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MR. EDITOR :-- I thank you for having published my note of May 18th, also, for your article on the grounds of Prohibition in your June and issue in reply thereto. My obscure manner of expression must

My obscure manner of expression must have led you into supposing that I require an express precept in favor of Prohibition such, however, is not the case. If it can be shown that Prohibition is in accord with Gospel principles I shall be fully satisfied. If the New Testament warrant the satisfies, if the New Testament warrants Christians as such or the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ going into politics for any purpose whatever, then I have certainly read the Book to no purpose in that respect. Leaving for the time being the deeper and more profound teachings of the word, the following exceeding on the object. the following proposition appears obvious to me. That God has instituted and ordained two systems of government, one, for the management of the affair of this life, of the "here and now" which has been called the State. The other for the purpose of regulating the conduct of those who have believed, or shall believe on the Lord Jesus unto eternal life, which in the Scripture is called the Church of the Living God whose functions relate mainly to the future life. The Church like the State is composed of individuals. The New Testament then may be regarded as a special power then may be regarded as a special power of attorney giving a certain definite author-ify to the church, which in the words of Matthew's Gospel reach as follows: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have com-manded you, and to I am with you alway; even unto the end of the world." This power is contained in a leiter of instructions power is contained in a letter of instructions teaching us what our conduct should be in every relation of life; toward God and his Son, toward our fellow Christians, toward our enemies, toward our own selves, (the matural must); towards the world of man-king and toward "the powers that be," in the state. We are instructed also, by this better as to our personal life, internal and duties, our duty to our neightor, and our swell as in our collective, capacity. As we dhrough faith and that not of yours selves, it is he gift of God. 'We live by yith the power of God through faith unto yight.'' This is a brief and very imperfect on the weapons of our warfare are not hat the weapons of our warfare are not hat the weapons of our warfare are not on and the sword of the Spirit which is he weap now, so far as I have read the New Yesten in down of the strong holds of Satan. We not so far as I have read the New Yesten in the power of his might.'' There is new thich warmants the Christian or church in any way whatever. This must necess in any way whatever. This must necess in any way whatever. This must necess in any way whatever, the power of the power of the saword, the Army and its neary. Whereas the power of the power of his might.'' the saword, the far must necess the near the sword to he principal to the near the to your article because in its when you any ''The supporters of prohibiteaching us what our conduct should be in every relation of life ; toward God and his

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lated it and were compelled to pay the penalty. Let us then understand what our civil and religions duties are according to the Seriptures, and also the laws and constitu-tion of our country, and let us Christians avoid the mistake of Christians in the days of Constantine, that the horrors of the dark ages may be avoided, and that the blessings of God may rest upon us because of our obedience.

obedience. I have already written too long for a newspaper article. I have criticised your article freely, not in any spirit of malevo-lence, but that you may be equally frank with this if you find it untrue to sound Scripture principles, because we should do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. June 28. W. E. S. * * * * * Notices. *

Correspondents of the Baptist church at Souris, P. E. L., will please address all cor-respondence to Sister Mrs. M. Brehant, Church Clerk.

Will all who have any intention of going to Northfield, Mass., to attend the Moody Bible Conference in August next, report at once to me, you will probably obtain valu-able information as to special rates etc. B:x 115, Digby. B. H. THOMAS.

Correspondents of the Baptish church at Lawrencetown Annapolis Co., N. S., will please address all correspondence to T. G. BISEOP, church clerk.

The annual meeting of the Maritime Baptist Publishing company, will be held at their office 85 Germain street, St. John N. B., on Monday morning Aug. 23rd at 9 o'clock. B. A. STAMARS, Sec'y P. S. The Directors of the company will meet at 83 Germain St. Saturday morn-ing Aug. 21st, at 9 o'clock.

The Queens County, N. S., Quarterly Meeting, will convene with the Brooklyn church on Monday and Tuesday Aug. 9th and roth. All churches in the county are hereby requested to send delegates. F. M. CHRISTOPHER, Sec'y.

F. M. CHRISTOPHER, Sec. y. All who are interested in the general Conference for Christian workers at North-field Mass., from July 20th to Aug. 16th, will please note that the International Steamship Company will give a 30 day limit excursion return ficket on their line between St. John and Boston, for §5. Purchasers will inform the Purser that they intend going to Northfield Conference. The Dominion Atlantic Railway will charge one first class fare on their linebudy will re-turn delegates free, providing 10 delegates go, otherwise & return fare will be charged. The party should take the St. Croix on Thursday July 20th or Tuesday Aug. 2nd from St. John to Boston direct. The writer expects to go on Tuesday Aug. 2nd. Eatire expenses guaranteed to be under §25. Let there be a large party. B. H. THOMAS. Northfield, Mass.

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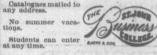
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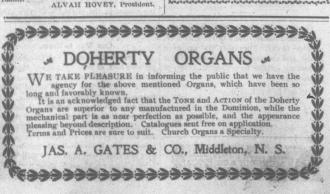
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