

Notes and Gleanings

The colonies of the world have one-third of its population.

The number of sheep in Australia is given as about 87,000,000.

The King of Italy possesses 200 horses which are valued at £60,000.

England uses nearly half the lead produced in the world. Spain has the richest lead mines.

Doctors in Vienna have certified that a six year old girl, who has just died, was born without a brain. She had never learned to eat or move without assistance.

In Germany 435 piano factories make 80,000 instruments annually. Half of them, or about six million dollars' worth, are sold abroad, principally in England.

Out of every 1,000,000 persons who are born in the same year 213,000 live for seventy years, 107,000 for eighty years and 881 for ninety years.

When a Korean man commits any crime except treason all he has to do to escape the law is to hide in the room of his mother or wife. He cannot be forced to leave this sanctuary by the officers.

In a Berlin insane asylum is a patient, it is said, whose hair changes color with her temperature. When she is cool and quiet her hair is a light yellow, but when she is restless and excited it becomes auburn.

Fresh eggs cost from 85 cents to \$1.80 a dozen in South Africa. There is consequently a great demand for condensed eggs, which are sold in one-pound boxes. A box contains fifteen eggs minus the water in them, and with the addition of sugar.

A wealthy brewer in Montreal built a church and inscribed on it: "This church was erected by Thomas Molson at his sole expense. Hebrews XI." Some college wags altered the inscription so as to make it read: "This church was erected by Thomas Molson at his soul's expense. He brews XX."

A German method of testing the purity of milk is by dipping into it a polished knitting needle. It should be held upright and immediately withdrawn. If the milk is pure some will adhere to the needle, but if water has been added, even in small proportions, it will come forth quite clean.

It is reported that there are today in the Island of Formosa, 135,000 opium smokers. Two years ago the number was 165,000. This shows a decrease of thirty thousand, due to the restriction placed upon the traffic in the drug, and the very strict regulations fixed by the Japanese government.

The Grossvenedign glacier in the Austrian Alps has given up another body which has been missing for many years. Thirty years ago a Tyrolean guide fell into a crevasse and was killed, and the slow moving glacier has just brought his body out from its icy heart. The body was in almost perfect condition.

So intensely and consistently religious are the Finns that many a time when throughout the entire week heavy rains interfered with the gathering of the slim crop, that had survived here and there the untimely snows, and Sunday's sun shone brightly and the cool drying breezes would invite an effort to save what might still be saved, the Finns steadfastly and almost without exception refused to do manual labor on the Lord's Day, preferring to lose what was left rather than do anything their consciences could not approve.

In Russia there is a lake roofed with salt situated near Obdorsk, Siberia. It is nine miles wide and seventeen long, and within the memory of man was entirely roofed over with the salt deposit. Originally evaporation played the most prominent part in coating the lake over with salt, but at the present time the salt springs which surround it are adding fast to

the thickness of the crust. Long ago evaporation of the lake's waters left great salt crystals on the surface. In course of time these caked together. Thus the waters were finally entirely covered. In 1878 the lake found an underground outlet into the River Obi, which lowered its surface about three feet. The salt crust was so thick, however, that it retained its old level, and presents the curious spectacle of a salt roofed lake. The salt coat increases six inches in thickness every year. The many islands with which the lake is studded are said to act as braces and to help keep the arched salt crust in position.

General Religious News.

—Two brothers in an Indiana town have not failed to answer "present" at the roll call of the German Evangelical Sunday-school for ten years. A fine example of regularity.

—The president of the Boston and Maine Railroad has presented to the Boston and Maine Young Men's Christian Association, on behalf of the road, \$5,000 to be used "in pushing the good work ahead."

—Gipsy Smith, evangelist, has just concluded a remarkable mission at Macclesfield, England, which was held in the largest public building in the town, and attended during the ten days by upward of twenty thousand people. The most hopeful feature of the mission was the large attendance of men.

—It is stated that already some six hundred delegates from the United States have engaged passage for the World's International Sunday-school Convention, to be held in Jerusalem in April next. Our cousins across the line seem to keep up the convention habit fairly well. Present indications are that the Canadian delegation will not exceed twenty-five.

—The Year Book of the Methodist Episcopal church of the United States for 1903 shows large gain in the value of church buildings and denominational property, but the increase in membership continues comparatively small. The total additions of probationers and members for last year were but 29,265, about the average for the last three years. The total membership, including probationers, is put at 3,029,560.

—Manchester University (Baptist), Toronto, has an Evangelistic Band of students, who carried on a campaign for two months, and hundreds of persons professed conversion, while the life of the college has been greatly blessed. Here is a good hint for students in connection with other colleges. While athletic contests and intercollegiate debates have their place, it would be a splendid thing for a band of students to organize for an evangelistic campaign of one or two months.

—An English exchange thus tabulates the results of the Torrey-Alexander meetings, just concluded in Manchester: "The Torrey-Alexander Mission has been a great success. There has been nothing like it since the visit of Moody and Sankey in 1874. It has been computed that a quarter of a million of persons have been present at the meetings in the St. James' Hall. On Sunday evenings overflow meetings have been held in an adjoining theatre. Good

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companies of business men have gathered to hear Dr. Torrey's mid-day addresses. Four thousand persons have passed through the inquiry rooms.

—According to the *London Tablet* (Roman Catholic), the religious state of the world is as follows in round numbers.

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| Christians | 550,000,000 |
| Jews | 11,000,000 |
| Mohammedans | 200,000,000 |
| Pagan | 800,000,000 |

Taking the population of the world at 1,500,000,000, 35.7 per cent are Christians, 12.1 per cent Mohammedan and 7 per cent Jew. That is "nearly half the world believes in one God."

Marriages.

LEAMAN-WHALTON.—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Moncton, on the 16th inst., by Rev. G. Swin, David A. Leaman and Annie M. Whalton, both of Moncton.

THORN-WORDEN.—At the parsonage, Sussex, by Rev. E. H. Nobles, Jan. 13th, David J. Thorn and Etta May Worden, both of Johnson, Q. Co.

LINDER-MYERS.—At the residence of Mr. A. Wentworth, No. 1 St. David St., St. John, on the 18th December, by Rev. C. T. Phillips, Mr. Isaac Linden, of Cardwell, Kings Co., and Miss Annie Myers, of Penobscot, Kings Co.

SMITH-MILLS.—At the home of the bride's father, by Rev. T. O. DeWitt, Mr. George Smith and Miss Susan A. Mills, both of French Lake, S. Co.

BLACK-GRANT.—At the residence of Alexander Grant, Marysville, N. B., on Monday evening, Jan. 18th, by the Rev. H. H. Ferguson, Wilfred Black and Miss Bernice Grant, both of Marysville, N. B.

Deaths.

MCCRACKEN.—At Juvenile, S. Co., on the 11th inst., Gladys, beloved child of John and Christiana McCracken, aged 2 years and 6 months. Much sympathy is felt in the community for the bereaved parents in the loss of their dear little girl. May God bless and comfort them. Funeral services conducted by the writer at the home and grave in Patterson Cemetery, on the 13th inst. G. W. FOSTER.

BROWN.—Mrs. Elizabeth Brown died on January 6th, at Billingham Street, West Somerville, Mass., after a long and painful illness. For the four months preceding her death she had been a great sufferer but bore herself nobly during the ordeal. She was born in Fredericton, N. B., where she was married over thirty years ago. For the past ten years she has resided in West Somerville. She was a member of the North Avenue Baptist church and was a regular attendant while health permitted. She leaves a husband, John H. Brown, and two daughters, Mrs. Dr. Cobb, of Arlington, and Miss Mabel Brown, at home. A sister Mrs. J. L. Brown, resides in West Somerville; another sister and her father live in New Brunswick, and two brothers live in Boston. Funeral services were

held by Rev. Dr. Marble, assisted by Rev. J. Vanor Gorton. Four friends of the deceased acted as pall-bearers: Woodard Yerxa, B. F. Farwell, J. B. True and Z. E. Cliff. The funeral was largely attended. The burial was at Cambridge cemetery.

LUDLOW.—At the home of her son, William, Jan. 7th, Adeline B. Ludlow, aged 85 years. She leaves one son and two daughters, also a daughter-in-law, who tenderly cared for her during her illness, and four grandchildren. Sister Ludlow was a member of the Free Baptist church at Wilson's Beach, Campbellello. Just a short time before her demise, in conversation with her pastor, she said, "I am waiting the time for my Saviour to call me home." O. N. MORR.

BROWN.—At Bloomfield Station, Jan. 8th, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Armour Brown.

McLEOD.—At Petitediac, Jan. 12th, Susan, aged 60 years, beloved wife of Edward McLeod, leaving a sorrowing husband, one daughter, one sister, one brother and a large number of other relatives and friends. She lived the life of a Christian and died the death of the righteous. She will be greatly missed in the home, in the church and in the community.

KEITH.—At Havelock, K. Co., Jan. 14th, Pearl R., aged 12 years, daughter of Thomas and Augusta Keith.

WELDON.—At St. John, Jan. 9th, 1904, Julia M., beloved wife of John J. Weldon, in her 49th year, leaving a husband, one son, three brothers and one sister, together with a large circle of friends to mourn the loss of a loving wife, a good mother and kind sister. Our sister professed religion when a child under the labors of the late Rev. A. Taylor. Later she joined the Brown's Flat Free Baptist church with her husband, where she lived a consistent Christian life. Last fall she and her husband moved to St. John, but were not there long until death came to her. May the Lord comfort our brother and his son in their sore bereavement. The remains were interred in the old burying ground at Brown's Flat. Funeral conducted by the writer. JOHN A. ROBERTSON.

COSMAN.—At her home, Lower Woodstock, Jan. 15th, Mrs. John Cosman, at the age of 86 years. She was a member of the Free Baptist church in Fredericton, and during her Christian life tried to do her Master's will. She leaves a sorrow-stricken husband and six children. Funeral services held by the writer at her former home, Mauderville, Sun. Co., and the remains were interred at Lincoln, S. Co. J. CLEMENT WILSON.

RIEBOUR.—At her home, Gibson, on the 9th inst., Mrs. Lawrence Rideout, aged 83 years. Sister Rideout was converted and united with the Free Baptist church at Gibson when Rev. J. T. Parsons was pastor. Like all other Christians she had her hard times and rough places to travel, but she did very well, and when the end came, she could trust confidently in her Saviour. She leaves a lonely husband and three daughters. Interment was made at Gibson. J. CLEMENT WILSON.

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