

News of the Churches.

Will it have any effect on the Church of God—moving it to unceasing and braver war against the destroyer? If the Church is not faithful in this matter, the blood of the traffic's victims will be upon its garments.

Will it move good citizens to see that there is no safety while the monstrous traffic is permitted to carry on its work, and that indifference to it, whether from personal, social or political reasons, is to share with it the responsibility of the cruel and deadly things it does, which faithfulness would lessen or wholly prevent.

Not people who live in the vicinity of the crime just expiated on the gallows, but the God-fearing and man-loving all the country over, and all who desire decent and secure community life, are summoned by the horrible tragedy to teach the young the deadliness of the drink habit and the fiendishness of the drink traffic, and to make heroic and unrelenting war on it.

FROM REV. D. LONG.

Rev. D. Long, writing from Winnipeg on the 18th inst., says: "We are all well. We have rented a house for a few weeks from a family that has gone to the beach for a holiday. It is like home to be housekeeping again. . . . Our time will soon be up to return home. There are many opportunities for work here, and I have been urged to remain. I attended the Baptist Convention at Portage La Prairie. There was a large delegation from various parts of the wide field. Some ministers and delegates came seven or eight hundred miles. It was a great pleasure to the ministers to meet each other, many of them not having seen a Baptist minister for months. Among those present were men who are doing mission work among the Indians and all classes of the foreign population. Missionary and educational interests received much and very careful consideration in the Convention. Brandon College is doing a fine work for the denomination in the west. Last year there were 134 students, a number of them preparing for the ministry. Dr. McDiarmid, Principal of the College, was elected President of the Convention. Mr. Stackhouse, Superintendent of Missions, has most complete knowledge of the field and its needs and is a skilful organizer; he is the man for the position, and his brethren have the utmost confidence in his management. There are many clever men in the Convention, and amongst the students for the ministry are several very promising young men. The work here has great possibilities, and makes great demands on men. One feature of the Convention that impressed me was the devotional spirit. In every business meeting much time was spent in prayer, and God is surely blessing the work, and will continue to bless it. I hope to see you all soon. Meantime, love to all the brethren.

The fact that a man's conscience approves his course in life, is not valid evidence that that course is right. Even chronometers sometimes fail to keep correct time. Even conscience may be erroneous or inactive.—*Cumberland Presbyterian.*

FIRST DISTRICT MEETING.—No report of the First District Meeting having come from the District Clerk, we make use of a letter from Rev. L. A. Fenwick, which, though not intended for publication, gives an idea of the meeting, and the pleasant time the brethren had. He writes:

We had an excellent session of the District Meeting at Riley Brook. While most of the appointed ministers failed to get there, the Master did not fail us. His presence was manifested all through the meetings, and at the Sunday night meeting two young women decided to stand for Christ. The ministers present were: Rev. H. Hart, Licentiate Bell and G. Camber and myself. On Sunday brethren Bell and Camber were both called home on a sad mission; Bro. Bell's child died Sunday morning, and Bro. Camber's daughter, Mrs. Smith, died Monday.

The beauty of Riley Brook and the Tobique generally needs the pen of a Thaddeus to set it forth, but to appreciate the hospitality and kindness of the people you must become their guests, as we were privileged to be who had the pleasure of attending District Meeting. We were thoroughly at home, and the expression of all was "We have enjoyed this meeting much." The regret of the people at Riley Brook was that more were not present, especially the ministers appointed to attend. The people put themselves to a lot of extra labor to entertain, and had a right to expect some sacrifice on the part of others.

LOWER BRIGHTON, C. Co.—I am still holding meetings at Lower Brighton, with fairly encouraging prospects. Several who have been inactive for many years have returned to the Lord and taken their place in the church. Christians have been quickened, and all are working and waiting for a revival. I think it will come. We had a very helpful Communion service at Pembroke last Sunday, over 30 gathering about the table of the Lord. The Y. P. S. C. E. is doing excellent work there. It meets every Tuesday night.

I expect to attend the Nova Scotia Conference, August 25.

A. J. PROSSER.

MINISTERS.—Rev. Jos. Noble has gone to visit his daughter at Wolfville, N. S. Rev. John Henderson spent last Sunday at Rusagornis.

Rev. R. W. Ferguson has been asked to remain at St. John west next year, and has consented.

Rev. F. C. Hartley spent last Sunday in Houlton, Me.

During the absence of Rev. D. Long, of the Victoria St. Church, St. John, the church has voted to extend him a call for the next year, beginning October 1st, and has added \$100.00 to his salary.

Rev. Dr. McLeod occupied the pulpit of the Waterloo St. Church, St. John, last Sunday, in the absence of Rev. C. T. Phillips.

Rev. A. J. Prosser has tendered his resignation of the Hartland-Brighton pastorate, to take effect October 1st.

Rev. A. W. Currie has received a call from the Kemptville, N. S., pastorate.

Licentiate Bolster writes that the special work at Norton is going on encouragingly.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—A new Episcopal Church at Westfield, K. Co., was consecrated by Bishop Kingdon last week.

—The Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces is to meet in Truro, N. S., August 20th.

—In the Maritime Provinces our Presbyterian brethren have in their home mission work between 30 and 40 ordained missionaries. And they are doing excellent work.

—At the Eastern Baptist Association, held at Sackville, N. B., last week, the reports of the churches were of an encouraging character. The additions were gratifying. Among the resolutions passed was the following:

Resolved, That this association learns with satisfaction that the question of union with the Free Baptist body is again under consideration and that a committee was appointed at the Baptist Convention in St. John to confer with a committee appointed by the Free Baptists of N. B. looking towards an organic union of the bodies. We beg, therefore, to place on record our hearty approval of the movement and pray that in the near future such union, which must mean much to our respective denominations and to our Lord's work being done at large, may be speedily consummated.

Further, the association would recommend the calling of a joint meeting of the two bodies in this province before the close of the present year for fuller consideration of all matters involved. Moreover, it is the opinion of this association that the Free Baptists of N. S., the Reformed Baptists and the Primitive Baptists should be approached with a view to general union in the near future of all the Baptist bodies of the maritime provinces.

General Religious News.

—There are 2,500,000 Presbyterians in Hungary. In the United States there are 200,000. It is difficult to secure ministers for these Hungarians.

—There are fourteen different bodies of Lutherans in New York, with 125 ministers. There is now a movement toward uniting these churches in practical work.

—The Presbyterian Church in the United States continues its Evangelistic campaign. Last year it cost nearly \$60,000. Much fruit has been gathered from its wide scattering of good seed.

—One hundred and forty-seven ministers of the Presbyterian Church North died last year. The church has 243 foreign missionaries—many of whom are in India, and some of whom are in South Africa. Total ministers 7,705.

—The manager of a publishing house in Yokohama, Japan, is an elder in the Presbyterian Church. Every Monday morning he assembles the 220 workers of the establishment for a religious service as a preparation for the work of the week.

—According to statistics which appeared in *The British Weekly* the number of "twicers," that is of persons who attend church somewhere in London twice on Sunday, is 38 per cent. of the whole number of worshippers. The total number of worshippers in Inner London is estimated at 832,051.

—It is a sign of the times that the Government of India, in deciding to

place tablets on buildings famous in the history of the country, has chosen to mark permanently in this way the houses used by William Carey, Henry Martyn, Schwartz of Tanjore, and John Wilson of Bombay.

—Rev. D. G. Whittinghill, a Baptist missionary in Italy, has lately visited Tunis in North Africa to hold evangelistic services among the Italians, and while there baptized twenty-one persons. He writes, "Among those baptized are some splendid people. Two entire families were baptized, one composed of four and the other of six persons. One woman among the baptized was the instrument of the conversion of one of the families. Fifteen of the twenty-one are past thirty years of age, and eleven of them are either husbands or wives. All were formerly Catholics except three, two were Waldensians, and one a Methodist. The baptisms took place in a public bathhouse rented for the purpose, and the rite was administered in the presence of invited friends."

A WONDERFUL INSTRUMENT.

A professor in the University of Stockholm, with the help of a Swedish clockmaker, has constructed a most wonderful instrument, which was successfully worked last winter. It is a registering meteorograph, which records temperature, barometric pressure, humidity of the air, velocity and direction of the wind, as well as the amount of rain and snow. The apparatus is installed about two hundred yards below the summit of one of the highest mountains in the Alps of Swedish Lapland. The registration is not by means of ink—which would freeze—but by perforations in the paper. It was installed below the summit because, if placed on the top the hoarfrost would completely cover it. There in the awful solitude and silence it will work on all through the coming winter, revealing in the spring to the eye of science an infallible history of the ceaseless warring of the elements by day and by night.

Marriages.

BRADLEY-SEWELL.—At Hartland, at the home of the bridegroom, on the evening of July 20, by Rev. A. J. Prosser, Charles A. M. Bradley and Lucy M. Sewell, both of Hartland, N. B.

BANKS-MANZER.—At Marysville, July 20th, by Rev. H. H. Ferguson, Mr. Vernon Banks and Miss Alma Manzer, both of Marysville, N. B.

Deaths.

GIBERSON.—At Arthurette, Vic. Co., July 2nd, of cholera, Vivian Gertrude, aged 3 months, infant daughter of Barney and Gladys Giberson. Funeral services by the writer. T. D. BELL.

GARRATY.—In Woodstock, on the 22d inst., Mrs. Elizabeth Garraty, widow of the late Rev. E. Garraty, aged 87 years. Three sons—Capt. George and Henry of Gibson, and John, of Boston, and three daughters, Mrs. Stockford, of Gagetown, and Miss Eva and Alice, of Woodstock—survive her. She was a sister of the late Senator Glazier, and the late Duncan and Stephen Glazier, was the last member of the family to pass away. The funeral was at Lincoln, S. Co., her old home, on Saturday.