

Notes and Gleanings

The bamboo has been known to grow two feet in twenty-four hours.

It takes about three seconds for a message to go from one end of the Atlantic cable to the other.

There are 300,000 books in the homes of negro people, and they own and publish 450 newspapers and magazines.

The people of the United States eat \$150,000,000 worth of candy every year now, six times as much as satisfied them twenty years ago.

The wheat crop of Italy for 1903 is 184,470,000 bushels, 48,246,000 bushels more than in 1902, and 19,866,000 bushels in excess of the annual average yield.

Nitrate deposits, more extensive than those of South Africa, are said to extend all over the west of the Sahara from Adar to the coast of the Atlantic and south of Morocco.

Grey horses are hereafter to be exclusively used by the artillery in the Russian army. The reason given is that animals of this color are stronger and more enduring than brown or black ones.

It is estimated that while there are 50,000,000 Mohammedans in India, and about 7,000,000 Buddhists, also a small number of Parsees, there are three-fourths of the total population which adhere to the Hindu faith.

A man was released from the Iowa penitentiary last week, after having served fifteen years for stealing a two cent stamp. He held up a train, robbed a mail car, and the stamp and the fifteen years were the only things he got for his pains.

There is an elm tree in the department of Ardeche, France, which is vigorous and flourishing, though it has attained the patriarchal age of 793 years. According to official documents it was planted on the grave of a nobleman in the reign of King Philip II, about 1102.

The Minister of Public Instruction in the recently formed Norwegian ministry is the son of a man who served several terms in prison for street preaching, and was the promoter of a great revival whose influence is still felt. Street preaching is now legal in Norway and much practised.

The sale of cut roses in the United States amounts to about \$6,000,000 a year; carnations, \$4,000,000; violets, \$750,000, and chrysanthemums—a short season crop—\$700,000. The annual production is estimated at \$100,000,000 each for roses and carnations, and \$50,000,000 for violets.

It is asserted that when a person who is addicted to the free use of whiskey feels a desire for drink he should at once resort to the use of oranges. Every time the desire comes on, let him eat oranges freely, and continue as long as the desire remains, using, if need, twenty oranges a day. A number of instances are known where this remedy was successful. It is believed the acid appeases the alcoholic desire.

Sir Benjamin Baker, who built the Nile dam, has just given out some new figures concerning the dam and its consequences. During the critical periods for the crops—March to June—the supply of water for irrigation was doubled by the dam. The irrigation of rice, prohibited in previous years, was allowed, and the increase in value of land now converted to irrigation is calculated at over \$25,000,000.

The greatest ocean depth ever discovered was sounded a short time ago, during the recent cruise of the "Albatross" in the Pacific, near the Island of Guam. There the beam trawl, attached to a steel cable, was lowered to the depth of 28,878 feet, a distance of

twelve miles, almost as great as the height of Mount Everest. By means of thermometers attached to the trawl, it was found that the water at that depth bore the temperature of only thirty-five degrees, just a little above freezing point. It is evident from this fact that a great deal yet remains to be discovered regarding the configuration of the surface of this globe.

THE PREACHER AND POLITICS.

This is the view of a secular paper—the New York *Evening Journal*:

One gentle clergyman has recently been attacking his fellows for talking too much on politics. Occasionally the politician or other layman likes to tell the preachers that their business is to preach, to talk about heaven and the creation, and leave politics alone. Such talk is foolish, and fortunately the able preachers disregard it.

Every preacher of ability should interest himself in politics, and take an active part in political work. He should study political economy, and give the world the benefit of his thoughts.

The business of a preacher is make men better, to improve them in this life, thus giving them as good a chance as possible in the life which is to come.

The preacher who wants to make good men must work for good politics. The politics of a nation reveals that nation's moral condition. Dishonest politics means careless citizenship indifferent to moral questions. And careless citizens are not apt to pay much attention to the religious teachings of anybody.

It is said by one preacher who objects to "political preachers" that Christ did not bother with politics, that he only thought of men's souls.

A very imperfect conception, that seems to us, of the character and work of the founder of Christianity.

For one word that he said about the future state, he said a hundred about life here and its duties.

He settled for his Jewish followers, and settled with perfect wisdom, the political question of the day, involving Rome's supremacy, when they questioned him as to the payment of taxes. Pointing to Caesar's head on a coin, he preached a short, effective, political lesson.

The real politics of the world is no mere matter of laws, of candidates, of rival parties. Real politics is a question of the relations of men to each other, of the individual's duty to the race, of the rich man's duty to the poor, of the poor man's duty to his fellows.

Real politics Christ preached, from the beginning of his work to his death. He preached to the rich men of their duty. And if he talked to them of a future life, it was mainly to influence them into the doing of their duty here.

There does not exist a single great and true political principle that is not included in Christ's teachings.

The preacher who interests himself in politics, in the relations of men toward each other, follows the example of the greatest of preachers.

THE COSTLY GIFT.

A poor little girl went to a mission school in India and learned to love Jesus. She often told Jesus how much she wanted to do something for Him to show her love. It was the custom for people who worshipped idols to bring costly gifts, and the poor the best they had. This little girl wished to make an offering to Jesus. She had not a thing in the world but the piece of cotton cloth wrapped round her body. One day she saw some farmers gathering their crop of rice. She could not buy it, for she had no money. She went day after day into the fields and

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picked up the rice that was dropped. She did this for a whole month before she had filled her measure. When she brought the rice to the missionary, and he learned how she got it, he said it was the richest offering he had ever received for Jesus. Don't you believe the Saviour she loved blessed his little tired child?

Methodist Magazine for January opens its fifty-ninth volume. Among the illustrated articles are the following: Morley's "Life of Gladstone," a travel sketch of the little-known country of Uruguay; "Theodor Mommsen," with some amusing stories of the great scholar; "Lawlessness and Fanaticism in the United States;" Egyptology and Biblical Criticism;" and Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress." There are stories, science notes, current topics, cartoons, etc. November and December numbers given free to new subscribers. Toronto, William Briggs. \$2.00 a year; \$1.00 for six months.

Marriages.

BILLINGS-WHEELER—At the residence of the bride's parents, at Grafton, on Dec. 30, by Rev. F. Allison Currier, A. M., Mr. Levi S. Billings, of Hainesville, to Miss M. Wheeler, of Grafton.

STANLEY-JOHNSON—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Grand Manan, Jan. 2, by Rev. A. M. McNinch, Peter Stanley and Bertha Johnson, both of North Head, Grand Manan.

RICHARDSON-CRAWFORD—At the home of the bride's father, Norton, on the 6th instant, by Rev. A. W. Currie, Robert Richardson, of Beverly, Mass., and Mina M. Crawford, of Norton Station.

Deaths.

Briggs—At Lindsay, Car. Co., on the 4th inst., Rebecca J., beloved wife of Henry A. Briggs, in the 52nd year of her age, departed this life for her home in heaven. Sister Briggs was in ill health for a long time, and she bore her sickness with marked patience and Christian fortitude. As the end drew near she became very weak and manifestly tired. Though ill so long, the end was quite sudden and surprising; she passed away without a struggle. She was a worthy Christian, a true "mother in Israel," and will be greatly missed by all who knew her, by none more than by the ministers to whom she always showed much kindness. Shortly before her release, she remarked "I am glad I was kind to the ministers." It may be significantly said of her, "she hath done what she could," and did it well. Sister Briggs professed religion about thirty-two years ago under the ministry of the late Rev. Thos. Connor, and united with the Free Baptist church at Lindsay, Car. Co., and remained a consistent member until called to the home above. A sorrowing husband and one daughter, Mrs. Harry Briggs, mourn the loss of a loving and painstaking wife and mother. The family connection being large, the mourners in attendance were numerous. A funeral sermon

was preached by the writer in the presence of a large assembly of sympathizing relatives and friends. Revs. J. N. Barnes, H. Hartt and A. D. Paul and Rev. Mr. Ives, Methodist, were present and participated in the services. J. J. BARNES.

LAMB—At Kingston, Kings Co., N. B., Jan. 4th, Mrs. Joseph Lamb, aged 79 years, leaving a husband in the 91st year of his age, two daughters and five sons to mourn their sad loss. Funeral services by the writer. L. A. COSMAN.

VANWART—Mr. Stephen VanWart died at his residence Woodstock, Saturday morning. He was 49 years of age, and died of consumption. He had been ill and unable to work for three years, and during the last year was confined to his bed. He bore his sufferings with the greatest courage and fortitude, never once complaining during all the years of his illness. He was a member of the Free Baptist church and a faithful and active Christian to the day of his death. He leaves a widow and one son, Guy C., of the pay-office of the British Army at Valetta, Malta. He leaves also three brothers—Isaac, of the pay-office of the Grafton; and Henry, of Montana; and three sisters—Mrs. Howard Shaw, of Pembroke; Mrs. John Kerrigan and Miss Sophia VanWart, of Bedell Settlement. For more than a year his son had been endeavoring to get leave of absence to come home and see his father, and was at length transferred to Halifax, but sailed only the day before his father died. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, Rev. F. Allison Currier, assisted by Rev. B. Colpitts, officiating. The Free Baptist male quartette sang.

RAYMOND—At Mungerville, S. Co., on Dec. 17th, at the age of 66 years, Mrs. Phoebe Raymond, a well known resident of that place. She bore her protracted illness in a manner peculiar to true Christians and died trusting in her Saviour. Besides a husband, she leaves two sons and three daughters, three brothers and four sisters. Funeral services by the writer, assisted by Rev. Mr. Rogers (Baptist). J. CLEMENT WILSON.

McFARLANE—At Norton, N. B., Dec. 18th, 1903, at the age of 18, Mable C. eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McFarlane. She had been in declining health for a year, and just before the season to commemorate the gift of God to the world, He saw fit to take her unto Himself, to "shine as the stars for ever and ever." Her father and mother and one sister mourn their loss. Sister McFarlane was baptized by Rev. A. H. McLeod, and united with the Free Baptist Church at Lower Millstream. She was a faithful Christian and beloved by all. Her loss in the community, especially among the young people, is greatly felt. Interment was made at the Millstream burying ground. G. F. B.

FOSTER—At Seal Cove, Grand Manan, Dec. 30, the infant son, aged 5 months, of Charles and Amanda Foster. A. M. MCNINCH.

HEINE—At Keswick, York Co., Jan. 3rd, of pneumonia, Theodore Roscoe, youngest son of Rev. Roscoe Heine, aged 4 months and 20 days.

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