

ple who have shared the benefits of Christian Missions. Papers will be read setting forth the results of Missionary operations on the intellectual, moral, and spiritual conditions of the natives, and showing the relation of Missions to the marvelous display of material progress which will be made on that occasion. Buildings will be fitted up for the accommodation of this Congress. A preliminary address has been sent out by those having this enterprise in charge for the purpose of enlisting the sympathy and co-operation of all Missionary societies.

Dr. Henry Martyn Clark, of the Amritsar Mission of the Church Missionary Society, tells the following story:—Some time ago there was a young Mohammedan, the son of a great Mohammedan saint and doctor, who had great anxiety of soul because of sin. He read the Koran through and through without finding light, when he found in it an expression referring to the Old Testament and the New Testament. The thought came into this young man's heart, "If I can only get possession of a Bible, I might get what I need." Most wonderfully two ladies happened to be in the district, and he got what he wanted. He began with the Gospel of St. John, and by the time he got to the third chapter he was a free man, and desirous of throwing off Mohammedanism. When his father heard of it, he offered a reward of 500 rupees to any one who would kill his son, and 200 to any one who would bring him the glad news. For two years I had to watch over that young man, and then his father found him, and with much difficulty we managed to keep him safe. At last the old man went back with a New Testament. A year after, he came again, and said that he had brought together other Mullahs and read it to them. He also said: "We have noticed that this is the New Testament; that shows me that there must be an old Testament, and they have sent me to get the Old Testament."

I had the pleasure of giving him one, and just before I left he came with his son and said, "The God of my son, whom I wished to murder, is now my God; baptize me, too, into the faith of Christ."

General Religious Notes.

It is estimated that there are nearly 500,000 Roman Catholics in Chicago.

Gen. Booth says the Salvation Army uniform is worn by men of all colors and in every zone on earth.

It is said that the New Zealand Government has offered to grant to General Booth ten thousand acres of land, with help to till it. From South America also free offers of land in any quantity have been received; so that the Salvation Army has scope enough to carry out its reformatory designs.

Last December the Archbishop of Canterbury made the statement that the Roman Catholic Church makes no statistical progress in England. In support of that a correspondent in the *Anglican Church Magazine* brings forward figures comparing the statistics of 1840 with those of 1890, showing that whereas on the general basis of growth of population in England their number should be 2,846,000, they are actually 1,354,000, showing thus a loss or leakage of 992,000. This is entirely apart from any calculation of immigration of Roman Catholics from abroad. If that were taken into account the loss would be found, this writer says, to be underestimated rather than overestimated.

The Episcopal Church statistics are given as follows: In England it has 33 bishops, 24,090 other clergymen; United States, 61 bishops and 3,800 clergymen; Ireland, 13 bi-shops and 1,807 other clergymen; Canada, 24 bishops and 1,300 other clergymen; Asia, 13 bishops and 713 other clergymen; Africa, 13 bishops and 350 other clergymen; Australia, 21 bishops and 269 other clergymen; Scotland, 17 bishops and 280 other clergymen. There are also scattered dioceses with 9 bishops and 120 clergymen. Total, 189 bishops and 32,729 other clergymen.

There are 151,614 Roman Catholic negroes in the United States, the largest number of whom, 80,000 are in the Diocese of New Orleans, and the next largest, 35,000 is that of Baltimore. They have twenty-seven churches for their exclusive use, and thirty-three priests; and there are one hundred schools for colored children, attended by 6,460 pupils, with eight orphan asylums, one founding asylum, and one hospital. During 1890, 4,558 colored children and 590 adults received Catholic baptism.

France is believed to be on the eve of a mental and moral transformation. When Dr. McAll, at the age of fifty, entered France, he was unacquainted with the language, but he now composes hymns as well as a native born. Some fifty or sixty towns have mission

stations, and the influence of the work has been felt along the Mediterranean and the coast of Africa. During the past year 1,250,000 people have visited the stations where services are held every day in the week, and 24,000 persons have been on board the mission boat. The work is purely denominational and simple, and hence appeals to an overburdened people who are purely atheistical in their belief. While this is the land of the crucifix, its people accept certain forms of the church, but are ignorant as to the life of Jesus Christ. France is tired of atheism, profanity and immorality, and is seeking to better her condition, not for religious purposes, as she would say, but for humanity's sake. The "white fields of France" are resounding with the cries of an army of reapers, and the spiritual harvests will astonish and rejoice a waiting world.

Revival Notes.

A Presbyterian church in Elizabeth, N. J., received 119 new members on one Sunday recently—the fruit of a revival.

In union meetings at Joliet, Ill., between 300 and 400 persons declared their purpose to live christian lives.

Revival meetings held in Kansas city by Evangelist Col resulted in about 600 conversions.

In Marinette, Wis., nearly 500 have professed conversion and asked to be admitted to church membership—the fruit of revival meetings.

Carthage, Ind., is having a good work. Ninety conversions are reported. And from other towns in the state reports come of revival power.

Moody and Sankey are still at work in Scotland. They have conducted meetings in seventy different places, in all of which interest has been awakened. Thirty other places are to be visited by them.

A late issue of the *Religious Telescope*, the excellent paper of the United Brethren in Christ, has reports of revivals at sixty-two places, in which the conversions number 1829.

A revival of much power is reported from the Ohio Wesleyan University. At the beginning of the term 242 of the students were unconverted. In February a day of special prayer was observed by the christian students, and immediately thereafter a religious interest was manifest. At the last report over two hundred of the unconverted 242 had entered upon the christian life.

Denominational News.

CHURCH DEDICATION AT CAPE ISLAND.—By the help of God one of the cosiest, most commodious and comfortable houses of worship has been completed at the South Side of this island, within the unprecedentedly short space of nine months. The erection of this new Free Baptist Church was begun in June 1891, and on Sunday, March 13th, its doors were first opened for divine worship. On that day nearly five hundred people had come from far and near to witness the dedication ceremonies of the new church, which the perseverance, the energy and the self-denying labors of a people, grateful for the blessings God hath bestowed upon them, have erected to His honor and glory for the preaching of the Gospel of Salvation. Standing in the centre of about fifty modest but substantial dwelling houses, the new church occupies a pleasant and commanding position. Its dimensions are about 30x50 feet, enclosing an auditorium wherein 450 persons can be comfortably accommodated; underneath this is a basement for Sunday School and other purposes connected with church work. The interior appointments are perfect and practical: the walls are painted in light colors, and the artistic blending of colors overhead is a credit to the good taste of Mr. Fred Smith, the painter who superintended that department of the work. The platform is well planned; the choir seats being on the right of the pulpit facing the audience; and the colored window panes admit an agreeable and sufficient light; nor has the important feature of good ventilation been neglected. A chandelier, the generous gift of T. H. Goudy, Esq., of Yarmouth, together with eight reflecting lights, attached to the sides and ends of the auditorium, afford abundant illumination for the evening services. The pulpit, which is a present from Elijah Ross, Esq., the architect of the church, is a neat and tasty piece of workmanship. Indeed the whole building is a monument to the skill and ability of Mr. Ross. The decorations, floral and otherwise, were in perfect harmony with the surroundings, thanks to the good taste and painstaking labors of Mrs. Clark Penny and Mr. David Nickerson, jr. The building committee, under the chairman-

ship of Bro. Prince W. Penny, have every reason to congratulate themselves upon the successful completion of their labours. With commendable foresight and economy, and aided by the generous gifts of a large number of friends, they have the satisfaction to turn over to the trustees a noble edifice, worth about \$1,500, with but a comparatively small indebtedness upon it, such as will readily be liquidated within one year's time, and the payment of which is, in fact, already provided for.

Thus auspiciously for all concerned, the long and prayerfully expected Sunday, March 13th, which should usher in the dedication ceremonies, had arrived. The Lord blessed the opening exercises with a day bright and sunshiny, and father "frost" had kindly hardened the roads, so as to make them passable for all. Several hours before the appointed time the roads leading to the South Side were covered with men, women and children, wending their way to the church, anxious to secure desirable seats. Letters of invitation to all the pastors and congregations of the province, including one to the editor of the *INTELLIGENCER*, Rev. Dr. McLeod, had previously been sent by Rev. F. W. Reeder, the pastor of the new church, in behalf of his people. Kind and courteous responses, brimful of goodwill and fraternal greetings had been returned by nearly all that were invited; but the continuous rains had impaired the roads and had made travelling so difficult, that only those from the immediate vicinity could be expected to attend. To the great regret of his many friends, our dear brother, Rev. W. C. Weston, was at the last moment prevented, on account of the sudden illness of Mrs. Weston, being present with us; this was a sore disappointment to us, for to him, as one of the senior ministers of the N. S. F. B. Conference, had been assigned the preaching of the dedication sermon, which duty, for lack of time to notify others, now devolved upon the already much tasked pastor of the church. As a token of their kind interest in the work, Brother and Sister Weston sent a beautiful copy of the Bible as a present to the church, and for years to come it will be used in the sanctuary services, and thus serve as an ever present memento to remind the good people of the South Side of the good will of these two old soldiers of the Lord.

The programme was substantially carried out as previously announced. The dedication sermon was preached by Rev. F. W. Reeder, after the Rev. E. Crowell of Barrington had in earnest and impassioned words offered the dedicatory prayer. The well drilled and carefully trained choir sang the praises of the Lord with the true spirit of devotion; the remarks of the Revs. Cooper and Crowell at the close of the sermon were well calculated to impress the audience with the solemnity of the occasion. The afternoon services were conducted by Rev. E. Crowell, who, after the ordination of the recently elected deacons, delivered an appropriate and highly appreciated discourse on "the office and duties of deacons," which was followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper to a large number of communicants. In the evening Rev. C. F. Cooper of Yarmouth preached on "the Christian's Faith" his plain, scriptural and deeply spiritual sermon, eloquently delivered, will long be remembered by all that heard it. A good conference meeting closed the exercises of the day.

At all the services, the church was filled almost to overflowing, averaging over 400 at each service. The warm-hearted hospitality of the brethren and friends of the South Side community amply provided for the entertainment of the hundreds of visitors. The utmost harmony, goodwill and brotherly love prevailed throughout, and the hearts of all present were cheered and blessed by the presence of the Spirit of peace.

Thus ended a day of which all can truly say: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Unto God be all the praise forever and ever. Amen.

F. W. REEDER.
So. Side, Cape Island,
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REV. JOS. NOBLE is reported improved in health. He was able to leave St. John last week, and is now in Lower Brighton, C. Co. We hope soon to hear that he is fully restored.

WHITE HEAD.—Monday, 14th inst., I left Seal Cove for Whitehead, and, after buffeting the waves for awhile arrived in our desired haven, safely landed by our good Captain, William Harvey. Some seventeen of us found comfortable homes with the brethren and friends at the Island. At one o'clock there was a meeting at the church for two hours; it was a good season, and much of the quickening

power of the spirit was present with the people. At the close of this service we repaired to the water when nine happy souls obeyed their Divine Lord and Master in the ordinance of baptism. In the evening I preached, and at the close of that service gave those baptized the hand of fellowship. Tuesday the day was cold and the wind blew a fearful gale, and so we had to remain till the next day. The meeting on this occasion was good. Bro. Harvey stands his work well, but I am sorry to report Mrs. Harvey in poor health. Bro. Wm. Trecarton, one of the deacons, came near losing his life by a block falling from a loft and hitting him on the head.

The first baptism ever administered on Whitehead, was on March 15th, 1864, by Rev. J. N. Barnes, when seven were baptized, and on the 22nd March, 1864, the church was organized with twelve members, nine of whom are still living. The church now has one hundred and twenty six resident members. It is in a good and prosperous condition. The good work of revival still goes forward. I expect to go there again soon to baptize. To God be all the glory.

T. O. DEWITT.

SEAL COVE.—The Lord is blessing the people at Seal Cove. I expect to have baptism soon. I have been laid up with a bad sprain or broken foot, but am out now, limping around. Pray for us.

T. O. DEWITT.

A NEEDED REST.—The Rev. Wm. Downey, pastor of the Brighton F. C. Baptist Church, has been in poor health for some weeks and a recent attack of La Grippe has laid him aside from active work. His churches have granted him two months vacation. He returned home on Saturday via Gibson train quite ill. His physician enjoins absolute rest. He is thinking some of going South for change of air and occupation.

CARLETON, ST. JOHN.—Four persons, three young men and one young lady, were baptized at the Old Fort yesterday by the Rev. G. A. Hartley. The hand of fellowship was given to five members by the pastor at the evening service. The F. C. B. church of the west end is a strong and well united body of Christian workers. Their Sunday school is large and prosperous.—*Sun, Monday.*

FUNERAL REFORM.—The Ministers Association of Chicago has issued an address to the people on the subject of funerals. The following are among the suggestions made:

That no funeral be held on Sunday when possible to avoid it.

That attending friends view the remains, if at all, as they enter, and that the casket be closed immediately upon the conclusion of the services.

That a service is ordinarily complete which consists simply of the reading of Scripture selections and prayer.

That only such persons accompany the remains to the grave as may be personally requested to do so.

That needless expense, whether of carriages, flowers, or other matters, be avoided.

That it be remembered that Christian sentiment is not in accord with the practice, to which some have felt constrained to conform, of adopting heavy mourning costumes after the death of friends.

On this the *Advance* comments as follows:

That there should be some changes in the manner of conducting funerals has long been felt; and it is to be hoped that this start at reform may develop into a general movement. The heavy financial burden of funerals now is often more than families of moderate means ought to bear or can bear.

It also frequently happens that city pastors are almost an entire day in accompanying the remains to the cemetery. A reform would be welcome all around.

PERSONAL.—Revs. J. W. Clarke and G. W. Swin were in this city a day last week, visiting their friends and the Legislature.

Neal Dow, the veteran prohibitionist, has just entered upon his 89th year, and is in good health and spirits.

Mayor Vroom, of St. Stephen, was, a few days ago, presented with a gold headed cane by the North Head Temple of Honour. He deserved it.

Hon. Mr. Chapleau is reported seriously ill.

Mr. D. Lothrop, head of the D. Lothrop Co., of Boston, publishers of "Wide Awake" and other publications, died last week.

It is stated that Knighthood will soon be conferred on Mr. Premier Abbott.

Dr. Legere, M. P., for Kent Co., is reported dangerously ill. Hope of his recovery has been abandoned.

Mr. H. E. Clarke, member of the Ontario Legislature, died in the Assembly while speaking on Friday.

Whalt Whitman, the poet, died Saturday.

Hon. G. S. Turner, M. P. P., for Albert Co., is seriously ill in this city.

Ho. Jas. Ryan, L. Council is also confined to his room.

OF MINISTERS.—Rev. J. G. Harvey (Baptist), Centreville, C. Co., was the recipient of a donation last week.

Rev. J. W. Manning, who has resigned his Halifax pastorate to accept the Maritime Superintendency of the Baptist mission work, will remove to St. John.

Rev. Dr. Burns and family will go to England in a few days.

SPRING GOODS.—Mr. Jennings has a fine stock of cloths for the Spring trade. See advertisement.

JUDGE HANINGTON.—Hon. D. L. Hanington has been appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of this Province in place of Judge Wetmore deceased. The appointment will, we believe, give general satisfaction.

MRS. HUNT addressed the legislators in the assembly room noon Friday. She was introduced by the lieutenant governor, and was accompanied by Lady Tilley and a delegation of ladies of the W. C. T. U. Most of the members of both houses were present and the ladies' gallery and speakers' gallery were well filled. Mrs. Hunt delivered an eloquent address, urging the adoption of legislation in this province making the teaching of the effects of alcohol and other narcotics upon the human system compulsory to all pupils of the schools, and from text books to all pupils able to read. The address made a good impression.

A POOR ECONOMIST.—The busy man who declares that he cannot afford the time for daily exercise and recreation, and for an occasional holiday, is a very poor economist. By a continual addiction to himself, during all his working hours, to sedentary business, he comes in time to the general breakdown, most commonly heralded by insomnia, which is known as nervous prostration, and is a more or less complete collapse; but it is very absurd to ascribe it to overwork. When this occurs he finds himself ordered to a vacation much longer than the sum of those that he "could not afford" to take, and he takes it, not with enjoyment and refreshment, as a hard-worked man, should take his holiday, but in a dispirited state that makes enjoyment impossible, and he returns to his work just able to resume it, but not able to enjoy that either.—*N. Y. Times.*

THE "LIFE OF SPURGEON," by Russell H. Conwell, which is advertised in another column is a book of interest to all readers.

"HEART FAILURE."—There is reason to suspect—the "Standard" thinks, that the many deaths reported as from "heart failure," caused by grippé, are really due to careless use of the powerful drug antipyrine. This drug has wonderful power to allay fever, and hence is named from the Greek *anti*, against, and *pyr*, fire. The manner of its manufacture is a secret, and the use of it should be under the direction of a physician, and a careful one at that.

IN ABUKIR, EGYPT, three colossal statues in rose-colored granite, each about ten feet high, have been discovered. The first two represent King Rameses II. and Queen Hentmare sitting on their throne, a unique group, the like of which has not yet been discovered in Egypt. The third statue represents Rameses standing in military garment and position, with sword and sceptre. The statues are covered with hieroglyphic inscriptions.

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Marriages.

GARONG-MCCLUREY.—At Houlton, Mar. 19th, by Rev. J. E. Gosline, Mr. Wm. J. Garong of Woodstock, N. B., and Miss Vinal McCLUREY, of Houlton, Me.

GREEN-BENSON.—At the residence of Wm. Foster, March 20th inst., by Rev. T. O. DeWitt, Mr. A. N. Green of Two Islands, to Miss A. E. Benson, of Grand Manan.

NIGHTINGALE-GRANT.—At the home of the bride's father, Lower Perth, V. Co., on the 23rd inst., by Rev. J. J. Barnes, Miss Blanche Grant, of Perth, V. Co., and Mr. Edward Nightingale of Arcootook, Maine.

Deaths.

URQUHART.—At Kars, K. Co., on Mar. 14th, Mr. Jesse Urquhart, aged 57 years, leaving a sorrowing wife and six children to mourn their loss. His end was peace.

J. McK.

ERB.—At Kars, K. Co., on the 12th of March, of La Grippe, Mary Ann, beloved wife of Deacon J. Erb, aged 78 years, leaving a sorrowing husband, four sons and two daughters to mourn the loss of an affectionate wife and mother. But their loss is her eternal gain.—J. McK.

MERRITT.—At Kars, Kings Co., on the 11th March Benjamin J. Merritt, in the 34th year of his age, leaving a sorrowing father, mother, two brothers and one sister to mourn their loss. Bro. M. professed faith in Christ in early life, and united with the First F. C. Baptist church Kars; he was faithful to the grace received, and was deservedly respected by all who knew him. Though dead yet speaketh.

J. G. McK.

FITZPATRICK.—At Wakefield, C. Co., on the 16th inst., Olivia Hagerman, aged 37 years, beloved wife of Charles Fitzpatrick. She was esteemed and loved by all who knew her.

(Fredericton papers please copy.)

BURTON.—At Lower Wakefield, C. Co., on the 1st inst., William Burton, aged 83 years. He was born in Hants (Co. N. S.), came to Wakefield when 15 years of age, where he remained until his death. For 30 years, or more, he was in the employ of the late Hon. Charles Perley, as foreman of his lumber business of Spring Hill, where he earned a reputation for sterling honesty and trustworthiness which he maintained and well deserved until his death. When he was 83 years of age he was baptized upon the profession of his faith by Rev. C. T. Phillips. Until near the date of his baptism he had been building his hopes upon his honesty and morality. God showed him by his spirit, that he had been building upon the sand, and he was led to build upon Christ the solid rock. His faith and hope were strong until the end, and then he entered into rest. Five sons and two daughters survive him, to whom he has left the priceless legacy of a stainless name. A large number attended the funeral in spite of the stormy day. A sermon was preached by Rev. C. T. Phillips from Nehemiah 7:2. "For he was a faithful man."

(Woodstock papers please copy.)

LOCK.—March 6th, James Lock, died at his son's residence, aged 84 years, 6 months and 6 days.

WILLET.—At Lower Brighton, Car. Co., on the 27th Feb., after a lingering illness, Langevin, aged 20 years, son of Adolphus and Louisa Willet. He died in sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection.

HOVEY.—At Lower Brighton, on the 26th March, after a lingering illness, Edwin E. Hovey, aged 29 years. He was prepared for heaven.

WEBB.—At Blissville, S. Co., March 17th after a long and tedious illness, which he bore with christian resignation to the divine will, John Wilber Webb, in the 38th year of his age, leaving a sorrowing widow and three children, together with a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Brother Webb was a worthy member of Blissville Free Baptist church, and at his death held the offices of assistant deacon and Treasurer in the church.—W. H. P.

GOLDING.—At Fredericton Junction, on the 12th inst., of consumption, Hannah, beloved wife of Samuel Golding, aged 35 years. Though her illness was lingering and tedious, she bore it all with christian patience and submission. The end found her quietly and triumphantly waiting "the summons from on high." Some years ago she accepted Christ, by faith, as her Saviour, was baptized, by Rev. T. O. DeWitt, united with Tracy Station F. C. B. church, and lived a worthy member until her death. She leaves a sorrowing husband, two children and a number of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Funeral services by the writer, on the 19th inst.—G. W. FOSTER.

GRASS.—At Waasi, on the 17th inst., of bronchitis, Syrena E., infant daughter of Josie and Millegde Grass, aged 1 year and 4 months.

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