

Mission News.

—There are one hundred and nine medical missionaries in China; of whom thirty-eight are women, and of these last thirty-six are Americans. In all but four of the provinces medical missions have been established.

—Recent advices from Shanghai state that a number of Christian villages in the province of Sze-Chuen were attacked by Buddhists, the houses looted and burned, and twenty native Christians killed.

—“We are making more progress today in India every three months than we used to in ten years,” said Bishop Thoburn. Five hundred conversions a month, or 6,000 a year, is the record in India, says the Bishop.

—Bishop William Taylor says: “Poor Africa's deplorable condition under the rum curse is darker than when the stealing of millions of its people caused Livingstone to call it the ‘open sore of the world.’”

—Mr. MacKay of Uganda, Central Africa, says of Stanley:

“Whenever I find myself in Stanley's track, in Uganda, Ugo, or even Ukerewe itself, I find his treatment of the native has invariably been such as to win for him the highest respect for the face of a white man.”

—Dr. Johnston, who for sixteen years has been carrying on mission work in Jamaica among the colored people, is about to start for Africa with a number of helpers, whom he will establish at posts in Africa between the west and east coasts. He expects to cross the Continent, starting in at Benguela.

—Talk about missionary sacrifice. Recently a Scotchman with a fortune of a quarter of a million gave all to Christ, and has gone to China as a missionary, content to live upon a few shillings a week if he may but bring a few souls to Christ.

—The agent of an evangelical association, whose influence and instrumentality had led him to Christ, was pleading its cause with a learned gentleman, when the latter took occasion to disparage its work. “How many do you think you'll convert? Possibly a hundred, all told.” “Very well, let it be a hundred,” replied the pleader, meekly. “You are quick at figures; please take your pen and calculate the worth of one hundred souls.”

—It is stated that the attempt of Mr. E. F. Baldwin to establish a self-supporting mission in Morocco has failed. The natives were not very favorable toward the mission, and would not contribute toward its support. Mr. Baldwin has left that country and gone to Syria still convinced that self-supporting missions are possible; while the young men of his party, whom he has left behind, have resolved to change the basis of missionary work in Morocco.

—At a meeting to promote Haytian missions Bishop Cox declared that though the Romish Church has had priests there for 400 years two-thirds of their alleged converts are devil-worshippers and voodooists. The bishop said it made his very soul burn that United States Senators appropriated \$400,000 for Romish Schools among the Indians and \$150,000 for Protestant, saying the Romish are the best.

—The Belfast Witness exclaims: Eighty missionaries sent out to the heathen field in one night! This is what Exeter Hall, London, saw one evening lately. The missionaries are being despatched by the Church Missionary Society. Such a reinforcement of the world's missionary army is on a scale somewhat more worthy of the needs of the case than one usually sees.

—In Madagascar there are at present 900 congregations, with 130,000 members and 161,000 adherents. These are superintended by 27 missionaries, who are assisted by 827 native pastors and 2,419 local preachers. The 300 Sabbath-schools are attended by 10,000 children; and the 860 day schools by 28,478 boys and 30,419 girls. During the past year the natives have paid upward of £733 in school fees, and contributed upwards of £3,667 for the maintenance and extending of Gospel ordinances. In addition to the ordinary means of grace, much is being done to promote the well-being of the people, spiritually, morally, and socially, by means of Bible reading clubs, and temperance, white-cross, and anti-tobacco societies.

Mr. Stanley is trying to raise among the church people in England the sum of \$25,000 for placing a missionary steamer on the Lake Victoria Nyanza. He reminds them, we are told, “that the American, English and Scotch societies on the Lakes Tanganyika and Nyanza each have their steamers, while ‘the most successful missionary enterprise in Africa,’ since its old boat, built by Mr. Mackay, foundered, has left its missionaries dependent on the dangerous native canoe.” Up to

the time when the paragraph upon this matter which we follow was written, Mr. Stanley had secured not quite half the amount needed. The slowness of those to whom he appeals is somewhat wondered at. The steamer when built is to be presented to the Church Missionary Society.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

REV. G. W. FOSTER has been ill, but is now much better, and about his work.

YEAR BOOK.—The Year Book, containing the minutes of the Conference of 1890, is out, and is now being distributed to the churches.

ST. JOHN.—The fancy sale and tea in the Waterloo street Baptist church on Tuesday evening was a grand success. There was a very large attendance and all enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and the ladies in charge looked well to the wants of their patrons.—Globe.

CARLETON.—A very pleasant and successful social and sale was held Thursday evening in the Carleton F. C. Baptist church by the ladies sewing circle. Refreshments were served on the European plan. The various tables were well supplied with useful and fancy articles that found a ready sale. A good sum was realized.—Globe.

FROM REV. G. W. FOSTER.—I have thought it best, my health being poor and not equal to extra labor, such as I had been doing, to discontinue our special services at Fredericton Junction for a time. Reviewing the work of the past few weeks, we feel that church and pastor have much to praise the Lord for. He has, by His Spirit and grace enabled us to gather a few precious souls for his garner. The church has been quickened and inspired with courage and hope for the future. It is true that there are some who were deeply convicted of the need of Christ, who have not yet publicly committed themselves to His service, but we are hoping and praying that they may yet take the yoke of Christ upon them and be true followers of Him who is “meek and lowly.” The church needs this, God is calling them, may they hear and heed the call and lay themselves as a living sacrifice upon God's altar, dedicating their lives to Him, whose we are, and whom we ought to serve.—For myself I feel encouraged more than ever before to work in the Master's Vineyard should my life and health be spared. The more I do the more I see to be done. Truly the Harvest is great but the laborers are few. My health is better now, and I am hoping soon to be well again.

Dec. 11th.

GEO. W. FOSTER.

HALIFAX.—Last evening Dec. 8th the annual convocation of the Free Baptist church was held in that venerable edifice. The first hour and a half or more was devoted by the large gathering in disposing of the bountiful display of good things provided by the ladies, on the tables in the basement. At 8.30 the pastor and chairman took their seats, and the latter (his honor, the Stipendiary of the City,) made a brief but very witty address, in which he remarked that in his position as chairman there was an appearance of the law being placed ahead of the gospel perhaps it was a case of the snow-plough ahead of the locomotive, and if so he had assisted in clearing the track down stairs, in the lower regions or (perhaps he might fairly say) “Jones' locker.” He then introduced the successive numbers on the programme, which included:—Piano Solo, Miss Mary Tremaine; Recitation Mrs. Winemack; Quartette, “Floating on the Ocean,” Misses Bremner and Gates, Messrs MacDonald and Bremner; Song, “When the Swallows,” Mr. Salmon; Recitation, “The Old Surgeon's Story,” Miss M. Beamish; Trio, Piano, Violin and Cornet, Necomb Bros; Song, “Not There, my Child,” Mrs. Stead; Song, “Peace,” J. Godfrey Smith.

In addition to the above a trio, “Galilee,” was rendered by Messrs. Bremner, MacDonald and Morse; and “Ring the bell Watchman,” by the same quartette who so acceptably sang “Floating on the Ocean.” Miss Beamish's rendition of the “Old Surgeon's story” was rewarded with a call to the rostrum, and she recited “Lines to Mary, (by a young man with a cold).” Mrs. Winemack's recitation was also encored, and “A voice from the poor House,” as she told the story, gave additional emphasis to the advice of the wise man, “look not upon the wine,” etc. “No Sir,” was the title of the pleasing song given by Mrs. Stead in response to a hearty recall; and Mr. Smith, who is always encored, gave in his most graphic manner “Bill the Engineer.” Some humorous remarks were made by the chairman dealing with the subject of the improvements already made and those apparently yet to be made. The pastor announced his intention of going home to see his mother at an early date, and expressed his desire to have the debt on the church settled before he started. He hoped in the near future to have the church in a more central locality, and (this is not an advertisement) he or the treasurer, W. Wilson, No 40 Cornwallis Street, will be glad to receive contributions toward this end. The evening was one of the most pleasant ever spent at a church gathering, and showed clearly the improvement and progress that has gone on in the Free Baptist church during the two years of the pastorate of Rev. A. G. Jones.—Acadian Recorder.

CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE MEETING.—Executive met in Vestry of F. C. B. Church, Waterloo Street, Saint John, on 18th November, 1890, at 10.30 o'clock, a. m.

Present—Rev. J. Noble, Chairman, Revs. G. A. Hartley, Dr. McLeod, C. T. Phillips, and J. W. Clark, and Messrs. Wm. Peters and Vince.

Opened by prayer by Rev. J. W. Clark.

1. Resolved, That Bros. McLeod, Hartley, and Clark, be Committee on Students' Fund.

2. Resolved, That the Churches be requested to take up collections for the Students' Fund on the first Sunday in February next.

3. Resolved, That the Annual meeting of the Church at Patterson Settlement be held on the fourth Saturday in November in each year.

4. Resolved, That the Churches be requested to take up collections for Missions on the first Sunday in March, June, September, and December of each year.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Executive met at 2 o'clock, p. m. according to adjournment. All members present.

Bro. Peters having resigned the Treasurership of Conference, and of the Foreign Mission Executive, it was, on motion of Rev. C. T. Phillips, seconded by Rev. J. W. Clark,

5. Resolved, That at the earnest request of Bro. Peters, his resignation be accepted; and

Further Resolved, That this Executive wishes to express, and hereby puts on record, its appreciation of Bro. Peters' faithful services as Treasurer of Conference and of the Foreign Mission Executive.

6. Resolved, That Mr. F. M. McLeod, A. B., be Treasurer of Conference, from the first day of January, 1891, in the room of Bro. Peters, resigned.

7. Resolved, That Mr. E. W. Slipp be Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Executive, in the room of Bro. Peters, resigned.

8. Resolved, That Bro. Wm. Peters be a member of the Foreign Mission Executive.

On motion of Rev. G. A. Hartley,

9. Resolved, That Rev. Dr. McLeod be appointed General Secretary.

10. Resolved, That the General Secretary, during the year, visit as many of the Churches as possible, and that he urge the claims of Missions and general denominational work on the churches visited.

Closed with prayer.

D. McLEOD VINCE, Secretary.

TRADE RETURNS.—The trade returns of Canada for the fiscal year 1890 are complete, and will make a good showing.

Trade returns for the fiscal year 1890 are complete and will make an excellent showing. The total trade, irrespective of goods entered for transshipment, aggregates \$209,000,000. The imports show a total increase of three millions over the previous year. The imports from Great Britain aggregate \$43,400,000; from the United States \$52,300,000; from the West Indies, \$3,000,000; from South America, \$1,000,000; from China and Japan, \$2,000,000; from Australia, \$200,000; from Newfoundland, \$470,000.

Of the total imports 70 per cent. were on the dutiable and 30 per cent. on the free list.

The duty collected was \$24,000,000. The exports aggregate \$96,750,000, an increase of over seven and a half millions compared with the previous year.

The principal items are: products of forest, \$27,289,264; animals, \$26,630,672; agricultural, \$17,245,575; fisheries, \$8,524,508; manufactures, \$6,388,064; mines, \$5,126,131.

Of the exports 90 per cent. was the produce of Canada. The exports to Great Britain aggregated \$45,000,000, an increase of \$10,000,000; to the United States, \$40,500,000 a decrease of \$3,000,000; to South America, an increase of \$250,000 to Newfoundland and West Indies, no increase to China and Japan, a slight increase.

RUM DID IT.—In Digby, on Wednesday, Chas. A. Moore shot and killed himself while crazy from drink. He was a young man of 35, and had a wife and three children. The coroner's jury stated the facts more plainly than is often done in such cases. This is their verdict:

“That deceased came to his death by a pistol shot, discharged by his own hand while in a state of temporary insanity, produced by the excessive use of alcoholic liquors.”

Of course they are fine fellows who carry on the business that makes such things possible. And it is a christian thing to endorse them!

C. T. ACT NOTES.—About \$700 have been subscribed in Sussex to carry on prosecutions of rum-sellers.

Rev. “SAM.” SMALL is to lecture in this city on Saturday, 20th inst.

THAT ENVELOPE.—The printed envelope which each subscriber will find in his paper this week is intended to be a convenience to him in remitting, if he has not already done so. It may also serve as a reminder that the present is the best time to make his remittance.

OF MINISTERS.—The First Baptist church of Halifax has extended a call to the Rev. H. F. Adams of Yarmouth.

Rev. J. G. Flewelling (Episcopal) of Centerville, C. Co., is in poor health, and has been given three months leave of absence.

THE LYMPH.—An analysis of Koch's lymph for the cure of consumption has been made in Paris. It reveals the fact that it is composed of the ptomaines of tubercular bacilli, which is poison as violent as the venom of a serpent, cyanure of gold and glycerine. Glycerine preserves the ptomaines, and gold gives the liquid its brownish color.

MR. MERCIER has introduced into the Quebec legislature a bill giving power to the churches to expropriate any property for building purposes. Should this bill become law, it will arm the churches with powers unknown in any other civilized community that we know of.

CHRISTIAN WORK.—In Chicago the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has a Foundlings' Home that owns \$125,000 worth of property, Day Nurseries and Kindergartens that have cared for 15,929 children during the past year, an Anchorage Mission for homeless women that sheltered 4,000 girls last year, a Bethesda Inn, a cheap lodging-house for men that accommodated 52,540 men last year, free medical dispensaries, free reading rooms, a pay restaurant that feeds a thousand persons a day, and a publishing house that has \$125,000 capital stock. Besides all this, it is now about to erect a magnificent building to cost a million dollars. The good women of this organization seem to be eminently practical and business-like.

NOW IS THE TIME.

Statements of account have recently been sent to a large number of subscribers, with request for immediate payment. They were sent because they had to be. They need and ought to have attention at once. Will those who have received them kindly do themselves and us the justice of responding now to the call for payments? Do it by the next mail after reading this, if possible.

Those who have remitted have our thanks. From all the others we should have remittances immediately. Do not neglect it.

DENOMINATIONAL NOTICES.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS.

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MARRIAGES.

MARTIN-BRITAIN.—At St. John, by Rev. B. H. Nobles, Wm. M. Martin and Maud Britain, both of that city.

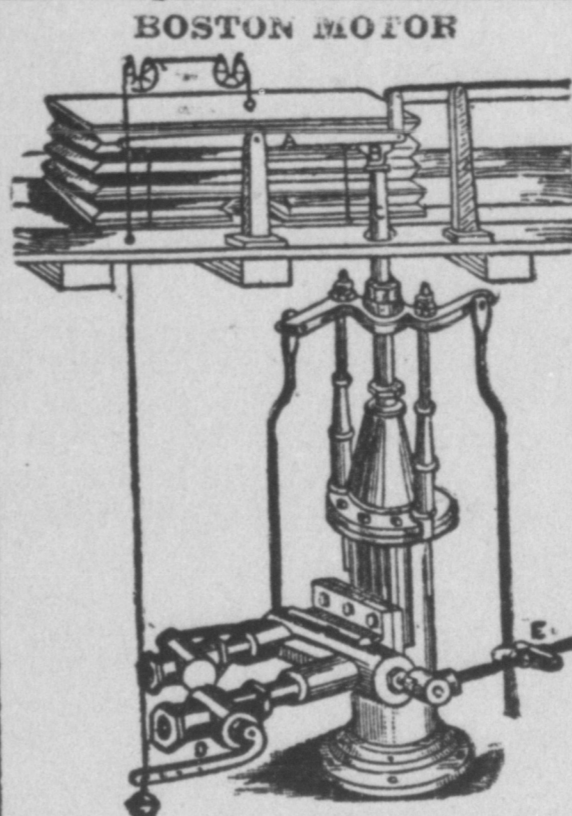
PHIPPS HENDERSON.—In St. John, by Rev. B. H. Nobles, Capt. Calvin S. Phipps, of St. John, and Lilley Henderson, of Holderville, Kings Co.

GRASS-COWIE.—At Little Lake, Sunbury Co., on the 11th inst., by Rev. George W. Foster, Mr. Frederick H. Grass, of Little Lake, to Miss Martha J. Cowie, of Fredericton.

DEATHS.

PHILLIPS.—At Little Lake, Sunbury Co., of diphtheria, June 3rd, 1890, George Wesley Phillips, aged 4 years; also on June 14th, David Wellington Phillips, aged 2 years, beloved children of Nehemiah and Phoebe Phillips.

BOONE.—At Bridgewater, Maine, on the 23rd of November, after a short illness, James Boone, of Tracey Station, N. B., aged 53 years. Bro. Boone, while labouring in the lumber woods, blistered his hand and blood-poisoning ensued, from which he passed away. Bro. Boone was united with the Tracey F. C. B. Church about 30 years ago. He lived a faithful and consistent member, and in his death the church has sustained a loss; but we rejoice in the belief that he is with Jesus.



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