

General Religious News.

—The number of Jews who have been converted and are occupying the pulpits of Protestant churches is one hundred and twenty-five.

—Rev. C. Sylvester Horn recently left his fashionable church in the West End of London and opened a mission for the poor in what used to be Whitefield's Chapel.

—Ballington Booth reports: "Over 14,000 prisoners, living reformed lives, have been enrolled in the Volunteer Prison League during six years. The volunteers are in touch by correspondence and meetings with 29,000 men within the walls. Tens of thousands of poor people and children were given an outing into the fresh air during the year through the organization."

—Before the doors of the publishing house where Spurgeon's sermons are issued every Thursday, purchasers are waiting to secure the sermons, and thousands are sold over the counter in a morning. That is a hint for all of us to preach the old Gospel in a style that all the people will understand.

—The last annual report of the Moody Bible Institute shows that the student roll was never larger or the spiritual tide higher. Arrangements have been made whereby Dr. James M. Gray, known as a great Bible teacher, will become a member of the board of trustees and assume an active part in the direction of affairs.

—There are some remarkable incidents in connection with the Welsh revival as we learn from British exchanges. Elaborate preparations were made for a ball at Pontycymmer, but owing to the revival only four women attended. The secretary and several dancers were converted on the way to the ballroom, and suddenly determined to attend a prayer meeting instead.

—It is claimed for the First Presbyterian Church in Wichita, Kansas, that it is the greatest missionary church of its size in the country. This church supports thirty native helpers, provides scholarships, and gives large contributions for foreign mission work, amounting in all to more than \$5,000 a year. If any other church can make a better showing, let it rise and speak out.

—Rev. Frederick C. Smielau, pastor of an Episcopal church in Carlisle, Pa., was married a few days ago to Miss Grace Parkinson, the ceremony being performed by Bishop Talbot. The bride and groom are both deaf and dumb. Mr. Smielau is prominent on account of his remarkable work as a missionary to the 400 deaf and dumb communicants of the church who reside throughout the State, to whom he preaches in the sign language.

—Sectarianism is objectionable, and has been so from the beginning. Paul had to rebuke men who said, I am of Paul, or I am of Cephas, or I am of Apollos. Even if one said in the spirit of separateness, "I am of Christ," he would be doing wrong. Christ is not divided. All His people are dear to Him, and He desires that they should be dear to one another.—*Presbyterian Witness*.

BAPTIST YEAR BOOK.—The Baptist Year Book of the Maritime Provinces, for 1904, is just out. We have to thank the Secretary of the Convention, who is also editor of the Year Book, for a copy. Besides the minutes of the Convention, held in August last, and the reports of the several branches of denominational work presented at that meeting, it contains the contributions and rules of order of the Convention, the minutes of the Western, Eastern, Central and African Associations of Nova Scotia, the P. E. Island Association, the Eastern, Western and Southern Associations of New Brunswick, and the Maritime B. Y. P. Union. There is, also a list of the churches in the Maritime Provinces, with the names of their pastors; and clerks, a list of the ordained ministers and the date of the ordination of each, a list of the licentiates, the officers of the Woman's Missionary Union, and the financial statement of the Union. It is an admirably arranged book, presenting in its more than two hundred pages a great fund of information of interest, not only to the members of the Baptist denomination, but to all who take pleasure in making note of the activities which make for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ.

THE MAGAZINES.

The great increase in the cost of living is staring us in the face to-day. The reasons for it are asked by all. In February *Everybody's* there begins a series of articles on "The Greatest Trust in the World." In the first instalment he reveals a monster monopoly, holding in its grasp all the meat, fruit and dairy products of the United States. He shows the rapacity of this Beef Trust, in its control all the food supplies of this great country. Its grasping hand is closing over wheat and corn and oats. The revelations are full of menace to the people. "Frenzied Finance" goes on. The upbuilding of a "bull" market, the schemes and bribes used to tempt the public into buying securities are explained clearly. No series of articles is attracting more attention than this. There are several readable stories; and the magazine is well illustrated.

Marriages.

INGERSOLL-CHENEY.—At the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Ottawa McLaughlin, January 10th, by the Rev. A. M. McNitch, James Ingersoll and Edna Cheney.

THOMSON-ALEXANDER.—On the 11th inst., by Rev. J. B. Daggett, Henry J. Thomson, of Okotoks, Alberta, and Edna G., daughter of Mr. S. D. Alexander, Fredericton Junction.

Deaths.

URQUHART.—At Birdton, York Co., N. B., January 1st, 1905, Charles Urquhart, aged 67 years. Bro. Urquhart was born at Long Reach, N. B., moved to Nashwaak when young, then to Birdton thirty years ago, where he has since resided. He was baptized by Rev. Wm. Kinghorn and joined the Free Baptist church in Kingsley. His last days were full of suffering, there being but few hours in the last four years that he did not have extreme pain. As he approached the end, he had strong hope in his Saviour. His family, who were present, at his request sang, "Meet Me There." So he quietly passed to rest. The funeral services were impressive. Some members of the Salvation Army, of which he was a member, were present and assisted. He selected two of the hymns to be sung, which was done

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by his family of ten children, all of whom were present. Funeral sermon by the writer, from Psalm 16:9. He was buried in the Free Baptist burying place at Royal Road.—R. HEINE.

SINCLAIR.—As Castalia, Grand Manan, after a long and painful illness, Chas. Sinclair, aged 75 years, leaving a widow, one daughter and two sisters.—A. M. MCNITCH.

MANNING.—At Newton, January 14th, Cora R., aged 2 months and 8 days, daughter of Ambrose and Henrietta Manning. The funeral services Monday. "Suffer the children to come unto me."

PARKER.—At Lower Millstream, Jan. 8th, of cancer, Mrs. Ada L. Parker, only daughter of G. Z. and Eunice Parlee, in the 42nd year of her age. Sister Parker was baptized by Elder Lancaster and united with the Lower Millstream church on December 20, 1878, of which she remained a member till her death. Her illness, which extended over a year and a half, she bore with much patience, and awaited the end with a cheerful resignation. Father and mother and three brothers are left to mourn.—A. W. CURRIE.

SHERWOOD.—Fell asleep in Jesus, at Hermit, Cal., December 12, William L. Sherwood, aged 30. Deceased was the son of Albert Sherwood, Hillsdale, N. B. He united with the Baptist church here twelve years ago, and remained a consistent member and liberal supporter until his death. The memorial service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. M. Bynon, attested to the high esteem in which our brother was held. Truly, for him to be absent from the body is to be "with Christ, which is far better." Father, mother, five brothers and three sisters survive, all but one (a young sister) are members of the church.

MERSEREAU.—Entered into rest, at Bridgetown, N. S., January 6th, 1905, Adaline Amelia Smith, daughter of the late William Ellis and Mary Phillips Smith, and beloved wife of Daniel W. Mersereau, formerly of Blissville, N. B. Mrs. Mersereau contracted that dread disease—pneumonia, and when ill but four days her life was almost despaired of. She came to the river, but lingered there for two weeks, until it was thought the crisis had passed, when suddenly she passed away. Those who were privileged to be with her during her illness can never forget her joy and

peace, and the glorious prospect she had of heaven. She leaves a sorrowing husband and four daughters—Mrs. Gilbert Hayward, of Fredericton Junction, Mrs. A. E. Hartt, of St. John, Mrs. J. W. Peters, of Bridgetown, and Miss Dora, at home; one sister, Mrs. Abner Hoyt, of Blissville, N. B., and two grandchildren, Jessie and Gilbert Hartt, of St. John. Being of a retiring disposition, her noble Christian character and sterling worth can only be appreciated by those who knew her best. To the husband a devoted and loving companion, to the children the kindest of mothers, the light, life and guide of the home, and to the community one ever willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. Though only living in Bridgetown for a short time, she made many friends, whom she dearly loved. The funeral services were held at her late residence on Sunday, the 8th inst., conducted by the Rev. E. E. Daley, assisted by Rev. Dr. Jost. Interment in Bridgetown cemetery.

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