

## Notes and Gleanings.

—A bushel of wheat, by actual count, has been found to contain 869,720 grains.

—Neither frogs nor snakes live in Alaska, but toads are frequently to be met with.

—In the province of Samaria, Russia, 405,000 persons get their subsistence from less than three acres of land per capita.

—It is said that the health authorities of Paris are considering the advisability of using minced raw horse flesh in the hospitals for the treatment of tuberculosis and other diseases.

—With a population of about 2,500,000, Paris has fewer than 100 negroes within its limits. It is claimed that the colored population of all France is less than 550.

—Whatever faults are possessed by the Japanese, few people have ever seen a drunken Jap. The present writer has witnessed forty or fifty men from the Russian royal yacht lying drunk in the streets of Copenhagen. Corruption and inebriety will leave their mark on the outbreak of war with the Japanese.

—Rabbi Silverman, of the Temple Emanuel, New York, declared recently that atheism and agnosticism are now generally looked upon as evidence of intellectual weakness, and that the Ingersollian type had almost disappeared from polite society.

—It is reported that the trunk of a large tree has been encountered at a depth of 4,000 feet by oil drillers at Crocker, Texas. Large pieces of perfectly preserved bark and wood of clear grain have been brought to the surface. The wood is of a very hard texture, and the tree is estimated to have been between two and three feet in diameter.

—The French government is now engaged in the restoration of what has been called "the greatest temple ever built on the face of the earth." This is the temple of Karnak, in Egypt, which for over three thousand years has been falling into ruins. Originally, the temple was 370 feet wide, and 1,200 feet long, or twice as large as St. Peter's in Rome. It was begun 2,700 years before Christ, and was more than a thousand years in building.

—One of the oldest and most famous of English cities is a thing of the past. The sea has at last swallowed up Dunwich, not suddenly, but slowly through the centuries, undermining and sweeping away bit by bit of the ancient port, till now nothing remains of it but the ruined wall of a priory and the ruins of a church. Hundreds of years ago the danger to the city was foreseen, but no human power could prevent the slow triumph of the waves.

—The hermit nations must pass away before advancing civilization. Korea, hemmed in between the conflict of Russia and Japan, must awaken or be doomed to extinction as a nation. The character of the Koreans is a riddle. While western civilization has introduced into Korea many modern inventions, as the telegraph and telephone, the people are still living in mud huts, ploughing with iron-pointed poles, and stretching ropes across the streets to bear paper prayers for the prevention of disease. War may win territory, but it

is the work of Christian missions to win the people and save the nation.

—An invention of great interest is now widely exploited by several factories in Vienna. They use up 20,000 quarts of skimmed milk daily to make substitutes for marble, ivory, celluloid, bernstein, hard rubber, etc. The milk, otherwise almost valueless, is prepared with formalin and other substances, which process causes it to form into a white, easily-handled stone, which is unaffected by either fire or water. It is entirely elastic and can be easily cut. All sort of articles for use and ornament are made from this milkstone.

### THE IMPERIALISM OF MISSIONS.

Christianity is a religion of conquest. Its plans are imperial. The prophets who foretold the gospel age saw the universal triumph of the church. The "earth was to be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." The scion of the house of Jesse was to have world-wide and everlasting dominion.

Cæsar was the greatest of the Roman generals. He was the first to be dignified with the title of Imperator; he first showed an ambition for world-wide conquest. But compared with Christ Cæsar's vision was provincial. He was limited to a comparatively few nations, and a brief space of time; but Christ o'er-leaped all the ages, and with divine prescience sought the conquest of the race.

The spirit of the early church was imperial. Before three centuries had passed, the Roman empire had been conquered. Political disaster did not dampen its ardor. The avalanche of barbarism from the north, which overwhelmed the Roman civilization, but added zest to their ambition for conquest, for it revealed new peoples to be evangelized. Even the dark ages, with all their blasting, withering blight, could not quench the spirits of Christ-illuminated men like Assisi and Xavier, in whom ambition to bring the nations to the feet of the Christ burned as an unquenchable fire. The ensign of the cross which fell from their hands was caught up by Carey, Judson, and others, and handed on to us, to whom is given the most stupendous task, the grandest opportunity of all. Our world is the widest, the most populous, the most accessible of all, and our facilities for conquering it are the greatest.

Great undertakings require large means. The commercial conquests of a single empire enlists billions of dollars capital. This is business sagacity. What should its evangelization call forth? It is estimated that 500,000,000 of the earth's population have been won to Christ, while 1,000,000,000 still "bow down to wood and stone." According to the latest statistics only 1,315,544 of these acknowledge our Christ as Lord. Last year Protestant Christendom gave only \$16,310,424 to win the Christless nations, \$0.016 for the salvation of a soul. Have we a Christ-like vision of our task? This is no little business. It is an undertaking of the first magnitude, requiring the highest talent and the broadest liberality. May the imperialism of the gospel possess us until our plans shall reveal a proper conception of our Master's purposes.—*Chris. Evangelist.*

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### OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—St. Andrews Church, Presbyterian, St. John, has called Rev. David Lang to the pastorate. Mr. Lang is a Canadian, but now located in a New York town.

—Rev. Dr. Steele, of Amherst, N. S., was presented with \$485 by his fellow citizens last week. Dr. Steele was for many years pastor of the Baptist church in Amherst, and has had his home there since retiring. He is held in high esteem.

—A Church of England Sunday school teachers conference was held in St. John last week. Bishop Kingdon presided, and the number of clergymen present was large, and there were about fifty delegates. Sunday school methods were discussed.

—The St. John Y. M. C. A. building fund received \$1,000 by the will of the late Mr. C. H. Dearborn.

—Never in the history of Methodism in Canada has the demand for laborers in the home field been so pressing as during the current year. The rapid settlement of the Northwest is creating necessities which the church cannot and dare not refuse to grapple with. Some fifty more missionaries are required to cope with existing calls and opportunities in that part of our country. Two new conferences are to be organized in June, according to the recent action of the General Conference special committee. This will make four conferences for the Northwest, including British Columbia, with a total missionary force of 326 ministers and probationers, where thirty years ago not more than a dozen missionaries could be found. The advance is something phenomenal, and would have staggered the church in the earlier years if such extensions had been proposed as are the distinct features of the missionary policies and programmes of today.

—A new Presbyterian church at Loggieville, North. Co., was dedicated last Sunday.

### Marriages.

CHASE-MORSE.—At the Free Baptist Parsonage, Grand Harbor, May 5th, by Rev. A. M. McNitch, Clarence Chase, of Seal Cove, and Maurita Morse, of White Head, Grand Manan.

HENDERSON-COLEMAN.—At 181 Waterloo street, St. John, on the 19th May, by Rev. C. T. Phillips, James W. Henderson, of Shannon, Queens Co., and Miss May Coleman, of the same place.

### Deaths.

Cox.—At Canning, N. S., April 30th, Sarah, widow of the late Welner Cox, and second daughter of the late Rev. J. B. Norton, in the eighty-fourth year of her age, with a bright hope of eternal life.

PADGETT.—At Lower Windsor, Car. Co., May 7th, of grippe, Dora C., aged one year and twenty-three days, daughter of Coles and Emma Padgett.—H. A. B.

HAYWARD.—At Lower Windsor, Car. Co., May 10th, of grippe, Mary J., aged five months, infant daughter of Wm. and Annie Hayward.—H. A. B.

GAYTON.—At Knowlesville, Car. Co., May 13th, Wendall A., aged 12 years and 6 months, son of Charles and Mina Gayton. Much sympathy is felt in the community for the bereaved parents, as only a few months ago they buried their only daughter. May God sustain as He only can, is our fervent prayer.—H.A.B.

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