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Notes and Gleanings.

A hemlock tree recently cut down in Appleton, Me., showed 360 grains, and this was taken as an indication that the tree was nearly four centuries old.

The Abbot Pachomius, of the Monastery of St. John, at Jericho, has put a little steamboat on the Jordan River, which makes regular trips from Jericho to the south end of the Dead Sea; so that the shrill whistle of the steamboat is heard where John baptized and where the Israelites crossed the Jordan.

An elderly Philadelphia woman recently went to St. Mary's Hospital and asked to be relieved of distressing noises in her ears. Experts who were given charge of the case found a living spider, that had made a nest in her ear. This was successfully moved and the old lady now hears as well as ever.

The total number of cotton mills in the South on the thirty-first of August was 491 with 4,057,244 spindles. The consumption of the Southern mills for the year was 1,231,841 bales of cotton. For the year 1889-90 the consumption was 546,894 bales, and the increase since has been steady and gradual, the net increase in eight years being 750,666 bales.

In the Roman hospital recently excavated at Baden, in Switzerland, many medical instruments and utensils have been found, among them probes, tubes, pincers, cauterizing instruments, safety pins, medicine spoons of bone, silver measuring vessels, jars and pots for medicine, some containing traces of ointment. There were fourteen rooms in the building.

Five persons in every 100 are 65 years of age or older, writes Mr. Schofield in Cassell's Magazine. Of 1,000 males alive at the age of twenty, 453 reach the age of 65, and 216 reach 75. Of 1,000 alive at the age of forty, 533 reach the age of 65, and 254 reach the age of 75. The expectation of life at 65 is over ten years. There are 2,000,000 men and women over 65 in the United Kingdom to day.

A mathematician has figured it out that one passenger was killed in accidents out of every 2,827,474 passengers carried on American railroads last year. According to this calculation a person can take a train 2,827,474 times before, on the law of averages, his turn comes to be killed. He will have to travel 72,093,963 miles on the cars before that turn comes, and 4,541,945 miles before he reaches his chance of being injured. If he travels twenty miles every day for 300 days in the year, he can keep on at it for 758 years before his turn comes to be hurt.

Charles Rous, blind millionaire of New York, who is said to have offered a million dollars for the restoration of his sight, is perhaps in a way to have the opportunity to pay the money. His offer has been regarded as a standing one, and has brought such a large number of specialists and doctors of all kinds with cures that for the past two years Mr. Rous has employed John F. Martin, afflicted with the same sort of blindness, to test the many treatments offered. Now Mr. Martin is under the care of a Doctor, and, with some new methods, is reported as beginning to regain his vision.

The agricultural resources of Peru are varied and abundant, ranging from all the products of the temperate zone to many of the torrid. Its great staples are the potato (which it first introduced to the world), all the bread-stuffs, sugar-cane, cotton, rice, tobacco, coffee, cacao, an infinity of fruits, many mechanical and fiber plants and dyewoods, chief among which productions are coffee, cotton and sugar. In 1895 the exports of cotton reached 5,500 tons. The annual exports of coffee are about 1,060 tons. There are 95,000 acres planted in sugar-cane. The production in 1896-97 amounted to 65,000 tons.

The internal communications of Ecuador leave much to be desired. Throughout the greater part of the

country mere bridle paths fill the want. Navigation of the inland waters is carried on by a few American and Ecuadorian-built steamers and a large fleet of canoes and other small craft. There is a railroad—the only one in the republic—running between Duran (opposite Guayaquil) and Chimbo, a distance of fifty-eight miles. Late in the year 1897 the government of Ecuador entered into a contract with a New York capitalist for the extension of this line to Quito, the seat of government.

The Nova Scotia Conference.

The following notes of the proceedings at the Nova Scotia Free Baptist Conference are intended to Supplement the brief report contained in the INTELLIGENCER Sept. 21.

The Report of the Monument Committee showed a balance of \$28.05 due the committee who had expended \$65.00 according to instructions.

Resolved, that this Conference pay the balance due the Committee; and that Rev. G. M. Wilson be appointed to make further collections to defray the cost of the monument for the late Elder West, to remit the same to the Treasurer of Conference, and to report next year.

Elder Siddall introduced this resolution, viz.:

"Whereas, there has been a desire expressed for the closer union of the Free Baptists of this continent; and Whereas, we realize it would be advantageous to us as a people to enjoy closer relations; and Whereas, we would be glad if our N. B. brethren would unite with us in this purpose;

Therefore Resolved, that we become a member of the Triennial Conference of the Free Baptists of the United States.

Moved that he resolution lie on the table. Passed.

Rev. J. K. West, delegate, read his report.

To the Free Baptist Yearly Meeting in Canning convened:

DEAR BRETHREN:—According to instruction received, I visited the Maine Free Baptist Association at the time of its ninth annual session, and as a delegate from your body was very kindly received. I was pleased to notice the expedition with which matters of business were transacted. The evident harmony and good will existing through all the membership. Papers of more than ordinary interest were read, and the whole tone of the meetings seemed to indicate upon the part of that branch of Zion a strong determination by God's blessing to keep in the very van of Christian progress. It gave me great pleasure to meet with many of the brethren whom I had known in other days as "true yoke-fellows" in the gospel.

As your delegate I conveyed fraternal greetings and asked that the cordial relations existing between the two bodies be continued. President Chase, of Bates College, was chosen to represent the Maine Association at our present gathering. As your delegate I wish to acknowledge my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me, and to return heartfelt thanks for your kindness.

Respectfully submitted, J. K. WEST.

Bro. West's excuse for failing to visit Cobb Divinity School was accepted.

Rev. F. G. Francis, delegate, failed to report his visit to the N. B. Conference.

Rev. D. Long, delegate from the N. B. F. B. Conference, gave an interesting resume of their year's work. He represented about 150 churches of which about 25 were dormant. They had about 35 ministers and several licentiates and 11,000 members. In Home Missions they were subsidizing salaries, grouping churches, getting parsonages. Foreign Mission work is sustained mainly by the sisters. Four young men have graduated during the year. Spiritual interests have been well kept up. Bro. Long received the thanks of Conference for his address and was requested to canvas for the INTELLIGENCER while with us.

The Quarterly Meeting reports were read as follows:

There have been held four sessions of Quarterly Meeting in Yarmouth County, as follows: November, at Pleasant Lake; March, at Brooklyn; May, at Sandford; August, at Kemptonville. The first was held in the week, the other were held over the Sabbath. It has been found that the sessions have done the greater amount of good. Without doubt such meetings are a great help to the churches. The divine approval has been manifest in each session. At the May session it was

resolved, that this Quarterly Meeting recommend to the Yearly Conference, that in the publication of the minutes in the future, the F. B. churches, in the statistical report, shall be grouped according to present Quarterly meeting divisions.

J. W. FREEMAN.

SHELBURNE COUNTY Q. M. REPORT.

During the year two sessions have been held with good results—one with the Shag Harbor church in November, the other with the Clark's Harbor church in July. These sessions were largely attended and the interest is on the increase for their continuance. From the collections five dollars were appropriated to the Education Society.

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

On motion, the suggestion of the Y. C. Q. M. was adopted.

Rev. D. T. Porter showed that difficulties of travel and the location of yearly conference were the reasons no Q. M. had been held in C. and K. counties.

The Queens county brethren reported verbally a Q. M. held in November.

The Financial Report of the Education Society was adopted. (See appendix.)

The Committee to co-operate with the Committee of N. B. Conference reported that no joint meeting had been held but that in our own province much encouragement had been given to the proposal to support a chair at Cobb Divinity School.

The Triennial Conference resolution was taken from the table and after considerable discussion it was

Resolved "that a committee be appointed to gather information as to the benefits or otherwise which would

result from our membership in the General Conference of Free Baptists and to report their views fully in the INTELLIGENCER not later than next May."

On motion, Rev. E. Crowell, Rev. F. S. Hartley and Rev. A. W. Currie were appointed as that committee.

Your committee on Hymn books have been corresponding during the year, but did not reach a conclusion in time to report through the INTELLIGENCER as desired. Our enquiries led to mention the following books which seemed most likely to meet our wants.

1. A publication of Marlborough and Co. London called "The Union Mission Hymnal," 200 hymns, in two forms (a) with hymns and tunes, cloth, about 40 cts. (b) words only, flexible, about 5 cts.

2. "The Peoples Hymn book," by the American S. S. Union, Phila., at \$15 per 100 boards, 300 standard hymns and tunes, well adapted for congregational singing, and now in use in a few of our churches.

3. "The Spiritual Songs" either words only, or words and tunes; this is the Calvary Selection, over 1000 hymns or abridged to one half, and used in many of our churches in both sizes.

E. CROWELL, D. T. PORTER.

"Your assessment Committee in carrying out your instructions judged that the average annual conference dues from the churches would be a fair basis upon which to proportion the assessment required; and as to amount, recommended that each church should endeavor to raise for Home Missions an amount equal to the average annual dues, and for the Education Society one-half that amount. We believe that a decided improvement has resulted, although the response has not been altogether general.

EDWIN CROWELL, for Com.

YARMOUTH CO. QUARTERLY MEETING.

CHURCHES.	CHURCH MEM.	S. S. pupils.	Church work.	F. Miss.	H. Miss.	Edu. Soc.	Con. Soc.	S. S. work.
Argyle	175	51	\$140	1 00	2 20		6 85	7 00
Argyle Sound	50	75	185				1 34	
Beaver River	164	60	300	16 77	4 25		9 84	10 00
Brooklyn	58	45	195				5 40	7 35
Carleton	51	25		5 00	2 90	2 04	2 45	8 00
Central Argyle	34	56	250	7 00			5 93	17 75
Edgar Lake	46		90	12 36			1 55	
Chesbogue	66	45	52				3 50	4 00
East River	211	93	305	16 00	6 80	4 09	5 93	12 36
Glenwood	213	120	370	28 50	8 90		12 36	13 00
Kemptville	64	85	115	13 00			12 00	
Lower Pubnico	194	80	1 00				5 65	10 00
Plymouth	247	170	115	6 14			3 61	40 00
Riverdale	94	60	506				3 20	25 00
Session Hill	89	34	110				4 35	12 00
Tusket	55	32	175	3 00	1 00		2 00	10 00
Upper Pubnico	130	40	30	5 35	1 70		5 10	7 00
Yarmouth	131	80	700	49 00	2 70	1 40	10 30	25 00

SHELBURNE CO. QUARTERLY MEETING.

CHURCHES.	CHURCH MEM.	S. S. pupils.	Church work.	F. Miss.	H. Miss.	Edu. Soc.	Con. Soc.	S. S. work.
1st Barrington	274	150	590	63 72	8 85	4 75	14 64	26 20
2nd Barrington	29	55	135	3 00			2 30	15 00
Bear Point	101	70	100				5 00	12 00
Cape Negro	10	20						
Centerville	247	170	615	32 00	10 00	4 75	8 76	19 00
Clark's Harbour	925	500	130	50 16	10 00		8 05	53 86
Port Latour	67	70	195	12 00	6 50		4 45	15 50
Shag Harbour	68	90	260	4 70			5 80	9 00
South Side	75	60	154	5 63	5 00	6 25	3 25	5 97
Woods Harbour	120	40	100	5 00			5 00	

KINGS AND CUMBERLAND CO. QUARTERLY MEETING.

CHURCHES.	CHURCH MEM.	S. S. pupils.	Church work.	F. Miss.	H. Miss.	Edu. Soc.	Con. Soc.	S. S. work.
Canning	79	39	325	14 30	4 50		4 15	10 00
Hall's Harbour	144	50	200		2 05		5 45	5 00
Black Rock	97	30					75	
Aysport	13			3 00			1 00	
Advocate	26		125				2 40	
Port Greville	30	45	93				1 60	6 00
Apple River and Salem	21		70					

QUEENS CO. QUARTERLY MEETING.

CHURCHES.	CHURCH MEM.	S. S. pupils.	Church work.	F. Miss.	H. Miss.	Edu. Soc.	Con. Soc.	S. S. work.
Caledonia	78	35	524	116 00			4 17	80 00
Port Medway	87	50	135		5 00		3 87	22 00
East Port Medway	35	30	50				2 00	10 00
Port Mouton	85	51	1850	3 62				16 00

Mission News and Notes.

—The Moravian church give gloriously to missions. With a membership of slightly over 23,000 this people gave last year \$404,000 for foreign missions.

—In China there are about 600 ordained and 4,000 unordained native laborers and 800 organized churches. There are 100 hospitals and 75 dispensaries in which 500,000 patients are treated annually.

—A convert in the Baptist mission in Ceylon has entered the waters for baptism handed a friend some articles, retaining his purse, saying: "I want my purse baptized too." How much the cause of Christ would prosper if there were more baptized purses!

—A native Chinese preacher, whose wages were seven-y-five cents a day, refused a consular offer of fifty dollars a month, that he might be free to preach to his countrymen. His countrymen said of him "There is no difference between him and the B. O. K."

—A missionary in Africa, says: "It is rather remarkable how many of our people have been converted in middle life and in old age. We have old women who were converted when nearly through life's journey. The very young are altogether from the Sunday-school. I am struck, too, with the large proportion of men that are converted. I think that the women are more attached to the idols than

—Foreign missions in this century, says Dr. Van Dyke, have drawn a multitude of at least 4,000,000 human souls out of the darkness of heathen superstition into the light and life of the Christian religion. Of these, 1,300,000 have become communicants and confessors of Christ, often at the cost of martyrdom, always at the price of courage and sacrifice greater than we can estimate. Every year at least 100,000 converts are added to the church in heathen lands. That makes 274 new Christians every day; a most twelve every hour; a new life joined to Christ for every five minutes that pass.

—The income of the London Missionary Society, notwithstanding the reaction that might be expected from the extraordinary efforts made during the jubilee year, were increased last year by \$8,750; yet the accounts show a deficit of \$40,000, which would have been twice as large but for the Centenary Fund; and a plea was made at the annual meeting for the addition of between \$60,000 to the annual subscriptions. The number of missionaries remained the same, 261, as in the previous year, the additions to the force having been offset by the reductions through death, illness, etc. The importance of Hunan, China, as a mission field, now open after years of hostility, was specially urged; but nothing could be done there unless \$15,000 additional was contributed.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

"Rise up ye women that are at ease," Isaiah 32: 9.

[All contributions for this column should be addressed to Mrs. Jos. McLeod, Fredericton.]

Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

[Read at the Annual Meeting of the W. M. Society.]

MADAM PRESIDENT AND SISTERS:—Another milestone in the journey of life has been passed and we meet to-day to review the work of the past year and to devise new plans for the extension of Christ's kingdom in the new year upon which we are now entering. God has been very gracious to us during the year just past. His loving kindness and tender mercies have been ever toward us. True we have been called to mourn the loss of dear ones. Some of our most devoted, faithful fellow-labourers have been called up higher and our loved and faithful sister Peters whose presence through all these years has been so helpful to us is lying dangerously ill in her home. Let us recognize that even these things so sad and grievous to us for the present to endure are but a manifestation of his great love towards them and to us. "Now we see through a glass darkly then shall we see face to face, now we know in part then shall we know even as we are known."

During the year our dear sister Gaunce has been toiling faithfully in India. As you know, our sister is located at Balasore and lives there the greater portion of the year while the principal part of her work is at Ujarda about 20 miles distant. Our work is carried on by means of native help under the direction of our missionary as we support a native preacher, a colporteur teachers and Bible women. At Ujarda we have a church of 18 members established in 1891 by our beloved brother Boyer and a native Christian community of 57. Four new members have been added to the church this year and three members have died. Our native preacher Elliston Saren is doing faithful work. The Sabbath-school and weekly prayer-meeting have been kept up during the year. The Sunday-school has been well attended by both parents and children. The day school which has two teachers is doing good work and of the pupils a promising boy is to go up for examination next year. Miss Gaunce expects to have him trained for teaching. Mishra, our colporteur, spent two months or more among the people of the village visiting the marks and surrounding villages. He says that many of the country people are afraid to listen to the gospel being ignorant and superstitious; he found few of them anxious to buy books or tracts, yet he is sowing the seed and in due season the fruit will be garnered. The Bible women are doing a blessed work, as a rule they are gladly received and are asked to come again and more often. Owing to illness Miss Gaunce could not spend as much of the cold season as she would have liked among the people. Her two Bible women Rebecca and Uidya accompanied her and for two weeks they went out twice a day to the surrounding villages speaking helpful words, reading portions of scripture, offering prayer and singing hymns and in every way trying to dispel darkness and instil truth into the minds and hearts of the women and children. Ulma an efficient devoted Bible woman whom we have supported for years is seriously ill from a cancerous disease. She is a great sufferer, one side being paralyzed and one eye sightless. We ask your earnest prayers in her behalf.

At Ujarda the people are poor and last year the rice crop was comparatively failure, yet they have undertaken to contribute a certain sum towards the support of the church. Miss Gaunce is hopeful that better work will be done next year and that by your help she will be able to take up other lines of work. Our new house at Ujarda is the only building in India that we as a people own and some further work is to be done upon it soon. The well which Miss Gaunce had sunk last year has proved a great blessing. She expects to have it dug deeper so that it may not go dry even in the driest seasons.

Ever since Miss Gaunce has been in India she has lived with the principal of the Boys' Orphanage at Balasore. When sister Boyer was there and had charge she lived with her when the Hamdens took charge of the Orphanage she remained with them. During the last year Miss Scott who lived with Mrs. Smith at the Sinclair Girls' Orphanage went home to Scotland on furlough and Miss Gaunce was asked to change and go with Mrs. Smith. She did so and was then asked to take charge of the Orphanage for four months which she has done in such an efficient manner that she is now asked to become the permanent superintendent of that Orphanage and your Board is called upon at this Session to decide the question as Miss Gaunce has referred it to you. During Miss Scott's absence Miss Gaunce had charge of the Zenana work which she found very interesting and it also opened up to her new homes in which she could do Bible work. In the Zenana work she had Brahman, Mohammedan and Hindoo homes opened up to her for both secular and religious instruction. Two educated Hindu gentlemen expressed a wish to Miss Gaunce that whenever she visited their village she would always visit their wives.

Owing to her Zenana work she was not able to do as much going out with her Bible women as during the previous year; yet good work was done. Miss Gaunce says: "There are few houses to which we have applied to speak to them about Christ where we have been refused a hearing." Last year two Hindu girls' schools were reported; this year for good reasons one has been closed, the other is in operation and doing good work. One pupil has passed the lower primary examination and three more are being prepared for next examination. They receive instruction in Bible and catechism sewing also being taught. Miss Gaunce has proven herself an efficient worker and from all I can learn is being used by the Master for his glory and the good of souls in that benighted land. During the year her health has been fairly good with some attacks of fever the arch enemy of the missionary, as Mr. Hamlen says, although none of those attacks have been of a very serious nature, a fact for which we are profoundly thankful to our Heavenly Father and our prayer is that many useful years may yet be in store for our loved missionary. Miss Gaunce thanks you all for your support and prayers your loving sympathy and tender messages.

HOME WORK:—This is one of the most interesting features of our work. For several years we have made a grant to the Conference Home Mission executive and for two years we had a home missionary in the field among our weak churches doing efficient, faithful work, from which as a society we have already seen much good result. Last year we made a grant of \$150.00 to the Conference Home Mission Executive and we also procured one hundred copies of our denominational paper and had them sent to persons among the different districts. Although the work was new and the details of the work may not have been as well arranged and carried out as we could wish yet we believe much good will result and we think this is one of the best means to do successful home mission work among our churches. A lack of knowledge of the needs of the work and the methods of working is one of the greatest hindrances of our Society at the present time and I believe there is no better plan of remedy than sending our own paper to our own people which will prove a quiet, persistent, persuasive and constant instructor every week during the year. Sisters your secretary, hopes and earnestly trusts that the home miss on work may not be decreased in any way by us as a society; but that we may seriously consider how we may do more and better work in this particular in the years that are to come.

Ah! the whitened fields. The fearful responsibility that rests upon us as Christians.

We are living—we are dwelling In a grand and awful time, In an age on ages telling; To be living is sublime, Oh let all the soul within us, For the truth's sake go abroad: Strike! Let every nerve and sinew Tell on ages, Tell for God.

Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. C. W. WYMAN.

Sussex, Oct. 3rd, 1898.

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