

Notes and Gleanings.

—About 60,000 wedding rings are deposited every year at the Paris municipal pawnshop.

—It took just two and one-half minutes to cable a despatch from Melbourne, Australia, to London. The despatch passed through nine relays, and the distance was 17,000 miles.

—In a good many congregations the term Sunday school is being superseded by Bible school, as being more inclusive, more expressive and containing more of invitation to those past the status of childhood.

—An expedition consisting entirely of women has been formed in Australia to explore the Solomon Islands, the home of the fiercest cannibals known. Hitherto white men have been able to penetrate only a few miles inland.

—In the British Museum is an encyclopedia of Chinese literature of 5,020 volumes, covering a period of Chinese history of 2,800 years, from 1100 B. C. to 1700 A. D. It was printed by the Chinese, and is one of but few copies in existence.

—Books are now published at the rate of two hundred thousand a year, and a expert estimates that from the discovery of the art of printing in the middle of the fifteenth century up to the beginning of 1900, 12,163,000 different books were published.

—The Non-conformists who are resisting the new educational laws, under which all are taxed for schools controlled by the Established Church of England, are in London alone, 163,052 Baptists, 158,913 Congregationalists, 122,607 Wesleyans, and 38,986 members of the Salvation Army.

—Mr. Arthur Sherwell has written a book on the "Drink Peril in Scotland," in which he traces the increase in insanity to alcohol. He states that, while the population has increased but forty-nine per cent. since 1858, insanity has increased one hundred and eighty per cent.

—Canada has received, through the National Waifs Association, under Dr. Barnardo's charge, 15,166 boys and girls from England, chiefly of the orphan and waif classes. That so many of these have succeeded in our country speaks well for the management of the Association, though it is a class of immigration over which Canadians do not grow very enthusiastic.

—Professor Russell H. Chittenden, of Yale University, as a result of somewhat extended experiment, has come to the conclusion that the average healthy man eats from two to three times as much as he needs to keep him in perfect physical and mental health and vigor. These views he presented before the National Academy of Sciences last week. This suggests a way to riches that we had never before thought of.

—Last year the population of Ireland showed a further decline. The total revenue was £4,413,000. The amount spent on whiskey and beer alone in 1903 reached the huge total of £11,000,000, and the sum paid to the British Exchequer as excise duty exceeded £6,000,000. The expenditure upon intoxicating drinks of all kinds during the year is estimated at over £14,000,000, which would mean about £15 for each family of five persons. Yet Scotland is really worse in the matter of strong drink than Ireland.

—The German branch of the Evangelical Alliance protests against the re-admission of the Jesuits in Germany. The Alliance points out that Protestant bodies all over Germany have passed strong resolutions against the step, and calls on the Protestant population of

the country to lend its aid in creating sentiment against the Jesuits' re-admission. The Alliance must have strong reasons for taking this decided step, to which it has probably been urged by the well known tendency of Jesuits to mix in politics.

—Here is a word of warning for boys: When Harvey Van Dine, one of the three car-barn bandits of Chicago, was on the scaffold, and just before he was swung into eternity, he said: "I have been misled by evil companionship. I had a good father and a kind mother. If I had read good books and worked steadily at my trade I would now be enjoying the free air and the happiness of liberty."

—The area of Korea is estimated at 82,000 square miles. The population is variously estimated at from eight to sixteen millions. The foreign population consists of about 30,000 Japanese, 5,000 Chinese, 300 Americans, 100 British, 100 French, 100 Russians, 50 Germans, and about 50 of various other nationalities. The postal system is under French direction and has, in addition to the central bureau at Seoul, 37 postal stations in full operation and 326 sub-stations for registered correspondence.

—The figures that are printed every now and then regarding the economic condition of Japan seem quite imposing. When the public reads, for example, that 100,000,000 "yen" have been provisionally set apart by Japan for war purposes, it may put an exaggerated estimate on that amount. Although Japan has a gold standard, the "yen" is silver currency, and fluctuates with the price of silver, so that 100,000,000 "yen" means scarcely more than \$50,000,000. But this is an immense amount in a country in which the expenses of living are so small.

PLAIN WORDS, BUT NEEDED.

Says the *Canadian Baptist*: "Pastors are often brought into great straits and anxiety because their churches have failed to pay them their small salaries when promised. The members of these churches would not think of failing to pay their own workmen as agreed upon. But they do not seem to understand that the church they constitute should be as scrupulously careful to keep its engagements as individuals ought to be. We should like to believe that this is all due to carelessness, and in some cases it may be, but even then the carelessness is cruel and almost criminal. In other cases there is not even this excuse, for it is repeated as pastors succeed each other. If these churches could know the humiliation to which they subject their pastors as they have to ask for what is due them, and even then are not paid; if they knew the anxiety as bills have to be incurred and often borrowing resorted to to keep the wolf from the door, they would surely begin to do better. Hardest of all, perhaps, is the suspicion, for which this culpable carelessness gives ground, that their people cannot appreciate and love them, or they would not be so inconsiderate. If the pastors who are thus left unpaid were in receipt of large salaries, it would not be so grievous. But in almost every case the salaries are all too small. We ask all concerned not only to suffer these plain words, but also to profit by them. Be considerate, be kindly, be Christian in your business as a church.

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JONES-JOHNSON.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Hiram Johnson, Hainsville, York Co., by Rev. J. J. Barnes, Charles E. Jones and Miss Ethel M. Johnson, both of Hainsville, York Co.

WORDEN-McKNIGHT.—At Johnston, Queens County, May 1st, by Rev. David Patterson, Mr. Isaac A. Worden, of Johnston, Queens County, and Miss Rachel J. McKnight, of Studholm, Kings County.

Deaths.

REDSTONE.—At Kingston, K. Co., April 17th, of pneumonia, Annie Redstone, aged 18 years, daughter of Richard Redstone. She was a lovely girl and a Christian of much promise. She was baptized by Rev. H. A. Bonnell, and since her conversion gave the plainest evidences of the new birth. She lived faithful to her Saviour and died happy in His love. She was buried at Snider Mountain cemetery on the 20th ult.—A. W. C.

DUNHAM.—At Johnston, Q. Co., April 27th, 1904, George W. Dunham, in the 60th year of his age. Wife, five sons and one daughter survive him. He was a member of the Free Baptist Church at Hibernia, Queens Co., N. B.—DAVID PATTERSON.

JONES.—At the Victoria Hospital, Fredericton, of bronchial pneumonia, on the 4th inst., Joseph E. Jones, aged 67 years, of Wolfville, N. S. He was at one time a teacher in the old Baptist Seminary in Fredericton.

SHARP.—At Upper Hainsville, York Co., on the 25th ult., of cancer of the stomach, Adam Sharp, in his 80th year. Bro. Sharp was a good man and much respected by all who knew him. At 17 years of age he made a profession of religion and was baptized at the Mouth of the Keswick by the late Dr. I. E. Bill. He united with the Free Baptist Church at Upper Hainsville at the time of its organization, and continued in its fellowship until his death. A few years ago he retired from active life and made his home with his son Allen, by whom and whose wife and family he was lovingly cared for through his last sickness. Bro. Sharp is survived by two sons—Wesley of Presque Isle, Me., and Allen of Upper Hainsville, twenty grand children and a number of great-grand children. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. J. Barnes. The remains were laid to rest in Hainsville Cemetery.—J. J. BARNES.

Marriages.

LOVE-FOREMAN.—At the residence of Mr. Cyrus Lawson, Gibson, N. B., on Wednesday evening, May 4th, by the Rev. H. H. Ferguson, Mr. Charles Love, of Marysville, to Miss Maggie Foreman, of Gibson.