

seventy-five per cent of all cases of tuberculosis in the early stages, treated in sanitariums may be restored to comparative health, while some thirty-five per cent will permanently recover. Hence he said, that were the assumed five thousand consumptives existing to-day in Ontario placed in sanitarium at least fifty per cent of them would be preserved to produce wealth for the state. In other words the annual loss of \$2,500,000 would be saved as each person's life is said to be worth \$1,000 to the state. By placing all tuberculed persons in sanitarium the danger from infection would also be greatly minimized and consequently the number of new cases and the number demanding treatment would be greatly lessened. These statements furnish food for serious thought and open a field for useful investigation by the Government.

A protest by the Evangelical Alliance of Quebec to Mayor Parent against a prize fight which it was proposed should be held on the 19th inst., will be drawn the gratifying reply that the fight should not be allowed. The mayor promised that as prize-fights are forbidden by law, the good old city of Quebec will not be disgraced by unlawful gatherings, "nor shall its mayor and council tarnish its good name and reputation by allowing or tolerating any violation of the law." Quebec city and its authorities are to be congratulated on this firm stand.

#### THE FOREIGN FIELD.

RECENT advices from Formosa are reassuring and satisfactory. The veteran missionary, Rev. Dr. MacKay writes that he has recently baptized a number of converts and that the work is more promising than at any time during the past two years. He has confidence in the protection extended to missionaries by the Governor General, and is altogether quite hopeful of the work in his field.

Of China much has been heard recently in connection with the farewell meetings of Rev. Murdoch MacKenzie, Honan. The interest is being maintained by Rev. Donald MacGillivray, whose furlough is being utilized in the interest of the Honan Mission. Last week he spoke at Toronto and described the difficulties with which missionaries had to contend and on the other hand the success with which difficulties are being surmounted. He traces the hand of God in the progress of the past few years.

Interesting testimony was also given, last week, to the work in China, by Bishop Awdry, whose sphere is in Japan, but whose observations extend to the Chinese work. He finds that the proportion of genuine converts is greater among Chinese than among Japanese, the former being more steadfast than the latter. The Japanese evidently assent to the Christian faith more readily than the Chinese, but they do not endure. Yet in Japan the number of genuine converts in the Bishop's mission was considerable and increasing at the rate of about 1,000 a year.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

THE Committee's report to the Annual Convention of the Ontario Sabbath School Convention was presented by Mr. J. A. Paterson and contained some interesting facts. After referring with pleasure to the good work done by the association and the good financial showing made this year, it proceeds to make several recommendations:

"That the salary of the Corresponding Secretary be increased from \$300 to \$500 a year. That county execu-

tives arrange for primary conferences in connection with their annual conventions, and that extra copies of the proceedings in connection with primary work be distributed gratis among primary teachers. That county secretaries be instructed to carefully file their returns with the general executive. That all unorganized districts should be speedily organized for effective Sabbath School work. That the General Secretary be requested to make a general report of work throughout the province, accompanied by suggestions for its improvement. That \$300 be voted to the General Executive for the continuation of Sabbath School missionary work. That the following estimates for the year be submitted:—Convention expenses, \$250; salary, General Secretary, \$1,200; salary, Corresponding Secretary, \$600; printing, \$700; postage and stationery, \$250; rent and caretaker, \$125; travelling expenses, \$250; international convention, \$200; missionary purposes, \$300; sundries, \$125; total \$4,000. That normal examinations be hereafter held in June instead of September. That an effort be made to increase the number of normal students."

#### THE KINGSTON INCIDENT.

ARCHBISHOP CLEARLY'S utterance has naturally called forth much diverse criticism. We refer to the subject again only because of the defence put up for him by the Roman Catholic press, and by correspondents in the Secular press who have come to his rescue. Of that defence nothing need be said, for the merits of the question are evaded with singular unanimity, but the fact that at this time of day, there should be in Canada such a body of Roman Catholics opinion as to force journals, published for a constituency which the Roman Catholic Church furnishes, to defend the position taken by the Archbishop is a sad reflection on our boasted civilization, and emphasizes a problem which we have been lulled to suppose was on the verge of disappearance. Protestants will not set too much store by the Archbishop's speeches. He may be to some extent an anomaly even in his own church, as to his methods of publishing the doctrines of his church, and peace and harmony are conditions to be greatly desired. But Protestants will make a mistake if they do not learn by the Archbishop's pastoral, just where his Church stands in her attitude to all outside her pale, and as an aggressive organization her doctrines are to be propagated, sometimes with Mgr. Cleary's rashness, but always in the spirit of no compromise.

#### CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP.

IF the Sabbath School Convention were productive of no other ringing public utterance than that of the Hon. John Dryden, it would have justified the opinions formed of its progressive character. The Minister of Agriculture is known as an interested and useful member of the Baptist Communion who, as a rule, speaks to the purpose and well. His testimony will be heard with respect throughout the land. Speaking on "Christian Citizenship" he said:

"Christ said that each person is but a part of the whole, and that each person has a direct interest in all that concerns the whole. The whole community, in this sense, is bound up in each other. The truest conception of citizenship is that which acknowledges this principle. It means that no person can do injury to himself or to another without injury to the whole. It means that no one can place himself forward by pulling others down without violating Christian principles. The general conception of this principle would settle the social war between capital and labor. It would do away with the sweating system now becoming so prevalent the world over. It would forbid engaging in any business which, though bringing with it gain, carries with it wrong and ruin to others. It would bring cheer and happiness to thousands of homes made wretched by neglect and lack of sympathy. The acknowledgment of this principle implies that one chosen as a representative is bound to use his position in the interests of those he represents, while, on the other hand, they are bound to protect him in doing so. To