

## OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Zion Methodist church, St. John, fittingly celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of Rev. Dr. Wilson's ministry. He was presented with \$60 in gold. He is esteemed highly for his work's sake.

—Mr. David Walker, of Merigomish, N. S., recently deceased, bequeathed \$3,000 to the Presbyterian church of that place.

—The Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia met in annual session at Bear River last week. The reports from seventy-three churches showed the present membership to be 12,339. There were added during the year 391, 289 of them by baptism.

—The Maitland, N. S., Presbyterian church celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of its organization on the 21st ult. Seven ministers have been pastors of the church in the century, five of whom are alive, and they were present at the anniversary. Two of them, Rev. Dr. Currie, of the Presbyterian Theological School, and Rev. L. G. McNeill, St. John, preached on the occasion.

—The minimum salary of a Methodist pastor in the N.B. and P.E.I. Conference is \$750.00, but it was stated at the recent session that only nineteen of ninety-two circuits raise the stipulated amount.

—Brussels St. Baptist church, St. John, is undergoing renovation. Rev. G. Whidden, of the Baptist College at Brandon, Manitoba, is to occupy the pulpit during the summer, beginning next Sunday.

—Rev. S. Howard, of the Portland St. Methodist church, St. John, was presented with a substantial sum of money on the eve of his departure for a European tour, last week.

## General Religious News.

—Two hundred thousand dollars bequeathed to religious purposes by the late Dwight Parsons, of Philadelphia, is divided as follows: To the Protestant Episcopal church of the United States, \$50,000; to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church of America, \$50,000; to the Methodist Episcopal church, \$50,000; to the Baptist church, \$20,000; to the Young Men's Christian Association, \$15,000; to the American Sunday School Union, \$15,000.

—The Baptist mission in Porto Rico has made great progress. The dissatisfaction with the Spanish priests under the old regime helped to break the people away from Romanism. They are now turning to the Gospel. Thirteen Baptist churches have been organized, having a membership of about 600. There are in all 2,200 Protestant Christians, and 4,000 attendants in the Sunday schools.

—Los Angeles, Cal., where the Presbyterian General Assembly of the United States met a few days ago, has fourteen Presbyterian churches which report 5,448 mem-

bers. Of these one is Spanish, with fifty-four members, and one is Chinese, with thirty-one members. The *Herald and Presbyter* says these churches are an object lesson on home missions. Only a few decades ago this was home mission ground. Today it is a great center of Presbyterian influence and a source of home mission supplies.

—The *World Almanac* gives the total number of Baptists as 4,629,487. The Baptist Year Book places the number at 4,330,462, and these figures must be accepted. The number of churches is reported as 44,829, an increase of 376 over the previous year, or eleven more than one a day for the entire year. The total contributions for all purposes, so far as reported, amount to \$15,065,262. This gives an increase over the year 1902 of \$927,072, and an admirable showing it is.

—A transfer of the Moravian Mission in Canada to the Methodist Church in Canada was completed April 5, when the retiring missionary introduced his successor to his charge. The two Moravian ministers have returned to homes in the United States. The Moravian Mission in Alaska returns for 1902 a total of 506 members, of whom 201 are communicants and 132 new people. Eighteen children and 36 adults were baptized last year. A new station has been established at Ruinhagak, at the mouth of the Kuskowim.

—There are thirty Baptist churches in the South African Baptist Union. They have but 4000 members, yet they maintain their own missionary society with an income of \$4,800 a year. Nine missionaries are supported. These carry on their work among the Kaffirs, Fingoes, Timbus, Tambookies, Pondos, and the mixed native races. In the compounds of the gold-mining area they gather every Sunday from 5000 to 6000 natives, representing thirty different tribes.

—The report of the Paris Bible Society mentions that a new thing has lately been experienced, in the welcome extended by parish priests to the society's colporters. Six special cases are mentioned. One cure invited the colporter to breakfast, and the conversation was about the Bible. A second invited the colporter into his study, and together they made a study of the Epistles. A third gave addresses of persons in the village to whom the colporter might profitably offer his Bibles, another bought several copies, and still another in his Sunday sermon invited his people to come to him and buy Bibles, he having permitted the colporter to leave with him a number of copies for this purpose. This is not a "priest movement," but it shows that in more ways than one the Spirit of God is moving upon the hearts of the priests of France.

—Five hundred and fifty million people on this earth, who have not a copy of the Bible in their own language: such is the report of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

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The Society has done well. It has circulated Bibles in one hundred languages; and the total of its issues has been one hundred and eighty million copies. But can the Christian world sit still while more than five hundred million people still sit in such a shadow of darkness as exists when there is not a copy of the Bible in existence that they can read? Christ has given us His word; we ought to give it to others.

—The Baptists in the United States are making steady progress, both in the number of associations, churches, ministers, Sunday-school scholars, in the number and value of meeting-houses, parsonages, etc. According to figures in the new "American Baptist Year Book" the churches now have (so far as reported) 4,330,462 members, a gain during the year of 61,379. There were 233,098 persons baptised during the year, 25,583 more than last year. Church property is valued at \$92,432,714, an advance of \$3,042,722 upon the valuation a year ago. Contributions aggregated \$15,065,267, \$927,071 more than last year.

—It is said on excellent authority that 224,000 converts were received from Judasim during the nineteenth century into the various Christian churches, Protestant, Roman and Greek. These being generally persons of education, count for much. Many of them have made valuable contributions to Christian literature and theology. Neander, with his history of the Church; Edersheim, with his Life of Christ; Adolph Saphir, by his preachings and his writings; Phillippi, with his great exposition of the Lutheran theology; Caspary and Paulus Stephen Cassel, with their Commentaries, have enriched Christian theology; whilst others that might be named have given fresh impulse to Christian activity or manifestly helped forward Christian progress.

## STOPPING THE PAPER.

"I've stopped my paper, yes, I hev;  
I didn't like to do it,  
But the editor he got too smart,  
And I allow he'll rue it.  
I am a man as pays his debts,  
An' I won't be insulted,  
So when an editor gets smart,  
I want to be consulted.  
I took his paper 'leven years,  
An' helped him all I could, sir,  
An' when it come to dunnin' me,  
I didn't think he would, sir.  
But that he did, and you kin bet,  
It made me hot as thunder,  
Says I, I'll stop that sheet, I will  
If the blamed old thing goes under!  
I hunted up the mean old whelp,  
An' fer his cunnin' caper,  
I paid 'em 'leven years an' quit!  
Yes, sir, I've stopped his paper!"

—Manson, Ia., Democrat.

## Deaths.

CURRIE.—At Douglas, York County, June 6th, of pneumonia, Elizabeth, wife of Ross S. Currie. She leaves a sorrowing husband, thirteen children—seven sons and six daughters, with twenty-four grandchildren to mourn their loss. Sister Currie was baptized by the late Rev. John E. Bend sixteen years ago, and united with the church at Douglas, of which she was a faithful member until death. H. A. B.

CURRIER.—At Upper Gagetown, Q. Co., June 20th, Deacon C. L. Currier, aged 72 years, leaving a wife and five sons—Bradford and Melvin, of Upper Gagetown, Rev. F. A., of Woodstock, Nelson, of New York, and Sanford, of Montana. Bro. C. professed religion many years ago and united with the Free Baptist church, of which he was a faithful member. For some years he was deacon of the Upper Gagetown church and teacher in the Sunday-school. He will be much missed. All the children except Sanford were home to the funeral. God comfort them all. The funeral services were by the writer, assisted by Rev. Mr. Much, (Baptist). J. H. PUDINGTON.

RING.—At Kemptville, Yar. Co., N. S., June 12, Mr. Abijah Ring passed away peacefully to his heavenly home after a year's illness, which he bore cheerfully in Christian hope, at the great age of 92 years and 9 months. Bro. Ring was a joyful and faithful Christian. All who were privileged to know him spoke well of him, for he was a good man. He was converted about seventy years ago, and baptized by Rev. Chas. Knowles, uniting with the Free Baptist church of Chebogue, Yar. Co., N. S. He leaves a sorrowing widow yet joyful because of Christian hope, also eight children, forty-five grandchildren and fifty great grandchildren. The church and community have lost a friend, the widow a loving husband, and the children an affectionate father. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. M. Wilson and were largely attended. May our heavenly Father greatly assist the sorrowing ones in their irreparable loss. G. M. W.

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