

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN (WEST).—I have been thinking it my duty these many months to let the brethren know how we are coming on at Carleton. And yet many, very many, will understand that I have refrained because I remembered that the sight of a new name to a communication from the church at this place, as pastor, would recall the fact of the denomination's loss, and cause to bleed afresh many a heart and unhealed wound. I need not say how we miss Bro. Hartley, how we mourn him, and yet every day as in the homes of my people—his people, rather—I go, I feel so much: "Though dead, he yet speaketh." Remembered, so well remembered, by what he has done.

So, because the foundations were so well laid by consecrated hands, the work goes on. Our congregations, especially evenings, are inspiring. The church is so filled with eager, attentive listeners. The prayer meetings are extremely well attended, and are times of power and blessing to all. The Sunday school is in a most flourishing condition with a very efficient and devoted superintendent and staff of teachers. For all of which we heartily thank God. In the tones of very many of our people, ministers perhaps more often than the laymen, there is a note of pessimism,—a wail of discouragement, as to the future of our denomination. But as the little boy asked his mother when, on the death of the husband and father, she wept, refusing to be comforted: "Mamma is God dead?" And at the word and the thought it engendered, she dried her tears. So I would cry today: "Is God dead?" And in the thought that He still lives and reigns and loves and guides, let us cast off all thoughts of failure and discouragement, and even as those brave hearts of old, go forth in the strength of our God building a worthy structure on the foundations they so laboriously laid. Brethren, let us give ourselves more to prayer and not only prayer that is lip service, but get in the attitude of prayer, which lays the will and the life on the altar of God and says: "All, all is yours. Take what is thine own."

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,
I'll say what you want me to say."

R. W. FERGUSON.

May 28th.

SUSSEX, N. B.—Sunday evening, 10th ult., the hand of welcome and fellowship was given to five more persons. The change in our Sunday evening service has been very helpful.

B. H. NOBLES.

OLINVILLE, N. B.—I wish to report a good revival which has been going on in Olinville under the labors of Bro. J. J. Bonnell. He began meetings there about four weeks ago, and soon began to see that the Lord was going to bless the people. Although some told him there was no

use trying there, he kept on until God did in a special manner bless his labors in the conversion of sinners. On the 21st inst. I went to assist him and on the following Sabbath baptized five converts. In the evening I organized a church, which those who were baptized joined. If the meetings could have been continued another week or two I think there would have been a number more converted; but Bro. Bonnell felt that he was almost tired out, and the people were very busy putting in their crops and were tired too, so we thought it better to discontinue the meetings for the present, although there were some very anxious to have them continued. I expect, if nothing in providence prevents, to be there again the first Sabbath in June to baptize some others. I hope the brethren will pray that God will more abundantly bless the people of that place, and Bro. Bonnell as well, for he seems to me to be a good earnest worker, and I like him much.

JOHN A. ROBERTSON.

May 28th.

CARPENTER, Q. C.—I baptized four at Carpenter, Queens Co., Sunday, 17th inst. The church there was very much helped. My pastorate consists of Carpenter, Wickham, Bald Hill, Tennant's Cove and Lake's. The churches were very low when I came to this pastorate, and still they are not what I would desire. The preaching services are very well sustained, but the Conference meetings are small. We are hoping and praying for better days. I am very glad indeed to know that God is blessing my brethren in their work; it is refreshing to read their letters in the INTELLIGENCER. By the blessing of God may the work broaden and deepen till many more shall be brought to Christ.

O. N. MOTT.

Wickham, May 28th.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—At the sixtieth anniversary of the St. John (west) Baptist church, a few days ago, \$268 were contributed for church improvements.

—Rev. H. P. Whidden, of the Baptist College, Manitoba, is to preach in Brussels St. Baptist church, St. John, during July and August.

—The "Gospel Wagon," which journeys through Nova Scotia, has just started on its 1903 mission. Messrs. Hurd and Buckley are in charge of it. This is its seventh season. The aim is to carry the gospel to neglected regions, and doubtless much good has been done. The work is supported by Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians.

—The Annual Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventists of the Maritime Provinces is being held in Fredericton this week. Last Sunday their church building in the capital was formally dedicated.

—Rev. L. A. Lockhart was ordained a Baptist minister at Benton, C. Co., on the 20th ult.

—Rev. R. R. Morson, of the St. John Congregational church, has accepted a call to Yarmouth, N. S. He will begin work in his new field next Sunday.

—Rev. H. M. Clarke, of St. Stephen, who is going to China as a missionary of the Presbyterian church in Canada, was a few days ago presented with a gold watch by the St. Stephen Presbyterian congregation.

—The Ministerial Convention of the Christian Church, held in St. John last week, was evidently a meeting of interest and profit. It was the first of the kind held by our brethren of the Christian Church in New Brunswick. It was composed of the ministers of N. B., N. S. and P. E. I. Various questions pertaining to their work were discussed. The very meeting of brethren whose fields of labor are far apart, the renewing and strengthening of friendships, and the Christian fellowship enjoyed are both a comfort and a stimulus.

General Religious News.

—The English people have started a fund to establish a memorial to John Kensit, recent martyr to the cause of Protestantism in England. It will be a home for training preachers.

—The National Church of New Zealand is to be the name of the church to be formed by the union of the Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists of New Zealand. It is to combine "Presbyterian order, Congregational freedom and Methodist enterprise."

—It is precisely one hundred years since the first Roman Catholic service was held in Australia—then, indeed, a very new and small colony. Now, according to a writer in the *Catholic World* the population of New South Wales is about 26 per cent Roman Catholic, and the Archdiocese of Australia has a Catholic population of about 170,000.

—Mr. A. W. Prautch, a Methodist local preacher, has been the principal adviser of "Archbishop" Aglipay, the Filipino non-papal Canon, and is the editor of his paper, *La Verdad*. He occupies this position with the full understanding between the "archbishop" and himself that he is a Protestant and a Methodist, and that he would not, in *La Verdad*, advocate any doctrinal views which were inconsistent with his belief. This somewhat anomalous position was endorsed by the recent Manila district conference and by Bishop Warne. There are some two millions of Filipinos committed to the Aglipay movement, and it is believed that Mr. Prautch may be very helpful in eventually turning the thoughts of these people towards Protestant teaching.

—On the authority of the great French daily, *Le Temps*, we learn how one village of France became Protestant. Ten years ago the inhabitants of Malataverne, a village about two miles from the cantonal seat, where the parish church is situated, took up a subscription and built a really beautiful little church. The church completed, they applied to the bishop for a priest. He put them off and has continued to do so until now. After nearly ten years of patient waiting the people recently applied to the Protestant Consistory (Presbyterian) of St. Etienne, and are

now rejoicing in a pastor. On the first Sunday in April the church was dedicated, nearly every inhabitant of the village being present. It is said that there are now only four Catholics in the place.

—Rev. R. J. Campbell, the successor of Dr. Joseph Parker at the City Temple, is awakening an interest that is regarded as "simply marvellous," and his advent in London, it is said, will "mark an epoch in the religious life of the Metropolis." The Thursday mid-day service is crowded with an audience of nearly 3,000 people, and a new departure, which he calls "At Home," an afternoon meeting for prayer, social intercourse and the discussion of great religious and social problems, was so largely attended at the second meeting that they were obliged to adjourn from the church parlor to the lecture hall. The City Temple is entering upon a period of greatly widening influence and power under the leadership of this gifted and consecrated young man. Mr. Campbell will visit America the coming summer, arriving about July 1st.

Marriages.

GRAVES-STEEVES.—At the home of the bride's father, May 25th, by Rev. Gideon Swim, Frank Graves, of Moncton, and Jennie Steeves, of Lower Dwyer, West. Co.

EAGLES-ARTES.—At the Free Baptist Parsonage, St. John (North), May 25th, by Rev. David Long, S. Jordan Eagles, of St. John, to Virginia E. Artes, of Gladstone, Sunbury Co.

SAVAGE-ALLINGHAM.—At the home of the bride on the 24th inst. Ethelbert Savage, of Wilson's Beach, and Lillie May Allingham, of Welch Pool, by the Rev. A. J. Prosser.

WEAVER-MCKNIGHT.—At the parsonage, Sussex, May 21st, by Rev. B. H. Nobles, Thomas E. Weaver, of Sydney, to Priscilla McKnight, of Colliana, Kings County.

STIRLING-CARPENTER.—At the residence of the bride, on the 23rd inst., by Rev. O. N. Mott James Stirling and Adelaide Carpenter, both of Wickham, Queens Co.

Deaths.

NOBLES.—At her home, Belleisle, Kings Co., May 14th, Matilda, aged 71 years, beloved wife of Harvey Nobles. Mrs. Nobles was a daughter of John Hopkins Case, and early in life was baptized by the late Rev. Charles Knowles, and united with the Free Baptist Church at Midland. She was a woman of retiring disposition, yet her love for Christ and His cause was strong and very marked. Her life was a testimony for Christ and His cause. Her wise counsel and her devotion to home and the community made her a true, loving wife, an honored and sainted mother, and a loyal neighbour and friend. She will be deeply mourned by a very large circle of relatives and friends, but especially by her companion, at whose side she has walked for over half a century, and her three sons, Rev. B. N. Nobles of St. John, Rev. B. H. Nobles of Sussex, and Charles Nobles of Belleisle. Her funeral services were conducted at house, church (Baptist) and grave by Rev. F. G. Frances on Sunday afternoon, May 17th, and the large church was not large enough to hold the people who came to pay their last tribute of respect for one whom they had known so long and loved so much.

HURDER.—At North End, St. John, on May 21st, of a lingering illness of consumption, Clara K., aged 24 years, daughter of Ralph and Fanny Hurder, leaving four sisters and two brothers to mourn. She was a consistent member of Main street Baptist church, was patient during her sickness, and died trusting in Christ her Redeemer. Only a few months ago another daughter died of the same disease. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. David Long, assisted by Rev. Mr. Warnicker (Baptist). The remains were interred in Cedar Hill cemetery. May the loving Saviour sustain and comfort the bereaved family in their deep sorrow. D. L.

BELMAIN.—At the home of her brother-in-law, Alexander McAlary, 149 Victoria street, St. John, on May 25th, Margaret Belmain, aged 81 years. Early in life she professed faith in Christ, and united with the Baptist church. She lived a consistent Christian, and to her death was gain. She leaves four sisters, Mrs. Mary Musgrove, Mrs. David Johnson, Mrs. James Black and Mrs. A. McAlary. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Warnicker, assisted by Rev. David Long. The remains were interred in Fern Hill cemetery. D. L.

WASSON.—At Hampstead, Queens Co., May 6th. Joseph Wasson, aged 71 years, leaving a sorrowing wife, two sons and two daughters, with a circle of friends, to mourn their loss. Bro. Wasson came to this country about fifty years ago. He professed religion early in life amongst the Methodists. In making his home here he came out and was baptized under the labors of Rev. Joseph Noble and A. Taylor, and united with the Free Baptist church. Bro. Wasson was a very deep man in the Scriptures. Funeral service by the writer. Interment made in the Central Hampstead burying ground. S. J. PARAY.

GRASS.—At Waasla, Sunbury Co., on the 28th ult. Jacob Grass, aged 85 years 10 months. He was the oldest resident of the community. He had been a member of the Free Baptist Church many years. Six sons and five daughters survive him.