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RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

every other particular." Can any sane person understand this mass of contradiction? I am willing to confess it is more than I can do. It is only a leaf dropped out of his book, that declares at once his true spirit and his underhanded methods. He writes to make us believe one thing, when he manifestly believes quite another. He evidently wishes to say something disparaging to the church at Chocolate Cove, when in truth there can be nothing disparaging said about them. He only displays the feelings that animate him, for could he find anything disparaging to say, he would say it very quickly.

The truth is simply this: The church at Chocolate Cove has for many years, to my certain knowledge, held doctrines exactly like our own, and although they have been buffeted on the right hand and on the left, they have maintained their ground and have remained true to their Christian principles. Suppose it is a fact that some of the ministers of the Christian denomination do not believe in the personality or divinity of the Holy Spirit (and by the way there are not many of them that deny His divinity and personality), was it gentlemanly or Christian to insinuate that, perhaps, after all the Christian Church at Chocolate Cove had that doctrine hidden away in some corner, when it would after a while be brought to the light. From all such men as this writer we wish to be delivered.

A. TAYLOR.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

PORLTAND.—The work of God among us is progressing slowly, but we think surely. God, by His Holy Spirit, is to work among the people. We are doing our best to plant and water, and are looking to God for the increase. Some who have been in a backslidden condition for years have been reclaimed. Some have sought and found Jesus. Others are coming. We are praying and working for a revival, such as has never been experienced in this church. Sunday, Jan. 24th, we baptized five happy converts, all in the prime of life. Others will soon follow. At the close of the evening service six were united with the church. Brethren pray for us.

The work of God advances. Victories are being gained for King Jesus. Satan's host is growing less. We cannot say how many have been reclaimed. But quite a number have returned to Father's house which we think we will be able to gather into the church. The majority of those being reclaimed are members of churches in other places, who have for years been living here. This seems to be our work, to search out and lead to the fold those who in a dark, a cloudy day, have gone away from Jesus.

Last week we held four meetings, and on Sunday, Jan. 31st, we baptized six more happy souls; in the evening six united with the church. The day throughout was one of spiritual blessing. The power of God is among the people; others are seeking. To God be all the praise. Two more have signified their desire to follow the Lord in His appointed ways. We have meetings every night this week. We are praying for a large blessing. May God grant it. Men in middle life, and beyond it, are coming to Jesus. Don't forget to pray for us.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NEWS.

Gen. Booth, of the Salvation Army, announces to his London audience that he is about to organize a campaign against the colored citizens of the Southern States.

Special religious services are being held in the Methodist churches in Halifax. In some of them a deep religious interest prevails, and an unusual degree of spiritual power has been felt.

Mr. Spurgeon's church in London sent out 78 colporteurs last year, who visited 1,500 towns and villages, and sold Bibles, religious books, and magazines to the amount of nearly \$45,000.

On Sabbath Rev. F. W. Parker, of the Albert street Baptist church, Woodstock, administered the rite of baptism to seven candidates. At the evening service they were received into the church. I do not know how long the meetings will continue, but it will probably be some time before they can be closed. On Monday evening fifteen or twenty rose to indicate a disposition to come to the Saviour; quite a number spoke. I expect to baptize next Sabbath. Pray for us that the work may go on and scores be borne into the Kingdom of God.

J. A. ROBERTSON.

NOVA SCOTIA.

CAPE ISLAND, N. S.—Cheered as we are by the news from other parts of the field, we venture a word from this Island. The storms of the last several weeks have prevented a full attendance, and yet our congregations have been fair, and the interest in the work good. No settled pastor has been secured as yet, but our people are moving on expecting to find the right man soon. The sale of slips for '86 has been very encouraging, and the salary is all raised for some faithful pastor to labour among them who ever

he may be. This is as it should be; it gives the committee confidence in calling some one to the work, while the amount advanced gives them some thing in the treasury to work with. And why not all our churches do this? Why wait till the man is settled before the salary is raised to pay him? Why the church attempt or pretend to do God's work with an empty treasury. The place of a stone drag, forever behind, is not the position for the church of our Lord to take or consent to occupy. Rather let the church be an example to the business world in the management of its affairs.

Having been elected missionary pastor I shall try and hold the position till a pastor is found. Pray for us that we may see some good done and fruit gathered to life eternal.

JAMES BOYD.

Jan. 26, '86.

MISSIONARY NEWS.

In Greenland there are 7,000 Esquimaux converts under the fostering care of the Danish Mission Society.

Among the Mohammedans of India notable conversions to Christianity occurred last year—a famous preacher against Christianity at Calcutta; a medical man from Bombay, and others from Peshawar, Madras, and in Kashmir. These are only prominent cases among many others.

Dr. Thoburn, writing to the Western Christian Advocate, says the South India Conference has sixty-nine persons engaged in street-preaching and sixty-seven others who do so occasionally. In Calcutta they have two Europeans wholly given to native work, one native who preaches in Hindooostan, and four who preach in Bengali.

On one of the New Hebrides, in the South Pacific, is the lonely grave of a Presbyterian missionary, the Rev. John Geddy. A marble slab bears the following inscription:

When he came here
There were no Christians;
When he went away
There were no heathen.

Earl Cairns, in a recent address in London, stated that of the 37,000 native population of Sierra Leone, 32,000 are professing Christians; and of the 44,000 Maoris in New Zealand, 25,000 are professing Christians. If New Zealand, in addition to its British population, counts a majority of even the natives on the side of Christ, may it not be called a Christian country as truly as England or the United States?

The Bombay Guardian reports a remarkable revival among the native Christians of the Church Mission at Trivari, Southern India. It was first manifested in the Girls' Boarding School in the evening after a public meeting, when women and girls were prostrated on the floor in great distress on account of sin. At the next public service so many came forward for prayers that the whole church was required for an inquiry room.

The Zenana work in India is making large and encouraging progress. At a meeting of those interested, in the recent meetings in England, a report was read stating that whilst in 1867 there were but two stations, namely at Calcutta and Delhi, with two lady visitors and three or four native helpers, there are now fifteen large stations, besides out-stations, with fifty-three lady visitors and assistants, and more than eighty native agents. Moreover, the reception which is being given to these Christian messengers, even when they carry the Bible, is becoming more and more cordial. Surely "this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes."

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

It is said that there is not a single hotel or saloon-keeper in the present legislature of the State of New Jersey.

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The number of names placed on what is termed, in Bethany Church, Philadelphia, of which Dr. Arthur Pierson is pastor, the converts' roll in three months is five hundred and thirty.

As a result of the labors of Messrs.

Meikle and Gerrior at Moncton, Truro and Campbellton, an organization of Christian railway men has been formed, having branches at the points named and at others along the line of the Intercolonial. Two hundred conversions of railway employees are believed to have taken place since last May. Some of these conversions have been very marked. A meeting for railway men is now held at Richmond on each Sunday afternoon.—Wesleyan.

The statement of the chartered banks of the Dominion for December show total assets and liabilities of \$227,863,547 and \$146,440,253 respectively, showing an increase of \$13,076,035 in the assets and \$12,065,315 in the liabilities compared with December 1884.

YORK CO. S. S. ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the York County Sunday-school Association is to be held in the Baptist Church, Lower Prince William, on Thursday, 18th inst. The following is the programme:

FIRST SESSION.—9.30 A. M.—Devotional Meeting led by Rev. Wm. Ross. 10.00 A. M.—Call to order by the President, Rev. Joseph McLeod. Statistical Report; Treasurer's Report; appointment of committee to nominate officers.

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The speakers introducing topics for discussion, will be limited to fifteen minutes, and those who follow to five minutes each.

Collections will be taken up at each session of the Convention, one of which will be for the benefit of the New Brunswick Sunday-school Association.

Mr. W. G. Gaunce, President of the N. B. S. A., will be at the Convention, and will make a report of the work of the Provincial Association.

It is hoped that every Sunday-school in the County will be represented at the meeting.

THE QUEEN VS. RIEL.—A full report of the trial of Riel for high treason has been issued by the Government. It contains, amongst other things, sixty-three petitions to the federal executive asking for either the commutation of Riel's sentence, or the appointment of a medical commission to report upon his sanity. Fifty-four of these petitions were from Quebec three from the United States, and from Ontario, and one from France.

OF MINISTERS.—Rev. Mr. Dyke-man, pastor of the Baptist church at Dorchester, has accepted a call to Woodstock.... Rev. J. E. Read is visiting lumber camps on the Nashwaak.... Rev. W. McIntyre (Baptist) has been spending a couple of weeks in Fredericton. He has preached in both the Baptist and Free Baptist churches to the profit of the people.

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H. Gladden, West Shefford, P. Q., writes: For a number of years I have been afflicted with rheumatism. Two years ago I was attacked very severely. I suffered a great deal of pain, from which I was not free for a day, until last spring, when I began to use Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, and I rejoice to say it has cured me, for which I am thankful.

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The number of passengers on surface and elevated roads in New York City is estimated at 310,000,000 a year, two thirds of whom ride on surface cars.

Mr. Gladstone's mail consists of about three thousand letters a month, thirty-six thousand a year, one hundred a day, exclusive of indefinite quantities of newspapers, circulars, post cards, and the like.

"Is there any danger of the boa constrictor biting me?" asked a lady visitor at the Zoological garden. "Not the least, marm," cried the showman.

"He never bites—he swallows his witties whole."

"Ah!" said an old Highland piper, as he was describing to his comrades at home his recent experience in Edinburgh. "Ah! there was no night I'll ne'er forget. There were eighteen pipers, beside me, in Mrs. Glass' wee back-parlor in the Cowgate, an' we were a playin' different tunes, an' I just thought I was floatin' in heaven."

The Society for the Relief of the Destitute Blind, in New York, is building a home, estimated to cost \$60,000, of which sum \$6,000 is still to be provided for. There are 43 inmates and their maintenance for the year has cost about \$6,000.

Some Indian arrow-heads were lately shown at the Societe d'Anthropologie which were poisoned with curare over a century ago, but still retained their deadly power. Small animals scratched with them died in half an hour.

Minister's wife (rather trying at times): "How much did you get for performing that marriage ceremony this morning?" Minister: "Two dollars." Wife: "Only two dollars!" Minister: "Yes. The poor fellow said he had been married before, and I hadn't the heart to charge him more than that."

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