

for the kindness, christian love and sympathy; have shown to myself and wife during our six weeks stay in Denver.

Yours faithfully, W. S."

Since writing the above, I have learned that the infant class will, in future, meet in the lecture room, and entirely apart from the rest of the School.

W. S."

Poetry.

THE WOOD-PIGEON.

Yon busy bird coo merrily,
As busy workers do,
Yet builds its nest so carelessly,
The eggs come falling through;
And still it sings while summer lasts,
And nestles in its doings;
But winter comes, with northern blasts,
And pulls the nest to ruins.
So man will sing and build—and trust
To nature's tiny spray,
Till judgment, with restless gust,
Shall sweep the whole away!
The storm is near—but mercy brings
The refuge very nigh,
That thither, with expanded wings,
The desolate may fly!
Though but a feeble folk we be—
A timid scattered flock,
Through grace we build not on the tree,
Our nest is in the Rock!
Christ is that Rock! nor hell, nor death,
Our happy nest can move;
The blessed resting-place of faith
Is God's UNCHANGING LOVE!

—Selected.

Religious Intelligence.

DENOMINATIONAL.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Baptists reported during the month: Alvinston, 4; Arkona, 9; Aylmer, 17; Camahague, 2; Delhi, 35; Durham, 22; Fordwick, 6; Kincardine, 3; Langton, 23; London, *Adelaide St.* 51; *York St.* 91; Milland, 2; Paisley, 31; Salford, 22; Sparta, 27; Toronto, *Alexander St.* 3; *Col. Leg. St.* 2; *Jarvis St.* 10; *Parliament St.* 21; *Yorkville*, 5; *Tyrell*, 17; *Venison Creek*, 2; *Woodford*, 1; *Yarmouth*, *First*, 4; *Paris*, 1.

Pastoral Resignation.—Rev. H. P. Fitch has resigned the charge of the church in *Simco* on account of ill-health. Rev. ELLMORE HARRIS, B.A., has resigned the charge of the First Church in *St. Thomas* also on account of ill health.

Miscellaneous.—The *Park St. Church*, Hamilton have purchased a site for their contemplated new church edifice at the corner of James and Jackson Aves., for \$6,000.—The corner stone of the new *Oldfield Baptist Church*, Montreal, was laid with imposing ceremony on the 25th ult.—The *Kincardine Baptist Church* has just completed the first year of its history. From a commencement with 14 the membership has increased to 107, of which number 82 were baptized during the year. The pastor of the church is Rev. Alex. Grant, a young minister, whom God has wonderfully opened in the conversion of souls, not only there but in several other places. The Sunday school has

grown from 70 to 132 scholars. The financial prosperity has been as remarkable in its way as the spiritual. The cause is now self-sustaining.

The Recent Board Meetings. We have only space for a few brief notes on the Woodstock meetings. 1. The *Graduating Class* at the Institute this year was fully up to the average, the five brethren who go out all acquiring themselves very creditably. They all settle as once as pastors. The following are their names and fields: 1. A. McCLEOD, *Whitby*; GEORGE EVERTON, *Harrow*; D. D. BURCH, *Leamington*; W. M. GREGOR, *Lindsay*; and A. MCCONNELL, *Waterdown*.

2. The *Home Mission Board* held a very important meeting. The reports of the Missionaries showed that 153 believers had been baptized during the quarter. The financial report was, on the whole, very encouraging. Though the times have been very hard the Secretary, by his indomitable efforts, has collected since October, close on \$4,000; and the Convention has been the gainer by Dr. Davidson's appointment of \$2,000 over and above his salary and expenses during the year of his financial agency.

3. The *Foreign Mission Board* finds itself very much in debt, and has followed the example of the Home Board by resolving upon the appointment of a Financial Agent. During the year the Missionaries have baptized 107 converts from heathenism. As we anticipated in our last month's issue a thorough and hearty understanding has been come to between the Board and the Women's Society of Ontario; the ladies have themselves amended the obnoxious "Constitution"—for which they were never responsible—and submitted for the approval of the Board one of their own making. The action of the ladies was so gratifying to the Board that the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That we heartily approve of the alterations proposed by the Ladies' Central Board for Ontario in the Constitution of their Foreign Mission Society and that the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the kind and considerate concessions made to meet the views of this Board and to prevent any friction in the work in which brethren and sisters are jointly engaged."

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Baptists reported during the month: Barony, 8; Barton, 7; Beaver River, 2; Canby, 1; Damfries, 8; Dundas, 8; East Point, P. E. I., 20; Florenceville, 16; Halifax, *Granville*, 1; Lake George, 40 (during revival); Margareville, 3; Moncton, *Second*, 1; New Albany, 8; New Minas, 17; Nictaux, 7; North River, N. S., 51; Oak Bay, 18; Paradise, 7; Parrsborough, 11; Springfield, 6; Tusket 15; Windsor, 7.

MANITOBA.

Rev. Alex. Warren, late of Durham, Ont. has been appointed second missionary to Manitoba, in place of Rev. D. McCaul, resigned. We believe no better appointment could have been made to this important field.

UNITED STATES.

Of over one hundred students of the Baptist Institute at Richmond, Va., sixty are preparing for the ministry.

The Point Chautauque Baptist Association is making extensive preparations for the coming season. A tabernacle to seat 3,000 persons is building. There will be a meeting and dedicatory service of both grounds and tabernacle, opening on the afternoon of July 23rd, and closing on the afternoon of August 1st.

Rev. J. C. HIRD, M.D., formerly of Brantford and St. Thomas, Ont., is fully installed in his new church at Burlington, Iowa, as successor to Rev. J. E. Hooper, M. A., who has recently returned to St. John, N. B., to take the editorial management of the *Christian Visitor*.

The seventh annual meeting of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society was held in New York

recently. The Society extends throughout the New England and Middle States, and embraces nearly 800 circles. Over 600 delegates were in attendance. The treasurer reported that during the past year \$39,260.43 had been received, and \$38,811.09 had been paid out for missionary purposes. A review of the home department work of the society showed that the condition of the society was prosperous, its membership being about 13,000 and steadily increasing. The society sustains in Asia, Japan, and China, thirty-seven mission schools, which give instruction to 1,832 pupils.

GENERAL.

Bible distributors in Russia report a wide-spread and growing demand for the Word of God, in whole or in part.

There is a Chinese Young Men's Christian Association in Oakland, California.

The International Sunday School Lessons are printed with notes and explanations, every week, in the Hawaiian language.

The leavening power of the Gospel is being finely illustrated in the case of Mexico. It is but a few years since the first Protestant missionary went there, and now nine Protestant denominations have missions in Mexico, employing in the aggregate 98 missionaries. There are 137 congregations, 12,000 members, and 45 Sunday and 36 day schools, with 1,137 scholars.

The Young Women's Christian Association held a large meeting in London, at St. James's Hall, in April. Lord Shaftesbury, who presided, said "that he could not, like the former speakers, address the audience as 'dear sisters' if it should rather be, 'My dear daughters or grand-daughters.' He felt deep sympathy with them; and while glad to co-operate was glad to see so large a gathering. The fact showed how they appreciated the institution, and were interested in it. He was moved to thankfulness when he saw how far the endeavours of Lady Kinnaird had been blessed, especially when he contrasted the present with the London of the past, when young girls came from the country alone, without experience and without any one to give them advice. A isolated state was one of danger, and thus the founders of the Institution almost supplicated young women to receive the blessings of Christian association they offered them. He himself inspired his young friends to accept what was offered with thankful hearts, and prayed that the blessing of God might rest upon them.

The Ningpo (China) Presbytery has twelve clerical members, of whom only three are foreigners. The foreign decrease every year. There are 537 communicants, of whom 31 were received last year. Of the seven churches have permanent buildings, and three congregations are wholly self-supporting. Some Christian States do little better.

The Baptist Church stands first among denominations in the South, the Methodist Episcopal Church (South), second, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, third. The tabulated results are as follows:

Baptists (about).....	1,250,000
M. E. Church, South.....	715,000
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Southern Presbyterian Church.....	112,000
Lutherans.....	100,000
Protestant Episcopal Church.....	69,000
Methodist Protestant Church.....	50,000

It is a favorite assertion of the enemies of Christianity that, after sufficient trial, it has failed to leave a marked impression upon the world, and superficial statistics are given to sustain the notion. A better knowledge of facts leads to a different conclusion. The following statistics are presented by Prof. A. J. Schem, in a discussion on the diffusing of Christianity: