

Notes and Gleanings.

..Of all criminals in prison, 55 per cent are between the ages of twenty-one and forty.

..The pouch of the average pelican is large enough to contain seven quarts of water.

..There are 227 lead pencil factories in Germany, which employ 2,813 persons and export each year 1,614 tons of pencils, worth \$2,000,000.

..There are 264,288 negroes in the United States who own their homes. There are altogether about one and a half million negro families in the country.

..Ferocious sharks, which have not been seen in the Baltic for more than a century, have again appeared off the Danish and German coasts, and give the fishermen much trouble.

..A queer sort of fire engine has been invented in Paris. It is formed of two tandem bicycles placed side by side and between them are the hose coils and fire extinguishers of various sorts. Four men run the affair, and fight the fire at the end of their ride.

..A Buddhist temple in Kyoto, Japan, which cost over \$1,000,000, and is most magnificent, had its beams raised by ropes made from the hair which 15,000,000 women had cut from their heads for that purpose.

..In Richmond, Va., a negro woman has been made president of a bank and invited to join the bankers' association. And a New Jersey woman has been admitted to the master carpenter's association, and is putting up some of the most attractive homes in that city.

..Prof. Pictel, of Berlin, has been experimenting with the effects of extreme cold on fish life. He has found that many fishes remain alive in a temperature of 45 degrees below freezing point, but they then become so hard and brittle that they splinter like a piece of ice when struck against a hard substance.

..There are people in London who earn quite respectable livings solely by exercising dogs, and some of these who so live are ladies. In every suburb and in every London park these exercisers of dogs may be seen every day, and one gentleman alone pays fifteen shillings a week for the walking-out of his valuable bulldogs, the young fellow who undertakes the job having quite a dozen other employers besides.

..The cheapest postal service in the world is that of Japan, where letters are conveyed all over the empire for two sen—about 7-19ths of a penny. This is the most wonderful, considering the difficulties of transport over a mountainous and irregular country, which has less than 100 miles of railway, while wagons can only pass over a few of the chief roads and the steamers connect but a small number of coast stations.

..The most northerly railroad in the world, which is 140 miles long, connects the Norwegian harbor of Narvik with the rich mines of North Sweden, and lies for its whole length within the Arctic Circle, was recently opened for traffic. The greater part of the railway, known as the Ototen line, is within Swedish territory. The road cost about \$7,500,000.

..A peculiar method of distributing the wealth accumulated by the late Moses B. Clements, a Portland, Me., bachelor, whose estate is estimated at \$100,000, was recorded in his will, has been filed for probate. Bequests to cousins aggregating \$4,000 are made, and the remainder of the estate is left in trust to William K. Neal and Albert E. Neal, Portland attorneys, who are directed to distribute it "to benefit society, relieve distress and assist worthy and deserving religious, charitable and benevolent associations, objects and individuals." It has been intimated that the heirs-at-law will contest the will.

General Religious News.

—The Presbyterian missionaries in the Presbytery of Mimedosa, N. W. T., have during the last six months been preaching the gospel in seven different languages.

—In England 250 Endeavor Societies have raised 7,000 pounds for building and equipping the mission steamer "Endeavor," which is to run on the Congo.

—The Methodist Episcopal Church has 18,208 ordained preachers and 3,029,560 members. It seems the gain in membership last year was only one per cent. "That," says the *Michigan Christian Advocate*, "is far better than to have sustained a loss, but it is far worse than we ought to have done."

—A forward movement has begun among the young men of the Latin race. The first Congress of students ever held in Italy for the discussion of moral and religious questions was opened in Rome on Jan. 22nd with over 200 delegates, by an address by Mr. J. R. Mott, and a tone of deep earnestness has pervaded all the meetings.

—English Methodism is talking union. The parent body is conservative and the other churches have politics which make mutual arrangement difficult. But nothing is impossible to love and fraternity. What a blessing were English Methodism united like that of Canada.

—The mission work of the Baptists in the great west of Canada is prospering. During the last three months in 1903 sixteen of the churches received ninety members. Brandon College has welcomed twenty-five new students since the holidays. The appropriations made by the Women's Society this year exceed those made last year by more than \$1,000. These are all finger-posts, pointing to the rapid growth of this work in the west. They also point to the need of, more generous and more general support by the Baptists of the east.

—The Wesleyan Church in England has raised about one million and sixty thousand pounds for church building and enlarging purposes during the past year, eleven per cent. of which comes from the Twentieth Century Fund. The debt remaining on buildings erected is only about eighteen per cent. of total cost, which makes the total expenditure £1,292,232. This expenditure provides for the additional accommodation of 57,053. Of the two hundred and forty-one new churches, sixty-eight were erected in places where there had previously been no Methodist places of worship. This looks like aggressiveness.

—Five years ago the vast inland Chinese Province of Hunan was closed to all foreigners and in an attitude of overt and aggressive hostility to the Christian religion. It was from Hunan that, in 1891, a stream of infamous placards and literature issued which inflamed the whole province and led to the riots and massacres that soon after occurred in the Yang-tse Valley. A marvelous change in the situation is apparent today. There are thirteen missions now peacefully working in Hunan, having a force of rather more than fifty

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railways in the Upper Provinces, and in a less degree in the Maritime Provinces.

It is announced from Ottawa that an amended agreement between the government and the Grand Trunk Pacific directorate has been arranged and now awaits the ratification of the shareholders of the Grand Trunk Railway.

The government of Cape Colony having been defeated, Dr. Jamieson, the leader of the progressives, has been summoned to form a new cabinet.

British Columbia has 2,000,000 acres of lakes. The largest of them is Atlin lake.

British sympathy with Japan is having expression in a general and generous contribution to a fund for Japanese soldiers' and sailors' widows and orphans.

The King issued a special army order on the retirement of Lord Roberts from the position of Commander-in-chief, expressing gratitude for his great services to the Empire.

There are said to be eighty applicants for the position of Usher of the Black Rod in the Senate of Canada—an office for which there is no use whatever, and which is not even ornamental.

Many Canadian officers have applied to the Militia department for permission to follow the Japanese army to pick up lessons for the Canadian service. The question is being considered by the department.

missionaries, thirty of whom had recently met for conference in Chang-sa, the capital of the province.

—Fiji is connected in all men's minds with the heroism of John Hunt and James Calvert, the Wesleyan Methodist missionaries from England, who first took the gospel to its savage and cannibal tribes. For years and years its high average of Christianity and civilization has been quoted as a present and living proof of the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Not long ago it was reported that the Roman Catholic priests, whose mission on the islands came long after Methodist missions had been established, recently induced some of the natives, taking advantage, it is said, of political discontent among them, to give up their Bibles and join the Roman Catholic Church. Not only so, but the priests were declared to have burned the Bibles surrendered to them. The outrage was denied by Cardinal Moran, of Sydney, so far as the priests' part in it was concerned, but a committee of investigation has found that no less than thirteen witnesses testified to the truth of the report. It is a shocking instance of bigotry, and will not raise its perpetrators or its excusers in the opinion of right-thinking men.

THE DEVIL GOT IT.—A lady who refused to give, after hearing a charity sermon, had her pocket picked as she was leaving church. On making the discovery, she said: "The parson could not find the way to my pocket, but the devil did."

WOMEN IN JAPAN.—For some time past women have been employed at railway stations in Japan, especially in dealing with passenger traffic. Recently the Sanui R. R., which hitherto has refused to employ women, has broken with its traditions, and in future the passengers by that line will be looked after by lady conductors, and perhaps lady controllers as well. The Crown Prince of Japan takes a keen interest in this movement, which aims at making life less miserable to his future female subjects.

Sore Throat!

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