

General Religious News.

For the first time in a decade the board of the Presbyterian Church in the United States begins the fiscal year without debt.

The net gain of German Baptists in the United States for the year 1898 was 1,141, making their total membership 27,901.

On a recent Sunday sixteen London churches were connected by telephone wires and fifty patients heard services.

It is stated that 3785 converts have been baptized by Rev. R. H. Conwell, D. D., during his pastorate of the Baptist church, Philadelphia.

Mr. Rockefeller contributed last year one million dollars for religious, benevolent and educational work in connection with the Baptist denomination.

The Chinese Christian Endeavor society of San Francisco contributed last year \$689 to its own missionary fund, \$415 to its own home church fund, and \$108 to other benevolent work, making a total of \$1,212.

News from San Sebastian, Spain, state that the republican and socialist parties have agreed to organize a campaign, demanding the expulsion from Spain of all the religious orders. There is probably no European country more thoroughly priest-ridden than Spain, and if that nation could be emancipated from this thralldom, the result would be that once more the desert would be made to blossom as the rose.

The Church Mission to Deaf Mutes of New York was incorporated in 1872 to promote their welfare after leaving school. Its missionaries hold services for them in the sign language in ten churches in the diocese of New York, Long Island, Newark and Connecticut. It finds work for the unemployed, and maintains a home for the aged and infirm.

An interdenominational noon prayer-meeting, from 12 to 1 o'clock every day except Sunday, is held in Mount Temple, Boston, room A, to which all are welcome. Requests for prayer can be made both for spiritual and temporal matters, and if one cannot present a written request can present either by some one or by mail.

Evangelistic services in Philadelphia are being prosecuted with vigor. Last week meetings were held in five churches and the interest manifested was marked. The attendance of each tent was from 3,000 to 4,000. Meetings for children were held at which there was an average attendance of 2,000 persons.

Out of 15,000 parish churches in England Wales, 6,000 are estimated to be inclined to Catholic ritualism, and a 289 increase is known to be in use. The bishops are seeking to control the high church by authority, and the government has let it be understood that unless the English Church makes trouble even the Tory party may take up the question of disestablishment and disendowment.

Home Religious News.

Rev. Edwin Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Shediac, has resigned on account of poor health.

At a meeting of the Maritime Baptist Foreign Mission Board, held last week in St. John, it was decided to send Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, Miss Gray, Miss Blackadar and Mrs. Sanford out to India this Fall.

The Maritime Christian Endeavor Convention, held at Sackville, last week, is reported one of much interest.

Revival meetings are being held in the Baptist church, Beaton, C. B., by the pastor, Rev. C. N. Barton. Thirteen new members have been received into the church.

Denominational News.

FREDERICTON.—Brother Chas. McQuarrie was received into the church on Sabbath evening.

F. C. H.

UPPER GAGETOWN.—Rev. F. Allison Currier, A. M., pastor of the Mount Vernon F. B. Church of Lowell, Mass., and formerly a member of the New Brunswick Conference, preached in the F. B. Church at this place on Sunday evening, Aug 27th. Mr. Currier returned to Boston on Sept. 1st.

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St. JOHN, NORTH.—At the annual meeting of the Victoria St. church, St. John, last week, Rev. David Long was unanimously invited to remain pastor another year, and his salary was increased by the amount of the rent of the parsonage. A report of the meeting in the daily papers says: "The finances of the church are in excellent condition, all bills being paid and there being a substantial balance on hand. During the year improvements have been made on the church property in the shape of two long needed class-rooms. It is intended to continue the improvement this year and to enlarge the choir room."

MINISTERS.—Rev. O. N. Mott has accepted a call to remain another year in charge of the Blissville, S. C. pastorate. He has been given four weeks vacation. He intends spending part of the time in Nova Scotia.

Rev. E. S. Parker wishes his friends to note that his P. O. address is now Bates College, Lewiston, Me.

Rev. G. F. Currie, who attended the Nova Scotia Conference as corresponding delegate from New Brunswick, enjoyed the trip very much, and had a pleasant time throughout.

Forests of the Philippines.

Timber exists in the forests of the Philippines in great variety and of most excellent quality. There are to be found kinds of wood suitable to every purpose. Many are of dense and tough fiber susceptible of the highest polish. Four kinds are so heavy that water will not float them, nor can they be cut with ordinary saws. One variety is of bright emerald green, and another rich yellow, and they retain these colors when polished. Another, "narra," perhaps the prettiest, and much used in fine furniture, varies in color from light straw to deep red. It is strong and hard, and takes a high polish. Perhaps the best known is "molave," a very heavy dark-brown wood, used for finishing in the interior of the Jesuit church at Manila, where it is said the carvings are by master hands and of surpassing beauty. Ebony is abundant. There are the cacao tree, the coconut palm, and the bamboo, all valuable to the natives, and also a tree which yields a kind of cotton.

A pitcher plant is found, with receptacles that hold as much as a quart of water. There is a very curious plant, with long pendant feelers that hang near the ground and have remarkable prehensile properties, taking the strongest hold on anything that happens to touch them. It is with the greatest difficulty that a passer-by can extricate himself from one of these many-fingered, hanging hands.

BACK AGAIN.—The Rev. Robert Thomas Nichol, M. A., recently an Anglican divine in New York city, who a short time ago went over to the Roman Catholic Church, has sent in his application petitioning reinstatement into the Anglican communion.

Mr. Nichol, through Cardinal Vaughan, was accepted into the papal household, given the tonsure and a position equivalent to that of dean in the Episcopal Church. He engaged to fulfil the usual course of study and instruction, leading to the standing of a full priest; but after more mature thought, consequent upon a better means of investigation, he is said to have been completely disillusioned and disenchanted with Roman Catholicism as there seen by him in its entirety.

He may go again to Rome, some day; his kind are not to be depended on.

INTERESTING DISCOVERIES.—Bible for July says: "One of the most interesting discoveries of late is that of the tomb of Esther and Mordecai, in Hamedan, Persia. The inscriptions on the sarcophagi and the tomb have been deciphered and translated, and it is said, prove conclusively its identity. The importance of this discovery is principally due to the fact that certain writers have tried to discredit the biblical story in whose commemoration the festival of Purim is celebrated annually. The Juedische Tagblatt, in a description of the tomb, states that it is sixty feet high, and evidently has received additions at different periods. The entrance, which is to the left of the center, leads to an outer passage, which contains on one side the memorial of some ancient sage, and on the other that of a physician, with a stand bearing lamps in front of each. A wall separates the sacred part from the outer sections, at whose western end a door leads to the principal sepulchre. To the right is Mordecai's tomb, and to the left Esther's. A corridor between the graves forms a passage for the pilgrims to the shrine. A scroll of the Mosaic law was found preserved in a niche, and an ostrich egg suspended from the dome, the latter being the custom in all Persian tombs. It is wonderful how, in his providence, God has caused to be preserved in the ruins of human structures the indisputable proofs of the authenticity of his Word."

Religious Humbug.

Everybody is severe with "cant" but many people are tolerant of "humbug." Cant is low, mean, vulgar; but humbug is often top-kitty, pretensions fashionable. Cant is the use by unspiritual persons of the language which is natural only to the deeply pious; humbug is the observation of forms and methods and services after the spirit which inspired them is dead. The Roman emperor, preserved studiously the forms of administration which were consistent with the republic, and at the head of imperial hosts were displayed the standards with their democratic emblems, although the armies were used so often to repress the popular will as to extend foreign conquests. The people were content to surrender their ancient freedom provided they kept their old clothes.

During the reformation under Luther ecclesiastics discovered how in effect the multitude were to

salities if only they might retain the shadow. It was found easier to exclude the Pope from Germany than to erase a line from the ritual. Men were willing to accept a new creed but not to banish the altar candles. And on the time there ever was a religious rebellion in Russia was when the authorities struck out a silent letter from the name of Jesus.

In reading over the accounts of last Easter services this is impressed upon the anew. There is hardly a liberal preacher who did not take occasion upon Easter Sunday to deny the story of the Resurrection; but no one, so far as we have seen, silenced the Easter anthem or removed the Easter lily. In fact, in certain cases it was to be noted that the feeble faith, the more elaborate the decorations. The less there was in the sermon, the more there must be in the songs. The people would consent to the minister's preaching anything provided they still had their pretty flowers and sweet songs.

For the same reason we note how hard it is for those who have swung off from Christian moorings to abandon the name whose faith they have long since renounced. To be a Christian is simply to be a Christ man, a follower whose sole authority and whose one Master is Jesus Christ. But it would empty a church to-day whose preacher has "got beyond Jesus Christ" to have the name "Christian" struck out from their title deed. If any man find in his own "consciousness" a surer guide than he finds in Jesus Christ, he is no longer a "Christ-man," but he has not the courage of his conviction or sufficient loyalty to say so. He prefers that sort of religious humbug which retains the form while indifferent to the life that once animated it. In the same way that is for like reasons some who now are forced to confess that they are not any longer Christians still retain the name "church," so that a word which has only significance connected with a Bible creed is still forced to do service after Buddha or Mrs. Eddy has replaced the Lord.

We see one of the results of religious humbug in the present controversy in the Church of England. The whole Roman ritual is dominated by the one article of the creed which maintains the "real presence" of Christ in the eucharist. The white robe which is worn instead of the scholar's black gown is because the minister is not the prophet, but the priest engaged in priestly functions. The white robe is a mere pretense except as the wafer constitutes a sacrifice. The bending at or before the altar, the incensing of the celebrant, the tinkling of the altar bell at the elevation of the host are but recognitions of the real Christ in the bread and wine. But to preserve the priestly robe and not the priestly function, the prostrations of adoration with no present object of adoration, is not worship, but mere mummery. Some, at least, of the English clergy begin to think after these centuries of dumb show that it is time to put back the creed of Rome or remove its symbols.

We have upon our table a circular from one of the best known publishing houses in the country, calling attention to their new "Selected One Hundred Best Books for the Sunday School." The prospectus informs one that these books have been carefully sifted out "according to the most approved modern methods." We are further told that there is no book in the whole lot that contains any story of "abnormal, infant piety." Which is doubtless true, since only six of the books can be classed even by the publishers as "religious" in any sense of the word. There is not only no "abnormal" piety, but no piety. And no "infant" piety, because there is no adult piety either. This may be a very good library, as it contains Dickens, Thackeray and George Eliot; but as a Sunday library it may be modern and it certainly is a fraud.

The law protects copyrights from fraudulent appropriation by unscrupulous parties, but the only protection which religion has is in the indignation of honest men. On all humbuggy religious humbuggy is the best, because it is flinging the trade marks which have cost suffering and martyrdom. It is appropriating to hostile purposes what Christ's followers have purchased by their blood. When skepticism has the courage of its convictions, and not till then, will such humbuggy cease. But mean while it is the scorn of honest men, and it should be stripped to the world and its true character exposed—Interior.

POLITICAL NEWS.—The Conservative political picnic held at Coles Island, R. Co., Thursday, was, it is reported, very largely attended and enthusiastic. Hon. G. W. Foster, Mr. J. D. Hazen and others were the speakers.

The names of P. E. Paulin and Fred L. Leger, of Carquet, are spoken of as probable candidates for the vacant seats in the representation of Gloucester county in the Local Legislature.

A PIONEER'S STORY.

William Hemstreet's Health Renewed at Seventy.

HE WAS AFFLICTED WITH ILLNESS FOR A LONG PERIOD AND THOUGHT HIS DAYS OF USEFULNESS WERE PAID—HE IS AGAIN AS HEARTY AND ROBUST AS HE WAS TWENTY YEARS AGO.

From the Free Press, Acton, Ont.

No man is better known to the people of the county of Hants and W. I. than that William Hemstreet, a pioneer and much esteemed resident of

Acton. Mr. Hemstreet is a native of this county, having been born in Trafalgar township in 1817. In his younger days Mr. Hemstreet, connected a tanning business. He subsequently engaged in the droving and butchering business, and some twenty-five years ago, owing to his superior knowledge of the value of live stock, he took out a license as an auctioneer. In this calling he became at once popular and he was constantly on the road, driving in all kinds of weather, holding auction sales several days a week. Although possessing a strong, healthy constitution, the continued exposure and hard work of selling some days for six or eight hours at a stretch, he gradually lost his strength and vigor, and about three years ago found himself a collapsed and worn out man. In conversation with a reporter of the Free Press he said: "I felt that my days of usefulness were over. My strength had departed, my voice was gone. I was too weak to do work of any kind and I was undeniably useless to myself or anyone else. My symptoms were peculiar and I filed several of the best local physicians, who differed very much in their diagnosis. I took their medicines faithfully but no improvement resulted. I did not suffer much pain but was a very sick man. Had no appetite, no strength, could not sleep, and both myself and my friends concluded that my days on earth were numbered and that my worn out system would in a very short time lie down in eternal rest. I had to give up all my business interests." When Mr. Hemstreet's condition was most serious his attention was attracted by the published testimonial of Rev. Mr. Freeman, a minister with whom he was personally acquainted, relating to his restoration to health after using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He was particularly impressed with this testimonial and concluded that these pills must possess singular merit and healing power or Rev. Mr. Freeman would not lend his name to their approbation. Mr. Hemstreet then decided to give them a trial; he first got one box, then three, then half a dozen, and took them regularly. No very marked effects, he says, were noticeable but with characteristic persistence he purchased a further supply. By the time twelve or thirteen boxes had been taken, he felt that new blood was coursing through his veins; that he possessed renewed vigor and was able to perform all the duties his business calls demanded. "For a year I continued to take the pills," he said, "I knew I was regaining my old time strength and good health and I was determined the cure should be complete and permanent, and I give them credit for making me the new man I feel myself to be to-day. As evidence that my recovery is complete I have only to state that this spring I have conducted a number of auction sales in the open air with perfect ease and with entire satisfaction to my clients."

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Denominational Notices.

NOTICE

The Third District Meeting convenes at Kingsley, York Co., on Friday, 15th Sept., at 2 p. m. The reports from the churches will be heard in the first meeting.

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NOTICE.

The annual meeting of Free Baptist Ministers' Conference of New Brunswick will be held with the church at Saint John, West, on Friday, October 6th, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

J. T. PARSONS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

The Sixty Seventh Annual Session of the Free Baptist General Conference of New Brunswick will be convened with the church at St. John, West, on Saturday the seventh day of October, A. D., 1899, at the hour of two of the clock in the afternoon. Dated this 25th day of August A. D., 1899.

D. McLEOD VINCE, Rec. Secretary.

TREASURERS.

Following are the addresses of the treasurers of the several funds under control of Conference.

Treasurer of General Conference:

James Patterson, St. John, N. B.

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Rev. J. W. Clarke, 181 Waterloo St., St. John, N. B.

Treasurer for Foreign Missions:

E. W. Slipp, St. John, N. B.

Treasurer for Ministerial Students Fund:

Rev. B. H. Nobles, Sussex, N. B.

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Gideon McLeod, Penobscus, K. Co.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

3rd District, at Kingsley, York Co., the 3rd Friday in September. To attend, Revs. E. B. Gray, Gideon Swim, Jos. Noble and Dr. McLeod.

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D. L.

Marriages.

BUNKER-DEWITT.—At Deacon D. S. Dupliss's on the 6th inst., by Rev. J. A. Robertson, Frank Bunker and Mamie DeWitt, both of Tracy.

MOHRCRAFT-BOONE.—At the residence of Albert Boone, McAdam Junction, on Aug. 30th, by Rev. O. N. Mott, Arthur Mohrcraft and Sarah Boone, of McAdam Jct.

CLIFF-SCORD.—At the residence of the bride's mother, 123 Main St., St. John, on Sept. 6th, by Rev. D. Long, E. Pembroke, Chf. of Boston, formerly of Queensbury, N. B., to Eveena May Scord, of St. John.

Deaths.

CLIFF.—At Lower Queensbury, Sept. 5th, of Paralysis, Hannah, beloved wife of James Cliff, aged 42, leaving father, mother, two sisters, five brothers, and her husband and child. She was a good christian woman, and will be much missed. T. O. D.

ABRAMS.—At Apohaqui, K. Co., on the 2nd inst., Herbert, youngest son of John and Catherine Abrams, aged four years and eleven months. "For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." G. F. WIM.

SCORD.—At Apohaqui, K. Co., on the 5th inst., William Scord, aged 85 years, a widow, three sons and two daughters survive him. "Lord, make me to know mine end and the measure of my days, what it is, that I may know how frail I am." G. SWIM.

HUMPHREY.—At Norton Station, N. B., on Aug. 31st, Mary Ann, widow of the late Wm. Humphrey, aged 60 years, leaving three brothers—Thomas and Wm. Bassett, of Norton, and George Bassett, of Boston, and three sisters—Mrs. Edward McLeod, Mrs. Geo. Beck and Mrs. Lyman. Sister Humphrey was beloved by all who knew her, for her kind christian sympathy and her cheerful manner; she was always giving a word of encouragement to the discouraged. For a long time she knew she had cancer but did not make it known to anyone until she had to give up, becoming so weak that she had to take her bed; an operation was performed, and for a time it seemed that it might be successful, but she was too weak, although all was done that human skill and loving hands could do, she passed away. Her going, however, was to the christians reward, to be with the Master whom she loved. In the absence of her pastor, Rev. G. F. Currie, who was at the Nova Scotia Conference, Rev. David Long conducted the funeral services, assisted by Rev. G. Swim and Rev. Mr. Reese. The remains were interred in the River Hill Cemetery. "One friend less on earth, but one more in Heaven." D. L.

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