

Notes and Gleanings.

—A Milwaukee minister is said to have granted to certain of his flock the sole right to advertise on the walls of the church!

—The richest man in Greenland is a Mr. Kor-ko-ya. He owns a small fleet of fishing boats, and has about \$1,500 laid away. But in Greenland this is about the same thing as being a millionaire in any other part of the world.

—The bankruptcy laws in Russia are very severe. A merchant can be declared bankrupt if the liabilities exceed \$772 and he has not the ready cash to meet them. He can be arrested and his detention depends on the good will of his creditors.

—In the Egyptian department of the British Museum is a wooden doll which was found in the sarcophagus of a little princess who died three centuries before Christ. Her baby fingers still clasped it when the mummy wrappings were unfolded.

—Indian fishermen to the number of 500 on the Skeena River, British Columbia, are on strike for 10 cents a fish, the canneries refusing to give more than 8½ cents. Indian women have also refused to work in the canneries unless the demand of the strikers is met.

—The Sultan of Morocco's antics in purchasing thousands of dollars' worth of automobiles, cameras, bicycles and all kinds of toys while his soldiers are on the point of revolt because there is no money to pay them, shows that he is no more suited to the discharge of his duties than the average steamboat inspector.

—A Nebraska woman has been granted \$5,000 damages against a company for debauching her husband by selling him liquor. She testified that her husband who was a good stone mason, earning thirty-eight cents an hour, after purchasing liquor from the defendants, became so debauched that he would not work, neglected his family, and compelled his wife to support them. The fine was the full amount allowed by law.

—A French agriculturalist has been experimenting with bees as messengers. He has discovered that they will return to their hives from a distance of about four miles in twenty minutes, bringing despatches after the manner of homing pigeons. The pigeons will retrace a distance of 500 or even 1,000 miles, and are in little danger of being driven out of business.

—Arauan is a town in the desert of Sahara. Nothing grows there, or near there. Though the people raise nothing and have nothing, the town of about one hundred houses has stood among the great sand dunes for generations. It is on the caravan route from Timbuktu, and branching off from it is a road to Algeria, and another to Morocco. The one reason for its existence is that, occupying a depression in the desert water is obtainable by digging deep wells, and the supply is inexhaustible. The largest caravans can get all they need. Everything the people of the town need has to be brought from Timbuktu, a distance of one hundred miles. And for every thing they pay with water.

NEWS OF CHURCHES.

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It was a large and representative gathering. The address was given by myself, from Psalm 133: 1. All present were deeply impressed. Many of the witnesses were noticeably affected. Rev. Mr. Wallace, who has been engaged in evangelistic work for many years, spoke of it as having been "a model prayer meeting." These social services are being continued regularly with good results.

I am glad to be able to report that a large proportion of the membership of both churches, including the strongest members, are heartily in accord with the action taken by the Convention and Conference, and that they are anxious for the consummation of the union. We have good reasons to believe that the vote when taken will be carried unanimously in favor of union. We find that most of the hesitation to support union here is due to misinformation. The Lord will certainly help us all to deal successfully with this most important question. Let us go patiently forward.

J. CLEMENT WILSON.

Oct. 29, 1904.

ST. JOHN, WEST.—It has been so long since I have reported to the INTELLIGENCER that it is with something of shame I now pen this. Interested so much as I am in the reports of the brethren, I feel that they are equally interested in mine. Therefore, in pleading for forgiveness for past remissness, I promise better things and would urge all to be not forgetful of their duty in this respect as I have been so often.

We have just about fairly got started for a new year—the third of my pastorate here. I am glad to say that it has opened very auspiciously. Our annual business meeting was held last Friday evening. It was largely attended. The reports of the year's work were most encouraging. The finances have been splendidly sustained. Without the least extraordinary effort, such as suppers, sales, etc., we have met all ordinary expenditure, as well as some \$350.00 special expenditures in repairs and improvements. Besides all of which there is on hand a fund of \$600.00, which sum being in hand entitles us to a further sum of \$500.00, a legacy from our late Deacon A. C. Smith, of much loved memory. It is purposed to use this sum of \$1,100.00 for permanent church improvements.

In our denominational work I am also pleased to report increased interest. We have set a standard, these last two years, of a contribution of \$50.00 to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and have easily paid it. Our foreign and home mission contributions have been nearly doubled. So we "thank God and take courage" for these things. They are good. Yet even greater things we are asking of God—an ingathering of precious souls and a deepening of spiritual life. The purposes of the kingdom need these things much.

At the close of our business meeting action was taken on Baptist union, when, on motion of Deacon Jas. S. Clark, seconded by Deacon W. O. Slipp, approval was voted.

R. W. FERGUSON.

Nov. 1st.

HOUSE FURNISHINGS.

Carpets, Carpets,
Oil Cloths, Linoleums, Rugs,
Mattings, Art Squares.

We are showing an immense stock of the above in the latest designs and colorings.

Lace Curtains, Curtain Muslins, etc.,
a big display.

Tennant, Davies & Clarke

Marriages.

LEONARD-MCLANNAN.—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Caledonia, N. S., October 24th, by Rev. L. A. Cosman, John Leonard, of Elsford, and Mrs. Nellie McLannan, of North Brookfield.

COULTER-BALL.—At Oromocto, on the 26th ult., by Rev. E. H. Cochrane, Ancil Coulter, of Vanceboro, Me., and Etta May, daughter of Mr. John Ball, of Oromocto.

ESTABROOKS-BREWER.—At Woodstock, on 25th ult., by the Rev. F. Allison Currier, A. M., Mr. Fred. M. Estabrooks to Miss Lizzie E. Brewer, both of Woodstock, N. B.

HOULTON-SMITH.—At Woodstock, on the 26th inst., by the Rev. F. Allison Currier, A. M., Mr. James W. Houlton, of Houlton, Me., to Miss Isabel Smith, eldest daughter of Mr. Thos. Smith, of Woodstock.

HEATH-SCUDDER.—At the Stephenson House, Woodstock, on the 26th ult., by the Rev. F. Allison Currier, A. M., Mr. Frank A. Heath to Miss May L. Scudder, both of Sherman Mills, Me.

Deaths.

CARR.—At Geary, S. Co., October 28, Miss Hilda Carr, aged 75 years. Five sisters, one brother, and a niece whom she brought up mourn her death. Funeral on the 30th inst., conducted by Licentiate H. R. Boyer.

BART.—On September 29th, 1904, at Tacoma, Wash., Estella A. Bart, wife of C. W. Bart, and daughter of Dr. Thomas W. Musgrove, in her 35th year. She leaves a daughter, aged 8 years, and a son, aged 2 years, besides her husband to mourn her death.

SNOW.—In Woodstock, Holland Snow, the bright young son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Snow, died on Wednesday, aged 13 years, all but four days. He had been ill from an attack of meningitis. He was a great favorite with all, and the parents have the sincere sympathy of the public in their sad bereavement. The funeral services were conducted on Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. F. A. Currier.

THE TOBIQUE.—The vote of the churches (four) on the Tobique has been taken according to instructions, and I am happy to be able to report a unanimous vote in favor of Baptist union.

T. D. BELL.

MINISTERS.—Rev. A. W. Currie was in Carleton Co. a few days ago. He preached at Lakeville.

Rev. A. J. Prosser preached to the Orangemen of St. John last Sunday.

Rev. T. O. DeWitt's health has improved somewhat and he is able to be out. He fears, however, that he will not be able to go about much this winter.

Licentiate J. G. Perry writes that he is enjoying his work at the Divinity School.

Rev. J. H. Erb has been suffering from a carbuncle since his return to Texas. He says "Webster's definition of carbuncle—a rare gem—is not correct, unless he means that it is a gem as a pain producer." He is getting better now. He sends love to all the brethren.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Rev. Mr. Pritchard, of Granby, P. Q., has accepted a call to the Congregational church, St. John, and entered upon his work last Sunday.

—Rev. Dr. Potts, of Toronto, preached at the anniversary services of Centenary Methodist church, St. John, last Sunday.

—Bishop Casey (Roman Catholic) of St. John, has gone to Rome to pay his respects to the Pope. It is his first visit to the Papal headquarters.

—Messrs. Crossley and Hunter are announced to hold evangelistic meetings in Cape Breton in January.

—At Clementsport, N. S., on the 24th, A. H. Saunders was ordained and inducted as pastor of the Baptist church.

—The late Martin Lemont bequeathed \$400 to the Fredericton Methodist church, and \$100 to Victoria Hospital.