

General Religious News.

..Bishop McCabe, of the Methodist Episcopal church, is to lead in an evangelistic campaign in Philadelphia, beginning with the new year.

..Among the Baptists in Southern California 27 different persons were engaged in evangelistic work, for which \$2,200 was spent.

..Ira D. Sankey, the famous hymn-singer and evangelist, is now in a very precarious state of health, and has been taken south for the winter. About a year ago Mr. Sankey became almost entirely blind.

..A remarkable revival is reported as going on at Pontiac, Mich., with many conversions. It is said that 200 persons have been received into the Methodist church alone.

..It is reckoned that there is \$216,000,000 worth of church property in New York city, and of this about one-twenty-sixth belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. We cannot say what percentage is in the hands of the Roman Catholics, but it must be a very large one.

..Dr. Robert S. McArthur, of Calvary Baptist church, in New York has just completed the 34th year of his pastorate. He has had no other charge. Under his pastorate more than 5,000 persons have been received into membership and more than \$2,000,000 has been raised and spent in charity. The church property is worth \$1,000,000, and is free of debt.

..The most isolated Englishman at the present moment is the Rev. E. J. Peck, the representative of the Church Missionary Society among the Eskimos on Blackhead Island, Cumberland Sound, Baffin's Bay. The only connecting link between Mr. Peck and the outer world is an annual ship, and news has just reached London that he did not hear of his daughter's death in England until twelve months after it occurred. The missionary was the last Britanic subject to learn of Queen Victoria's decease—eight months after the event.

..A unique campaign of evangelization has been recently inaugurated in Brooklyn. Some 50 churches have united in an aggressive movement to reform the notorious "Bedford Gang." The campaign will be conducted with street parades, brass bands and banners. One Sunday evening there were 2,000 men in line, headed by a band. After a parade an open air meeting was held, addressed by several noted preachers. After the open air service the parade was resumed and another meeting held in the Central Presbyterian church, which was crowded. A few years ago such methods would have shocked some good Christian people. But the general feeling now will be that the method is perfectly proper under the circumstances. The situation in Brooklyn is said to demand startling and unusual methods. Street loafing has become a public nuisance. The gang known as the "Bedford Gang," has influenced the formation of other gangs and clubs, all with vicious and criminal tendencies. It is to reach these young men that the movement is undertaken.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS,

The organist of the Free Baptist church at Gibson, Miss Allie Robinson, received a generous present of money in recognition of her services.

Rev. J. W. McConnell, Central Methodist church, Moncton, a fur-lined coat; and Mrs. McConnell \$57.00.

Rev. J. H. McDonald, Baptist, Fredericton, \$150.00 from his Bible class.

Rev. J. J. Teasdale, Methodist, Fredericton, \$54.00.

Rev. Dr. Roberts, for 31 years rector of St. Ann's, Fredericton, a fur-lined coat, cap and gloves.

Rev. Mr. Foster, curate of St Ann's, \$25.00.

Rev. D. Lang, St. Andrew's church, St. John, \$138.00.

Rev. A. Meahan, of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, St. John, a purse of gold from the altar boys.

Rev. Charles B. Appel, Douglas Ave. Christian church, St. John, an otter cap and collar.

Rev. G. M. Campbell, Centenary Methodist church, St. John, \$120.00.

Rev. W. O. Raymond, rector St. Mary's church, St. John, a fur coat.

Rev. J. M. Gladstone, Episcopal, McAdam, a gold watch.

Rev. A. Ross, Union Church, McAdam, a fur cap and collar.

Miss Lewis, organist of the Union church, McAdam, a gift of money.

Dean Partridge, the Cathedral, Fredericton, an easy chair from his choir class.

Rev. H. E. Cooke, the Disciples' church, Burt's Corner, York Co., \$60.

Rev. A. A. Rideout, Free Baptist, Fredericton, a fur cap.

Secretary Wilson, of the St. John Y. M. C. A., a purse of money.

Rev. Dr. Fotheringham, Presbyterian, St. John, a fountain pen from his Boys' Brigade.

Rev. Mr. Basten, Episcopal, Woodstock, a gift of money.

Mrs. Pugsley, organist Free Baptist church, Woodstock, \$25.00.

Rev. A. J. Prosser, Waterloo St. Free Baptist, St. John, a beaver collar from his Bible class, and a fine couch and oak chair from the congregation.

SOME SAMPLES.

In Montreal, Alexander Leclerc, 49 years of age, killed his father, Moise Leclerc, 70 years of age, in drunken anger on Christmas eve. Both were drunk.

A young man at Grand Falls, N. B., during Christmas week, fell into a hog pen while drunk, and being in a drunken stupor, the hogs were eating him when he was rescued.

Christmas eve, in Chatham, N. B., a young man died of exposure while drunk.

These are only samples. Like tragedies are occurring in some parts of the country every week. Police Magistrate Ritchie, of St. John, said the other day that ninety-nine per cent. of the men and women he sends to jail are sent because of drink. The testimony of other judges is the same.

The crown lawyer in charge at the inquest in the case of the Chatham young man seemed chiefly anxious to shut out evidence that pointed to the

rumsellers, and he succeeded. A young man's life does not count, nor the worse than sorrow of his relations, nor the welfare of the community—none of these are worth considering if only the rumsellers can be protected.

The Montreal City Council is much moved by such cases as the murder of a father by his drunken son, and has solemnly resolved that some of the whiskey now being sold in that city must be "bad whiskey." The government is being asked to order an analysis of the liquor sold. Wife-beatings, assaults, murders and all crimes will immediately cease. There is nothing like a resolution denouncing "bad whiskey," followed by an analysis, to stop such things.

Anything—anything but interfering with the rum traffic is good to be done. The traffic is such a blessing, and the men who get rich by it are such philanthropists that they must not be touched. One of them gives a turkey apiece to his employes, and his big-heartedness is sounded abroad. It does not matter that there are turkeyless homes by the score and hundred, and hundreds of people with no homes, because a ghoul carries on his traffic.

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