

RELIGIOUS.

METHODIST.

Last year \$190,000 were contributed by the Methodists of Canada for missions. An effort is being made to raise this year a quarter million dollars.

Revs. J. J. Teasdale, of Halifax, and J. A. Rogers, of Windsor, delivered missionary addresses this week in Yarmouth.

The last two issues of the *Halifax* have demonstrated the wisdom of the General Conference in appointing the Rev. Dr. Lathern to the editorship of that paper.

On the 2nd inst. six missionaries sailed from New York to join Bishop Taylor's mission. During the past two years sixty-four missionaries have gone to that field.

BAPTIST.

The Baptists of Scotland lately held their annual meeting. From the reports presented they do not appear to be very numerous, there being only 85 churches, with a membership of 9,330.

Rev. C. H. Spurgeon has been compelled to go to Mentone on account of ill-health. Since his connection with the Tabernacle, nearly 11,000 persons have been received into membership.

Rev. Dr. Galusha Anderson, for some time President of Chicago University, has been appointed to a similar position in Denison University.

The Baptist Churches at Bass River and Economy have secured the Rev. Mr. Haverstock, of Cape Breton as pastor.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The question of how best to commemorate the founding of the Colonial Episcopate of the English Church, is at present engaging the consideration of the authorities of the Church in the city of Halifax. Thus far, it has been determined to lay the foundation stone of a memorial Cathedral on Aug. 12, 1887, the centenary date of the consecration of Bishop Charles Inglis to the See of Nova Scotia. The Cathedral will probably take some years to build and complete, but it should be one of which the Church in Canada will not be ashamed, and would cost certainly not less than \$250,000. The site is not yet determined on, but it would probably be impossible to find a more suitable one than that of the present Bishop's Chapel. The elevation of the ground is good, the foundation solid rock, and the location as near the centre of the future city as can be. Appeal will be made to the Mother Church and the sister Church in the United States for aid, and most likely a special agent will be despatched to work up the matter in England. It is now in order for wealthy churchmen in Nova Scotia to show their patriotism and love for their Church by giving handsomely to the building fund.

Messrs. Mellor and Wolcott, of the C. and C. Church Society, and Mr. Lancaster, of St. Augustine College, will (D. V.) be ordained to the Diaconate in St. Paul's Church on Sunday next.

PRESBYTERIAN.

The Presbyterian Church at Bridgewater have extended a call to the Rev. John Ferry, of Glenelg.

Another Presbyterian Church has just been established in Boston, and efforts are being made to obtain the Rev. S. C. Gunn, of Springside, Upper Stowiacke, as the pastor.

A call from Prince St. Church, Pictou, to the Rev. A. Falconer, has been accepted by that gentleman, and he will be inducted on the 28th instant.

The agent of the Presbyterian Church has issued an urgent call for money, the Foreign Missionary and other funds being considerably in debt.

Since the retirement from the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Kittridge, the Third Presbyterian Church of Chicago, one of the largest in the denomination, has been without a pastor. It has issued a number of calls to the Rev. Dr. Withers, of Boston, and that gentleman has at last accepted.

Next Sunday the new Presbyterian Church at Baddeck will probably be dedicated.

CATHOLIC.

The total membership of the Catholic Knights of America is over 16,000 and is rapidly increasing. It has the endorsement of His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, eight archbishops and thirteen bishops, and many clergymen are members.

Baroness Burdett-Coutts has given away in charity about twenty millions of dollars.

The Pope has given \$2,000 to the Chinese Christians who are now undergoing a terrible persecution.

The Cardinal Primate of Hungary has lately celebrated his ordination jubilee. He was the son of a poor shoemaker, and crowned the Emperor of Austria as King of Hungary.

Rev. George Washington Brown, an Episcopalian clergyman and assistant rector of St. Paul's, Baltimore, has entered the Catholic faith with a view of studying for the priesthood.

His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons will shortly proceed to Rome to receive the "red hat" from the hands of the Pope in public consistory.

Mr. John Chisholm, of Antigonish Co., and a graduate of St. Francis Xavier's College has recently received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the College of the Propaganda, Rome. We congratulate Dr. Chisholm on his acquired distinction.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

While clearing the ground for enlarging the buildings of the National Bank in Rome, the workmen discovered the remains of a Roman house in good preservation, with paintings on the walls, which is pronounced as having been built in the third century.

In Chili, the tram-conductors are usually young women, of twenty to twenty-five years of age, dressed in a uniform of blue flannel, with Panama hats and white pianofortes, in the numerous pockets of which they keep their tickets and change.

The Agricultural Bureau estimates that 180,000,000 bushels of corn are required for human food, 621,000,000 for working animals, 20,000,000 for seed, 100,000,000 for the production of spirits and glucose, 65,000,000 for export, and upward of 900,000,000 for the food of meat producing animals; in all, 1,889,000,000 bushels. But our crop this year is only 1,650,000,000 bushels. Where is the balance coming from? From the stock of old corn left over, we suppose.

W. A. Croftall tells in the *Washington, D.C., Post* a story which he says was told him at dinner by a member of the Hilton family about A. T. Stewart's body. It is that two years after the stealing of the body Mrs. Stewart paid \$25,000 for its return. The bones were delivered to Mrs. Stewart's representative at a secluded spot in West Chester County, and the money paid over to a masked man. The representative had to go alone. The whole affair was enveloped in mystery, and every precaution taken to prevent the betrayal of the thieves. The remains were then taken to Garden City on a special train at night.

A carpet merchant of Vienna has a curious collection of ancient woollen and linen cloths, including more than three hundred specimens. Many of them have been taken from tombs, and are stretched on folios of cardboard to preserve them. Some of the fragments are only a foot square, but the larger ones make up an entire Roman toga, which is said to be the only one in the world. There are a great many embroidered dresses, and a deal of knitting and crewel work. Double chain stitch seems to have been as familiar to the Egyptian seamstress, sewing with bone needles, as it is to modern women. There are some very quaint and unusual designs in the old collection of cloths, but there are also some very common things. It is curious to find that the common blue check pattern of our dusters and workhouse aprons was in general use among the Egyptians more than 1,000 years ago.

When Mr. C. A. Marshall, of Wythville, Va., who has been sojourning for the past three months in the Big Horn country, took the train for his home in the Old Dominion, he was accompanied by his famous Maltese cat, Driver, says the *Cleghorne Leader*. This animal weighs about twenty-five pounds and is a marvel of intelligence. At the Big Horn ranch, where Mr. Marshall was sojourning, it was Driver's regular evening duty to go after and drive up the milch cows. There were twelve of these cows, and Driver was never known, except on one occasion, to leave one of them behind. The occasion referred to is a very good illustration of the sagacity of the Maltese. He found one of the best cows in the bunch so badly crippled that she could not get home. Driver drove her as far as possible and then, leaving her, hurried the others home on the lops. Arriving at the corral, he impatiently waited until the calves were turned with the cows, when he selected the one belonging to the absent cow, and started on the back track with it. He was curiously followed and was seen to take the calf straight to its mother. Here he seated himself on his haunches and benignly purred, while the stricken mother suckled her offspring. He then drove the calf back to the corral, and doubtless enjoyed a tranquil and unbroken night's rest. All this and much more Mr. Marshall proudly related of his favorite, who, with an appreciative cast of countenance, gravely listened to the sounding of his praises. Driver displayed his usual perspicuity at the depot. He gave vent to frightful meows and swelled his tail to the size of a club when an expressman perpetrated an overcharge upon his master, thereby frightening that extortionist into a fit of at least a week's honesty, and when the train pulled out Driver was seen perched upon the back of a seat, looking over his master's shoulder at a time-table, with an expression that would have been a revelation to the modern tourist.

A new industry has sprung up in Delhi. Some enterprising natives, the *London Graphic* says, are taking advantage of the government's offer of two annas for every snake killed to trade on the old traditional tree and serpent worship. August 4 is the great serpent-worshipping day, and every Tuesday the pipal tree is worshipped by Hindoo women. Taking advantage of the reverence paid to snakes, a large number of men have set to work catching these reptiles. Then, taking them into the streets where pious Hindoos most abound, they announce that they are on their way to claim the reward, but that they are quite willing for a piece or two more to release the reptiles, and so save themselves from the sin of snake murder, which their poverty would otherwise drive them to commit. The appeal is invariably successful.

A French physician announces that distressing or excessive palpitation of the heart can always be arrested by bending double, the head down and the hands hanging, so as to produce a temporary congestion of the upper portion of the body. In nearly every instance of nervous or aortic palpitation, the heart immediately resumes its natural function. If the movements of respiration are arrested during this action, the effect is still more rapid.