

"Of 1,955 Baptist ministers in Great Britain and Ireland, 1,556 are reported to be total abstainers. Out of 2,847 Congregational ministers in England and Wales, 2,364 abstain from strong drink. In some of the Methodist bodies the percentage of total abstainers is still larger. Out of 17,468 ministers in the M. E. Church, how many are total abstainers? We think about 17,468."

Mr. Alfred Lee says that among the islands of Malaysia there is "no spot of like dimensions whose people are so well taught, so intelligent and well behaved, whose villages are so well ordered and clean, whose houses are so well built and kept in such good repair, and whose women and children are so well cared for, as in Celebes."

Dr. T. J. Scott, of Bareilly, India, says: "Within a few years more than 100,000 souls from among the sweeper caste of this country have been gathered into the Christian community. For centuries the name of Jesus and something of his teaching have been known in India apart from the direct work of the missionaries. There is a tradition that a sweeper was the means of restoring to life a hero of the Sikhs, Guru Govind Sing. The hero saint immediately said:

"Come thou Saviour of the world, Jesus.  
Under thy sway shall flowers and betel  
leaf fall from heaven.  
All men shall gather together and cry in  
joy;  
All hail thou Ruler of the universe,  
Vanquisher of foes and fosterer of the  
poor."

A meeting in Borneo in May, 1859, was the means of starting the Sumatra Mission. There are now nineteen missionary stations in Sumatra in a population of 3,000,000, with twenty-two European missionaries and 21,799 church members. Dr. Schrieber, the foreign secretary of the Rhenish Mission, says: "I do not know if there is any other part of the mission field, with the exception of some part of Java, where such large numbers of Mohammedans have been won for Christ as among the Battaks of Sumatra."

#### RETURN OF DR. CARMAN.

We are glad to learn of the safe return to Canada of our beloved and honoured General Superintendent, Dr. Carman, from his visitation to our missions in Japan. That visitation will be of great service in two ways: It will result in inspiration and consolidation of our work in the Kingdom of the Rising Sun; it

will bring our home work into closer touch and more vital sympathy with our first foreign mission, which has just reached its silver jubilee.

#### DEATH OF REV. D. C. McDOWELL.

The Rev. D. C. McDowell died at his residence, Bowmanville, July 3, after a brief illness from paralysis. He was seventy-five years of age, and entered the ministry in 1846, being superannuated eight years ago. Since then he had resided in Bowmanville. He led a very active and useful life, was honoured by his brethren by several responsible positions and was highly respected by all favoured with his acquaintance. His widow and seven children survive him. His principal fields of labour were Richmond, St. Andrews, Matilda, Toronto East, Perth, Kemptville, Prescott, Pembroke, Smith's Falls, Barrie, Owen Sound and Bowmanville.

#### REV. JOHN HOLMES.

"This beloved brother was," writes Dr. Ryckman, "one of the best of men, a faithful pastor and successful worker for thirty-six years. He suffered much, but was wonderfully sustained and cheered, and the end was perfect quietness and peace." He was received on trial at Kemptville in 1861 and attended for a time Victoria College. His appointments were chiefly in Lower Canada: Smith's Falls, Lanark, Harrowsmith, Winchester, Richmond, Arnprior, Bolton, Ormstown, and others. Failing health led to his superannuation, and the later years of his life were spent in Kingston, Ontario. A good man, one that feared God and wrought righteousness.

#### REV. W. G. HUDGINS.

We learn from the *Christian Guardian* that the Rev. W. G. Hudgins, a superannuated Methodist minister, died at his residence, in Belleville, at noon on Saturday, July 2. Deceased was fifty-nine years of age. The immediate cause of his death was blood poisoning. He leaves four daughters. Mr. Hudgins held a number of charges prior to coming to this city, and since that time did considerable circuit work in the northern part of this county. At the Conference just closed, however, he finally retired from the active list. He was a man of strong convictions and great force of character, and was well known throughout the district.