

Last month you had on the title page of your Record, our National hymn,

"God Save our Gracious Queen."

This month on the same page you have two verses of hymn 506 in our Book of Praise, which makes a good Canadian National hymn, and which tells us how our country can be truly great and good, by having for its Sovereign, not only good Queen Victoria, but Jesus the King of Kings.

Canadian boys like to have Victoria as their Queen. How much more should we wish to have Christ our King.

No Canadian boy who has any manliness would speak disrespectfully of our Queen, how much more careful should we be to speak with respect of our Saviour King.

No Canadian boy would be ashamed to have it known that he is a subject of Victoria; what a strange thing that any should be ashamed to have it known that they are subjects of King Jesus.

Canadian boys would stand up to defend their Queen, how ready should we be to take our part in all that concerns the honor of Christ our King.

Some Canadian boys like to be soldiers of the Queen. All can be soldiers of Jesus Christ.

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#### OUR GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

*Question.* What is it?

*Answer.* The Supreme Court of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

*Q.* How often does it meet?

*A.* Once yearly, the second Wednesday in June, for a little more than a week.

*Q.* Where did it meet this year?

*A.* In the city of Hamilton, Ont.

*Q.* Of how many members does it consist?

*A.* About three hundred ministers and three hundred elders.

*Q.* How is the membership of Assembly chosen?

*A.* Each Presbytery appoints every year one-fourth of its ministers and an equal number of elders, as representatives to Assembly.

*Q.* How many Presbyteries are there in our Church in Canada?

*A.* There are now fifty-two, one for each week in the year.

*Q.* Has our church any Presbyteries outside of Canada?

*A.* Yes, in our foreign fields, one each in Trinidad, Central India, and Honan.

*Q.* Do all the members attend that are appointed by Presbyteries.

*A.* No, usually a little more than half, or about three hundred, are able to attend.

*Q.* What is the work of Assembly?

*A.* Reviewing the past and planning for the future of the Great Schemes of the Church, such as missions of all kinds at home and abroad, the Sabbath school work of the church, young people's work, and all else of all kinds that the church has to do.

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#### FROM OUR OWN MISSION FIELDS.

"DO YOU DRINK RUM?"

In our Tunapuna school lately, writes Mrs. Morton, of Trinidad,—I asked a number of the heathen children, "Do you drink rum," and got for answer, "Yes." Some of them were mere babies.

So you see these poor heathen children need the missionary, to save them from drunkenness as well as to tell them of the true God, and our mission work in getting them into Bands of Hope saves many of them from drunkards' lives and deaths.

Our Blue Ribbon Band has pledged 723 people. Our Christian Indians are largely total abstainers, but still the evil goes on, and poverty, misery, and crime go along with it.

SOMETHING BETTER TO DRINK, GIFT OF A WELL.

A brighter picture from Trinidad is given in a letter by Dr. Morton.—

"We directed our course to the centre of a new settlement, where we were to meet one of the chief proprietors at his well. This well is twenty-seven feet deep, and walled up and walled over, except the opening, with brick. The water is sweet and good.

The master Jahari, who lives and does business in Couva eighteen miles away, met us by the well to tell why he had sent for me, and this is what passed:—

"I do not want this well ever to be sold by my heirs. I want to give it to you for the people of this place. I want to give you also an acre of that wooded land for a graveyard, and no poor man, Christian, Hindi, or Mohammedan, is to be denied a free grave.

"I give you also for school or church purposes a lot at the Western corner. This is my mind and will."

And so the gift of a well to drink from, a site for a school and church, where they may learn