

ested in temperance work will see that the financial part is all right, and not leave the matter of paying the expenses to a few, as is generally the case.

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"EASTER-MORN" has come once more, reminding us of the resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus the Christ. Lent with its fasting is over, and soon its observers will be again of the world worldly. Speaking of Lent we cannot help but refrain from asking, how many are there who truly and religiously observe it as they are supposed to? Should not Christians live as godly during the rest of the year as they endeavor to do during this period of fasting? Would it not be better to observe, and have a watchful care over our habits and mode of living, for the three hundred and sixty-five days as well as for the forty? And are not people who have been restrained for a period apt to rush to the extreme when liberated? These are questions which suggest themselves to the thinking mind, and must be answered by each one for themselves.

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PRISON reforms seem to occupy considerable attention among our neighbors across the line, and the discussion does not come too soon. There is hardly a day passes by, but we hear of some gross breach of discipline committed within the walls of an American asylum, or prison. In this enlightened age of the nineteenth century, men and women are realizing the fact that the unfortunates who occupy a prison cell, are none the less our brothers and sisters

than the innocent babe, helpless in its cradle. The days of cruelty and oppression are gone, and with it comes peace, gentleness, and love. While the law must be carried out and a rigid discipline enforced, there is a right way and a wrong way in enforcing these duties, and it is against the latter that we protest. A little kindness, tempered with patience and love, is a good remedy to give anyone inclined to be unruly. Human nature, although naturally inclined towards the animal part, is possessed with the higher and nobler gift, that of a human soul, and it is for the preserving of this that we should exercise the utmost discretion. We, in Canada, have not much reason to complain of the manner in which our prison officials perform their duties, which is perhaps accounted for by the fact that among Canadians are more God fearing, moral living men and women than those who live under the stars and stripes.

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REPRESENTATION by population has long been regarded as the only true way in which those having equal interests could be represented. While in new countries, where the settlements are sparsely settled, it may not appear just that centres of population, covering a small area, should have larger representation, it will, all things being equal, be seen that the more people there are, the more wants they have, and as cities generally seek legislation for their own interests on the line of municipal reform, they as a general rule do not demand anything inimical to the interests of the country. After the taking of the last census we see that some of the lower