

RELIGIOUS.

BAPTIST.

The Rev. D. G. McDonald, who is at present holding special services at Cow Bay, C. B., has declined the call to the pastorate of the Main Street Baptist Church, Woodstock.

The Rev. Mr. Adams is to supply the pulpit of the First Church, Yarmouth, during the next six months.

Mr. Spurgeons church carries on an effective system of colportage. During the last year its sales of Bibles, religious books, and magazines, amounted to nearly \$45,000. It employed 78 men, who visited more than 1,500 towns and villages.

The Rev. Mr. Wior, who, during the past year has been laboring in Yarmouth, has accepted a call to a church in Guelph, Ont.

METHODIST.

Mrs. S. I. Clemons, wife of the Rev. F. M. Clemons of Ohio, met her death recently under peculiar circumstances. A meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held at her home, and while kneeling in prayer she received a stroke of paralysis which caused her death.

The Rev. Ross Taylor, son of Bishop Taylor, has been engaged in successful revival work in California since his return from Africa.

The Church extension Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States has just held its annual meeting. It makes loans and gifts toward church buildings. The receipts of the year just closed were \$137,361.83. Of this \$93,056.75 were given to 275 churches. The Loan Fund account received \$77,601.87, and had on hand from the previous year \$36,887. Loans without donations were made to one college, six parsonages, and seventy-eight churches, in all \$105,700. Grants have been made conditionally for this year to 215 churches.

Bishop Taylor, the well known African missionary, was in Europe last month. He reported that all the missionary families are comfortably settled. There are six stations connected with the mission.

PRESBYTERIAN.

St. Paul's Church, Truro, of which the Rev. Mr. Dustan is pastor, is in a very healthy condition. At a recent communion eighty new members were received into the church.

The Rev. J. C. Cottonach of Sherbrooke, Quebec, has accepted the call to St. Andrew's church of this city.

The new church at Big Bras d'Or was dedicated last Sunday. The services were conducted by the Revs. Messrs. Ross and Farquharson.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese sails for Halifax on January 14. His health is reported as much improved by his visit to England.

The Rev. A. D. Sylvester, curate of St. Luke's Cathedral is said to have resigned his position; and to purpose removing to the Southern States, as this climate does not suit his health.

The missions of Port Medway and Clementsport are still vacant. Young and active men would find a promising field of labor in each of these parishes.

The Halifax Church Sunday School Teacher's Association has resumed its winter meetings. The President, Rev. H. G. Winterbourne, is showing great energy in forwarding the work of the Association, which it is to be hoped will now prosper and increase.

The St. George's mission on Water Street is growing rapidly, shewing the need there was of the ground being occupied.

No appointment have yet been made to the vacant sees in England. Churchmen look forward with much anxiety at the present crisis to the designation of the new Bishops.

CATHOLIC.

THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS.—Changes in the composition of the Sacred College come rapidly. Already the Cardinals created by the present Pontiff outnumber those created by Pope Pius IX. Out of the present total of sixty-two Cardinals, twenty-eight owe their elevation to Pope Pius and thirty-four to Pope Leo. The Religious Orders have now thirteen representatives, who are thus distributed: 5 Benedictines, 1 Augustinian, 2 Oratorians, 1 Oblate of Mary, 1 Jesuit, 1 Capuchin, and two Dominicans. Considered in relation to nationality, the Sacred College is thus divided: 85 Italians, 5 French, 5 English-speaking, 3 German, 3 Hungarians, 4 Austrians, 4 Spaniards, 2 Portuguese, and two Poles. Forty-two Cardinals have died during the reign of the present Pontiff.

CATHOLIC REVIVAL IN ITALY.—The great revival of faith and fervor in Italy which is the admiration of strangers, may be said to be the work of Leo XIII. The extraordinary tact he has displayed in episcopal appointments, his prudent selection of Bishops, and his conciliatory attitude, have completely won the hearts of his enemies. No one outside Italy can appreciate the difficulties under which he labors when making an appointment. But he has never given ground for a complaint. He has studied the interests of all, and sometimes, as in the example of Turin, has deprived himself and the Roman Court of the presence of a dear friend, and one of the brightest ornaments of the Church, in order to conciliate and to further God's interests.

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