

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Methodist Notes.

Throughout the Conference of Nova Scotia there has probably never been more general attention given to evangelistic services than has been the case during the past two months. From many places conversions have been reported by scores and in some instances by hundreds. The "showers of blessing" that have attended the labors of Messrs Crossley and Hunter in Canning, Lunenburg and Windsor have rejoiced the churches of all the denominations that have joined in these campaigns; while with less éclat but with no less convincing proof that the Gospel is still "the power of God unto salvation," the less known men in the regular pastorate have been permitted to bring to the feet of the Master sheaves of precious souls.

Probably no similar work that has occurred for the last fifty years, in this vicinity, has been marked by greater interest or power than that which is still going forward in Harborville. Without the favoring condition of a single service of a special character having been held, in response to an appeal of the Rev. Mr. Glendenning for immediate surrender to Christ, about thirty persons arose to their feet and from that time forward the work has proceeded with such vigor and results as prove to every man willing to admit proof that this work is of God. We learn that already considerably more than one hundred persons have professed submission to Christ in these services.

The pastor of the Methodist churches on the Aylesford circuit desires to express through these columns, the heartiest brotherly greetings to the Rev. Mr. Morgan, the newly inducted pastor of the Baptist churches of this charge, and to congratulate him on the enthusiasm which seems to pervade the several departments of his denominational work over his field of labor. The associations which I was permitted to enjoy with Bro. Morgan's predecessor, the Rev. Mr. Bancroft, and all along with the Baptist people of Aylesford will ever be like fragrant ointment. There is plenty of room and occasion for us all to work; and working with a courteous regard to mutual rights and a practical recognition of the Golden Rule in our denominational methods, we ought to show, and let us say by the grace of God we will show the reign of that charity which "envieth not, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil," and "rejoiceth in the truth."

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The Church of England missionaries in North China have just successfully printed a Chinese Prayer Book.

A demand for Bibles is being created in China. Last year one society distributed nearly 400,000 copies.

It is expected that fully 200 bishops from all churches of the Anglican Communion will attend the Lambeth Conference in July, 1897.

Congregations of 10,000 to 12,000 people have been attending the open air services conducted by the English Bishop of Sodor and Man.

The Afro-American Methodist Episcopal bishops presented the Bible which was used by Mr. McKinley in taking the presidential oath of office.

When Queen Victoria ascended the English throne in 1837 there were but seven colonial dioceses connected with the Church of England. Now there are ninety-six.

All Christian bodies of Great Britain contribute, in round numbers, \$7,000,000 a year to foreign missions. Of this amount \$2,700,000 are contributed through Church of England societies.

It is announced that at the Lambeth Conference proposals are to be considered for a closer union between the Church of England and the Established Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

A conventional alms basin would be sadly out of place in an African church. In response to an appeal by the Bishop of Zululand at a native service, there were offered several head of cattle and a number of chickens.

The superintendent of the Yokohama, Japan, police department recently said to an American missionary to whom he was giving permission to distribute copies of the Bible among the policemen: "Its teachings are good, and if they were followed it would lessen my work very much."

Less than sixty years ago there were but six native Christians in China. Now there are five hundred organized churches with nearly sixty thousand communicants. The number of baptised persons is not far from one hundred thousand. Although mostly poor, their contributions amount to nearly \$45,000 a year. And still there are some people who claim that foreign missions are a failure.

Sir Isaac Pitman, the inventor of stenography, who recently died in England, was a Churchman. When but fifteen he read the whole of Walker's Dictionary twice through, writing down all the words he mispronounced. When his reading was finished he found on his hands a list of some three thousand words, whose pronunciation he had to unlearn. He was a total abstainer, a non-smoker, and a strict vegetarian.

A Providence Churchman has given \$200,000 to the Public Library Association of the city for the erection of a new library building.

Dean Grisdale, who has just been elected Bishop of the Canadian Diocese of Qu'Appelle, began life in England as an errand boy in a large factory.

In the opinion of Dr. Joseph Cook, the present deficit in missionary treasures is due as much to "soft times in doctrine as to the hard times in business."

Dr. Stalker's "Life of Christ" and "Life of St. Paul" have been translated into Swedish, Norwegian, German, Spanish, Bulgarian, Chinese and Japanese.

Rev. F. B. Myer, the well known English evangelist, is a Baptist clergyman who is in charge of a Congregational church, which uses the Episcopal liturgy and is governed by the Presbyterian polity.

The last report of the American Bible Society gives the total number of Bibles issued during the year as 1,750,282. The grand total for the eighty years of the Society's existence is 61,709,841. This number includes Bibles in one hundred different languages and dialects.

Canada for Canadians.

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the earth can we turn for a finer harbor or a more strongly fortified one than that of historical old Halifax? Where is that strip of country that produces a finer quality of apples and small fruits than the world famed valley of Annapolis? Where shall we find a place more ripe with legend and romance than this Acadian land of ours? One could go on enumerating the advantages and attractions of our country till the brain would fairly reel, and yet we find hundreds, aye and thousands, of our best and ablest young people turning their backs upon her. I ask them to bear in mind that there is known to be no place which is bathed in God's beautiful sunlight with bluer, sunnier skies, with deeper waters or wider pastures and meadows or richer mines, or a brighter promising future than this Canada of ours. Then in conclusion let me ask that all stand by her, that all share in her future hopes and aspirations and help to people her with a race which shall go down to history as famous for their love of country.

"Build that these walls to coming generations,
Your skill, your thought, your faithfulness, may tell,
That all may say as storms and centuries test them
The men of old built well!"

W. E. HARRIS.