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RELIGION IN 1891.

The old saying that prosperity is bad for religion seems to be borne out in the year just closing. The three large Baptist benevolent societies report a decline in contributions. The Congregationalists have held their own, but can report no great forward movement. The Episcopal missionary board faces a deficit of \$80,000, all the more embarrassing because it is expanding its missionary effort.

One of the most important events of the year affecting religion was the passage of the associations law by France and the resulting expulsion of about eleven thousand members of religious orders, a few of whom came to this country. The Presbyterian church decided to put forth a statement explaining, but not superseding its credo. The Baptist societies held meetings largely devoted to the discussion of ways and means.

While there have been no large benefactions to religion during the year, many millions of dollars have been given to secular objects. In some cases by church members who declined to give anything to meet the urgent needs of their denomination.

religious feel the uplift of its inspiration, and labor with passionate zeal for the regeneration of the dawnmost man.

The arrest of members of the Salvation Army on a charge of disturbing the peace reminds citizens that the police are custodians of the city, and that their orders, whether just or unjust, should always be obeyed. The Salvationists seemed to think they were being persecuted, but, even if they held this opinion, they should have desisted when called upon to do so by the officers.

Actors, moralists, preachers, critics, scholars and some prize-fighters have each in their various ways sought to elevate the stage. The press and the public have watched their efforts with sympathy and have frequently found occasion to applaud.

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The movement of American manufactured goods to foreign countries continues to show the downward tendency which was noted a year ago. The calendar year 1900 marked the zenith of the movement of American manufactured goods abroad.

The decline in manufactured exports. The total of these exports for the twelve months ending with June, 1900, was \$43,551,738, constituting 31.45 per cent of total exports of \$138,333,321.

The New Year has started off profitably in Astoria, and it now seems certain that an era of prosperity is to dawn on the city and county. The two sawmills and sash and door factories secured by the joint committee mean an increased population of fully 1000, or 10 per cent, which means that business will increase almost 10 per cent.

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