

The editor of a leading liquor organ gives this view of the resolutions which conferences and assemblies pass concerning the saloon: "In fighting prohibition we do not recognize the church as our principal opponent, nor have the prohibition papers any basis whatever upon which to claim the church a prohibition institution. Prohibition does not receive at the polls two per cent of the votes of preachers and church members, so the assumption that the church is a political prohibition institution can be regarded only as a harmless jest. It is true the preachers at their conferences, synods, etc., pass prohibition resolutions, and all that sort of slushy buncombe, the same as the politicians promnigate flowery froth in their platforms. But when it comes to voting, and to influencing their fashionable congregations as to voting, they are almost unanimously standing in with us."

Read that paragraph again. Read it slowly. Read it candidly. Weigh the whisky editor's words. Then answer whether that pencil, soaked in rum, has not told the truth.—*The Epwaite Herald.*

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1871	1881	1891
285,594	321,233	321,263

When taken now there ought to be considerable increase over 1891. Anyone who owes anything to the paper needs to send that amount with the 50 for this year thus paying up to 1902.

To the one who gives the nearest guess we will give five dollars, and to the next nearest two dollars, and to the next three one dollar each. Those who order the pictures will have the right to guess

We are never free from temptation's presence, though we may be free from its power.

Religious News.

HAVELOCK, KINGS COUNTY. On December 2nd, 1900, a Mission Band was organized in Havelock Baptist church. The name of this Band is "The Hope Holders." There are forty-nine members. The officers are: Miss Mamie Keith, president; Mrs. Reid Keith, vice-president; E. Alward, treasurer; A. Z. Alward, secretary.

FLORENCEVILLE, N. B. The new century has begun and the first month of the new year is gone. Our New Year's resolutions are being tested and find them very much the same as former ones. We are now three months on our eleventh year on this field; counting a former pastorate of a year it is the twelfth. We are now holding special meeting at Simonds and Feel. I have baptized a husband and wife and added to the little church at Simonds. We are looking for others to come forward soon. O Lord reveal thy work in the midst of the years.
A. H. HAYWARD.

CARLETON, ST. JOHN, N. B. The audience room of the Carleton Baptist Church which has been under repairs for the past few weeks is completed and with its covering of steel which has been painted, and its electric lights presents a fine appearance. The church with Bro. Nobles as their pastor are united and are praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in their midst.

SACKVILLE. This church is being somewhat quickened. Since the coming of our new pastor, and assistant pastor, Revd. E. B. McLatchey, and F. O. Erb. These brethren have entered upon their work in right good earnest, and congregations are increasing when weather and roads make it possible to gather for worship, prospects for better times religiously among us are brightening. Our ministers are both winning the hearts of our people; their services are highly appreciated. May the Lord display his power to save soon among us.
F. W. E.

GINSON, N. B. This church is being much revived through the labors of their new pastor Rev. W. R. Robinson. A better state of things exists now than has obtained for a long time. The membership of the church is more co-operation in religious activities than formerly, and the congregation are increasing and several have united with the church by baptism, and by letter, and others are giving evidence of a new life by their testimonies for Christ. We are praying and looking for a wider spread work of grace. May the Lord grant it.

OAK BAY. The Lord is blessing the labors of pastor Worden, and evangelist Marple here. They have been holding special meetings for several days, and the good work of grace is moving on with much power. Pastor Worden baptized ten converts last Sunday February 3rd., and several others are being received by the church and will be baptized next Lord's Day. The membership of the church are much revived, and we hope there are better days in store for us in the future. Praise the Lord for His grace and mercy.

KESWICK, N. B. Church news is always interesting, even though there is not much of special interest to report. We are enjoying good roads and large congregations over this extensive field and the "power of the Lord is sometimes present to heal." The people are kind and considerate all this year round, but they never forget the annual "donation."

CENTRAL GROVE, LONG ISLAND. We have just concluded a series of special revival meetings in Central Grove. This place is about midway between Freeport and Tiverton. The faithful in Zion have been greatly blessed. A number of backsliders have returned and some young people

have experienced a new found hope. The young people have started a Sabbath evening prayer service.
E. H. HOWE.

TABERNACLE, ST. JOHN. Spent Sunday Jan. 27th, with the Sussex church. In response to an appeal made for funds towards our new church building the church very generously subscribed \$113.
P. J. STACKHOUSE.

Personals.

Rev. Milton Addison has received and accepted a call to the Surrey and Demozelle churches, and entered upon the work in this field. We wish him much success and prosperity in his new settlement;
His address will be Surrey, Albert Co., N. B.

Rev. E. P. Calder has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First, and Second Grand Lake churches, and now about beginning his work among these people. This is a very important field, and our brother Calder will find plenty of work, and he ought to find plenty of support both in spiritual and temporal aid. May his coming to them be in the fullness of the gospel of Christ.

Rev. I. W. Corey, formerly pastor of Fairville, N. B. has lately resigned at Kenosha, Wisconsin the term of his pastorate there ending with Feb. 1st.

Rev. S. D. Irvine now at Perth Centre, Victoria Co., writes: "I am at present here trying to rest. If it were not for the sick headaches which have followed me for years I should soon pull up. My lung affection has almost totally disappeared. My brethren have been very kind to me. May God bless them abundantly for their thoughtfulness and kindly gifts."

Act of Incorporation.

A meeting of the committees appointed by the three Associations to prepare an Act of Incorporation of Baptist churches in New Brunswick, being called for on the 6th inst., only a very few members were present. Rev. J. H. Hughes was chosen chairman, and F. W. Emmerson secretary. A copy of the proposed Act was presented for adoption, which after deliberative discussion was adopted with slight amendments and it was resolved to send a copy of the same to each of the three committees for their approval or suggested amendments or omissions, all of which are to be returned to the chairman, who will call another meeting in the near future to take final action in regard to the Act. They will then submit it to the House of Assembly for enactment. Brethren receiving these copies of the proposed Act will please return to Bro. Hughes. A notice of the next meeting will be given shortly.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick to pass an Act entitled "An Act to Incorporate Baptist Churches in Connection with the New Brunswick Eastern, Southern and Western Baptist Association."

F. W. Emmerson,
Secretary to Committee.

February 6th, 1901.

Seal the minister seek the church or shall the vacant congregation seek the minister? The former is now the universal custom, and it is bringing numberless evils in its train. The congregation looks upon the minister as one engaged for so much money, to do so much work, to be dismissed at pleasure. Is it not possible to change the order so that the minister is no longer a suppliant for the favors of a congregation.