

General Religious News.

—The World's Sunday-school Convention, at Jerusalem, consisted of 817 American and Canadian delegates, 485 British, besides others, the party representing 43 denominations and 26 countries. Toronto has received the largest vote for the next meeting six years hence.

—The mission of Dr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander at Bristol, England, brought together larger numbers than Dr. Torrey has ever addressed in any part of the world. This month Dr. Torrey is holding a mission in Brighton. Cardiff contemplates erecting a building to accommodate 7,000 people, in anticipation of the mission which Dr. Torrey proposes to hold there in October next.

—Between 1857 and 1866 the additions to the Congregational churches of this country on confession of their faith were 103,207, in the last ten years the additions were 301,817. The figures are adduced by *The Congregationalist* as evidence that marked changes for the better are taking place in the religious life of the community, a fact not generally admitted.

—The farthest north of all the Anglican mission dioceses is that of Mackenzie River, British America, 500,000 square miles in extent, to which the care of the diocese of Athabasca, 250,000 square miles or more, is about to be added. The mission stations are sometimes 500 miles apart, and rarely less than 100 miles. The farthest mission station from the episcopal residence is 2,000 miles away. The church has less than 1,000 adherents among the Indians, and is only beginning work among the Eskimos. The bishop is assisted by six white and two Indian clergy and six native catechists. The work is not likely ever to become self-supporting, but has been maintained by the Church Missionary Society.

—The Doukhobors are described in *The Canadian Baptist* by the Rev. C. C. McLaurin as Russians speaking and reading the pure Russian language. The name means "spirit wrestler." They make much of impressions, and expect and believe that they receive revelations. They have no written creed, and, teaching doctrines orally, pass them down thus from generation to generation. They have no regular religious services for public worship. Every day is alike to them, and every act is a religious act. Portions of scripture, and particularly the Psalms, are committed to memory early in life. These passages are repeated at devotional exercises, even very small children being able to repeat very large portions. Mothers teach their children very carefully. Like the Quakers, they have no form of baptism or the Lord's Supper, and will not enlist as soldiers. They are moral, free from vices, lead simple, pure family lives. They are honest, industrious, frugal, and are vegetarians. In religion they are moralists, and have no idea of Christ's atonement for sin, and do not seem to have any sense of personal guilt and alienation from God—"a most interesting people, but most unapproachable with the gospel."

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Rev. H. V. Davies, pastor of the Baptist church at Salisbury, W. Co., has resigned to continue his studies.

—The Anglican Synod of Nova Scotia has not yet chosen a bishop. At the meeting last week, after several ballots, Rev. Dr. Cody, of Toronto, was elected, but he declined the office. The Synod will meet again in a month or two. The struggle is between the high and low church parties, the majority of the lay members being in favor of a bishop of the low church party, and the majority of the clergy being for a high churchman. Dr. Armitage, of Halifax, was the leading candidate of the low party, and Dr. Binney, of England, was the favorite of the high party. Dr. Cody, the compromise candidate, who resigned, is understood to be low church.

—The Western Baptist Association held its annual session at Centreville, C. Co., last week. There was a large attendance of ministers and delegates, and the meeting is reported as one of much interest. Among the resolutions adopted was the following, which passed unanimously:

This association learns with satisfaction that the question of union with the Free Baptist body is again under consideration, and that a committee was appointed at the Baptist Convention in St. John to consider with a committee appointed by the Free Baptist Conference of New Brunswick, looking towards an organic union of the bodies. We beg, therefore, to place on record our hearty approval of the movement, and pray that in the near future such union, which must mean much to our respective denominations and to our Lord's kingdom at large, may be speedily consummated.

Further, the association would recommend the calling of a joint meeting of the two bodies in this province before the close of the present year, for a fuller consideration of all matters involved.

—Rev. James Burgess has resigned the charge of the St. John, West, Presbyterian church, to take effect when the Presbytery consents.

Russia a Babel of Races, Tongues and Religions.

The Russian population is perhaps the most mixed of all nations, and is made up in large measure of conquered peoples who still remember their overthrow with bitterness. Probably not far from one-third of the whole—from forty to fifty millions—are true Muscovites. Around the central Muscovites are grouped Lapps, Finns, Germans, Lithuanians, Poles, Little Russians, Ruthenians, Roumanians, Greeks, Georgians and Tartars, with Jews and Gipsies scattered through the south and west. These are all in European Russia, and this is nothing to the medley in Asiatic Russia, where there is an almost endless variety of races. Each of the races mentioned speaks a different tongue, and there are at least six different religions among them, without counting sectaries, such as the Dukhobors. Bitter political hatred of Russia burns fiercely among the Finns, Poles and Armenians; while symptoms of active revolt are reported among Georgians and Turcomans along the Asiatic frontier.

—The Salvation Army is having a great international gathering in London. Representatives are present from every part of the world in which the army carries on work.

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PARLIAMENT.

Monday.—Post office estimates were discussed. The Senate carried the second reading of the bill amending the Canada Temperance Act. The nays were Domville, McSweeney, Poirier, Cloran, McKay, Dobson, Merner and Mills. The amendment provides for imprisonment with hard labor.

Tuesday.—Mr. Fielding presented copy of the Auditor General's resignation. P. O. estimates received further consideration. The Finance Minister tabled more supplementary estimates, aggregating nearly \$2,000,000. Several changes in the tariff revision were introduced.

Wednesday.—Lighthouse and coast service estimates were voted—an increase of \$99,000 over last year. In the Senate a resolution that the Audit Act be amended according to the suggestions of the Auditor General was lost.

Thursday.—The House adjourned till Monday.

Marriages.

KIRKPATRICK-DEWITT.—At Woodstock on the 18th of June, by the Rev. F. Allison Currier, A. M., David Wellington Kirkpatrick, of Woodstock, and Miss Deliah Eunice DeWitt, of Oakville, N. B.

SHIELDS-MILLER.—On June 1st, at Woodstock, by the Rev. F. Allison Currier, Mr. H. A. Shields, of Houlton, and Mrs. Luchur Miller, of St. John.

MCLEAN-BRITAIN.—At Wakefield, on the 22nd of June, by the Rev. F. Allison Currier, A. M., Mr. Charles McLean, of St. John, and Miss Helen Maud Britain, of South Wakefield.

SINCLAIR-POWELL.—At the Aberdeen Hotel, Woodstock, N. B., by the Rev. F. Allison Currier, Mr. William Sinclair, of Fredericton, N. B., and Miss Lena Powell, of Houlton, Me.

GRANT-LOVE.—At Parsonage, Fredericton, June 15th, by Rev. F. Clarke Hartley, Mr. Henry Grant to Miss Justena Love, both of Marysville.

LIMERICK-MCKENZIE.—At residence of bride's parents, Long's Hotel, Fredericton, June 15, by Rev. F. Clarke Hartley, Mr. Arthur Kerr Limerick to Miss Lillian Ethel McKenzie, both of Fredericton.

HAYWARD-SIMMONS.—At Free Baptist Church, Fredericton, June 23, by Rev. F. Clarke Hartley, Mr. H. Bruce Hayward of Lincoln, to Miss Margaret, eldest daughter of James Simmons, Fredericton.

MARTEN-WHYNOT.—At the home of the bride's father, Mr. William Whynot, of Buckfield, N. S., June 22, by Rev. L. A. Cosman, Blakney E. Marten and Miss Minnie N. Whynot.

DUNHAM-STEEVES.—At the residence of the bride's father, June 22nd, by Rev. W. H. Perry, Frank S. Dunham, of Havelock, Kings Co., and Ina M. Steeves, daughter of Adam Steeves, of Steeves Settlement, W. Co.

SMITH-WOOD.—At the Free Baptist Church, French Lake, June 22, 1904, by Rev. T. O. DeWitt, Meritt C. Smith and Miss Dora Wood.

Deaths.

BOONE.—J. W. Boone departed this life June 16th, 1904, aged 71 years. He was a member of the Orange Lodge at Geary, and was buried according to the rites of the order. About forty of his brethren were in the procession and a very large turnout of other people. He leaves two brothers, five sons and three daughters. He was respected and loved. Service conducted by Rev. T. O. DeWitt.

ORCHARD.—At Knoxford, C. Co., June 21st, Thomas Orchard, aged 66 years. His wife, two sons, a step-son, four grandchildren, three brothers and three sisters mourn his death. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and his funeral was conducted by Rev. Mr. Simpson, in the Knoxford Free Baptist Church.

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