small portion of its hostility to the name and cause of Jesus. In point of fact we know that it is so, the distinction between those who are in the world and those who are of the world appears less prominent quence ; the danger is that Christian men will be tempted to suppose that the voices and the ways that

acting upon it they will lower the tone of their Christian piety, cool the ardor of their Christian Christian profession, present the signs of a feeble, didate for re-election. languid Christian life, and slide into that worldly conformity which is opposed alike to the letter and soul and mischiefs incalculable.

Can it be met by fleeing from it ? By going into not too late, and should never be repeated. the desert or the cloister ? By seclusion from the cares, the occupations, and the friendships of the world ? Surely not. In spite of the halo that has later times, it is the way of moral cowards because and for this the imprisonment cannot be for more it is an attempt to withdraw from the field of battle between the powers of good and evil, of light and darkness-it is an ignoble desertion of the post assigned to the soldiers of the cross by the Captain of and sympathy to which they are entitled at the the way of disappointment decause it is contrary to nature, it is contrary to duty, it is contrary to the objects and ends of the Christian life. Experience shows that men do not escape corruption by going the wealth and high position of the moderns, and of the world by trying to get rid of the world itself ; of the world by trying to get rid of the world itself, therefore, whatever be the obstacles that rise up in is shown and is tolerated, even by members of this Lord's Day. His trampling upon the Sabbath law the midst of men that walk according to the course

before them, looking unto Jesus, but also that they simple and unostentatious. Never in all my long sorrow to assuage, or a sin to rebuke. The tempta- made his peace with God ; he dies as one who tried

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

.Dr. Tanner, the forty-day faster, is lectur. ng on temperance. He certaiuly knows something about total abstinence.

... The Russian State Church is fiercely intolerthe new life has set free from its shackles, whom ant. Recently a newly-built church in Moscow has lifted above its dominion, and belonging to the sect called Old Believers was to trail along the whole orbit of the comet of which ordered to be pulled down.

> Mr. George Seney of New York, has given away an average of \$1,000 a day for the last two ted into two parts ; it has never been observed since. years. It is good to be able to do so well, and bet- All comets appear to diminish in brightness and it ter to have the disposition to do it.

.... Prophecy is being fulfilled-in a strange way. Christian man ; the saints of God may not be at The papers report that a few days ago, in Sussex, open war with the world ; the servants of the most Mr. Joseph Lamb and Miss E. G. Lyon were mar-

.... Mr. Spurgeon in a recent sermon urging the through the force of Christian example, and the necessity of more evangelistic work in London, power of Christian love and Christian effort, may said it was getting to be the most heathenish city

> The Government of Germany is anxious about the enormous flow of emigrants from that prize for his poem, "The Two Gypsies." In 1837, country, is endeavouring to devise measures to ar- after gaining the Ireland scholarship, he took a first reported that not one believes in any God, and in

.... Rev. Robt. Wilson (Presbyterian), who was and less violent. In such cases the danger is that for many years pastor of the Congregational Church, Christian men will be tempted to suppose that that in Sheffield, S. Co., died on Sunday in Montreal. distinction is not vital, it is not of infinite conse- He was an able preacher, and highly esteemed.

.... In Kings Co., N. S., the temperance men are prevail around them may be safely followed as the preparing to put the Canada Temperance Act into voice and the way of Christ. Yea, rather the operation in that county. It is evident they mean

.... Mr. Abbott, M. P., for Argenteuil, Quebec, has been unseated. He was elected by a majority love, diminish the strength of their Christian prin- of sixty, and was a government supporter. Not ciple, compromise the most peculiar point of their having been disqualified he will probably be a can- Christian truth and charity, have won for him an

.... It is no credit to any political party to make spirit of the Gospel, and which produces poverty of a man who has been convicted of violating the Law Chairman of a meeting. Woodstock did it How can this hindrance be met and overcome? last week. Such a blunder should be corrected if

....Should the President recover, which now seems probable, the miserable wretch who shot him been thrown around this way in former and in can be tried only for "assault with intent to kill,"

pleased God to afflict him sorely ; but I have never pensed with. known him to be other than a simple and unaffect

ed Christian. In his Church relations President Garfield has always been particularly duct or deportment calculated to call attention to the lofty position he holds in the nation. As far as one mere mortal may answer for another, I am prepared to say that, if President Garfield dies this night, which God forbid, he dies as one who has to do his whole duty to his God, his country, and his family should die-an humble, penitent Chris- aries. At its recent annual meeting it was said Flewelling, Corey and Messrs. Foster, Cushing and

.... The comet has split in two. So at least some of the astronomers say. Prof. Hall of the London alone there are no less than 30,000 regular cannot favor the Christian life ; it is plain that the keep themselves unspotted from the world, and to not be surprised if it had, as comets had a habit of thieves. 150,000 habitual gin-drinkers, and 150,000 persons living in systematic debauchery and vice." breaking into fragments. He is inclined to think that the meteoric showers of November in each year are caused by the passage of the earth near or through the debris of a comet. Prof. Harkness said it was probable that the comet had separated sentences. Why was that? Mr. Neesima, the P. M. into two parts : "We think that the November educated Japanese preacher and teacher gave some meteors," said the Professor, " are the debris of a comet which first made its appearance about the year 900. This debris, to all appearance, continues it formed a part and which has disappeared. The August meteors are assigned a similar origin. Biela's comet re-appeared once after its nucleus had separa-

were being woven into history. is probable that they become gradually disintegrated." So it would appear, according to the astronomers, that the comet now visible is breaking up into meteoric material.

. Dean Stanley is dead. He died on Monday. His reputation is world-wide. The following sketch change in a recent convert, said, "Well, this new of his life will be read with interest : "He was a son of the late Rev. Dr. Stanley.

Bishop of Norwich, and was educated at Rugby, be going out of fashion. so that I don't believe it will under Dr. Arnold. While yet a young man, he began his career at Oxford by obtaining a scholarship at Balliol College and shortly after the Newdigate class prize in Classics, and in 1839 he gained the Latin Essay prize, and the Essay and Theological

prize in 1840, when he was elected a Fellow of Evidently there is no time to be lost in Iniversity College. During his life Dean Stanley | with Japan, however it is looked at. has held many high positions. From 1851 to 1858 he was Canon of Canterbury, and from 1858 to 1863 Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Oxford nd Chaplain to the Bishop of London. In 1863 noted at Marash, where an American missionary,

he was appointed Dean of Westminister, and has Mr. Marden, was recently invited by an Armenian held that position ever since. He was installed Lord Rector of St. Andrew's University, March 31, 1875. Dr. Stanley first became known to the liter-Quarterly and other reviews, which have attracted much attention, and given him a world-wide reputaion. But his enlightened liberality and toleration,

his desire for Christian union, and his abhorrence nperishable name.

.... It appears that the Governor General, on his of the Sabbath. There might occur an emergency

and magistrates.

IN ASIA MINOR, 20,000 converts are numbered in Turkey, 5,000 communed. Woman's work is beautifully developed in that country. Such is the power of the gospel in Siam, the king has ordered that each one shall be permitted to worship accord-

ing to the dictates of his conscience. In Jerusalem ald. there are said to be 5,000 Christians and many Bye-Laws-Messrs. R. M. Taylor, G. McLeod

'THE LONDON City Mission employs 449 mission-Resolutions-Prof. Foster, Revs. Messrs. Read,

that " a portion of the population of London is as Vroom Mr. Lugrin, of Fredericton, who has been en irreligious as any of the tribes to be found in the remotest and uncivilized quarters of the globe. It called upon to state the position of Fredericton From the first there has been no secret made of the appears from some of the police reports that in cases. Mr. Lugrin complied

Messrs. Robinson (of Moncton), Beek (Frederic ton), Graham (Millstream), Vroom (St. Stephen) gave information as to the working of the act at those places. Messrs, G. J. Blias, E. McLeod and C. Fenwick

A FEW MONTHS ago a fire broke out in the Japan. ese prison at Otsee, where 100 prisoners, instead of cases and report to this meeting recommending trying to escape, helped to put out the flames, and action. to a man, remained to andergo the rest of their The meeting adjourned at 1 o'clock until 2.30, listment in any enterprise of pith and moment ; yet

THE AFTERNOON SESSION

copies of the gospel to the keeper, and he, not car- was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Phillips ing for them, gave them to a scholar convicted of Sussex. manslaughter. He believed the record God hath The Secretary read a letter from Rev. F. H. Al given of his Son, and taught the rest ; and by his at not being able to attend and offered the suggesmon in which the Rev. gentleman expressed regret personal influence and their own Christian printion that the Temperance Act should be amended ciple they were restrained ! The Word and the Spirit of God are as efficacious within prison walls as of old they were when the Acts of the Apostles

Rev. Mr. Gales addressed the meeting on the FROM OKAYAMA, Japan, come good tidings of growth in spiritual things in the church, and the waning of idolatry outside. One man, hitherto

opposed to Christianity, diverted from a plan for Prof. Foster submitted a portion of the report of further honoring his household gods by the great the committee on resolutions as follows :----

suppression of the liquor traffic is not only a legireligion is getting so popular that I don't know but timate but right expedient, and accords fully with we will all have to go into it, while idolatry seems to the time honored methods of suppressing other evils in civilized society. The charge that we are attempting the reformation of the individual by were soothed ; his chief colleagues were won over ; pay to spend much money on my gods." The legal means is false. Our political and legal action need of Christian schools is set forth by the fact in the Temperance Reform is representative, prothat of 600 students in the university of Tokio it is | tective and preventive in its character, being upon precisely the same principles which actuate all the engineering school, with 200 students, only eight. and healthy public sentiment with the authority of dealing the law. We hail therefore, the Canada Temperance Act as a new and important step in advance

ONE SIGN of the great changes going forward in 2. Resolved, That this convention of the friends the sentiment of the people of Asiatic Turkey is hereby records its emphatic protest against the atof temperance, in the Province of New Brunswick, empts made last session in the Dominion Parlianent to impair the efficiency of the Canada Tempriest to address an audience of 400 women gather perance Act by means of the Boultbee and Almon amendments, and earnestly calls upon the Governdanger is that they will suppose thus, and supposing it, that they will come to believe it, and that bebusiness, as several donations have been made to a ary world, through his admirable work, "The Life singing being conducted by a choir of young ladies. The integrity the measure of prohibitory law they from a Protestant Bible, and was followed by an Provincial Legislature of New Brunswick to appoint evangelical serm on from one of them. This where an inspector in each county or city in which the as to the whimsical resolves, the apprehensive fannot very long ago Armenians stoned missionaries Canada Temperance Act has or may be adopted, cies, the restlessly perturbed conduct of the unhappy his desire for Christian union, and his abhorrence of all sectionalism, not required by the demands of Christian truth and charity, have wan for him on for for him on for for him on for him on for f accepted. Still another says he saw the Bible which the Act.

fell from a preacher's hand into the mud when 3. Resolved, That this convention begs leave re- irritability, and to have shown unequivocal sympforced out of a village ten years ago, where now he is received and heard. The once persecuted are now be deplorable state in which the County of West. journey from Halifax to Quebec, travelled the whole is received and heard. The once persecuted are now the deplorable state in which the County of West-seventeen members, among whom were several declaring the deplorable state in which the County of Westthe leaders of thought. The same thing is true in moreland is placed as regards the traffic in intoxi- Europeans, who were unanimous in declaring that which would make necessary and justify a Sabbath Eastern Turkey, where once the cry was "Let us cating liquors on account of an undecided appeal the condition of the corpse was far more suggestive journey. If, for instance it had been necessary for spill their blood." All which goes to show that from a case in the town of Moncton, which appeal of suicide than of external violence, with which, President Garfield's wife to journey on the Sabbath there is a wing of the old Armenian Church evan- has been duly argued and now rests for decision at indeed, it was hardly compatible. So the matter towards her wounded husband, no word of com-gelical in sentiment, working its way to the front. their hands. That the Canada Temperance Act is has rested for years. It appeared to have passed thus left entirely inoperative in the important into the domain of history. Its revival, instead of active the final independent of the sentence of the sente plaint would have been uttered. But in the Gov- Would that this was true of all the oriental churches. County of Westmoreland, and its efficient working settling the final judgment, has only added new ernor General's case there does not seem to have A CLERGYMAN on his way to a missionary meeting greatly impaired in Carleton, Charlotte, and other perplexities to the problem,

EXILES .- Before now, the first convoy of State prisoners who recently left Moscow, are far on the way to the scene of their life long banishment. The authorities of the Muscovite capital lately received intimation from the Ministry of Justice that in accordance with the arrangements concluded in that department, some twelve thousand two hundred " criminals" would pass through Moscow dur ing the transportation season opened about six weeks ago, en route for Siberia. It is considered desirable to clear out the State prisons in the provinces, at present crowded by Nihilists arrested in the course of the past winter months. Nine thousand seven hundred of these were to reach Moscow from the Governments of Central and Southern Russia, and would be forwarded thence to their destination in parties of from two hundred and fifty to six hundred strong, as will the remaining two thousand five hundred now awaiting despatch from the teeming jails of Russia in Europe. Englishmen, averse as they are to the infliction upon their fellow-subjects of even such mild restraint as that to which the comfortable recluses at Kilmainham are just now ubjected, can scarcely bring their minds to realize the appalling sum total of human misery expressed.

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perance in his County and the blunderings of courts Several gentlemen spoke to the resolution, ex-

ressing their concurrence, and it was unanimo

The following committees were then appointed Nominations-Messrs. Beek, E. McLeod, Bliss, Burnett, Dobson, McCully and Rev. Mr. McDon-

Graham, Babbit, Belyea and Gales and Rev. C. T

than eight years. It would be better to confine him as a lunatic. President shooters ought to be taken care of.

.... It is proposed to have, so soon as the recovtheir salvation-it is a falling out of the course in ery of President Garfield is assured, a day of Thankswhich the race for the immortal garland is appoint- giving. The Governor of Ohio has taken the initi- bound to obey the law of God, and respect the feeled to be run. That mode of meeting it-in spite atory, and has appointed a Committee of State of the benevolence that has invested the names of Governors to name the day. His recovery is somemany who adopted it -- is the way of selfish inclina- thing for which the whole nation may well offer His Excellency to understand that while the people Every child should feel that he is " part of the tion, because it robs those who are left to mingle humble, hearty thanks to God who regarded their of this country are very glad to welcome him, while concern," and that his work is just as important as

trial and test which God has connected with the the deluded hundreds. The Missionaries blandly services of his people here below. That mode of say that polygamy is at the discretion of these peo- the remark, that nothing could be more injurious The PROVINCIAL LODGE of the United Temper marked to us, and we think there is much truth in meeting it, in spite of all the charms with which ple, to accept or reject, but when they get to Utah to the sanctity of the Lord's Day than this Excur- ance Association held its Annual Session in Port The leading Quakers in England are bewail-

ing the worldliness of their people. At a recent meeting one of the speakers " compared the simple,

.... In Quebec last week a girl only seven years and a poor example set before law-abiding citizens. Institute held in this city last week was one of much of this world. The Christian must not think that old died from the effects of whiskey which she We do not imagine that His Excellency deliberately interest.

been a shadow of reason for the Sabbath journey. overtook a boy, and asked him about the road, and The Presbyterian Witness takes him to task for the where he was going. violation of the law of God and the law of the land "Oh !" he said, "I'm going to the meeting to hear

thus : "We think that by his position, by his re- about the missionaries." sponsibilities, by his antecedents, by the character "Missionaries !" said the minister. "What do

which he seeks to sustain, the Marquis of Lorne is you know about missionaries ?" "Why," said the boy, "I'm part of the concern. ings, habits and convictions of a very large and in-I've got a missionary box, and I always go to the fluential section of the population. We should like missionary meeting. I belong."

for the public good, their best feelings are shocked, but if they drop out the wagon is very likely to things of the Marquis of Lorne. It has been re- Why, I'm part of the concern !"

postic imagery has invested it, and all the argu- their discretion is pretty likely to prove indiscretion. sion of His Excellency, except a Sunday Excursion land on Wednesday and Thursday last. The reby the General Assembly of the Presbyterian ports were more encouraging than for several years Church. The Marquis of Lorne is the head of the and the work of the present year is likely to be in-State : the Sabbath Dayjistin one aspect a State in- creasingly energetic and profitable.

stitution, recognized and guarded by Statute law. The National Lodge of the same Order held its As the head of the state the Marquis had no right Annual Session in the same place on Friday and deplored the worldliness that is among them. In to trample on the law of the state. But the Mar- Saturday. There were representatives present from furniture, dancing, cards, music, theatre-going, this quis is a Christian, a member of the Christian N. B., N. S. and Ontario. The next session is to Church that insists on the due observance of the be held at Grimsby, Ont., in July, 1882.

is a poor commentary on his Christian consistency, The meeting of the Provincial Educational

ounties. This Convention begs to urge upon the ment to scepticism, rather than bringing the truth supreme Court the fact that until such decision is into a clear light. Nine persons were accusedgiven the homes and people of these counties are three Pashas, two Beys, and four laboring men; largely left at the mercy of an unregulated liquor the Pashas of concerting the crime, three of the traffic, and to impress upon it the desirability of as speedy a settlement of this matter as possible. 4. Resolved, That testimony has been heard, and is now in possession of the Convention, which en- canted ; the Pashas, with a proud disdain, repudiables it to unhesitatingly affirm that the Canada ated the whole arrangement. Nothing could be Temperance Act has in some localities been well more horribly graphic and vraisemblable than the enforced, and that in these the good results have story told by the two persons, Mustapha a gardener, been apparent and in every way satisfactory ; that and Mustapha a wrestler, who claimed the position it is an instrument easy of execution, under as fair of chief offenders. They were introduced to the they appreciate highly his visits, and all his efforts that of any one else. Lynch-pins are little things, is a duty incumbent on all municipalities which once divined their errand. He was thrown upon a hands of their Christian brethren. It robs the world itself of the benefit to be derived from the world itself of the benefit to be derived from the cating liquors, and invoke the aid of all good citi- some women who saw through the windows of the zens and of all branches of the Church of God in an room. To western notions corroborative testimony ananimous, determined and intelligent effort to would be needless, for it is incredible that men suppress its sale and diminish its consumption.

should calmly place a halter about their own necks

The committee on bye-laws then submitted their reports, as follow: This Association shall be known as the New Brunswick Branch of the Dominion Alliance, and shall be composed of its officers and committee, and of delegates from County and Local Alliances, and from temperature contribution to the function of the committee to the function of the func from temperance societies contributing to the funds some care was shown by the effort made to set aside was recently sold in London for \$65 a foot One such sums as their respective circumstances may the medical report. A Jewish doctor who served California raisin-maker employs fifty white men

The funds of this auxiliary shall be raised by voluntary subscription from societies and individuals, and shall be paid to the Treasurer of the to exist, other than the wrist wounds, might have Branch to be expended by the Executive in carrying on Alliance work, subject to instruction given by and feet, there was no regular autopsy or inquest. Deputy-Governor General. the branch at its annual meeting. The Executive is expected to arrange for the for-this witness discredited himself. At the worst it is

per Prof. G. R. Foster spoke in the Fredericton mation of City, County or Local Alliances, and shall | very remarkable that not an atom of direct proof | Free Baptist Church last Sabbath evening.

SCRAPS.

The general reports of crops are favorable The resolutions were unanimously adopted. The committee on bye-laws then submitted their by persistence in such a narrative; but account must be taken of Eastern indifference to life, and Catholics have a church on the site of old Carthage. The comet has been photographed..... The Roman and two hundred Chinamen

200 Chief Justice Ritchie has been appointed