

dry conditions and reservations to make. She was fond of the theatre and opera and other amusements and social functions, with an occasional card party, and so on. If she could have liberty as to these, she would really like to join the church. The pastor, whose head and heart were both true and sound, told the lady that she had got matters confused as to the right order of procedure. He said: "Give your heart wholly to God; accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour, your Master, your Lord, who is to have the entire ordering of your life in every particular, including amusements, and it will then be time enough to talk about joining the church." That was surely wise advice, and anything less would have been unfaithful.

According to the New Testament, a church is a company of Christian people giving evidence that they have really believed on Christ as Saviour and Lord, engaged in saving other people. To unite with the church because it is respectable, in a patronizing way, or because membership is regarded as a means of salvation, or for any reason except that thus we express our faith in Christ, and our desire for union with God's people, is to miss the very purpose of membership, and to do wrong to the church and to ourselves.—*The Examiner*.

A GOOD WORK.—Rev. J. B. Daggett has begun and is carrying on a good work at Fredericton Junction. So far he has had a good measure of success. He has awakened temperance sentiment, and has marshalled it to make war on the illicit rum-selling which has gone on there for years with practically no interference. A large number of the people, both men and women, have pledged themselves to do all they can towards suppressing the traffic, and a committee, of which Bro. Daggett is chairman, has the matter of prosecutions in charge. Three convictions have been secured. Two of the parties have promised to sell no more; one is appealing to a higher court. The good that has been done shows what can be done when one man in earnest goes to work. Bro. Daggett did just what a religious teacher and leader should do—he led the people to set themselves against what was destroying the young men and cursing many families. He realizes that the enemy must be watched, and he will endeavor to keep the people realizing that there is "no discharge in this war."

RELIGION AND SCIENCE.—Sir George Stokes, the eminent man of science, recently died in England. What is his science record? asks the *Belfast Witness*. Greatest mathematician in England, Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge; first exponent of spectrum analysis, explained the cause of expansion of the clouds, and in other ways advanced human knowledge. What of his religious attitude? The *Times* says: "No account of his life would be complete without a reference to its religious side. To many he was one of the prominent instances of the possibility of combining scientific research with the maintenance of Christian convictions." What necessity, beyond the perversity of human nature, is there for any real antagonism between genuine religion and true science?

News of the Churches

ST. JOHN, (NORTH).—The special meetings were closed two weeks ago, but the work goes on. Sunday, 29th ult., two were baptized, and last Sunday two more. Forty-five have been baptized since the work began.

WOODSTOCK, N. B.—It was my pleasure on Wednesday morning, March 18, to administer baptism to Mr. Enoch Lowely of Perth, Victoria Co. He came down from Perth for that purpose, and after the ordinance, like the Ethiopian eunuch of old, he went on his way rejoicing. On Sunday March 8, I gave the hand of fellowship to three members, and on the 15th to 3 more, 5 of these uniting by letter and the other on profession of faith and baptism. Our prayer meetings are seasons of great power and blessing.

F. ALLISON CURRIER.

PORT MOUTON, N. S.—Since last report God has continued to bless us. We have continued the services in Port Mouton. For a time all seemed dark, but on Thursday evening, Mar. 12th, one brother came to Christ. The next evening, Friday, the power came over us; fifteen made a stand for Christ. It was a glorious season; Christians rejoiced, backsliders came home, sinners trembled. The meetings were continued for more than a week after this, two meetings a day for a time. Sunday, 22nd March, I led seventeen happy converts into the water. It was a solemn season; some rejoiced as they came from the water, praising God for His goodness. Although I had no pastoral assistance, the work was made easy for me by the willing earnestness of the brethren and sisters. The agonizing soul travail brought people to Christ as it always does. We can thank God and take courage. Fifty-seven backsliders and sinners started in eight weeks work in South-West and Port Mouton. Others are expected to go forward soon. Pray for us.

R. HEINE.

MINISTERS.—Rev. Jos. Noble has gone to Nova Scotia to visit his daughter at Wolfville, and other friends in that province. He will probably be absent several weeks. He is in very good health.

Rev. L. A. Fenwick was in Fredericton last week. He reports the work at Bath and other parts of his field as moving along much as usual.

Rev. J. N. Barnes has completed his work on Grand Manan and leaves there this week.

Fireflies are sold nightly by street peddlers in the crowded quarters of Tokio and other Japanese cities. The insects sell for three rin each, a rin being equal in value to one-tenth of a cent.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Springhill, N. S., is to have a Y.M.C.A. building. One man has offered to give a site and \$3,000.

—Rev. Dr. Steele is supplying the Main Street Baptist church, St. John. The church is now without a pastor.

—Rev. J. A. Gordon, Montreal, has been called to the Charlottetown, P. E. I. Baptist church. He was pastor there several years ago. It is not said whether he will accept the present call.

—The transfer committee of the Methodist Conference of Canada held its meeting in Toronto Thursday. Among the transfers determined upon are the following which concern Maritime Province men: C. H. Huestis and W. R. Cann from Nova Scotia to Manitoba; H. C. McNeill, New Brunswick to Manitoba; James Strothard, Nova Scotia to New Brunswick; H. J. Indoe, Newfoundland to Nova Scotia; Wm. Patterson, Newfoundland to London. The transfers will take place in June next.

General Religious News.

—Rev. Dr. Torrey, of Moody's church, Chicago, is holding successful meetings in Scotland.

—There are seventeen Protestant and twenty-two Catholic churches in Manila, and the Catholics have been there as many centuries as the Protestants have been years.

—The Baptists have twelve churches on the island of Porto Rico. Our Protestant churches are promptly taking advantage of the opportunities for evangelistic work offered in our new island possessions.

—The full returns of the Baptist churches of the United States give the net increase for the last year at 61,399. The number baptized during the year was 233,099, or an increase of 25,083 over those of the previous year. The total membership is 4,330,462. A church was organized on an average every day in the year, with twelve to spare.

—Gen. Booth was attacked in the press by the fanatical Dowie, and it was expected that the General would take occasion to censure the impudent fraud of Zion, but the hero of the Army will not deign to notice him. To an interviewer he said: "Yes, I see that Dowie has condemned me, both for this world and the next. I have no answer to make to him. I long ago made it a rule not to answer attacks on myself and the Army. I do not think Dowie is worth answering."

—The *London Daily News* has been taking a census of the attendance at church in the great metropolis, and from the figures published it appears that the attendance at Spurgeon's Tabernacle is still larger than anywhere else. On the 8th of Feb. there were 1,415 present at the morning service, and 2,210 in the evening, making a total for the day of 3,625. The neighborhood surrounding the Tabernacle has been undergoing great changes during the last ten years,

and there is a continual drift to the suburbs, and yet it is very gratifying to note that the attendance there is so well sustained. The Tabernacle missions, in Southwark and elsewhere, add more than two thousand persons additional to the number of attendants.



A lady, says the *Lookout*, when visiting in the minister's family, was told of some bright, cultured people in the neighborhood who, however, never attended any religious services. "I will go and see them," the visitor volunteered. "But what excuse will you have for going?" the hostess questioned anxiously. "Oh, yes; take this book, I remember having heard one of the ladies express a desire to read it." "But I don't want an excuse," was the reply. "I want them to know that I am interested in them." As a result of the visit every member of the family became regular attendants at the church services, and three of them became Christians. Speaking of it afterward, the mother said: "I never realized the danger we were in until I saw that some one else—and that, one who was almost a stranger—was concerned about us."

Marriages.

—DE LONG-ADAIR.—At the Sussex Free Baptist Parsonage, March 31st, by Rev. B. H. Nobles, Nathan DeLong and Mable Adair, both of Mechanics Settlement, Kings Co.

—PEOPLES-ROBERTSON.—At Rowena, V. Co., on the 26th ult. by Rev. L. A. Fenwick, Fred, Peoples and Grace M. Robertson, both of Perth, V. Co.

Deaths.

COSMAN.—At Midland, Kings Co., on the evening of March 28th, Julia, beloved wife of George Cosman, passed from the shades of twilight into perfect day, from sickness into health, aged 56 years. Our sister leaves a husband, one son and two daughters and a large circle of relatives to mourn their loss. Many years ago she gave herself to Christ, being converted and baptized under the labor of Rev. John Perry, and united with the Midland Free Baptist church, in whose communion she has ever been a true yoke-fellow. Her heart was in full sympathy with everything that pertained to the welfare of Zion, and during her last illness, when scarcely able to speak because of weakness, it was her delight to converse of the kingdom. "For her to live was Christ, to die is gain." She has gone on, leaving a record of a life well spent for God in serving humanity. Her memory is tenderly cherished by husband and children, while the church and community sincerely feel her death. We hope to meet again. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 31st, conducted by the pastor, who sought to comfort the mourners from the Word of God, Rev. xiv. 13. F. G. FRANCIS.

BUNKER.—Charles Bunker died at Rusiagornis S. Co., March 23rd, 1903, aged 72 years. He was a good man, kind husband and an indulgent father. He leaves to mourn their sad loss a sorrowing wife, three sons, three daughters, two brothers and one sister. He was a good neighbor; the church also sustains a loss. He was struck suddenly with heart failure. How it speaks to us all, "Be ye also ready." Services by the writer. A very large gathering of people attended the services. T. O. DEWITT.

SECORD.—At Penobscus, Kings Co., March 28th, at the home of his son, Caleb Secord, aged 87 years. Eight children survive him, five sons—Abner, and Caleb, of St. John; Carmel, of California; Ezekiel, of Bath, Car. Co.; H. S., of the homestead, Penobscus; and three daughters—Annie, Mrs. Gillespie, of Tobique River; Mary, Mrs. Blake, Lime Stone, Me; and Ruth, Mrs. Craine, of Bath. Mr. Secord made all arrangements for his funeral services, choosing for scripture lesson 23rd Psalm, and text, Prov. viii. 4: "Unto you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of men." Rev. B. H. Nobles gave the address. He spoke of (1) the call, (2) those whom it embraced, (3) the manner in which it is given, (4) the life and destiny which it presents. Mr. Secord died triumphantly in the hope of the glory of God. His body was laid to rest by the side of his wife, who had preceded him to that other home some twenty years.

PHILLIPS.—At Rusiagornis, Sunbury Co., March 23rd, of general debility, Mrs. Phebe Phillips, in the 57 year of her age, wife of Hiram Phillips. Funeral services were held at the Free Baptist church and were largely attended. The pastor, Bro. Cochrane, being ill, Rev. J. B. Daggett conducted the services.

SCOTT.—At Fredericton Junction, on March 26, W. Scott, in the 27th year of his age, of consumption. A widowed mother, two brothers and three sisters mourn the death of a dutiful son and brother. Burial took place from the Free Baptist church on Sabbath, 29th inst. J. B. D.