

are waging war against the rum-fiend. We are glad to find that the Roman Catholic, as well as Protestant Churches, are resolved to battle against this foe.

Branches of the Epworth League are also being formed at various places in Newfoundland. At St. John's, the members are making themselves useful in visiting vessels and distributing tracts. The Vice-Principal of the College, Mr. West, had also established a night school, which many young persons attend.

Rev. Dr. Cochran, of Japan, has accepted the chair of New Testament Greek and Exegesis in the MacLay College.

The corner-stone of a new church was recently laid at Ottawa by Sir John Macdonald.

A new church in Toronto bears the honored name of Epworth, carrying us back to the cradle of Methodism.

Messrs. Hunter and Crossley have held a successful evangelistic service at Portage la Prairie. One meeting was held for men only, when the hall was packed to the doors. No such gathering was ever seen within its walls before.

The Rev. David Savage has been holding successful revival meetings in Western Ontario.

It is delightful to read of the numerous branches that are being formed in connection with the Epworth League. Four reports coming in one day announce the organization of branches aggregating 175 young persons. The new journal, *Onward*, will be sure to receive, as it deserves, a large circulation among the young people, for whose special benefit it is published.

The annual meetings of the Woman's Missionary Societies in the various Conferences have this year been of more than ordinary interest. At some of them, Mrs. Tate from British Columbia and Mrs. Large from Japan were present. Mrs. Tate stated that there are 35,000 Indians in British Columbia, one-half of whom are not brought under any Christian influence. Infidels circulate their poison-

ous literature among the Indians as fast as they learn to read, and they are quick to learn. Whiskey, she said, is a fearful evil; and the practice of flattening the heads of infants is cruel, and destroys all that is good and noble in them. In one tribe the heads of infants are bound till they assume the shape of a sugar loaf.

Mrs. Large's statements excited great sympathy. The sufferings she has endured in connection with the martyrdom of her husband has made her a heroine. Her heart is in the work, and she is in great demand for meetings. Among other statements which she made, were the following: "In 1889, there were 31,000 Christians in Japan, who gave \$50,000 in one year, and one must remember that first-class carpenters, etc., receive forty cents per day, and so understand what this amount means. The Woman's work is divided into scholastic and evangelistic. The Azabu school has been in operation for six years. Of the 900 pupils passed through their hands, 200 have become Christians."

The French Institute in Montreal sends a good report. The attendance is much larger than was anticipated. The day-schools in the suburbs of the city act as feeders to the Institute, and contribute not a little toward the congregations of the churches. The teachers' duties are very difficult, inasmuch as many of the pupils have but little knowledge of the English language.

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F. H. Torrington, Esq., the accomplished organist of the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, and conductor of the Philharmonic Society, is to be congratulated on the success which has accompanied his establishment of the college of music in this city. It is on all hands admitted that to no single cause is the development of a high-class musical taste and culture in this city and province so largely due as to the persistent labours for several years of Mr. Torrington.