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ALL TOGETHER.

Alluding to a recent editorial in our columns in reference to the effects of too frequent changes in the pastorate, a correspondent expresses the opinion that, in some cases at least, the cause of the shortness of the pastoral term is due to the fact that the pastor finds in the church two elements—a conservative element on the one hand and a progressive element on the other—which are in conflict with each other.

There are a good many churches, certainly, concerning which remarks of this character would have no proper application; churches in which there is no disposition to look with disfavor upon progressive methods or to shut out the younger people from participation in the church's activities.

the glory of God. The older and the younger the conservative and the progressive forces need to come together and find harmonious expression in the full life and activity of the church.

THE IMPENDING ELECTIONS.

Dr. Saunders' View and Others. In our issue of the 6th inst. Rev. Dr. Saunders, of Halifax, expressed the view that there are certain candidates for election to the Dominion Parliament whom the readers of the paper, without regard to political affiliations, would be glad to see returned.

Mr. Grant has a large number of candidates now seeking election to Parliament have been pledged to work and vote for prohibition. We shall be quite willing to reprint the reports asked for next week.

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Prohibitionists and the Election.

From your editorial note in the last issue, it is evident that you have not learned to what extent the prohibitionists are making their influence felt in the approaching election.

If all the christian men in this country would do even half their duty in regard to this matter we could have prohibition immediately. That the christian men are responsible for the fearful traffic in its present form is too obvious to require argument.

For years I was a PRESBYTERIAN christian, but I think God, I am now a CHRISTIAN presbyterian, said a good man at a public meeting in Halifax.

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than three most readable and informing letters from Mr. Corey, Mrs. Archibald, and Mr. Rose, respectively. With such vivid pictures of heathen life almost constantly before us, with such noble examples of courage, endurance and hopefulness, and with such repeated pleadings for help ringing in our ears, we are surely without excuse if we come not up to the help of the Lord in this great undertaking.

One cannot help wondering whether God is not speaking to us through the depletion of our ranks, and the trials which have befallen us, seeking thereby to wake us from our sleep.

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a population of 200,000, is 112,352. In order of numbers the denominations showed as follows: Methodists, 36,555; Presbyterians, 25,647; Anglicans, 21,916; Roman Catholics, 19,708; Baptists, 19,074; Congregationalists, 18,141; Salvation Army, 1,171; Jews, 428.

The Jarvis St. church, Toronto, held its 7th annual meeting recently. The reports from the various clerks and secretaries showed that 88 members were received and that the present membership is 569.

Boston Letter.

The opening of Tremont Temple in this city is a very important event in the Baptist world. It is of special interest to our people because it is one of our own people who belong to this church, and many of our young people when they first come to the city attend the services here and are glad to say often find the Saviour here.

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preached several times in Dorchester and Spencerville, with much success. Rev. P. S. McGreggor, formerly of Hantsport, was holding evangelistic services at Shirley and several other places in the State.

Rev. E. A. Road, of Pontiac, Ill., will probably visit Mass. some time during the next month in search of an assistant to aid him in his work.

The Chicago Conference for Bible Study.

The ministers of the different Protestant denominations who attended the conference held during the month of April for special study, under the auspices of the Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., at a meeting held a few days preceding the close of the course, presented the officers and instructors with an address, in which they express their feeling of indebtedness to the Institute for the April conference for Bible study and for the blessings received therefrom, and extending to the officers and instructors who had so kindly ministered to them their heart-felt thanks, acknowledging their lasting obligations to them and also to the large body of students, whose genial bearing and earnestness had been a source of inspiration.

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Sabbath School.

The Cumberland Col. Sabbath School Convention with the Quarterly Meeting at the Col. Station, April 24th, Rev. Dr. Steele took a portion of Scripture.

W. H. McLeod, engaged Secretary of the Convention, being absent, Rev. Dr. Steele took a portion of Scripture.

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