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ANTI STATE CHURCHISM AMONG R. C. BISHOPS.

It is said that the Roman Catholic Bishops in conference at Tulla, profess a desire to settle the difficulty between the Church and State in Germany, by advocating disestablishment and disendowment pure and simple.

RELIGION AND RELIGIOUSNESS.

"They are two very different things," said my friend, "a man may be very religious and yet have no religion."

There are religious orders who are known among men as the promoters of so-called religions. The priests and priestesses who are dedicated to worship—as the Levites the Flamens, the vestal virgins, the derishes, the monks—are religious people; but what intelligent Christian will affirm that in every instance they were truly religious?

There is religiousness also among private professors of religion, and there we find much religiousness with no religion. There are those who play the religious role—most careful in the observance of every rite and performance of every religious act.

There are and doubtless have been many truly good Christians, religious in one of the above senses. Some ritualists and enthusiasts, and pietists, notwithstanding defects, have given good evidence of true piety; but that piety or true religion is something distinct from, and in addition to, the religiousness which they share with those who are not truly under grace.

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display, marching along the street, with the intentions of awakening interest; a mass religious meeting, advertised with speakers from a distance; or some absurd topic of discourse; or some religious curiosity or notorious religious character to exhibit so as to draw a crowd.

We need not less religiousness, but more religion; we want the spirit as well as the body, the real thing which God approves, as well as the showy outside that men admire and praise.

THE SCOTTISH ANTIPATRONAGE BILL.

This Bill has advanced another stage in the House of Lords, and bids fair to become law. As it originally stood, the body of electors was made to consist of "mao communicants of full age."

THE POPE A TEETOTALER.

We think no church in America has lately surpassed the Roman Catholic in zeal against intemperance. The Pope in his letter last winter to the Massachusetts Catholic Temperance Union, planted himself amongst the foremost of reformers.

In your zeal, consequently, to abolish this disreputable and promiscuous custom, you not only struggle against one vice, but in your efforts to stem the numberless evils flowing from this source you also advance the interests of your religion, promote the welfare of your fellow-men and the prosperity of your country.

We exhort you, therefore, for the true welfare of your country, to rigorously urge onward the total abstinence movement under the guidance of the church. Thus will you, beyond all contradiction, deserve well of God, of the church and of your fellow-men.

The Rev. Jno Gray's remarks on the decisions of the General Assembly, published by us last week, should have been credited to the Orlin Packet. In clipping the report we gave the necessary credit, but it did not appear.

OUR MISSIONS.

No. 2. LAKE SUPERIOR.

It is a hopeful sign for our Church to see her extension so incident with that of our country. With such an adventurous class of people as those entrusted to our care, it is of supreme importance to keep pace with the rapid subjugation of territory that the great West exhibits.

The contract for completing the spire of the C. P. Church, Smith's Falls, has been awarded to Mr. Richard Locke at \$1,420.

Ministers and Churches.

Rev. Prof. Bryce took part in the services in St. Andrew's Church, London, last Sabbath.

We shall be glad to hear from the Rev. S. Donaldson, of Manitoba, frequently. Such letters from other portions of the mission field will be very acceptable.

The Rev. Dr. J. B. Fraser, who will shortly leave Canada as Medical Missionary for Formosa, China, preached in Knox Church, Ottawa, last Sabbath.

A "Social" will be held in Gould street Presbyterian Church, this (Thursday) evening, at 7.30, in honor of Dr. Taylor—the first and much loved pastor of the congregation—who is at present on a visit to his son, T. W. Taylor, Esq., of Osgoode Hall.

A concert in aid of the organ fund of St Andrew's Church, Almonte, was held in the Music Hall on Wednesday evening of last week. Rev. John Bannot, Pastor of the church, occupied the chair. The attendance was very good, and an excellent programme was carefully gone through.

A deputation from the Cookstown Presbyterian Church, waited upon Mr. John Watson, at the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, on Wednesday evening last, on the eve of his departure for his native land (Scotland), and presented him with an address and a Gold Watch and chain, valued at \$175.00, as a slight recognition of his services as Precursor for the past five years, and for his liberality and assistance during his stay among them.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto (C. P. Church), held on the 7th instant, the ordination of the Rev. Donald McKerracher, as missionary to Prince Arthur's Landing, was appointed to take place in Knox Church of this city, on Monday the 20th of the present month.

The Stanley street C. P. congregation held a meeting on Tuesday evening of last week for the purpose of electing elders and adopting a constitution. Rev. J. Scrimger, Chairman of the "interim session," presided, and opened the meeting with devotional exercises, after which he called on the members to nominate elders, five of whom were to be elected.

On Dominion Day the Presbyterians of Oulha held a Bazaar, which, according to the Reporter, turned out a complete success. Everything was to have been sold at a fair valuation, and consequently nothing but useful articles were procured for it, as it was understood from the first that its dealings were to be founded on real value.

MISSION WORK IN MANITOBA.

The following notes, by the Rev. S. Donaldson, of Springfield, Manitoba, will be perused with much interest by our readers:—

"As immigration for the season is now begun, and new settlements are being formed, it is desirable that mission work should be carried on at several places, out of the reach of our Missionaries. The work is continually becoming greater, and the districts in which it is to be carried on, more extensive. There will be for many years to come increasing demands upon the liberality of the churches that carry it on.

As an instance of a settlement to which our Church has recently sent a missionary, I shall give some particulars about Springfield and Sunnyside. This district is on the east of the Red River, just outside the Settlement Belt at Kildonan, and extending twelve miles to the east, and six miles from north to south. A mission station was opened two years ago in Springfield, and was supplied on Sabbath by our Catechists, whose services were very valuable to our cause here.

While Springfield and Sunnyside have regular supply of preaching, there are other parts of the Province in which public worship is conducted only at long intervals. The Boyne settlement, in which last summer I found about twenty families, is still neglected. It was recognised then as a station in connection with our Church; but since my last visit about half a year ago, it had been visited only once by any of our ministers.

On visiting the West, I found progress in some things very slow. Six years ago a manse was commenced at High Bluff, which is not yet completed. The number of the people seemed to be greater than before, and in some respects there were undeniable signs of progress.

A very important opening for Christian work is to be found here among the Sioux Indians. They came here about ten years ago from Minnesota and Dakota, and in number are about three thousand. They are encamped at different places near the road to the Saskatchewan. At one place I observed more than twenty tents, and about one hundred and fifty men were engaged in some athletic sport.

No missionaries were among them since they came from the States, but there is evidence of their being once under Christian influence. While the needs of the civilized population are recognized, and if possible supplied, those of these heathen savages who reside in the same vicinity are quietly ignored.