

But the use of only two cups breaks the symbolic communion as effectually as the use of a thousand.

This is one of the arguments used by the advocates of individual cups in the communion, the reference being to the custom of having two cups where the number of communicants is large. While the use of individual cups does undoubtedly obliterate the idea of "communion," the effect is not the same when for convenience two general cups are used in a large congregation. But, as the *Journal and Messenger* says, when, not for convenience, but because of fastidiousness, the individual is substituted for the common cup, so that only one person may use the same cup, then the wrong comes in. Jesus is declared to have said—taking "the cup"—"Take this and divide it among yourselves." And this is just what those using the individual cup refuse to do. They will have the whole or none. The use of two or four, or six cups does not break the symbolic communion, so long as an effort is not made to avoid the symbolism. That half of the congregation drinks from one and half from another does not militate against the symbolism; but the individual cup does.

The true worth of the independent voter to his country cannot be overestimated. He is the only terror that walketh in the noontide of the politicians' power. He is the only hope of civic salvation. He is the little leaven that leaveneth the whole lump. He is ridiculed by the partisan and the church press, and he is fun for the paragrapher, but he is just exactly what both parties are most anxious to get. To him all the appeals of patriotism are made and the wisdom and prudence of the great parties bow down to him, and after all appeals are made and he is still non-committal, he is piously urged not to throw away his vote. The duty of the voter is to be independent.—*Rev. S. Cram, D. D.*

And the independent voter is the best friend of his party. The party bosses do not admit it—perhaps have not clear enough vision to see it, but it is so, nevertheless. Independent voters can do more than any others to keep their respective parties from drifting into wrong ways and resorting to corrupt pendent voters is the hope of the country.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The Methodist Conference of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island has just been in annual session in Fredericton. Seventy-six ministers and twenty-six laymen answered the roll-call. Besides the members of Conference, Dr. Sutherland, missionary secretary of the General Conference of Canada, and Dr. Chown, secretary of moral reform, Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, of London, were present. Rev. C. W. Hamilton was elected president of the Conference. The several branches of the denomination's work—missions, education, etc.—were reported in a fairly prosperous condition. A service was held in memory of two ministers deceased during the year—Revs. Dr. Read and Silas Mes. One young man, Mr. Pinkerton, was ordained Sunday morning. A resolution favoring the proposed Presbyterian-Methodist-Congregational union was adopted.

News of the Churches.

HOME MISSION REPORT.—After completing his work at Millville, Bro. Paul went to Fredericton Junction, where he directed special services for seventeen days with splendid results; twenty-three professed conversion and were baptized, while a large number of backsliders were brought back.

Licentiate Bolster reported that he had been holding revival services at Long Point, and there were a number who desired to be baptized and asked for assistance. Bro. Paul was sent to his aid, and baptized twelve. Beaver Harbor was visited, and the brethren there assisted in certain matters.

On 22nd May work was begun at Middle Southampton. At the time of reporting he was still there, and reports the work in a favorable condition, several have been baptized. A full report of the meetings will be given next month.

The month of May was, so far as results were concerned, the best month of the year. Forty-three meetings were held and thirty-seven calls made, and the following amounts received: Fredericton Junction, \$30.00; Long Point, \$15.05; Beaver Harbor, 75 cents; Norton, \$3.18; Campbell Settlement, \$2.12; total, \$51.10.

Again I would urgently ask that the churches to which Bro. Paul is sent, give attention to financial matters. The workman is worthy of his hire. Please keep this matter in view, brethren.

J. B. DAGGETT,

Cor. Sec. H. M.

MONCTON, N. B.—Though I have no news of special importance to send, I write a few words to say how we are getting along. The spiritual condition of the church is not all that is to be desired. I often wish there were more who would regularly attend the mid-week prayer-meeting. But for the faithful few who are always ready to do their part, and who do it with hearty earnestness, I am thankful. We hope for the increase of their number. The Sunday services are well attended, and the Sunday-school is in a flourishing condition. My plans for next year are not yet determined. My health is improving. I hope to be divinely led, and am praying to that end.

GIDEON SWIM.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—I wish through the *INTELLIGENCER* to acknowledge a present of a beautiful dining table and chairs from kind friends at Queenstown, a section of the Upper Hampstead church. This handsome present was a genuine surprise. For it and many other expressions of great kindness, Mrs. Lewis and myself wish to express our deep gratitude. We sincerely hope the Father of mercies may abundantly reward the givers.

C. B. LEWIS

The money for the present was collected by Miss Elsie M. Fox and Miss Maud B. Redstone, and accompanying the gift was an address expressing appreciation of the pastor's labors, and the wish that he might be permitted to labor with and be a blessing to them for many more years.

MINISTERS.—Licentiate W. O. Kierstead has taken his dismissal from the New Brunswick Conference to join the Farmington Quarterly Meeting of Maine.

Rev. G. Swim preached to the Moncton Foresters on Sunday, 12th inst.

Rev. A. D. Paul spent a few days at home last week, having just closed a series of successful meetings at Southampton. He has now gone to Upper Gagetown.

Rev. J. J. Barnes has moved from Southampton to Upper Hainesville, having bought a home in the latter place.

Rev. R. W. Ferguson, St. John, West, baptized five converts last Sunday.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—The N. B. Western Baptist Association meets at Centreville, C. C., on Friday of this week.

—A new Methodist church at Dorn Ridge, York Co., was dedicated Sunday, 12th inst.

—Five Chinamen were recently received into membership in the Moncton Presbyterian church on the 14th inst.

—The Church of England Synod of Nova Scotia will be in session in Halifax this week to elect a successor to Bishop Courtenay.

—Methodist ministers occupied most of the pulpits of the churches in Fredericton and vicinity last Sunday.

—The dedication of the Union church at Windsor, C. Co., on Sunday, 12th inst., was largely attended. The ministers present were Revs. Joseph Noble, H. A. Bonnell, Henry Hartt, Free Baptists; D. Wetmore, Baptist; Mr. Gibson, Presbyterian. Preaching at 10 a. m. by Rev. H. A. Bonnell; afternoon by Rev. Mr. Gibson; evening by Rev. Mr. Wetmore. Collections, \$100.00.

—The Congregational Union of Quebec held its annual meeting in Montreal last week. The statistical reports presented showed that the year has been a very favorable one. The adherents of the church in the two provinces number 20,000, with an attendance of about 11,000 and a membership of 7,000. The amount raised for all church purposes was \$108,271; an increase over last year of \$3,750. The Jubilee Fund has reached \$116,000. It is hoped that all the Congregational churches will be free of debt by 1905. The present amount will pay off half the debt.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NEWS.

—A pleasing church reunion occurred at the Annual Assembly of the Congregational Union of Scotland, just held at Greenock, when all of the churches which eight years ago withdrew from the union on its amalgamation with the Evangelical Union of Scotland, were received again into fellowship. Church union bids fair to become epidemic.

—The Negro Baptists of the south have established a printing and publishing house at Nashville, Tenn., and it has prospered for several years, until it is now said that it did a business of over \$90,000 last year. In the last quarter it booked over 16,000 orders. It employs about 100 workmen. Every morning, from 9.30 to 10 o'clock, the manager stops all machinery and summons every hand to go to the chapel for

a half-hour's devotional exercise. They have a chapel in their printing plant.

—During the fiscal year just closed, the American Sunday-school Union has established 2,542 new Bible schools; has recognized 9,724 conversions in these schools and those previously established by the society; has established 133 churches developed from these schools. Its agents have made 221,568 visits to families in sections where there are no churches or pastors; have distributed 27,161 copies of the Bible among needy families and in the schools established by the society; and the 259 missionaries who have labored in the neglected sections in 42 states and territories have preached 23,787 sermons and addresses, besides visiting and aiding over 12,000 schools.

"BY EVERY TONGUE."

In a Protestant church in St. Louis a sensation was caused a few Sundays ago by the entrance of a party of Hairy Ainus, the aborigines of Japan, a number of whom are now on the World's Fair grounds in that city as a part of the ethnological display of strange peoples. They were on their arrival supposed to be pagans, and of course no attempt was made to provide for their religious wants. To the astonishment of the managers, on the first Sunday after their arrival, they informed the gentleman in charge of them that they were Christian people and asked to be directed to a Protestant church. A guide and transportation was furnished them, and when they entered the church they surprised the congregation by reverently kneeling, saying their prayers, then taking seats and waiting quietly for the services to begin. They set an example that might well be followed by many thousands of the citizens of this great city. When islanders living almost within the Arctic circle show the reverence displayed by these poor men, it is time for Christians, or so-called Christians, to rouse themselves to a sense of their duties.

Marriages.

DOBSON-THORNE.—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Salisbury, N. B., June 15, by Rev. W. H. Perry, Oscar Dobson, of Dobson's Corner, Salisbury, W. Co., and Lola J. Thorne, youngest daughter of James E. Thorne, Butternut Ridge, Kings Co.

Deaths.

SMITH.—At his residence, Maplewood, York Co., N. B., on the 10th inst., in the full hope of a glorious resurrection, Timothy W. Smith, aged seventy-nine years.

KERR.—At Union St., St. John, on the 27th May, Harry, aged nine years and eleven months, eldest son of Louis and Keziah Kerr. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Kerr in their sad bereavement, for their loved boy was loved and admired by all who knew him. A boy to be noticed for his bright face and manly figure in a playground full of boys. A boy who gave promise of such a magnificent future, cannot go out of this world without leaving sorrowful hearts behind him. May the sorrowing parents comfort themselves with the thought that they have not lost their boy, but he has been graded into a school where he shall learn as he could not here. C. T. P.