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Thirteen applications for divorce will come before the Canadian Parliament at next session. Six of the applicants are said to reside in Toronto. This is not a happy record for a city that claims to be extra "good."

The temperance people of Alberta are taking time by the forelock. Already a deputation of Edmonton ministers, headed by Rev. Dr. John McDougall, of the Methodist church, has waited on the premier of the new province, to urge the abolition of the bar and the substitution of government control.

At the recent meeting of the American Association of Farmers' Institutes at Washington, D. C., Mr. G. S. Creelman, B.S.A., Principal of the Ontario Agricultural College, was unanimously elected president. This is not only a personal compliment to Mr. Creelman, who richly deserves all the honors that may be bestowed upon him, but is a tribute to the institution of which he is head, and which is recognized as one of the most progressive and successful Agricultural Colleges in the world.

The religious census of Berlin, Ontario, just taken, shows that thriving town to be the strongest Lutheran centre in Canada, as the figures show that 4,331 persons claim that religion. There are 2,478 Roman Catholics, 914 Methodists, 706 Evangelicals, 690 Presbyterians, 484 Anglicans, 471 Baptists, 422 Mennonites, 346 United Brethren, 275 Swedenborgians, 167 Christian Scientists, 40 Jews, and several minor creeds. The total Sabbath school population is 2,886.

At a meeting in Hamilton last week of committees representing the Congregational Union and the United Brethren in Christ, a basis of union was practically agreed upon. The U. B. body is not a large one in Canada, numbering only some 28 churches with a membership of about 1,500. A vote will be taken in April and the result as well as the report of the committees will be made known at the meeting of the Congregational Union next June. It is expected the amalgamation will be completed by October.

## DEATH OF REV. ROBERT HARVEY WARDEN, D.D.

Widely Known; Highly Respected.

The death of Rev. Robt. H. Warden removes from the scene of earthly activity a well known personality, one who was conspicuously useful to the Presbyterian church, as well as influential in many walks of life. Before entering college the deceased had a business training in Scotland that helped to fit him for the responsible position of General Agent and Treasurer of the church which for many years he filled with so much acceptance. So well known was his financial ability that he was elected on the board of several monetary institutions, and he was president of the Metropolitan Bank, which has been distinctly successful under his direction.

But it was in the service of the Presbyterian church that Dr. Warden most distinguished himself. To it he gave his work, his best thought and unrewarded exertion, displaying great executive ability, coupled with a thorough grasp of details. He planned for its future with something of the Prophet's vision as well as the statesman's foresight. He had the happy faculty of inspiring confidence in any of the Church's undertakings. Owing to the rapidly extending mission fields—both Home and Foreign—he made large drafts on the liberality of the people, but the drafts were always honored, the money was always forthcoming.

As clerk of the General Assembly he brought items of business before the court in such a manner as to ensure dispatch; and if at any time things got into a tangle no one could bring order out of chaos as quickly as Dr. Warden.

As Moderator, when the General Assembly met in this city in 1901, the wisdom with which he guided its deliberations was the subject of remark on all hands. In the long line of eminent men who reached that high position Dr. Warden will take an honorable place. In his death the church has lost an able administrator. It would be idle to say that his place can not be filled; because it ever happens that while a laborer is called hence another is found, and the worker's work goes on.

Tributes of respect and affection come in from many quarters. Of his deceased friend, Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Moderator of the General Assembly, said to a Journal reporter:

"He was one of the wisest and sanest of men in counsel, and his opinions were always received with great deference. To him is largely due the inception and successful issue of the great century fund movement.

"He was Moderator of the Assembly that sat in Ottawa four years ago, and presided with great firmness and dignity.

"Whilst a staunch Presbyterian, he had wide sympathies and was an earnest promoter of union among the Christian denominations.

"No man could be more genial in his own home than Dr. Warden, and it is safe to say that those who knew him best loved him best.

"Dr. Warden was ordained in 1886 and settled in Bothwell, Ont. He remained there only a few years, when his remarkable financial abilities caused him to be placed as agent of the church in Montreal. On the death of Rev. Dr. Reid he became general agent of the church and removed to Toronto.

"In addition to being agent of the church he was also clerk of Assembly and convener of the Home Mission committee.

Dr. Warden was at home in finances, not only in the minutiae of office work but in the wider sphere of financial operations."

Dr. Scott, Editor of the Presbyterian Record, who was closely identified with

Dr. Warden in Montreal, referring to the deceased's liberal gifts to the colleges, said:—"Some people might wonder how a man with the comparatively small salary received by Dr. Warden could give so liberally to church and educational enterprises. This, would be easily understood when it was stated that the deceased had inherited considerable means from his father, who was very wealthy, and the judicious investment of his private funds had enabled him to do what he had done, while refusing offers of salaries three or four times what he received for his services to the church. He was remarkably careful in handling the funds of the church, and with very few exceptions his investments for the church were profitable. In the few instances where they were not, the doctor made up the deficiencies from his own bank account. His abilities, were more and more recognized by the church year by year, and his devotion to its interests were highly appreciated. Only now that he has gone we realize what a man he was."

The winter season is usually considered the time most propitious for special work looking towards quickening and deepening the religious life of a congregation. The gracious winds of the Spirit blow where they list, now here, now there. All the world has taken note of the wonderful revival in Wales, and now the stirrings of a great revival are reported from Norway. In the year 1896 there was present at a meeting of the Salvation Army in Chicago a young Norwegian sailor from Vane, a town in the very south of the Scandinavian peninsula. He was not specially impressed by the services, but as he was leaving a young woman laid a hand upon his arm and said, "God bless you. Come again." The kindly word led him to ask himself, "What is this religion which causes strangers to be interested in a wandering sailor?" He returned to the meetings a number of times, and eventually confessed Christ. He did not identify himself with the Army either then or subsequently, but returned to his seafaring life. He reappeared in the old home town five years later. Among the people of his own nationality he was gradually led into evangelistic services, and Dean Knudsen, now minister of ecclesiastical affairs in Norway, proved himself a warm friend. In Christiania he has had as many as 5,000 hearers at a time in the largest hall in the capital, and the Lutheran bishop of the city has taken a deep interest in his work. Ministers of the state church generally have opened their stately edifices to revival services, and personal workers who have seen something of such meetings abroad, are invited by the Lutheran ministers to come in and aid them in a work which, strange as it appears to them, they feel to be of God. The young sailor, Lunde, is as simple in his ways and speech as Evan Roberts, and nothing outside of Wales compares with the work which is still in progress in Norway. It is needless to say that Prince Oscar Bernadotte takes a personal interest in the revival.

"Dr. Robert Hutchinson, an English physician, has declared oatmeal to be one of the most excellent articles of diet, particularly for children. It is rich in fat, iron and phosphates, and, properly prepared, to his mind it is food presented in a most finished and digestible form. A great deal had been written against it of late, but the writers were wholly and entirely wrong. If it had been so bad the Scotch race would have long since died out." It is far ahead of any of the fad "breakfast foods" so much in vogue at the present time. In our own household the Royal Sealed Rolled Oats, made by the Dowd Milling Co., have been used for several years with the utmost satisfaction. The quality is uniformly good; and, properly cooked, the dish is fit to set before the King.