

for the year of \$78,545.71, a cash balance at credit of \$12,260.29, and a total excess of assets over liabilities of \$27,898.70, which sum goes a measurable distance towards the providing of an adequate working balance. The church has now a thoroughly established series of periodicals of its own, representing in "good will" alone a money value of at least \$100,000.

The rapid expansion of the Publications' business, which now includes, it may be mentioned, a large line of Sabbath School requisites of various sorts, as well as Contribution Envelopes for congregations and Missionary Associations, necessitated recently the providing of larger and more commodious premises. These are situated at No. 60, Bond Street, in the immediate vicinity of Massey Hall, and are admirably fitted for their purpose.

It may be interesting to mention, in conclusion, that the only changes in editorial management have been by additions, Rev. J. M. Duncan having entered on his duties as Associate Editor at the beginning of 1902, and Miss Jane Wells Fraser having been appointed to the Illustrated Papers in 1903, after two years' previous service in this part of the work.

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"On the Field"

"There is only one place where the battle can be won, and that is on the field." These words rang out from the lips and heart of a preacher in a down-town church of a great city, and again and again they awoke persistent echoes in the thoughts of at least one hearer. "On the field", where the enemy is, right in the thick of the myriad forces of evil,—there must the soldiers of righteousness stay and fight, until the last blow has been struck and the last foe vanquished.

"Canada for Christ" was the motto held up before our Sabbath School, from ocean to ocean, on the last Lord's Day of sunny June, just before the anniversary of our nation's birth. But there are many other masters contending for the rule in this fair land. Not without conflict, long and fierce, will these yield, and the kingdom of our Lord and Leader be established. "The Son of God goes forth to war." Everything that dishonors God and that injures man, He is battling against. There is a place for each

of us under His banner. Not one of us is so weak but that he can strike a brave blow for the right and the true. We have weapons at hand that have conquered in many a fight, and have never failed.

"On the field",—that is the place for every loyal follower of our great Captain. And, as surely as we are faithful and true, each at his own post, will the glad day come, when Canada, the land we love, will, from shore to shore, joyfully acknowledge its rightful King.

The Duty of Independence

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When the maniac whom Jesus had healed, besought the Master to be allowed to remain with Him, Jesus "suffered him not, but said, 'Go' ". Why did Jesus refuse the man's request, seemingly so reasonable? Partly for the world's sake, and partly for the man's own. "Go", said Jesus, "to thy house, to thine own people, and tell them all that the Lord, in pity, hath done for thee." The saved man has to be, in his turn, a saviour, or at least a preacher. Anything that he knows about Jesus, those who are dear to him should know too. "Go to thine own people and tell them." Upon the man who has been redeemed, who has passed from insanity to soundness of mind, from lonely misery to fulness of joy, lies the obligation to tell the story to those whom he can influence, first to those of his own household, and then to those beyond it; for, if a man has been healed by the shores of the sea of Galilee, then Decapolis has a right to know about it too. The new power which Jesus has brought into his life is not only for himself, but for them. Inspiration has to be translated into action, knowledge and power into service. The work for which he was redeemed will not be done, if he sits at Jesus' feet. So, for the world's sake, Jesus says, "Go."

But no less for the man's own sake. He has to learn that the power which redeemed him can keep him, whether the bodily presence of Jesus is near him or not. Perhaps, like many men, he was too anxiously dependent upon a visible support to his faith;