

A reliable exchange of a late date says:—"The inhabitants of Edward County, Ill., do not support any temperance lecturers, or spend their time talking about temperance. They decided twenty-five years ago that no liquor should be sold in the county, and since that time they have sent but one person to the penitentiary, and he committed a crime while drunk with whisky procured in an adjoining county; they support but two or three paupers, and their jail is empty most of the time. The taxes are 32 per cent. lower than the adjoining counties, and their terms of Court occupy three days in the year, while their tax rolls show that they return more property than any other county in the state of equal proportion."

At a Wesleyan Missionary Meeting, held lately at Sheffield, England, the Rev. Dr. Punshon, referring to the Friendly Islands, said there had been accomplished, in the work of a single man—the Rev. John Thomas, the first missionary to the Islands—the Christianization of the whole people. It was now a Christian nation, governed by a Christian king, who was a local preacher, and they had raised a thansgiving fund, and wonderful to say, they had a surplus left. The Islanders were puzzled at first as to the disposal of the money, but they had sent £100 of it as a contribution to build Methodist chapels in the dark benighted city of London.


In Polynesia Christianity has gained wonderful victories. Could there be a more striking illustration of the success of Missions in the South Seas, than the fact that people who were cannibals a generation ago have, in their turn, become missionaries to other cannibals, and laid down their lives in the cause of Christianity?

There are two hundred and twenty Missionaries to the Jews. More Jews have been converted to Christianity in this than in any previous age. Conversions are reckoned at 100,000 since 1800, and now increase at a rate of more than 1000 a year.

We have it direct from unquestionable authority that the State of Maine saves annually fully *twenty-four million dollars* through its Prohibitory Liquor Law, which but for it would be spent and wasted in drink.

A colporteur in Japan recently sold a thousand copies of the Scriptures in two weeks, and the Mayor of Yokohama has ordered ten copies of the New Testament to be placed in one of the schools.

The City Council of Glasgow, after a discussion of three nights, has refused to grant permission to open the museums and art galleries on the Lord's day.

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