

increased from 13,000 to 22,000 during the last ten years. I turned then to see how far I could get similar statistics of Bengal. I find that the census report for Bengal for 1891 is not yet completed, and that the figures are not yet available in full detail. I have, however, a provisional statement from the Census Superintendent which is not likely to be far wrong; and I find from that the numbers of Christians in Bengal have risen from 122,000 189-000." Sir Charles Elliott adds: "Surely, so great an increase as that is a fact to give encouragement to all who are engaged in missionary work, and all who support the cause of missions."

The U. P. Church Missions occupy seven fields. Membership 16,529. Increase last year 730. The home increase of the church was only 478.

The United Presbyterian Mission Record says: There are 381 ministers of the Church in connection with the Ministers' Abstinence Society; whilst of 94 students attending the Hall, 81 are members of the Students' Society. It is also noteworthy that, during the last year, the membership of our Church's Total Abstinence Union was more than doubled. There are now 107 Societies, with a membership of over 15,000.

The Merchiston Congregation, Edinburgh, has received unexpected blessing. In view of a meeting to arrange for a larger church, Mrs. Nairn intimated to the Rev. Duncan Sillars, the pastor, her intention to build and present to the congregation, in memory of her departed brother, "The John Ker Memorial Church," to seat 1000 persons, and to cost £5000. The offer was accepted, and a Thanksgiving Fund is being raised to free from debt the existing halls.

Mr. M. NORRILLAH writes: "I have much pleasure in reporting the wonderful conversion of a very fanatical Jew, X—, an elder of the Jewish community of Isphahan, and one of the greatest persecutors of the Mission. On Thursday, 18th December, 1890, I convened a meeting in Dr. Bruce's house to converse with Jews on various doctrines of the Christian religion. X— was present, and said: 'If God would cry out from heaven and would say, 'Know that Messiah is come and Jesus is the Messiah,' I would say to Him, Thou art a false God.' And now what a wonderful change has taken place in him. On the fifth day of the Feast of Tabernacles I visited his house, when he told me that he wanted to accept the religion of Christ. He said: 'I have been reading the New Testament and other tracts which you gave me, and now I am certain that Messiah has come and that Jesus is the Messiah.' This conversion will doubtless through the mighty influence of the Holy Spirit, be the means of bringing many Jews to accept Christ, for he is a learned and influential Jew. Already many Jews have been awakened, and the Jewish attendance at our church on Sundays is increasing."

Of the thirty or more millions of Congo tribal people, a Congo missionary estimates that one-sixth are cannibals. Forty years ago there were in all the mission fields of the world only twenty one ordained native pastors. Now there are at least seven or eight hundred.

At one station of the Baptist mission in Hayti, a church of fifteen members supports three evangelists, three local preachers, and two Bible and tract colporteurs.

### The St. Martins Seminary.

For a long time I have been impressed with the idea that the Schools of the Maritime Provinces do not sufficiently emphasize the value of correct manners and deportment. I find that the lack in this respect is becoming more and more apparent to the people, and especially to parents. In seeking to supply this deficiency in our new school I have met with singularly good fortune, as the following announcement will indicate.

Miss Fitch lately of Paris, has consented to give lectures and practical drill in Etiquette and Deportment, and will also give lessons in French. Miss Fitch for several years conducted a high-class school for young ladies in St. John. She afterwards visited France and taught both in Normandy and in Southern France. Amongst 300 applicants she was chosen to take charge of a school in Paris, of which the Princess of Wales is the Patroness. She also, and for some time, gave private instruction to the children of Mme. de Witte, the daughter of Ginzot the celebrated historian. Miss Fitch is a brilliant lady, of broad culture and eminent ability.

Some weeks ago I spoke of Miss Tucker, B. A., our new preceptress. Since then I have received the following testimony from the President of Wellesley College: "Our professors give to Miss Tucker their unqualified commendation. A certificate from her to the effect that an applicant was prepared for Wellesley would admit the applicant, without entrance examinations at the College." Perhaps no more emphatic word of commendation could be spoken; I therefore select this amongst the multitude of testimonies which I have received. The same letter continues thus: "Miss Tucker's pleasing presence, her successful experience, her superior qualifications, and her strong, earnest character will give her a prominent place in the noble army of teachers."

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AUSTIN K. DEBLOIS, Halifax, August 25.

### Free Baptists Did It.

Joseph Cook, in one of his lectures raises the question, "What could the Church have done against slavery that it did not do?"—and answers, "It could have made slaveholding a bar to church membership. One great denomination did that—great in quality though not in quantity—the Quakers. It was their good fortune to have established a good precedent. My feeling is that the Quaker ideal was not too high for most of us to have reached in 1800. It is farther back to 1850 than to 1800 in the history of slavery," etc.

It did not occur to Mr. Cook that there was another denomination which made slaveholding a bar to church membership, and did it alike in 1800 and 1850 and until God and Abraham Lincoln, the soldiers, and a baptism of blood abolished the vile institution. Free Baptists did it in the face of the fact that the unpopularity of the stand they took would doom them to a tardy growth. In the comparative estimate of the denominations it is not every one, nor every one of our own people, who does us justice in the estimate of our history and character.

It seems unaccountable that until so late a period, even all the large denominations were involved in that "sum of all villainies." It is a rebuke to any vain pride of numbers and power—that much of these were gained by a compromise with the wrong in both the South and the North. It seems unaccountable that these bodies in the South have been so reluctant to ground their old prejudices and reunite with the severed parts of the North. It is hardly less unaccountable that bodies in the North have invited, prayed, those of the South to come back into good fellowship without any confession or apology for their former complicity in the fearful sin.

It hardly makes the horse thief an innocent man to have his stolen property wrested from him. I am reminded of an old colloquy between an old prosaic religionist and one of the Free Baptist brothers. "I am told that you Freewill Baptists do not receive slaveholders into your church. Is it possible?" "Yes, possible; certain, sir," said the Free Baptist; "we do not even receive horse thieves!"

The honor of our uncompromising attitude upon the slavery question ought to go far toward rebuking our own people, as others, for any reflection upon the limit of our membership. Character counts against avoirdupois in the man, and against numbers, wealth and power in the multitude.—O. E. BAKER, in Star.

### Denominational News.

—THOSE INTENDING to attend the Conference at Cornhill should read the notice on the next page, and write Rev. J. N. Barnes at once.

REV. J. A. ROBERTSON, who has for some time been living in Malden, Mass., writes:

My health has been fair this summer. I expect to return home this Fall, with my family. I would be glad to take the pastoral care of any church or churches desiring my services. I have never felt that this is my home; I would rather be in my native land, all things being equal. I desire to be with the brethren in General Conference this year, and will be if I can complete some present engagements.

ACCIDENTS.—Rev. J. N. Barnes writes from Cornhill of two accidents. He says: "On Thursday evening the seven years old son of Bro. Norman Hughson was kicked by a horse on the forehead, over his left eye, and nearly lost his life. We hope he is past the critical point now. The parents have watched with great fear through these days and nights. May the Lord be pleased to spare their dear child to them.... Saturday afternoon another little boy, about the same age, son

of Brother Charles Holmes fell and broke his arm. Dr. McDonald attended both cases.

BAPTIST CONVENTION.—The Convention of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces, held at Bridgetown, N. S., appears from reports, to have been a session of much interest. We hope, later, to present some of the facts about the work of our brethren, as shown in the reports of the several departments of activity.

### The Jonah Whale.

There is no argument valid upon a premise of inherent impossibility. It used to be concluded beyond question that there were no black swans, because it is impossible to conceive a black swan. But one harmless and unconscious black swan from the antipodes put all the ingenious thinkers to rout. Hume argued from his conception of a true induction that the major premise must include all possible cases. This he thought conclusive against a great deal of popular belief. But what test have we of the possible? asks a writer in the London Quiver. It is harder to believe that we have explored and classified the whole field of knowledge than that a ravenous fish—with no higher and no lower thought in its meagre brain than a plentiful dinner—should have swallowed and then disgorged a man.

Besides we are not without evidence that such piscine conduct is at least possible. Jonah was sailing in the Mediterranean—right along its whole length—from Joppa in Palestine to Tarshish, in Spain; and it is in this very sea that even at the present day a huge fish, the white shark, is found; and not only this, but the bones of a much larger species now exist. For the word used in the Bible is a general term for a large fish, and it includes in various writers, sharks, tunnies, whales, dolphins, and seals. This white shark attains such a size that it has been known to weigh four tons and a half.

One that was exhibited last century over Europe weighed nearly two tons, and very nearly re-enacted the part of Jonah's fish. A British war vessel was sailing in the Mediterranean, when a man fell overboard. A huge shark instantly arose, and the unlucky seaman disappeared within its mouth. The captain fired a gun at it from the deck, and, as the shot struck upon its back, it cast the man out again, and he was rescued by his companions. They forthwith harpooned the fish, dried him and presented him to his intended victim. In the beginning of this century a shark was taken at Surman, and in it was discovered the body of a woman, excepting the head. Instances are recorded upon good authority, of specimens being found in the same sea; one with a sea calf in its stomach as big as an ox, another with a whole horse, and another with two tunnies and a man. That a man could live there for a considerable time seems by no means impossible.

### The Human Race and Sun Heat.

It goes without saying that the welfare of the human race is necessarily connected with the continuance of the sun's beneficent action. We have indeed shown that the few other direct or indirect sources of heat which might conceivably be relied upon are, in the very nature of things, devoid of the necessary permanence. It becomes, therefore, of the utmost interest to inquire whether the sun's heat can be calculated on definitely. Here is indeed a subject which is literally of the most vital importance so far as organic life is concerned. If the sun ever ceases to shine then must it be certain that there is a term beyond which human existence, or, indeed, organic existence of any type whatever, cannot any longer endure on the earth.

We may say once for all that the sun contains just a certain number of units of heat, actual or potential, and that he is at the present moment shedding that heat around with the most appalling extravagance. No doubt the heat hoard of the sun is so tremendous that the consequences of his mighty profusion do not become speedily apparent. They are, indeed, it must be admitted, hardly to be discerned with in the few brief centuries that the sun has been submitted to human observation.

But we have grounds for knowing as a certainty that the sun cannot escape from the destiny that sooner or later overtakes the spendthrift. In his interesting studies of this subject, Prof. Langley gives a striking illustration of the rate at which the solar heat is being squandered at this moment. He remarks that the great coal fields of Pennsylvania contain enough of the precious mineral to supply the wants of the United States for a thousand years. If all that tremendous accumulation of fuel were to be extracted and burned in one vast conflagration,

the total quantity of heat that would be produced would no doubt be stupendous, and yet, says this authority, who has taught us so much about the sun, all the heat developed by that terrific coal fire would not be equal to that which the sun pours forth in the thousandth part of each single second. When we reflect that this expenditure of heat has been going on not alone for the centuries during which the earth has been the abode of man, but also for those periods which we cannot estimate, except by saying that there are doubtless millions of years during which there has been life on the globe, then indeed we begin to comprehend how vast must have been the capital heat with which the sun started on its career.—Sir Robert Ball in the Fortnightly Review.

SCOTT ACT NOTES.—The war against violators of the Scott act in Hampton is being vigorously and persistently pressed. One illicit dealer has abandoned the business and shipped his stock to St. John. The case against Scribner of the Vendome Hotel is being tried before Justice Piers and McLaughlin. Other suits will follow unless the violators of the act recognize the gravity of the situation and close their bars at once.

### Temperance News.

—One magistrate in Liverpool, one day disposed of 171 charges of drunkenness.

—In the slums, a preacher found a dying baby, around whom were four women, all too drunk to hold it.

Lady Somerset declares that for every dollar spent in England on drink, only one cent was expended on education.

Linnaeus has truly said of alcohol, that "man sinks gradually by this fell poison; first he favors it, and then he warms to it, then he burns for it, then he is consumed by it."

—Abstaining is favorable both to the head and the pocket.

—If there were no moderate drinkers there could be no drunkards. If there were no drunkards there would be few unhappy homes.

—Hon. Joseph D. Taylor of Ohio, in a recent speech in the House of Representatives referred to the drink-traffic, and to "the tremendous loss, the tremendous waste of money which this traffic causes, and the ruinous effect it has on all classes, in all kinds of business."

—There are now upwards of 500 churches in Scotland where unfemented wine alone is used for communion.

—Mrs. Ellen C. Johnson, in charge of the woman's reformatory at Shelburne, Mass., says: "Of the women who are incarcerated in this prison ninety-seven are here either from habitual drunkenness or for crimes committed under the influence of strong drink."

### Denominational Notices.

#### NOTICE.

The Annual Session of the Free Christian Baptist General Conference of New Brunswick will be held with the Free Christian Baptist Church, Corn Hill, King's County, on Saturday, the first day of October, A. D., 1892, commencing at 2.30 p. m. Dated this 15th day of August, A. D., 1892.

D. McLEOD VINCE, Recording Secretary.

#### DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Third District Meeting with the Church at Cross Creek, Stanley, the third Saturday in September. Ministers to attend—Revs. J. T. Parsons and William Downey, Rev. F. C. Hartley to preach the annual sermon.

The Fourth District Meeting with the Church at Lincoln, the second Saturday in September. Ministers to attend—Revs. J. N. Barnes, A. H. McLeod, A. G. Downey, G. Swim, G. McKenzie, and J. W. Clarke. Rev. A. G. Downey to preach the annual sermon.

The Seventh District Meeting with the Church at Carleton, St. John, the fourth Saturday in August. Ministers to attend—Revs. E. B. Gray, J. T. Parsons, and D. Long, Rev. J. W. Clarke to preach the annual sermon.

#### NOTICE.

The Nova Scotia Conference of Free Baptists will hold its annual meeting with the F. B. Church at Lower Argyle beginning Sept 8th of the present year. Will all those who purpose to be present, either as delegates or visitors, from both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, please inform the undersigned of such purpose as soon as possible, so that homes may be provided. Delays are dangerous.

J. L. SMITH.

Lower Argyle, Aug. 15, '92.

#### NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

The Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia will hold its annual session at Lower Argyle, Yarmouth Co., beginning Thursday, Sept. 8th, at 10 A. M.

EDWIN CROWELL, Clerk.

See Constitution, Minutes of 1890 for basis of representation &c. Reduced rates of travel for members and visitors will be granted as usual. Notify Rev. J. L. Smith, pastor, how you are coming, and thus facilitate the plans for entertainment.

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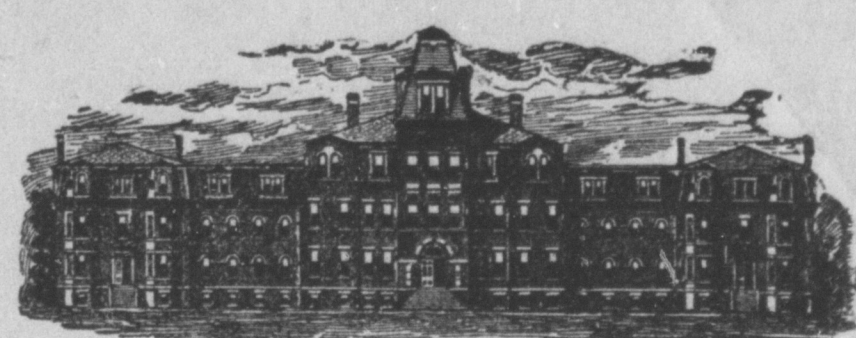
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