

Notes and Gleanings.

The Russian population of Siberia at present numbers about 8,000,000.

Norway's coast line—seventeen hundred miles in a straight line—becomes twelve thousand miles if followed round the fjords. In these fjords are over 150,000 islands.

Dr. Ekenberg, a Swedish scientist, has invented a machine for converting skim milk into a powder, which, when dissolved in water, gives the properties of ordinary milk.

Winnipeg is to have another public park, 300 acres of land having been set aside for that purpose, which stretches about a mile along the Assiniboine River. The city is having a topographical survey of the grounds made, and a landscape architect is preparing the plans.

Miss Florence Nightingale recently celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday in a fair degree of health and strength, and still showing strong interest in humanitarian projects. It is over fifty years since she first served in the hospitals of the Crimea.

A French agriculturist has been experimenting with bees as messengers. He has discovered that they will return to their hives from a distance of about four miles in twenty minutes, bringing despatches, after the manner of homing pigeons. The pigeons will retrace a distance of 500 or even 1,000 miles, and are in little danger of being driven out of business.

Rev. W. Bangas, Church of England Bishop of Alaska, went to Winnipeg recently to attend a meeting of the Synod. This was the first time he had been out of Alaska in thirty years. On his way he stopped a night in Vancouver, but refused to sleep in a hotel or private residence. Instead, he wrapped himself in a blanket and, with his grip for a pillow, slept soundly on the wharf. During his long absence from civilization it has been his custom to sleep wherever night happened to overtake him.

An ungallant English glove manufacturer has disclosed the fact that women's hands are becoming broader and longer. The development is attributed to the masculine exercises now indulged in by girls of the period. The hand of the average woman, it is affirmed, has been enlarged a quarter of an inch in five years, and the size of the glove has increased accordingly, but in order to satisfy fair woman's vanity the glove has still to be marked 6 when in reality it is 6 1/4.

The British Empire occupies about one-fifth of the surface of the habitable globe. It consists of the United Kingdom, with its attendant islands, and about forty-three dependencies under separate and independent governments. These vary in size from Canada, which is thirty times the size of the United Kingdom, to Gibraltar, the area of which is two square miles. The area of the British Empire is ninety-eight times that of the United Kingdom, while the area of the self-governing colonies alone is nearly sixty times as large as that of the mother country.

It is credibly reported that the

shortage of timber in some parts of the West is so great as to force the farmers to find a substitute for lumber in building fences. Accordingly they mold fence posts out of a mixture of clay and sawdust. These posts are said to be really superior to wooden posts, and far more durable. In Wisconsin a regular plant has been established for the manufacture of these posts on a large scale. The capacity of the plant is 5,000 posts a day. They are made by mixing Portland cement with sand, and are said to be highly satisfactory. Should they stand the test, it is probable that Portland cement will play an important part in the building material of the future—as lumber and steel for structural operations are becoming alike more scarce and costly.

What Others Say.

TWO OR TWO THOUSAND. If a preacher believes in his message as much as in his method, he can preach to two with the same earnestness as to two thousand.—The Telescope.

ROOM FOR WORKERS. There is plenty of room, work and welcome in the world for men and women of determined purpose. Whatever you do, do it well. Act as though the world had waited for your coming and you were personally born to the task of performing a grand part in it. Don't worry about your salary. Increase your skill. Men who never do more than for what they get pay, never advance.—Dr. M. C. Peters.

BY CONCESSIONS. In all talk of church union it is necessary that both parties to the proposed union shall make concessions. But concession does not necessarily mean the compromise of truth; it is not and should not be surrender of principle. It means that truths, principles or methods, which are a bone of contention, or difference between the two bodies proposing union, shall in the united body be left out of its creed or polity and referred to the individual conscience for settlement.—Free Baptist.

A HINT FOR PREACHERS. A pastor who was invited to preach before the students of an Eastern University met some of the students before the service, and asked them what kind of preaching they wanted. They were quick to express themselves frankly. "Cut out all slang," said one. "Make no allusion to football," said another. "Give us no illustrations from recent science," said a third. And a fourth said, "Stick to your job and preach the Gospel, and that will suit us."—Presbyterian Banner.

WISE AND BRAVE. Happy the man who can ignore even a real wrong. Not many years ago, someone did a wrong to the pastor of a rural church. At once parties began to form in the church, the one censuring, the other defending, him who had done the wrong. But a quarrel was averted. How? The pastor claimed that whatever wrong there was, was personal to himself, and asked the others to let him fight his own battle. And then the pastor simply held his peace and waited. Within a few months, he who had done the wrong voluntarily made reparation to the pastor, and the matter was all rectified without any fuss at all.—Chris. Observer.

A FAVORITE ARGUMENT. No argument against the liquor traf-

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fic is more often urged than this: The law will be broken, and, as a consequence, disrespect of law or lawlessness will be cultivated. That is—if carried out to its legitimate conclusion—we must not make any law which people may be expected to break. But law is needed, and we may as well dismiss our legislators, except as they give us all good advice. There are plenty to break the laws against theft and adultery and murder and every form of crime. Therefore let all bad characters have their way lest they become lawless. To make it perfectly safe, let us have no laws, and then there can be no lawlessness. The principle on which their argument against prohibition is based needs being limited almost to death, in any sane application of it.—Can. Baptist.

THE FLAG.

At the Presbyterian Alliance Conference at Liverpool the flag of the United States, twined with the British flag, was on all suitable occasions duly honored. No one, British or foreign, found fault. No one tore it down or trampled on it. In fact we never heard of the United States flag being insulted in any portion of the British Dominions. On the other hand, it is not a very rare thing for the British flag to be torn down by the United States, even when hoisted in honor of the fourth of July! And as to flying the British flag in honor of Queen Victoria's day, or King Edward's birthday, there would be serious risk of trouble. Is it not time for the enlightened and reasonable majority to instruct the minority in this matter of international politeness?

The population of Korea is 17,000,000, including 25,000 Japanese, who control the country's activities.

There is a gold mine in Australia which is 3,000 feet deep, and the various tunnels are so hot that cold water has to be sprayed over the miners working the lode. The temperature is usually about 108 degrees, and the men have to work almost naked in order to stand the heat.

Deaths.

STEEVES.—At Dover, Westmorland Co., August 2nd, Thomas Floyd, youngest son of Thomas and Bella Steeves, was called away at the age of six years. Death resulted from an accident. One sister and two brothers survive him. Funeral service by pastor.

ROACH.—At his home, Roachville, Sussex, August 1st, John Roach, aged 81 years. A beloved wife, two daughters—Mrs. T. Robinson, St. John, and Mrs. J. E. Slipp, Sussex, and three sons—Frank and Oscar of Roachville, and George of Hartford, survive him. Bro. Roach was suddenly set aside from the active duties of life on January 6th last, by a stroke of paralysis. During all the time of sickness he suffered more or less; but loving hands smoothed the way for him and ministered to his every need until the death messenger came and opened the gateway into a fuller and more blessed life and service. He was one of the original members of the Free Baptist Church at Sussex, and for many years one of its deacons. He was loyal to his country and to the church of his choice. He believed that the Free Baptist Church was nearer the Scriptural standard than any other. He will be greatly missed in his home as father and husband, and in the community and church. The burial services were conducted on Wednesday by the pastor, assisted by Rev. C. T. Phillips and Rev. A. M. Hubby, Ref. Episcopal. A memorial service was held Sunday morning, when suitable reference was made to our dear brother's life and service. May our Father's blessing rest upon the widow and family.

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