

## GOSPEL EXAMPLES.

Living examples of what the gospel of Christ has done in the persons who have received it in the simplicity of their faith are the most cogent arguments that can be given in behalf of Christianity. I recently heard an address by a minister, who is also a physician. He had lately returned to this country from the Philippine Islands, where he labored several years as a medical missionary. In his address he gave many specific examples of the effects of the gospel upon the natives, in whom marvelous mental and moral changes were manifest to all. He referred to some instances in which even the physical condition of the converts was greatly improved. Some of them, who had become very seriously impaired in health, so that they were deformed in some respects, recovered very largely their normal form and vigor; and the transformation was wrought within a year in some cases. At the same time the converts showed most marked improvement in intelligence and in a knowledge of spiritual things. The lecturer also said that the general habits of the converts became vastly better than they formerly were. Very impressive is the fact, too, that they manifest a passionate desire for the salvation of their fellows. Even those converts who had become old and feeble in health would make the greatest possible efforts to win the unsaved ones to Christ. Many of them, the speaker said, dragged themselves along for miles, for the purpose of giving gospel truth to others. These examples prove that the very same gospel which, in apostolic times, and fervently presented in all simplicity, brought many thousands of unsaved ones into Christ's kingdom, is just as effective today among the masses who have not heretofore heard the glad tidings. And one lesson for ministers in our land is this, the need of preaching the heart of the gospel in great plainness and power.—C. H. Wetherbe.

## News of the Churches.

FREDERICTON.—Special meetings are being held—this is the third week, and there is a good revival interest. There have been conversions and much quickening. Sunday, 12th inst., the pastor, Rev. A. A. Rideout, baptized four converts, and last Sunday three were baptized.

ST. JOHN.—The pastor of the Waterloo St. Church baptized three converts Sunday, 12th inst., and the ordinance was administered last Sunday, also.

WHITE HEAD, GRAND MANAN.—As I will not fully report my work until my two months are up, I thought I would drop you a word about the interest on this island. We are having a revival of righteousness—it is wonderful what the Lord has done for us. With all my heart I join with others in praising His holy name for it. Brethren, pray for us.  
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MINISTERS.—Rev. W. H. Perry has been suffering from colds and hoarseness all winter, the effect, probably, of the fever which prostrated him in the

Fall. He says it is the hardest winter he remembers. He was unable to reach any of his appointments on Sunday, 12th inst.

Rev. H. H. Ferguson, of Marysville, spent two days in St. John last week visiting his brother, Rev. R. W. Ferguson.

Rev. A. J. Prosser preached in the Home for Incurables last Sunday afternoon.

Rev. G. W. Foster writes: "Hard winter; almost buried in snow."

## OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—The Presbyterian ministers of St. John have organized a Ministers' Association, which will hold a meeting each month. Dr. Fotheringham is the President. They have also decided to have a monthly exchange of pulpits.

—Rev. R. W. Weddall has applied to be transferred from the Nova Scotia to the N. B. and P. E. Island Methodist Conference.

—A correspondent of the *S. S. Times* writes on Sunday school work in the Maritime Provinces, saying: Association work in the Maritime Provinces is on a solid basis. Friendly relations exist between the provinces, as was shown by the attendance of Mr. Ganong, Field Secretary of New Brunswick, and Mr. Archibald, Field Secretary of Prince Edward Island, at the Provincial Convention of Nova Scotia, recently held in Halifax. Success is largely due to strong executive committees, who manage the details of Sunday school business. A complete system of grading and supplemental lessons has been recommended for the provinces, and already adopted by several denominations. Nova Scotia reports 96 teacher-training classes, with a membership of 832, and 171 graduates the past year, with a prospect of much greater results the coming year. Cradle Rolls and Home Departments have a large membership, and each of these provinces maintains a flourishing temperance department, with a special superintendent.

—Rev. B. N. Nobles has entered upon his work as pastor of the Sackville Baptist church.

—Rev. Clarence McKinnon, of Sydney, N. S., is being sought by Westminster Presbyterian church, Winnipeg. He declined a call to this church last year. He may accept this time.

—Special meetings in the Fredericton Baptist church have been largely attended and very interesting. Christians have been helped and there have been conversions.

—Rev. S. A. Baker, Reformed Baptist, baptized fourteen converts recently, the result of special meetings at Hartland, C. Co.

—At Mahone Bay, N. S., the Methodists raised in one week the amount necessary to pay the cost of remodelling their church, and \$200 over.

The largest dam in the State of Colorado is being constructed for the Cascade reservoir in the San Juan section. The wall will be 105 feet in height, and the water stored will reach a depth of 100 feet. The dam will contain 3,701,000,000 cubic feet of water.

## Revival News.

—The revival in London is assuming large proportions. The Albert Hall is packed every night and thousands are turned away. All classes, from the highest to the lowest, are being reached. Among the first conversions reported was that of an army colonel. The meetings are regularly attended by members of the nobility and high dignitaries of the Established Church. Lord Kinnard is very active in the work, and others who are participating zealously are Lord and Lady Wimborne, Lord Overton, the Bishop of London, and the Dean of Ripon.

—The *Christian-Evangelist* notes as a gratifying fact in connection with the religious revival that is sweeping over parts of the United States that there is a growing interest in the purification of political and industrial life. There is being brought to light as never before the abuses, both in politics and in business methods, and this must necessarily precede any work of reform. No religious revival can justify itself that does not result in a purer political life and in more honest business methods.

—The revival in Wales has produced an unprecedented demand for the Bible. One bookseller writes to the British and Foreign Bible Society in London, under pressure that is unmistakable, although he stumbles somewhat in choosing his words: "Please send them at once. Great demand for Bibles now the revival is doing such havoc (!) in our midst." The orders for Scriptures received by the Bible Society from Wales for November and December were three times the amount for the corresponding months last year.

—An illustration of the widespread influence of the Welsh revival is reported by *The Primitive Methodist*. Mr. Lloyd-George, M. P., and Mr. Broadhurst, M. P., were billed to address a great Liberal demonstration at Pwllheli, but on reaching the town found it had been so fired with religious enthusiasm that a political meeting was out of the question. Instead they both attended the revival meeting, where their entrance upon the platform was greeted with revival hymns. Mr. Lloyd-George delivered a stirring speech relative to the revival, which, he said, was sweeping like a whirlwind over the land. Having just returned from the Continent, he related incidents which happened in Paris and Naples, illustrating how the revival exercised its influence. The French and Italian newspapers devoted columns to descriptive articles displaying a remarkable insight into the inwardness of the movement. The revival, he said, had altered many young men's views of life, and changed their perspective. It was impossible not to foresee that it must eventually bring great changes upon Wales, politically and socially. Every great reformer must rejoice in a movement which made the people more independent, thoughtful, and self-sacrificing, and which strengthened the manlier qualities of the race. Mr. Broadhurst, who is a Wesleyan and a local preacher, also spoke.

## General Religious News.

—While the Russian warships were passing through the Suez Canal, their crews purchased seven hundred copies of the Bible in Russian from the Bible Society colporteurs who were allowed on board at Port Said. If they had had them before leaving home the North Sea incident might have been avoided.

—Statistics just published announce a total number of Sunday school scholars in the United Kingdom of over 7,300,000, with 674,123 teachers. The increase of scholars in the Wesleyan Church for the year is 14,271, or nearly one and one-half per cent., which is about the percentage of increase in the churches as a whole.

—Ten or twelve Doukobors and Galicians are in training for Christian work in Manitoba College, under a graduate of the University of St. Petersburg. A Hungarian, and a Persian missionary are being brought out to labor amongst their own people near Rosthern in the Saskatchewan Valley, and at Battleford, where 200 more Persians will soon settle.

—Some interesting facts concerning the Baptists in Russia are given in *The Journal and Messenger*. The Russian Baptist Union is composed of 5 Associations, 128 churches and 3 churches not connected with any Association—131 churches in all. The largest Association has 70 churches and 6,556 members, and the smallest has 15 churches and 2,086 members. All the churches of the Union together have 22,809 members, 106 ministers, 140 chapels, and 412 preaching stations, 393,648 rubles, or about \$196,824 of property, and contributed last year \$44,142, or not quite \$2 per member. The increase of members is 4,911.

—There are more Christians by far in the world than say in 1804—a hundred years ago; more Bible readers, Bible teachers, Bible translations, and Christian missionaries. Any one of the leading churches does more this year for the diffusion of Christian religion than all Protestant Christendom was doing in 1804. There was not very much being accomplished at that date by the unreformed churches of Greece or Rome. Even relatively to the population of Great Britain and America avowed and active Christians are more numerous than they were a century ago, and the disciples of Christ are not only more numerous but also more aggressive and liberal and enterprising.

—Y. M. C. A. work in the Maritime Provinces is having a good degree of success. A new building is being erected at Springhill, N. S., to cost \$8,500; new secretaries have been placed at North Sydney, Glace Bay, Sydney Mines and Stellarton. Many lumber camps are being supplied with good literature. Institutions for Bible study and special evangelistic meetings are being arranged for; a railroad association secretary is to visit the railway centres soon.

Newfoundland is learning, and by this time must know almost as much about treaties with the United States as Canada does.—*Mail and Empire*.