

Notes and Gleanings.

As shown in the most recent computation, the grand total of the earth's population is 1,503,300,000.

Scarlet fever is practically unknown in Japan: Typhoid fever is more frequent than in Europe, consumption less so.

Canada's population west of Lake Superior was, fifty years ago, 8,000. The population west of Lake Superior to-day is 600,000, and is 75 per cent British and Canadian born, 25 per cent foreign born.

The new Archbishop of Westminster (Roman Catholic) has become a total abstainer. Drunkenness being one of the chief temptations of London, and preaching against it a frequent necessity, his Grace has decided to add the force of example to precept.

The sacred shrines of Japan, taken as a whole, are probably their country's most attractive architectural feature. Many of them are very ancient and are valuable as illustrations of Japan's art in the past.

The workmen in Germany have found out to their bitter cost that where the Lord's day is spent in amusement and holiday-making it is no rest day for the poor employe. Sunday play leads with sure step to Sunday traffic and work of all kinds. In Germany generally now the shops are open during part or the whole of Sunday.

Peru is one of the richest countries of the world in minerals of all kinds—gold, silver, copper, mercury, iron, lead, sulphur, coal, salt, petroleum etc., being found in great abundance—and it only requires the action of capital and labor to make the republic as renowned for its wealth as California, Australia or South Africa, says the United States Consul at Callao.

Lord Cromer, the British Commissioner in Egypt, in a recent journey up the Nile, noticed a great contrast between the attitude of the natives in British territory and that of those seen in the Congo Free State. In the first case the people swarmed the banks, full of good-will, in the other they fled, full of terror. The experience was a curious confirmation of the charges of brutality against Congo officials.

Large pilgrimages are now visiting the shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, below Quebec, the number of pilgrims for this year ending June 30th, being 880,000, which is an increase of 82,000 over last year. There is no doubt that some folks are cured of disease by visiting the shrine, and it is not a bad thing to visit the sacred places of the saints, still there is much credulity mingled with faith, and that is not good.

Few explorers have gained great wealth; most of them have either forfeited life in the pursuit of their ambitious projects or been satisfied with small pension. Sir Henry Stanley was an exception. He left an estate of more than \$750,000, amassed largely from the sale of his books. Livingstone's fortune did not amount to a tenth of this. Du Chaillu passed away almost penniless. No explorer before Stanley found exploring a paying vocation.

Berlin has enjoyed a mild sensation in the presence in the pulpit of the American Undenominational church of a lady preacher, Rev. Dr. Anna Shaw. There was a crowded congregation. The *Standard's* correspondence says Dr. Anna Shaw walked up the church on the arm of the American pastor, Dr. Dickie, and, after carefully placing her boa on the altar, began her address, pacing up and down the platform as she spoke. Her dress was pronounced faultless, and her discourse was not without interest. We are told nothing of the text. Was it, "What went ye out for to see?"

The drink bill of Ireland is terrible,

and the worst Irish grievance is one that is self-inflicted. On whiskey and beer alone a population of less than four millions and a half—for Ireland now has only 4,413,600 people—spent last year the frightful sum of fifty-five millions of dollars, and the excise duty amounted to thirty millions of dollars. For all classes of intoxicants the expenditure is reckoned at over seventy millions of dollars—about seventy-five dollars for every family of five, or fifteen dollars for every man, woman and child in the country. "More injustice to Ireland!" And it is not from the landlords or government, but from the liquor trade. Would that another Father Matthew would arise to save the Emerald Isle from the curse of drink.

What Others Say.

DIVISIONS AND UNION.

The divisions of Christendom have been the salvation of the truth, but the union of Christendom will most clearly reveal the truth of salvation.—*Free Baptist.*

A PERTINENT QUESTION.

When a preacher boasts of his lack of education, and begins a tirade against those who have taken the advantages of the schools, and says that the Bible is enough for him, it is entirely proper for some one to ask him what his Bible would be if all others had been as blind as he.—*The Telescope.*

THE PASTOR.

The good pastor has a hold on his congregation which the good preacher has not. It is in the week-day ministrations that he finds the hearts of his people. The tender prayer by the bedside means more to the afflicted than the same prayer offered from the pulpit. The reading of God's Word and the consolations brought to assuage the tears and soothe the troubled hearts, may create a confidence which all the eloquence of the pulpit might not be able to awaken.—*United Presbyterian.*

BAD SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Bishop Satterlee, of Washington, D. C., in an address to the annual convention of the diocese, claimed that social conditions at Washington had changed and for the worse. He said: "The democratic simplicity of the nineteenth century is a thing of the past. Instead we have the 'smart set,' the 'rough set' and the 'fast set,' attracting abnormal attention and exercising enormous influence and giving an international capital tone to Washington which is unhealthful and dangerous. The influence percolates to all classes and saps the foundation of character."—*Baptist Commonwealth.*

WHAT IT WOULD DO.

Bishop Potter, of New York, says that prohibition, wherever it has triumphed, "has educated a race of frauds and hypocrites." Laws prohibiting thieving and uncleanness also do the same. Were people able to steal and gratify lust and not put under ban, they would not pretend to be honest and true while secretly dishonest and impure. They would be above board with it all. But is this any reason why we should repeal all laws prohibiting theft and adultery? If the Bishop's objection to the prohibition of the liquor traffic were made general and acted upon, it would wipe from the statute books all laws which are violated in secret, because of fear of penalty if the violation were known. Would not this mean that his objection, so far as it can be reduced to a principle, would sweep away all legislation enforced by penalty?—*Can. Baptist.*

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—Travelers in Japan testify that nothing in the whole war is more striking than the equanimity and calmness with which news of victory or disaster alike is received; that the people are practising an "extraordinary self-restraint." All the official communications show an entire absence of vain glory, abuse, and arrogance. Even the names of the military officers who have most distinguished themselves have not been as yet divulged. It is said that though the tourist season in Japan is a failure, never was travel there more pleasant nor the country more interesting to visit. A new sort of "quiet enthusiasm" is seen, and every day the machine-like smoothness with which the war is conducted astonishes the observer.

CHAPEL FOR EMPLOYEES.—A Toronto firm, W. & J. G. Grey, have dedicated a chapel in their works for daily religious services of their employes. For several years this firm has conducted the services every morning between the hours of 7 and 7.30 o'clock. When enlarging their building this summer, a room was added for this use.

Marriages.

GARVIE-BARTON.—At the parsonage, Fredericton, August 16th, by Rev. F. Clarke Hartley, Mr. Bertor Garvie to Miss Amanda Barton, both of this city.

MCKAY-MCDONALD.—At the parsonage, Fredericton, August 17th, 1904, by Rev. F. Clarke Hartley, Mr. Robert McKay to Miss Mabel McDonald, both of Covered Bridge.

MCLEOD-POND.—At the parsonage, Fredericton, August 24th, 1904, by Rev. F. Clarke Hartley, Mr. Laurence A. McLeod, of Bloomfield Ridge, to Miss Tressa A. Pond, of Parker's Ridge.

BECK-KEMPTON.—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Caledonia, N. S., on the 24th inst., by Rev. L. A. Cosman, Charles E. Beck, and Winnie Kempton, both of North Brookfield.

SCHOFIELD-STOCKTON.—At the home of bride's parents, August 10th, by Rev. A. Perry, J. S. Schofield, of Providence, U. S., to Miss C. L. Stockton, of Portage, K. Co.

SEARS-OGILVIE.—At the residence of Mrs. C. W. Keith, Petitcodiac, August 24th, by Rev. A. Perry, Miles Sears, of Havelock, K. Co., to Miss Minnie Ogilvie, of Glenvale, Westmorland Co.

HITCHCOCK-WATSON.—At the residence of Mr. Walker Hitchcock, Ortonville, Victoria Co., by Rev. L. A. Fenwick, on August 2nd, Perley J. Hitchcock, of Ortonville, and

Bertha E. Watson, of Drummond, Victoria Co.

EVERETT-KNOWLTON.—At the residence of Jas. E. Knowlton, Everett, Victoria Co., by Rev. L. A. Fenwick, Arthur B. Everett and Amy Knowlton, both of Everett, Victoria Co.

CURRIE-TAYLOR.—At the Carlisle Hotel, Woodstock, on August 17th, by Rev. L. A. Fenwick, Theodore H. Currie, of Bath, Car. Co., and Mabel A. Taylor, of Florenceville, Car. Co.

WATSON-MCLAUGHLIN.—At the residence of Mrs. Chas. McLaughlin, Ortonville, Victoria Co., on August 17th, by Rev. L. A. Fenwick, Frank Watson, of Drummond, and Lydia McLaughlin, of Ortonville, Victoria Co.

DEWITT.—At Jemseg, Queens Co., on the 21st inst., Luke E. DeWitt, aged 61 years, leaving a sorrowing wife, two sons and other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. He was brought to Blissville, S. Co., for interment, where he formerly resided. Funeral services conducted by the writer at Blissville F. B. Church on the 23rd inst.—G. W. FOSTER.

SMITH.—At Waterville, S. Co., on the 21st inst., Melbourne W. Smith, aged 33 years, leaving a sorrowing father and mother, three brothers and five sisters, with other relatives and friends, to mourn their loss. "His end was peace." Funeral services by the writer at his father's home on the 23rd inst. Text, Psalm 23:4.—G. W. FOSTER.

KIRKPATRICK.—At Gaspereau, Queens Co., on the 12th inst., Ralph G., infant son of George and May Kirkpatrick, aged 5 months. Funeral services conducted by the writer at Gaspereau F. B. Church on Sunday, the 13th inst.—G. W. FOSTER.

Deaths.

MCLAUGHLAN.—At French Lake, Sunbury Co., on the 16th inst., Wesley P. McLaughlan, aged 28 years and 9 months, leaving father and mother, two brothers and one sister, with a number of other relatives and a host of friends, to mourn their loss. For Bro. McLaughlan death was "gain;" he passed peacefully away, trusting in Jesus. To the bereaved family we extend our sympathy, and pray that God may sustain and bless them in their bereavement. Funeral services conducted by the writer at the late home of the deceased, and at French Lake F. B. Church, Thursday, 18th. Text, Rev. 14:13.—G. W. FOSTER.

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