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Mr. Warren, business manager of the Canadian Baptist, and a bright newspaper man, has been elected president of the Baptist Union at its recent meeting at Peterboro'. The choice in this case is an excellent one, and we heartily congratulate Mr. Warren on the honor done him by his brethren. It is not often that a mere "layman" is elevated to the chief office in an ecclesiastical gathering.

A French Catholic clergyman, Abbe Naudet, publishes a very candid opinion of his own Communion. He writes: "The masses of the French nation will never become reconciled to Catholicism until they find, in their every-day experience, that people who go to mass lead better lives and do more good than those who do not go to it. But instead of finding this, they see that all the efforts made in France in recent years to promote great moral aims—such as checking tuberculosis or putting down intemperance and immoral literature—were set on foot, and are still kept at work, almost exclusively by Protestants or Jews or other non-Catholics. It is the rarest exception to find any Catholic amongst their active supporters." The Belfast Witness remarks: "Here in Ireland it is very rare to find Romanist clergy zealously working for temperance or any other social improvement. And the pity is the more because they might have so much influence." We are pleased to say that this cannot be said of the Roman Catholic clergy in Canada. Many of them take an active part in promoting moral reforms and in doing so co-operate heartily with Protestants.

### THEATRE-GOING.

The correspondence column in "The British Weekly," which was for a considerable time under the charge of Mr. Campbell, successor to Dr. Parker's pulpit, is now conducted by Rev. David Smith, well-known writer and preacher, of Tulliallan, Scotland. Recently, one of the questions was, "What is your opinion about theatre-going? Should professing Christians abstain from it?"

We quote part of Mr. Smith's reply: "In ancient Athens the theatre was a noble institution, educative and truly religious; and now perhaps it might, and perhaps sometimes does, serve high uses. Yet I have never gone to the theatre, and never mean to go. I am not prepared to lay down a law, but I may put some considerations before you. (1) Would you like to see your minister at the theatre? Would it not lower your estimation of him as a spiritually-minded man? If it be unfitting for him, how is it befitting for you? (2) Here, as elsewhere, the question is not, 'Is this thing legitimate,' but 'Is it conducive to my spiritual health, and my usefulness to the Kingdom of Heaven?' Does it befit one redeemed by Christ and covenanted to His Service? When we yield ourselves to Christ, there is a radical change in our views and affections, and the question of the legitimacy of worldly pleasures never presents itself. We have lost taste for them; we do not want them; we have got something better."

"Guard your Sundays" is a warning which now-a-days often finds place in the columns of religious journals. It is a good thing that the thought is being kept constantly before the people in these mammon-worshipping days. Here is what the late Bishop Westcott once said upon the subject: "I endeavor to press on all the simple counsel, guard your Sundays. I believe that England owes her stability and greatness to the general observance of the Day of Rest and the study of the Holy Scriptures. In these times of reckless excitement and engrossing business, I do not see when we can reflect calmly on the greatest things—the things unseen and eternal—if the quiet of Sunday, 'the day of the rest of the heart,' is taken from us." The Christian people of Canada, if they wish well for themselves and their country, must stand by and safeguard the Christian Sabbath.

A good story was told at an induction dinner the other day. A good many years ago the then minister of Newbattle was a man of forceful character, who rather bossed the ecclesiastical show in the neighborhood. One of the members of the Presbytery foregathered with a friend at Assembly time, who, in the course of conversation, asked: "Who is the leader in your Presbytery now?" "We have no leader," was the reply. "Leaders, then?" "No, we haven't any leaders." "Dear me, that's singular. How does your Presbytery get on?" "Well, the truth is, we have Thomson, of Newbattle, and he drives us!"

### A PLUCKY LITTLE MISSION.

The second anniversary of the Gwalior Presbyterian Mission, held last Wednesday in Toronto, gave much satisfaction to those who were present. Both the audience and the addresses testified to a growing interest in a growing work.

Mr. J. K. Macdonald, President of the Board of Management, occupied the chair, and gave, in his chairman's address, a brief but strong statement of the objects, methods, and success of the Mission.

The speaker of the evening was Rev. Dr. Lucas, who has completed his thirty-fifth year in the North India Mission, and expects to go back again next September.

He spoke of Dr. Wilkie as possessing in no ordinary measure three of the most important qualifications of a successful Foreign Missionary: 1st, a real and tender sympathy with the natives, and the power to draw their kindly feelings out in response; 2nd, what I may indicate by Lord Bacon's word, longanimity, and which he defines as "That quality of mind which looks ahead to the far-reaching consequences of present plans"; 3rd, the power of patient enthusiasm, with the emphasis on the patience. When constant prayer at home upholds such a man as that results may be expected.

The missionary spoke with much enthusiasm of the character of the British rule in India. He said:—

"I am an American, and I am glad to be able to testify in Canada, as I have often done among my own countrymen, that the even-handed justice of the British rule is beyond all praise. Such a band of men as the British officials in India it would be hard to match. They seem to be beyond corruption. I do not believe there is one in a thousand of them who could be approached with a bribe."

The thought of the audience was kept rather upward than downward. It was the glory of the missionary cause, and the glory and prompt faithfulness of the missionary's God that occupied the attention rather than the misery and degradation of the heathen world. At the close of the meeting, those interested in this special effort were quite ready to "thank God and take courage."

A colporteur of the American Bible Society in making a recent tour in the Philippines in company with two priests of the Independent Catholic Church, reports a significant incident. In confirming the many candidates who presented themselves, the bishop handed each one a copy of the gospel instead of the usual candle used upon such occasions. The people paid for the Bible what they would otherwise have expended for the candle, and at the end of the tour the colporteur found that there were left but few of the 18,000 Bibles with which he was equipped at the beginning in his possession.