

Beyond Missionary Union is at work, although education is both compulsory and free, at least 25,000 children are roaming the streets because there is no accommodation for them. The Union is meeting with much encouragement in connection with its efforts, but these are limited to certain towns. Since the dominion of Spain was thrown off, the country has improved in many directions.

Liberty to sell the Bible being now very generally accorded in the South American republics, the colporter has a wide field. The Bible societies are doing important work among European and North American immigrants, especially to the Argentine Republic. The Moravians settled 170 years ago in Dutch Guiana, and now have a constituency of 20,000 members. One of the most notable colporters in South America is Mr. Emilio Olssen, whose report of his work a few months ago when he visited England awakened that new interest in the "neglected continent." Mr. Olssen was present at the conference mentioned above and spoke impressively. During a work of twenty years in South America he had travelled 50,000 miles—under conditions it will be remembered of extreme difficulty—visiting every country on the continent, disposing of 20,000 copies of the Scriptures among no fewer than 242 nationalities and tribes. In view of the extent and the complicated difficulties of the problem of evangelizing South America, it would be well if, as was urged at this convention, a union of Protestant missions could be effected in Brazil, and co-operative effort organized in other parts of the continent, with a view to preventing overlapping or waste of money and labor.

News of the Churches.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—I wish to acknowledge the receipt of a fur cap and pair of fur gauntlets, the gift of the church at Rusiagornish. They were intended for a Christmas present, but my going home prevented them being given at that time. Also, our friends at French Lake remembered us. Our friends on the entire pastorate have been very kind. God bless them.

E. H. COCHRANE.

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FROM REV. J. NOBLE.—I have been thinking for some time about writing to let my friends know that I am yet on this side of "the river," but not very useful. I thought along in the autumn months and the first of the winter I would keep up a regular supply, but when Bro. Paul came on the field and met the need so much better than I could, and then Bro. Patterson came, and the weather got cold and stormy, I gave up to the men who are strong and able to do the work more successfully. I am glad to know that Bro. Paul and Bro. Hart have had some success in Lindsay, and I hope Bro. Patterson may take the Victoria and Connell pastorate; I know they could not get a better pastor. Bro. Prosser is doing well on his pastorate, growing more and more in the affections of the people. I am glad and happy to know that this upper part

AN INTELLIGENCER MONTH.

Last week we asked that Free Baptist pastors and other friends of the INTELLIGENCER and the cause it represents to make February a special INTELLIGENCER month. Reasons why it should be done were given. If any failed to read them, or have forgotten them, please turn to last week's paper and read "A Talk with the Ministers."

Three Things Needed.

The three things we want are:

1. Renewals for 1904 from all present subscribers.
2. More subscribers in every congregation.
3. The payment of all arrears.

To secure these things we are asking the help of the pastors. And we are asking them to make special effort during this month.

We know how busy you are, brethren, and wish we might avoid making this call on your time and efforts. But it cannot be avoided. The INTELLIGENCER needs your active influence now.

Get Them All.

** In every congregation there are renewals now due. Secure their prompt payment.

** In many congregations there are subscribers in arrears. Secure their immediate payment.

** In every congregation there are families that do not take the INTELLIGENCER. Secure them as subscribers.

All At It.

While we are earnestly requesting pastors to make February a special INTELLIGENCER month, we trust that all friends of the paper will endeavor to extend its circulation. One new name from every present subscriber would be a fine thing. Just try it!

** Begin the work at once, and keep at it systematically, earnestly, patiently, during the whole month. Such effort will surely be successful.

of our denominational field is being so well provided for, and therein so well protected.

Having spoken of others, I will say a little about myself. As stated above, I would keep up a regular appointment as a supply, but while, for reasons mentioned, I had to give it up, I could not give up work altogether. So one fine morning I left home for Campbell Settlement to be with them in their conference, and on Sunday morning. But before night it began to snow, and it continued snowing all night. The next day (Sunday) was fine and we had a good meeting. In the afternoon I intended to have gone to Temple, but the road was drifted and the crossing not very good. Monday I visited some old friends and drove home. As soon as the way opens I intend to go to Temple and at least make them a visit. As I lie in my bed and think how useless I am now, something speaks and says, 'You have seen good done,' and my mind runs over the many places where the Lord has blessed my labors in His name. I must now close lest the readers tire of reading the old man's old tale. Good by.

J. NOBLE.

ST. JOHN.—A very successful concert was held in the basement of the Waterloo street church last night under the auspices of the young people of the congregation. George Currie occupied the chair, and the following fine programme, which was much appreciated by the large audience, was rendered: Instrumental trio, Misses Frodsham and Bessie Duval; reading, Miss Pearl Everett; instrumental duet, Messrs. Long and Burrell; solo, Chas. Knight; instrumental duet, C. Gray and A. Ramsay; reading, Miss B. Dunfield; clarionette solo, Mr. Burrell; piano duet, Mrs. and Miss Dunfield; solo, Mr. Galley; reading, Mr. Shaw; solo, Herbert Mayes; reading, Miss Elderkin; solo, Mr. Wood; dialogue, Master McEachern and Miss Ingraham; reading, Miss Davis. During the evening John Frodsham gave some very fine gramophone selections.—*Friday Telegraph.*

MINISTERS.—Rev. L. A. Fenwick was in Fredericton Thursday. He reports the work in the First District moving on fairly well. The extreme cold and the storms of January have interfered somewhat with the regularity of services and the attendance,

General Religious News.

—The scarcity of Sunday school teachers is causing much anxiety to London clergymen. In many parishes the teachers complain that their classes are too large to be dealt with effectively, and helpers are not forthcoming, even from among crowded congregations.

—That is a startling statement of the field secretary of the American Tract Society, Rev. Dr. Bliss, that "more than half the entire population of the six New England States is of other than New England stock, and New England has become in a large degree missionary ground."

—The Young Women's Christian Association of Australia "came to age" on November 26, 1903, and celebrated its anniversary in Melbourne town hall with appropriate ceremonies. The Governor of the State was in the chair and ministers of all denominations spoke. Special features of this association are the travelers' aid and a Christian Home for Girls, not working girls of the city, but strangers from over-sea and from other States and country towns.

—The statistics of Congregationalism in the United Kingdom, taken from the Year Book for 1904, are interesting. There are now 4,847 churches, branch churches, and missions in the United Kingdom, and of these only 66 decline to report. The rest return their sittings at 1,750,138, of which no fewer than 1,646,992 are in England and Wales. Last year there were 448,263 members; this year there are said to be a loss of 218 teachers, but an increase of 3,599 scholars, the totals being respectively 66,242 and 704,745. The number of ordained ministers is 3,147, of whom 243 are temporarily without pastoral charges and 361, by reason of ill-health or age, have retired from pastoral duties.

—Some months ago we described a remarkable revival among the half pagan people of this island, especially in Ajaccio and Aullene, where the McAll Mission has long been working. Mr. Eugene Reveillaud, the founder and long time editor of *Le Signal* newspaper, a lay evangelist of great eloquence, and now member of the Chamber of Deputies, in the course of extensive journeys through France lately visited this island. Some three miles on the hither side of Aullene he was met by a party who greeted him with enthusiasm in his capacity of evangelist and publicly thanked him "as representing in his person all those who labor for the spread of the Gospel in that country." Arriving in Aullene with his escort of forty children and young men he went directly to the mission hall, which was crowded, and made an address which was received with the warmest appreciation. Barely two years ago these people were stoning the missionaries, dragging them out of bed at night and compelling them to leave town, and offering them all sorts of indignities.

Marriages.

McMASTER-MACKENZIE.—On the 20th January 1904, at the Presbyterian Manse, Great Falls-Montana, by Rev. F. F. Farrand, Mr. John McMaster, of Warrick, Mont., and Miss Mary Mae Kenzie, of St. John, N. B.