

at least shewn that even if the act is defective, it is the best thing at hand and a great deal better than none. That this view will be taken by a great majority of the voters we feel satisfied will be manifest before the close of the poll. The time for talking however is past! We are now in the very thick of the battle. Let every one who has a vote give it on behalf of temperance and morality by voting for the act. To those who have already voted for it, we say "well done." To those who have yet to vote we say: don't delay too long, but follow the good example already set, and help to roll up such a majority in favor of the Bill that even its opponents will have to admit that the moral sentiment of the people is overwhelmingly against them. Let those who can't work, pray! Let those who can work, both pray and work, and the Lord will surely crown their efforts with success.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.—We invite the attention of the subscribers to the HELPER, who are S. S. Teachers—and we are glad to have a goodly number of such on our list—to the *Lesson Helps*, which are specially prepared for this paper by a practical teacher of a great many year's experience in the Sunday School. We believe the time has come when the Baptist Sunday School teachers of Canada should have an organ of their own, and such we hope, with their friendly assistance, to make THE CHRISTIAN HELPER.

THE CANADIAN LITERARY INSTITUTE.—The *Weekly Globe* of last week (Aug. 10th) contains a capital engraving of our denominational College at Woodstock, accompanied by the usual descriptive letter-press. Every Baptist family in Ontario and Quebec should possess a copy of the paper, which only costs five cents, and besides the engraving, contains, in very concise form, a great deal of valuable information concerning this school of instruction in Theology and Arts; of which we are becoming increasingly proud, and which we hope before long to see adequately endowed in its Theological Department.

OUR MANITOBA MISSION.—In a recent issue of the *Baptist* Prof. Torrance places before the denomination a very important communication from Rev. Alex. McDonald our missionary at Winnipeg. The letter of Bro. McDonald informs us of the noble efforts of his people in Winnipeg, who have concluded to raise \$500 for their pastor in addition to the other expenses of the church. This is a large undertaking for so small and weak a church; but these brethren are making this special effort in order that the friends of the Mission in Ontario, may be the better able to send out and support a third Missionary, for whom an inviting field is opening some 200 miles west of Winnipeg, on the borders of the new province of Keewatin. It seems some good Baptist brethren from our own county of Bruce have taken up claims there, and will form the nucleus of what may, with a little timely fostering care, become a very influential Baptist centre in the rapidly developing "Prairie Provinces." The following words of our right loyal Missionary are of weighty import in view of the above facts. Bro. McDonald says: "Now shall we not provide for them immediately? or shall we allow our more active and ever on the alert brethren of other denominations to go in and possess the land a need of us?" Let us with firm reliance on the blessing of our God, go up and possess this goodly land; and let us begin by sending in our arrears at once to Prof. Torrance. Then let us double our subscriptions for the present year, and make them cash payments.

BAPTIST PROGRESS IN CANADA.—We have already, in a manner, invited our readers to purchase for themselves the *Weekly Globe* of August 10th; but we cannot refrain from transferring to our own columns the concluding paragraph of the article on our Institute therein contained. This is it:—
"In Ontario and Quebec, as well as in the Maritime Provinces, the Baptists have been growing rapidly, not only in numbers, but in resources, in their apprehension of the importance of co-operation, and in their skill in carrying on religious enterprises. These two Provinces employ over fifty home missionaries every year. They have under engagement four missionaries and their wives, for Central India, and they have two missionaries in Manitoba. Since 1868 they have increased from 16,000 to over 25,000 communicants, and they have more than doubled their resources and means of usefulness."

MR. ONCKEN.—This God-honoured German Baptist minister has completed the seventy-eighth year of his age. He was baptized in 1834, and since that time has been the means used by God, directly or indirectly of planting in Germany, Sweden, and other countries of Europe some 103 churches with an aggregate membership of about 20,000 baptized believers. Blessed results from faithful service!

REV. W. W. ROBINSON.—Many of these who were members—and especially the mission-workers—of the old Bond Street church of this city seven or eight years ago will have kindly recollections of young brother Robinson, who left us to prepare himself for the work of the ministry by a course of studies at Spurgeon's College. They will be interested to know that he has been for more than a year settled as pastor of the Baptist church meeting in Chremont St., Shrewsbury, England—a body that has been in existence more than 250 years, having been formed in 1620, and which, having seen many changes in its long history is now in a very prosperous condition. We learn from the *English Baptist* that the church has recently been holding a bazaar on a somewhat extensive scale, which realized about \$1,000 for the Building Fund. We gather from this that the church needs and is about to erect for itself, a new place of worship.

READ AND NOT READ.—The Rev. Dr. W. M. Taylor, of New York, editor of the *Christian at Work*, went over to the great Pan-Presbyterian Council at Edinburgh. His "Editorial Correspondence" in that paper is full of interest, and if published in book-form would probably meet a better fate than that of one class of works referred to in the passage we are about to quote. On the steamship on which Dr. Taylor sailed was a library which had been chosen by himself, a few years previously, and in which he very naturally felt considerable interest. After detailing the circumstances of his being called upon to make the selection the Doctor goes on to say:

"So now I had an opportunity of marking whether my selections had been appreciated; and it was a little curious to see which of the volumes was most read. Smiles' 'Lives of