

## BAPTIST UNION NOTES.

The following churches are to be added to those previously reported as having voted approval of union: Temple, Norton, Midland, Kingston, Dover, Southampton, Knoxford, Shannon, Bald Hill, Wickham.

Every week Dr. Gates, chairman of the Baptist committee on union, reports in the *Messenger and Visitor* a list of Baptist churches that have endorsed the plan of union.

Father Noble's brief letter in another column is touching. That the oldest minister in the denomination, one who has been with it through its whole life, and has been abundant in labors and sacrifices for the people of his love, is spending the closing days of his ministry in counselling his people to seek union, is one of the most impressive things of the movement. Though his physical strength is weakening under the burden of his four score and ten years, his spiritual vigor is clear and his heart still longs only for the things that will most advance the Kingdom of Christ. All will pray that he may be spared to witness the consummation of the union, and seal it with his benediction.

## HOME MISSIONS.

The extreme pressure of work since Conference has kept me from saying even a word through these columns about our home mission work. The arrangement between the Young People's League and the Home Mission Executive was entered into again this year on a basis quite similar to last year. The H. M. Executive, on account of the uncertainty of Bro. Paul's remaining in the work this year, at its first meeting was unable to act definitely. Upon the severance of his connection with us, early in October, the executive met and invited Bro. Parker to enter the work, subject to the ratification of the Young People's League Executive, which has since been granted.

Since October Bro. Parker has been laboring with the churches at Beaconsfield and vicinity, in Victoria Co. The W. M. S. appropriated \$100 to the salary of the missionary, with the request that attention be given to such churches as the one just named. In a few days I expect to give a report in the *INTELLIGENCER* of Bro. Parker's work, so that all may know where and how he is laboring.

It is hoped the contributions toward this important part of our work will not fall below the record of other years. The contributions have never been as much as they should have been. I would like to remind the pastors of the Second District that at last year's District Meeting it was resolved to ask all the churches to take up special collections for both home and foreign mission work at least twice during the year. It would perhaps be a good plan for other churches to follow.

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Cor. Secy. H. M. Ex.  
St. John, Nov. 10, 1904.

JOURNALISTIC.—The Chatham *Advantage* has ceased publication. The office of the Charlottetown, P. E. *Watchman*, was burned Friday night.

## UNION IN INDIA.

Much interest centres in the meeting of the Presbyterian Alliance, to be held on December 15, at Allahabad, to organize a General Assembly to have jurisdiction over all the Presbyteries in India. Eleven Presbyterian missionary Societies are expected to co-operate in this Indian General Assembly. The Canadian Presbyterian Mission, with its field in Central India, is one of them.

The Alliance will probably include also some of the Congregational churches. The American Madura and Arcot missions have agreed to join the Alliance, and the London missions are being approached. This marks a significant step in the progress of the Kingdom in Asia. The great advantage of the union lies in the fact that the federated churches will not be under foreign ecclesiastical control, but will be thoroughly Indian. This does not mean that the foreign missionary's work is finished in India, but that some churches are ready for self-support and self-government.

## News of the Churches.

DONATION.—I wish to acknowledge a donation from the church and friends of Shannon and Belyea's Cove, amounting to \$19.28 in cash, and goods to the value of \$8. For this and all other expressions of kindness and good will they have our most hearty thanks.

S. J. PERRY.

FROM REV. G. SWIM.—I moved my family to Apohaqui on the 3rd inst. We are about settled in our new home, and think we will like it here. My health is very good, and my hearing is improving. I hope after a few months rest to be able to take up the work again. My P. O. address is Apohaqui, K. Co.

G. SWIM.

FROM REV. J. NOBLE.—I have just returned from Southampton and Temple. The churches at Campbell Settlement, Southampton and Temple have adopted the Basis of Union and approved the action of Conference unanimously. I had a good time in bringing the matter before the people in Southampton. The other churches adopted it themselves, with a little advice from me. I would like to write a long letter for the paper, but my fingers are too stiff to use the pen. My heart is still in the work but my strength is gone.

J. NOBLE.

MINISTERS.—Rev. David Long delivered an interesting lecture on his Northwest trip in the Waterloo Street Church, St. John, last week.

Rev. E. B. McLatchey, the new pastor of the Moncton church, began his ministry there on the 6th inst.

The Evangelical Alliance, St. John, of which Rev. C. T. Phillips was President, passed a resolution last week expressing appreciation of his services and regret at his removal from the city.

Licentiate Bolster, of Norton, writes that the work there is going along well. There will be baptism next Sunday.

Rev. A. A. Rideout is encouraged in his work in Fredericton.

Rev. S. J. Perry reports three of his churches voting approval of union. The

others will vote at their next regular meetings.

Rev. A. J. Prosser spent last Sunday with the Deer Island churches.

Rev. E. H. Cochrane preached in the Waterloo St. Church, St. John, last Sunday.

Licentiate Boyer preached at Rusiagornis, French Lake and Gary last Sunday.

## OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Special meetings are being held in the Lienster St. Baptist Church, St. John.

Rev. D. B. Bayley, Methodist minister at Apohaqui, has been compelled to give up work on account of ill-health.

The Nova Scotia Sunday School Convention recently held in Halifax was a meeting of much interest. The reports showed that there are 1,254 schools with a membership of 63,632 including the cradle roll and home department. The home department is increasing in membership which is an encouraging sign.

Rev. A. J. Vincent, Sydney, has accepted a call to the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Halifax. Rev. J. W. Weeks, of Guelph, Ont., succeeds him in the Sydney pastorate.

Rev. H. Reid, of Bathurst, has been called to the St. John West Presbyterian Church.

Two ladies, Miss Munroe and Miss McKenzie, graduates of the Halifax Medical School, have been appointed to medical missionary work in India.

Rev. Gordon Dickie, of Sydney, has accepted the call of the St. Stephen Presbyterian Church.

The Salvation Army is erecting a new barracks in Moncton.

## General Religious News.

A Baptist missionary in Italy writes that the mission work in the South of Italy is promising. A visit to nine of the stations shows progress in each, but the greatest progress is being made in Matera and Miglionico, where many people gather to hear the Gospel. At the latter place are nearly one hundred catechumens. The people in Naples are said to be very difficult to evangelize.

Through the women's rescue work of the Salvation Army in England last year 2,806 women whose calling was vice, were withdrawn from the streets, have given evidence of permanently and it is said that 2,474 of the number changed lives and have entered on reputable occupations. They will be subjected to supervision for at least three years.

Gipsy Smith, the famous English revival preacher, has returned to England after a six months' tour in South Africa. In this time he conducted missions in ten places, beginning with Cape Town and ending with Port Elizabeth. From 16,000 to 20,000 people were dealt with through the enquiry rooms. In Cape Town he preached to 80,000 persons and in Johannesburg to at least 100,000. He had great difficulty in finding halls large enough to hold the crowds that flocked to hear him.

The "Protestation" Church, the great Lutheran cathedral at Speyer-on-the-Rhine, in the building of which thousands of Americans are interested, and toward which they have contributed a statue of the great leader of the Reformation, was dedicated August 30. Yet, notwithstanding Germany is a Protestant country, and more than anything else Lutheran, and the cathedral represents its Protestantism as much as any single object can, the Emperor did not attend, nor any man of royal or princely rank as such. Speyer is in the Palatinate, which belongs to Bavaria, a Roman Catholic State. The Prince Regent, Luipold, professed to be unable to attend, and, being a Roman Catholic, really could not consistently take part in such a ceremony. While the sovereign of the State absents himself, royal etiquette prevents any of his fellow-sovereigns, even the Emperor, taking part.

## Marriages.

SULIS-LEAVITT.—At Woodstock, on the 3rd inst., by the Rev. F. Allison Currier, A. M., Mr. Frank Sulis to Miss Viola Leavitt, both of Smyrna, Me.

VANWART-PERRY.—At the Free Baptist Parsonage, Belyea's Cove, Q. Co., Nov. 8th, by the bride's father, J. Arthur VanWart, of Hampstead Q. Co., and Mary J., only daughter of Rev. S. J. Perry, of Wickham, Q. Co.

DEAN-GRANT.—At the residence of the bride, on Oct. 24th, by Rev. A. A. Rideout, Mr. John Dean to Miss Hannah Grant, both of Fredericton, N. B.

KENNEDY-McINTYRE.—At the residence of Mrs. Hannah Grant, on Oct. 24, by Rev. A. A. Rideout, Mr. John Kennedy to Mrs. Matilda McIntyre, both of Fredericton, N. B.

PARSLEY-BREWER.—At the F. B. parsonage, Fredericton, N. B., by Rev. A. A. Rideout, Mr. Thos. E. Parsley, of Hampstead, to Miss Christie Brewer, of Gibson, N. B.

## Deaths.

SMITH.—At Johnston, Queens Co., October 21st, 1904, Margaret, widow of the late William Smith, of Little River, Sunbury Co., aged eighty years. She was baptized by the late Rev. Abner Mersereau, and was a member of Perry's Point Free Baptist Church, from its organization in 1842. She lived trusting in the Lord.

DAVID PATTERSON.

ANDERSON.—At Patterson Settlement, S. Co., on the 30th of October, Mr. William Anderson, aged 94 years, leaving two sons and one daughter, with relatives and friends to mourn his loss. His end was peace. Funeral services conducted by the writer at his late home, and at the Free Baptist Church, Blissville, on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Pinkerton (Methodist). Text: Matt. 8: 11.

G. W. FOSTER.

KEARNEY.—At Beechwood, N. B., Oct. 27th, Rachael, aged 77 years and 5 months, wife of Jonas Kearney, leaving 4 sons, 5 daughters, 15 grand children and 3 great grandchildren to mourn their loss. Sister Kearney was baptized by Rev. Ezekiel Sippell some 50 years ago, and has lived a consistent Christian life, and during her last illness was most graciously sustained by her firm trust in the merits of her Redeemer. The funeral services were held at Beechwood Oct. 30th, conducted by A. H. Hayward, L. A. Fenwick, and A. Giberson. The large attendance showed the respect toward deceased. A. H. H.