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To Pastors and Churches.

The letter of the Conference Committee on Baptist Union has been sent to pastors for their churches. For churches that are without pastors, the letter has been sent to their clerks. The result of the vote in each church should be reported to the undersigned. It is hoped that churches that have not voted will do so as soon as possible.

JOS. MCLEOD,

For the Com.

Fredericton, N. J.

NOTICE.

In accordance with the request of elders and lay brethren as required by the Constitution, a Special Session of the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia will be held at Chegoggin Free Baptist Church, Yarmouth Co., at 2.00 p. m. on Thursday, the 9th day of March, 1905, for the purpose of considering the "Basis of Union," and any other matters properly calling for the attention of the Conference.

The delegates duly appointed to attend the last Yearly Meeting, or their substitutes, together with the elders, licentiates, deacons and S. S. superintendents from the membership of the Conference.

EDWIN CROWELL,
Clerk Free Baptist Conference
of Nova Scotia.

Yarmouth, N. S.,
February 7th, 1905.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

(From page sixteen.)

Trans-Caucasia, anarchy, murder and highway robbery are driving the well-to-do inhabitants to seek refuge in the cities.

The Belgian coal strike shows signs of collapsing, the resumption of work becoming more general in different districts.

Pneumonia has been a prevalent and fatal disease in the United States for some time past. This was particularly the case in the state of New York, where in five months last year there were no fewer than eight thousand deaths from this disease, which number was twelve and a quarter per cent of the total deaths, and two thousand more that occurred for the same months in 1903.

The Argentine Republic will spend, in the next five years, \$40,000,000 on new railways and branch lines. Up to the present time most of the rolling stock in use on the Argentine railroads has been imported from England, Germany and Belgium.

The body of Foster Blaisdell, aged 21, was found crushed and with the skull broken in a horse-power elevator at his home, near Fort Fairfield, Maine, Thursday.

A bill has been introduced in the Maine legislature appropriating \$20,000 to aid in bridging the St. John river at Van Buren.

THE MAGAZINES.

Everybody's Magazine for March has a blow at the Beef Trust. It exposes the system of mileage and icing charges by which the Beef Trust has driven every competitor from the commercial field. Mr. Lawson jumps directly into the beginning of Amalgamated. The instalment ends with a vivid description of a significant interview in which Rogers agrees to take up the scheme of Amalgamated and finance it for Lawson. These two articles are well worth the price of the magazine. But the reader is given much more that is entertaining. There are some noticeable illustrations. *Everybody's* is every month a very interesting magazine.

The youngest mission station of the Baptists in the Philippines is at Cadiz, where there are reported fifty-two resident church members, a young people's society with an average attendance of sixty-five and a Sunday school with fifty-six scholars. One or more services are held each day of the week for the children, for Americans, for Chinamen and for the Filipinos. In December a new church building of white stone was dedicated.

EDITORIAL OUTLOOK.

(Continued from page one.)

unknown to commerce. Twenty of these were dye and tanning woods, and more than half were reported to be "serviceable for construction, as they are hard, close-grained, and almost imperishable." Yet the annual export of timber from all Venezulean ports would hardly make one respectable cargo.

With all its wealth of possibilities, the business of the country is almost stagnant. Monopolies fostered by the government abound, taxes are frightfully high, the cloud of possible revolution is always impending, foodstuffs and provisions are exorbitant in price, and it seems to be the policy of the government to repress all efforts at commercial development.

It is reported that Vladivostok is being closely blockaded by Admiral Uriu's fleet.

The War. Despatches from Mukden, via St. Petersburg, say that a regiment of Japanese cavalry, which had destroyed the railway bridge between Mukden and Harbin, was completely wiped out. They were overtaken by a force of Russian cavalry, and refusing to surrender, fought till the last man was killed.

It is said that about fifty vessels will be added to Japan's naval strength as a result of salvage operations now being conducted at Port Arthur.

There is evidently much discord among the Russian officers who were at Port Arthur. The army officers are particularly hostile to the fleet, habitually calling it the frightened fleet. Admiral Lockinsky, who was commander of the torpedo defences at Port Arthur, is quoted as making a bitter criticism of General Stoessel, Admiral Alexieff, and others. General Stoessel and Admiral Lockinsky are said to refuse to speak to or salute each other. General Stoessel, it is stated, cannot pardon the navy's failure to succor him, while the navy fully returns his hatred.

Gen. Kuropatkin, also, comes in for sharp criticism. Gen. Grippenberly, former commander of the second Manchurian army, is now in St. Petersburg, and has caused much sensation by accusing Kuropatkin with the responsibility of serious Russian reverses.

Peace rumours continue. The Russian people are demanding a cessation of hostilities. And, it is said, that even at the front there is a growing feeling that it is about time to come to terms.

Senator Wark, Fredericton, celebrated his one hundredth birthday last Sunday. He is in good health.

Brief Mention Andrew Carnegie has hesitated to invest money in a new hotel, because liquor would be sold in it. We are glad to record this good thing of him.

The Ontario Prohibition Alliance has called a convention in Toronto for Thursday of this week.

Lord Strathcona has sent a cheque for \$10,000 as a contribution to the building fund of the Ottawa University (Roman Catholic).

The strikers at St. Petersburg have returned to work.

Sir Charles Tupper sailed for Italy a few days ago to spend the balance of the winter and the spring.

Mr. Donald McMaster, a leading lawyer of Montreal, has been asked to be a Chamberlain candidate for the British parliament.

Prof. Jack, of the U. N. B., has resigned to accept a more lucrative position in Virginia.

General Lew Wallace, known chiefly as the author of Ben Hur, died in Indiana Wednesday.

The period of service for Russian soldiers is fifteen years—four in the ranks, two years on furlough (liable to recall at any moment), and nine years in the reserves, which can only be called out in case of war or national danger.