

On Thursday, Jan. 14th, the morning that Prince Albert Victor died, Cardinal Manning passed away at the ripe age of over four score years. Trained in the Anglican Church, a leader in the Tractarian movement, he drifted onward until he landed in the communion of Rome. Here his talents and force of character, and his zeal in the service of the Church, led to his promotion, step by step, until he reached the Cardinal's chair and hat, the highest position in the Roman hierarchy next to the Pontifical throne. His was no cloister life. He took a deep and active interest in the great questions of the day, such as the Temperance Reform, and the labor question. In him the strongest man in the Church of Rome in Britain has passed away. And yet, while devoted to the interests of Rome, and submitting to her authority, neither he nor Cardinal Newman could be taken as fair representatives of Rome. They were trained in the Church of England, and that training could not be effaced. And here a great truth suggests itself, viz., that no matter what the conversion be, it is hard to efface the influences of earlier years. There is but one character moulding time in life, and that is life's spring-time.

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On the 25th of November the Viceroy of India, Lord Landsdowne, with Lady Landsdowne on their viceregal tour, visited the Canadian mission at Indore. Rev. Mr. Wilkie, on behalf of the mission, presented the address. The Viceroy in his reply made the following graceful allusion to their welcome:—"The reception which you have given me has a very special value and significance in my estimation. Amongst the many loyal inscriptions and signs of good-will which decorated the approaches to the Residency on the day of my arrival at Indore, my eye was not slow to detect a legend in which I was informed that 'Canada has not forgotten you.' I was greatly touched to meet in the midst of this Indian State, at a distance of many thousands of miles from the Dominion, with a welcome which carried me back to the five happy years which I spent as the representative of the Crown in the great Dominion of Canada. I rejoice to find your little Canadian colony carrying on its good work successfully in India. I do not believe that the cause of education could be entrusted to better hands." Many a hard and trying day did Mr. Wilkie and his fellow laborers in Indore have on account of the jealousy and ill will of those high in authority; but now all is changed. The Lord hath done great things for them whereof they are glad.

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Is the Christian nation to the south of us to have the sun go backward on her dial? She is to have a World's Exhibition in Chicago in 1893

to commemorate the four hundredth anniversary of Columbus' discovery of a New World, and along two lines there are tokens of self dishonour as well as dishonour to God. The local directors are strongly inclined to have it open on the Lord's day, and whether, in spite of the protests that are pouring in from all parts of the country, they will carry out their purpose remains to be seen. Then it is reported that they have decided to allow the sale of liquor within the grounds of the fair in consideration of the Exposition receiving a share of the receipts. In 1876 at the great Centennial World's Exhibition in Philadelphia, neither of these things was allowed, and we presume that if this were held in Philadelphia it would be as it then was. And it is too bad that the influence of foreign immigration into the new West should so drag down and dishonour the land and country that has given it a welcome and a home.

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Rev. E. A. McCurdy, late of New Glasgow, N.S., now of Port of Spain, Trinidad, writes of the work of 1891 in our mission there as follows:—"On the whole the past year has been a grand one in this field. There have been 2,951 children in the schools, with a daily average attendance of 2,018; 348 baptisms, of which 188 were adults, and 74 were received into full communion, of whom thirty were in the Couva field. The opening of the new institution is set down for Feb. 2, the formal opening to be made under the auspices of the Presbytery in the afternoon, with a public and more popular meeting in the evening to be presided over by the Mayor of San Fernando." The Missionaries in Trinidad are greatly encouraged. They have had their times of tears in sowing, but the returning years are bringing them the joy of garnering sheaves.

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"There is a Presbytery in Spain bearing the name of the Andalusia Presbytery. We believe that it is a Presbytery which has grown out of the mission of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and is one of the first fruits of the good work which that church has done in the old land where the rule of Romanism has been so complete and lasting."

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The Rev. Jos. White, Synod's Convener, having removed to Manitoba, Presbyteries will please forward their reports on Sabbath Observance to the Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Ottawa, Convener of the Assembly's Committee.

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It is reported that owing to the great pressure from President Carnot, the Prince of Monaco has decided to close the Monte Carlo gambling house.