

marked. The uplifted Christ will, as ever, draw all men unto Him. The attraction of the Cross will be mightier than the fascinations of worldly pleasures—of roller-rinks and balls, of theatres and saloons. In the higher civilization of the future—of the near future, let us hope—upon even the recreations and amusements of life shall be written "Holiness unto the Lord."

Great cities are the great difficulties and, at the same time, the great opportunities of the Churches. There temptations to evil are most seductive and and most deadly. There the victories of the Cross must be most glorious. It was so in apostolic times. When Philip preached in Samaria the people with one accord gave heed, and unclean spirits came out of many that were possessed with them and there was great joy

in that city. When Paul preached in Antioch almost the whole city came together, and though the Jews spurned the Gospel, the Gentiles were glad and the Word of the Lord was published throughout all the region. It was so at Iconium and Lystra and Derbe and Corinth. And although at Philippi and Thessalonica and Ephesus, the whole city was in an uproar against Paul, yet there he won some of his grandest Gospel triumphs.

So may it be now. The victory in Toronto over the liquor interest in January has raised the moral tone of every town and city in the province. A great revival in Toronto and in our other centres of population would strengthen the hands and encourage the hearts of brethren labouring amid isolation and loneliness in the farthest mission fields.

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST.

Nearly one thousand new members per week were added to the English Wesleyan Church last year, in all 49,000.

The Channel Islands, lying off the coast of France, have belonged to Great Britain since the Conquest, and it is said that they are the most completely Methodist population in the world: out of 90,000 inhabitants the Methodist places of worship supply sittings for 18,000.

The last Conference appointed the Rev. D. A. DeMorrill to evangelistic work in France and Belgium. He spends half of his time speaking at "*reunions populaires*" in Paris and its neighbourhood, and the other half in visiting mission stations in France and Belgium.

The Queen has given \$100 to the Wesleyan school building at East Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Arrangements have been made to celebrate the jubilee of the Fiji mission this year.

It is said that the contributions of the membership of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in England are about \$1.60 to foreign missions, and to home missions about 40 cents, while the contributions of the Methodist Episcopal Church only amount to 42 cents for both foreign and home missions together.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION.

The mission in Australia is more prosperous than it has been for thirty years.

The Chinese mission, which has been worked for twenty years under the superintendence of the Rev. John Innocent, has made great progress. There are now fifty-nine chapels, thirty-eight societies, seven missionaries, including two medical;