

News of the Churches. General Religious News.

verted people do not come out to services which are avowedly for their salvation; as they once did. Lure them as you may with fine music and eloquence, they do not respond, especially in the cities. There will be large crowds, perhaps, but they will be found to be chiefly of church members. It seems also as if a larger proportion of the men were abstaining from attendance at the regular preaching in our churches. One reason may be the many attractions elsewhere which are presented compared with the past. It may be that there is a deeper suspicion of the downright sincerity of Christian people. It may be that the abounding spirit of worldliness is a factor. The fact is, however, apparent.

But while it is harder to reach great masses of people with the Gospel message, those whose hearts are so set on the salvation of men that they will seek them out one by one in lowly dependence upon God for help, find their efforts still fruitful. Indeed, it is found in dealing with enquirers, that in most cases, while the preaching of the Gospel has aroused an interest up to a certain point, it has required the personal dealing to bring them to decision.

Do not these two facts point out to us, as with the finger of God, the evangelism for the times, the evangelism which will be crowned with the Divine favor and blessing.

But back of this there must be the deepest convictions to lead Christians to face this work which tests devotion so severely. No one will ever do this personal work as a mere formality or a matter of routine, as, alas, prayer meetings and church services are often attended, if not even prayer itself offered. This is one of the reasons why this kind of work is naturally so impressive. Those who are approached know in their hearts that this work for them is deeply sincere and prompted by real interest in their welfare. Nothing short of the belief—nay, the realization—that men are lost in a dread and awful sense, and that the only hope of salvation is through the Gospel, will give the concern and moral nerve to approach people personally about their souls' grand interests.

It is to be feared that one great reason why there is so small apparent concern for men who are without God and without hope is because of a wrong emphasis or little or no emphasis upon the fact which led to the incarnation of Deity and to the divine tragedy on the cross—that of sin, its guilt and penalty. There is none too much stress laid upon offenses against men and human rights and society. There is none too much stress laid upon the inherent evils of a bad life. But nothing short of a conception of sin as against God and as involving guilt which demands expiation, and which incurs penalty which reaches out into the infinite beyond, can be commensurate with the teaching of the cross. This alone can reveal a need which will stir Christians to the most earnest action for men or move the soul with supreme desire to do God's will and advance his great purposes.—*Can. Baptist.*

CANNING, N. S.—On Sunday, June 19th, I baptized six candidates. Five received the right hand of fellowship in the evening, and one sister will unite where her husband is a member. It was a joyous day with us in Canning. A large number of friends gathered at the waterside, Kingsport, in the afternoon to witness the baptism.

G. M. WILSON.

DOUGLAS PASTORATE.—For the past three weeks I have been laboring in Kingsley. The people are very much scattered here, so we held meetings in private houses part of the time. But the Spirit is not restricted to time nor place, for in spite of difficulties God poured His blessing upon us. About twelve have made a start for the kingdom. Sunday, June 19th, I baptized seven happy converts, who gave a good confession before many witnesses. We hope for more to follow. The work on this pastorate is quite low, prayer meetings very thinly attended. We are praying that God will visit His people.

ROSCOE HEINE.

NEWTOWN, K. Co.—Sunday, June 12th, was a good day for our church at Newtown. The hand of fellowship was given to three strong influential men. Our people are encouraged; we expect to receive a number at Sussex soon.

B. H. NOBLES.

MINISTERS.—Rev. A. D. Paul did not go to Upper Gagetown, as was stated last week. He is at Penobscot by direction of the Home Mission Board.

Rev. C. T. Phillips made a short visit to the Annapolis Valley last week.

Rev. J. B. Daggett baptized twelve converts during the special meetings recently held at Tracey Station.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—There was a movement in the Methodist Conference, at Fredericton, last week, to have Rev. Mr. Lucas, recently Field Secretary of the New Brunswick Sunday School Association (interdenominational), appointed to a like position for the Methodist Sunday school work of New Brunswick and P. E. Island. The appointment was not made.

—Both the New Brunswick and the Nova Scotia Methodist Conferences passed resolutions in favor of the proposed Methodist-Presbyterian-Congregational union.

—Rev. J. B. Ganong, for two years pastor of the Hillsboro Baptist church, will begin his new work as Field Secretary of the N. B. Sunday School Association, July 1st.

—A South African Baptist Missionary Society was formed by the local churches of the country in 1892, and has now 5 stations, 10 European missionaries, 3 native evangelists, and 5 churches under its control, with an income of \$10,000, equivalent to about \$2.50 each for the 4,000 members of Baptist churches in South Africa.

—The Salvation Army now reports for America 900 institutions, 3,280 officers, and an annual expense for the poor amounting to \$800,000.

—Gipsy Smith is reported to be meeting with wonderful success in South Africa, where many of his converts are from Dutch families. At Cape Town, over one thousand people were dealt with in the inquiry rooms. At last reports he was working at Kimberley.

—The Baptists are proposing to hold a great Pan-Baptist Conference in London, England, some time next year. The educational and inspirational benefits to be derived from these great worldwide denominational gatherings are coming to be more generally recognized.

—The report of the religious census of Germany contains this interesting information: "Almost two-thirds of the people are Protestants, slightly over one-third Roman Catholics. Less than 6,000 are registered not Christians."

—The latest annual report of the Salvation Army's Darkest England scheme shows that it has become nearly self-supporting. The Hadleigh Farm Colony returned a revenue last year of \$195,545, and the various shelters of \$146,990. The whole amount of the assets of the scheme is estimated to be \$1,283,790.

—In Buffalo, N. Y., a mail-carrier who is a Methodist local preacher, has recently re-organized three mission churches. The last one was dedicated a few weeks ago by Bishop Fowler, who said that Bro. Glaser, the organizer and pastor, was one of the most remarkable men of his type he knew of. This church has sixty families and 400 persons allied with it.

—The statistics presented at the General Assembly of Presbyterians in Canada showed there was a gain by profession during the year of 11,920, by certificate 9,743, and that the total membership is 229,585; that the total ordinary expenditure is \$1,923,638; the total payments to the Schemes of the Church \$401,005; and the total payments for all purposes \$2,743,199.

—It is a curious coincidence that the two Archbishops of the Church of England are grandsons of Scottish Presbyterian ministers. Archbishop Randall Davidson's grandfather was minister of Inchtute, then of the Outer High Church, Glasgow, and latterly of Tolbooth Parish Church, Edinburgh. Archbishop MacLagan, of New York, is the grandson of a man who was famous in Presbyterianism in his day, Dr. William Dalrymple, of Ayr.

TONS OF BIBLES.—At the British and Foreign Society headquarters in London stacks of packing cases, containing Bibles, occupy all the available space in the warehouse, and overflow into the corridors, while last week the demands from all parts of the world were beyond anything previously experienced. As a further interesting item, it is stated that on June 1st eighty-one cases were despatched, "representing a total of nine tons of scriptures in twenty-eight different languages." There is a certain quaintness in thus reckoning the scriptures by the ton, but it is graphic enough to be its own excuse; and, catching the eye of the people who do not read long reports, it will wake them to some idea of what the Bible Society is doing, and may convince them that the days of Bible-reading are far from over.

Few people make quite so ridiculous blunders in political matters, and in world politics, as some college professors. A certain Prof. Starr, of the University of Chicago, tells us that the nations of Europe are on their last legs, and that the yellow races are coming to the front. The professor also assumes that the Russians are the greatest of the white peoples. It is an old notion that the Russians have been slow in development, and, therefore, must have their day, but there is really nothing to support the idea. Russia is at present the greatest braggart among European peoples, and is in fact as much Asiatic as European. As for the Japanese, it is not strange that an old fighting race, having unreservedly adopted Western military methods, and given years to the training of its officers in them, should become an important military power; but this in no way implies the peculiar qualities of the best of white races, which have given them their supremacy.—*Journal and Messenger.*

Marriages.

MCASKILL-STEVENSON.—At the residence of Mr. Thomas Slough, Riley Brook, V. Co., on June 13th, 1904, by Rev. L. A. Fenwick, Guy C. McAskill and Ellen Jane Stevenson.

PITT-LINTON.—At the residence of the bride's parents, June 15th, by the Rev. John A. Robertson, Mr. Ernest Miles Pitt and Miss Laufa H. Linton, both of Greenwich, Kings Co.

MCKNIGHT-SHERWOOD.—At Hillsdale, June 22nd, by Rev. B. H. Nobles, Charles D. McKnight, of Boston, and Julia E. Sherwood, of Hillsdale, Kings County.

CAMERON-MCKIEL.—At the home of the bride, June 16th, by the Rev. John A. Robertson, Mr. Charles A. Cameron and Miss Ida M. McKiel, both of Greenwich, Kings Co.

ALLISON-MCLEOD.—At Broadview, Assa., June 9th, 1904, by the Rev. J. P. Stephens, Albert Lewis Allison, of Pasqua, Assa., and Mabel Clara McLeod, youngest daughter of the late Douglas McLeod, of Norton Station, Kings Co., N. B.

MACBEAN-PEARSON.—At Canning, N. S., June 15th, by Rev. G. M. Wilson, Mr. Ludovic William MacBean, of Medicine Hat, N. W. T., and Miss Alice Alberta Pearson, of Canning, N. S.

Deaths.

MUNROE.—At Maitland, N. S., June 19th, Mattie Munroe, aged 22 years, daughter of Timothy C. and Emile Munroe. Four brothers and one sister survive her. Funeral services conducted by L. A. Cosman, assisted by C. F. Cooper.

GALLOP.—At Sisson Ridge, V. Co., on the 16th inst., Mrs. Mary Ann Gallop, relict of the late Shadrack Gallop, in the 71st year of her age. Sister Gallop professed her faith in Christ thirty-six or thirty-seven years ago, and was baptized by Rev. A. Taylor. Her life was that of a consistent Christian, and its influence was felt by all with whom she came in contact. She leaves five sons, two brothers and one sister to mourn the loss of mother and sister. Her last hours were full of confidence in him in whom she trusted.—L. A. F.

BALL.—At Caledonia, N. S., June 17th, Frank Ball, aged 56 years, leaving a widow, five sons and one daughter to mourn their loss. Funeral services conducted by L. A. Cosman.

SPEARS.—At Brookfield, N. S., June 17th, Benjamin Spears, aged 77 years, leaving a widow, two sons and one daughter to mourn their loss. Funeral services by L. A. Cosman.