

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Q. What good reason can you give for the title "Rev." being given to clergymen—a name belonging to God, see Ps. 111:9?

A. The title "Rev." is the abbreviation of the word "reverend," and is derived from the Latin word "reverendus." Its meaning, as given by the latest "Webster's Universal Dictionary" is: "1. Worthy of reverence; entitled to respect mingled with fear and affection, as, reverend and gracious senators. 2. Designating as a title of respect a clergyman or ecclesiastic; preferably used with the definite article; as, the Reverend Henry Ward Beecher."

In the passage quoted above, Psa. 111:9, "Holy and reverend is His name," this term is not given as one of the names of the Lord, or Jehovah, as seems to be the impression indicated by the question. The sense more properly is that the name of the Lord should be revered; or, is worthy of reverence. The Psalmist begins his song with an exhortation to praise the Lord. He then declares his purpose of praising the Lord with his whole heart "in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation." He next recites the various reasons why the Lord should be praised, and concludes thus: "He sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant forever; holy and reverend is His name." This is immediately followed by the declaration: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." That is, the reverence of the Lord which is mingled with fear and affection, is the first step in the way of salvation.

In the fifteenth century in England it was used as a general term of respectful address, much the same as we use the term "Sir." At that time the title "Sir" was much used with reference to the clergy. Since that time the usage seems to have changed so that the reverse is true at the present time. With regard to this the "Encyclopedia Britannica" says: "It has been habitually used of the parochial clergy of the Church of England since the end of the 17th century. It is not, however, a title of honor or dignity, and no denomination has any exclusive right to use it."

"The Americana" encyclopedia gives the following: "A title of respect given to ministers of religion—in the United States to the clergymen of all religious denominations, including the Jewish Church. The titles very reverend, right reverend, and the most reverend are applied to deans and vicars general, bishops, and arch-bishops respectively. A like usage prevails in England, but strict churchmen of the Establishment refuse to accord the title reverend to the clergymen of the dissenting churches. The bishop of Lincoln in 1874 refused to allow this title to be inscribed on the tombstone of a Wesleyan minister, and his action was approved by the Arches court; but that judgment was reversed on appeal to the privy council, when the title was declared to be simply one of courtesy and not confined to the clergymen of the Established Church. In Scotland the principals of the universities, if they be clergymen, and the moderator of the general assembly for the time being, are styled very reverend." It appears that the use of the

term in the Roman Catholic Church is very similar to that in the Church of England.

We have given this subject as careful an investigation as the time and authorities at our disposal will permit, and conclude that the term "reverend" is and has been used for a great while as a title of respect and courtesy to ministers of the Christian religion, and not one of the many authorities which we have consulted so much as suggests that its use as a title or name for the deity is proper. As ministers are entitled to respect, and even reverence for their office sake, we do not see why the term is inappropriate.

Q. How many Johns are mentioned in the Bible?

A. There are four Johns mentioned in the New Testament. 1. John, the son of Zacharias and Elizabeth, who came as the forerunner of the Messiah, and was beheaded by Herod, tetrach of Galilee. 2. John, a son of Zebedee and younger brother of James, and the beloved disciple of our Lord. 3. John, a kinsman of Amos, the high priest, Acts 4:6. 4. John, a son of Mary, sister of Barnabas, and surnamed Mark.—Wesleyan Methodist.

## MARRIED.

Ferris-Banks.

The wedding of Roy Ferris, of St. John, and Miss Bessie Banks, of Fredericton, was solemnized last evening at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ferris, 1 Carleton street, by Rev. G. B. Traf-ton. The bride was becomingly gowned in a dress of cream silk and carried a bouquet of cream roses. She was attended by Miss Elise Ferris, sister of the groom. The groom was supported by Thomas Banks, brother of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Ferris will reside in the city.

Good-Johnston.

The home of Mrs. Wilmot Whitlock, Millville, was the scene of a quiet wedding, when Mrs. Peter Johnston and Mr. Isaac K. Good, were united in marriage by Rev. I. F. Keirstead, Jan. 23rd. The couple were attended by Mr. P. Johnston, Jr., and Mrs. Armstrong, of Manchester, N. H. The happy couple have many friends, especially the Red Cross Society, of which Mrs. Good was a faithful members. They will reside at Central Kingsclear.

Newton-Carson.

A very pleasant event took place at the Reformed Baptist parsonage, North Head, Grand Manan, on the evening of Jan. 25th, 1917, when Mrs. Claudia Carson, of Grand Harbor, was united in marriage to Mr. Wesley Newton, of the same place.

The marriage was solemnized by the Rev. H. C. Mullen, pastor of the Reformed Baptist Church in North Head. Mr. Newton is a prosperous and well known merchant of the firm of Newton Bros., of Grand Harbor. The bride is the daughter of Mr. John Ingersoll, the popular and highly esteemed Captain of the steamboat Grand Manan.

We wish the contracting parties God's richest blessings and trust that they may be long spared to enjoy them.

Walk in the light that comes to you, after you are born again.

SUMMARY OF BOSTON'S BILLY SUNDAY REVIVAL.  
(Boston Post.)

71 days—Total period of Boston Sunday campaign, Nov. 12th, 1916, to Jan. 21st, 1917.

1,539,500—Grand total of attendance.

\$145,828.64—Grand total of all money collected.

\*\$50,828.64—Free-will offering to Billy Sunday.

63,484—Trail hitters who shook hand of evangelist and sat in penitent benches.

46,838—Trail hitters who signed cards designated choice of church for use of local Sunday committee.

132—Sermons preached by Billy Sunday at Tabernacle.

20—Sermons preached by Billy Sunday at colleges, clubs and private homes.

54—Tabernacle Bible classes following afternoon services conducted by Miss Grace Saxe.

81,000—Attendance at the 54 Bible Class meetings.

34—Noon meetings and luncheons for Boston business women at Park Street Church under direction of Miss Frances Miller.

26,000—Attendance at business women's meetings.

48,661—Prayer meetings held in private homes in Greater Boston and Boston proper from Oct. 4, 1916, to Jan. 16, 1917.

630,828—Attendance at home prayer meetings, an average of 13 to a meeting.

130—Meetings for business women outside of Boston proper under the direction of Mrs. William Asher.

26,000—Attendance at suburban meetings for business women.

124—Meetings for boys and girls under the direction of Miss Alice Miriam Gamlin.

17,416—Attendance at meetings for boys and girls.

2,579—Conversions at meetings for boys and girls.

25,000—Enrollment of High School students of Greater Boston in Bible classes, under the direction of Miss Rose Fetterolf and Miss Florence Kinney.

163—Meetings in shops, factories and mills under the direction of the Rev. Isaac Ward.

33,673—Attendance at shop, factory and mill meetings.

5—Meetings at homes of society women, where Billy Sunday preached.

8—Meetings for servant girls under the direction of Mrs. William Asher.

600—Attendance at meetings for servant girls.

\*The final total on the free-will offering will probably reach \$55,000. A check for \$50,826.64 was handed Sunday last night.

## A UNIQUE APPLICATION.

The congregation were unanimous in their words of commendation of the evangelist, and the excellent work, and Scriptural order of his preaching. The pastor of the church remarked, Are you not afraid that you will make me jealous by giving all your praise to the evangelist? A quick witted layman replied, yours will come later on as you are to remain. The Lord said, 'The poor ye have always with you.'