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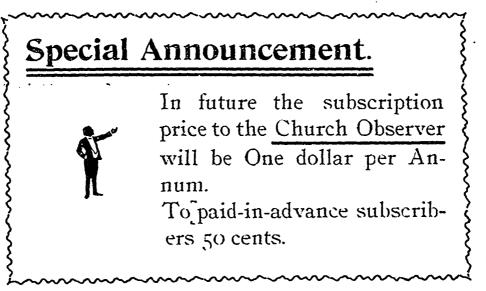
Letter on Probibition.

ers, we insert it here.

To the Editor of Monitor:

who opposed prohibition occupied while the scriptures al Grant.

cles in the Dominion by his pro legislate the people into a condition nouncement at a conference in of piety and high morality as to The following letter was written Winnipeg against the proposed prohibit the sale wines and liquors." by the Rev. F. P. Gretorex to the plebiscite on the question of pro- Canon Eligood, a venerable Bridgetown Monitor, and as we think hibition. His Grace, on that oc-iclergyman, who has been nearly 50 it will interest many of our read-casion, stated emphatically, before years in the ministry, said a week the session of the Anglican Synod or two ago: "I am most strongly of Rupert's Land, that he would opposed to a prohibitory law, as I DEAR SIR .- In one of your lead- vote against prohibition if there consider that instead of preventing ing articles last week you made were a plebiscite. He had come drinking it would rather promote the assertion that any minister to the conclusion, he said, that it, in consequence of the opportuncondemn ity all along the boundary-line bean unique position, and that every drunkeness in severe terms and tween the two countries for smugchurch in the land will array it- make it a special sin, chiefly be- gling. It is of course unnecessary self against the opinion of Princip- cause the drunkard often sits in to say that I an strongly in favor the seat of the scorner, yet they of temperance, and it is for this



when regard wine as the good gift of God reason that I am oppose I to a pro-You should certainly, making such a sweeping assertion, and the very emblem of joy. hibition law."

hibition.

have omitted the Church of Eng- His Lordship believes that pro-

somewhat startled temperance cir-! well might an effort be made to ence purposely places us in this

The late Bishop Binney, with land, for most undoubtedly a large hibition; would be interfering with whom many of your readers were majority of the members of that the free rights of the people and personally acquainted, -a man of Church are not in favour of pro- would be a grievous wrong to great force of character and sound a large section of the community. common sense, used the following The Archbishop of Rupert's Land The proper treatment of the abus- weighty words in synod shortly bewho is Primate of all Canada, a es of the liquor traffic lay in legis- fore his death: "I find that supman universally honored and re- lation with regard to the saloons. pression leads to hypocrisy, and spected, was interviewed on this These might perhaps be removed deceit and fraud, without accommatter a short time ago in Mont- altogether. But as to a prohibit- plishing the desired object. I bereal by a reporter of the Star. The ory law, such as was proposed by lieve that total abstinence is necces-Star's account was as follows : "The the advocates of the plebiscite, he sary for some persons, but I le-Archbishop, it will be remembered decidedly opposed the idea. As lieve that God in His good provid-