

General Religious News.

—There are about 6000 Y. M. C. Associations in the world. Most of these are in the United States. The present week has been a week of special prayer for young men and young men's societies.

—Queen Wilhelmina of Holland is a firm believer in and a stout supporter of the Salvation Army. She and her mother regularly send generous checks to the organization to further the work in Holland and in its colonies.

—The Y. M. C. A. of the United States expended \$160,000 in helping the U. S. soldiers during the Cuban war,—in providing good reading for them, in attending to the sick, visiting the hospitals, opening reading rooms etc., etc.

—The Congregationalists claim to have more ministers in proportion to the number of their members than any other denomination; they having they compute, one minister to every 114 members, the Episcopalians one for every 141, and the Methodist Episcopal Church one for every 180 members.

—A rumor is current in Church of England circles that the Duke of Newcastle is about to find the means for the establishment of a brotherhood, or a monastery, as the gossips have it, upon his Nottinghamshire estate. His strong High Church tendencies are well known.

—The Calvary Baptist church of New York City whose pastor is Dr. Robert S. McArthur, a Canadian, was founded fifty-two years ago under the name of Hope Chapel. Since that time it has had a total membership of 4,445, it has educated one hundred students for the ministry, and it has given more than \$2,000,000 to benevolent and missions. Dr. McArthur is one of a few pastors in New York City who allows no summer holiday for his church, service being held in it every Sabbath day in the year, and every service is largely attended. But of course the pastor himself takes a holiday, as every hardworking man should.

—The following statistics show the territorial composition of the Anglican Church: The Church of England, 38 bishops, 24,000 other clergymen; of the United States, 61 bishops, 3,000 other clergymen; of Ireland, 13 bishops, 1,807 other clergymen; in Canada, 24 bishops, 1,300 other clergymen; in Asia, 13 bishops, 713 other clergymen; in Africa, 13 bishops, 350 other clergymen; in Australia, 21 bishops, 269 other clergymen; in Scotland, 7 bishops, 280 other clergymen, and scattered dioceses, 9 bishops, 120 other clergymen. Total bishops, 189; total clergymen, 32,729.—The Statistical Year Book of Canada sets down the clergy of the Church of England in this country as "about 1,000."

Home Religious News.

—Lienster St. Baptist church, St. John, has had its debt reduced by \$9,043 through the generosity of the mortgagees. Its debt now is \$6,000. The present outlook for the church is said to be encouraging.

—The ninth annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. Associations of the colleges of the Maritime Provinces was held in this city last week, beginning Thursday evening and closing Sunday evening. All the Maritime Colleges were represented, the number of delegates being larger than usual. The Convention throughout was one of much interest.

Denominational News.

LINCOLN RUSIAGORNIS.—Rev. C. B. Lewis is holding special meetings at Rusiagornis, and is hoping for good results. Bro. Lewis has lately taken charge of the pastorate which includes the Rusiagornis, Waasis, Lincoln, Oromocto and French Lake churches. His home is at Lincoln, where he is very comfortably situated. He speaks in warm terms of the kindness shown him by the people of the pastorate. He is planning to do special work in all the churches, and we trust he may have much success.

WATERLOO ST., ST. JOHN.—Nearly two months have passed since we were in Conference at Sussex. The good people, fine weather and excellent meetings of the session, will be long and pleasantly remembered. Have just been thinking how fast the weeks, and months, and years are passing. May we spend them well.

On the Sabbath morning following the Conference Rev. A. D. Paul, now the pastor of our Deer Island churches preached earnestly and well to my people, and on the evening of the same day the audience which completely filled the church was delighted with an instructive and helpful address on missionary life and work in India delivered by Miss Edna Wile (returned missionary) in her most interesting and pleasing manner. Miss Wile's visit to our church was greatly enjoyed by all, and we hope was pleasant for her. The next evening (Monday) Brother H. S. Myers, the General Secretary of the United Free Baptist Young Peoples Societies of the United States, gave in our church, a most helpful and highly appreciated address to the Free

Baptist Young Peoples Societies of this city. The President of our Young Peoples League, Rev. L. A. Fenwick, A. B. presided, and after Bro. Myers had finished, called on Mrs. Wile whom he saw in the audience, who in responding spoke earnest words, and gave excellent advice to the young people. The next Sabbath brought to us our General Secretary, Rev. Dr. McLeod, who at the morning service, delivered an able and eloquent sermon along the lines of our denominational work. It was a pleasure to listen, and we believe the sermon will be fruitful of much good. In the evening the writer supplied the pulpit of Rev. Dr. Hartley's church, while his place was taken by the Rev. Dr. Black, editor Messenger & Visitor. Since then, the pastor has not been visited by any of the ministers, and of necessity has had to do his own preaching.

He was however greatly favoured by the storm of two weeks ago, Sabbath evening, when on account of the "down pour," the Rev. Wm. Tennant (Methodist) could not get to his appointment, and so dropping in on us just at church time accepted the pastor's invitation to preach. The following Sabbath the Victoria Street and Waterloo Street Free Baptist pastors exchanged pulpits. Last Sabbath the Rev. J. A. Gordon of the Main Street Baptist church preached for me, and I for him.

These visits from ministers and exchange of pulpits by pastors have been pleasant for us and enjoyed by all. Our congregations and services are about as usual, some two or three of our young people have lately stated their purpose to live christian lives. We pray that they, and many others may do so.

J. W. CLARKE
St. John,
Nov. 24th, 1898.

FROM REV. J. N. BARNES.—It has been some time since I wrote a line for our Denominational paper. It is, I believe our duty as ministers (and would it not be well for some of our lay Brethren, too,) to write more frequently than we do.

I have the same field that I had last year—Stanley and Bloomfield churches. The Stanley church has a resident membership of sixty, and they are scattered over a large portion of the parish. The church building is on the road to Cross Creek, about 2½ miles from the village of Stanley. There are but two Free Baptist families near the house. At this season of the year the most of the men are in the woods, where they will remain until March, and then they will be home for a time. During the winter months we can only attend to our ordinary work. There is not the strength and labour in the church there should be, but preaching services are quite well attended considering the number away. The conference and prayer meetings are small; yet we have things to encourage us in our work. There have been many things which have had a tendency to weaken the confidence of this people. But, notwithstanding all, God has a people here, and they are here to stay. We look forward to a brighter day in the near future, by the blessing of God. In my next I will speak of the church at Bloomfield. I am glad to say our dear old brother J. B. Holt is some better.

J. N. BARNES.

NORTON STATION.—On the 25th of Oct. evangelists Gordon and Britton commenced services in this place, and continued for about two weeks, closing with a farewell meeting on the 9th inst. A deep and wide-spread religious interest was awakened among the people; many coming from a distance to the meetings. We have continued the services quite regularly till now. Our church has been very much blessed and helped. Some have returned to God, and now take their places for the Lord in His service. A number of our young people have been converted to God. Last Sunday I baptized ten converts, four young men and six young women. At the evening communion service, they, with four others, united with the church.

For what God has done for us, we all say, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

GEO. F. CURRIE
Nov. 24th 1898.

VICTORIA ST., ST. JOHN.—The Victoria St. Church celebrated its twentieth anniversary on Monday evening, 21st inst. The pastor, Rev. D. Long, presided. The other ministers present were Revs. Dr. Hartley, Dr. McLeod, J. W. Clarke, O. N. Mott and G. Swim. The music by the choir was appropriate to the occasion. The order of service was as follows: Singing; Invocation by Dr. Hartley; Scripture lesson, by the pastor; prayer by Dr. McLeod; the offering; singing.

Rev. J. W. Clarke, who had charge of the congregation prior to the organization, and who was pastor of the

church the first two years after its organization, gave an interesting historical sketch. He said, in substance: This church was organized November 21st, 1878, 20 years ago to-day. The ministers who participated in the services were Dr. Hartley, Rev. Mr. Parsons and himself. Some who are here to-night were present then and will remember the services of that day. The first deacons of the church were Deacons Leonard Dunphy, Wm. Whitaker and Humphrey. The first one of these deacons to depart from earth to Heaven was brother Humphrey and later on, less than two years ago, Deacon Whitaker was called away by God. We are very glad, however, that Brother Dunphy who has done much for the church is still with us. I have not forgotten the words of encouragement and advice that brother and sister Dunphy gave me during my stay here. I trust it will please the Lord to spare brother Dunphy for years to come, that the church may receive his counsels and earnest work.

Brother George Black was the first clerk of the church, and we thank God he yet lives. Brother Humphrey of whom I spoke was treasurer then. During the two years that I was pastor the church edifice was erected, and the vestry dedicated during the summer of 1879. Large congregations attended the interesting services that day. Rev. J. E. Reid preaching on the occasion.

In October, 1880, Rev. Jos. Noble took charge and was pastor for about one year and six months. During this time he did great work. He was succeeded by Rev. W. J. Halse, who remained five years, during which time the auditorium was finished and dedicated. Rev. Dr. McLeod preaching on this occasion. Rev. J. E. Reid followed Rev. Mr. Halse in October, 1887, and on the 18th May, 1888, he was called away to Heaven. Though his pastorate was short, there has not yet been a pastor who was more beloved than brother Reid. During the balance of the year the pulpit was supplied by different ministers. In October, 1888, Rev. B. H. Nobles, now of Sussex, was called and served for four years. During his pastorate the parsonage was built. As indicating the earnest and successful work he did, I may mention that under his labours, a revival took place when 80 persons were baptized. The revival under his labor greatly exceeded any other in the history of the church.

At the expiration of bro. Noble's term, Mr. Halse came again, and continued in the pastorate until the year 1897, when the present pastor, Rev. David Long, was called. I need not tell you about the latter. You have had sufficient time to know him; you have as pastor one of the men whom our conference loves; you have a brother who can lead you lovingly and earnestly, and it will be well for you to walk in the way he points out to you. I pray he may be blessing to you. In conclusion let me say that during the 20 years there have been added to the church by baptism, later and experience 372 persons. At the day of organization there were 38 persons. Immediately after the service of organization the pastor gave the right hand of fellowship to nine whom he had baptized the previous Sunday. The record shows that many of the 372 have passed away by death, others have moved away to other parts of the country, and we hope that all the non-resident members are doing good work for God wherever they may be. I am glad to be here this evening after the lapse of 20 years. This church was my first pastoral charge, and I am here to-night giving thanks to God, whom, as I go on in His service, I am learning to love more and more. Mr. Clarke closed by wishing the church an ever increasing prosperity.

Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Hartley, G. Swim and Dr. McLeod. The offerings amounted to something over \$40.00. There was a large congregation, and the service was one of much interest. We congratulate our brethren on the excellent work done during the twenty years, and on the present encouraging outlook for the church.

MINISTERS.—Rev. W. C. Kierstead, of Cobb Divinity School, was in the city last week attending the Maritime Colleges Y. M. C. A. Convention. He preached at Gibson Sunday morning, and his many friends there were glad to see him again.

Rev. L. A. Fenwick, of Victoria Corner, was in the city a few days attending the Y. M. C. A. Convention. He went back Saturday. He began special meetings at Victoria last Sunday.

Rev. Dr. McLeod spent Sunday, 20th inst, with Rev. C. B. Lewis at Rusiagornish, Waasis and Lincoln.

Rev. T. O. DeWitt went to Wickham last Saturday.

It Is Said

—That the will of the Empress of Austria leaves all her jewels, valued at \$2,500,000, to charities.

—That the best way to raise money for missions is to put your hands in your own pockets.

—That the cost of the world's wars since the Crimean War has been \$2,633,000,000, or enough to give a couple of sovereigns to every man, woman, and child on the globe.

—That of all the countries in the world Serbia contains the most centenarians. In that little country, with fewer than 1,300,000 inhabitants, there are 575 persons whose age exceeds 100 years.

—That Spain supports from her treasury 117,000 monks, nuns and other persons under religious vows—nearly five times as many as the former standing army of the United States.

—That the latest scheme for feeding the poor of New York is to organize a corps of men to visit the 50,000 comfortable households, 10,000 boarding houses and 5,000 hotels and restaurants in the city daily and collect the food which is left over from the abundant tables and which is ordinarily dumped into the garbage barrels.

—That Admiral Archibald Lucius Douglas, who has just taken command of England's East Indian squadron, is a Canadian by birth, and the first son of Canada to attain so high a place in the English navy.

—That a very rich man connected with a Baptist chapel in England wrote to Spurgeon to come and preach and assist in raising their debt. He offered to entertain the great preacher at his town, country or seaside residence. Spurgeon declined and advised the wealthy man to sell one of his estates and pay off the debt.

A Word To Subscribers.

The "dull times" of the last year or two has made the business management of religious papers a little harder than usual. People—even very good christian people—have a habit of delaying payments for religious things—including their religious papers, a little longer than they delay payments of other kinds. They probably do not mean to make any additional burden for the managers of religious papers, but it has that effect notwithstanding. To remind them of this ought to be sufficient, we think, to move them to relieve the extra burden by hurrying to pay up.

The INTELLIGENCER management has had a full share of the "hard times" that have touched all religious papers in the past year. A large number of subscribers—considerably larger than usual—have not yet paid for this year. Some owe for a longer period. We have waited with what we think is a good degree of patience, expecting to hear from them before the year got as old as it now is. Have they forgotten? We dislike to make this reference to the matter in our columns, but business demands it. WE NEED TO HAVE PAYMENTS NOW FROM ALL WHO ARE IN ARREARS—whether for this year only, or for longer.

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Marriages.

ERB-WHEATON.—At the Free Baptist Parsonage, Victoria St. St. John, on Nov. 15th, by Rev. David Long, James R. Erb, of Kingston, K. Co., to Cora E. Wheaton, of Springfield, K. Co.

LOGAN-STONE.—At the Free Baptist Parsonage, Victoria St. St. John, Nov. 19th, by Rev. David Long, Wellington Logan, of St. John, to Katie Stone, of South Bay.

WILLS-TRAFTON.—At St. John West, on the 22nd inst, by Rev. G. A. Hartley, D. D., Mr. William Wills of Carleton, and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Trafton of Lynn, Mass.

TAYLOR-HAMM.—At the Free Baptist parsonage, St. John, West, on the 22nd inst, by Rev. G. A. Hartley D. D., Mr. Samuel Taylor, and Miss Lizzie Hamm, both of St. John.

Deaths.

SLEPP.—Blanche, infant daughter of Gilford and Lizzie Slipp, aged 8 months. "Suffer little children to come unto me." Funeral services by T. O. Dewitt.

BOONE.—Alexander Boone died as Franklin Carr's on 22nd inst. He leaves three sons and one daughter. He was a good man and will be missed. He was 88 years of age. He drove stage from St. John to Calais, Me., for 14 years. He was baptized by Rev. S. Hartt about fifty years ago. Bro. Carr and family did all they could for his comfort. By his request I attended the funeral and conducted the services.

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