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Barrington, N. S., Oct. 5, 1904.

To Pastors and Churches.

The letter of the Conference Committee on Baptist Union has been sent to pastors for their churches. For churches that are without pastors, the letter has been sent to their clerks. If any pastor or church fails to receive the letter, kindly notify the undersigned.

Jos. McLEOD,
For the Com.

Fredericton, N. B.

General Religious News.

—At the close of the revival campaign of Gipsy Smith in Johannesburg, the Boers joined with the English in a great thanksgiving service, the Dutch members of the congregation rising and joining in one of their favorite psalms. The enemies in war were one in peace, and race was forgotten in religious joy.

—Preaching by telephone is the latest device employed by ministers to reach absent hearers. The Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, has connected his church with a city hospital by means of telephones, and with megaphones strung in front of the pulpit and receivers in the hospital wards, his words are distinctly heard by the patients.

—There are in Toronto and its suburbs 22 Baptist churches, with 6,107 members, and 27 Sunday Schools, with 722 teachers and 6,118 scholars. For the most part the church edifices are a credit to the denomination. The Toronto Baptist Church Extension Board is doing good service in aiding the weaker churches to secure comfortable houses of worship.

—There are 500,000,000 nominal Christians in a total world's population of 1,500,000,000. The task of Christianizing this one billion five hundred millions of people should not leave the different branches of the church much time or inclination for squabbling among themselves.

—The Church of the Disciples, or the Christian Church, in the United States, are taking active steps to house their congregations, which are outstripping the accommodations in many parts of the country. Its growth has been especially rapid through the Middle West, in Kentucky and Tennessee, while it is numerically and financially strong in Kansas. The church, until within recent years, has taken comparatively little interest in mission work, but latterly has made considerable effort both in the home and foreign missionary fields. It is at present much interested in the missionary campaign in large cities, and is organizing a bureau which will deal with this question exclusively sparing neither means nor effort to achieve results.

—The Independent Catholic movement in the Philippines, known as the Aglipay movement, is exceedingly active, according to the *Missionary Review of the World*. "It has taken at least 1,000,000 Catholics out of the old Ro-

man Church. Whole provinces have gone over, taking their members, priests and church property. The new church is loosely organized; but it seeks to make the Scriptures the basis of faith and the only true guide in morals. Archbishop Aglipay and his supporters have bought and put into circulation 30,000 Scripture portions since Nov. 1, 1903. The movement has drawn nearly all the thunder of the Romish Church upon itself, so that the Protestants have come off easily. The American bishops of the Roman Church are amazed to find the current setting so strongly away from the old church."

—There are 112 Baptist churches in Russia, with 22,662 members. Religious toleration now has been secured to a greater extent than ever before, and the churches are allowed to worship in peace. In the church at St. Petersburg there are 190 members, Germans, Swedes, Fins, Letts, and Esthonians. They have recently removed to larger quarters and fitted up their new hall at considerable expense. Quite a debt was incurred, and it was a serious question how they could meet it. The time approached for a festival known as "butter week," a time of debauchery and revelry. The idea occurred to some one that while others were engaged in self-indulgence, the church should have a week of special self-denial. All entered heartily into the suggestion, with the result that the debt was entirely cleared and a balance left in the treasury. This will serve as a suggestion to Christians in more favored localities.

WHAT HAPPENED.—A few days ago a party of American missionaries landed at Sierra Leone resolved to use no medicines, and to study no grammars. They believed in healing by faith and in the miraculous gift of tongues. Fever seized upon them, but they refused to take quinine. Two of them quickly died and the mission came to nothing. We have no right to neglect the means of health.

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