

News of the Churches.

CLARK'S HARBOR, N. S.—Since last writing I have baptized one. A number of the Sunday-school children have sought and found Jesus. Evangelistic services are conducted with those who are seeking the Saviour every Sunday, one half hour before Sunday-school. The Endeavor Society is growing. The rally held the 14th inst. was presided over by Vice-President Wm. Kenney, we were especially interested in the well-chosen words of Mrs. A. M. McNitch, who was present to encourage. The Missionary Society's last monthly meeting was one of unusual interest in members present, business taken up, and questions discussed. A paper on the Life of Adoniram Judson, by Mrs. McLeod, was made still more interesting by Capt. A. K. Smith, one of our members, rising and saying that in a sea voyage, sailing near the island upon which the sacred remains of this godly man's wife lay, he anchored, went ashore and visited her grave. This society has initiated eighty members. In the prayer meetings of our church there is a spiritual presence, uplifting and soul-quickening, in present conditions at least, and our motto is upward and onward. The increase of spiritual life and church membership through the labors of the brethren elsewhere have greatly cheered my heart, and make us all feel that we are laborers together in one common cause.

A. H. McLEOD.

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MINISTERS.—Rev. J. N. Barnes has returned from Oromocto to Jacksontown, C. Co. His household effects went last week.

Licentiate W. O. Kierstead was recently presented with a Bible by the young people of the Blissville congregation.

Licentiate Cochrane was able to leave the hospital last Wednesday, having been there seven weeks. He is still very weak, but hopes to gain strength steadily.

Rev. E. S. Parker, of Tracey Mills, N. B., has been to Boston to visit his father, who is seriously ill.

Rev. Jos. Noble has returned from his visit to Nova Scotia and spent last Sunday in St. John.

We learn from the Yarmouth Times that Rev. A. M. McNitch was invited to preach at Grand Manan last Sunday. It would be good if Bro. McNitch should see his way clear to become pastor of the island churches. He has been away from his own province several years.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Rev. W. E. McIntyre, who has just closed twelve years as pastor of the Baptist churches in and about Chipman, Q. Co., received a number of valuable presents from the people on the eve of his departure for St. John, where is now reside. He has become superintendent of Baptist Home Missions in New Brunswick.

—At Hampton, last week, confirma-

tion was administered to twenty-five candidates by Bishop Kingdon.

—As a result of the "Siege" tactics of the Salvation Army during part of February and all of March, over 300 converts were added to the ranks in the Maritime Provinces, according to statistics now on hand at Army headquarters. Most of these were converted in Nova Scotia.

General Religious News.

—Rev. F. B. Meyer has been meeting with great encouragement during his missions in Germany.

—Not until recently have the Japanese bookstores been willing to carry the Bible in stock, for fear of offending their Buddhist patrons. Now, however, Bibles are so eagerly sought that they are kept on sale in all the prominent bookstores in Japan.

—John Wanamaker is erecting in Philadelphia a new building of granite, steel and brick, costing \$5,000,000. It will be 479 feet in length by 250 in breadth, and 12 stories high. It will cover the whole space occupied by his present immense establishment. Wanamaker still superintends his immense Sunday-school, and is closely identified with Presbyterian progress in Philadelphia.

—Since the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago was founded in 1889, 2,388 men and 1,286 women have been enrolled as students. Over 200 are in evangelistic work as preachers and singers; 559 in churches as pastors and pastor's assistants, visitors, etc.; 155 in city, home and Sunday-school missionary work, and 228 in foreign fields. The school is not able to supply the demands for competent workers for the home mission fields and evangelistic work.

—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. 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.

—It is an interesting and hopeful fact that there is now in circulation in Italy, printed by the Vatican press, and issued under the authority of the Pope, a volume containing the Four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles, in the Italian vernacular, and sold at four cents a copy in paper covers, and six cents a copy in cloth. This cheap volume of the Gospels and Acts, sanctioned by the higher church authority, and purchasable by the very poorest peasant or laborer, will doubtless work many changes for the better in the spiritual enlightenment of Italy, and in the religious, moral, and social uplift of her people. Times have certainly changed in that country.

THANKS AND A SUGGESTION.

We have to thank those subscribers who have sent remittances in the envelopes recently enclosed in the paper.

There are many others from whom we expected like responses. They are probably intending. If they can do so at once they will greatly oblige us.

Will all who need to use that envelope kindly do so now?

BIBLE BURNING.

At Namosa, Fiji, where Wesleyan missionaries have been working for fifteen years, a large number of their converts recently went over to the Roman Catholic church by order of their ruling chief. This event, the missionaries say, was followed by a wholesale burning, in the Roman Catholic compound, of the converts' New Testaments. Cardinal Moran, Archbishop of Sydney, states that his information is that 238 Bibles were burnt, but that 'though the Protestant Bible is unauthorized and inaccurate, as shown by its repeated revisions, the priests neither instigated nor took part in the burning. His impression was that many of the natives regarded these Bibles as idols, and had publicly sacrificed them to show the genuineness of their conversion to Catholicism.

A later despatch says that Cardinal Moran states that he has received word from Fiji that the story of the Bible burning is a fabrication. We trust this latest statement is correct.

MAKING MONEY.—According to the Auditor General's report there are, says the *Mail and Empire*, some financial transactions upon which Canada makes a profit. The issue of the currency is one of the number. How do we get our silver and copper coinage? The money is minted for us in England and is distributed in the principal centres through the offices of the Assistant Receiver-General. Any person requiring silver or copper coins can purchase them at their face value at these places. The money does not cost the country what it sells for. For example, last year \$15,000, worth of cent pieces, or 1,500,000, were placed in circulation. They brought \$15,000; but their cost was \$5,447. There was thus a profit of \$9,552 on the transaction. Silver coins do not give so large a margin. We had \$200,000 worth made last year. Their cost was \$88,602. While the percentage of profit was smaller than that from copper coins, the aggregate was larger. It amounted to \$111,397. The country makes about \$100,000 a year on its silver and copper coinage.

THE ASYLUM.—The *Globe* points out that the report of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum for 1902 discloses the fact that the percentage of recoveries in that institution is not as large as it used to be many years ago. For instance, it is shown that the number of patients in the asylum in 1850 was 151, and that there were 34 recoveries, the percentage being 23.51. In 1870 there were 363 patients, and the number of recoveries was 44, a percentage of 12.12. In 1890 the

number of patients was 590, the recoveries 50, the percentage 8.47. In 1902 the patients numbered 721, the recoveries were 64, the percentage 8.87. In a column showing the number of patients "relieved" under treatment at the asylum, the percentage in 1850 was 8.60, in 1870 it was 8.81, in 1890 it was 3.22, and in 1902 it was .98.

NOT EASILY FRIGHTENED.—Says the *Free Baptist*: Christian preachers are not easily frightened by threats, anonymous or otherwise, but occasionally some thug or criminal is found foolish enough to try intimidation. Rev. Dr. Bovard, pastor of St. Paul's church, Helena, recently took an active part in the politics of that city, and his efforts have all been expended in the interest of better city government. He received a letter, stating that, if he did not cease to meddle with what did not concern him, his house would be blown up and he and his family would be killed within a week. But the threatened man simply says, in good straight Christian fashion: "For every preacher killed, a hundred will enter the arena. Threats and insinuations are ways not to do it."

THE C. T. ACT.—There is a rumor that an effort will be made to repeal the Canada Temperance Act in Fredericton. Those who are asked to sign the petition to bring on a vote would do well to think seriously about what is involved in signing it.

There are 2,000 varieties of postage stamps in circulation to-day, all of which have to be identified by the postmasters. There have been upwards of 40,000 different varieties issued since stamps came into use.

Ninety-five per cent of the excavating for the twenty-one miles of subway in New York has been finished, and over \$24,000,000 of the \$36,500,000 allowed has been paid to contractors. The work has been going on just three years.

M. Witte, the Russian Minister of Finance, is an ardent temperance worker. He is a teetotaler, and induced the Czar to decorate the men and women who are the most active in temperance work. He makes no secret of his preference for teetotalers in the various offices of the department he controls.

Marriages.

WOLHAUER-FAULKNER.—At Woodstock, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. F. Allison Currier, A. M., Mr. Charles P. Wolhauer, Maine, to Miss May E. Faulkner, of Bellville, N. B.

Deaths.

INNIS.—At Sussex, April 12th, Russell LeVerde, aged four years and nine months, only child of Guthrie and Nina Innis. Death always brings much sadness, but it seemed especially sad that Mr. and Mrs. Innis should have lost their only child. He was bright and clever, and was the joy of their home, and was not only beloved by his parents but by us all. The floral gifts were many and beautiful. A short service was held at their home, after which the body was removed to Norton church, where the usual service was held. The writer was assisted at the church and grave by Rev. F. G. Francis. The sorrowing parents have the heart-felt sympathy of many friends.
B. H. NORLES.

BROWN.—At St. John, West, April 16th, Mrs. Olende Brown, in the 37th year of her age. Funeral services conducted by the writer at Wilson's Beach, Campobello on Saturday the 18th.
A. J. PROSSER.

TINKER.—At Wilson's Beach, April 19th, Daisy Tinker, of pneumonia, in the 19th year of her age. In this hour of sorrow the mourners of the family have the sympathy of the village. She will be much missed and mourned by those who knew her.
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