

world over. Is the response of the Christian church at all commensurate to the claims of God and man? God forbid that we should fail to recognize the magnificent devotion of a noble minority who, like Cromwell, are hurling the shafts of light and truth into the Egyptian darkness of the world, and winning splendid victories for their Lord and King. But what about the indolent careless majority who have never dreamed of what it is to be "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord," and who sometimes sing, "Like a mighty army moves the church of God?" But is the army as puissant as we sing? Nutturally, it is as the sands upon the seashore. But measured by the standards of spiritual dynamics, we are apt to be disappointed. Gideon's army was a very large one, but subsequent tests proved it to be little better than a paper mob. Three hundred heroes out of thirty thousand soldiers is not an inspiring record of national courage. It is not given us to say how matters stand today, but courage, self-sacrifice, enthusiastic devotion for the salvation of men, are qualities not by any means too common among the professed followers of Christ. That sublime forgetfulness of self in striving to be a saviour to others, which was so conspicuous and normal in apostolic times, is becoming the exception rather than the rule today. There are those among us who still remember how men wept and prayed, preached and sang, toiled and suffered, that they might win men to Christ. Conversion was the keynote of Christian effort. The church travailed in birth for souls. Is it so today? Have we not almost abandoned the evangelical for the ethical? Ethics are all right in their place—they are the walls of the structure we are building, but if the foundation be sand, what then? Let there be no mistake here. Any religion which has not an evangelical groundwork will never stand the testing fires of the future. The ethical proprieties and social philosophies of these latter days will never arouse that consuming passion for the salvation of those for whom Christ died, nor bring into the foreground of Christian life the infinite urgency for a supreme, unceasing effort to emulate the Christ who came into the world to seek and to save them that were lost. Back to Pentecost! Back to apostolic zeal! "Put on thy strength, O Zion." Forward to irresistible victory and universal triumph—*Christian Guardian*.

NEWS OF CHURCHES

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—I wish to acknowledge the receipt of a donation of \$25 from the church at Waasis, on Aug. 23rd. E. C. COCHRANE.
Fredericton, Sept. 1st, 1903.

MINISTERS.—Rev. T. O. DeWitt is in Nova Scotia visiting old friends, and both he and they are enjoying it.

Rev. H. H. Ferguson preached at Marysville last Sunday.

Rev. G. W. Forster was in Fredericton last week, accompanying his son to Normal School.

Licentiate W. O. Keirstead intends going to Bates College, Lewiston. He will go next week.

Rev. A. A. Rideout, B.A., has resigned the pastorate of Marysville church, and will pursue his studies at Cobb Divinity School.

Rev. A. M. McNinch writes that he is pleased with the prospects in his Grand Manan field; there is much work to be done, and he finds the people ready to co-operate.

Rev. J. E. Gosline will be at the New Brunswick Conference as the corresponding delegate of the Nova Scotia Conference.

Rev. J. W. Freeman, though not able to preach owing to throat trouble, was at the N. S. Conference part of the session. He wished to be remembered to his New Brunswick brethren.

Rev. L. A. Cosman preached at Kemptville, N. S., on Sunday, 30th ult.

Licentiate J. G. Perry supplied in Fredericton last Sunday, the pastor being at District Meeting.

Rev. M. L. Gregg writes that on the 1st inst., he was given a call to the Houlton, Me., church, and that he will probably accept.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS

—The fiftieth anniversary of the consecration of the Church of England Cathedral, Fredericton, was celebrated last week. A large number of clergymen were present. Bishop Kingdon was ill and unable to participate in the services. Bishop Courtenay, of Halifax, officiated in his place.

—The Jews of Glace Bay, C. B., have erected a synagogue. It was formally opened for worship last week.

—Rev. H. C. Archer has become pastor of the Reformed Baptist churches at Grand Manan.

General Religious News.

—The Baptists of Sweden have raised \$186,000 for their work during the last twelve months.

—England's Sunday school Union is seeking to raise 100,000 pounds to secure a million new scholars, establish schools of method for teacher-training in child-study, etc.

—The religious census of Germany reports almost two-thirds of the people Protestant, and slightly over one-third Roman Catholic, with less than 2,000 people registered as not Christians. Infidelity, in these days, is not popular.

—Baptists in West Canada are making rapid progress. In 1875 they had one mission and one church at Winnipeg, and now they have 101 churches, 85 pastors and 6,000 members. During the year 14 new church houses have been erected.

—There are in Russia 95,850,000 orthodox Greek Catholics, 12,150,000 Mohammedans, 6,750,000 Protestants, 4,050,000 Jews, 1,350,000 United Church and Armenians, and 2,700,000 followers of other faiths.

—In three years the number of Railroad Young Men's Christian Associations has increased from one hundred and sixty-one to one hundred and ninety-five, and the membership from 41,749 to 62,288, a remarkable growth of over twenty thousand members. The number of buildings owned or set aside

by railroad companies is one hundred and thirteen, and these have a valuation of \$1,663,450.

—Major Archibald, of the Salvation Army, has been visiting the Canadian penitentiaries, with the object of helping the inmates on their release from imprisonment. He reports 460 in Kingston, 375 in St. Vincent de Paul, Montreal, and 256 in Dorchester. He had the opportunity of addressing the inmates of each of these institutions, and giving them them advice and promise of help on their liberation. This is one of the truest works of Christian philanthropy, and we join sincerely in the desire for their success in this branch of their great work—a branch to which the Christian church gives little or no effort. The greater the pity.

THEIR DENOMINATIONS.—Denominationally the students at the Provincial Normal School, Fredericton, are classified thus:

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| Baptist, | 45 |
| Church of England | 34 |
| Free Baptist, | 22 |
| Methodist, | 43 |
| Presbyterian, | 40 |
| Roman Catholic, | 65 |
| Others, | 3 |
| | 252 |

A WORD.—A good number of our subscribers have promptly paid their subscriptions for 1903; and some who were in arrears have paid up. All have our hearty thanks; their ready payments have helped us much. Many subscribers have not yet paid for the present year; and a considerable number owe for one or more years. We greatly need the amounts. The expenses of publication accumulate steadily.

PASSING AWAY.—Of the founders of Confederation there remain Hon. William McDougall, in his eighty-second year; Sir Hector Langevin, age seventy-seven; Sir Charles Tupper, who recently addressed an out-door audience on his eighty-second birthday; and Senator McDonald of Prince Edward Island, who is not yet seventy-five. Those who have died within the last ten years were: Hon. Peter Mitchell, Sir Leonard Tilley, Hon. T. H. Haviland, and Sir Alexander Galt. During the previous decade, Sir Adams Archibald, Sir Alexander Campbell, Sir John A. MacDonalld, Chief Justice Palmer, Judge Gray, Hon. J. C. Chapais, and Hon. J. Cockburn passed away.

THEY FORGET.—Recently we read of a young woman whose expertness in dressmaking drew her large patronage from good people, but she often became pinched to hunger and at last failed in her business, all because the "good people" kept forgetting to pay promptly; and, promising, forgot again. Many a washerwoman has had to try to comfort her hungry children over Sunday because the "good people" to whom she took the baskets of clothes on Saturday "forgot" to have change on hand. There is much suffering in this world for which the people who "forget" will have to settle.

OPEN-AIR MEETINGS.—The churches in Philadelphia do much Christian work in out-door meetings. On a recent Sunday there were 127 such meetings held, with an aggregate attendance of 25,000 people. These meetings were conducted by twenty-two organizations, representing many denominations. Methodists were in charge of twenty-four services, Presbyterians and the Salvation Army each had twenty-two, Baptists nineteen, and the remainder scattered among various other bodies. Sixteen tents accommodated twenty-two services, and one hundred and one were held in the open air.

"GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH" is a selection of bright thoughts for Christian workers on vital questions of the day. It is intended to help teachers and preachers. It is published by the Pepper Publishing Co., Philadelphia, and costs 50 cents.

THE "SHILOHITES."—Manned by a corps of devil-drivers, one of the Rev. F. W. Sanford's new gospel boats recently set sail from Bath, Me. The new boat, known among the Shilohites as "Devil Chaser No. 1," will first sail for the Kennebec River, where, it is asserted by the disciples of Sanford, the devil is in hiding in a boat-house. After driving the devil to the sea the members of the Holy Ghost and Us Society will endeavor to convert all the fishermen along Maine's rugged coast in their belief.

Much interest is taken in the new project of Sanford, as he declares. God will protect him on land or sea, and he fears no storms or squalls, which are common on the Maine coast. He has no experienced skipper with him, and local seafaring men predict that within a month the boat will be sunk, either in a storm or by striking some large rock or bluff.—*Presbyterian Witness*.

We hear that some of these people are on Grand Manan. They will disturb families and disrupt churches if given a chance to get in their work. We trust our people there will give them a good "letting alone."

Marriages.

BOBKIRK-HANNAH.—At the parsonage, Sussex, Sept. 2nd, by Rev. B. H. Nobles, William Bobkirk and Bridget Hannah, both of Sussex.

GREGGORY-BREWER.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Fredericton, August 5th, by Rev. F. Clarke Hartley, Mr. Wm. Gregory, of New London, N. S., to Miss Elizabeth Brewer, of Fredericton.

CARR-CARR.—At the parsonage, Fredericton, Sept. 2nd, by Rev. F. Clarke Hartley, Mr. Bradford Carr to Miss Eva Carr, both of Geary, Sunbury Co.

CLARK-SEWELL.—At the residence of Mr. Rainford Clark, Mainstream, Car. Co., N. B., on the 28th inst., by Rev. Geo. W. Foster, Mr. James E. Clark to Miss Eva Sewell, both of Mainstream, N. B.

FRANZEL-RAFUSE.—August 25, 1903, by Rev. Roscoe Heine, at residence of the bride's parents, Miss Lizzie Rafuse to Reuben M. Franzel, all of Port Mouton.

Deaths.

FOX.—At Queenstown, Q. Co., August 1st, Gordon Fox, aged 19 years, son of Abram Fox. Father, five sisters and two brothers mourn his early death. Last year he professed religion and was baptized by Rev. S. J. Perry and united with the Upper Hampstead church, and maintained a Christian course to the end. During his illness he assured his pastor of his sure hope.

ERB.—At Sussex, Margaret, aged six months, only child of Ira and Annie Erb. Mrs. Erb arrived in Sussex Friday morning, August 28th, from her home in Sydney, hoping that the change of climate would benefit her little daughter, who had been ill for some weeks. But their hopes were not to be realized. Sunday morning, Aug. 30th, Jesus sent his messenger to say again to these anxious parents, as long ago he said to the disciples, "Suffer the little children to come unto me." The funeral services were held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Asbell; burial at Kirk Hill Cemetery. B. H. N.

BROWN.—At Sussex, August 19th, Harold Cecil, aged three months, infant son of John W. and Elvia Brown. The bereavement was intensified by the suddenness in which death came to claim its own. Mr. Brown had gone from home only a few hours before, leaving the baby well, returning in time only to see it die. The pastor being from home, Rev. Mr. Baird attended the funeral services. Interment at the Free Baptist burying ground, Corn Hill. B. H. N.