

A LAMENTABLE CONFESSION.

The *Epworth Herald*, organ of the Young People's societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church, tells this story of how the pulpit is in some cases silenced by the rum traffic:

Talking with a brother minister not long since, we asked what was being done for temperance in his town. "Practically nothing," he replied. Urging upon him the personal duty of beginning an attack on the saloons, he parried our appeals for a while, but at length broke out substantially in the following confession and statement:

"I know I am not doing what I ought. It is a question of bread and butter for myself and family with me. But if I satisfied my conscience by attacking the saloons, I would alienate some of the financial supporters of my church who are interested in them. This would cripple my church finances, and some of my official members would at once complain to my presiding elder that I was an injudicious man, and that they must have a change. At the conference the presiding elder would report this to the bishop, and as a consequence I would be sent away to a place unable to give me decent support. I say my silence is a matter of bread and butter with me."

If there is even a color of fact in it, as there is too much ground to fear, we need to cleanse ourselves of such sin. Should the church ever become a terror to righteousness, instead of evil-doers, then would she indeed be that anti-Christ which it would be the duty of all good men to destroy as the chief hindrance of Christ's incoming kingdom.

A WEEK'S RECORD.

Besides the daily police court record of what are called "common drunks," St. John had last week the following cases due to drink:

The police were called into three homes to quiet disturbances and prevent abuse by drunken men—one a brother, one a son, and one a husband.

A man killed by a train near Milford on the C. P. R. just outside the city. He had been drinking.

A man found dead in a hotel just after a drinking bout.

A man sent to jail for 12 months for assault while drunk.

Three men sent to the penitentiary for theft.

One sentenced to the penitentiary for two years, and sentence suspended, on account of his mother and sister, if he remains out of the city for two years.

A man sent to jail for seven months for using obscene language and for assault.

There were, probably, other like cases; these came under our notice in the papers. Greatly more numerous are the horrible things constantly resulting from the drink habit, which never get into the public record. What a delightful traffic it is which flourishes by producing such things.

ACADIA UNIVERSITY.—At the closing exercises of the Baptist institutions at Wolfville, the president, Dr. Trotter, spoke of the highly successful year they had had, and outlined important readjustments and enlargements of the curriculum. A course leading to the degree of bachelor of science is to be established, also an abbreviated science course. This policy has received the endorsement of the corporation of McGill University, and a definite understanding has been reached respecting the recognition of the science work at Acadia by the faculty of applied science at McGill.

News of the Churches.

REV. C. T. PHILLIPS.—Referring to the resignation of Rev. C. T. Phillips, pastor of the Waterloo St. church, St. John, the *Daily Sun* of that city says:

It cannot be said that Mr. Phillips is a restless pastor, or that his congregations have been dissatisfied. He has been thirty-five years in the ministry, and Waterloo street is his third pastorate. For fifteen years Mr. Phillips was pastor of the Free Baptist church at Sussex. His succeeding pastorate at Woodstock was of exactly the same length. Mr. Phillips came to St. John on the retirement of the late Rev. J. W. Clarke in 1899. He was previously well known to the readers of the *Free Baptist* paper as a contributor of bright and racy articles. "What the Deacon Said" was an interesting feature in the *INTELLIGENCER* of later years. Mr. Phillips was also a Saturday contributor to the *St. John Star*. He joined the New Brunswick Historical Society shortly after his arrival, and is now a member of the executive and a regular attendant at the meetings and a contributor to the transactions. His paper on the history of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, which was published in the *Sun*, was first read to the Historical Society. Mr. Phillips is now president of the Evangelical Alliance. He has been actively connected with the work of the Associated Charities and is identified with many city interests and activities. In his own church Mr. Phillips is greatly beloved. He is a man of quick and impulsive sympathy, with a genial humor and cheerful disposition. His reading covers a wide range, and his preaching is fresh, individual and vigorous.

DEER ISLAND, N. B.—We have got moved and settled. The work is moving along nicely. The people are very kind and thoughtful, and I am enjoying my work much. The brethren at Fair Haven intend repairing the church before District meeting, and we are looking forward to the meetings with anticipations of much help and great blessings. The C. E. Society and Children's Band held a united meeting Saturday evening, and gave some recitations, dialogues and music, adapted to the topic, which was missionary. A collection was taken amounting to \$10, for which we were very grateful. We have the Sunday school organized in all three churches, with an average membership of 40 scholars. Both churches and pastor are united in asking the prayers of the brethren for the prosperity of God's cause in this part of his vineyard.

J. J. BONNELL.

MINISTERS.—Licentiate Boyer went to Dover last week and began work there Sunday.

The *INTELLIGENCER* office had a pleasant call from Rev. J. N. Barnes, Thursday of last week. He was en route to Queens Co. to fill appointments there. His health is much improved, and he expects to be able to keep steadily at work during the summer.

Licentiate Manzer went to Prince William and Queensbury at the end of the week, and was there Sunday. He will probably remain through the summer.

Rev. John Perry, we regret to hear, is not in very good health.

Licentiate Bolster supplied the pulpit of the Waterloo St. church, St. John, on the 29th ult.

Rev. A. J. Prosser came out of the hospital at Woodstock on Friday, the 3rd inst., after a stay of eleven days. While there he underwent a surgical operation for the removal of cancer from the back. He is spending this week at Wilson's Beach. The people at Pembroke presented Bro. Prosser with a purse of \$33 a few days ago.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Presbyterian ministers occupied the pulpits of nearly all the Protestant churches in St. John last Sunday.

—At the annual meeting of the First Baptist church, Moncton, held Thursday evening, reports were presented showing the total membership to be 1,100, including non-residents; added during the year, 35; three Sabbath schools, the average attendance at the principal one being 359; money raised, \$5,384.40.

—The parishioners of Rev. Father Meahan, of the Roman Catholic Church, Moncton, made him a present of a horse and carriage, Friday.

—The Fredericton Circle of the King's Daughters have elected Misses Myra McLeod and Edna Golding delegates to the annual convention of the Canadian branch of the order to be held in Toronto, in September. Misses Jean Cooper and Anna B. Vanwart were chosen as substitutes.

—The Methodist Conference of New Brunswick and P. E. Island meets in Fredericton on Wednesday of next week. The Nova Scotia Conference meets in Halifax the same day.

—Rev. E. S. Steeves (Baptist), of Glace Bay, N. S., has accepted a call to Sackville.

—Rev. D. Henderson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, in Chatham, has been voted six months leave of absence, his health being poor.

—Rev. David Lang, the new pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, St. John, was ordained Tuesday evening, and installed as pastor.

—Rev. W. H. Smith, pastor of the Baptist church at Florenceville, N. B., has resigned, and will relinquish his work about the middle of July.

—The annual meeting of the Reformed Baptists will begin at Brown's Flat camp ground on the 29th inst.

PANAMA.—According to "The Statesman's Year Book" for 1904, the extreme length of Panama, the newest "Republic," is 480 miles, and its breadth varies between 37 and 110 miles. The total area is 31,570 square miles, and the population, according to an estimate of 1898, is about 340,000. The inhabitants are of a mixed race, comprising Spanish, Indian and Negro elements. The capital of the State, Panama, on the Pacific coast, had, in 1902, about 28,000 inhabitants, and Colon, or Aspinwall, on the Atlantic Coast, 3,000. Another Atlantic port of some importance is Bocas del Toro. Although manufacturing or other industries scarcely exist in Panama, there is a certain amount of hope and encouragement in the statement that a small factory for soap is one of its struggling enterprises.

General Religious News.

—A society was founded in Norway in 1902 for the distribution of prayer books and religious tracts among the school children and youth of that country, especially the candidates for confirmation. It is the first society of the kind in that country. Last year it distributed over 60,000 copies of prayer books and tracts.

—In the American Baptist church, north, from 1869 to the present—a period of thirty-five years, the ministers have increased from 8,695 to 31,895—almost four fold. The churches have increased from twelve thousand to forty-five thousand; and the membership, in the same proportion, from 1,121,988 to 4,506,747.

—In Yokohama is a large Christian printing company which has 120 persons in its employ, and all these are gathered every Monday morning for a religious service before beginning the work of the week. The manager is an elder in the Presbyterian church, and the company has a large business not only through Japan but in Korea, China and the Philippine Islands.

—The McAll Mission in France founds no churches, but feeds many. It also sends many workers into the vineyard. Two converts of the Mission in Marseilles, with their wives, have lately joined the Congo Mission. One after taking a course in a training school is now in charge of the McAll station at Desvres, in the north of France. Three girl converts after taking a course of study are now Bible women in Paris. These form only one of nearly one hundred stations of this mission.

—In London, not long ago, a lay preacher, Mr. F. N. Charrington, celebrated an event believed to be unique in the annals of Christian work, the completion of ten thousand consecutive nights of Gospel work at one place. The mission was begun by him 33 years ago. It now has a membership of 2,500, "every member" of which is "an active worker." Many varieties of religious and philanthropic work are carried on. Especially active is the "Men's Own," a band who stand at public house doors and persuade men in coming out to attend the evangelistic meetings. Mr. Charrington has a "temperance island" not far from London, where "if a man wants a drink he will have to swim four miles for it," and from which he hopes great things.

Marriages.

EAGLES-TAYLOR.—At the residence of the bride's father, June 1st, by Rev. W. H. Perry, Frederick R. Eagles and Ina S. Taylor, eldest daughter of Gesner A. Taylor, Esq., both of Salisbury, Westmorland Co.

Deaths.

VANWART.—In St. John, on May 28th, Daniel Nelson Vanwart, aged 55 years, son of the late David Vanwart, of Kars, Kings Co., leaving a wife, a son, brother and sister to mourn.

CLINE.—At Wilson's Beach, May 18th, John G., aged 11 months and 7 days, infant son of Geo. K. and Clara P. Cline.

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NEWMAN.—At Wilson's Beach, May 22nd, Hilda L., infant daughter of Arthur W. and Evelyn S. Newman.—O. N. MOTT.