

Notes and Cleanings.

—Switzerland's annual income from tourists is said to be \$25,000,000.

—Tokio now boasts a population of 1,600,000, and covers an area of twenty-eight square miles.

—Of the 220 students at present in the Baptist colleges of England and Scotland, 208 are total abstainers.

—The longest straight piece of railway line in the world is from Nyngan to Mourke, in New South Wales. This railway runs 136 miles on a level in a perfectly straight line.

—Japan and China are working together as seen in the fact that there are 1,000 Chinese students, including 500 Military Cadets, in Tokio under the auspices of the Chinese government, and 1,000 more in the city independent of the government. In several provinces of China there are military schools with Japanese instructors and it is not difficult to see that when peace is restored, Japan is not to stand alone in her purpose to prevent a new invasion of Manchuria on the part of Russia.

—According to the laws of good society in China, young widows should not remarry. Widowhood is, therefore, held in the highest esteem, and the older the widow grows the more agreeable her position becomes. Should she reach fifty she may, by applying to the emperor, get a sum of money with which to buy a tablet on which her virtues are inscribed. The tablet is then placed over the door at the principal entrance to her house.

—In 1859, some distance southeast of Lake Nyassa, in Central Africa, Livingstone discovered Lake Shirwan, a body of water about 30 miles long and 15 miles wide, which has now entirely disappeared with the exception of a few ponds in its bed. Lake Nyami, discovered by Livingstone at the same time, has also disappeared. The cause of the change appears to be a gradual drying up of bodies of water in Central Africa.

—The huge one-span arched steel bridge which is to carry the Cape to Cairo railroad across the waters of the Zambesi river, just below the Victoria falls, will shortly be swung into position, says the *Scientific American*. This bridge will be the highest in the world, with a main span of 500 feet. About 40,000 tons of plant will be carried across the river at a point where banks are over 600 feet apart, and this will be effected by means of an electric cableway. There will be little manual labor required, merely a few men for driving the electrical machinery, which will do all the hauling.

—Shopkeepers who do a business by mail sometimes are the recipients of curious letters. Here is one that was recently received by a London firm from a gold miner in Alaska. "Gentlemen,—Enclosed you will find an envelope which you will tear up in small pieces and place in a glass of water; let it soak for an hour or so, then stir and drain off slowly; add more water and drain and you will find thirty grains of gold for which you will send me a stylographic pen wrapped up in a late newspaper." These instructions were carried

out, and the gold valued at 5s. obtained, in exchange for which the ingenious miner was sent a stylographic pen wrapped up in two newspapers.

A BOY PREACHER.

The latest Boy Preacher, named Dennis, has appeared, and is now attracting great audiences at Halloway, England. The story told about him is that his father is an American Indian and his mother a negress, and he has reached the age of ten. He has never been to school, proclaims his indifference to "creeds and opinions," and marches up and down the platform in a white surplice. In moments of confidence he explains to his audiences that when between two and three years of age he "felt a divine call to speak to men about their souls," and at first "he practised on dolls." When he was four he preached regularly in a Congregational church and he has been constantly preaching ever since. Commenting on adolescent Dennis *The Christian World* (London) remarks: "We cannot pretend to regard these facts with any enthusiasm, this kind of precocity in religion is not appealing to us. If time proves him to have the necessary gifts the best we can hope for young Dennis is that, in due course, he will enter a school. Really we wish these boy preachers would hurry and grow up. Preachers of the nursery but not in it, are something of a trial at times."

DON'T GET RICH AGAIN.

Riches are not the greatest blessings nor is poverty the greatest curse. An exchange tells us that the children of a certain family during its prosperity were left in the nursery in charge of servants. When adversity came the servants were discharged and the parents left with the little ones. One evening when the father had returned home from the day of anxiety and business worry, his little girl climbed on his knee and twining her arms around his neck said: "Father, don't get rich again, you did not come into the nursery when you were rich, and now we can get around you and climb on our knee and kiss you. Do not get rich again, father." The man whose wealth keeps him from his family, sleep, healthy recreation, and time to enjoy the legitimate pleasures of life is controlled and enslaved by money.

How ONE VIEWS IT.—A subscriber writes: "Please find enclosed P. O. for \$5.00. \$4.50 will pay for the paper to July; the other fifty cents please accept for interest, as I have been so long overdue. Hereafter I hope to pay always in advance."

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NEWS OF CHURCHES.

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Zion. The savour of the General Conference is still with me, and hope it will be to the end. Good bye to all.

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Woodstock, Jan. 4, 1905.

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MINISTERS. — Licentiate McCutcheon, home from school for the vacation, spent two Sundays—Christmas and New Year—and the time between, at Beaver Harbor. He enjoyed being with this people, and hopes the work was helped.

Licentiate H. M. Manzer spent two Sundays of the Christmas vacation at Southampton and Campbell Settlement. They need a pastor.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—Rev. B. H. Nobles has tendered his resignation of the St. John West Baptist church and will go to Sackville the first of April.

—Rev. D. Hutchinson, Moncton, has been called to succeed the late Rev. H. H. Roach in the Main St. Baptist church, St. John.

—Evangelists Crossley and Hunter are holding meetings in Truro, and reports there is a growing revival interest.

The St. John Baptist and Free Baptist ministers exchanged pulpits last Sunday morning, as follows: Main St., Rev. J. P. Stackhouse; Victoria St., Rev. B. N. Nobles; Germain St., Rev. A. J. Prosser; Leinster St., Rev. R. W. Ferguson; Brussels St.; Tabernacle, Rev. David Long. Waterloo St., Rev. Dr. Gates; Carleton Baptist, Rev. Christopher Burnett; Carleton F. B., Rev. A. B. Cohoe.

—Rev. J. F. Forbes, pastor of St. Andrew's church, Presbyterian, Sydney, N. S., died last week. He was a brother of Judge Forbes, St. John.

HOW OFTEN.

How often does Christmas fall on Sunday? A pretty question of mental arithmetic which may puzzle a good many persons, and which few are able to answer correctly off-hand, if they have not previously had occasion to think of the matter. Some will answer boldly every seven years, because there are seven days in the week, and the

25th of December comes one day later in the week every year. Others will remember that Leap Year is a disturbing element in the calculation, and will say the answer is every six years, deducting one for the effect of Leap Year. A similar number of persons will remember that as Leap Year occurs every fourth year, it must sometimes occur twice before the seven days of the week are passed over. Fewer still bear in mind that Leap Year must sometimes make Christmas jump over the Sunday. Those who think it out will find that the event occurs in a series of eleven, six, five and six years.

Marriages.

THOMAS-TRACEY.—On Friday, on the 21st ult., Willard Thomas to Miss Fannie Tracey, by Rev. J. B. Daggett.

TRACEY-HAYWARD.—At Lincoln Free Baptist church, on 28th ult., by Rev. J. B. Daggett, Everett A. Tracey to Miss Lottie Mabel Hayward.

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