

RELIGIOUS.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The recognition of women's work in the Church is becoming every day more general. Rev. Canon Body, of Dunham, with the sanction of Bishop Lightfoot, has just organized a devoted band of ladies to reside among the miners, to nurse, teach, and in other ways help the pitmen and their families. And notable among recent New York news is the appeal of Rev. W. S. Rainsford, for the further revival of the scriptural order of deaconesses. The Bishop of New Westminster has returned to his Diocese, after a visit to England.

At a recent missionary meeting of the C. M. S., a speaker said that an educated Hindoo had informed him that he had read the New Testament 83 times, and the Old Testament 27 times. There is everywhere throughout the continent of India, a cry for more clergy and increased resources.

This is the season for Diocesan Conferences throughout England. Though these meetings have no legislative powers, they promote the cause of the Church by ventilating grievances and discussing burning questions, and bringing the experience of the working clergy to bear on the problems of the day.

The action of the Synod in postponing the adjourned meeting until February, in order that the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and the Bishop of London should have sufficient time in which to select a suitable person to fill the vacant bishopric of Nova Scotia, is the only course under the circumstances that could have been adopted. The sensational headings over the reports of the meetings of the Synod, in which the representative of the Halifax Herald vouchsafes to give his opinion on the situation, have caused no little amusement. Those who understand the true inwardness of matters are perfectly satisfied with the progress of affairs, but the Herald is evidently not versed in ecclesiastical politics.

BAPTIST.

Rev. Wm. Downey has become pastor of the Free Baptist church at Marysville, N. B.

The Board of Governors of Acadia College will meet at Wolfville on Tuesday next.

The action of the Rev. Mr. Spurgeon in withdrawing from the Baptist Union in England, is being discussed at considerable length, many being of the opinion that he has severed his connection with the denomination. Such is not the case, however. There are many Baptist churches in that country, outside the Union.

The Baptist Year Book, published under the direction of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, has just been issued. The information contained in it relating to the several departments of church work is exceedingly valuable to those connected with the denomination.

There are 375 Baptist churches in the Maritime Provinces, with a membership of 45,553. The number of the Sunday-schools is reported to be 406, connected with which there are 22,390 scholars.

The King of Siam has given the Baptist mission at Bangkok \$240,000 in aid of a school and hospital.

METHODIST.

Rev. David Savage and his mission band concluded their labors in Halifax last Thursday, and are engaged this week in holding services at Windsor.

Rev. Y. Hiraiwa, the native Japanese Methodist minister, who is addressing missionary meetings throughout the Maritime Provinces, occupied the pulpit of Grafton Street church last Sunday morning, and in the evening conducted service in Charles St. church. Missionary meetings were held on Monday evening at Brunswick St., and on Tuesday evening at Grafton St., at which very interesting addresses were delivered by Mr. Hiraiwa and Prof. Burwash, of Mount Allison College.

Rev. J. L. Dawson, at present in charge of the Methodist church at Oxford, has accepted an invitation to the pastorate of Robie St. church, of this city, subject to the approval of Conference.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Dr. Colin Pitblado, a brother of the Rev. C. B. Pitblado, of Winnipeg, has volunteered to go to China as a missionary. He is spending the winter in study at Pine Hill.

Rev. Dr. McCosh has resigned the position which he held for many years, of President of Princeton College. Probably no man in the United States has done more on behalf of education than the late President of this institution.

Rev. J. Cahill will be inducted into the charge of the Presbyterian congregation of Economy on the 29th instant.

A very handsome church was lately dedicated at Boularderie, C. B.

Rev. W. R. Cruickshank, a native of Musquodoboit, who is at present pastor of St. Matthew's church, Montreal, has received a call to a large and influential church in Perth, Ontario.

The Rev. D. M. Gordon, who has accepted the call to St. Andrew's church of this city, will probably leave Winnipeg about December 1st.

The many friends of the Rev. Dr. Archibald, of St. Thomas, Ontario, will regret to learn that owing to ill-health he has been obliged to tender his resignation of the pastoral charge of the church in that town. He will spend the winter in California, and we trust will be restored to health.



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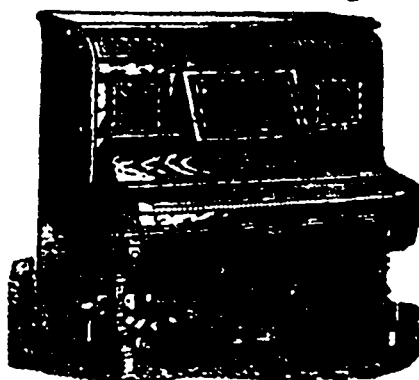
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