

The Baptist Tolo Mission, in ten years, has doubled its staff. The native helpers increased from 32 to 182, the members from 17 to 93, the church from about 2,000 to over 3,000, and the contributions from 2,300 to 3,786 rupees.

President Schurman, of Cornell, in the sending of missionaries to the Philippines, and plainly said so at a meeting of the New York Evangelical Club. But he believes that the missionaries sent out by the church should be of one type, but the natives make the mistake of supposing that each sect wants a distinct religion.

The population of the earth is 2,000,000,000, of which 800,000,000 are Protestants, 200,000,000 Mohammedans, 200,000,000 Roman Catholics, and 200,000,000 Protestants. Protestantism annually \$15,000,000 for missions. There are about 80,000 toilers, with 14,200 are paid missionaries. There are 25,000 stations and outposts. The increase of communication is at the rate of 75,000 annually. 1,000,000 children and youth being educated in more than 100,000 schools.

Although the great mass of the people are indifferent to Christianity, they are giving the highest testimony to the character of Christian converts. When charity is collected or administered, in cases they entrust it to Christianity. No matter how dark the night, surely this confidence in the religion which Christianity is cultivating must prepare for more rapid progress in missions there in due time.

Thibet has an area of 750,000 square miles, about as large as the United States east of the Mississippi. The greatest length from east to west is 1,500 miles, and the population is estimated at 8,000,000. It is a stronghold of Buddhism. Lhasa, the capital, is the "Rome" of the East, and the Dalai Lama is the highest pope. He is supreme in all temporal and spiritual things. The monastery has about 5,000 Buddhist priests, and there are about 100,000 in the country. Thibet is virgin territory for missions. The country is nearly to China.

French Protestants have 56 missions in Africa. The Free Church of Scotland says: "Africa has had most of its attention; and for a good many years successful work has been carried on in the Congo, the Cameroons, the West Indies, and (later) in Madagascar. These regions have had fifty-six missionaries; and as unmistakable evidence that their interest in the work is maintained and grows, it may be mentioned that the income of the society has risen from £18,480 to £320,000. A mission house, in which 200 men are trained for service in the field, is established in Paris, and our missionaries have gone forth to show any church might feel proud.

The life-long desire of the great missionary, Krapf, was to see a chain of missions right across Africa. This is now all accomplished. The chain of missions on the Congo, from the mouth of the river to the Stanley Falls, may be said to be complete. The Church Missionary Society stations in Africa are only 250 miles further west than as far as Usoga. Between Usoga and the stations at Taita and Mombasa, in that East Africa protectorate, there is a further break of about 100 miles, with one station to supply the link. Between Taita and the coast, there forms an additional link.

In the January Missionary Review is an article on "Protestant Missions in 1890 and 1900." The comparative statistics of the two years, so far as they can be gathered, are as follows: In 1890 there were but 100 Protestant missionary societies in full operation, employing 170 male missionaries and having a following of about 50,000 converted heathen. In 1900 there are over 260 societies having a total missionary staff of 14,210 with 20 native helpers, having 1,250,000 communicants and 3,372,991 adherents, and 944,430 Sabbath School scholars. The annual income is about \$513,000. There has been an average gain of 12,000 converts per year. It is probable that at least 20,000 souls rescued from heathenism and saved during this first full century of missionary work. While we may regret that more has not been done, we can still exclaim gratefully, "What hath God wrought?" We must remember that Christianity has done a great work during this time in determining the foundations of modernism, which must soon result in a much more rapid advance.

It is true that others of the membership need spiritual vitalization, we believe it also true that, without exception, there is the spirit of co-operation on the part of all. At the close of the evening service last Lord's day, the ordinance of baptism was administered to three persons, who during the week before opened their hearts, and "let the Saviour in." The meetings have been good, and the interest is increasing. Several persons who are seeking the Lord came forward at the meeting last evening, and knelt with us in prayer.

Woodstock N. B. Feb. 1st, 1900.

MINISTERS.—Rev. J. E. Gosline, Barrington, N. S., has for a short time been holding meetings "at one of his appointments, and there is prospect of much good."

A letter from Rev. W. C. Keirstead, at Chicago University, says: "I am well, and work is going on pleasantly. I expect to be here another year, and perhaps longer."

HOME MISSION REPORT.—To the Cor. Sec., H. M. Executive: DEAR BRO.—I now report my mission up the Tobique River. According to the advice of the Board, I left home on the 4th of January. The second night after leaving home I reached Perth Centre where I found a very comfortable home in the hotel, owned and conducted by my old friend E. Lovely. This very orderly house is conducted on strictly temperance principle. The following morning I drove to Arthurville, where I spent the Sabbath. This is the leading church, numerically, we have on the river. Our people are spiritually weak here, but praying and hoping for better days soon. The next organization of ours is at Long Island; for quantity not very large, but the quality, in my opinion, is very good. Next in line comes Dow's Flat. We have no organization there, but have a number of good people who claim our care. We then go to Riley Brook; and no place on the river demands more attention from us than right there. It promises in the near future to be more than an ordinary section of our Province, in many ways. Our people have the promise of their share of future success, providing we do our part in cultivating the field spiritually. "Sow in tears, reap in joy." My thoughts go back to Plaster Rock. Just now that place, according to present appearance, promises to be the business "hub" of the river. I hope our Home Mission Board will do their utmost to secure constant care for Plaster Rock in common with the other sections of the river, not later than the first of May. I am not sure that as a denomination we have more than 46 ministers who could meet the demands of the people even our own people, but at the same time we have some few who could. It scarcely seems proper to leave such places as Waterloo St., St. John and other very important churches without regular care; but when we remember that we all have our preferences, we must be very patient with each other. This field, in my judgment, claims our immediate and constant care. I predict for Plaster Rock, in point of business, a little Marysville in less than ten years. The public can form their own opinions when they learn that our friend, F. H. Hals, M. P. and associates will be the owners and managers of the plant. For Riley Brook or the Forks I predict a town, perhaps a city, inside of fifty years; young readers of this letter may keep this prediction in mind. Your missionary called at Rowena on his way down the river, and visited a few of the people of that place, who are looking and praying for help. There are other sections of the field which I could not visit. I received unlimited kindness from all the people visited. I was in about ninety homes between Perth Centre and Hale & Co's. Depot Camp. With unabated interest in the work.

T. S. VANWART. Upper Haynesville, Jan. 29th.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.—The present states of woman suffrage is set forth in the following paragraph: "In four States—Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, and Idaho—with an area, but not a population, forty-seven times that of Massachusetts, women have personally the same rights of suffrage as men. In these States women habitually vote in larger ratio to population than in the Eastern States. The result is so satisfactory that no one thinks of changing the law, and women are elected to various offices. In one State—Kansas, women have full municipal suffrage. In two States—Montana and Louisiana—women have the right to vote on all questions submitted to taxpayers. In twenty-four States women have the right to vote on school questions or in the choice of school trustees. In Oregon a woman's suffrage amendment will be voted on next June. Outside of

Denominational News. WOODSTOCK N. B.—Many friends have asked me, "Do you like Woodstock?" and several friends in John and elsewhere, have written asking the same question. I would answer through the INTELLIGENCER to those who have written me, saying, Yes, I like Woodstock and like my church too.—Who wouldn't? In the four months since my coming here have been busy ones. More than I need not say, for all who are awake to the interest of the church know full well that a faithful pastor is necessarily a busy man. At present I am having some special meetings. The coming up to God's house on the part of the people, and the interest which many of them are showing in the meetings, are of great encouragement to the pastor. While

the United States, women have full suffrage with men in New Zealand, Australia, and the Isle of Man. In England, Scotland, and Ireland women have full municipal suffrage; and in Canada they have municipal rights."

The February Century has the first instalment of hitherto unpublished extracts from the private diary of Dr. B. E. O'Meara, Napoleon Bonaparte's physician at St. Helena. These "Talks with Napoleon" will form an important feature of the Century during 1900. Other contents of the number are a group of poems, "The Hoosier Youngster," by James Whitcomb Riley, illustrated, and the last instalment of Capt. Joshua Slocum's narrative of his solitary voyage of 46,000 miles around the world.

THE POPE'S TREASURES.—The papers say the pope has one diamond worth \$4,000,000, and one hundred finger rings, one of which is worth \$100,000. He has thousands of gold and silver statues, vessels and other ornaments, and \$20,000,000 deposited in the Bank of London.

A Clergyman's Advice. The Almost Miraculous cure of John McDonald, Cape North, N. S.

FOR YEARS HE WAS AFFLICTED WITH SPINAL TROUBLE AND PARALYSIS OF THE LEGS—WAS TREATED BY THE BEST SPECIALISTS IN VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL, AT HALIFAX, WITHOUT BENEFIT—DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS HAVE RESTORED HIM.

Mr. John McDonald, a well known merchant at Cape North, N. S., was for many years a sufferer from spinal trouble, which eventually resulted in partial paralysis. Treatment of many kinds was resorted to, but without avail, until finally Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were used, with the result that Mr. McDonald is again enjoying almost perfect health. Mr. McDonald's story is given as follows in his own words:—"Almost thirteen years ago I caught a bad cold which lodged in my back, producing a terrible pain. Liniments were at first resorted to, but they had no effect, and the trouble became so bad that I could hardly walk, and could not go out of doors after dark, as I would be almost certain to fall if I attempted to walk. Medical treatment did me no good. I tried six different doctors, but the result was always the same. I spent \$30 for an electric belt, but it was simply money wasted. Years went on and I was continually growing worse, until in the spring of 1895 my lower limbs would scarcely support me. In June of that year I went to the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, where I remained for two months under the treatment of the best specialists, but when I returned home I was actually worse than when I entered the hospital. This thoroughly discouraged me, and I gave up all hope of ever getting better. I continued to grow worse until about the first of January, 1896, when I had become so bad that I could not stand alone, as my legs were like sticks under me. My only means of locomotion were crutches, and my legs dragged after me like useless pieces of timber; I could not raise them one inch from the floor. About the first of the following April, Rev. Mr. McLeod strongly urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had tried so many things without benefit, that I did not think the pills could help me, but nevertheless decided to give them a trial. After using six boxes I could see that there was a slight improvement, and I continued using the pills until I had taken thirty boxes, and by that time new life and vigor had returned to my legs, and I have since been able to attend to my business behind the counter without the aid of crutches, or even a stick. Under God's blessing Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have restored me to a new measure of health and energy, I never expected to again enjoy in this world. My restoration has caused a great wonderment in this section, and as a result I have sold many gross of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in my store, and many of those who have bought them from me tell me they have cured them of their troubles. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills act directly on the blood and nerves. They do not purge, and therefore do not weaken like other medicines. They give strength from the first pill to the last used. There are many dealers who offer pink pill colored substitutes, because the substitute gives them a greater profit, but these should always be refused, as substitutes are either dangerous or absolutely worthless.

POLITICAL NEWS.—Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, Premier, and the Hon. D. H. McFadden, Provincial Treasurer in the new Manitoba government, were re-elected by acclamation Wednesday for South Winnipeg and Emerson respectively. Five new senators have been appointed: George T. Fulford of Brockville, Robert Watson of Portage la Prairie, J. P. B. Casgrain of Montreal, Charles Burpee of New Brunswick, Hon. J. Sheyn of Quebec, and T. Finlay Young, of Manitoba. The by-election for the Ontario Legislature in East Mid Essex, resulted on Wednesday in the return of Robson, Conservative.

The Manitoba Government has appointed a Commission to inquire

into the financial affairs of the province and the organization of the civil service departments. David Irvine, sub-collector of customs, Centreville, C. Co., has resigned, and Everett Harold has been appointed in his place.

Talks with Subscribers. Here is an extract from one of last week's letters: "Please find enclosed \$2.00, for which send me the INTELLIGENCER. I am sorry I stopped it last year; I thought I could not afford to pay for it. But I have missed it much. And I often hear the children say, 'I wish I had the INTELLIGENCER to read.' So I must have it again. I send two dollars because there was something due when it stopped last year."

There are, doubtless, other homes in which the paper is missed. A word from pastor or other friend might reintroduce it. It is gratifying to know that the children enjoy the INTELLIGENCER. It means to be their good friend. Parents do well to put it in their hands.

You won't forget to send your subscription this month, we hope. To attend to it this week is the best thing you can do. We are anxious to have all the renewals now due before the end of February. WE NEED TO HAVE THEM. Be sure about yours. A minister, remitting for two subscribers, says: "I wish I could send more, but they do not seem inclined to pay to me."

Why, they ought to be glad to pay the pastor. Every Free Baptist minister is authorized to receive subscriptions for the INTELLIGENCER. Hand your subscription to your pastor, if that is the more convenient way for you. He will be glad to forward it. Remember, we need to hear at once from everybody who owes the INTELLIGENCER anything.

Marriages. LUTES McFARLANE.—Married at the Free Baptist parsonage, Salisbury, Jan. 17, by Rev. Abram Perry, J. W. Wetmore Lutes, to Nettie M. McFarlane, both of Lutes Mountain, West Co.

Deaths. DAY.—At Brown's Flat, Kings Co., on the 25 ult., Mary E., beloved wife of John Day, of St. John West, aged 48 years, leaving a grief stricken family of husband, three sons and one daughter to mourn their loss. May God sustain them. Service by the writer, assisted by Rev. H. A. Bonnell and Rev. Mr. Gordon (Baptist). J. H. PUDINGTON.

MITCHELL.—At Wilson's Beach, Campo Bello, on Jan. 14, Susan, wife of Daniel Mitchell and eldest daughter of Deacon Charles Savage, aged 44 years. She leaves a husband, nine children, father, brothers and sister to mourn their loss. Sister

Mitchell professed faith in Christ a few months ago, and was baptized and received into the church by Rev. E. H. Nobles. MATTHEWS.—At Campobello, N. E., Jan. 7th Nelson Matthews aged 68 years. A. D. PAUL. FINNEY.—At Campobello, Jan. 14th, Ernest Finney, aged 12 years. A. D. PAUL. MATTHEWS.—At Campobello, Jan. 20th, Martin L. Matthews, aged 17 years. A. D. PAUL. ADAMS.—At Lambert-town, Dec. Island, Jan. 24th, Robert L. Adams, aged 54 years. A. D. PAUL.

KIMBLE.—At his home, Third Tier, C. Co., on the 5 inst. of appendicitis, Jeddie Kimble, aged 21 years. Deceased was a grandson of the late Rev. W. E. Pennington, and was a worthy member of the Free Baptist church at Third Tier. His Christian walk was noticeably good, and he was deservedly respected by all who knew him. The family are deeply stricken and have the sympathy of their numerous friends. Deceased leaves a large family, two brothers in the United States to mourn their loss. Before passing away he tenderly talked to each member of the family, urging them to be faithful in Christian duty and to meet him in heaven. The interment was in the Third Tier church yard. He selected his own pall-bearers. The services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. J. Farnes, who was assisted by Rev. Mr. Atkinson (Baptist) and Rev. Coy (Ref. Bap.), and were of a solemn and impressive character. J. J. FARNES.

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