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If your subscription is due kindly send it at once. Everybody who owes anything to the INTELLIGENCER should do us the kindness of paying without further delay.

Rev. Dr. Ward has retired from the editorial chair of the Free Baptist, the Western organ of the denomination in the United States. He wished to retire a year ago, but was induced to remain till now. He has been eight years in charge of the paper, and has given western Free Baptists a good paper. Rev. R. R. Kemman, of Cleveland, Ohio is his successor.

Of the late Rev. Dr. McKay, whose death we mentioned last week, one of his brother pastors, Rev. Mr. Young, said:

He stood in the most uncompromising attitude toward sin of all kinds, and according to his light opposed with all the might of his strong Christian manhood, everything that opposed itself against God and truth.

What finer epitaph could any man have? It is, surely, just what it ought to be possible to say, without an approach to qualification, of every Christian minister. God help us all to deserve it.

The Anglican bishops in Scotland are very much disturbed, even shocked, because the Primate attended at the General Assembly of the Scottish Established Church (Presbyterian). They say that they do not think the Arch bishop had any thought of recognizing the Presbyterian Assembly as representing a true church, but they fear that, by his attendance at the General Assembly, he has encouraged Presbyterians in the belief that they are really a true Church. Poor fellows! how distressed they are. They ought to have something to play with.

An incident of the Northern Baptist Anniversaries, held recently at Rochester, N. Y., is told by a writer in the Independent. An aged brother was diligently canvassing the ministers, delegates and visitors in the hope of finding among them some one who holds to Calvinism as it was understood and taught fifty years ago. The old man's search was vain; there was not one to be found willing to declare agreement with the old time beliefs. And he turned sadly away feeling that Baptists have degenerated very much in a half century.

The Council of the Dominion Prohibition Alliance will hold its annual meeting in Toronto on Wednesday of next week. It will be one of the most important meetings of the Council ever held, as it will deal with Plebiscite matters. It is hoped that every Province in the Dominion will be represented. But, if some of the distant Provinces are not represented, those who are present must not think the failure to be represented is indication of lack of interest in the work. The prohibitionists in every Province are making ready for the great fight.

A writer in the 'Baptist Argus' thinks a preacher should be a man of courage. He even goes so far as to say that he must be a courageous man. We do not think we ought to dispute the proposition, though we fear there is reason to suspect that some not very courageous men are in the ministry. We agree that while there may be some place for the coward, it is not in the pulpit. God never called to preach a man destitute of convictions—strong convictions. And a man without the courage of his convictions is unfit for a prophet of God. The preacher should fear God more than the lions den or the fiery

furnace. He should not fear men or devils. He should have a brave regard for the consequences of right doing. He should not hesitate, or parley, or calculate results, when duty is plain.

Now to the Work!

On the first page is printed a call to action issued by the New Brunswick Prohibition Plebiscite Campaign Committee. This call has, we understand, been sent to all the papers in the Province, and, it is hoped, will appear in them all.

It is earnestly desired that immediately upon reading the call temperance men and women in every part of the Province will confer together with a view to prompt county and community organization for the campaign. As stated in the call, the time in which to do the work is short—probably not more than two months at most. Every day is, therefore, precious, and should be made the most of. The campaign should be in full swing within a week or two, and then increase in enthusiasm till the voting is done, and the victory won.

The present is a crisis in the history of the great reform. The result of the vote soon to be taken will determine the status and effectiveness of the prohibition movement for many years, perhaps for all time. If the prohibition sentiment of the country fully expresses itself at the ballot box a death-blow will be given to the great iniquity as a legal business. If, on the other hand, there is indifference, or fear, or overconfidence, the result will be a staggering blow to the reform, from the effects of which it will not recover within the life-time of the youngest of those who are given the privilege and responsibility of participating in this great battle. It is a time when every man is summoned to do his duty at whatever cost of convenience, or friendships, or effort or money. Whether they have desired the Plebiscite; whether they think it the best way of ascertaining public opinion; whether they are pleased with the question, or the way and time of asking it; whether they believe that there will be any practical benefit immediately following a victory at the polls,—these are questions not now to be considered. To discuss them is not only to waste precious time and, perhaps, unsettle many who would, otherwise be with us, but it is to play into the hands of the enemy. One duty is before us all. That duty is to do our utmost in every way to roll up such a majority for prohibition as shall make it clear to the world that Canada demands the delegatization of "the gigantic crime of crimes"—the liquor traffic.

The churches are beginning to move in the matter. Last week at the annual meeting of the Methodist churches in the Fredericton District a resolution was passed urging all their people "to do their utmost to record as large a vote as possible in favour of prohibition."

At the annual session of the District Meeting embracing the Free Baptist churches in Carleton Co., held last week, a resolution was adopted urging the utmost activity by all the churches to make the Plebiscite an unmistakable success for prohibition, and recommending, also, that each church take at least one collection for the campaign fund. It is to be hoped that every church in the Province will do the same.

It is a time for every pulpit in the land to speak out concerning the duties of Christian citizenship. The teachers and leaders of the Lord's people have a solemn responsibility at this critical time, and have, also, a magnificent opportunity to exert a mighty influence for righteousness.

The Romanist Clerical Revolt.

The June number of Le Chretien Francais, the organ of the French revolted priests, contains some further interesting details of the movement. A Home has just been opened at Sevres, which is to serve as a temporary refuge for priests leaving the Roman Church. The eloquent ex-priest, M. Charbonnel, has been producing such an immense effect on the working classes in Belgium by his lectures that the Romanist clergy, in despair of counteracting his influence by argument, have resorted to their old device of calling in the secular arm. At Frameries, where he had an audience of between six and seven thousand working people, he was silenced and expelled by the public authorities whom the priests had persuaded to interfere. In France, while some clergy make a public departure from the ranks, giving to the world the motives for their action, others slip away quietly without making any noise. The editor, M. Bourrier, disapproves of this latter course, as it suppresses a

valuable testimony and leads to misconception.

The Italian Nuova Roma publishes a letter in the name of some Italian priests, in which they congratulate their French brethren who have come out of pontifical Catholicism and joined the Protestants. They propose the formation of an "International Christian Society for the Conversion of Catholic Priests to the Gospel of Christ." They hope that by this means a vast movement would be produced which would compel reform in the Church.

Notes on Current Events.

It is reported that the Turks are at their favourite work of persecuting and killing Christians. In one district it is stated that seven hundred houses of Servian Christians have been burned. Besides the wanton destruction of property, they are charged with horrible atrocities.

The Dominion Statistician, Mr. Geo. Johnson, is already trying to make preparations for the next Canadian census, which will commence to be taken April 1st, 1901. Mr. Johnson is reported as saying that he anticipates that the census will show an aggregate increase of population of about twenty per cent.

The rum men are getting in their bad work amongst the newly enlisted United States soldiers. Wherever the troops are encamped they have started numerous grog shops. And it is stated that they have done this by express permission of the military authorities. Many of the soldiers had a good deal better be exposed to Spanish bullets than to be exposed to the diabolism of the rum traffic.

The Anglican Synod, in session in Toronto last week, decided that the clergymen of the Episcopal Church should not solemnize the marriages of divorced persons. There was a lengthy and warm discussion of the question. Hon. S. H. Blake pointed out the dangers of preventing innocent divorced persons from remarrying, and the Bishop earnestly declared that the matter be left to a higher court of the church. But the Synod by an emphatic vote—sixty-one to thirteen, declared against any such remarriages.

Ex-President Cleveland in a recent speech, uttered an earnest warning against the dangers to the United States of the expansion of territory.

In a speech last week, the Marquis of Lansdowne, formerly Governor General of Canada, and now War Secretary in the British Government, heartily endorsed the recent speech of Mr. Chamberlain in which he expressed the hope that there would some day be an Anglo-Saxon alliance. There could be no more inspiring ideal, he said, than such an understanding between two nations sprung from the same race, and having so many common interests, nations which together, were predominant in the world's commerce, and industry. Was there anything preposterous, he asked, in the hope that these two nations should be found, he would not say in a hard and fast alliance of offence and defence, but closely connected in their diplomacy, absolutely frank and unreserved in their international councils, and ready wherever the affairs of the world were threatened with disturbance, to throw their influence into the same scale? These, said he, are no mere idle dreams or hazy aspirations. The change which has come over the sentiment of each country toward the other during the last year or two is almost immeasurable. The change is not an ephemeral understanding between diplomatists, but a genuine desire of the two peoples, to be friends.

The Hawaiian Government has licensed the sale of opium. They might as well license all other forms of self-destruction. Those people who favour the license of the rum traffic need not be shocked by Opium sale license. The one is quite as justifiable as the other.

A vacancy having occurred in the Protestant School Board of Montreal, the City Council had the duty last week of filling it. All the Protestant ministers of the city and the best of the Protestant people petitioned the Council to appoint Ex. Mayor Wilson-Smith. But the council, composed largely of French Catholics, ignored the prayer of those chiefly interested, and appointed a member of the Council—a Protestant brewer.

Though, according to the First Lord of the Admiralty, the British Admiralty never had a larger stock of coal than now, he announced, in answer to a question in the House of Commons, that the annual naval manoeuvres would not be held this year. It was

thought best to husband the coal on hand, especially in view of the strike of the coal miners in Wales. Britain does not intend to be caught unprepared for anything that may happen.

Next week Lord Stratheona (Sir Donald Smith) is to move, in the House of Lords, the second reading of the bill to legalize colonial marriages of a deceased wife's sister in England. The Prince of Wales has announced his intention to be present and vote for it.

Representative Canadian tea importers had an interview with the Minister of Customs last week. They protested against the proposed chemical test as unfair for an examination of higher grade of teas, and urged that time should be given for the consideration of the proposed new standards. The Minister was, evidently, impressed by their representations, and agreed to postpone the operation of the new standards till January 1st. Before that date another conference is to be held.

Very sad reports come from the French shore settlements of Newfoundland of suffering from lack of food. It is stated that several have already died of starvation. There is little or no flour for miles, and but a limited quantity of dried codfish, of which some have none. The Catholic priest in Couche sent a dispatch in these words: "Send on provisions at once; if not, send boards to make coffins." Surely there should be immediate relief for people in so appalling a condition.

The Australian Federation scheme has received a check, which, however, is regarded as only temporary. Four of the Colonies have been polled on the proposed union. Victoria cast 93,473 votes for Federation, and 20,570 against; Tasmania, 12,700 for, and 2,700 against. South Australia approved Federation by about two to one; New South Wales polled 70,990 for Federation, and 65,619 against. As 80,000 was fixed by a special Act as the necessary minimum for Federation in New South Wales, the result in that colony amounts to an adverse vote. The result on the whole is a majority of three colonies to one in favour of Federation, but, of course, no colony can be forced into it against its will. The Federalists in New South Wales are agitating for the repeal of the minimum Act, holding that a clear majority ought to decide.

Those colonies which have voted in favour of the federation may unite, if they choose. Perhaps they will do so, and wait for New South Wales to come in later. But whatever is done now, the union of the colonies is evidently only a question of a little time.

The army of the United States is in Cuba. The landing was effected, with but little trouble, in the vicinity of Santiago, on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Friday an engagement took place between the Spanish and Col. Roosevelt's 'Rough Riders.' This conflict was more serious than any previous one and the reports say that the Americans had the better of it. The loss on the American side was twenty-two killed and eighty wounded, while the Spanish loss is reported to be greatly in excess of this.

Rev. Dr. John Hall, pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, New York, who is slowly recovering from a severe illness, has been voted a long vacation by his church, and will sail for Europe soon.

At the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, recently closed, the following figures were presented: The statistical tables show for the present quadrennium the increase in the number of itinerant preachers to be 502; and of members, 123,221. The present number of itinerant preachers is 5,989; and of local preachers, 5,685—total of 11,674 preachers, and of 1,478,432 members.

Home Religious News.

A new Episcopal church is about to be erected at Bay Verte, W. Co.

The Methodist church, Fairville, has been given a pipe organ by Senator Lewin.

Rev. E. Smith was ordained and inducted pastor of the Shediac Presbyterian church last Tuesday.

The Congregational Union of Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick will have its annual meeting in Yarmouth, N. S. next month.

The Western Baptist Association of New Brunswick held its annual meeting at Florenceville, C. Co., commencing last Friday and closing on Monday.

Seventy-two new members were recently received into the Presbyterian church, Sydney, N. S., as a result of meetings held there by Evangelists Ga-

The Methodist Conference of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island began its annual session in Charlottetown last Wednesday. Rev. Dr. Brecken was elected President.

The following young men were ordained to the ministry by the Methodist Conference, in session at Charlottetown, last Sunday: Joseph B. Champion, John Dystant, and Levi J. Leard.

It is announced that New Brunswick will be represented at the World's Sunday School Convention in London, the first week in July, by Rev. G. O. Gates, Mrs. Gates and Mrs. D. A. Morrison, of St. John; Rev. A. Lucas and Rev. A. M. Hubley, Sussex; Rev. W. Goucher and Messrs. G. S. Wall and Edgar Robinson, St. Stephen; Rev. D. Fiske, Florenceville; Mr. Charles White and wife, Tracey's Mills, Carleton County; Rev. J. M. Robinson and wife, Moncton, and Senator Baird and wife, Andover.

The difficulty of quite long standing between the Presbytery and Rev. Mr. Mullin of Stanley, York Co., was thought to have been settled at a special sitting of the Presbytery, in this city, last Thursday. The agreement provided that the congregations of Nashua and Stanley with adjacent stations, should be wrought by Rev. Mr. Mullin and the missionary, they occupying the pulpits of all the churches within the bounds of the congregation so as not to conflict. And all parties pledge themselves to use all means to make for peace and to build up and weld together the congregation. However, part of the settlement was not carried out, on Sabbath last, when Rev. Mr. Ross of Prince William, who was sent by Presbytery to hold communion service, found the door of the church at Stanley locked and the congregation on the outside.

At the annual meeting of the St. John County S. S. Association, held last week, in St. John, Mr. E. R. Machum presented a report on the growth of Sunday School work in the Province. The following statistics show some of the gains made:

	1884.	1892.	1897.
Schools in Province	569	779	1,020
Teachers and officers	1,726	4,788	7,410
Scholars	16,176	35,166	48,918
TL in schools	17,902	39,954	56,322
Av. attendance	11.8 4	25.445	31.473
Schools open all year	186	371	533
Money for S. S. and missions from schools	\$6,223,727.87	\$12,342,516.27	\$17,522,241.19
Pastoral subscriptions per Prov. Assn. in addition to above	\$235 33	\$1,871 19	
TL from schools and individuals	\$6,222,727.87	\$12,340,519.39	\$17,520,441.19

Denominational News.

SECOND DISTRICT MEETING.—The annual session of the Second District Meeting was held at Connell, C. Co., beginning Saturday morning 18th, inst, and closing Monday afternoon 22nd. It was the first time Connell had entertained the annual meeting. The people of the place proved themselves most hospitable, and the meeting will probably want to go there again in a few years. Mention should be made of the new church building there, completed during the year. It is a very commodious and well-built church, and is practically without any debt—a quite remarkable fact, especially when it is remembered that the church is not at all large numerically. Rev. H. Hartt is the pastor, having assumed charge in the spring, when Rev. A. G. Downey had to relinquish the charge on account of throat trouble. The ministers present at the meeting were,—Revs. J. Noble, J. Perry, E. B. Gray, C. T. Phillips, H. Hartt, J. J. Barnes, W. DeWare, A. G. Downey, S. J. Perry, J. B. Daggett and J. McLeod, and Licentiate Stirling and Puddington.

There was a large attendance of delegates—and more of them remained till the close of the meeting than for several years, indeed nearly all remained, evidently having attended with the intention of remaining till their duties were done. The first meeting, a conference, began at 10 a. m. Saturday, being led by the Chairman of the District, Rev. E. B. Gray. There was a large attendance, and it was a meeting of considerable interest.

The first business meeting opened at 2 p. m. After routine, the reports from the churches were read. What they contained is set forth in the report of the summarizing committee below. Following the reading of the reports there were speeches by several brethren. Rev. C. T. Phillips spoke of the duty of the churches to keep in communication with their own-resident members; of the importance of giving letters of commendation to members who are removing, and of notifying pastors in the places to which they are going.

Rev. J. B. Daggett spoke particularly of the financial obligations of Christians. The churches, he said, need to give a better support to all branches of Christian work. Rev. J. Noble and others spoke of the INTELLIGENCER, urging its value in the work of the denomination, and that it should be taken by every Free Baptist family. In the evening a largely attended and interesting missionary meeting was held. We do not report it here, as we expect it to be reported in the W. F. Mission Society department. It is enough to say that the receipts by the Women's Society this year are more than in any previous year.

Many people were kept from the Sabbath meetings by the rain. If they had been there they could not have got into the church, for it was filled at all the meetings in spite of the rain. In the morning there was an overflow meeting in the old church.

The services began with a prayer meeting at 8 a. m., led by bro. Puddington, it was a good meeting. At 10.30 there was preaching, by Rev. C. T. Phillips; at 2.30 P. M., by Rev. Jos. McLeod; at 7.30 P. M., by Rev. Wm. DeWare. It is hoped, indeed, it can scarcely be doubted, that permanent good will result from the teachings of the day, and the gracious influence which was manifest.

Monday, at 8.30 a. m. business was resumed. After routine, Rev. H. Hartt was elected Chairman of the District for the year, and Rev. Wm. DeWare, Assistant Chairman. The report of the committee to summarize the reports of the churches was presented by Rev. J. B. Daggett as follows:

Twenty-five churches have reported, which is all the churches in the District except Foreston, Bristol and Jacksonville.

The membership reported is 1732. There have been 26 baptized during the year; 14 have been transferred from Free Baptist churches to other F. B. churches, 2 have been received from other denominations, 1 was added by profession. There have been lost—by death 16, dismissed to other denominations 3, and 1 has been expelled. Gross addition 29, gross loss 20, total gain 9. All of the churches have had preaching during the year, except one, viz. River Bank. All, with this exception, have had pastoral care, 15 had pastoral care continuously; 19 have sustained the monthly conference regularly, 21 have maintained weekly prayer meetings, 2 have young peoples societies, and report their effect upon the church life good.

These churches have paid for support of the ministry \$2402, which is \$211 less than was reported last year. For church improvements \$665.74. For Home Missions \$34.50, against \$15.40 last year; for Foreign Missions \$91.15, against \$41.37 last year; Conference Fund \$46.32, against \$58.85 previous year; Current expenses \$424.79 against \$382.63 previous year. The value of church property, is \$34100.

One pastorate has received Home Mission Aid. The Woman's Society report \$120.51 collected. The total collected for the various purposes is \$3784.81. Several churches report that their mission money and Conference Fund will be collected later, which will greatly add to the foregoing figures.

The report of members taking the denominational paper is indefinite. Your committee respectfully submitted this is a question of great importance and should receive the attention of this meeting.

No church reports itself as seeking to keep in communication with non-resident members.

There seems to be activity among the churches in the promotion of moral reform.

Many churches report that a considerable number of resident members contribute little or nothing to the support of the work. This we consider a grave matter.

There has been but little revival spirit during the year, which fact should move us to much examination.

There was considerable discussion about the necessity of looking after the unreported churches. The District Executive was instructed to look into their condition, and endeavour to provide for their care. In the discussion brethren Phillips and Daggett spoke of the financial duties of Christians, pointing out both the improvement observable and the need of much better support of the cause; bro. McLeod spoke of the need of more home mission work; and bro. Barnes spoke of the some times lack of co-operation of churches. Brethren Phillips, Daggett and Crandemire were elected members of the District Executive; the Chairman and Clerk are members ex officio. The following brethren were appointed delegates to General Conference: W. Margeson, E. Crouse, S. Crandemire, H. Doucet, W. S. DeForest; their substitutes are Thos. Trafford, H. Nevers, B. C. Shaw, C. E. Tracey and B. Palmer. A resolution concerning the Plebiscite, and urging the churches to do their utmost to make the vote for prohibition large was adopted. Omitting the preamble, the resolution was as follows:

"This District Meeting declares it to be the duty of the churches composing it to do their utmost to make the Plebiscite a decided success for prohibition, by earnest and active co-operation in all Plebiscite campaign work.

The District that each church should be a campaigner frequently to the portance of the duty of (being a voter) and of all men not to do the delegatization, and eventually, time of beginning from Saturday. The laymen feeling was change, and the Brethren Crandemire and Crandemire were elected to visit the earliest conven church there which it seeks to license be done, was done, deserved the meeting for the ment, T. p. m. T. held either Brighton, as churches may

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June 22nd PETITCO here have demonstration gospel, and money to the ship of God of His sanct at a special church, it necessary a interior of importance that it entiated by t the building large, and uency, whi At first it was really pairs, but the need of ation became little became degree "the ined to ho sacrifice begun with it has ended deal. A h by its own becoming and the refaced and seats carpet has six new ch the choir incidentals 00, every as a free-people. "had a m sult, we h a place of We have t that every for which courage." By the we worshi the time June, 19, gaged our Amid su brilliant th ducted the Joseph choir ren the servi his remar the follow especially May He "Mid glo When So In solemn