

Notes and Gleanings.

The champion tea drinkers of the world are the Thibetans. They buy it in "bricks" and drink it in pints. Tea bricks are used as currency.

Forty years ago Japan had not a single newspaper, where today she has some 600, of which not a few can boast a daily circulation of above 100,000 copies. These figures do not include magazines which are growing in number and power.

The records show that the Great Salt Lake in Utah is drying up. Some predict that it will disappear within a quarter of a century, judging from its shrinkage in area in the last few years. Several theories are entertained as to the reason.

The Chicago Packing Trades Council has adopted plans to eliminate the employment of girls in the stock yards of the United States. Girls will not be permitted to use a knife or steel in their work. The council declared that the blood brutalizes them, and that in the interest of future generations they should not be permitted to work at any employment in the stock yards where they are compelled to use the knife.

The Swiss and Italian ends of the great Alpine tunnel, under the Simplon Pass, have just met, after nearly six years of labor. The tunnel is twelve and half miles long, over three miles longer than any of the three other Alpine tunnels, and will cost, when complete, \$15,600,000. Its completion will give direct communication between Milan and Paris and London and points all the way to Brindisi.

The wealth of Russia in furs is being rapidly sapped. It is reported that in a certain district of the Yenesei government, where fifty years ago hunters annually shot 28,000 sable, 6,000 bears, 300,000 squirrels, 5,000 wolves and 200,000 hares, hardly a sable can be found today. The blame is laid to the wanton destruction of wild animals in the course of the hunting expeditions. No steps seem to have been taken to put a stop to this.

There is a one-story house in the town of Tonopah, Nevada, composed principally of glass bottles. It was built by a miner who used bottles on account of the scarcity of other material. They are placed in rows with the bottom ends outward, and are held in place by mud in place of plaster. The corners of the house are wooden beams also covered with mud. The walls of the house are about a foot in thickness, and it is so well built that it is more comfortable in winter than many houses in Tonopah. It is twenty feet long and sixteen feet wide and contains two rooms.

The land of Holland is divided into some 167,000 farms, of which 7,000 can be described as large, averaging about 325 acres; 48,000 can be classed as medium, averaging about 48 acres, while the remainder, some 112,000 in number, average about 10 acres. About half the kingdom is cultivated by the owners, the rest by the tenants. Land held by tenants descends from father to son, and landlords cannot turn out their tenants or raise their rents. In Holland there is no need to think of the possibility of

landlord having to reduce his rents; agricultural depression, as we know, does not exist.

A scenic tunnel under Niagara from Table Rock House out under the Horseshoe Falls has just been completed. "This work," says a technical paper, "was undertaken for the Niagara Falls Queen Victoria Park Commission in order to provide a perfectly safe view of the cataract from below. A shaft was sunk 127 feet and from this a tunnel was constructed curving out under the Horseshoe Falls 800 feet. From this laterals were run into the gorge, where large observation rooms will be constructed of glass where tourists can sit in easy chairs and look out. A large electric elevator has been put into the shaft and from the bottom a large board walk has been constructed to the mouths of the various lateral tunnels."

General Religious News.

—The Ontario and Quebec Baptists have 427 Sunday schools, with 36,544 scholars and 4,196 teachers. They raised last year \$22,547, \$6,183 being for missions.

—In England there are 2,050,718 communicants in the Church of England, and 2,010,530 in the Nonconformist churches; but the latter have 3,389,848 Sunday school scholars, as against 2,919,413 in the Established Church.

—Westminster Presbyterian Church, Toronto, and Methodist Church, Toronto, whose buildings are almost opposite each other, worshipped together two Sundays in July. This is a manifestation of the union that it is very pleasant to see.

—Arrangements are now practically completed for the disposal of C. H. Spurgeon's library, which numbers from 10,000 to 12,000 volumes. Books of special interest to Baptists will be placed in the Church House, modern theological works are going to the Pastors' College, and a third section will form the nucleus of a lending library for ministers.

—Dr. F. E. Clark, of the Christian Endeavor movement, has returned from his fourth around-the-world tour in the interests of the society. He attended conventions in Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, and in the various European countries. In South Africa a union service of the Dutch and English Societies was held, being the first meeting of such a character since the war.

—Considerable sensation was caused in England by the lodgment in jail at Leicester, for three days, of the venerable Thomas Champness, Wesleyan minister, who refused to pay 3s. 4d. and 7s. 6d. costs' claim opposite Education rate. When Mr Champness, who resides at Lutterworth, was liberated, a procession was formed to one of the Wesleyan churches, the crowd singing, "O God, our help in ages past." It is stated that Mr. Champness was too feeble to take part in the demonstration.

—The deaconesses of a certain Conference across the line are pushing a "hen campaign" for the benefit of their hospital. Every Methodist farmer's

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wife in the state is being urged to consecrate one hen and a brood of chickens to the Hospital Building Fund. The request of the deaconesses does not seem a very unreasonable one, but if it be acceded to, we are sure the fund will be surprisingly increased. Here is a suggestion to those nearer home.

—It is doubtful, the *Canadian Baptist* says, if any church of the Baptist persuasion in Canada can show a better record in the matter of giving than the First Church, Montreal, Que. It is the church of which Rev. J. A. Gordon, D. D., formerly of St. John, is pastor. Last year the members of this church contributed per caput \$36.53, viz., \$28.25 for current expenses, and \$8.28 for benevolent work. This is a remarkable statement, and is worthy of emulation by churches of all sizes and kinds.

Marriages.

WASSON - CAMBER.—At Woodstock, on the 9th ult., by Rev. F. Allison Currier, M. A., Mr. Arthur Wasson, of Bloomfield, Carleton Co., to Miss Hattie Gabel Camber, of Woodstock.

MORRIS - DRAPER.—At Woodstock, on the 16th ult., by Rev. F. Allison Currier, Mr. Moses Morris, of Kingsclear, York County, to Miss Lillian Draper, of Southampton, York Co.

STAIRS - ANDERSON.—At Woodstock, on the 18th inst., by Rev. F. Allison Currier, Mr. Wilbert Don Stairs, of Centre Waterville, York Co., to Miss Sevrna Edith Anderson, of the same place.

DUNCAN - SNOW.—At Woodstock, on the 20th inst., by Rev. F. Allison Currier, Mr. William Duncan, of Medfield, Mass., to Miss Rebecca Helen Snow, of Woodstock, N. B.

Deaths.

McGEE.—At 36 Highland Avenue, Houlton, Me., on the 1st inst., Mrs. Edith R. McGee, beloved wife of Mr. William McGee, Jr., after an illness of several months, was released from her sufferings by the death angel. Sister McGee was born at Newburg, C. Co., in 1869. When but a child she professed faith in Christ, was baptized, and joined the Free Baptist church at Lower Brighton, N. B. She was a consistent and faithful Christian to the end. Her departure was "to be with Christ." "Father knows what is best for His child," she used often to say in her illness. She never murmured. A husband, a father and one brother survive and mourn their loss, as well as a large circle of friends and relatives. Funeral services were held in the Lower Brighton F. B. church, and at the grave on Sunday afternoon, the 3rd inst., conducted by Rev. Merritt L. Gregg, assisted by Rev. A. J. Frosser, and Rev. J. N. Noble.

HAMILTON.—At Hamilton Mountain, on the 29th of July, in the 57th year of her age, Mrs. Harriet Hamilton, widow of the late John Hamilton, leaving three sons, one daughter, two brothers and two sisters, together with a large circle of friends, to mourn their sad loss. Our sister professed religion a good while ago, and united with the Free Baptist church, where she remained a consistent Christian until her death. Sermon by the writer.—J. A. ROBERTSON.

TAYLOR.—At Otnabog, Q. Co., July 27th, of cancer, David Taylor, aged 73 years, leaving a widow, two sons and four daughters, also five brothers and three sisters. Bro. Taylor professed religion about fifty years ago, and was baptized by Elder W. E. Pennington, and united with the Free Baptist church. He died as he lived, trusting in the merits of the Redeemer. Funeral service by the writer.—C. B. LEWIS.

CHENEY.—On the 27th ult., at the home of his son, Bloomfield, C. Co., Deacon Thomas Cheney, in the 83rd year of his age. He leaves twelve children to mourn the loss of a kind father. Some forty years ago the Free Baptist church of Seventh Tier made choice of him for one of their deacons, which office he filled faithfully until his death. His funeral was very largely attended, conducted by the writer, assisted by Revs. H. Hart and H. E. Thomas (Methodist).—T. S. VANWART.

McLELLAN.—On the 30th July, Doris Leslie, infant son of Leslie and Alice McLellan, aged 6 weeks. "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." Interment at Cedar Hill.—J. G. PERRY.

JORDAN.—On the 1st inst., Samuel Jordan, of Lower Queensbury, York Co., aged 55 years. He had been in poor health several years. His aged mother and other members of the family survive him. He was a member of the Lower Queensbury Free Baptist church, and is well spoken of by those amongst whom the most of his life was spent.

VANWART.—At his home, North End, St. John, on July 14th, after a brief illness, Captain Garrett Vanwart, aged 75 years, leaving a widow and four sons. He professed religion early in life, and became a member of the Free Baptist church at Hampstead. The body was brought to Central Hampstead for burial. A funeral service on Sabbath, 17th, was conducted by the writer.—C. B. LEWIS.

GAUNCE.—At Gagetown, on July 26th, of cancer of the stomach, John Gaunce, aged 67 years, leaving a widow, three sons and one daughter. The remains were brought to Upper Hampstead for burial. A short funeral service was held in the Free Baptist church, conducted by the pastor.—C. B. LEWIS.

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