

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, NORTH.—Fourteen more candidates for church membership were baptized by Rev. David Long in Victoria street Free Baptist church Sunday morning, which makes fully forty which have been taken into the fellowship of the congregation within the last month, during which time a special spiritual revival has been taking place. Victoria street Free Baptist church is one of the few churches in St. John boasting a clear financial sheet and making great strides onward.—*Globe, March 23.*

DONATION.—A number of the members of the church and congregation visited the Moncton parsonage on the evening of March 10th. A very pleasant evening was spent. Bro. M. Steeves, clerk of the church, in a neat speech, on behalf of the friends, presented the pastor with \$12.35 cash, and \$2.65 worth of groceries, for which the pastor expressed his thanks, and prayed God to bless them. After prayer and singing, "Blest Be the Tie," etc., good night was said.

G. SWIM.

MONCTON, N. B.—The Moncton church celebrated the twenty-sixth anniversary of its organization on the 17th inst. The ministers present were: Revs. J. E. Brown (Reformed Episcopal), D. Hutchinson (Baptist), G. W. Fisher, W. Penna (Methodist), B. H. Nobles, of Sussex, and Gideon Swim, pastor of the church. After devotional exercises the pastor made a brief address of welcome to the clergymen attending the service, and then proceeded to give a sketch of the church. The church was organized on the 17th March, 1877, in the old meeting-house at the head of Steadman street by Rev. S. H. Weyman, when twenty-one members joined. Revs. D. D. Currie and J. E. Brown were present at the organization. In 1889 many of the members went out and formed the Reformed Baptist church. The pastors of the church have been Revs. S. H. Weyman, A. Kinnie, T. O. DeWitt, G. F. Currie, W. DeWare, E. S. Parker, G. Swim. The latter became pastor in October, 1901, since which time twenty-two have been added to the membership of the church, which is now seventy-eight.

Earnest and helpful addresses were delivered by Revs. B. H. Nobles and G. W. Fisher. The service was well attended, and was interesting throughout. The pastor and people are encouraged in their work.

YARMOUTH, N. S.—The pastor, Rev. E. Crowell, reports in the *Banner*, recent church events thus: A birthday service commemorated the twenty-ninth year of our church life on Friday, March 13th.

The denominational air was bracing, the prayers and testimonies related to the spiritual life of the

church, and the value of our work in character building was appreciated. T. M. Lewis, Esq., spoke of early F. B. preachers whom he had known: Elder Weston revived the memory of the older ones; the old-fashioned tunes went well. The pastor read the first part of the chapter on Free Baptist History in Nova Scotia from Dr. Saunders' Baptist history. A collection was taken for some new furnishings for the church.

The Sunday-school has a new library. A prayer-meeting at Mr. John Trefry's and a social at Mrs. Frost's, Sand Beach, March 19th, are recent events in those lines of work.

NOVA SCOTIA.—Rev. J. K. West is the Home Missionary of the N. S. Conference. His labor was blessed at Plymouth, and four were added to the church.

At Tusket he is having much blessing; fourteen have been added to the church, and the work is going on.

This month Bro. West is to go to Kemptville, Yarmouth Co., and in May he is to go to Queens Co.

MINISTERS.—Licentiate Cochrane, who is in Victoria Hospital Fredericton, is improving encouragingly.

Rev. C. T. Phillips has gone to Whitehead, Grand Manan, to spend two Sundays, and will hold meeting every evening during the weeks he is there.

Rev. H. A. Bonnell called at this office a few days ago. He baptized one at Douglas recently.

The *Yarmouth Times* says: "Rev. Edwin Crowell is trying to interest the other clergymen of the town in establishing a seamen's mission."

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—From a report laid before the Presbytery of Halifax, it is learned that there are 79 Sabbath schools within the bounds of the Presbytery, a gain of 12 in the year. The scholars number 4,336, an increase of 400.

—Rev. M. E. Fletcher (Baptist) is moving from Harvey, A. Co., to St. George, Charlotte Co.

—The Y. M. C. A., Fredericton, has engaged a secretary, who will take up the work about the first of September. He is Mr. Macrae, of Pennsylvania.

—The will of Mrs. Bolton, who died a few days ago in Halifax, bequeaths \$23,000 to the Presbyterian church. The Halifax Ladies' College gets \$17,000, and \$5,000 is divided as follows: Pine Hill College, \$2,000; Presbyterian Foreign Missions, \$1,000; Presbyterian Home Missions, \$1,000; Aged and Infirm Ministers, \$1,000; the School for the Blind gets \$1,000; and the Deaf and Dumb School, \$1,000.

—Rev. W. J. Howard (Methodist) has resigned his charge at Alberton,

P. E. I., on account of ill health. He is going to Vermont.

—Rev. A. Archibald, Middleton, N. S., has accepted a call to a Baptist church in Kansas city.

—Four converts were baptized in the Coburg Street Christian church, St. John, Friday evening.

General Religious News.

—The church of Scotland, which was recognized as the state church by Queen Victoria, has been recognized by King Edward, and the moderator of the general assembly will rank next in order to the Lord Chancellor of Great Britain.

—Mr. Paul Moody, a son of Dwight L. Moody, is one of eleven young Americans who are studying theology this winter under Dr. Denney, at the Free Church College, Glasgow. Mr. Moody is described as "a strong, shrewd man, honest and outspoken."

—The British and Foreign Bible Society proposes as one means of commemorating its centenary to make special provision for supplying the Scriptures to the blind in the east. There are about 600,000 blind in India alone.

—It is definitely settled that the next World's Students' Federation Conference will be held in Japan in 1904. As Mr. Mott exclaims in his letter about the proposal, "Who can measure what this will mean to Asia and the whole world?"

—Over one-half the people connected with one of the Church of England parishes in London have in a body joined the Roman Catholic church in the vicinity. Parents and children have gone together. They have only carried out consistently the teachings of their pastor.

—Ballington Booth, of the Volunteers of America, reports that 4,000,000 people attended their meetings last year, that 6,600 penitents had promised to lead new lives, and that during the life of the organization 757,000 men and boys had been received into the homes of the Volunteers, fed and clothed.

—The summary of the Presbyterian church, North, for the last three years shows a decrease of 117 candidates for the ministry, and eighty licentiates. The number of accessions to the ministry is eighty-five, but 143 have been lost by death. There are thirty-one fewer churches than in 1891, but the church membership has increased by 19,950 over the preceding year, showing a gain of 2,200 over 1901. The total contributions of the church have increased \$741,815 over last year's showing.

—Rev. Dr. H. M. Warren, a New York Baptist pastor, has resigned from his church and has constituted himself what he terms "a hotel chaplain." The newspaper accounts state that "he is simply to visit the sick, bury the dead, and officiate at marriage ceremonies." If he would enlarge the scope of his duties and include that of preaching services in the dining rooms or parlors of the various New York City hotels, he

would make a step in the right direction of reaching the unchurched masses.

Last year's enumeration of Friends give them a total of 113,602 members, showing an increase of 137. London Yearly Meeting has 17,476 members; Dublin 2,528; European countries 247; and Australasia 550. The American Friends, as has been already shown in these columns, have 92,801 members, being a decrease of 412 for the year. Other statistical items of Friends in the world are: 1,326 Meetings, 1,693 recorded ministers, 10,831 Bible schools, with 105,827 members, 285 mission stations, with 4,647 native members; 110 mission Bible schools, with 10,733 members; and 165 foreign missionaries.

Marriages.

HINES-LARKIN.—At Pubnico Head, N. S., March 21, by Rev. G. M. Wilson, Mr. Rufus S. Hines, of Pubnico Head, to Miss Lena L. Larkin, of East Pubnico, N. S.

SHORT-BECKETT.—At Jerusalem, at the home of the bride's father, Samuel Beckett, by Rev. S. J. Perry, J. Alfred Short to Alice M. Beckett, both of Jerusalem.

CAMPBELL-WHITE.—At the residence of the bride's step-father, Mr. Joshua Jones, Royalton, N. B., by Rev. E. S. Parker, B. A., Mr. David H. Campbell and Miss Ethel J. White, both of Royalton.

LEAMAN-LEAMAN.—At the residence of the bride's father, March 21, by Rev. Gideon Swim, Ross Leaman and Minnie Leaman, both of the parish of Moncton.

CLARK-LUTES.—At the residence of Mr. Smith Brown, Mountain Road, Moncton, March 24, by Rev. Gideon Swim, Albert Clark and Hattie Lutes, both of Moncton, N. B.

Deaths.

COOK.—In Yarmouth, N. S., on the 12th March, Helen M. Cook, aged 11 years, eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Cook. Little Helen was a very promising child, bright, active and lovable. Her parents have the sympathy of all in their time of trial.

MERRITT.—At Queenstown, Queens Co., on the 15th March, Mary Ellen, beloved wife of Gilbert Merritt, in the 44th year of her age, leaving a sorrowing husband, three step-sons and one step-daughter, father, mother and two sisters, a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn.

S. J. PERRY.

HORNE.—At Riley Brook, Victoria Co., N. B., on February 17, of pneumonia, James Horne, aged 37 years. Deceased was a native of Canterbury, Eng. He came to this country nearly seven years ago. He united with the Free Baptist church at Riley Brook, and remained a member until his death. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn their loss. Funeral attended by Rev. J. D. Campbell (Presbyterian).

H. M. MANZER.

RONALDSON.—In London, Eng., January 26, 1903, of apoplexy, Miss Louisa Ronaldson passed away in her 42nd year. She came to this country when young, as an emigrant, and lived for seventeen years at Mr. Wilford Vanwart's, and endeared herself to all those she met by her genial, kindly disposition. She was baptized by Rev. G. W. Foster and united with the church at Hampstead. Many expressions of regret and affection are heard in this place for one who has passed to her reward.

S. J. PERRY.

BROWN.—At Sussex, at the home of Fred Dole, his brother-in-law, of pneumonia, Robert A., aged 17 years, son of Samuel and Hannah Brown, of Cardwell. He was a young man highly respected by those who knew him and was especially beloved by his own family. A father and mother, four brothers and three sisters mourn his loss. The funeral service was held at Mr. Dole's home, and the interment at Penobscus. Rev. B. H. Nobles conducted the services.

LOWERISON.—At Dover, W. Co., March 7, Miss Louisa Lowerison, aged 51 years. Three brothers and two sisters survive her. She had been in failing health for a number of years. Whenever possible, she attended the services of the church and was ready to do her part in Christian work. She was a member of the Dover Free Baptist church. She is now at rest with Christ whom she loved. God bless the bereaved.

G. SWIM.

ROUSE.—At Corn Hill, K. Co., March 33, Minnie B. aged 36 years, wife of Frank H. Rouse, and youngest daughter of the late Duncan McLeod. A sorrowing husband, ten children, mother, two brothers and one sister, with a large circle of other relatives are left to mourn their loss. At the time, when in our human judgment, it seemed her life was needed most in this world, the Lord permitted death to cut her body down, and in our sadness we listen to her God speak, and on her behalf he says, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," and to us he says, "All things work together for good to them that love God." She was a member of Corn Hill Free Baptist church. Those who knew her best speak of her in the highest terms as a Christian woman.

A. P.

LEWIS.—At Lewis Mountain, W. Co., March 26, of membranous croup, Emery, eldest son of Jas. Lewis, aged 5 years. "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." Funeral services by the writer.

W. H. PERRY.