

Notes and Gleanings.

—The common earth worms, which work only about six months of the year, in that time will turn over an average of ten tons of soil to every acre of land.

—The Pope has ordered the destruction of the vineyards of the Vatican because the wine is worthless, and because, too, he considers it beneath the papal dignity to speculate in the produce of the apostolic gardens.

—The increased production of coal in Great Britain last year led to the employment of 17,275 more persons than in 1902, the total number engaged in 1903 being 842,066, and in 1902, 824,791.

—Japanese soldiers carry with them kettles made of thin paper—the invention of one Daiju. The kettle upon being filled with water and the outside surface dampened is hung over the fire; in ten minutes the water is boiling. A kettle costs only two cents, and can be used eight or ten times.

—The poorhouse in Budapest contains among its inmates a woman named Jetty Einzig, who, according to her baptismal certificate, is 116 years old. She gave her age as 105, and when confronted with the certificate and asked why she had not told the truth, she replied it was because she felt ashamed to be so old.

—The treatment of alcoholism by hypnotism, which began at Moscow in 1896 and has been tried at Ekaterinoslaff, Voronezh and other places since, has been inaugurated at St. Petersburg by Dr. R. Z. Bakoff, who investigated the results and claimed there have been seventy per cent. of radical cures for that system against thirty per cent. in the cases of other known cures.

—From \$12,625,000 to \$15,573,000 worth of butter is now exported from Siberia, or more than twice the value of the wheat export in 1900, the last favorable harvest year. The Siberian cow yields little milk, but the quality is notable for richness. About nineteen pounds of milk in winter and twenty-three in summer are sufficient to make a pound of butter, while in Denmark twenty-eight pounds are needed.

—At the rate at which the Japanese are killing Russian soldiers, it would seem that the "sacred icon," or image, which every Russian soldier carries to protect him against Japanese bullets is not very effective. If they should result in causing the masses of superstitious Russians to cease bowing before and putting their trust in images, and turn them to a sincere worship of the living and true God, then would there be to Russia, in the end, ample compensation for the loss in life and munitions of war she is sustaining.

—In the bed of the river San Juan de Oro, in Bolivia, South Africa, a discovery was made a few weeks ago of what is described by experts as the richest gold deposits in the world. The gold is not found in quartz rock nor as a strictly alluvial deposits, but lies in large masses in the bed of the river itself. It is intended to work this deposit by the system of dredging, which has found so much favor of late in countries where large river bed deposits exist, notably in New Zealand.

—The report of the British cancer research committee attracts much attention. While definite relief measures are not yet devised, scientific knowledge of the terrible scourge has been increased by the year's research work. While cancer is found in fish and all classes of the vertebræ kingdom, it is not infectious and cannot be communicated from one species to another. Parasitic causation is excluded and the properties of the cells common to all animals having this disease are exhaustively studied. A promising serum has been discovered for these experiments, but no practical success has been obtained from the action of radium.

—In response to a petition from the inhabitants interested, the Sultan has now decided to start a service of steamboats on the Dead Sea. All the proceeds of the undertaking will go to His Majesty's private purse. There will be a land transport service from the interior of Palestine in connection with various ports on the sea, and the vast quantities of wheat, barley, salt, wool, and other products of these districts will now have a profitable outlet. A German company has already tapped the source of wealth by using mules and camels, but with the advent of the Dead Sea vessels a new era of prosperity is confidently expected.

CANADA'S YEAR BOOK.—The Statistical Year Book of Canada for 1903 has just been issued. It is full of information of great interest to all Canadians and other people, too. A concise but comprehensive history of the Dominion is given, with statistics concerning population, education, agriculture, industry, commerce and religion. There is an epitome of our constitution and form of government, with details of the personnel of present and past Provincial and Dominion Cabinets. The tables of imports, exports, and products are full, and in convenient form for reference. The Year Book is a credit to Mr. Johnson, the Dominion Statistician, under whose direction it has been prepared.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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fore we shall share His purpose. You say "I have that purpose, and it is in command in my life. I give to missions; I am interested in them; I pray for them; I seek the advancement of the Church and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom." You may do all that, and yet not be in accord with the purpose of the Holy Spirit. As we look at our churches we are more and more impressed that we as church members have not the interest we should. We do not discover it among many of our church officers or even among our church women as it should be; and we frequently find it absent from the preaching of the day. The old love of souls that used to take hold of the Church and stir it until it would break out in those wonderful revivals, is seldom found today. We do not know why it is absent. Some tell us it is because of universalism that has grown up in Church, which causes so many people to believe that men need not be brought to Christ in order to be saved. Sometimes we are told that it is the commercialism of the age, in which even church people are elevating the seen and depreciating the unseen, seeking the gold that itself is eluding them and neglecting the better treasures that they ought to strive after. Sometimes they tell us it is the worldliness of the Church, so that there is no longer in

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a great many churches any line of separation between the world and the Church. Worldliness is honeycombing our churches in the country as well as the city. Then look at the selfishness of the day; we are altogether too willing to sing our way into the better and higher things in Christ, while we forget the world around us.

When we see the world dying, as Christ saw it as He looked out from Calvary, and when we feel for that world as Christ felt for it when He set His face to go to Jerusalem and stopped not until He had given His life for the ransoming of dying men and women, when, in other words, we have something of His passion for the world's salvation, then we will become winners of souls, and not until then.

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LIDA M. SIMPSON.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Mission Society of the Seventh District will be held in connection with the District Meeting at Fair Haven, Deer Island, on the second Saturday in August.

As the secretary-treasurer has remov-

ed from the province will the secretaries of the Auxiliaries in the Seventh District kindly send their reports to Mrs. A. C. Smith, of West St. John. It is important that she should have them early in order to prepare a report from them for the annual meeting.

MRS. HARTLEY,
Sec.-Treasurer.

CAMP MEETING.—We have received a copy of the programme of the Annual Camp Meeting to be held at Berwick, N. S., August 5th to 12th. Among those expected are Rev. C. W. Blackett, Ph. D., and Rev. Mr. Neis, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Neis is a singer, and has been successful among the young people. They will be assisted by the ministers of the Nova Scotia Conference. The summer school of the Epworth League for the study of the Bible will be held in the forenoon, on and after Monday, the 8th of August. The grounds are in good condition. The programme, with full particulars, will be sent free of charge on application to the Secty.-Treas., J. E. Henniger, Canning, N. S.

—It is reported that revival services in South Africa by "Gypsy Smith," a well known English evangelist, have done more to bring the divided Christians of Cape Colony together than anything else that has been done. The Dutch and English ministers are fraternizing again. That is quick work and sets an example for Americans. We still have churches divided by a war forty years dead.

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