

News of the Churches.

of the ordinary or permit these weeks of great possibilities, spiritually, to pass without some earnest and practical effort to reach the unsaved. More and more pastors are beginning to realize the importance of direct evangelical work in the early year. Is there any reason why all pastors cannot make this a time of special effort? It may not be necessary to call in an evangelist, but some special, direct effort should be put forth, in an after meeting on Sunday night, or in connection with the mid-week service, or by a union of two or more churches for practical soul winning. That the idea is assented to as good will not be sufficient. Great opportunities are lost by failure to act at the right time. There are few churches anywhere in such conditions but they might be blessed with a genuine revival of religion; might reach some of the unsaved if determined to make the effort. What is needed is some one, either pastor or member, to act. The method will adjust itself, once a determination to save some has taken possession of one or more. Leadership, consecration, determination, are the chief requisites to a universal revival."

THE REVIVAL IN WALES.

The revival in Wales goes on with great power. Dr. Torry writing of it says: "The fire is breaking out throughout all South Wales, and now in North Wales. It is manifestly God's work, not man's. A young man, Evan Roberts, who has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, is quite prominent in some places, but there have been revivals in many towns where he has not gone at all, and oftentimes there have been hundreds of conversions before he reaches the field. When he gets there he does not seem to try to run things in his own wisdom and strength. The meetings last for hours. Any one speaks or sings that is so moved. Oftentimes, even when Evan Roberts is speaking, some man or woman will burst out into a song, and he immediately stops speaking and lets the meeting take its own course. It bears a striking resemblance to the Irish revival of 1859, and also of what we read of the revival throughout America in 1857. The world-wide revival for which we have been praying seems to have begun. Let us thank God, but keep on praying.

One thing that especially cheers us about the work in Wales, is that at first we found Cardiff one of the hardest places to move that we have ever visited. I don't know that I have ever done so much trying to get the people to work, but when they woke up they woke up with all their hearts. We had a day of fasting and prayer, and prayed that God would kindle the fire throughout all Wales. This prayer is being answered, but unknown to us the fire had already broken out in different places. People are trying to tell where the revival began in Wales. One says it began in one place, and another in another. The truth is the fire broke out in different places quite independently of one another, in a sense, and yet in a deeper sense, not independently, for the same, mighty Spirit of God was working in each place.

ST. JOHN.—The pastor, Rev. A. J. Prosser, is holding special meetings in the Waterloo Street church. Mr. E. C. Morgan, of Hartland, is leading the singing.

SUSSEX, N. B.—Special meetings were begun in Sussex last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. B. H. Nobles, is being assisted by Evangelist Beatty.

TRACEY MILLS, C. Co.—Rev. H. A. Bonnell has been holding special meetings at Tracey Mills with good results. Three were baptized on the 8th inst.

ST. JOHN, NORTH. — The Quarterly meeting of the Victoria Street Free Baptist church, was held in the church on Monday evening. A number of routine matters were considered and reports read. The financial report was very satisfactory, and showed that there is a tidy balance of \$145 on the right side. Since the last meeting in October a new furnace has been installed at a cost of some \$75, a quantity of hymn books purchased, and the electric lighting extended to various parts of the church which were formerly without it. Much of the wiring for this extension was done by Mr. Horace McFarlane, who also provided some of the necessary fixtures. Mr. McFarlane's generosity in this matter was acknowledged by a vote of thanks unanimously passed at the meeting. A copy of this vote of thanks was ordered to be sent to Mr. McFarlane by the church clerk. A similar vote was also extended to Mr. G. M. Burke, who for twelve years has filled the position of church treasurer most acceptably.—*The Telegraph*.

FREDERICTON, N. B.—Since coming to this city it has been my intention to write and let the friends of this church know how the cause is progressing. I found the church in good working order, the congregations large and the interest good. The prayer-meetings are well attended, and there is quite a revival spirit in the midst. Several backsliders have been reclaimed and a number have made a start for a better life. On New Year's day three young converts followed their Lord in the ordinance of baptism, and we believe more will follow in the way of the commandment.

This church feels the benefit of the young people who come to the city to attend the various institutions of learning. Many of them are Christians, and, coming with the desire to help, are a great blessing to the cause. Our Sunday-school is well organized, and, under the leadership of Bro. W. Brewer and his efficient staff of teachers, is doing good work.

The members of the church and congregation remembered very kindly the pastor at Christmas time by the gift of a fine otter cap, which was much appreciated. We begin the New Year with the hope that good work may be done and the cause of the Master strengthened.

ALLAN RIDEOUT.

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OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Zion church, St. John, has notified his official board that he will retire from the active ministry at the end of the Conference year, in June.

—Rev. Dr. Fotheringham, Presbyterian, has just completed twenty-two years as pastor of the St. John's Presbyterian church.

—At the annual meeting of the German Street Baptist church, St. John, held last week, the treasurer's report showed receipts for the last year of \$5,599.26, a considerable increase over previous years. The membership of the church is now 435.

—The Tabernacle Baptist church, St. John, had its annual business meeting a few days ago. The reports of all branches of the work were encouraging. Thirty-two members were added during the year, the present membership being 260. The funds raised for local purposes were \$1,401.26, an increase of \$496.26 over the previous year. The church is now practically free of debt.

—The Leinster Street Baptist church, St. John, annual meeting reports showed the receipts for the year \$4,424.91, with a small balance on hand. The net increase of membership was twenty-four, the present total membership being 296.

General Religious News.

—The Baptist denomination in Texas is making unprecedented advancement. There were 4,820 people baptized into church relations by the missionaries alone. The gain of the denomination last year must have been at least 25,000.

—In the city of Rome there are in addition to the Pope, 30 cardinals, 35 bishops, 1,369 priests, 2,832 monks and 3,212 nuns, or a total of 7,479 persons charged with the spiritual oversight of a population of 400,000, yet nearly 50 per cent of the population can neither read or write.

—In Germany the Baptists the the largest Nonconformist body, numbering 32,000. They have seven newspapers and

issue about 50,000 copies of the Bible each year. The Seminary is doing excellent work in training their rising ministry.

—A body of Christians called British Friends seems to be in advance of most other denominations in missionary zeal. They report a membership of twenty thousand, yet their yearly contribution for missionary purposes is \$150,000. They have eighty-seven representatives in the foreign field.

—Rev. Thomas Spurgeon celebrated his forty-eighth birthday recently in his own practical manner—by taking a collection, or rather sitting in his vestry to receive contributions for the Metropolitan Temple's work. Mr. Spurgeon hoped that the reception would realize £600, but he was very well pleased with the £500 which his friends brought to him during the day.

—A southern railway recently gave \$15,000 and a site towards the erection of a twenty thousand dollar Young Men's Christian Association building in Spencer, N. C. Railroads do not often act without some respect to the relation of profit and loss of the money they spend.

—A book which has run through twenty editions is counted among the most popular books. The Bible has an edition for every day in the year. In more than one hundred languages translations and revisions are now in progress. When it comes to popularity, as evidenced by demand, no other book is to be mentioned as in the same class with the Bible. It is the Book of books.

—After a successful tour in America, Mr. Herbert Booth, third son of General Booth, is about to commence work in Britain as an evangelist. He has withdrawn from the Salvation Army. He says of the change: "The step was taken before God, and in obedience to what we felt was his leading. It involved sacrifice, and that is the best guarantee of sincerity. It was a matter of conviction and judgment, but we have never felt called to thrust our conclusions upon others who may not think as we do. We avoid strife, and do not see why differences of opinions concerning policy and constitutional questions should cause it among God's people."

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