

and conversions ranging from 20 to 150 in number, are reported from numerous churches as the result of these services.

Denominational News.

REV. WM. DOWNEY, in a note to the editor, dated at Barrington, N. S., 2nd inst., says he does not know that he has gained much strength since he left home, but he suffers less. He intends to spend a few days at Argyle, and then go to see his son, Rev. G. A. Downey, at Canning, and hopes to be at home the last week in this month.

Bro. D's friends will continue to hope that he may come home much improved in health.

FROM REV. J. W. SMITH—"I will not leave thee," (Gen. 28:15) is a promise of God to Jacob, abounding in meaning to all to whom He has truly revealed Himself through His Son. But much of this great truth is made evident and effectual by our own acts and relationships. God is in his own sincerely preached word, and peculiarly manifest to those who believe on Him through the word. Thus an agreeable and profitable appearance of the Divine Being can be enjoyed by loving anticipation of Him, through the pronounced truth.

The different Home Mission stations of our field have oft times to wait long for comfort and the strength of God's presence through this means. We frequently hear the cry, "a few sermons, in a long time."

A visit to a corner of the vineyard where a small number of God's children appear to be like Jacob, ready to rise up early and erect a memorial to the Lord, at the sound of the awakening word, seems to declare our obligation, "Until God has done that which he has spoken to thee of." I find ten of the spiritual family connected with the F. B. Church on Cape Negro Island, Shelburne Co., whose hopes for labor are towards up. Let us not leave them. I spent three Sabbaths with this people, and they received both myself and the word graciously. I preached six times, held four other meetings, and visited and prayed in every house on the island. It was evident that a deepened interest in religion was entertained by a number. They have a good Sabbath School, well attended by the young people.

Now I ask that prayers and offerings of voluntary labor, be made that the building together of God's spiritual house in that section be perfected, in the fear of the Lord.

At a cottage meeting consisting of Free Baptists and friends, the following resolution was endorsed: "In consideration of our isolated situation and long deprivation of gospel preaching by our own ministers, it is hereby resolved—that we re-assert our identity, interest and fellowship with the F. B. Conference, and earnestly express our desire that we may be granted more frequent visits and religious services by ministers who can possibly do so, believing that the cause of God will thereby be preserved and strengthened, while we are willing to remunerate so far as our ability will allow, for labor bestowed." The truthfulness of the last statement may be estimated by the fact that they raised \$17.20 for my services.

To this people I would say, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."—Rev. 2:10. "For thus saith the Lord, Behold I, even I, will both search my sheep and seek them out as a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered, so will I seek out my sheep and deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day."

JAMES W. SMITH.
May 2nd, '92.

DONATION.—A number of the friends of Rev. Gideon Swim at Victoria Corner met at his home last Wednesday evening. The object of the gathering was a donation to the Rev. gentlemen. The weather being unfavorable a large number who intended to come did not get there, nevertheless there was a good gathering of kind people. The goods and cash amounted to \$35. A very pleasant evening was spent. Mr. Swim on behalf of himself and wife wishes to express his heartfelt thanks for their kindnesses, and says from his heart, God bless them.

DR. CUYLER thinks the following is about as *Spurgeon* as any passage Spurgeon ever delivered:—

When a man gets to cutting down sin, pining down depravity and making little of future punishment, let him no longer preach to you. Some modern divines whistle away the Gospel to the small end of nothing. They make our divine Lord to be a sort of blessed nobody; they bring down salvation to

mere salvability, make certainties into probabilities and treat verities as mere opinions. When you see a preacher making the Gospel small by degrees and miserably less, till there is not enough of it left to make soup for a sick grasshopper, get you gone.

As for me I believe in the colossal; a need deep as hell and grace as high as heaven. I believe in a pit that is bottomless and a heaven that is topless. I believe in an infinite God and an infinite atonement, infinite love and mercy, an everlasting covenant ordered in all things and sure, of which the substance and the reality is an infinite Christ.

Anybody familiar with Spurgeon's style could easily identify the foregoing before he had read it all through. One of Spurgeon's strongest points was his positiveness. He believed something and believed it with all the strength of his nature. Those people who wake up every morning feeling that everything is an open question never impress their fellow-men much. To have any force a man must have convictions. Your nice young man who smiles and says "Yes, Yes" to everything soon becomes insipid.—*Can. Pres.*

PERSONAL.—The large number of people in New Brunswick, who admire and respect Theodor H. Rand D. C. L. formerly our Chief Superintendent of Education will be pleased to hear that he has been appointed Chancellor of McMaster University. We feel that that University is to be congratulated upon securing such a worthy and efficient man as its head.

A. C. Smith M. P. P. and Mrs. Smith last week celebrated the 25th anniversary of their wedding. A large number of invited guests were present and the gifts were many and costly—a very pleasant evening was spent.

THE TELEPHONE.—It is claimed that not one person in ten among those who are in daily use of the telephone know how to use it properly. The manager of a large exchange says:

"Why, just talk in an ordinary conversational tone, as if you were speaking to somebody three or four feet from you. I can talk from Washington City to Portland, Me., in that way and make myself plainly heard. The best position is to stand with the mouth about three inches from the transmitter. Most people stand further back, but it is better to stand even nearer. It is almost impossible to get too near the instrument, provided a distinct conversational tone is maintained. If you watch the girls at the switch-board you will notice that they talk distinctly, and that the most of them put their noses against the instrument when they speak. They don't have trouble, and nobody else would if he would adopt similar methods."

THE POST MASTER General's Report for the past year shows much development in the department of the public service. The mail routes have been augmented by 767 miles; and the annual mail travel has been increased from 26,498,497 miles to 27,152,543 miles. The North-West Territories and Manitoba show the largest increase in mail routes; the number of miles of mail route in these Provinces having increased from 6,653 to 7,480. British Columbia also shows a considerable increase; the mileage in 1890 being 5,668, and in 1891, 5,991. Post offices number 8,061, an increase of 148 in the year. Letters through the post nearly 98,000,000.

The Samoan group of islands has a Christian population of 30,000. In the largest of the islands there are not fifty families that fail to observe family worship. Last year, besides supporting the Gospel at home, they sent a thank-offering, as their custom is of £1,800 to the parent missionary society of London, to help carry the news further on. When a church-member dies they still keep his name on the books, and put a mark after it, denoting a word picture which means: We cannot think of him as dead, either to us or to the work. We shall give a contribution in his name that the cause may not suffer by his removal hence.

SUNDRIES.—Only one American in 264 is over six feet in height. . . . The school enrollment in the United States went from 6,871,522 in 1870, to 12,688,973 in 1890. . . . A man was fined in Washington a day or two ago for driving his horses too slow. . . . One half of the paper used in the United States is manufactured at Holyoke, Mass. . . . Prince Bismarck has one hundred and three decorations. Fourteen are set in diamonds of great value. . . . Of the 388,000 divorces granted in the United States during the last twenty years 316,000 were granted at the request of wives. . . . It costs New York city more than \$100,000 a year for stenographic services. . . . Over 2,000,000 postal cards are necessary to meet the daily demands in the United States. . . . The Grand Duke Paul of Russia, is so tall that he is obliged to carry his bed with him when he travels. . . . Only one couple in 11,500 live to celebrate their diamond wedding.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.—The English-speaking peoples are increasing so rapidly, and their commercial and colonizing interests are so vast and complicated, that the question of a universal language, as recently discussed, usually centres in the prospects of the English tongue. A writer on this topic notices the change which has taken place among the nations of continental Europe in this respect. In Germany and Russia, where French used to be deemed the first foreign language to be learned, English is now taught. But it is in the new fields of colonization and discovery where English is making its greatest triumphs and its eventual predominance guaranteed. There are now nearly one hundred and thirteen millions of English-speaking people. In the uncivilized regions of Africa, as well as in India and Japan, no other European language has any chance of competing with the English. "A recent traveller in Eastern lands affirms to have met many Chinamen, Malays, Arabs and fellahs who could speak good English."—*Guardian*.

Of Dr. Pentecost's work in Poonah, India, a writer in the *Independent* says: "In all my twenty-one years of Indian life I never before saw an audience of educated Hindoos in such numbers listen with such apparently deep and profound interest to Christian truth. The non-controversial method adopted by Dr. Pentecost, together with deep fervency and the lucid truth, certainly impressed the Hindoos mind not lightly. It was most gratifying to see how the educated natives of Poonah in the large and attentive audience showed their appreciation of Dr. Pentecost's services, and they gave him a warm invitation to visit them again before leaving the country, tendering their warmest thanks for what he had done."

A DREADFUL RULE.—The sway of the Czar of Russia must be a dreadful curse to many of the people. A writer who speaks from minute personal observation says that myriads of human beings work like machines in order to raise 900 millions of roubles, which they forthwith pay into the Imperial Treasury, returning home penniless to their families, to undergo the pangs of hunger and possibly the pain of death; they plunge recklessly into the depths of degradation and debauch, in order to add to the millions already paid; numbers of them deliberately intensify their wretchedness to excite compassion; the merchants and nobles who live on their labor lacerate the backs of the suffering and strip the bodies of the dying for the sake of the rags that scarcely cover their nakedness; the Government throttles the writhing wretches, exclaiming, "Die if ye will, but pay me my pound of flesh!" and wantonly hurls multitudes of prosperous families into the same seething abyss of misery; the church stretches forth her shrivelled hand to curse and ruin hundreds of thousands of the most thriving farmers in the land, because they will insist upon reading the Sermon on the Mount; soldiers shoot down their own brothers who rise to protect; the police flog to death desperate wretches who steal a few bushels of the corn they have raised; special churchyards are set apart for, and speedily filled with, the bodies of those whom want, hunger, and misery have cut down; the prayers of the dying, the cries of women, and the moans of helpless children who have filled their little stomachs with clay and rags pierce the ears and wring the hearts of the most callous, and combine to make up a picture the like of which was never seen since peace on earth to men of good will was announced two thousand years ago."—*Pres. Witness*.

Literary Notes.

Professor A. B. Bruce of Glasgow opens the Review Section of *The Homiletic Review* for May with an article on "Apologetics in the Pulpit." Dr. Charles F. Deems presents "The Outlook of Theology." Bishop Vincent discusses "The Out-of-School Theological Seminary," and the Rev. Camden M. Coburn tells what the Monuments and Papyrus have to say concerning the Hebrews and the Exodus. In the Sermonic Section Dr. Parkhurst, Dr. MacLaren, Principal Dykes, Bishop Cridge, Drs. Kealey and Storrs, and others, have contributions. Dr. R. G. McNeice presents "The Present Status of the Mormon Question." Under "Living Issues" well-known laymen, give their views on the subject of what the Church ought to do in order to reach the masses in the cities. The number is full of interest.

The *May Ladies Home Journal* goes out to its readers laden with its spring-time song, story, and a wealth of good material. The number opens with "A Day in Patti's Castle." The article is accompanied by drawings and engravings taken from photographs. Mrs. Wanamaker gives a paper on "The Patient Work of Motherhood." Mrs. Gladstone contributes a second article, "Hints from a Mother's Life." Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer, ex-President of Wellesley College, is written of. Mrs. Beecher continues her reminis-

ces of her husband, and Robert J. Burdette discourses on the delights (?) of May. There is a full page of the inimitable Brownies. The department is interesting and instructive. Published by The Curtis Publishing Company of Philadelphia, for Ten Cents per number, and One Dollar per year.

A new volume of *The Century* will begin in May with a number of unusual interest. Three important serial features will be commenced namely—Senior Castelar's "Life of Christopher Columbus"; "The Chosen Valley"; and the series of articles describing the architectural features of the World's Fair.

Harper's Magazine for May has an article on "Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning," relating interesting personal reminiscences of the two eminent poets. Portraits are given of Mr. and Mrs. Browning. An officer in the German service, contributes an article on "The German Army of Today," illustrated. The series of papers on the great Northwest gives an interesting description of "The Dakotas," their peculiarities of situation, soil, and climate, their inhabitants and resources. The fourth of the Danube papers, "From the Black Forest to the Black Sea," is beautifully illustrated. The Editor's Easy Chair and Editor's Study are conducted by George William Curtis and Charley Dudley Warner.

Littell's Living Age. The number of *The Living Age* for April 16th and 23d contain The Correspondence of Count Pazzo de Borgo, Edinburgh; The Road from Mashoonaland, and Private Life in France in the Fourteenth Century. Fortnightly; Recollections of Tewfik Pacha, and Napoleon the Third at Sedan, *Nineteenth Century*; Society in Naples, *National*; The Race Across the Atlantic, *Scottish*; Conversations and Correspondence with Thomas Carlyle, *Contemporary*; Edward Crockett Leary, *New Review*; Benjamin Robert Haydon, *Temple Bar*; The New Star in the Milky Way, *Saturday Review*; Notes on Bird-Music, *Chambers*; The Ancient Tombs and Burial Mounds of Japan, *Nature*; "How She got out of it," "Who Rang the Bell?" "Boommellen," and poetry. For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each the subscription price (\$8) is low. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

All Sorts.

Out of 10,000,000 families in France one-fifth have no children at all and another fifth have only one child each.

There are now fifty "tank" steamers plying between this country and Europe, carrying oil in bulk. They carry about 5,000,000 of oil annually.

Since Patagonia was divided between Chili and the Argentine Republic, it has been developed into a wonderful country for sheep raising.

A Port Huron, Mich., factory is said to be making underclothes from wood fibre, which are equal in all respects to those made of wool.

An English governess is hereafter to educate the daughters of the king of Siam, and she will be rewarded therefor with a salary of \$3,500 a year and a residence in the royal palace.

A London conductor discovered in his bus a bag containing checks and valuables worth £3,000. He restored the property to the owner, and was rewarded with a sum of 3s. 6d.

There are about thirty thousand locomotives in the United States. One-half of these are used in hauling freight trains. It is pretty accurate to say that the locomotives cost an aggregate of \$450,000,000.

The Hebrews of Montana, particularly in Helena, are collecting funds and making general arrangements to settle Russian-Hebrew refugees in Montana. The proposition is to work in harmony, if not in connection, with the Baron Hirsch scheme.

Efforts are being made in Japan to supply the street railways with cars of home construction instead of importing them from the United States. Some elaborate cars have been built in Hita at a cost said to be less than one-third the price of American cars.

Rev. Mr. McKenzie, Presbyterian pastor of Pugwash, married in one day two couples. Both brides were named Jessie Fraser, while both bridegrooms bore the name of Daniel McIntosh. The couples were not related to each other.

In certain districts in Scotland, where neither telegraph nor telephone is within easy reach, carrier pigeons render valuable service to the newspaper reporters of Edinburgh. The birds are trained for this special work, and have cotes provided for them on the flat roof of the city office.

Denominational Notices.

THE BOYER MONUMENT FUND.

It is proposed to erect a suitable monument at the grave of the late Rev. A. B. Boyer, in Balasore, Ind. 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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Marriages.

PALMER-PORTER.—At Lakeville, N. S., April 26th, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. G. A. Downey, Mr. Russel Palmer and Miss Esther Porter, both of Lakeville.

WOODWORTH-BOYLEN.—At Vernon Mines, N. S., April 27th, at the residence of the bride's mother, by Rev. G. A. Downey, Mr. Freeman B. Woodworth, of Canning, and Miss Osker Boylen of Vernon Mines.

WILLIAMS-JONES.—On the 4th inst., at the residence of Mr. S. A. Carpenter, by Rev. J. W. Clarke, Mr. George Williams to Mr. Margaret Jones both of St. John N. B.

SLIPP-ROACH.—At the Free Baptist Church, Sussex, May 5th, by Rev. F. C. Hartley, Mr. John L. Slipp to Miss Ada Roach, daughter of John Roach Esq. both of Sussex.

Deaths.

McKAY.—At Colchester N. S., April 28th of La Grippe, Anna Belle, beloved wife of Augustus McKay aged 51 years, leaving a sorrowing husband, an aged mother, four sisters and one brother to mourn their loss. Sister McKay was the second daughter of Jacob Vanwart who died some forty years ago, she professed religion thirty-two years ago and was baptized by Elder Taylor and united with the first Hampstead Church and adorned her profession by a consecrated life, and peacefully passed away trusting in Jesus. Her remains were brought to Hampstead accompanied by her husband, and interred in the old burying ground at Little river on Sabbath morning, May 1st; funeral service conducted by the pastor.

C. B. LEWIS.

WHEELER.—At Tracey Mills, on the 4th inst., of La Grippe, Edward Wheeler, in the 52nd year of his age. Leaving a wife, 5 children, 2 brothers, 2 sisters, other relatives, and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. Our deceased brother was a native of this place, some 31 years ago, he professed religion, and was baptized and united to the Centreville Baptist church, by the Rev. John Williams. He had a wonderful gift of song, being considered one of the finest base singers in the county. By the use of that gift, he contributed very much to the interest of the meetings we were privileged to hold this winter at Knoxford and Boundary Line, and he, himself was very much benefited in these meetings. Being led out from a very dark backslidden state into the sunlight of Divine favor. During my confinement to the house by the prevailing epidemic, he proved to be one of the kindest of neighbors. He was a very strong, hearty man, yet in only 20 days, the strong man was laid low. Only a short time before he died, he sat up in the bed and sang very clearly,

Save me O God the swelling flood,
Breaks in upon my soul,
I'm sinking and sorrows on my head
Like mighty waters roll.

His dying testimony was "Yes Jesus saves me." At his request, I attended the funeral which was held in the Centreville Baptist church, on the 5th inst. The attendance was very large, over 70 teams were counted. The following ministering brethren assisted in the services: Revs. Todd, Harvey and Hayward (Baptist), E. B. Grey (F. C. Baptist) and Howard (Methodist). The text, Psalm 17, 15 was selected by the deceased, "I will behold thy face in righteousness, I shall be satisfied, when I awake with thy likeness." "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."—A. C. T.

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