

News of the Churches.

FROM REV. JOS. NOBLE.—Again I write a few lines for the paper. It is quite easy to write when one has anything to write, but when we have to make it as we go along, and little or nothing to make it out of, it is not so easy to write. Last evening was a very pleasant evening to us. Between seven and eight o'clock the door began to swing back and forth, smiling faces kept showing, until about forty of our friends were in the house. Then one little girl began to touch the keys of the piano, and we had music and pleasant singing and conversation. About nine the napkins were passed around by a yet smaller girl and then coffee and cake were served. When all had eaten, the pastor, Rev. F. A. Currier, M. A., on behalf of the church and congregation, presented me the sum of \$29.00, with a few appropriate remarks, to which I replied. After more music and singing and pleasant conversation, the good old hymn was sung, "God Be With You," etc., and we separated with the happy thought of having spent a very pleasant evening together.

J. NOBLE.

Woodstock, Dec. 4th.

DOCTOR'S COVE, N. S.—Knowing that there are many who are interested in the good work of "the kingdom," I thought perhaps they might desire to hear from this part of the field. On Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, I began evangelistic services at Doctor's Cove. For some time I felt that some special work ought to be done at that place. I began, directed of the Lord, and felt that good would result. It was evident from the first that there were those there who would make acceptance of Jesus as Saviour and follow Him as Lord. The meetings were continued for four weeks, with but one night's interruption. God honored the faith and labors of His people, as He always does, and some sixteen manifested a desire to lead a Christian life, while six backsliders returned. Every Christian life in the community has been helped. There is still much conviction among both backsliders and sinners. It is not possible at this writing to say if the services will be continued.

During November I have been especially busy, having attended forty-four services, preaching twenty-seven times, attended four meetings of "The Twentieth Century Club," a literary society, attended a social, travelled better than 250 miles.

The work in the other parts of this pastorate is much as usual. As soon as possible a Bible class at Barrington will take up the study of "The Foreshadowings of the Christ," as prepared by the Chicago University. We expect to receive much help from this society.

J. E. GOSLINE.

Temple Parsonage, N. S., Nov. 30.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—I wish to acknowledge, on behalf of the church at Rusiagornish, the receipt of a Bible, a pulpit scarf, and collection plates, the gift of Mrs. A. B. Spence, St. Stephen, N. B.

The church appreciates such kindness, and the thanks of the congregation being expressed at a public meeting, it is hereby tendered to Mrs. Spence.

E. H. COCHRANE.

MINISTERS.—Rev. R. Heine is now in charge of the Keswick pastorate. He moved his family from Nova Scotia about ten days ago. His P. O. address is Mouth Keswick, York Co.

OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—The new Olivet Baptist Church, Montreal, is to be dedicated next Sunday.

—A revival in the Baptist Church at Upper Gagetown is reported. Six converts have been baptized by Rev. R. Mutch.

—Bishop Courtney, of the Church of England diocese of Nova Scotia, has tendered his resignation of the office, and has accepted the rectorship of St. James' Church, New York, one of the largest and most influential in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Bishop Courtney, who is an Englishman, has been Bishop sixteen years. He is an eloquent preacher. His reason for resigning is the poor health of his wife, who has had to live out of Nova Scotia most of the time for seven years.

Rev. Gordon Dickie, who was recently appointed assistant to Rev. L. G. Macneill, of St. Andrews Church, St. John, has been called to the Presbyterian Church at Bras d'Or, N. S., and is likely to go there.

—A Toronto despatch says the secretary of the Presbyterian Home Mission Board says they are facing a serious problem because of the scarcity of men to do winter work in the mission field in the west. So many student missionaries now spend the winter at college that for several months of the year the number of workers is entirely too small for the ground to be covered. As a result those who stayed in the field have to do double duty; for example, one missionary had to cover the whole of the Cariboo trail, a distance of 300 miles.

INTELLIGENCER FOR 1904

Renewals Now.

Renewals for next year are now in order.

Many subscriptions expire this month, all of which we hope to have renewed for another year.

A little before, rather than a little after, the expiration of a subscription, is the better time for renewal.

December should bring us a large number of 1904 subscriptions.

New Subscribers.

We will be glad if each friend of the INTELLIGENCER can send a new subscriber with his renewal. \$2.50 WILL PAY ONE YEAR FOR A RENEWAL AND A NEW SUBSCRIBER.

Will pastors kindly speak to their congregations about renewals and new subscribers? This is the time to push the canvass.

General Religious News.

—There are now 100 Baptist churches in Russia.

—The \$40,000,000 put into church buildings in 1902 will produce dividends while the world shall last. The money has been well invested.

—Crossley and Hunter have been in Midland, Ont., for five weeks in meetings with the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches, and about 500 converts have been enlisted, among the numbers being the leading physicians, merchants, mechanics, and a great host of splendid young men and women.

—The *Church Economist* presents the following figures, which are deemed substantially correct: In the United States Methodists build three churches a day, Baptists two, Lutherans one and one-half, Roman Catholics one and one-half, Presbyterians one, Episcopalians one, Congregationalists three-quarters, and miscellaneous, which would include the Reformed, United Presbyterian, Disciples of Christ, United Brethren, and Southern Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist bodies, one and one-half.

—Not only are the Evangelical churches in Austria flourishing, but also the schools for their children. We read of the founding of new schools, and of schools by reason of their growth needing larger buildings and more teachers, and of aid generously sent for these purposes from Germany. The Evangelicals are in no danger of having dragoons quartered among them to gently persuade them to better ways. They confidently and happily pursue their work, knowing that what they build shall not be molested, and that it will endure for them and their children and their children's children.

—Our Methodist friends are not a little concerned over the low rate of progress made by their denomination in Great Britain. The increase of members in the Wesleyan churches in the mother country during the past year is said to have been only 4,847, 1.04 per cent. The figures show an altogether inaccurate result of all the labors of the past. It is being feared that Methodism is losing something of its spirituality, intensity, and certainty, and that it is becoming luxury-seeking, and pleasure-loving. If this fear is well grounded, Methodism will certainly fail, and most deservedly so. We shall hope, however, for a rekindling of old-time fervor, zeal and consecration.

—The number of American Young Men's Christian Associations increased last year from 1,575 to 1,736, and the whole number of members (350,455) is 27,231 more than last year; of them 144,279 are active members, and 45,000 are in the boys' departments. The property amounts to \$28,827,000, \$4,726,000 more than last year. About \$250,000 of freewill offerings are disbursed by State and International Committees, and \$80,000 was sent abroad for mission work. The schools maintained by the associations gave instruction to about 30,000 students. Twice as many religious meetings and Bible classes were held in shops as in the previous year. Increase has also taken place in the membership of Bible classes, the number of men

serving on religious work committees, the amount of money spent for strictly religious purposes, and the number of men of the association joining churches. The railroad departments, work for soldiers and sailors, and the colored men's department also report growth.

—The Evangelical church of Spain is composed of all those Protestant bodies in Spain which adhere either to Presbyterian or to Congregational creeds and ecclesiastical forms. At the present time there are fifty-five churches, including mission chapels, with twenty-four pastors, more than 1,000 communicants, more than twice as many worshippers, and with largely attended day schools. The last general synod, held in Madrid, showed the church to be making great progress in spirituality, missionary zeal and Christian liberality. Nearly all the members of these Protestant churches are working people, receiving very small wages, and the sacrifices required of them to keep up public worship are considerable. The readiness to enter upon aggressive measures speaks loudly for their spiritual state.

—King Edward has greatly endeared himself to at least one branch of English Dissenters, the Primitive Methodists. It appears that for about twelve years the Primitive Methodists have conducted services in a temporary building near Sandringham, the favorite residence of the King and Queen. By the courtesy of a farmer this building has been allowed to stand upon a pasture, but a more permanent place has long been desired. The property has lately been added to the Sandringham estate, and his Majesty has graciously offered to build a room which, for a merely nominal annual rent, is to be placed at the service of the Primitive Methodists. The room is now being built, and will soon be ready for use.

Marriages.

ELLIOTT-ROUSE.—At Corn Hill, York Co., by Rev. Abram Perry, George Elliott and Mabel E. Rouse, both of Havelock, K. Co.

DAY-GALLOP.—At the home of the bride, at Somerville, C. Co., Allen Day, of Hartland, and Mrs. Gertrude Gallop, on the 2nd inst., by Rev. A. J. Prosser.

CASE-GERRISH.—At the parsonage, Wilson's Beach, Campobello, on Nov. 12th, by Rev. O. N. Mott, Harry E. Case and Emma E. Gerrish, both of Lubec, Me.

Deaths.

MALLOCH.—At Campobello, Nov. 26th, of heart failure, Alexander Malloch, aged 51 years, leaving a wife and five brothers, with a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.
O. N. MOTT.

GAYTON.—At Knowlesville, Car. Co., Nov. 24th, of brain fever, Reba Kathleen, aged 3 years, daughter of Charles H. and Mina Gayton.
H. A. B.

MOREN.—At Grand Harbor, Grand Marais, after a long sickness, Mary, beloved wife of Charles Moren, aged 27 years, leaving a sorrowing husband one child and many friends to mourn their loss. Sister Moren was a member of the Free Baptist church at Grand Harbor. It was the privilege of the writer to visit her during her illness, and she was confident of her acceptance with Christ, and was ready and willing to go to be with Christ.
A. M. MCNINCH.

HARSHMAN.—At the residence of her mother, Moncton, Nov. 18th, Cora Alice Harshman, aged 41 years. A mother, four sisters and one brother survive her. The deceased had been in failing health for a number of years; she was confined to her bed about two weeks. During the years of her affliction she was never heard to murmur. She possessed a beautiful Christian spirit, and was beloved by a large circle of friends. She professed faith in Christ when 22 years of age, and was baptized by the late Rev. G. W. McDonald. She did not unite with the church at that time; four years ago she united with the Reformed Baptist church in Moncton. She was a devoted Christian, and died as she had lived, trusting in God. For her to die was gain. The funeral service was conducted by the writer on the 21st, assisted by Rev. Z. B. Grass (Reformed Baptist). Interment was at Upper Foxchester. The writer officiated at the grave. May the Lord comfort the bereaved ones.
GIBSON SWIN.