

McKay pioneered there, is still needed. However, the dangers imminent to statehood some years ago, are not present now; and there was no valid reason for withholding those rights any longer.

THE SALOON.—About the most notable thing of the month is the decision of the Roman Legate at Washington, that no rum-seller can be a member of any society or order in the "church." Good! And the Archbishops are all coming into line, and promulgating the decree. It really looks as if the Roman saloon-keeper (and most of the saloonists are Romanists) will have to go to work!

HAWAII.—The new constitution under which Hawaii is now governed forbids appropriations to sectarian educational institutions. This will, for a time, after Dec. 31, 1895, cripple many of the excellent academies founded by and partially supported by the Protestant churches, but it is a decision made imperative by the importunate pressure of the Roman Catholics for government subsidies.—*Ex.*

INDIA.—Dr. George Smith, the biographer of Carey, Duff and Henry Martyn, and one of the best authorities living on India, says, in a course of lectures last year, that since the census of 1881, an advance of over 22 per cent. has been made in the Christian community, compared with a growth of only 13 per cent. in the entire population.

CASUAL MEETINGS.—Speaking of Jesus at the Well, the *Faithful Witness* says:

Jesus might have entered into a conversation with that woman, and after taking a drink of water bid her "good-bye," leaving her to say, "Well, He is a Jew, but He is not a bigoted one. He is a gentlemanly Jew. He never said a word about His religion, or about the hatred existing between our nations." What are your conversations like? Learn from this how to deal with sinners. Wisdom is needed. It is now as it was then. Jesus sought the woman; made the first appeal to her; patiently dealt with her till He led her thoughts away from herself and fixed them upon Himself.

THE BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION.—This great gathering of 5,000 delegates at Toronto was a most enthusiastic one. Among other resolves was "That the deadly and desperate evil known as the Liquor Traffic should be destroyed, and we will try to find the way to do it!" That looks like action; and the young must be in the advance when the final

charge is made. C. E. Societies and Bands of Hope are in training for the great victory.

MISSIONS.—The practice of a church or Sunday school, or C. E. Society supporting a certain native missionary or pupil, on the mission field, is a good one. It gives a zest to the missionary work of the society at home, and it secures more help for the work abroad. With all the obvious advantages of the "Missionary Society," it dissipates this practical individual *interest*, which the church-members (say at Antioch) had, when they sent out their own men to the heathen.

LORD ROSEBURY AND HIS RACING.—There is a good deal said about the Premier and his race-horses. His attempt to shelter himself under the example of Cromwell has failed. A wag telegraphed to the British Calvinistic Methodist Association, "Ladas has won." The Methodist President was not at all interested in "the Derby"; but he seemed to appreciate the fitness of things, when he telegraphed in reply, "You must have been mistaken, we are not the Church Congress!"

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF N. S. AND N.B.—The report of the Union in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, meeting in Yarmouth, N.S. on July 27th, which will be found elsewhere, is from the columns of the *Yarmouth Herald*. We have the full text of Mr. Shipperley's Statistical Report—portions of which we shall lay under contribution from time to time—but the admirable synopsis we find in the *Herald* is so judicious and interesting, that we give it entire. Rev. John Wood was elected Chairman of the Union, and presided at the meetings; which closed on Tuesday evening, July 31st.

INFLUENCE.—It is strange how one or two persons can change the sentiments of a whole community. A society woman can often put down a silly fashion of dress as easily as she can, by adopting it, make it popular. A boy in school can make well-learned lessons fashionable; a girl can by her own example vaccinate her whole set against the contagion of slang and scandal. Standing bravely on one's own ground does not in these days mean martyrdom; on the contrary, the world loves a hero and seldom fails to rally around him.—*Congregationalist*.