

News of the Churches.

it. In due time it arrived and read as follows: "If your shot scatters too much, put in one shot at a time." Personal work is putting in one shot at a time.

3. Personal Testimony. "Ye are my witnesses." Witnesses of what? That Jesus can save; that Jesus can help; that Jesus can give a peace that is above understanding. Once upon a time, two men graduated from a college. One became a minister, the other a lawyer. In time, the latter drifted into infidelity, much to the sorrow of his college chum. The minister prepared a sermon on the evidences of Christianity, and invited his lawyer friend to be present. He accepted. The discourse was delivered and a testimony meeting followed. The lawyer returned home and in a few days the minister received a letter which disclosed the lawyer's conversion. The preacher was overjoyed and sat down and wrote to the lawyer as follows: "Am glad I preached that sermon on the evidences. It may have had something to do with your conversion." The lawyer replied: "No, it was not your sermon, but the testimony of that white-haired old lady who sat on the second seat." The injunction, "Go home and tell what great things the Lord hath done for thee," is not out of date yet.

4. Personal Faith. Faith moves the hand that moves the world. It has fought tremendous battles and has won triumphant victories. But I have in mind a personal rather than a general faith. We must approach the unconverted, not with the faith of our father or mother or friend, but with our own faith. This will prove effective. A number of years ago, a man was sick. In the same town and in a certain house there was a noted physician who had never lost a case. The friends of this sick man carried him to the house where this great doctor was, but the house was so crowded that the wonderful surgeon could not be reached by the common entrance; so they took him up to the top of the dwelling and entered by the roof. Now, when the doctor saw their faith, not the faith of the sick man, but the faith of the man who brought him, he said to the palsied man, "Arise, take up thy bed, and go into thine house." The point is clear.

5. Personal Possession of the Holy Spirit. "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." Not many conversions before Pentecost. After that, they poured into the kingdom. I see a great fight between a man and a lion. I am interested to know who will win. I have not long to wait. The battle is soon over. The man rends the animal in twain. How did he do this? The Spirit of God descended mightily upon him and he rent the lion in twain, as he would have done a kid. It is the Spirit of God that slays for the Lord.

THE YEAR BOOK.—The Year Book of the Free Baptist Church in New Brunswick for 1903 is now being distributed to the churches. If any churches fail to receive their number, they should promptly notify the Conference Secretary, D. McLeod Vince, Esq., Woodstock, N. B.

FROM REV. S. J. PERRY.—I was somewhat surprised at Bro. Phillips' confession that we had not written one letter for the INTELLIGENCER since Conference. I now follow his example by writing my first one. On coming to this field last fall I found the churches in a very low condition. The winter has been such that it was almost impossible for me to attend all my appointments. During the month of February I was privileged to attend revival meetings with Evangelist Beatty in the Sixth Wickham church, which resulted in the conversion of a number; eight were baptized and six united with the church. From there I went to Kingston and held a few meetings and baptized three persons, the result of cottage meetings held during the winter. I expect to visit them again as soon as the travelling will permit. I then began holding meetings with the church at Bald Hill, which resulted in the church being very much helped; backsliders were reclaimed and there was a number of conversions; three were baptized and united with the church. We expect baptism again in the near future. I intended to have gone to the Akerley schoolhouse, but the condition of the roads and crossing was such that I abandoned the idea for the present. We are hoping and praying that the Lord will abundantly bless this part of his vineyard.

At the close of special meetings at Bald Hill, a number of the church met at Deacon John McCrea's and presented me with \$15.00 in cash, for which they have our heartfelt thanks.

S. J. PERRY.

Belyea's Cove, N. B.,
April 20th, 1904.

PLEASANT LAKE, N. S.—As a result of the five weeks' special meetings which Bro. Breheut, the Baptist minister, and myself have been holding in Pleasant Lake, ten candidates spent Easter in a most fitting way, by burying in the baptismal waters the old self and rising as new creatures in Christ Jesus—commemorating in such a beautiful way our Saviour's resurrection to new power and life. It was a union service, the Rev. Mr. Price, of Milton, baptizing four, and myself six. On special request, I baptized one candidate on the Thursday preceding.

I feel especially grateful for the spirit of union and harmony that is existing in the community, for I feel that this is the Master's way, and that his purpose is that we shall work for the upbuilding of his kingdom rather than merely for denominational aggrandizement.

JOSEPH E. WILSON.

Tusket, N. S.

MINISTERS.—Rev. David Long is going west for the summer. His church (the Victoria Street Church, St. John) has given him four months' leave of absence, and he and Mrs. Long and daughter will spend a portion, or all of it, in the Canadian west. They expect to leave St. John either Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. Bro. Long

has well earned a holiday. Since he entered the ministry he has been abundant in labors, and especially during his ministry in St. John. His work has been much blessed. He is held in highest esteem by his people and the whole community. Bro. Long will be sure to be busy in some good work while he is away, for he does not know how to be idle. Those whom he meets will find him a man of sterling Christian character, a faithful preacher of the gospel, and ready to every good word and work. We hope he and his family may have a very pleasant summer, and return to their church and friends much benefitted in health. We expect to have an occasional letter for the INTELLIGENCER; his friends will want to hear from him.

Licentiate J. G. Perry is to supply the Victoria Street, St. John, church during the summer, beginning the first of June.

Rev. G. E. Sturgis, M. D., has been called to the Port Matoun, N. S., pastorate.

Rev. J. N. Barnes writes that his health is quite improved. He has a list of appointments on another page.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Rev. H. A. Cody has resigned as rector of Greenwich, K. Co., and will go to the Far West as a missionary.

—Archbishop Langevin, St. Boniface, Manitoba, is on his way to Rome to secure priests for the Ruthenian Catholics who are in large numbers in Manitoba, Assiniboia, Saskatchewan and Alberta. It is said that there are about 50,000 Galicians of this rite out there, while there are only seven priests capable of attending to their spiritual wants. After his visit to Rome, he will, it is said, apply to the Austrian government for assistance for these Catholics.

—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is to meet in St. John on the first day of June. St. Andrew's church is the meeting place.

—The Church of England Synod of Nova Scotia was in session last week in Halifax. Bishop Courtney, who has just resigned the office, advised a division of the diocese which now includes Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The proposal was not approved, a majority of the lay members voting against it.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NEWS.

—During the past ten or twelve years more than 300 Roman Catholic priests in France have abandoned the church of Rome. Many of them have become active evangelical workers. The wave of evangelism is sweeping with singular power over both France and Belgium.

—The Young Men's Christian Association movement is making rapid progress in Japan. There are now six American secretaries in the Sunrise Kingdom. Five buildings have been erected with the help of Americans at Tokio, Koyto, Osaka and Kumamoto, worth \$28,000. Many of the officers of the as-

sociation have been educated in America and are among the national leaders of Japan.

—The American Baptist Year Book for 1904 is just issued. It shows the total membership of the denomination in the United States to be 4,506,747. Baptisms during the year, 234,321. The State of Georgia leads in the number of baptisms reported, 26,746. Nevada reports only two baptisms. Pennsylvania, 4,955. New Jersey, 1,931. Four hundred and twenty-three thousand seven hundred and eighteen dollars and sixty-nine cents was contributed for home missions; \$550,202.78 for foreign missions; \$12,367,319.09, church expense.

—Scotland is beginning to make her preparations for the celebration of the four-hundredth anniversary of John Knox's death, which occurs next year. The precise date of birth is unknown, which fact may appear as a drawback in the celebration, but Scotland will most likely pay a worthy tribute to the memory of one of her greatest sons. An agitation has begun for the erection of a Knox statue, as there is not to-day, strange to say, any such of any consequence in all of Scotland.

—Dr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander were furiously assailed by anonymous letters in the press during their evangelistic campaign in Dublin. The cause of the opposition seems to have been the greatest plainness of speech used by Dr. Torrey in denouncing sin. He used, it seems, most emphatic language when speaking on the subject of Sabbath desecration. The Sabbath, Dr. Torrey asserted, is used by many in Dublin as a day for horse-racing, hurling matches, drinking, etc. This language did not please some, so the usual crop of anonymous letters in the papers. The Belfast *Witness* says: "It is a good sign. It would be well we had some more plain speaking on that and kindred subjects not alone in Dublin, but all over Ireland." In Canada, too.

Deaths.

ESTABROOKS.—April 21st, Ruth, aged 3 years and 9 months, daughter of Theodore H. and May E. Estabrooks, St. John, N. B.

ASBELL.—At her home, Sussex, April 12th, after a lingering illness, Hetie E., beloved wife of Wilmot Asbell, aged 31 years. Mrs. Asbell leaves a sorrowing husband and three boys—Ira, Leslie and John—also father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Wanamater, of Apohaqui, and one sister and three brothers. Increasing weakness made her death not unexpected, and it came at last as a gracious deliverance from suffering. Her hope and trust were grounded upon Jesus Christ, so that her death was simply a gateway into life. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Asbell and his three bright motherless boys. May God's richest blessing rest upon each one. The funeral services were held on Thursday, 14th, and were largely attended by loving and sympathizing friends. The interment was at Kirk Hill Cemetery.
B. H. Nobles.

CLARKE.—After a lingering illness of many years, Sister R. Clarke passed peacefully to her rest on Sabbath evening, April 10th. For many years she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. D. B. Bubar, Marysville, N. B., where she received all the care and attention that a daughter's love could bestow. For the past four months she had been bedfast, and entirely helpless, and needed much attention which was gladly and freely bestowed by her daughter, whose efforts to make her last days as comfortable as possible were untiring. God's promises to the children for obedience to parents are exceedingly precious; may these be fulfilled in Sister Clarke's life, as she was a faithful and dutiful daughter. Sister Clarke many years ago professed faith in Christ, and continued to follow him to the end. I talked with her just a few hours before her death and these were her words: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." She was faithful to the end. She was anxious to get home, and we believe today she is "with Christ, which is far better." Four sons, Albert, John, Moses and Horatio, and one daughter, Mrs. D. B. Bubar, survive her, and a large circle of relatives and friends. God comfort the mourners. Interment took place in the Free Baptist Cemetery on Tuesday, 12th inst. Services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. M. B. Trafton.
H. H. Farnsworth.