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In some things we are over strenuous, in other things not strenuous enough. It is not the amount of energy expended, but direction, that counts.

Last Sunday a pastoral letter from Archbishop Bruchesi was read in all the Roman Catholic churches condemning mixed marriages and declaring that dispensations will no longer be granted for such marriages as they have been in the past.

A Sabbath that has not been carried over into the work and worry of the week has not been properly observed. The day has its limitations a to hours but not as to blessing; and if the blessing passes with the day, then has the day failed in its influence upon us.

The Minister of Education in the Imperial Government, Dr. McKenna, has been taking the public into his confidence by giving a brief outline of his forthcoming school bill. He said: "The measure would contain two principles which the nation had declared for with the most decided voice. The first principle was that the public, through their representatives, should have the control of the public expenditure, and the second was that there should be no denominational or religious tests in the appointment of teachers. He did not think he would be revealing any secrets when he said that the Bill would be as short and simple as possible, in order that the public might have no difficulty in understanding the issue between the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Their principles would be embodied in as few words as possible. Then, if the Lords ventured to reject the measure, they would be able to go to the public with a clear-cut issue." The Befast Witness wants to know what about the religious difficulty.

## PROHIBITION IN P.E. ISLAND.

The Commissioners appointed by the Government of New Brunswick, to enquire into the workings of the prohibition law, now in force in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, have concluded their labors, as far as taking evidence is concerned, and in a short time their report may be looked for. The Commissioners went very fully into every detail, having had before them the Hon. Arthur Peters, Premier of the Province, who, with the courage of his convictions, placed upon the statutes of the province a law that has greatly lessened the drink evil, and, according to his testimony, has been a great factor in benefitting the whole people of the province. They also took the testimony of His Worship Mayor Paton, one of Charlottetown's leading merchants, who, in conjunction with several other of the most prominent merchants, stated that business had not suffered any by the enactment of prohibition, but, rather, that it had improved in almost every line. Then, again, the evidence given by the stipendiary magistrate, Mr. McDonald, who by the way is a young man of great promise, and knows whereof he speaks; Mr. McDonald states that since the law came into force there has been a decided falling off in the police court of cases brought about by the sale of strong drink. And behind the police magistrate's evidence is that of Marshall Cameron, chief of police, who states that since the law came into force he has been able to reduce the police force and still maintain law and order, thereby reducing the expenditure chargeable to the civic treasury.

The question now arises, if the Province of Prince Edward Island has been benefitted by the adoption of a prohibitive law, why will it not work the same good results elsewhere. It is up to the powers that be in all the provinces to rise to the demand for the betterment of our fellow-citizens and enact laws that will tend to make the dollars and cents that now go into the maw of the great destroyer go into the channels of trade and industry and bring blessings to the masses of the people.

Says the Manitoba Free Press: Rev. Dr. Chapman, who during the past three weeks conducted evangelistic meetings here, will visit Winnipeg again in June next, when he comes to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, which meets here at that time. It is understood that Dr. Chapman has evolved a plan for evangelistic work, which he intends to place before the assembly.

Christian Guardian: The God of all the ages has a message for us in this Bible of ours; and if we will but sit silent and reverent enough, that message will prove its divinity by its power. This is the message for to-day and all days, the immortal truth, instinct with race-regenerating power, the mighty message upon whose accents hangs the redemption of our race. Let us listen to its voice. Keep your Bible open, and try to catch its divinely-human message. Through it God still speaks to men.

## OUR RELATIONS TO CHINA.

Elsewhere we reproduce from the Befast Witness an interesting and instructive article bearing on the awakening taking place in China, and the changed relationship between China and the other world powers which that awakening involves. Henceforth the great powers must treat China as their equal—deal with her on questions of international importance and in the arena of diplomacy as they would expect her to deal with them. In fact, the great powers—the so-called Christian nations—must maintain their relations with China along the lines of the Golden Rule. This is a view of the question which should give pause to those Canadians on the Pacific coast who are worrying over the so-called "yellow peril" and clamoring for the exclusion of the Japanese and Chinese. If immigration of these people is to be restricted, that object will have to be attained, not by enactments of the Canadian Parliament, but by treaties in which Japan and China will have an equal voice with Canada. We may as well understand this first as last, and govern ourselves accordingly, for we cannot apply to the two great powers of the Orient a rule of international conduct which we would not think of applying to the United States or to the great powers of Europe, except at the risk and cost of war.

We commend the article to the consideration of the readers of the Dominion Presbyterian, and especially those paragraphs of it which bear on our missionary relations to China. We cannot be indifferent on that score. We are sending missionaries to China to give them the gospel just as the King and Head of the Church commanded us to do. Why should we refuse to welcome the Chinese to Canada where, under more favorable opportunities, we can give them this same Gospel which they can carry back to their own land and strengthen the hands of our missionaries, thus aiding in the most practical way, the Christianization of that great country.

## STATE OF FUNDS (WESTERN SECTION.)

The subjoined statement, just sent out from the Church Offices by the treasurer, Rev. Dr. Somerville, calls for serious consideration in every congregation of the western section of the Church. The salaries of missionaries and annuities of the aged and infirm ministers are paid quarterly, and the annuities of widows and orphans half yearly, but the great majority of the congregations pay over their contributions to meet these objects annually and that in the last few weeks of the financial year, which closes February 28th. It will be a great relief to the treasurer if money for schemes in the hands of the congregational treasurers were sent in as soon as possible. The apportionment to the several schemes can be made later.

	Estimated require- ments.	Expen- Receipts, disburse at 30 Oct. 30 Oct.
Home Mission Fund .. ..	\$180,000 ..	\$20,809 .. \$20,226
Augmentation ..	46,000 ..	2,795 .. 18,840
Foreign Mission ..	122,000 ..	15,041 .. 122,570
Widows' and Orphans' ..	15,000 ..	1,826 .. 11,027
Aged and Infirm Ministers ..	18,000 ..	1,559 .. 16,884
Assembly .. ..	8,000 ..	649 .. 6,628
French Evangelization ..	24,500 ..	3,052 .. 16,504
Pointe-aux-Trembles ..	19,500 ..	2,163 .. 5,413
Temperance and Moral Reform ..	5,000 ..	422 .. 213
		\$437,000 \$57,926 \$387,466