

Pay Salaries Promptly.

A good deal of injustice is done ministers, and burdens are put upon them grievous to bear, by the carelessness of churches in paying their salaries. Dr. MacArthur, writing in the "Inquirer" says some things on the point which should be read and acted upon by many churches:

"Many churches are often thoughtless and occasionally cruel in not paying promptly the salaries of their pastors. A pastor can live on twenty five per cent. less if he gets his money promptly, so that he may with equal promptness pay his own bills. It is a thousand pities that some churches pay their pastors in dribbles, at odd times, and in odd amounts. The pastor who is thus treated is unable to pay his own bills except in a similar way. He thus loses his good name as a prompt man, and sometimes his reputation as an honest man. Almost all that the average minister has is his good name; with this priceless possession he cannot afford to trifle. With it his people ought to be ashamed to attempt to trifle. It is astonishing that so many church members think so little of their financial obligations to their church. Generous people in other relations in life can be marvellously niggard in relation to the support of their own church. They think they can be in good standing, and yet give nothing to the support of their church, or at least reduce their gifts to the minimum. They apparently forget that church expenses must go on whether they are in the city or not. If they belong to any secular organization they could not be in good standing except they paid their dues. Is the church of God of less importance than a social circle, a secret society, or some other worldly organization? Pulpit and press should unite in emphasizing the obligation of churchmen and churchwomen toward the support of their church. Church trustees cannot pay pastors except the people put the money into their hands for that purpose. Pastors and others who serve the church must have their salaries, or their own good names, the honor of the particular church and denomination, and the cause of Christ at large must suffer. Brethren and sisters of the churches, do not make your church obligations last; make them first. Do not begin to practice economy here; begin everywhere else first. Pay your pastor as generously as possible, and pay him promptly, weekly, monthly or quarterly, as you may have agreed.

Things of General Interest.

—So great has been the increase of insanity in France that the asylums can no longer hold the lunatics. It has, therefore been decided to place some of the harmless crazy with peasant families, just as is done with pauper infants and children.

—In 1891, 853 persons died in Russia between the ages of 100 and 105, 130 between 115 and 120, while three were reported to the authorities as having died after living to be 150 years or more of age.

—Word comes from Rome that Monsignor Fulchi, who has been held responsible by the committee of cardinals for the financial losses sustained by the Vatican, has written to the pontifical authorities that if the persecutions against him are continued he will be compelled in self-defence to make public the causes of the losses, a course which, it is said, would compromise several high persons connected with the Vatican court.

—Paris can hardly be as gay as usual now. Last week there were 360 funerals there on Monday, 380 on Tuesday, 370 Wednesday and 403 on Thursday. Grip.

—It is reported from England that General Booth of the Salvation Army will designate his own daughter as his successor in command. By the constitution of this organization he is permitted to bequeath his office to whomsoever he pleases. His son is already his chief of staff. The General is expected to return to England on Feb. 13, and he will immediately begin a "tour of inspection" throughout that country. Elaborate preparations are being made for his reception in London.

—The month of December last, according to the Dominion mortality statistics issued by the Department of Agriculture, was a month in which lung diseases were especially fatal at Montreal compared with other places in the Dominion. Total deaths from lung affections in Montreal amounted to 103, as compared with 27 in Toronto, 27 in Quebec, 14 in Hamilton, 13 in Halifax, 11 in Ottawa, 12 in St. John, 6 in Winnipeg, and 4 in Kingston.

—At a recent auction sale of postage stamps in London, a New Brunswick "Connell" stamp, though slightly

damaged, was knocked down for £16 10s. 8d. (882). The sale was conducted by Messrs Cheveley, Wilson & Co., 63 Chancery Lane. In spite of an auctioneer's note disclaiming responsibility for them, two pairs of Nova Scotia 5c. surcharge on the pence issue realized £13 and £36 respectively at the same sale.

—Among those seeking cure for drunkenness at the Keely institute in Illinois are many women. As many as 150 women have been there at one time.

General Religious News.

—Chaplain McCabe thinks it would pay the Methodist Church to stop everything long enough to put a copy of the church paper in each family.

—"Lovers of Zion" is the name of a society of Jews formed for the purpose of promoting the colonization of Palestine. The members of the society contribute weekly to its funds. More progress would be made in the work of colonization were the Turkish government in sympathy with it.

—The summary of work done by all the denominations in Utah is about as follows: Eighty-five mission schools, employing 172 teachers, and educating 6,590 pupils, three-fourths of whom are from Mormon families.

—The gospel car which the Baptists in the West have had built by the Pullman Car Company is a great success. It is attended not only by the dwellers of the prairie towns in the Northwest, but by the train hands and passengers upon trains to which it is attached.

—In some districts in South Wales where the Episcopal Church is said to be making progress at the cost of Non-conformity this is being done by the adoption of immersion for adults after the custom prevalent in Baptist churches. At Mardy a Church curate thus immersed a working man in the River Taff in the presence of hundreds of spectators, such a sight never having been previously witnessed there. At Morriston a similar service was held in the new church of St. David's, where a baptistry has been inserted.

—There are on the roll of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, Spurgeon's church in London, 5,328 names. This church maintains 26 missions and 30 charitable schools. The whole number of voluntary teachers connected with the church is 644, and the whole number of scholars 8,513. The Baptist churches in the United Kingdom now number 2,812, with 3,798 chapels, 1,225,097 sittings, 304,163 members, 44,874 Sunday-school teachers, 448,921 Sunday scholars, 1,841 pastors and 4,155 local preachers. These statistics show an increase, as compared with last year, of 10 churches, 17 chapels, 1,571 sittings, 4,000 members, 1,029 Sunday scholars and 155 local preachers.

—As a sort of offset to the Salvation Army, there has been organized in England the "Church Army." It celebrated its second anniversary in December, at the Kensington Town Hall, the Dean of Worcester presiding. The Dean said: "The Army had been objected to because it was said to be an imitation of the Salvation Army. It was an imitation, and a very good one. All that was good in it has been imitated and all that was objectionable had been left out. Others had said it was a reintroduction of Methodism, and so it was. A mistake had been made by the Church of England in the past in driving out Methodism from her midst, for it would have done immense good within the church."

According to the *Rappel* the Catholic clergy of France now numbers 55,540 men. These are the figures upon which the budget for 1892 is based. There are eighteen archbishops, sixty-nine bishops, 3,420 pastors of various ranks, 182 general vicars, 31,255 assistants, 7,109 vicars, 700 other ecclesiastics. At present there are 136 pastors deprived of their incomes on account of some conflict with the State authorities. The foreign clergy who hear mass in any other language than the French are not paid out of the State treasury. The Reformed and other Protestant clergy numbers 720; while in France and Algiers there are sixty rabbis. The *Cultus* or religious budget for 1892 is 45,057,157 francs, or about 10,000 francs less than the preceding year.

The Order of the King's Daughters is carrying on its work of organization in the different places. A little more than a year ago the first State Secretary was appointed in Massachusetts, and there are now chronicled in her report the names of 445 circles, with a membership of 6,524. There are twelve denominations represented, working along fifteen lines of work. Connecticut has had a State Secretary for a year and a half, and enrolls 1,000 members in 100 circles. It is not yet five years since the first silver cross on its purple ribbon was carried into Canada, and now

in the Province of Ontario circles of Sons and Daughters flourish in fifty cities, and contain a membership of 1,800 people. South Carolina has 1,633 members, and Illinois a registry of 3,782. Day nurseries, kindergartens, free employment bureaus, reading rooms, rest cottages, and other lines of work as varied as the ingenuity of human brain will admit are formulated and carried to successful issue by this legion of King's Daughters in His Name.

Try to place a copy of the "Intelligencer" in every family. Those whom our words cannot reach can only be reached by the ministers calling public attention to the matter.

Temperance Notes.

—Between the years 1883 and 1887 over 30,000,000 gallons of spirits were poured into Africa, by Satan's so-called "Christians."

—The Zambesian King, in Central Africa, wrote to a missionary: "I must put a stop to witchcraft, robbery, fornication, and drunkenness."

—While a prohibitory liquor law, like the law against counterfeiting, murder and gambling, will, of course, be violated more or less, no one who looks impartially at the subject can say that, as compared with any license system that has ever been devised, a prohibitory law like that of Maine does not reduce liquor-selling to the minimum. Furthermore, under it the state ceases to be a partner in the evil drink traffic.

—Habitual drunkards are cared for in a singular and withal effective manner in Norway and Sweden. The penalty is imprisonment, and during incarceration they are fed on bread and wine, no water being allowed them. The bread is steeped in wine for an hour before it is brought to the cell night and morning. It tastes good at first, but after eight or ten days the prisoner is so nauseated by it that he refuses it. The cure is considered quite as effective as any gold treatment can be.

—The very able Dr. Maclaren, in a recent address at Manchester, England, speaking before the British Baptist Union on saving the masses, said: "The longer he lived the more he felt whatever might be their ways of formulating their theories, the plain clamant duty lying upon all Christian communities and individuals who fight with the miseries in our cities, that might make angels weep, was to set themselves against the damnable drink traffic."

—It is understood the various temperance societies in St. John are arranging for concerted action to prevent the issuing of liquor licenses in that city at the end of the present term. Under the provisions of the Liquor License Act it is impossible for the Mayor to grant licenses in any district if one-half the qualified ratepayers petition against it. Since the law came into force no license have been granted in Carleton, as the people of that section strongly opposed it. No effort to prevent the issuing of licenses has yet been made on the East side, but it is likely to be this spring and the temperance people think that in many of the sections they will be able to get enough signers to their petitions to prevent the Mayor granting licenses. They do not expect to do away with all the licenses, but think they can materially lessen the number.

Home Religious News.

—Rev. F. D. Crawley, Pastor of the Baptist church in this city, and administered to one convert last Sabbath.

—The Presbyterian church, Hampton, K. Co., will call Rev. Mr. Allison to fill the pastorate made vacant by the removal of Mr. McDonald to Fredericton.

—Rev. A. L. Wylie, Presbyterian, died last week. He had been in this country 50 years, and did much good work.

—The congregational church, St. John, held its annual meeting last week. The reports made a very good showing. There are 130 names on the membership roll. \$3200 were raised during the year.

—The Rescue Home work of the Salvation Army in St. John has been carried on one year. The report says that 23 women were admitted to the home during the year. Three were sent out to situations, five went to friends, two married, and five remained in the home. Eight cases were unsatisfactory. Five homeless children were also cared for. One died, two were taken by friends and two still remain.

Denominational News.

YARMOUTH, N. S.—At the annual meeting of the Yarmouth church, recently held, the finances of the church were reported in a very satisfactory condition.

KNOXFORD, O. Co.—The revival at Knoxford progresses with power. The last information received said that Bro. Thompson had baptized eleven converts. Others were interested.

REV. JOS. NOBLE passed through this city on Saturday. He was on his way, first to Hampstead, and thence to Coverdale, A. Co. and vicinity. He will probably spend a month or more on the present tour. He is sure of a warm welcome by the churches he visits.

DONATION.—My friends at Central Southampton made us a donation on the 7th inst. They met in the church. Deacon Samuel Schriever presided, and Bro. Gordon Grant was Secretary. The Chairman, on behalf of the people, presented me with \$44.00 in cash and goods. Mrs. B. and myself wish to express our thanks for their kindness; and we pray they may be blessed of God, both in temporal and spiritual things.

H. A. BONNELL

KARS, K. Co.—Rev. J. G. McKenzie accepted a call to the pastorate of the 1st and 2nd churches, Kars, K. Co. and is devoting all his time to them.

Just now he is at home, Mrs. McKenzie being ill. Bro. McKenzie's health is good.

ANAGANOE RIDGE, K. Co.—On Thursday evening, 21st ult, there was a pleasant social gathering in the Temperance Hall, Anaganoe Ridge, K. Co. It was convened by the friends of Rev. J. N. Barnes. Bro. C. M. Hunt presided, and after briefly stating the object of the meeting, read an address in which Bro. Barnes is held by the people amongst whom he has laboured for the past year and a half. Accompanying the address was a fine and comfortable coat and cap.

Bro. Barnes replied feelingly, acknowledging the many kindnesses he had received from the people. Several brethren addressed the meeting, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Bro. Barnes' labours have been much blessed in the Cornhill field. He has been in poor health for a few weeks, suffering from a severe attack of la grippe and bronchitis, but he hopes to be fully recovered soon.

C. T. A. NOTES.—Frank Nash, whose arrest for rum-selling was mentioned last week, was fined \$50 in default of the payment of which he will spend two months in jail. The liquor seized with him was ordered destroyed.

Northumberland Co. Council refused to re-appoint W. S. Brown inspector. Mr. John Menzies was appointed, at a salary of \$600.

St. Martins temperance people are making a crusade against the two or three violators of the Act there. Last Wednesday a seizure of liquor was made at Ingraham's, as the people of his wife and a man about the place resisted the constable.

The vote on the petition to repeal the Act in St. John Co. takes place next Tuesday, 9th inst. It is hoped the friends of temperance will defeat the purpose of the rum-men.

THE OPIUM TRADE.—Of what is well called "the opium curse in India," Bishop Hurst says: "Any one standing on the quay of the Hugli, at Calcutta, can frequently see a monotonous train of waggons, drawn by tolling, puffing bullocks. The progress is very slow, for the burden is heavy. The waggons are piled up with chests, all of equal size and appearance. The train is on the way to the customs. The contents are to be inspected, and then shipped to China and other countries. What are the contents? Opium, and nothing else. It is England's greatest contribution to the world's wretchedness."

THE RECONSTRUCTION. The Dominion Government has not reconstructed, and now stands thus:

President of the Council—J. J. C. Abbott.

Justice—Sir John S. D. Thompson.

Finance—George E. Foster.

Customs—J. A. Chapleau.

Inland Revenue—John Costigan.

Militia—Mackenzie Bowell.

Railways—John G. Haggart.

Agriculture—John Carling.

Marine—Charles H. Tupper.

Post Office—Sir A. P. Caron.

Interior—Edgar Dewdney.

Public Works—Joseph A. Ouimet.

Secretary of State—J. C. Patterson.

Without Portfolio—Frank Smith.

The two new members are Messrs Patterson and Ouimet.

A TEMPERANCE HOTEL.—Business men and others who go to Woodstock will find the Turner House a good hotel. It is well kept, and is a strictly temperance house, and should have the patronage of temperance men in preference to those places where rum is sold. See advertisement.

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SMALL-POX.—The secretary of the Canadian Pacific railway has notified the minister of agriculture that the steamer Rio has reached San Francisco with smallpox on board, and asked that precautions be taken to prevent the disease from reaching British Columbia. Hon. John Carling at once instructed the quarantine officers at Vancouver and Victoria to enforce the regulations as rigorously as possible, and as the disease is also reported at New York Mr. Carling has issued similar instructions to quarantine officers in eastern provinces.

PERSONAL.—Hon. W. Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. Mr. Carling, have been sick with la grippe.

Rev. Wm. Dobson, and Rev. C. Y. Phillips, Woodstock, have been confined to their home by la grippe.

Mrs. Foster, wife of the Finance Minister, has been very ill, her life being despaired of, but she is now reported improving.

Bishop Langevin, of Quebec, brother of Sir Hector Langevin, died last week. He was 71 years old.

SUNDRIES.—The cod bank of Newfoundland is 100 miles long. The cold weather and heavy snow storms in New Mexico this winter have been unprecedented. St. Paul's Cathedral will hold 26,000 people, and St. Peter's in Rome has accommodations for 54,000. A writer in the *January Century* claims that of 1,700,000 population of New York city, 300,000 are Hebrews and that they have \$150,000,000 worth of real estate.

Melbourne, Australia, which was founded less than fifty years ago, has already a population of nearly half a million. Every workman in Japan wears on his cap and on his back an inscription giving his business and his employer's name.

All Sorts.

Cremation is more extensively practised in Italy than in any other country. The first crematory was established at Milan in 1876: there are now fifty in operation in Italian territory.

A colored philosopher is reported to have said, "Life, my brethren, am mostly made up of prayin' for rain and then wishin' it would clear off."

A modern philosopher, taking the motion of the earth on its axis of seven miles a second, says that you take off your hat in the street to bow to a friend, you go seventeen miles bareheaded without taking cold.

A two-year-old child got hold of his father's pipe, sucked the nicotine poison, was found in spasms, and died the same day, in spite of all medical aid.

Too honest to steal, to proud to beg, too weak to work, Mrs. Matilda Robinson, 49 years of age, a widow with no children, literally starved to death in New York on Saturday last.

In Austria women are employed to carry the mortar and brick to the builders. They work from 7 in the morning till 6 at night, with one hour a noon, and receive twenty cents a day. Most of these female hod carriers are unmarried and homeless.

When a man gives his wife a dime to buy a box of hair-pins or a gum ring for the baby, it looks about nine times as big as it does when he plunks it down on the counter in exchange for a little bit of the stomach's sake.

Last year there were five million more mis-directed than mis-sent letters passed through the United States mails. That is, the people using the mails made five million more blunders than the employees of the postal department.

In Utah and the surrounding Territories there are about 200,000 Mormons, and the income of the church last year was between \$300,000 and \$400,000. Thirty thousand dollars was appropriated for the poor of the church.

With the desire of giving her husband a true picture of herself, a Maine woman had her photograph taken as she appeared at daily housework in her kitchen dress, with a baby on one arm and broom and dust pan on the other.

Writing by telegraphy is now an accomplished fact. A few days ago satisfactory tests were made between Chicago and St. Paul, and forty-five words were transmitted per minute. It is difficult for a person to write intelligibly beyond sixty words per minute, so that by this system writing is transmitted nearly or quite as fast as between two points, four hundred miles apart, as it can be written.

Denominational Notices.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Rec'd from
Church Tracy Mills, \$10 00
Church Fairhaven, 1 50
Edw. W. Slipp, Treas.
St. John, Jan. 23, '92.

THE BOYER MONUMENT FUND.
It is proposed to erect a suitable monument at the grave of the late Rev. A. B. Boyer, in Balasore, India. Contributions are solicited. They may be sent to the editor of the INTELLIGENCER, and they will be acknowledged in the paper as received. It is believed that many will desire to help erect a modest stone at the grave of the beloved brother who gave his life to the mission work.

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Mrs. Stephen Barker,..... 0 50
Geo. Stickney,..... 1 00

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Deaths.

LOCKHART.—In Carleton, St. John, on the 22nd January, Murray, only son of C. Burtore and Theodosia A. Lockhart, aged 2 months.

DAVIS.—At Hibernia, Queens Co., Jan. 11th, of pneumonia, Deacon Oliver Davis, aged 50 years, leaving a sorrowing wife and 9 children to mourn their loss. Bro. Davis was a god man and was respected by all who knew him, and in his death the church and community have sustained a loss. The bereft family have the heart-felt sympathy of a large circle of relatives and of the community generally, and we pray that sovereign grace may sustain them.—C. B. L.

A WEEK'S NOTICE.
Next WEDNESDAY MORNING, Jan. 27, at 10 o'clock, the
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SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Lower Neguac Work," will be received at this office until Tuesday, the 16th day of February next, inclusively for the construction of a Wharf at Lower Neguac, Northumberland Co., N. B., according to a plan and specification to be seen on application to Mr. Anthony Adams, Lower Neguac, and at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.
Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied and signed with the actual signature of the tenderer.
An accepted bank cheque, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to 5 per cent. of the amount of tender, must accompany each tender. This cheque will be forfeited if the party declines the contract or fails to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.
The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.
By order, E. F. E. ROY, Secretary.
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 23rd January, 1892.