

Mission News and Notes.

One of the by-laws of a newly organized church among the Zulus is, that "no member shall drink the white man's grog."

Micronesia saw its first conversion to Christianity but a little more than a quarter of a century ago. Now there are forty-seven self-supporting churches.

It is the opinion of Prof. Henry Drummond that in no part of the world has pure missionary work had a fairer trial than in the New Hebrides Islands, and nowhere else, he adds, has it made more progress and accomplished greater results.

The average wages of a laborer in Madagascar are six cents a day. Nevertheless, the Madagascar Christians contributed last year to the London Missionary Society thirty-one thousand two hundred and forty dollars.

Probably the most discouraging mission station in the world is that of the Moravian mission in Tibet. There are three stations and the work has been in progress forty years, yet only sixty three have been won. Still the Moravians stick to their post.

Four years ago a General Conference of Protestant missionaries in China made an appeal for one thousand additional missionaries within five years. Now it is announced that upwards of five hundred missionaries have gone out to that empire, and another appeal has been made for the completion of the one thousand asked for.

This piece of news from the Indian Standard, published at Rutlam, is very suggestive. It says, "This year for the first time on record, the Jaganath car at Serampore failed to find devotees enough to drag it over the usual route. On three successive days attempts were made which ended in failure. The persuasions and threats of the Brahmins were in vain. As fast as men were sent to the ropes they quietly slipped away, and the great car could not be moved."

Native Christians are being fiercely persecuted in Southern Korea at the instigation of the Chinese. Pere Jozseau, a French missionary was captured by General Yeh while on his way to Seoul. He and an attendant were interrogated and beaten by soldiers in the presence of General Yeh. They were afterwards seized by six soldiers and hoisted off the ground by their ears. While in this position Jozseau was stabbed with a bayonet in his side by one of his soldiers. The prisoners were then thrown on their faces and their heads hacked off.

The increase in the number of medical missionaries in all lands is significant. In 1849 they numbered 39; in 1894 there were 400, of whom 80 are lady doctors. The Students' Volunteer Convention of 1891 reckoned 25 students preparing for foreign medical service, that of 1894 counted 72, a threefold increase in three years. One hundred still in their college course expressed the intention to enter medical service abroad. During 1893 not less than 160 applied to the International Medical Missionary Institute, New York, to be received to prepare for the same service.

Not long ago a fire broke out in a Formosa village, and two houses were soon wrapped in flames. One of them was saved, the house of a heathen Chinaman; the owner of the other house is a Christian who happened to be away from home, and as nobody tried to save his house, it was burned down. There was great laughter among the villagers at the Christian's misfortune. "That is the worth of your religion," they said to him. A day or two later a company of men were seen coming across the fields, and when they got near it was seen that they were laden with wood, tools, and articles of furniture. The village was rebuilt. What was it? Who were the men? They were the members of the church to which their Christian neighbor belonged, and had come from their homes, some miles away, to rebuild his house, which they did, while the villagers gaped in wonder. Nothing like it had ever been seen.

General Religious News.

The Episcopal bishop of Iowa, Dr. Perry, recently said that he had received in the church within the eighteen years past 700 persons from the Roman Catholic church, and meantime lost to Rome not to exceed a half dozen persons.

It is said that no public worship except that of the Roman Catholic church is allowed in Peru. If admission is desired to services of other

religious bodies it can only be by ticket or passport.

We have been in the habit of designating France as a Roman Catholic country. A Paris correspondent of *Evangelical Christianity* writes: "In France scarcely 5,000,000 out of the 40,000,000 reputed Roman Catholics may be said to be worthy of the name, the rest are non-church-goers, unbelievers, atheists, and anarchists."

Father Petroni, a young Italian priest at Florence, has recently seceded to the Protestant Church. His conversion from Catholicism took place under singular circumstances. A sick man in his parish called him in to receive his confession, and, among other sins, confessed having a forbidden book in his house. He delivered it up to Father Petroni. It was a Bible, and the perusal of the book, thus curiously obtained, opened the priest's eyes to the unscriptural character of his papal creed.

Home Religious News.

The week Dec. 1-8 is self-denial week in the Salvation Army.

Revival services just closed at Jemseg, Q. Co., resulted in the addition of twenty eight members to the Baptist church.

Services were held in the Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches, in this city, on Thanksgiving day.

The Intercollegiate Y. M. C. A. Convention was held in this city, beginning last Friday evening and closing Sunday evening. There were representatives present from Dalhousie, Acadia, Mount Allison, Prince of Wales and the U. N. B. The first meeting, Friday evening, was addressed by the President of the U. N. B. Association, Mr. Baird and Dr. Harrison, in words of welcome, to which a representative of each college replied. Mr. Fraser G. Marshall, Sec. of the Maritime Y. M. C. A. Convention, gave information about college associations; there are about 450 college associations and 200,000 college students. About fifty per cent of the college men were christians. 25,000 students had been won to Christ in the last fifteen years, one-half of them within the last year. Prof. Murray of Dalhousie college gave an address on The Significance of Feeling in Belief. Saturday morning and afternoon meetings were devoted to the consideration of questions concerning the practical work of the associations. Papers were read on various subjects of interest in association work, and discussed. Saturday evening meeting was presided over by Rev. Canon Roberts, and an address was given by Rev. Dr. McLeod. Sunday afternoon Rev. C. H. Paisley addressed a meeting, and in the evening the students attended the Methodist church and were addressed by Rev. Dr. Brecken, after which they had an interesting farewell meeting. The Convention was evidently, one of interest, and the members received much spiritual stimulus. All Christians may well pray earnestly for blessing on college Y. M. C. A. work.

Denominational News.

ST. JOHN.—The social at the Waterloo street F. C. Baptist church, Thursday evening, proved a great success. The attendance was large and those in charge of the tables had a busy time of it. A very enjoyable programme was carried out, greatly delighting all present.—*Telegraph*.

SUSSEX.—Rev. Mr. Nobles, at the conclusion of a very excellent sermon in the Presbyterian church, yesterday afternoon (18th) announced that his own church (F. C. Baptist), which is being repaired, would be ready for occupancy on Sunday next, and that services would be conducted there in future. He warmly thanked the Presbyterians for the use of their church while the above repairs were being made.—*Cor. Sun*.

FROM REV. A. M. McNINTCH.—I have returned from my visit to Clarke's Harbor, N. S. I was very much pleased with the place and people; and feel that my work is there.

I received a unanimous call from the church, and have, after much thought and careful study as to God's will, decided this morning to accept the call. We will move at once, and take charge of the new field on Sunday, December 2nd.

I trust the Lord may go with us, and that we may in all things be willing to be directed by Him, so that we may indeed enjoy his richest blessings. A. M. McNINTCH.

FROM REV. C. B. LEWIS.—I have accepted a call to the pastorate of the Free Baptist church at Beaver Harbour, and commenced work first of November. My Post Office address is now Beaver Harbour, Charlotte Co., N. B. After the unpleasant task of packing

up and moving a distance of eighty miles and getting settled again, we find ourselves quite comfortably and pleasantly located in the village at the Harbour. I need say but little concerning our feelings on taking our departure and saying good-bye to a people from whom we had so repeatedly received expressions of kindness and sympathy, with whom we had lived and worked, in the name of the Master, for three years. The brethren in the ministry, having had similar experiences, will readily understand our feelings. We humbly pray that the blessing of God may continually rest upon the Hampstead pastorate. I trust that our agreement here as pastor and people has been under divine direction and may be for the glory of God. We have already received many expressions of kindness from the people, and are beginning to feel at home among them. The religious services are well attended; we are endeavouring to work in harmony with the spirit of the Lord, and are looking up "to the hills from whence cometh our help." I wish to make mention of the great kindness of Bro. A. C. Smith of Carleton, who assisted me so much by negotiating with the Railway officials in my behalf, and also in sending two of his team's to convey our movables from the steamboat landing to the depot. We cherish grateful remembrance of such acts of Christian kindness.

One thing is observable with regard to the INTELLIGENCER, viz., that too few copies of it reach Beaver Harbour. I am endeavouring to speak a word in its favour.

C. B. LEWIS.

Nov. 20, '94.

FROM REV. J. NOBLE.—As it has been sometime since I wrote, I begin to think from what I hear from some of my friends I had better write again. I have been pursuing about the same course since Conference as before, visiting among the churches, and looking after the destitute places. I have been away from home most of the time. I have been as far down river as Prince William, and up as far as Brookville; I have also been out to Newburg, had a Conference meeting Saturday, and administered the Lord's Supper on Sunday. I expect to go down as far as Prince William next week. I made the appointment expecting Brother Vanwart would be with me; I was hoping he could see his way clear to engage with the churches in Queensbury, Prince William, Dumfries, and others, but I believe he went home without stopping to see them. I am glad that Brother Keirstead can supply the Keswick church for this year. According to a letter written by brother Sheppard to brother Smith, they were not disposed to break up the Circuit, as they could not get anyone to take it all, and as it would be a help to brother Keirstead they considered it would be right for them to do so, and advised them to do likewise for the year. There are a good many things I would like to say in this, but I will reserve them for some future time.

J. NOBLE.

Woodstock, Nov. 23.

DEATH OF A MINISTER.—Rev. James Neales (Episcopal) died last week in Woodstock. He was eighty-one years of age, the oldest Episcopal minister, except one, in the Province. He lived many years at Gagetown. For several years he has not been in the active work.

DEFEATED.—The proposal to amend the Constitution of Kansas in favour of woman suffrage, was defeated by a majority of 31,000.

DEATH OF A JUDGE.—Judge Peters, of the St. John County Court, died on Sunday, after an illness of a few weeks. He was 67 years old.

POLITICAL NEWS.—There was an election in London, Ont., on Tuesday, 20th inst., to fill the seat in the Ontario legislature, vacated by the appointment of Mr. Meredith to the Chief Justiceship. Mr. Hobbs (Liberal) was elected by a majority of 800 over Mr. Esary (Conservative). The Liberals are having a series of meetings in this Province. Tuesday evening there was a meeting in St. John; there will be one in Fredericton on Wednesday, and in Woodstock Friday. The speakers at these meetings are Hon. Messrs. Davies, Fielding, Gilmour and others.

Denominational Notices.

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" Pettediac	2 00
" Penobscot	4 68
" Sussex	2 80
" New Town	1 19
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Marriages.

CHORRANK-DORCAS.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Fredericton, Nov. 14th, by Rev. F. C. Hartley, Mr. Andrew O. L. Crookshank to Miss Annie Dorcas, both of Fredericton.

CURRIE-DUNPHY.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Douglas York Co., Nov. 21st, by Rev. F. C. Hartley, Mr. William Currie to Miss Nellie Dunphy both of Douglas.

DIBBLE-BUNNELL.—At the residence of Weldon Bunnell, on the 14th inst., Mr. John Dibble, to Miss Hattie Bunnell, all of Kings Co.

WEBB-SMITH.—At the parsonage, Tracey Station, N. S., on the 8th inst., by Rev. W. R. Reid, Lyman R. Webb of Hoyt Station, and Minnie A. Smith, of the same place.

HAMM-COES.—On the 21st Nov. at the residence of the bride's brother J. D. Coes, in Carleton, by Rev. G. A. Hartley, Mr. William E. Hamm of Grand Bay, King's Co., and Miss Minnie M. Coes of McDonald's Point, Q. Co.

NYE-COLWELL.—At the residence of the officiating minister, Rockland, C. Co., on the 22nd inst., by Rev. J. J. Barnes, Mr. Carl Nye and Miss Florence Colwell both of Rockland, C. Co.

BURNHAM CHORRANK.—At the residence of the bride's parents, North Head, Grand Manan, Nov. 17th by Rev. W. H. Perry, Mr. Rupert Burnham to Miss Gertrude A. Crookshank both of North Head, Grand Manan.

Deaths.

LIV.—Of Croup at the early age of six months, Willis F., only child of Josiah and Manda Livt. The kind Jesus who said "Suffer the little ones to come unto me" has permitted another one to go where He has gone. Burial on Nov. 1st, at Bear Island, York Co. F. C. H.

SHENTON.—At 70 Exmouth street, St. John, Nov. 24th, Emma E. L., beloved daughter of Rev. J. and Mary J. Shenton.

WILSON.—On Wednesday, Nov. 21st, David Wilson left his home in health and strength, at one o'clock he was found lying on the pavement insensible, the effect of a fall from a building on which he had been working. The next day at Victoria Hospital he died never having regained consciousness. Our sorrow is great but not unmingled with joy for brother was not prepared to go. Since his conversion three years ago last March, Bro. Wilson has been a steady sincere humble devout follower of his Master, nothing more, nothing less. Bro. Wilson was an officer of the F. C. Baptist church in Fredericton and President of the Young People's Society. He will be much missed. The universal esteem in which he was held was manifested by the large attendance at the funeral services. He was thirty-four years of age and leaves a widow. May God sustain her as he has promised to do and raise up some other to take his place in our church. F. C. H.

PERRY.—At Oromocto, Sunbury Co., of consumption, John Perry, aged 35 years. He stuck at his work in Fredericton as long as he possibly could and then went to his aunt's to die. Of a quiet and retired disposition he was esteemed by all who knew him. He died Nov. 14th and left behind him the testimony of the saved. Funeral services at Geary, Sunbury Co., by his friend, the writer. F. C. H.

HARRIS.—Dropped peacefully to rest, at Tracey Station, Sunbury Co., Nov. 9th, 1894, Isabelle Jane, beloved wife of Marshall D. Harris, in the 26th year of her age. Our sister, while succumbing to the ravages of consumption thus early in life, felt that "underneath were the everlasting arms", and trusting her husband and three dear little ones—one only a babe, to the care of her Heavenly Father, she gently fell asleep. Many tears of loving sympathy were shed by mourning neighbours and friends.

W. R.

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