

News of the Churches.

WOODSTOCK.—I administered baptism to two young men on Sunday evening, April 5th.

F. ALLISON CURRIER.

CHEGOGGIN, N. S.—I baptized three more yesterday at Chegoggin, and received fourteen members into the church. There will be baptism again next Sunday. The Lord is greatly blessing us in this field.

A. M. MCNINTCH.

April 13.

FREDERICTON JUNCTION, N. B.—The Free Baptist people are pushing the work for the building of a parsonage. At a social held last week \$50 was realized. A building lot opposite their church has been bought, and a crew of men have been at work clearing it up and getting it in shape for building.—*Cor. Telegraph.*

FREDERICTON.—Church work continues to progress. During the winter a number of special services were held. Five were baptized and two others joined the church on experience. Last Sunday six others were received by letter. The communion at the close of the evening service was more largely attended than any communion for some time. We hope for other additions soon.

F. C. H.

CAMPOBELLO, N. B.—We very much enjoyed the visit from Rev. J. N. Barnes, and feel sure that his contact with the people, as well as his public utterances, while here, will be productive of much good.

The Band organized by him last summer is in a very good state, and I think this year will raise about fifty dollars, one half of which probably will be devoted to missionary work, the remainder to local church needs. Its membership is about 65.

A. J. PROSSER.

SHANNON, Q. Co.—God has blessed us with a gracious revival. We united about five weeks ago in special effort with E. K. Ganong, pastor of the Baptist churches of Belyea's Cove and MacDonald's Point. God has greatly blessed the united effort of his people. As a result of the work wanderers have returned, God's people in general have been strengthened and encouraged, 29 have professed conversion and publicly put on Christ by baptism. At the close of last Sabbath evening service it was my privilege to welcome fifteen of those recently baptized, with five others, into the fellowship of the Shannon Free Baptist church. The revival influence is spreading. A number of the adjoining districts are being touched and influenced by the spirit of revival. To God be all the praise.

C. B. LEWIS.

April 14th.

MINISTERS.—Rev. G. W. Foster is holding special meetings at Mount Pleasant, C. Co.

Rev. J. N. Barnes called at the INTELLIGENCER office Thursday. He is in good health, and has enjoyed the work during his recent tour. He is now at home for a few days. His list of appointments will be found on page 13.

Rev. C. T. Phillips returned from White Head, Grand Manan, Thursday.



OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Rev. J. A. Gordon, of Montreal, has declined the call of the Charlottetown, P.E.I. Baptist church.

—The Rev. Mr. Gale, a well known evangelist, was brought to Halifax by the Methodists. After laboring for a week in the Grafton Street Methodist Church, a union with the First Baptist Church was formed, and now the two churches are co-operating in public services. Large indications of good have already appeared. On last Sunday evening a meeting for men only was held in the Grafton Street Church. About one hundred men arose to signify their desire to become Christians. Mr. Gale belongs to the substantial class of evangelists.

General Religious News.

—Of the fifty-nine Presbyterian congregations in London, England, three-fourths are carrying on mission work in the churches themselves, and in forty-two halls and rooms, employing thirty-one salaried and nearly a thousand voluntary workers.

—*La Revue*, a French journal, has been quoted as saying that the average annual secession of Roman Catholic priests in France is 200. Many more, it is declared, would leave if they knew what to do for a livelihood. A serious disruption in the French church is looked for.

—Christianity is before the Japanese nation as never before in these modern days. The year 1901 witnessed a wonderful awakening, and the present year is continuing the active campaign against the evil one. The work of 1900 added only about 650 to Protestant church membership; that of 1901 added more than 4,000. "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit," was the motto, and God wonderfully blessed the Japanese Christians as they rallied under this banner.

—The statistics of the Baptist churches of Great Britain and Ireland, as given in the "Baptist Handbook" for 1903, show gains in nearly every item—of 2,100 in the English, 1,800 in the Welsh, and 700 in the Scotch membership; of 25 churches in England, 28 in Wales, 1 in Scotland, and 2 in Ireland. The totals for the United Kingdom are 2,803 churches, 3,961 chapels, 1,344,534 chapel seats, 377,747 church members, 53,549 teachers and 542,396 scholars in Sunday-schools, and 2,072 pastors in charge. On new chapels and improvements \$689,185 was spent last year, and \$453,933 in payment or reduction of church debts.

—The statistics of comparative church attendance this year and seventeen years ago in London are somewhat ominous. They show that the ratio of church attendance has declined in these last years. Dr. J. Robertson Nicoll, editor of the *British Weekly*, declared in an address before the National Free Church Council, "the day is coming, if it has not already come, when the majority of the population of England can no more be called Christian." On this continent, we fear the class of non-churchgoers is becoming larger. Some think this a reason for distrust of the old time preaching. The fact is, however, that this tendency is most pronounced where the old-time beliefs have been abandoned, and it is in Germany, the seed-bed of all revolutionary theories of the Bible, where the attendance is smallest of all.

—Bishop Fowler says in regard to the Japanese in California that from a close and personal knowledge of the Japanese work, I do not know anywhere in Methodism such a thorough-going, old-fashioned experience and work as among the Japanese of California. These men go about their daily life in a most prayerful manner. One man asked that he might serve half time in the family where he was employed, that he might give the other half to the study of the Bible and prayer. Having earned enough to do so, he went into the mountains to devote all his time to Bible study and prayer, and so fit himself for Christian work. And when I heard his testimony, I put it down on a par with John Wesley's "Christian Perfection," a book he had never seen, but the truth of which he had gloriously experienced. That spirit has spread throughout the company of Japanese workers. They go to the incoming steamers to meet their fellow countrymen, take them to boarding-houses, and there win them to Christ. They even sent one of their companions, an educated Japanese, a graduate of the university, to Honolulu, on Christian work.



—Sir Oliver Mowatt, Governor of Ontario, died Sunday, April 19th. He was in his 83rd year. For nearly fifty years he was active in the affairs of the country, and was Premier of Ontario from 1872 to 1896. He was the first Minister of Justice in the Laurier Government, and became Governor of his native province in 1897. He was deservedly one of the most honored sons of Canada.



CENTENARIANS.—One of the interesting pieces of intelligence brought to light by the last U. S. census is the fact that there are three thousand five hundred and thirty-six people in the United States who are one hundred years old and upward, and two-thirds of these are women. Ten years ago the average length of the trip to the grave was thirty-one years; now it is thirty-two years. The newspapers of the country have interviewed about six hundred centenarians on the subject of longevity—and the universal advice is to take plenty of vigorous exercise, eat simple food, and keep on breathing.

MORMONS.—The Grand Lodge of Ontario of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, which met in Toronto a few days ago, voted almost unanimously to prohibit the use of intoxicants at suppers, banquets, etc., held under the auspices of the Order.

NO GROC.—At a recent conference of what is called the re-organized Mormon church, held in Kansas City, Mo., among the four hundred missionaries assigned to various fields in various parts of the world, were two from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Marriages.

WILLIAMS-GIGGEY.—At the residence of the bride's father, Ludlow Street, St. John, West, on the evening of April 2nd, by Rev. R. W. Ferguson, Captain Lee Woodman Williams to Miss Lena Giggey.

MORGAN-NASON.—At the residence of the groom, St. John Street, Fredericton, April 7th, by Rev. F. Clarke Hartley, Mr. Odour Morgan to Mrs. Mary Nason, both of this city.

BURDEN-SMITH.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Fredericton, April 18th, by Rev. F. Clarke Hartley, Mr. Fred. E. Burden, of Moncton, to Miss Dora M. Smith.

GOODWIN-GOODWIN.—At Argyle Sound, N. S., April 15th, by Rev. G. M. Wilson, Mr. Watson J. Goodwin, of Argyle Sound, to Miss Nora Goodwin of Pubnico Head.

Deaths.

COLPITTS.—At Salisbury, N. B., April 10th, of consumption, Viva M. Colpitts, aged 23 years, leaving a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. The deceased was a Christian, and died trusting in Jesus' blood. Funeral services by the writer, assisted by Rev. H. V. Davies, Baptist. W. H. PERRY.

O'BLENES.—At the Scott Road, Salisbury, April 10th, after a lingering illness which she bore with Christian resignation to the will of God, Annie, beloved wife of Spurgeon O'Blenes, aged 46 years, leaving husband and one son to mourn the loss of a kind wife and mother. Funeral services by the writer. W. H. PERRY.

REICKER.—At Kars, Kings Co., April 8th, George Reicker, in the 92nd year of his age. Bro. Reicker was the last of the original members of the first Free Baptist church in Kars. He was appointed deacon March 11th, 1864, in which office he served to the satisfaction of his brethren. Seven children mourn their loss; they are Martin, of Kars, David, Francis and Emmaline, of Kars, Joseph, of Apohaqui, Mary, of Boston, widow of the late Rev. Wm. Downey, and Eliza Ann, wife of Capt. Geo. Erb, St. John. Services at the house and grave by the writer, assisted by Rev. Mr. Fields, Baptist. O. N. MORT.

DALZELL.—At 166 Waterloo Street, St. John, on the 15th of March, Mrs. Joseph Dalzell, leaving a husband and six children. Sister Dalzell was baptized by Rev. J. T. Parsons, and was a member of the Waterloo Free Baptist, and a member of the choir for many years. She was an estimable woman, and the church and many friends mourn her death. C. T. P.

VANWART.—At Union Street, St. John, on the 19th of March, after a long illness, Mr. Robert Vanwart, formerly of Wickham, Queens County, leaving a widow and eight children to mourn their loss. The remains were taken to Wickham for burial, where the services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Lewis. A service was held at his late residence the evening before, by Rev. C. T. Phillips. His hope was strong of eternal life. Com.

FOX.—At Temperance Vale, York County, on the 9th inst., Sadie, beloved wife of Worden E. Fox, in the 22nd year of her age. Deceased leaves an infant son and a sorrowing husband to mourn their loss. J. J. BARNES.

SCOTT.—At Fredericton Junction, on March 26, William Scott, in the 27th year of his age, of consumption. The family—a widowed mother, three brothers and six sisters—has the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement.

HARRIS.—At Tracey Station, S. Co., on the 2nd inst., Hartley Harris, in the 31st year of his age, of consumption. Bro. Harris had recently returned from Manchester, New Hampshire, where he had been residing for several years. While there he had professed faith in Christ, and died confident in the Lord.

WILLIAMS.—At Douglas, York Co., April 11th, of old age, Wynet A. Williams, aged 93 years, leaving a widow, one son, two daughters, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren to mourn their loss. He was born at Maugerville, Sunbury Co., and was of loyalist stock. He professed religion many years ago at Keswick, and was baptized by Rev. John Perry and united with the Keswick Free Baptist church, of which he remained a consistent member until death. His end was peace. H. A. B.

GLAZIER.—At Lincoln, Sunbury Co., suddenly, on the 16th inst., Annie Eugene, aged 31 years, wife of Mr. Murray Glazier, and daughter of Mr. H. B. Mitchell. She was a lovable woman, and many friends mourn her early death and sympathize with her husband, little daughter, parents and other relatives in their bereavement. The Free Baptist church, of which she was a member, will miss her, as will all the good interests of the community. The funeral, on the 18th, was very largely attended. Dr. McLeod conducted the services.