

Notes and Gleanings.

—The pastor who succeeds in having all the families of his charge become regular readers of the official organ of the church thereby contributes far more than he is aware to the success of his work as a soul-winner and a shepherd of the flock.

—Lord Strathcona has purchased two Scottish islands—Colonsay and Oronsay. They are situated near Isley, and cover 13,000 acres. One is famous for Highland cattle and the other for seals. The islands have been in the McNeill family for two hundred years.

—China is not the most thickly populated country in the world, though we fancy that a good many people have the idea that outside of India, at least, she is. A recent census gives her a population of 103 persons to the square mile, while in Belgium there are 220, in Great Britain 130, and in Germany 105.

—The town of Armagh, Ireland, has had a decrease in population in twenty years of twenty-five per cent., and yet it has just completed a new Roman Catholic cathedral costing \$1,200,000. This one fact, apart from the wretchedness and poverty of many of the town's inhabitants, strikes one as very incongruous.

—Here is the worst meanness story every reported: "An Atchison man lay sick, and the neighbors sent in so many good things that, when he recovered, his wife wouldn't let the neighbors know, but kept him locked up two weeks longer, that she might continue to get ices, puddings, fruits, etc., for herself and the children.

—Austria has adopted the latest device for forwarding money by mail. The writer may affix stamps in any amount up to \$2.50 to a special postcard, mail the card, and it becomes to the recipient a postal order to the value of the stamps on it. That is a very simple plan, and should prove a very convenient one also.

—At the dinner held ten days ago in New York of distinguished chemists from foreign lands, Sir William Ramsay, the noted scientist, said: "I do not suppose there is one-tenth of an ounce of radium in the whole world. If you can imagine getting that amount of radium together it would supply more energy than 250 tons of dynamite."

—The Galveston wall has just been completed, nearly four years after the great flood that almost destroyed the city. It is sixteen feet wide and seventeen feet high, one foot higher than the high-water-mark of 1900. The city is to be slowly raised to the level of the wall, an immense task, necessitating the dumping, it is estimated, of twelve million cubic yards of earth.

—According to a well-known scientist the average length of human life has doubled within the past three hundred years. In the sixteenth century it was between eighteen and twenty years, while today it is nearly forty. The increased attention given to the supplying of pure air and pure drinking water is largely responsible for the improvement.

—Nothing is more significant of the sudden development of Japan than the history of her railways. The first railway, eighteen miles in length, was completed in 1872. At the present time there are 1,344 miles of state and 3,150 miles of private railways in operation, and there are 852 miles under construction. For the most part they pay well, the larger yielding dividends from ten to twelve per cent.

—There are at least two recorded instances in which bees have been used as weapons of defense in war. When the Roman General Lucullus was warring against Mithridates, he sent a force against the city of Themiscyra. As they besieged the walls, the inhabitants threw down on them myriads of swarms of bees. These at once began an attack, which resulted in the raising of the siege. These doughty little insects were also once used with equal success in England. Chester was besieged by the Danes and Norwegians, but its Saxon defenders threw down on them the beehives of the town, and the siege was soon raised.

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SNOBBISSNESS IN RELIGION.

A Maine Methodist writes to *Zion's Herald*, that he is now the sole Methodist left in his neighborhood, the rest having been drawn away to churches of "higher social standing." As soon as Methodists "are elevated to any degree of prosperity or social eminence," he explains, they want to get into a more fashionable crowd. This suggests a remark made by an English Bishop many years ago, that when dissenters drive in their own carriages they are likely to pass by the dissenting "chapel" and rein up at a "church." After all, snobbishness penetrates the domain of religion as much as into other realms. Wesley prophesied that if wealth and fashion came into Methodism by the door, religion would fly out of the window. The utterance holds true of other denominations as well, and in some churches it seems to be on the wing.

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A WISE WORD.—"I am firmly persuaded," says the Archbishop of Canterbury, "that if our public life is to be maintained at its high level, and our public men are to justify the confidence we have been accustomed to place in them, voters must see to it that no political or partisan enthusiasm leads them to record votes for men whom they do not trust or respect. Unless we adhere unswervingly to this principle, there will be a lowering of the tone and integrity of our public life, and no temporary victory at the polls for one political party of the other could compensate for such national disaster."

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SURROUNDED.—All around Tibet, the "Great Closed Land," are missionary stations where devoted men and women are watching and waiting for opportunity to enter the preach the gospel. Some of them in Moravian stations are 10,000 feet above the sea level. At present, while the land is inaccessible, they try to win the confidence of Tibe-

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upon the exclusiveness of the people. They come over the border for trade, and they employ all means for making impressions of truth. This persistence of the missionaries is slowly telling. When Tibet opens in the name of the Lord this preparatory work will show its value.

Marriages.

LAW-PARLEE.—Edward C. Law, of Boston, Mass., and Sibyl C. Parlee, of St. John, on the 5th inst., at the home of the bride, by Rev. A. J. Prosser.

JONES-ELLISON.—Herbert L. Jones, of Kars, Kings Co., and Elwilda Ellison, of Springfield, K Co., on the 11th inst., at the home of Jas. L. Holden, by Rev. A. J. Prosser.

BRYANT-FORSYTH.—At Seal Cove, Grand Manan, October 1st, by Rev. A. M. McNinch, Newton Bryant, of North Head, Grand Manan, to Bertha Forsyth, of Seal Cove.

HARSHMAN-LUTES.—At the residence of the bride's father, October 12th, by Rev. Gideon Swim, Wm. G. Harshman, of Petitcodiac, and Rachel Lutes, of Lute's Mountain, N. B.

ROPER-AYLES.—At the residence of the bride's father, October 12th, by Rev. Gideon Swim, Jarvis Roper and Dora Ayles, both of Moncton, N. B.

Deaths.

LOHNES.—At Caledonia, Queens Co., N. S., September 28th, Gladys, 2 weeks old, daughter of Edison and Laura Lohnes. Funeral services conducted by Rev. L. A. Cosman.

LEMONT.—In Fredericton, on the 10th inst., Mr. Martin Lemont, aged 51 years.

CHASE.—One of the most sudden and unexpected deaths took place at Marysville on Wednesday evening, October 5th, when Bro. Isaiah Chase was called from the activities of life into the glorious mansion Jesus had gone to prepare for him. Bro. Chase was 55 years of age; had done his day's work as usual, retired to his bed, and not long after, in the presence of his wife and

family, expired without a struggle. Heart failure was supposed to have been the cause. Bro. Chase was a member of the Free Baptist church at Marysville, having professed faith in Christ some eleven years ago. He was a kind husband, a loving father, and a good citizen. And in all these places he will be much missed. The funeral took place from his late home on Sabbath afternoon, and it was one of the largest ever witnessed in the town, bespeaking the high esteem in which he was held. A sorrowing widow and two sons survive him, with a great number of relatives and friends. May the God of all comfort be exceedingly gracious to the mourning ones in their bereavement. Services were conducted by the writer.—H. H. FERGUSON.

CAPENS.—At Gibson, on the 2nd inst., of consumption, Mrs. Mary Capens, aged 49 years. She was a thorough Christian. Among the mourners are her husband, two daughters, five sisters and one brother. The remains were buried at Macnaquac. Revs. A. D. Paul and W. R. Robinson (Baptist) assisted in the services.—J. CLEMENT WILSON.

RUSHBROOK.—At Gibson, on the 6th inst., of cancer, Robert Rushbrook, aged 52 years. He was a man of God. Although he travelled extensively, yet he said he was "unable to find anything equal to the peace of God." He left a wife, daughter, son, two brothers and two sisters. Being a member of the Salvation Army, they had charge of the services, but Rev. A. D. Paul and the writer were assistants. Interment at Gibson.—J. CLEMENT WILSON.

ELLIOTT.—At Millinokett Paper Mills, Me., on the 1st inst., Edgard Elliott, in the 22nd year of his age, met death suddenly. He was working at the reels, between which his hand was caught and his body drawn through. His death was instantaneous. The remains were brought to his late home, Lower Hainesville, by his brothers. Mr. Elliott was a promising young man, with excellent habits. His sad and sudden death cast a gloom over the community, and will be long lamented. A heart-broken father, six brothers and four sisters survive him. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. J. Barnes in the R. B. church, Lower Hainesville, in the presence of a large assembly of mourners and sympathizing friends.