

are 560,000 native Protestants—an increase of 150,000 in a decade. Forty years ago there were only 91,000 native Christians in India. Three-fourths of the population are Hindus, one-fifth Mohammedans; about two and a half per cent. are Buddhists, while Christians have only about eight-tenths of one per cent. of the population. On the other hand, while the Hindus and Mohammedans have increased only ten and seven-tenths per cent., the Christians have increased twenty-two and sixteen hundredths per cent.—a much larger increase than the rate of population.

Nearly three years ago an enterprising missionary in connection with the Swedish Mission Union made the perilous journey across the Thian Shan Mountains into Chinese Turkestan, accompanied by an assistant Armenian preacher. He was so pleased with the country and its people that he advised his society to allow the Armenian preacher to remain. This was readily assented to and the Armenian took up his residence at Kashgar. The Swedish Union has now resolved to extend the sphere of its operations; and two European missionaries will leave Sweden this month, one of whom will live in Kashgar and the other in Yarkand. This is the beginning of christian missionary enterprise in this portion of the Chinese Empire.

In the course of the Missionary Convention at Toronto a telling address was delivered by Dr. Pierson on the subject of "Giving," during which he used the following illustration: At Battle Creek, Mich., there is a community of Seventh Day Adventists, aggregating some 1450 persons. We understand that with this people the consecration of the Lord's tenth is a universally recognized principle. Among the 1450 there is not one wealthy person, and a careful investigation revealed the fact that the average income of each person was \$250 per annum. But last year their giving for missions amounted to twenty-one thousand dollars! while their giving to other religious and benevolent purposes swelled the aggregate to thirty-eight thousand dollars!

A carefully taken census of India by the British government has just been published. The exact population is 387,735,656. Of this vast number those enumerated as Christians, after a century of heroic missionary effort, amount to 2,250,000. Of the comparatively little band, 1,500,000 are Roman Catholics, 300,000 (including 70,000 European soldiers) are reckoned as belonging to the Church of England, and 40,000 counted are enrolled as connected with nonconformist Christians. Even if not one had been converted, still the command of our Lord rings out like a trumpet from heaven, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature;" and it is better to go in simple obedience to his order than in the delusive hope of any very brilliant success.

Home Religious News.

The Western Baptist Association held its annual session, June 23-25, at Chipman, Q. Co. The attendance was large. The reports from the churches show gain in membership.

The Methodist Conference of N. B. and P. E. I. has made changes in the districts as follows:—

The new districts formed are: Woodstock district, which includes Woodstock, Richmond, Canterbury, Jackson,ville, Hartland, Florenceville, Upper Kent, Andover, McAdam, and Moncton district, which includes Moncton, Centre Moncton, Wesley Memorial, Sunny Brae, Shediac, Salisbury, Elgin, Petitcodiac, Sussex, Apohaqui, Hillsboro, Albert, Alma. From St. John district Grand Lake circuit is transferred to Fredericton.

The Reformed Baptist Alliance met in annual session at Brown's Flat, K. Co. last Wednesday. They have established a camp meeting ground there. Several ministers of other denominations, from the United States, were present.

The annual meeting of the F. Baptists (generally known as Orserites) is to be held at Bristol, C. Co. on Saturday next, 7th inst. A delegation from the Free Christian Baptist Conference was appointed to attend. The delegation consists of Revs. T. S. VanWart, C. T. Phillips and J. Perry, and we presume they will attend.

Denominational News.

Rev. E. B. GREY passed through the city on Thursday on his way to his field of labor in Kings Co. He had been spending a few weeks at home, and attending the Second District Meeting.

STANLEY, YORK CO.—A supper and concert recently held was a success. We raised \$47.00, which reduced our church debt to \$30.00.

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The Colonial Conference.

The first regular meeting of the Colonial Conference was held in Ottawa on Friday. Two members, Hon. Geo. E. Foster and Hon. J. H. Hoffmeyer, were unable to be present on account of illness. Hon. McKenzie Bowell was elected President.

The steps which led to holding the Conference, and its objects, are set forth in the address by the President, of which the following is the substance:

The suggestion for a conference arose primarily out of the impossibility of his visiting and holding interviews with the premiers of the different colonies of Australasia within the time at his disposal of his visit to the antipodes last autumn. That visit to Australia was in keeping with the policy of the dominion government to extend trade with the sister colonies. Having realized the difficulty of conferring with authorities of the different governments, it was agreed after consultation with the premiers of New South Wales and Victoria, Queensland and South Australia, that all the colonies should send delegates to Canada for the purpose of conferring upon matters of joint interest. The two chief subjects were understood to be, first, closer trade relations between Canada and the Australasian colonies, and second, the laying of a Pacific cable of an exclusively British character. Subsequently by negotiation the scope of the conference was enlarged so as to include representatives of the Cape and other colonies. The imperial government had heartily acquiesced in the proposed meeting. Mr. Bowell proceeded to point out a subject which called for prompt and decisive action at the hands of the conference as standing directly in the way of reciprocal trade arrangements between Canada and the sister colonies. In the constitution act of each of the Australasian colonies there is a clause distinctly forbidding the enactment of tariff legislation which should give preferential treatment to any particular country although exceptional power had been given permitting these colonies to discriminate against each other. This barrier to reciprocity was apparent to all and he urged that the conference at once memorialize the imperial government with the object of securing its removal. Mr. Bowell then detailed the steps which had been taken by the Canadian parliament to secure the abrogation of those portions of the treaties of Great Britain with Belgium and the German Zollverein, which prevent any preferential arrangement being made between Great Britain and her colonies unless these two foreign countries participate. He recommended, therefore, that the conference memorialize the home government to take steps to secure the elimination of the most favored nation clauses from those treaties. In the event of these two obstacles being removed preferential trade within the empire would be possible. This might be arranged on the basis of a tariff union between the colonies, each colony retaining its own tariff whether free trade or protection, but imposing a uniform discriminatory duty against foreign powers. In carrying out such a proposal it would be well to arrange for the appointment of an imperial commission to prepare a nomenclature of tariffs and uniform interpretation of the different tariff items, as well as a uniform preparation of the customs returns and records. The president proceeded to urge the importance of all the colonies being connected by cable communication entirely under a British control, this being essential to the proper development of trade. Mr. Bowell then dealt with the copyright question, pointing out the unsatisfactory state of the question as affecting the colonies, and urged concerted action upon this question. He demonstrated the importance of better mail communication between Canada and the other colonies, and made other suggestions of a practical character.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—The Provincial Teachers' Institute held its annual session in St. John last week. There was a large attendance, and much interest in the proceedings.

ONTARIO ELECTION.—The Ontario election last week resulted in continuing Sir Oliver Mowat's government in power. The prohibition vote was strongly in favour of the government. The Legislature is more strongly in favour of prohibition than before, many of the strong prohibitionists being among the opposition members. The members elected by the Patrons of Industry are nearly all, perhaps all prohibitionists. The result of the election is a good victory for prohibition, and is very gratifying.

DEAF AND DUMB SCHOOL. The closing exercises of the Deaf and Dumb School in this city took place on Thursday. During the year 37 pupils had been in attendance, of whom nine were from Queens county, seven from Kent, four from Westmorland, four from St. John, three from Kings, three from Charlotte, two from Carleton, two from Restigouche, and one each from Albert, York and Northumberland.

FALLEN OFF.—Immigration into the United States is about at a standstill. It has not been so for nearly forty years as now.

THIRTY YEARS.—The years go fast. Mr. J. G. McNally has just completed thirty years of business in this city. He has built up a large business, and is now doing more than ever. His advertisement has been in the INTELLIGENCER several years, and, of course, is one reason why he has been so successful. We hope Mr. McNally may have another thirty years of business success.

PERSONAL.—Dr. T. H. Rand, Chancellor of McMaster University, was in St. John last week.

Hon. Mr. Foster is still unable to take his seat in Parliament, and cannot attend the International Conference, of which he is a member.

SUNDRIES.—A Californian owns 6,000 beehives. American canals stretch 4,500 miles. The United States Treasury employs 3,000. Italy imports 2,500,000 boxes of oranges a year. The form of comb we use came to us from China. Nearly 16 per cent of the people of Britain live by agriculture. Rice has been cultivated in China for nearly 4,000 years. America has 563,491 telephones. Horseshoes have been found in tombs that date back to the sixth century. The offspring of a single fly in one summer, if none are destroyed, may number 2,800,000. It is estimated that one of the largest stones in the Pyramids weighs fully eighty eight tons. The Russian army, in time of peace, numbers about one million. The cost of a single discharge of the big thirteen-inch gun is \$400. The greatest length of the desert of Sahara is 3,100 miles. The greatest width is 600 miles. Medical men die more rapidly than other professional men. Between the ages of forty-five and sixty-five, two doctors die to one clergyman. There are two hundred thousand Roman Catholics among the colored people in the United States.

Literary Notes.

The *Missionary Review of the World* for July is more than usually attractive number. The opening article by the Editor-in-Chief, is an able and convincing presentation of "The Imperative Need for a New Standard of Giving." It sets forth the tendency and results of the present standard and its contrast to the teachings of the New Testament. The wonderful work of God in Formosa, is described by Dr. G. L. Mackay, by whom the work was started and under whom it has been carried on, until now the light of the Gospel is shining above the island and hundreds of Churches are ministered to by native pastors, who but a few years ago were fierce and naked savages. The subject of "Unoccupied Mission Fields of the World," is continued. Other articles of special interest in the number are—"Missions Among the North American Indians," "Christward Movements Among the Jews," and "Pekin and the Great Wall." The other departments have their usual amount of valuable information as to the progress and philosophy of Missions. The editors and publishers spare no pains or expense to make the *Review* attractive and of the greatest value, not only to all interested in the progress of the Kingdom, but to all who seek entertainment and instruction in reference to the condition of affairs all over the world. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Company, 30 Lafayette Place, New York City, at \$2.50 per year.

The *Methodist Magazine* for July, begins the fortieth volume. It is the oldest magazine in the Dominion. It has several articles of special interest. An illustrated paper describes the journey from the Sea of Galilee to the source of the Jordan, at Caesarea-Philippi, the most northerly point of our Saviour's journeyings through Palestine. Another illustrated article of much interest is on prison life in Canada and elsewhere. "A day with the Deaf Mutes, Belleville," is a suggestive and instructive sketch. "It's Nobody's Fault But My Own," is a pathetic sketch. There is a review of Sir J. W. Dawson's latest book, *Some Salient Points in the History of the Earth*. \$1 will secure the *Magazine* for the next six months, or \$1.50 will secure the *Magazine* from the beginning of the year to the end of 1894. William Briggs, Toronto, Publisher.

Among the features of *Harper's Bazar* for June will be the "Story of a Garden," told in letters by Elizabeth Bland Wetmore, a new series of "Coffee and Repartee" papers, by John Kendrick Bangs, and letters from Paris, giving the fashions and gossip of that capital.

Volume XXVIII of *The Homiletic Review* opens with statement of the Present Condition of the Protestant Church in Germany. The Ghost Theory of the Origin of Religion, presents refutation of the positions of Herbert Spencer on this subject. The Testimony of Science to the Truth of Christianity is an interesting paper. Among the Sermons is that on the doctrine of Eternal Punishment. The first of a series of "Papers on Social Science and Comparative Religion" is given. Lessons from Two Biographies—those of Dean Stanley and Andrew Bonar are drawn. The whole number augurs well for the volume just begun. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Company, 30 Lafayette Place, New York City, at \$3.00 per year.

Denominational Notices.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of the Fifth District of F. C. Baptists of N. B. for 1894, will be held with the First church Kars, K. Co., on Wednesday the fourth day of July. Social conference at 10 a. m. Business meeting at 2 p. m.

The officers of each church are requested to have reports of churches and Sabbath Schools, Foreign, Home Mission and General Conference monies in the hands of the delegates to be presented to said meeting through its Treasurer.

Reduced rates, to persons travelling to meeting by steamer will be asked for.

ALBERT PALMER, Clerk.

SEVENTH DISTRICT MEETING.—The following homes have been provided for members of the Seventh District meeting:

Rev. J. W. Clarke and two delegates from St. John, at Rev. J. D. Harvey's.

Rev. H. Hart and one delegate from Portland, at J. H. Guphill's.

Rev. B. H. Nobles and Rev. D. Long, at Henry H. Cheney's.

Two delegates from Deer Island, at William Morse's.

Rev. E. B. Grey and Rev. G. Swim, at Webster Cheney's.

Two delegates from Wilson's Beach, at Boardman Cheney's.

Two delegates from North Road, at Webster Morse's.

Rev. J. Perry and Dr. Jos. McLeod, at Sidney H. Guphill's.

Two delegates from North Head, at W. J. Morse's.

Rev. W. J. Halse and two delegates from Carleton, at William Treacart's.

Rev. A. H. McLeod and one delegate from Deer Island, at W. B. Treacart's.

Two delegates from Grand Harbour, at W. A. Frankland's.

Two delegates from Seal Cove, at Mrs. Jane Wilson's.

Rev. T. O. Dewitt and one Portland delegate, at Owen Carroll's.

Two delegates from Castalia, at Peter Miller's.

Lic. J. B. Daggett and one delegate from Deer Island, at Wallace Co. m. s.

Rev. Jas. Noble and two delegates from Beaver Harbour, at Wm. Robinson's.

Two delegates from Deer Island, at J. A. Frankland's.

Rev. G. A. Hartley and William Peters, at E. Carroll's.

If any names of members are not found in the above list, homes will be provided for them by the committee on arrival.

(W. J. MORSE, Committee.) (WILLIAM ROBINSON.

SEVENTH DISTRICT MEETING.

The session of the above District Meeting is advertised to meet with the church on White Head Island, Grand Manan, on Saturday, the 14th of July. But it is now being ascertained that there is no steamer for Grand Manan on Friday from Eastport, and in consultation with some members of the District it has been considered best to take the steamer Flushing from Eastport on Thursday the 12th, and reach White Head in time to commence the meeting on Friday instead of Saturday as intended, get through the business in time to return by steamer Flushing the following Monday.

Persons going from St. John can take the steamer to Eastport and then take the steamer Flushing to Grand Manan from there. All persons concerned will govern themselves in accord with the above notice.

WM. PETERS, Clerk of District.

HOME MISSION RECEIPTS.

Rec'd from
Victoria Corner church.....\$ 7 50
Lakeville church.....1 29
Waterville church.....9 00
Lindsay church.....1 69
Third Tier church.....1 46
Brookville church.....66
Connell church.....2 00
Charleston church.....1 69
Half collection at 2nd District meeting.....1 87

\$27 16

G. A. HARTLEY,

Treas. H. M. EX.

Carleton, June 27: '94.

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission Aid Society of Seventh District will convene during the Annual Session of the Seventh District Meeting.

It is hoped that each Society will at least send a representative, and that many others interested in this work will be present at the meeting.

L. J. FULLERTON, Seventh District Sec'y.

St. John, West, June 21st, 1894.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

First District Meeting, at Bath, C. Co., the First Saturday in July, 1894. Ministers to attend: Revs. G. F. Currie, G. Swim, A. B. McLeod, F. C. Hartley, E. B. Gray, T. Connor, J. Noble. Rev. C. T. Phillips to preach the annual sermon.

Third District Meeting, at Temperance Vale, York Co., the third Friday in September. Ministers to attend: Revs. J. J. Barnes, S. J. Perry, Rev. W. R. Read to preach the annual sermon.

Fourth District Meeting, at Rungish, S. Co., the Second Friday in September, 1894. Ministers to attend: Rev. G. W. Foster, W. H. Perry, J. W. Clarke, J. T. Parsons, A. Perry, Rev. J. H. Erb, to preach the annual sermon.

SEVENTH DISTRICT MEETING.—The Seventh District meeting will meet with the church at White Head Grand Manan, Charlotte Co. on Saturday the 14th day of July, at 10 o'clock a. m. The several churches comprising the District will be particular to

have their reports as full as possible, and to be sure to have the conference fund forwarded to the meeting by their Delegates.

WM. PETERS, Clerk of District.

NOTICE.

The Sixth District will hold its annual session with the church at Dover, W. Co., commencing the second Friday in July at two o'clock p. m. The first meeting will be a social conference.

Blank forms of church and Sabbath School reports have been sent to all the churches.

Clerks of churches and superintendents of Sabbath Schools will see that these reports are properly filled, and sent by the delegates representing the churches to the District meeting.

Arrangements have been made with the Intercolonial Railway for delegates attending the District meeting to go and return at one fare. They must purchase first class tickets for Moncton Station, at the same time procuring from the station agent certificates that they have purchased said tickets. The certificate must be presented to the Clerk of the District for his signature and then on presentation of the same, to the station agent at Moncton they will receive a first class ticket to return free of charge.

GEO. W. SHARP, Clerk.

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Marriages.

BOONE-JACOBS.—At Applegrove, C. Co., on the 26th ult., by Rev. E. B. Grey, Samuel H. Boone, of Keswick, York Co., to Mrs. Mahala Jacobs of the same place.

HART-DUCHESNAY.—At the residence of Mr. Jer. Tracey, Tracey Station, Sun. Co., on the 27th ult., by Rev. W. R. Read, Mr. Edward Hart of Fredericton Junction, N. B. to Mary S. Duchesnay of Pictouville, Queens Co.

WRIGHT-FLANDERS.—On 25th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. John Flanders, Maple View, Victoria Co., by Rev. J. N. Barnes, Mr. Newman Wright, of Gordon, V. Co., to Miss Alice Flanders.

MILLER-LAWRENCE.—At the residence of the bride's father, Dumfries York Co., June 27th, by Rev. J. W. Clarke, Mr. Isaac E. Profit, of St. John, to Miss Louisa Clarke, late of England.

HENDERSON GORMAN.—At 23 Paddock Street, June 28th by Rev. J. W. Clarke, William Henderson to Miss Jennie Gorman, both of St. John, N. B.

Deaths.

McKENZIE.—On the 1st inst., Eldon H. G., aged 2 years, 10 months, son of D. M. and Bertha B. McKenzie.

SPROUL.—Maud Alice Sproul, a member of the Methodist church at Apohaqui, died on the 1st inst. June 2nd, aged 10 years, after a very short illness in St. John. Her remains were interred in the old burying ground at Lower Studholm, and appropriate services were conducted by the writer. May He who does all things well comfort the sorrowing parents.

McLEAN.—On May 12th, Mr. Alexander McLean, aged 75 years, leaving a wife, four sons and two daughters. Bro. McLean belonged to the McLean family of Q. Co., Grand Lake and Washademoak. His grandfather, Hugh McLean, came from Scotland sixty or seventy years ago and settled at what is known as Mill Cove, Grand Lake. Alexander's mother was the daughter of Alexander Res., who was a Baptist preacher seventy years ago. I well remember him, when I was a child, coming to my father's house, reading and praying. Alexander's father moved from the Grand Lake up the river St. John and settled near Bear Island, where he experienced and professed religion. But Alexander was converted a Free Baptist, and although only about fifteen years old, he was very decided. His father, a strong Presbyterian, could not see as Alexander did, and was never well pleased with his views. However he united with the people of his choice. After a few years he felt deep impressions on his mind to preach. He had a great gift in prayer and exhortation. However he did not make preaching a life work. He engaged in school teaching, but was active in public worship and in Sunday School work. He was very impulsive, and sometimes his feelings led him into difficulties. He was a man who wanted good treatment, and when treated kindly a child could lead him, but used otherwise he was quickly aroused, and uncharitable people were ready to take the advantage of him. I was acquainted with him more than fifty years, and there never was the least difficulty between us, and I haven't a doubt but Bro. McLean made a good exchange, and I hope to meet him in heaven.

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By order, E. F. E. ROY, Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, June 2nd, 1894.

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Specification, form of Tender and all necessary information can be obtained at this Department on and after Wednesday, 27th inst.

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