

Home Religious News.

—There is revival interest in the Tabernacle Baptist church, St. John, Rev. A. E. Ingraham pastor. Four converts were baptized recently.

—The St. John Congregational church received three new members last week.

—There is a movement to establish in Halifax a Home for aged men. It is a christian undertaking to which we wish success.

—Rev. F. D. Crawley of the Baptist church, this city, administered baptism Sabbath before last.

—Rev. R. W. Weddall received three persons into the Methodist church, this city, on Sabbath, 7th inst.

—There is revival interest in the Moncton Baptist church. Several have been baptized by Rev. W. B. Hinson.

Denominational News.

REV. G. A. HARTLEY has been quite ill, and confined to his room, but was better when we heard last.

HODGON, ME.—On the 17th ult Rev. J. E. Gossline baptized four converts, and on the 31st ult, two, and received them into the second Hodgdon church.

—REV. F. C. HARTLEY has been sick several days, but is now reported better.

REV. JOS. NOBLE has spent about two weeks at Upper Hampstead. He intends being at Upper Gagetown next Sabbath, and to be at Coverdale about the first Sabbath in March.

APPOINTMENT.—I will preach, D. V., at Dumfries, Y. Co., in the morning of 28th inst, at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7 o'clock.

S. LEWIS.

Feb. 11th, 1892.

ST. JOHN.—The special meetings being held in the Waterloo St. church are resulting in good. There has been a good degree of quickening in the church, and several conversions. Sabbath, 7th inst, the pastor, Rev. W. Clarke, baptized four converts.

CLARK'S HARBOUR, N. S.—The special meetings being held by the pastor, Rev. T. H. Siddall, are good. There have been some conversions.

REV. GIDEON SWIM has been sick, and confined to his home. He was unable to attend his preaching appointments, Sabbath 31st ult, but is better now. He is intending to hold special meetings soon as he is strong enough.

S. J. PERRY.

PERRY POINT, Q. Co.—I am at Perry Point, holding some meetings, and hoping and praying that the church may be revived and sinners converted. Pray for us.

S. J. PERRY.

GRAND MANAN.—As the most of the pastors are sending in reports, I suppose it might not be out of place for me to send a few lines about the cause here. There has been much sickness here; la grippe has been amongst us, and has thinned the congregations for the past month and a half, all over the island, from North to South. I have never seen so much sickness here before. I have not escaped; and Mrs D. and family have had a share. It is general.

I held a few meetings at Seal Cove with good prospect, but had to discontinue on account of sickness. I expect to hold some more soon. I received a call from Bro. I. D. Harvey to come to White Head Island to assist him in his work, and as soon as I could leave home I went to his assistance. I got there on Friday 5th inst., and at one o'clock we had social meeting in the church. It was good to be there and to hear the young converts testify for Jesus, to hear the old members praising His name, and the children singing the praise of God. After spending some two hours, in thus extolling the name of Jesus, we closed the meeting and repaired to the water side when eleven happy souls followed their divine Lord in His ordinance. It was a good day for White Head. In the evening there was another service, and we had a blessed season. In that meeting I gave the hand of fellowship to the eleven that had been baptized. Others will follow Jesus soon in that ordinance. The brethren are greatly helped and strengthened. It is one of the old fashioned revivals. Bro. Harvey is "highly esteemed in love for his work's sake." The prospect is good for a widespread work. Brethren, pray for Bro. Harvey, that God will continue to bless him in his work and give him bodily as well as spiritual strength.

T. O. DEWITT.

C. T. ACT NOTES.—The Act was repealed in St. John County, last Tuesday, by a majority of 159. This is to be regretted, yet it is not a great surprise. The influence of the city liquor trade is strong in the county, and it was, of course, used to its utmost. Then the temperance party had failed to make anything like an effective organization for the contest. The only parish that was even fairly well organized for the work was St. Martins, and there the Act received a majority of 107. A good deal of earnest work was done at Fairville by Revs. Messrs Lodge and Martell and others. There will be general regret amongst the temperance people of the county that the cause has suffered this defeat; and much sympathy will go out to the earnest and true men and women of St. John Co. who will now be compelled to endure a legalized rum trade and the evils which inevitably flow from it.

A Law and Order League has been organized in Woodstock.

The case recently decided in the Supreme Court, confirming the conviction of J. A. Edwards, is, it is said, being appealed, by Mr. VanWart, to a still higher court.

ABOUT PENSIONS.—A bill has been introduced into the U. S. Congress to provide that no pensions shall be paid to any person who is not a citizen of the United States, the object being to compel all the recipients of government bounty to be residents of the republic. As there are 1,315 persons residing in Canada, permanently, who draw pensions for services rendered the union during the war of secession, the progress of Mr. Newberry's bill will be watched with interest here as in congress. If it becomes law the pensioners of Canada will have to choose between giving up their rewards or giving up their homes.

REVIVAL.—Evangelist B. F. Mills is holding a series of meetings in Cincinnati, and a great religious awakening is being experienced.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS not unfrequently seek to secure the good will of their customers and their orders by drinking with them to their health and prosperity. The practice has grown to such an extent that the Canadian Commercial Travellers' Circle sees a great danger in it, inasmuch as it presents a special temptation to young men in that line of business to become slaves of the drinking habit. The appeal issued by the circle to business men asking them to discourage the practice is timely. Trade should be conducted on business principles. When the social glass is a necessary factor to a bargain it cannot be a specially good one.

A "PRACTICAL JOKE."—A few days ago Mr. W. Dewdney, brother of the Minister of the Interior, shot himself in British Columbia. The *Globe* says the suicide is traceable to a cruel practical joke, and gives this account of it: In the early sixties young Walter was in Cariboo, and left his horse outside an hotel at Deep Creek. Some jokers placed a tack under the saddle, and removing the bit from the horse's mouth caught it under the lower jaw. When Mr. Dewdney vaulted into the saddle the beast was infuriated. The rider was thrown into the air and fell upon his head, sustaining injuries that rendered him liable to frequent fits of mental depression, during one of which he shot himself. The public has long had a bad opinion of the practical joker, and this incident is additional evidence that the judgment is well founded.

S. S. CONVENTION.—A Convention of Sunday School workers of Kent parish, Carleton Co., was held in the F. C. B. Church Bumfrou, on the afternoon and evening of the 2nd inst. It was the first of the kind in that parish, and its good effects will doubtless live long to bless the people. Rev. A. Lucas, Field Secretary, was present, and aided in organizing the Convention. He said many good and encouraging words to those engaged in Sunday School work. He is a pleasing speaker, and is well acquainted with and deeply interested in his work. His blackboard and chart exercises were very interesting.

The evening session opened with a short service of prayer and song, Mrs. Sellar presiding at the organ. Before the meeting was dismissed Mr. Lucas urgently called on all present not to let the good resolutions formed die, but to work them out by doing more and better work at home. Revs. Mr. Howard, of Centreville, Mr. Sellar of Upper Kent, and Mr. Barnes of Bath, were present; and they, with others, spoke words of cheer on the lines of Sunday School work. The meeting was highly spiritual, and there was much Christian earnestness and zeal manifest. The next meeting of the parish will be held at Bath C. Co. in May next.

Mr. Lucas conducted a very successful meeting, in the interest of Sunday Schools, in the F. C. B. church, at Bath on the evening of the 1st inst. The night was unusually fine, and the church was crowded with attentive listeners. The Sunday schools in the parish of Kent are doing good work, and occupying no mean place in the services of the church. For this we are very thankful for it is beginning work at the right place—amongst the young. The boys of to-day will be the men of to-morrow. Let us train them for Christian living and service.

J. J. BARNES.

PERSONAL.—Hon. Neal Dow, father of the Maine Prohibitory law, has been ill but is now recovering. He is past four score years.

Mr. Stephen Selden, for many years the publisher of the *Christian Messenger*, Halifax, died last week. He was prominent in the Baptist denomination.

Rev. D. W. C. Duniock (Baptist), Truro, N. S. has just completed 50 years in the ministry. He is still in poor health.

Hon. Alex. McKenzie is very ill, and is not expected to recover. For several years he has been in an exceedingly feeble state physically. He is deservedly held in respect by people of all classes.

Sir Leonard Tilley is now living in this city, and will remain two or three months.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—At Grand Harbour, on the 6th inst, Mr. Hethington instituted a Council of Royal Templar of Temperance with 18 charter members, and a select Degree with 8 members. He goes to White Head to organize on Monday 8th inst. and he is hoping to form councils in some other parts of the island.

T. O. D.

AN EYE TO BUSINESS.—The Independent mentions how one of the wealthiest corporations in New York engaged in business secures money by giving a minute medal to those who pay twenty-five cents for membership, and that among the virtues of the medal it is stated that if it is put in water drunk by animals it will protect them from disease. This same method of making money by playing on the superstitions of the ignorant is practiced in France. The following is sent out to the simple-minded.

BEE-CULTURISTS' CONTRIBUTION TO THE SACRED HEART.

We wish to bring to the knowledge of our people that there has been formed a bee-culturists' association for the purpose of erecting in honor of the Sacred Heart a column, called the Column of the Bee-culturists, in the Church of Mohamatre. Each associate is asked to offer for this purpose two cents for each of his hives. This offering will afford a protection against the diseases which attack the hives, and a suitable gift for calling down the benediction of the Sacred Heart on the bees of those associated.

COUNT TOLSTOI and his family are working nobly to relieve the starving. At 20 free soup-kitchens on his estate 500 are fed daily under the superintendence of himself and daughters. To a correspondent of The Leeds Mercury, the Count said a wonderful feeling of Christian brotherhood exists among the peasantry. The greatest misfortune is that there is no work and the peasants are obliged to sell their cattle. The Government, he thinks, should undertake to purchase the products of such village industries as basket shoe-plaiting, which would find a ready sale, and it should also establish free dinners. At the Count's own tables a man can be maintained a month for three shillings. "We give them," he said, cabbage, soup, and various kinds of porridge, sometimes as much as three dishes." Of course, there is no meat! inquired the correspondent. The Count looked solemn, and replied, No, there is no meat. I hold meat to be injurious. I and all my family are vegetarians.

SUNDRIES.—Flowers amounting to \$14,175,328 were sold by American florists last year. . . . The number of paupers in the United States, according to the census bulletin, is 73,045, of which 40,741 are males and 32,304 females. . . . There are 90,000 men with good-conduct badges in the British army. . . . The total extent of the British empire is not far from 9,000,000 square miles. London contains about 220,000 foreigners. The Germans number 65,000, Americans 50,000, French 30,000, Dutch 16,000, Poles 12,000, Italians 8,000, and Swiss 5,000. . . . More than a million of people are treated in the hospitals of London each year. . . . If the sun were a hollow air-ball it would take 1,331,000 globes the size of the earth to fill it. . . . There are nearly 10,000 steamships in the world. . . . The factories of England, France, Germany and Holland produce about 87,000,000 pins daily.

The Missionary Review of the World for February says:

Scarcely a lie can be named, among all the hundreds afloat concerning missions, more utterly without foundation, but, nevertheless, frequently repeated and widely believed, than this—that every dollar sent to the heathen costs the sender another dollar. Among others, Chaplain McCabe, on several occasions has undertaken to capture and slay this rascally offender; but he still lives. The real facts in the case as to the economy of administration on the part of our missionary societies appear in these statements, which, though relating to but four, will stand for all. In the Methodist Church (North), of every dollar received, upward of .95 go direct to the missions, and but .0066 are "sunk" in office expenses, such as salaries of secretaries, clerks, etc. The American Board sends to the heathen .9255 out of every dollar paid into the treasury, the Missionary Society of the Reformed (Dutch) Church, .943 of every dollar contributed, and the Presbyterian Board (North) .955 of every dollar. Thus, tell it all abroad that it costs five cents on an average to send a dollar to the ends of the earth. And the above is just as true of the missionary work of our church as it is of those named above.

Literary Notes.

The New Year's holiday number of *Brainard's Musical World* contains, besides a large amount of interesting reading matter, three new piano pieces: "The German Patrol," by Ellenburg; "In the Valley Polka," by Pehel and "Au Matin," an elegant French composition by Godard; also a beautiful new waltz song, "Only in Dreams," by Geo. Schleiffarth, mailed for 15 cents or three back numbers mailed for 25 cents in stamps.

The publishers of *The Century Magazine* have issued a pamphlet entitled "Cheap Money," containing the articles on Cheap-Money Experiments which have been appearing in "Topics of the Time" of *The Century* during the past year or more. Single copies cost 10 cents each, post-paid. The pamphlet will be supplied in packages, by the hundred, at 5 cents each, for distribution.

The most timely article in the February *Century* is "The Degradation of a State; or, the Charitable Career of the Louisiana Lottery." The writer goes back to the time when the lottery interests of the country were centered in New York City, and shows that the Louisiana Lottery was established for the benefit of New York gamblers and lottery dealers. The article describes the people who have been the chief beneficiaries of this gambling institution, and exposes the methods of bribery and political corruption by which the franchise was obtained, is maintained, and, as is now feared, is to be extended. A notable paper on, "The Australian Registry of Land Titles," will doubtless help forward a needed reform. "Recent Discoveries concerning the Gulf Stream," is a very fresh, curious, and valuable contribution to an old subject. In a profusely illustrated article on "Pioneer Days in San Francisco," is described from personal knowledge, the adventurous life and diverse types that lent romantic color to the origin and growth of the metropolis of the West. "The Jews in New York" is strikingly illustrated and contains information never before gathered together. In "Topics of the Time" are editorials entitled "Will an American State be Guilty of Suicide?" "A 'Cheap-Money' Hand-Book," &c.

In the February *St. Nicholas*, at every moment the eye is attracted by some bright thought in text or drawing. There is a picture of Sir Jeffrey Hudson, the dwarf of eighteen inches stature, who figures in the history of the times of Henrietta Maria of England. The first of a series of articles on "Historic Dwarfs" appears. The "Battle on Skates," is good. There is an interesting paper about "Electric Lights at Sea." "A Strike in the Nursery!" It is a procession calculated to strike terror to a home tyrant, for the goat—and a toy-goat at that—bears upon his back the legend "Brown paper for me!" Of solid fiber are the serials and continued articles, quite weight enough to redeem the number from frivolity: "Tom Paulding," Brander Matthews's boy's story; "The Admiral's Caravan," by Charles Carryl, or "Davy and the Goblin" fame; "Strange Corners of Our Country," "When I was Your Age," and "Two Girls and a Boy," &c.

Denominational Notices.**FOREIGN MISSION FUND.**

Received from Alpha of Carleton church for Bible distribution in India. \$10.00. Edw. W. SLIFF, Treas. St. John, Feb. 6, '92.

NOTICE.

The Officers and Executive Committee of Nova Scotia, F. B. Home Mission Society will meet (D. V.) at F. B. church, Lower Publico, on March 2nd, at 1 p. m. Any applications should be addressed to the Secretary before the end of this month. Churches are requested to provide the Board in the meantime with funds for necessary appropriations for 1892.

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Deaths.

KYLE.—In Dutch Valley, K. Co., Jan. 28th, of consumption, Charles Kyle, aged 12 years, son of the late Andrew Kyle.

ALLEN.—At South Branch Lake, Charlotte County, on Feb. 4th, of inflammation of the lungs, Mary Jace, beloved wife of John Allen, aged 71 years. An aged husband and eight children survive her. Sister Allen lived a christian and died in the triumph of faith. Funeral sermon by Rev. W. H. Perry.

WALLACE.—At Patterson Settlement, Sunbury Co., Feb. 2nd of inflammation of the kidneys, Isaac Albert Wallace, son of William Wallace, aged 16 years and six months. Funeral sermon by the writer.—W. H. P.

SWIM.—At Clark's Harbor, N. S., Dec. 25th, 1891, Bro. Smith Swim, aged 84. Our brother was one of the first members of the F. B. church of this place. He was widely known and esteemed by a large circle of friends. He died in peace with God and man, trusting in his Saviour. At the close of life, his one thought was "the dear Saviour." No other rest and hope but "Jesus only."

CROWELL.—January 21st, Sister Ruth Crowell, the beloved wife of Bro. Michael Crowell, aged 78 years. On January 24th, Bro. Michael Crowell, aged 75 years. Both were members of the F. B. Church. They died in faith of blissful immortality. For them to live was Christ, and to die was gain. La Grippe was the cause of death. Beloved by a wide circle of friends they are deeply mourned. May God richly comfort the bereaved, and help all to say, "not my will, but thine O Lord, be done."—S.

SMALL.—At Woodward's Cove, Grand Manan, Feb. 1st, Mrs. Annie E. Small, wife of B. S. Small, and adopted daughter of Mr. Thomas and Fannie Kendrick. She had been married only about thirteen months; her age was 24 years. Rev. Wm. Brown baptized her when 12 years of age. She united with the F. C. Baptist church, always maintained a Christian walk, was a capable woman, made a host of friends, and was highly respected by all. The great regard in which she was held was manifest on the day of her burial. Bro. Small has the sympathy of the whole community. The parents feel deeply the loss they have sustained in the death of a dutiful and affectionate daughter. Yet they do not mourn as those who have no hope. She has gone to her reward and will only be awaiting us on the other shore.—T. O. D.

KIRSTEAD.—Of La Grippe, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. George E. Earle, Kingston Kings County, Elizabeth, relict of the late Deacon Thomas Kirstead, of Millstream Mountain, in the eighty-seventh year of her age, leaving one son and two daughters, with a large circle of friends, to mourn their loss. Sister Kirstead professed religion at Gondola Point, sixty-six years ago, under the labors of Rev. Mr. Pickles (Baptist). She soon after married Deacon Kirstead and removed to Millstream Mountain, and was one of the few that formed the Free Christian Baptist Church of that place. She remained a consistent member of the church till she was called home to the church triumphant. Sister Kirstead was the last of those who were the first members of the church, all having gone home before her. Her remains were brought to her old home and laid away in the family burying ground. Rev. W. DeWare attended her funeral and preached an appropriate discourse. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." S. J. P.

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