

Notes and Gleanings. General Religious News.

..The Shansi (China) coal fields cover an area of 14,000 square miles, and contain, it is estimated, more than 600,000,000,000 tons of anthracite—enough to suffice for the wants of the world at the present rate of consumption for over 2,000 years.

..In the province of China the viceroys have issued proclamations against the footbinding of girls. In Shanghai, it is said, there are now several shops, full of shoes for natural feet, whereas ten years ago not one pair could be bought in all Shanghai.

..Not one bride was over twenty-two years old in the 346,590 marriages which, according to the last census, took place in Japan last year. Forty-two were only fifteen, 759 were sixteen, 5,484 were seventeen, 17,406 were nineteen and 16,100 were twenty.

..The heaviest girl in the world is Meda Milmoite, of Kentucky, ten years old, and weighing 270 pounds. She has gained 84 pounds in the last three years. She is exceedingly active physically, and mentally as bright as any girl of her age. Her parents are of normal weight, and her brother and sister of less than ordinary size.

..Irish emigration to the United States continues at an unprecedented rate, induced by the cheap steamship rates. The best of the peasant class are leaving at the rate of 2,000 a week, and 22,000 a year. The British press is becoming alarmed at the flight of the Irish and Cornish people, as it will prove injurious to these places by leaving the idle and helpless at home.

..Looked at from whatever standpoint we wish, intemperance lies at the bottom of most of our personal demoralization, our domestic wretchedness, and social debasement, our poverty and our crime; and therefore any government that will reform the evil will earn the everlasting gratitude of present and future generations.

..There are 15,000 Japanese in San Francisco. All the children attend the public schools, side by side with the white. As the schools will not hold all the white children that seek admission, a movement is on foot, for that and other reasons, to provide a separate school for the Japs. The Japs object to being put on the same plane as the Chinese.

..The Dominion Inspector of Timber and Forestry urges strongly that steps be taken to preserve our forests as the world is beginning to look to Canada for its timber supply, and a reasonable percentage of forest land should be under government inspection to assure their scientific disposal. The outlook is far from reassuring, and a time of scarcity may be in the near future. The forest, with its network of root and mossy growth, forms a natural reservoir whereby the fertile moisture in the ground is conserved, and the energy of streams and rivers undiminished. He predicts a great loss to the productivity of the Manitoba soil and the pasture lands of Southern Alberta if the forests abounding in the mountain regions are not recognized as agents of fertility.

—As a result of British and American representations, the Turkish government has renewed its instructions to the authorities to allow colporteurs to sell Bibles in towns and villages. The Porte, however, persists in objecting to colporteurs traversing the disturbed rural districts of European Turkey on the pretext that their safety cannot be guaranteed.

—A church has been built out of one big tree at Santa Rosa, California. The whole structure and its furniture were made from one goodly specimen of sequoia. The interior is finished and panelled in wood also, and there were a lot of shingles left over.

—The young women of a society of Christian Endeavor in a lumber town in the Ozark Mountains determined to do something to improve the morals of their town. They prayed and worked—gradually leavening the community—until all the young men but one were led to accept Christ in a revival. From four active members the society increased to sixty, and the end is not yet.

—The report of the eight years' work of the Volunteers of America, under the leadership of Ballington Booth and wife, shows that the organization is accomplishing a vast amount of good. Thirty-five thousand services in the halls of the movement, attended by 1,060,955 persons, and 13,164 outside services, reaching 2,639,633 persons, make a good showing. The philanthropic work, too, has been in good proportion. The Prison League has 25,000 members, and seventy per cent of those affected by its work are said to be living reformed lives. In Homes of Mercy for the rescue of young women, over 30,260 temporary beds have been provided during the year, while some 1,100 inmates have been permanently cared for. And in other philanthropies, such as Fresh Air Work and Homes for the destitute and out-of-work classes, large and good work has been done.

—In a few weeks Dr. Russell H. Conwell, who preaches in the Baptist Temple, in Philadelphia, to possibly the largest congregation in the world, will be heard from his own pulpit simultaneously in Chicago. The telephone company is to keep a clear wire from the Temple in Philadelphia to Chicago open continuously for one hour, and the sermon can be heard through every telephone in Chicago. Dr. Conwell will then likely have the largest congregation of people who ever listened to one sermon. In speaking of the proposed sermon, Dr. Conwell said: "I believe it can be done. I have already preached to a congregation in this city and one in New York at the same time. Not long ago a sermon which I delivered here was taken from the telephone in Patterson, N. J., and reproduced verbatim in the papers of that city the next morning." Above the pulpit in Dr. Conwell's church is a row of five megaphones connected with the telephone wire.

♦ The skins of new potatoes can be removed more quickly with a stiff vegetable-brush than by scraping.

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NEWS OF CHURCHES.

(Continued from page 8.)
than twenty years of ministerial life is that of witnessing the preliminary stages of the organic Baptist union movement. May heaven strengthen your hand, brother editor, and enable you to wield a still mightier pen.

B. H. THOMAS.

Dorchester, N. B.

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VICTORIA STREET, ST. JOHN.—A largely attended concert was given in Victoria Street Free Baptist Church school-room Thursday evening. An interesting programme was carried out, consisting of choruses, dialogues, readings, duets, and solos. There was a ribbon drill and Union Jack march by ten girls in each. These were highly appreciated. All the selections were well rendered and great credit is due to Miss Nellie Cappers, who was assisted by Miss Thersa Parlee and Miss Maud Holder. Their efforts made the entertainment the success it was.—*The Globe*.

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MINISTERS.—Rev. J. N. Barnes is in Fredericton en route to Whitehead. He is later getting to the island than he had intended, being detained by the illness of Mrs. B., who is in the hospital at Fredericton. They hope to be able to go on next week, and to be at Whitehead New Year.

Licentiate McCutcheon is home from Cobb Divinity School for the holidays.

Rev. J. N. Barnes preached at Marysville and Gibson last Sunday.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Rev. H. H. Roach, pastor of the Main Street Baptist church, St. John, has not been able to occupy his pulpit the last two Sundays.

—The Episcopal church at St. Martins made a Thanksgiving offering of \$100.00 to pay off a debt on the church.

—Principal Sheraton, of Wycliffe Episcopal College of Divinity, has taken the theological class work of the late Principal Caven in Knox Presbyterian College. This may be regarded as a sign of a possible union some time.

—The committees of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational bodies to consider union are meeting in Toronto this week—Tuesday to Friday.

—The congregation of Chalmers Presbyterian church, Halifax, decided last week, by a vote of 26 to 7, to close the church at the end of the year, when the resignation of Rev. John MacMillan from the pastorate goes into effect.

—St. David's church, Presbyterian, St. John, was re-opened last Sunday. For some months it had been undergoing enlargement and improvement. It has 175 more sittings than before.

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