

General Religious News.

The Young Woman's Christian Association have been increasing in number in a most marked degree, until there are to day 1,340 such associations in Great Britain. In the United States, according to the International Committee, there are 340; in France, 270; in Germany, 42; in Denmark, 40; in Sweden, 42; in Norway, 16; in Italy, 17; in India, 65; in Australia, 46; in Canada, 15, and South Africa, 7.

The reports presented at the Presbyterian General Assembly of the United States, in session last week and week before at Omaha, show that the church has grown steadily. There has been an increase in church membership of 2,798, the total being 126,339, and of ministers 44. The total contributions have advanced \$63,801. The Young People's societies are in good condition. The work undertaken by the Mission Boards has increased at a greater rate than the support by the churches.

The religious statistics published in the latest "Blue Book" of Cape Colony, South Africa, mention twenty denominations, of which the Dutch Reformed Church leads in Church membership, with 77,979 communicants. Next is the Wesleyan Church, with 31,294 communicants; and after it the Church of England, with 25,369. The Wesleyan lead in Sunday school membership, with 24,048 pupils, to 22,008 Church of England and 12,766 of the Church of England. The Wesleyans have also the most ample church accommodation, both being more than double those returned for the Church of England, while the Dutch Reformed Church shows the largest amount of contributions, both for the support of ministers and for other purposes. The other leading Churches, in the order of the number of their communicants, are the Lutherans, or Evangelicals, of their various branches, Congregational, Presbyterian, Baptist, Roman Catholic, United Presbyterian, etc. The whole number of communicants returned is 192,218.

The Baptist benevolent societies in the United States have closed their fiscal year with, on the whole, an improved showing over that of the credit of the last year. The accounts of the Missionary Union seem to be the least satisfactory, and threaten a deficit of \$100,000. The gross receipts of the Home Mission Society indicate a deficit of nearly \$14,000 on general accounts, would, however, be overbalanced if an increase of \$17,325 in the permanent trust fund from legacies and gifts could be turned in that direction. With an increased expense in the missionary department, the Publication Society will probably also be able to report a gain in that department, and "the year has been an exceedingly successful one." The Woman's Home Mission Society, after carrying a debt for two years (\$3,700 last year), has closed this year with a balance of \$688. The two Women's Foreign Mission Societies both close the year without debt, the Western society having a balance of \$1,908.

General Borth, on his return to England from his tour of this continent, was given a hearty welcome by his "salvation soldiers." A great meeting was held in the Crystal Palace. In his reply to their welcome home, the General said, "You have stood by me in the dark and cloudy hours of the years that are past. No charms that men or devils could devise have drawn you from my side. When the hour comes that finds me walking the streets of the New Jerusalem you will gather around my cold clay and swear to carry on the fight, which I have been privileged to inaugurate, with sin and misery and hell." He went on to tell them that during his American trip he had travelled 30,400 miles, held 193 meetings, addressed 250,000 persons and seen 2,000 at the penitents forms. He said that eight Governors of States, seventeen mayors of towns, and the Canadian Governor General, Lord Aberdeen, presided over his meetings, while Jewish Rabbis, Roman Catholic prelates, Episcopal bishops and ministers of all denominations acted as vice-presidents. President McKinley received him at the White House and treated him with the greatest respect. The attention paid to him he regarded as intended not so much for himself as for you, my brethren, and your brave and self denying comrades throughout the world. More hard labor, the General declared, was being done by the Army in Great Britain to-day than ever before; the Self Denial offering of \$24,000 was one-third better than in any previous year. "I told that to your American comrades, and it made their mouths water. They declared they would soon be on your track, but I fancy they will lose their breath in the race for a year or two."

Home Religious News.

The Dominican fathers are conducting a mission in Halifax this week.

On Sunday, 5th inst., Rev. Mr. Cody was ordained by Bishop Kingdon, at Cody Station, Q. Co.

Rev. F. D. Davidson, who for nearly a year has been in home mission work under the direction of the N. B. Baptist Convention has resigned, and will take a pastorate.

PERSONAL.—We should have mentioned last week the fact that Acadia University conferred the honorary degree of D. D. on Rev. S. McC. Black, editor of the "Messenger and Visitor." We congratulate Dr. Black, who will modestly and most worthily wear the well-earned distinction.

Denominational News.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—The musical entertainment and drill in Union hall, north end, last (Thursday) evening, under the auspices of Victoria street F. Baptist church, attracted an audience sufficient to fill the hall to its utmost capacity. Rev. David Long, the pastor of the church, presided, and delivered the opening address, which was followed by a selection by the 62nd band. The programme was made up as follows: Vocal solo, Miss Lilly; reading, Miss Agnes Hammi; harmonica solo, Ford White; selection; band; vocal solo, Miss Mamie Beattie; reading, George Price; accordion solo, Ford White; piano solo, Miss Jessie Fish, and a military drill by the following young ladies: Miss Annie Corbett, Miss Mabel Corbett, Miss Florence Kimball, Miss Horder, Miss Sarah Holder, Miss Annabell Smith, Miss Neal Belyea, Miss L. Hammi, Miss May Brown, Miss Lottie Eagles and little Miss Jennie Carle as bugler. The young ladies went through their drill in a most proficient manner under the direction of Wm. H. McIntyre.—The Sun.

Parliament.

MONDAY.—SIR LOUIS DAVIES explained that the Hudson Bay expedition of last year cost twenty-four thousand dollars.

Mr. Foster said that from the report it did not appear that any additional facts had been established.

On railway items, objection was taken to the vote of \$27,000 for extras on the Sault canal. After some discussion Mr. Blair consented to drop it.

Mr. Lister gave notice that he would to-morrow ask consideration of the report of the Drummond committee.

Mr. Borden said there had been a discussion of the expediency of postponing this discussion till next year, as several members of the committee had returned to the country, and half the parliament had gone away.

Mr. Blair suggested that the majority report might be adopted without discussion.

Mr. Foster said the report could not be passed without a thorough discussion even though it should prolong the discussion and require the return of absent members.

On the suggestion of the Premier the notice stood, and an effort will be made to agree on some plan of action.

In reply to Mr. McDougall, Premier Laurier said he would refuse to discuss private and confidential communications.

This refers to Mr. Laurier's letter to Cardinal Rampollo asking for the appointment of an accredited papal delegate in Canada.

Sir Louis Davies introduced a measure extending the time for another year under which millmen may cut sawdust in the rivers. He had been informed of a plan by which sawdust would be used in the manufacture of calcium carbide.

He would give a year to try the experiment.

The house resumed the discussion of the Montreal harbor loan bill.

Mr. Foster again called a question to the action of Mr. Tarte in compelling the Montreal harbor board to accept his plans for improvements. He was forcing on the people of Montreal a costly series of harbor works, to which the business men and business organizations of that city are opposed. There is a strong speculative interest in the construction of these works and there is lobbying and wire pulling in favor of the scheme.

Mr. Tarte replied that his plans were in the true interest of Montreal and the whole country, and that the board of trade, harbor board, corn exchange, shipping interests and other opposing elements consider only their own selfish interests.

The bill was reported.

On the railway vote in supply, Mr. Blair was questioned about the item of \$2,500 for expenses of investigations on railways and canals.

Mr. Foster asked whether the minister intended hereafter to pay his commissioners without vouchers or itemized accounts.

After discussion the items for investigations were held over. The franchise bill, as amended, was received from the senate.

TUESDAY.—On the vote for the Crown Nest commission Ross Robertson brought up again the case of neglect, cruelty and oppression in connection with these works.

Mr. Clarke spoke strongly in the same direction, followed by other members.

The Premier promised an investigation.

The commons was in supply all evening. Premier Laurier explained that there were two hundred and thirty-nine police in the Yukon district. The expenditure for this service during the year ending this month would be in round figures half a million dollars.

Mr. Clarke asked whether a communication had taken place with the home government concerning Senator Carranza of Spain, who seems to be carrying on secret communications of international interest.

Premier Laurier said that in matters of this kind he could hardly be expected to tell all he knew.

THE SENATE.

The Senate was in committee on the plebiscite bill. Mr. Vidal repeated his declaration that the plebiscite was not asked for by the temperance people. He proposed to strike out of the question all mention of the kinds of liquor, leaving only the words "alcoholic liquors."

The amendment was lost on division. On the clause requiring the plebiscite vote to be taken by the machinery of the franchise bill before the house, Sir Mackenzie asked whether the plebiscite vote would be taken in case the franchise bill did not become law.

The secretary of state said he did not think the government would submit the question if the franchise bill did not become law.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell said if the commons did not pass the franchise bill as amended, he would move that

the plebiscite vote be taken on the provincial lists, without regard to the franchise bill.

Mr. Perley asked whether a majority of the vote cast would be considered a decision in favor of prohibition.

Mr. Mills said the plebiscite was intended to ascertain if the sentiment was strong enough to enforce the law. The vote might be so small as only to be evidence of indifference.

WEDNESDAY.—The Manitoba better terms resolution passed committee, after a short discussion. The bill placed to the credit of the province \$267,026, and hands over the cash sum of \$321,575 as a refund of interest deducted on account of legislative buildings. The total amount going to the province is nearly \$700,000. This is part of the Manitoba school settlement, and the end is not yet reached.

The farewell address to Lord and Lady Aberdeen was passed on motion of the premier, seconded by Mr. Foster. Mr. Foster said the governor general was not above criticism, and the opposition had strong ground for complaint against the course of Lord Aberdeen. While he agreed with Sir Charles Tupper's views of the governor general's course, he did not allow these matters to blind his eyes to the good qualities and service of their excellencies.

Most of the afternoon was occupied with the other Manitoba resolution, authorizing the government to pay over to Manitoba three hundred thousand dollars from the school funds held in trust by the federal government. Messrs. Laurier and Fielding explained that this money was required for school purposes in that province.

Messrs. Spence, Borden and other members objected to the withdrawal of trust funds placed in the care of the dominion. The interest only was intended to be used.

Mr. Foster begged the government not to rush through in the last of the session, when two bills, which were away, such large questions and seemed to establish precedents of solemn importance. The government ought to give parliament time to look into the matter.

The resolution went through.

The solicitor general took up the franchise bill. He moved concurrence in the Prince Edward Island amendments proposed by Senator Ferguson. Adopted. He moved non-concurrence in the amendment proposing an appeal to judges from a revisor in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island, where the local acts do not provide for such appeal. Mr. Fitzpatrick's motion of non-concurrence stated that the amendments were inconsistent with and subversive of the principle of the bill; and that their adoption by the senate after the rejection by the commons in a matter affecting the election of members of the commons was an improper interference on the part of the other chambers.

Mr. Foster suggested that the discussion be postponed until to-morrow; and the premier consented.

Mr. Ellis called attention to the condition of the sailors' graves in the St. John cemetery. He wanted to know whether the department could not make arrangements with the cemetery commissioners for the care of these graves.

Sir Louis Davies said the commissioners had offered perpetual care for \$1,000.

Mr. Foster thought the arrangement ought to be made.

The house remained in committee till 2 a. m., passing supplementary estimates.

THURSDAY.—Mr. Fitzpatrick proposed non-concurrence in some but not all the senate amendments to the franchise bill. The reason he gave applied especially to the Miller amendment, providing for appeal to judges. He declared that this amendment struck at the principle of the measure. It took the control of the lists out of the hands of the local authorities.

Mr. Borden, Halifax, argued that the amendment did not subvert the principle of the bill, unless the principle of the bill was to prevent a revision. The amendment was obviously fair and just, and he could not see why the government did not accept it.

The motion for non-concurrence was adopted.

On the second reading of the bill to hand over two hundred thousand of school trust funds to the province of Manitoba, Mr. Foster briefly stated the objections. Mr. Fielding replied. The bill was reported.

The Manitoba better terms bill was read a third time.

The house was in supply on public works.

Mr. Blair got his estimates through the last item adopted being a vote of \$61,000 for the payment of amounts remaining of the New Brunswick Central railway subsidies.

Mr. Fielding said that as the leader of the opposition had been generous and considerate in allowing the estimates to pass, he would consent to adjournment.

Mr. Foster refused to accept the compliment. He was not tolerant at all, in this matter, but matters had reached a stage when it was physically impossible for the opposition to do its duty. He had never in his life seen so many objectionable votes forced on at the extreme end of the session. This was simply the worst display of business that he ever knew, and he would give warning that the like would never be allowed in the future. Hereafter if the government delayed business as they had this year, he would try and keep members enough here to fight every item.

When the plebiscite bill came up, Sir Mackenzie Bowell asked that the item stand for a third reading until the franchise bill was disposed of. If the commons refused to allow the franchise bill to become law, it would be the duty of the senate to provide for the taking of the plebiscite vote on the provincial lists.

A discussion of the judges bill resumed in the adoption of an amendment which provides that the clause which retires county court judges at seventy-

five shall not apply to judges now on the bench.

Mr. Mills said he hoped the senate would finish the business to-morrow. Bowell said there was little hope of it, as the business could not be concluded until a method was found to secure a vote on prohibition, even though the government drop the franchise bill.

FRIDAY.—In supply, Sir Richard Cartwright stated that arrangements had been about concluded for a steamship service between Manchester, Quebec, Halifax and St. John, for a fortnightly service at eight thousand pounds sterling.

Mr. Foster wanted to know why Sir Richard Cartwright did not ask for tenders for this service.

Sir Richard Cartwright said [Mr. Foster's criticism was justified. But this was a case of urgency.

The house was in supply all evening passing all the supplementary estimates except two items.

The senate took up the franchise bill, with the view of taking action on the amendments in which the commons refused to concur. The result was that of the six amendments on which the commons did not concur the senate adheres to four and drops two. The two dropped are those proposed by Senator Miller. The senate adopted as a part of the compromise arrangement a resolution in which the minister of justice concurred that the senate had a perfect right to deal with questions such as this.

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SUNBURY S. S. CONVENTION.—The Sunbury County Sunday School Association will hold their annual Convention in the F. B. Church at Fredericton Junction on Thursday and Friday June 23rd and 24th. An interesting programme has been prepared, and Addresses, Bible Lessons, etc., will be given by Rev. A. Lucas, Field Secretary; Miss C. S. Lucas, Primary Worker; Pastors, Superintendents, and others. All who are interested in Sunday School work, are members of this Association, and are cordially invited to attend. The first session will begin at 7.30 p. m.

ERNEST A. FRACY, Sec. Tracy Station, N. B. June 11th, 1898.

POLITICAL NEWS.—There is talk of a dissolution of the New Brunswick Legislature, and a general election very soon.

Mr. M. C. Cameron was sworn in Governor of the Northwest Territories on the 7th inst.

British Columbia is to elect a new Legislature July 9 h.

YEARS OF SUFFERING.

Brought About by a Fall in Which the Back was Severely Injured—the Pain at Times Almost Unbearable.

Mr. Geo. F. Everett, a highly respected and well known farmer of Four Falls, Victoria Co., N. B., makes the following statement:—"Some years ago while working in a barn I lost my balance and fell from a beam, badly injuring my back. For years I suffered with the injury and at the same time doing all I could to remove it, but in vain. I at last gave up hopes and stopped doctoring. My back had got so bad that when I would stoop over it was almost impossible to get straightened up again. When I would mow with a scythe for some little time without stopping it would pain me so that it seemed as if I could scarcely endure it, and I would lean on the handle of my scythe in order to get ease and straighten up. At other times I would be laid up entirely. After some years of suffering I was advised to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and decided to try one box. Before I had finished it I saw the pills were helping me. I bought six boxes more and the seven boxes completely cured me. It is three years since I took them and my back has not troubled me since. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are an invaluable medicine and I highly recommend them to any person suffering likewise. I consider that if I had paid \$10 a box for them, they would be a cheap medicine."

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SUSSEX, N. B.—At a business meeting of the Free Baptist church recently held, a call was given to Rev. B. H. Nobles to remain another year. Mr. Nobles has already served as pastor for the past six years, and has effected many changes and improvements during that time. A charge is to be made in the time of holding service very soon. Instead of having it in the afternoon, as heretofore, services will be held at 11 o'clock in the morning and 7 o'clock in the evening. Mr. Nobles will not be required to do as much outside work as heretofore, presumably on account of his health, which is none of the best just now.—Cor. Daily Sun.

A Business Notice.

1. If your subscription to the INTELLIGENCER is paid, you need not read this notice. It is not addressed to you.

2. If your subscription is not paid this notice concerns you, and should have your careful attention.

Did You?

Did you, within a few weeks, receive a statement of account? It was sent because it had to be, and deserved attention.

Did you read the urgent request for immediate payment? That request meant all it said, and more.

Did you think it would make no difference if you did not remit the amount due? If so, you made a mistake, and are one of the many who disappointed us, and who have helped make for another a burden they would not themselves care to bear.

Will You?

We had hoped to hear from every body addressed before the end of May. But fully nine tenths of them have, as yet, made no sign of responding.

Will you do us the kindness of remitting without more delay? If you can send by the next mail, do so.

Do Now!

From every one concerned in this notice we need to have and ought to have a payment before the end of this month.

Surely we have a right to expect prompt attention to this matter.

Be good enough to do your part immediately.

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Denominational Notices.

SEVENTH DISTRICT MEETING.

The churches comprising the SEVENTH DISTRICT of Free Baptists, and all whom it may concern, will take notice, that the next session will be held with the church at North Head, Grand Manan, on FRIDAY the TWENTY-NINTH (29) day of July, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

WM. PETERS, Clerk.

NOTE.—Pastors and officers of the several churches will endeavour to have every church represented, and FULL reports sent in.

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They Continued to Spread in Spite of Treatment but Now They are Healed—A Wonderful Work by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"For many years I have been a great sufferer with varicose veins on one of my limbs. My foot and limb became dreadfully swollen. When I stood up I could feel the blood rushing down the veins of this limb. One day I accidentally hit my foot against some object and a sore broke out, which continued to spread and was exceedingly painful. I concluded I needed a blood purifier and I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. In a short time those dreadful sores which had caused me so much suffering, began to heal. I kept on faithfully with Hood's Sarsaparilla and in a short time my limb was completely healed and the sores gave me no more pain." MRS. A. E. GILSON, Hartland, Vermont.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Shelburne County, N. S., Quarterly Meeting will convene with the Clark's Harbor church on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd, commencing Friday evening at 7.45 o'clock.

G. M. WILSON, Q. M. Clerk.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

First District Meeting, at Lower Perth, V. Co., the last Saturday in June, at 10 a. m.

Ministers to attend, Revs. J. Noble, C. T. Phillips, J. Perry, A. G. Downey, E. B. Grey.

Second District Meeting, at Connell C. Co., the Third Saturday in June, at 10 a. m.

Third District Meeting, at Douglas, York Co., the third Friday in September, at 2.30 p. m.

Fourth District Meeting, at Patterson Settlement, S. Co., the second Friday in September.

To attend, Rev. G. A. Hartley, Rev. J. W. Clarke.

Fifth District Meeting, at Jerusalem, Q. Co., the first Friday in July, at 10 a. m.

Sixth District Meeting, at Lower Millstream, K. Co., the second Friday in July, at 2 p. m.

Seventh District Meeting, at North Head, Grand Manan, the last Friday in July.

Deaths.

FOYD.—At St. Mary, N. B., on the 1st inst. Mrs. Eliza Foyd, aged 88 years. She was a member of the Free Baptist church, and died in peace.

VANWART.—At Tennant's Cove, K. Co., on the 6th inst. Gabriel VanWart, aged 72 years. A widow and five children mourn his death. He made a profession of religion many years ago, and was baptized by Rev. T. S. VanWart. At the organization of the Tennant's Cove Free Baptist church he was made a deacon, and continued in the office till his death. He was interested in the life and prosperity of the church. He was highly thought of in the community. There was a large attendance at the funeral, on the 8th inst, which was conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. A. Bonnell.

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