

## Notes and Gleanings.

—Guatemalan ants have been imported into Texas to check the ravages of the boll weevils in the cotton fields and the Texas red ants. After four weeks of captivity and kept on a sugar diet, when let loose they promptly destroyed the boll weevils and red ants.

—Working in mines in the United Kingdom last year were 871,889 persons. Of these the vast majority, 842,066 worked in the coal mines, of which there are 3,449. The other mines, which number 673, employed 29,823 persons. Probably it will come as a surprise to the uninitiated that coal mining gives work to twenty-eight persons to every one person employed in other mines.

—Fort Gyantse, the Gibraltar of Tibet, which stands on the path of the British advance to Lhasa, is built on the face of a rock 300 feet high, and is thoroughly fortified. There are 3,000 warriors in the fort, 2,000 in a monastery near by, and twelve large villages between the fort and the monastery are strongly fortified with walls and cannon.

—In France one murder occurred last year, to each 100,000 of the population. In Northern Italy the rate is four to the 100,000. In the middle provinces, 24; and in Naples and Sicily it is 30. And yet we are importing more immigrants from Southern Italy than from any other part of Europe. The best method of dealing with the question would be to limit immigration from all Italy to 5,000 persons a year.

—Some years ago portions of Southern Alberta were marked as "arid," and more recently these same portions were marked "semi-arid." But on a farm in one of these very portions a farmer recently raised twenty-five thousand bushels of wheat and netted a profit of twelve and a half dollars an acre. Clearly, if such results are obtainable, there must be a decided revision of statement as to the part of the country referred to. Such crops are not the produce of land either "arid" or "semi-arid." And what must be the possibilities of the vast prairies, to which such adjectives have no application!

—A census report for 1904 shows the number of white and colored people in British South Africa. In four colonies there are 1,121,133 whites, and 3,308,464 blacks, distributed as follows: Cape Colony, 580,380 whites, 1,825,172 colored; Transvaal and Swaziland, 300,225, and 1,053,975, respectively; Orange River Colony, 143,419 and 241,626; Natal, 97,109 and 187,691. Native areas are not included in the Natal returns. The returns for southern Rhodesia refer to the white population only. In Matabeleland and Mashonaland combined there are 120,23 Europeans.

—A study of the northwestern corner of Asia shows that the inhabitants of this portion of Siberia resemble the Indians of Alaska, both in appearance and customs. They are separated from Northern Alaska by only a little bit of sea, easily crossed by boat, probably, in several winters of early ages, it has been crossed by sledges on the ice. There was probably more or less communication between Asia and Alaska during prehistoric periods, and the people on both sides of the strait are probably of the same general stock.

## What Others Say.

### INDULGENCE.

Undue parental indulgence spoils many a child. And the spoiled child will grow up to be no comfort to parents, to be very unhappy in its own mature years, and a general nuisance to those about it as it is growing up.—*United Presbyterian.*

### A GREAT SHAME.

One reason that men give for not taking a more active part in the work of the church to which they belong is that there are so many shams in the church, but the greatest sham of all is the man who professes to be a follower of Christ and does not follow—just sits down.—*Cumberland Presbyterian.*

### THE BENEDICTION.

A prominent minister of our church recently said: In my attendance at church during this summer I have heard more than one clergyman change the "You" in the Apostolic Benediction to "Us." This turns the benediction into a prayer, and if it is still regarded as a benediction, it puts the officiating clergyman in the position of pronouncing a benediction upon himself. Speaking in his official character he speaks for the Lord, and should in the Apostolic Benediction always say "You," which is according to the Scripture.—*Chris. Intelligencer.*

### DID NOT TRY.

When a Christian falls into sin it is idle for him to insist that he could not help it. The trouble was that he did not want to help it strongly enough to impel him to seek divine aid in resisting the evil desire. The Spirit says through Paul: "He will not suffer you to be tempted—or tried—above what you are able to bear, but will with the temptation provide a way of escape." If we fall it is because we do not ask for help of Him who is mighty to save.—*The Examiner.*

### THEIR BEHAVIOUR.

The strength of a church, in any community, depends, for the most part, upon the behaviour of its individual members. When a church loses its good name in a community, or when it has failed to establish a good name, it is vain to hope for deliverance and victory, unless it be by direct interposition from on high. Churches are suffering because of the ill-repute into which dishonest, or impure, or factious leaders have brought them. Many a pastor's efforts are nullified by the malodor arising from the church he is serving.—*Rel. Telescope.*

### UNANSWERABLE.

The best argument for Christianity is to be found in its miracles of grace. What can the worst enemies of Christ say against the drunkards that have been reclaimed, the liars that have been made truthful, the unclean who have been made chaste, the hard and grasping who have been made tender and benevolent, the depraved who have been lifted up and refined; the scoffing and profane who have shown every sign of becoming new creatures, the hateful and envious of becoming loving and contented.—*The Commonwealth.*

### "MY METHOD."

Sabbath desecration should be put down. Gambling should be stamped out. The liquor trade, the colossal evil of this country, should be ended. All good men agree to these propositions when put in academic form, but almost any twelve men who meet to discuss the best way to put them down will differ so much about the method of

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doing the work that nothing at all will be done. The Sabbath desecrators will stand together. The gamblers will be a unit. The liquor men will form a solid column, but the moral reformers will discuss and disagree and perhaps do nothing. Indeed we may be thankful if they do not end the discussion by abusing one another. "My method or nothing," seems to be the motto of too many people who engage in moral reform work.—*Knoxonian.*

### NEWS OF CHURCHES.

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kindness to us. Fishermen and other dwellers by the sea do not "wear their hearts upon their sleeves," and they are not as demonstrative and "gushing" as some persons who do not mean all they say when they tell us how glad they are to see us. But those who have had experience of it know how big and generous are the hearts of these men and women whose homes are the islands of the sea. Many friendships were formed, and as the bonds that unite us are Christian, they will not soon be broken.

The last meeting of the session was held on Monday evening. Bro. Mott preached, and God helped him to help us, and then warm testimonies were given; those who had no opportunity to speak, voted their love for the Master, and then we sang "God be with you till we meet again," and we parted to meet only God knows where.

"How kind the people were," we all said as we came away. "They did all they could for us, and it cost them something of toil when Ventanus would not fill the sails. When we left, Tuesday morning, for Eastport, the harbor was as quiet as a mill pond, there was scarcely a breath of wind. And then a good Methodist friend, Frank McDonald, with his gasoline launch, towed us. It seemed so funny—that little launch, no larger than a row boat, pulling the big boat along, filled with men and women. It reminded some of us of Dickens' Joe Gargle, the great strong man, led about by a little woman whom

he could have crushed with his fingers, but of whom he was mortally afraid. But such is life. We are led by seemingly insignificant forces; and the swift do not always win the race, nor the strong the battle. COM.

MINISTERS.—Rev. W. C. Kierstead spent a day or two last week calling on old friends in Fredericton and Gibson. Rev. W. C. Kierstead preached in St. John (West) last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. R. W. Ferguson, is away on vacation.

Rev. A. M. McNitch preached in Fredericton last Sunday.

Rev. C. T. Phillips went from the Seventh District meeting to Whitehead, Grand Manan, to spend a week.

Rev. A. A. Rideout, Lewiston, Me., is on a visit to Hartland, his old home.

Licentiate Wilson has been invited to remain pastor of the Gibson church next year.

## Marriages.

VANWART-INGRAHAM.—At the residence of Wellington Shepherd, Mouth of Keswick, Aug. 17th, 1904, by Rev. Dr. Heine, Mr. George H. VanWart to Miss Lizzie Ingraham, both of Queensbury.

FORSYTH-CLARKE.—At Connell, Carleton Co., on the 10th inst., at the residence of John N. Perry, by Rev. J. Perry, Mr. Burton F. Forsyth, of Greenfield, Carleton Co., and Miss Evelyne Clarke, of Centreville, Carleton Co.

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