# News of the Churches.

SOUTHAMPTON, YORK CO.—Rev. J. J. Barnes having decided to retire from the Southampton pastorate at the end of the year (October 1st), that field will need a pastor for next year.

MILLVILLE, YORK CO.—At a meeting of the Building Committee in Millville Friday night, 31st ult., it was decided to build a Free Baptist meeting house in Millville, at a cost of about fifteen hundred dollars ($1500.00). A building lot, consisting of one acre of land, was secured. We would appreciate correspondence from any one interested in our cause, suggesting anything modern in the way of a plan for a church.

J. J. BARNES.

MONCTON, N. B.—At our service in the Moncton church August 2nd, Bro. Stanley Lowrey, son of the late Deacon Lowrey, of Petitcodiac, united with the church by letter. He is a worthy young man. Others will unite with us soon. The prayer-meetings are not very largely attended during the summer months, but the Sunday services are well attended. We hope to see the work of the Lord prosper in our midst.

GIDEON SWIM.

ST. JOHN, NORTH.—The work here is going along quietly. It is difficult to keep up the interest at this season of the year, as there is a growing custom among city people to spend the summer months in the country, and especially Sundays. This affects the congregations very much. It is sometimes said of city church members that they are not as religious in the country as they are at home, and that the vacation relieves them from all responsibility in active work, both spiritual and secular. This may be true of some, but not of all. The true Christian will reflect the Christ-life at all times and in every place. If there is any special place where one could be more religious than another, it should be where he is surrounded by the beauties of nature. I believe Jesus spent many happy moments as he sat by the shore of the lake of Galilee, or viewing the beauties of nature, from which he drew so many lessons. To every thoughtful Christian nature reflects the wisdom and goodness of God, in preparing this beautiful world as a habitation where man is instructed and developed in physical, intellectual and spiritual life; and from which enjoyment can be received, whether in the forest or on the lake, or seeking rest in some quiet country place. Pleasure is greatly increased by being conscious of God's nearness, and recognizing his goodness in creating such scenery for thought and meditation.

D. LONG.

MINISTERS.— Rev. H. A. Bonnell, of the Keswick pastorate, has tendered his resignation.

THE INTELLIGENCER office had calls from the following brethren during the meeting of the Young People's League last week: Revs. E. S. Parker, C. T. Phillips, J. B. Daggett, H. H. Ferguson, J. N. Barnes, and S. J. Case. Of course, we were glad to see these brethren.

Rev. H. H. Ferguson has received a call to the Hampstead pastorate. He has it under consideration.

Rev. A. J. Prosser, of Campobello, was in Nova Scotia last week. He preached at Kemptville and Rockingham last Sunday.

Rev. F. C. Hartley, Fredericton, goes away this month for three weeks' vacation.

Rev. S. J. Case preached in Fredericton last Sunday morning. Bro. Case intends spending another year at Yale.

Licentiate Cochrane has intimated to the churches of the Rusiagornis-Lincoln pastorate his intention to resign at the end of the year.

## OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

—The annual meeting of the Disciples of Christ of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will be held at Pictou, N. S., August 20-23.

—The Baptist Woman's Mission Union of the Maritime Provinces will meet in annual session in Woodstock, N. B., on Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

—The Maritime Conference of the Methodist Episcopal African church was held in Halifax last week.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION. — A joint convention of Young People's Societies of the Maritime Provinces is to be held in St. John, N. B., Sept. 29th, 30th and Oct. 1st.

Each C. E. Society, B. Y. P. U., and Epworth League, is entitled to two delegates, who will be entertained free.

Among the speakers already arranged for are Rev. Clarence Mackinnon, of Sydney, Cape Breton, Rev. Dr. Andrews of Sackville, and Rev. Dr. McLeod of Fredericton.

Special rates on all steamers and railways.

EDITORS' WORK.—The *Journal and Messenger* says its editors "are always delighted when they receive a manuscript which needs no revision, when grammar, rhetoric and spelling are correct. Nothing is ever rewritten "for the fun of the thing." No words are stricken out, unless they are regarded as superfluous, or confusing. Now and then some one who thinks that he can write well, resents an interference with his rhetoric. It is painful to correct it; but editors are expected to do just such things. They would be glad if they did not have to do it. Sometimes contributions lie by for weeks, awaiting the time when they can be revised, or rewritten. Have patience, friends."

So say we all.

# General Religious News.

—In attendance in the Episcopalian churches there are 2 women to 1 man. In the Non-conformist churches the usual ratio is 3 women to 2 men.

—The British Railway Mission carried on a tent campaign last summer, erecting a tent for special services in large railway centres. The results were most satisfactory. There are 60 branches in Scotland, and several in South Africa, India and Japan.

—The Royal Japanese Navy now contains three floating Endeavor Societies, the first of which was formed several years ago. The gunboat on which it was formed sailed away with thirteen Endeavorers, and came back six months later with thirty.

—The Salvation Army is not making progress in London. Mr. Mudie Smith, the Statistician of the *Daily News*, says: "The Salvation Army cannot, I regret to say, be said to be strong in any district. In those boroughs where one would have expected to find a flourishing cause the failure is most apparent."

—Methodism is making good progress in Australia, judging from census returns recently published. Her membership is given as 587,943, the Presbyterians number 652,576, and the Church of England 1,811,644. The Roman Catholics number 965,622, being twenty-one per cent. of the population. The recent consolidation of the Methodist forces will mean more aggressive and successful work as time goes on. Other denominations outside the four mentioned are small in the Commonwealth.

—The American Bible Society has now been in existence eighty-eight years, and during the time its total issues amounted to 72,670,783 copies of the Word of God. In an article on this society the *Herald and Presbyter* gives the following interesting paragraph: "Voltaire, who died in 1777, prophesied that within a hundred years the Bible would be an unknown book. The Bible, which in Volitare's day existed in only thirty-eight tongues, is now being read, in whole or part, in over four hundred. One hundred and fifty of these languages were for the first time reduced to writing by Bible translators."

—Bishop Vincent reports great awakenings among the people of Sweden and there have been professed conversions in a large number of Methodist churches. Pastor K. A. Jansen has been doing a work of evangelization of great value and writes from Hudiksvall of meetings in that city, "It has been impossible to close the meetings before midnight; 500 people crowded together singing, shouting, weeping. More than 200 have testified their experience of saving grace; more than 100 have joined the church."

—Rev. S. A. Neblett writes from Matanzas, Cuba, "I find my work here delightful, and the people ready to make sacrifices for Christ. I have been in the homes of many of our members and find them very poor, and after seeing how they live, their contributions appear most liberal. One family of five, the father peddling fruit on the streets, and the four daughters earning a pittance weaving cane hats, contributes one dollar a month toward the running expenses of the church. Others are doing as much in proportion."

—Romanism in China follows the same diabolical course concerning the Scriptures which has characterized that ecclesiastical hierarchy in all its history. The people are not allowed the free use of the Bible, and the limited portions translated in the Chinese language are changed and interpolated to suit heathenism. In translating the Ten Commandments they leave out the second commandment, "Tho shalt not make unto thee any graven image;" the fourth commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," they translate, "Keep holy the festivals," and cut the tenth commandment in two, so as to make out the decalogue.

—Although the society of commercial travellers known as "The Gideons," has been organized only a year, it is growing at the rate of 130 members a month, and in the State of Wisconsin, where the society is the strongest, 74 hotels have taken out their bars through its influence. In Chicago three hundred Gideons conduct five to eight religious services every Sunday. The society numbers about 3,000 members in all, and is accomplishing much toward the attainment of its noble object—the creation of a higher standard of living among commercial men.

## ORGANIC UNION.

Says the *Messenger and Visitor*: "While organic union is not to be expected between ecclesiastical bodies which differ widely in respect either to doctrine or to polity, there would seem to be every reason why churches which are virtually of the same faith and order should come together in visible bonds of fellowship. Wherever church union can take place without a sacrifice of principle, it should be effected. Within recent years there have been several successful movements of closely related denominations toward each other to the great advantage of those concerned. And there are still others which might with great advantage come together. Much energy should be available for work in the world's wide mission fields, which is now being used up in the unnecessary reduplication of church organizations and equipments. The different Presbyterian bodies, and the different Methodist bodies in this country have in each case come together in one strong organization. It is gratifying to observe that there is a movement towards union among several of the smaller Methodist bodies in England. A closer union of Baptist bodies both in the old country and the new would doubtless be a good thing for the denominations and the interests they represent."

Amen!

CALLED. — A Toronto Presbyterian pastor, Rev. D. C. Hossack, has been called to a leading Presbyterian church in Cape Town, South Africa. The salary is $5,000.

# Marriages.

COLBURN-LERETTE.—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Moncton, on the 5th inst., by Rev. Gideon Swim, Charles Colburn and Mary Lerette, both of Moncton.

MCFARLANE-BURNHAM.—At Moncton, August 5, by Rev. Gideon Swim, Charles McFarlane, of Spring Hill, N. S., and Gladys Burnham, of Moncton, N. B.

COY-MCAULEY.—At the residence of Mr. J. E. McAuley, Lower Millstream, Kings Co., Mr. Henry C. Coy to Miss Alberta McAuley, by Rev. H. H. Ferguson, on July 29, 1803.

JONES-ALBERT.—At 181 Waterloo Street, St. John, by Rev. C. T. Phillips, Mr Alfred Jones and Miss Violet Albert, both of St. John.

# Deaths.

KERR.—At the residence of his son, Lewis Kerr, 203 Duke Street, St. John, on the 2nd of August, Thomas Kerr, aged 84 years, leaving four children—John A., of Boston; Mrs. W H. Soules, of Salmon City, Idaho; Mrs. Ellis, of Boston, and the son at whose home he died. Mr. Kerr was esteemed by all who knew him, and died in hope of a resurrection to eternal life through the merits of the Saviour in whom he trusted. A service was held in St. John and the body was taken to Jerusalem, Queens Co. for interment.

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