

RELIGIOUS.

METHODIST.

Rev. W. G. Lano lectured last evening in Kaye St. church on "A trip to Sweden," illustrating his subject with oil paintings especially prepared by him. The large audience present were delighted with the lecture, and expressed their pleasure by hearty applause throughout its delivery.

Rev. Dr. Pierce has retired from the editorial management of Zion's Herald, after occupying the position for fifteen years. He succeeded in making the paper one of the best of Methodist periodicals.

The Methodists of Amherst have decided to enlarge the church occupied by them, in order to provide additional seating capacity.

Quite a large number of Methodist churches in the Province are holding special services, and report considerable success.

Rev. David Savage and his mission band are at present in St. John. They will be engaged for the next month holding special services in that city.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. James Fleck, of Montreal, is spoken of as the successor of the Rev. D. M. Gordon to the pastorate of Knox church, Winnipeg.

It is stated that the Rev. C. B. Pablado, of St. Andrew's church, Winnipeg, will accept the call received by him from a Presbyterian church in San Francisco.

From the reports given of the annual meetings now being held throughout the Province, it appears that the Presbyterian churches are generally in a sound and prosperous condition.

It is expected that Rev. Dr. Burns will be confined to his house for the next month in consequence of the injuries sustained through a fall.

The congregation of Sharon church, Stellarton, intend building this year a new church.

Rev. R. C. Murray, belonging to Pictou, went to India about two years ago as a missionary from the Presbyterian Church in Canada. About three months ago the death of Mrs. Murray took place in India. Since her death Mr. Murray has been in ill health, and he intended returning to Nova Scotia on furlough very shortly; and now word has been received of his death, which took place last week.

BAPTIST.

A new Baptist church was dedicated at East Jeddoro on the 6th instant, the Rev. A. F. Brown conducting the services.

Rev. Walter Bates, late of Victoria, B. C., has recovered his health sufficiently to enable him to take charge of a Baptist church at Hoosac, N. Y.

The following statistics are given by a Baptist authority. Throughout the continent of Europe there are but 3,499 Baptist churches, 2,505 pastors or missionaries, and 370,923 members; in Asia, 922 churches, 366 ministers, and 65,166 members; in Africa, 75 churches, 68 ministers, and 2,362 members. In America there are 32,823 churches, 19,008 ministers, and a membership of 2,872,564. In Canada there are 894 churches, 553 pastors, and 88,000 members. Inclusive of India the number of Baptist churches throughout the world is 37,478; pastors, 22,150, and members, 3,329,542.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Thomas, of Brooklyn, has been chosen to the chair of Church History by the authorities of Newton Theological Seminary.

There are eleven colleges in Missouri under Baptist control. They have 21 teachers and 1,190 students.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The most important news of the week is the refusal of the English Bishops to nominate a Bishop for this Diocese. There is hardly a churchman who will not feel relieved by this, or who did not feel that the reference to England at all was a mistake. It now remains to be seen whether the Synod has learnt wisdom by experience, and will endeavor to unite upon some good and moderate man from the Dominion. If the Church of England has not been able in a hundred years to develop one man capable of filling the See of Nova Scotia, she deserves to go backward, and she certainly will.

A good deal of real regret has been aroused in England by the death of Rev. A. H. Machonochie. Around his name one of the fiercest of the theological battles raged for many years. The result has shown the utter utility of persecution, as powerless in later days as in earlier centuries to stay the march of thought; and also to compel men to treat each other with greater tolerance. If we cannot all think alike, it will ever be impossible to make all act alike.

It is reported that Dr. Stainer is about to retire from the post of organist of St. Paul's Cathedral. He is one of the greatest performers of the day, most learned musician, and a good, sound composer. His influence, both personal and official, will be much missed at the centre of English Church Cathedral life.

A sharp controversy has been going on in the English papers and magazines as to the value of Prof. Wellhausen's work as an Archaeologist and Biblical critic. His chief opponents have been Captain Conder R. E., of the Palestine Survey, and Dr. R. S. Poole, of the British Museum, both of whom appear to convict the Professor of ignorance of some vital parts of his subject. If we must have destructive criticism, we are at least entitled to have it accurate.

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