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NEEDED. It is generally agreed that politics are out of place in religion, but it can scarcely be denied that a little religion in politics would be reasonable and seasonable.

HEATHENISM IN AMERICA. The Chinese are numerous in California. They maintain their idolatry as at home. A couple of years ago a new god, "Tang Wong" by name, arrived in San Francisco from China.

A BAPTIST VIEW. The editor of the Messenger and Visitor was present during part of the session of Conference. He gave in his last issue a brief report of the proceedings while he was there, including the discussion on the Basis of Union.

MORE SELF-DENIAL. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has after the manner of the Salvation Army—been having a week of self-denial for missions. It was a success. Some three hundred and fifty circuits reported having observed it, and the last result was \$12,000.

WHY IS IT? The Brooklyn Tabernacle, Dr. Talmage pastor, has been opened again after having been closed two months. During the vacation an addition has been made to the church, so that there are five hundred more sittings than before.

THE ATTENDANCE during the session was large, despite the unfavorable weather. Nearly every meeting was well attended, and some were crowded. There was an evident interest in the work of Conference, not a mere idle curiosity, but a real desire to hear and see what was said and done, and an anxiety that wise counsels prevail and right things be done.

THE RAIN, which began Saturday night and continued almost without ceasing till Wednesday morning, did not contribute to the comfort of either the members of Conference or the friends who were so kindly entertaining them. Everybody was wet and muddy; no one was able to reflect on his neighbour for having unpolished boots and a bedraggled appearance generally, they were all in the same condition.

IT IS possible, however that the bad weather contributed somewhat to shortening the session, not by making the members careless, but by prevent-

ing them spending time visiting their friends and strolling about the fields. When the weather is very fine a good many hours are spent in making calls, admiring the beauties of the country, examining and passing upon the quality of the farm products, the stock &c. None of this could be indulged in this year; the members kept close to business, and, therefore, got through with it several hours earlier than usual.

PHILIPPIANS was a favourite epistle with the preachers; it furnished the texts of the three Sunday sermons at place of Conference. It may be that the preachers at the other Conference appointments of that day found texts in the same epistle. It has plenty of them, and excellent ones they are, too.

Table with 5 columns: No. of Schools, No. of Evergreen Schools, No. of Officers and Teachers, No. of Scholars, and Av. Attendance. Lists data for various locations like Albert, Carleton, Charlotte, Gloucester, Kent, King's, Northumberland, Queen's, Westmorland, and York.

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GENERAL RELIGIOUS NEWS.

The Bishop of Lichfield finds faults with the character of almsgiving. It is "uncertain and spasmodic." He affirms there are many who would not neglect their prayers, yet have no scruple in stinting their alms.

Eighty years ago, society in Turkey forbade women to learn to read. The Sultan has now started schools for women. See what Christianity is doing. General Lew Wallace, of Ben Hur fame, commends the action of the almost Christian man.

There are now twenty-seven vessels engaged in missionary work in different parts of the world, under the auspices of sixteen societies; of these missionary vessels, sixteen are running on the coasts or rivers of the Pacific Ocean.

The native Church in Formosa, with 1,473 communicants, has during 1886 contributed for the support of Gospel ordinances and for missionary work the sum of \$2,043.61—more than double the sum contributed in 1885, and more than six times the sum contributed in 1882.

Phil Armour, the millionaire meat-packer, of Chicago has given \$400,000 for a mission which is said to be a model of its kind. It is established in Chicago, and there are 1,000 children on its roll call. There is a school, a kindergarten, and a dispensary connected with this mission, to which only the poorest are admitted.

England paid for the war in Afghanistan \$60,000,000, while one-eighth of that sum was all the entire Church of Christ could devote that same year to the evangelization of the heathen, the world wide campaign for Christ. The late United States war not only required rivers of treasure, but rivers of blood; 500,000 lives were sacrificed to save the Union. Yet the country gives to the heathen world 10,000 men and women, and can do no more, gathering them from the whole Church of Christ.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

REV. E. B. GREY.—passed through this city last week on his way to Carleton Co. We were glad to have a call from him.

FREDERICTON JUNCTION.—There is a very good interest in the Junction Church. Just before Conference the pastor, Rev. G. F. Currie, held some special meetings with good results. There were some conversions; two were baptized.

REV. J. E. REUD.—moved his family from Keswick to Portland last week. He and they will be missed from the community where they have lived nearly fifteen years, and he from the large pastorate to which he has ministered so long. His P. O. address is now Indiantown, St. John.

DONATION.—On Wednesday, the 28 ULT, the friends at Millstream Mountain assembled in the F. C. Baptist House to make their pastor a donation. The ladies made the provision as usual on such occasions, and did it well. The afternoon was spent in an enjoyable way, and they donated me the sum of \$22.00. May God bless them.

A. H. McLEOD.

REMOVING TO MONCTON.—Rev. J. T. Parsons, who had been pastor of Waterloo street Free Baptist church for eighteen years, leaves for Moncton on Monday; having severed his connection with the church. During the eighteen years Rev. Mr. Parsons was in charge of the church, 553 members were received into the church, the average in that time being thirty-one. The largest number admitted in any one year was 126 and smallest 4. The number added during the present year was 31. During Mr. Parsons long residence in this city he has made many warm friends and his departure will be much regretted by all classes in the community. Sun, Oct. 15th.

REV. WM. DOWNEY, we are sorry to hear, was taken quite ill on Satur-