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A young lady, daughter of a member
of the New Zealand Parliament,
now a student in the Pulitzer School of
Journalism, New York, contributes to
"The Sun," a very interesting and
instructive letter on various phases of
life in her native land.

New Zealand is the most southerly
inhabited country in the world and is
decidedly cold. Antarctic Expeditions
generally make one of its ports their
last resting place before sailing to the
land of ice and snow. Even in the middle
of summer a good warm fire is
needed all day long.

There is no child labor in any part of
the country, as in many places in the
United States and also in Canada, of
which the papers have recently given sad
instances. Girls under 18 years of age
and boys under 16 are prohibited by
law from being engaged in any form of
factory work. After six o'clock p. m.,
boys are not even allowed to sell news-
papers on the streets, or to do any mes-
senger work. There are no beggars in
the country, excepting a few blind men
who gain something by playing organs,
neither are there any other unemployed
persons. Wages are high, even char-
women getting from two to two and a
half dollars per day. There is an eight
hour day for all laborers, and besides
the noon hour, a quarter of an hour is
allowed for recreation both in the morn-
ing and afternoon. The manufacturers
and merchants at first resisted this
innovation, but after a time they
acknowledged that the general health of
their employees was benefited and there
was no diminution in the quantity of
work accomplished.

Twenty years ago, New Zealand was
the most drunken country in the world.
The chief employment in those days
was mining, and the miners were hard
drinkers. Commercialized immorality
in the form of the white slave traffic, or
houses of ill-fame, is not to be found,
even in the cities. Government inspec-
tion provides a good supply of pure
milk, one result of which is that infantile
mortality is the lowest in the world.

It is claimed that the New Zealand
schools are the finest in the world. And
the attendance is compulsory. Boys
and girls of the Governor-General and
of the laborers mingle in the same
classes and receive instruction in good
citizenship and politics as well as history
and other usual branches.

The feeble minded are not confined in
asylums, but are placed on State farms,
where they work, as they are able, in
the open air. Every father who has an
illegitimate child is required to provide
for its maintenance until it is fourteen
years of age, and also to make provision
for it in his will.

New Zealand and Australia have a
mutual arrangement by which wife-
deserters of either country are shipped
back to the place they have left, and are
obliged to work for two dollars a day,
which is paid to their families.

Miss Mander believes that these and
other reforms have been hastened, if not
solely initiated by woman suffrage. The
women spend little time in public speak-
ing, but they read and talk with each
other about public affairs and make a
quite general use of their privileges at
the ballot box, and as usual they form
and act upon their own opinions. Miss
Mander was accustomed to accompany
her father on his canvassing tours, and
she says that not infrequently, a man
asked for his vote would refuse it, but
add, that his wife and daughters were of
her father's opinions and would give
him their votes. Being asked her views
as to the proceedings of the militant

suffragists, she replied, that no English-
man ever got a vote without fighting for
it. There are, however, different ways
of fighting: To fight for reform by argu-
ment and agitation and spectacular
marches and passive resistance is legal,
but to fight by personal violence, by
methods which endanger life, by the
destruction of the property of law-abid-
ing citizens, in a country where demo-
cratic institutions prevail, is anarchy.

That female suffrage is one of the
coming reforms is a pretty safe prophesy.
But, it is equally safe to say that
those persons who seek the ballot by
anarchical methods will be very likely,
if they should in this way gain their
desire, to use the same anarchical
methods to enforce their opinions in
other matters coming up for considera-
tion.

The recent decision of the British
Government to put an immediate end to
the traffic in opium with China has
been received with great satisfaction by
all those most deeply interested in the
moral progress of the Empire.

The treaty between the two countries
provided for the sending to China of
26,781 more chests of opium of the
value of about fifty millions of dollars,
but, Mr. Montague announced in Parlia-
ment, that while this money would be
lost to the Indian revenue, the Govern-
ment has determined to meet the wishes
of China, by revising the treaty, the
only condition being that China should
continue steadfast in her policy of prohib-
iting the use of the drug.

Will it be possible now to stop the
importation into China of the deadly
cigarette which is being introduced by
thousands of American agents?

Travel Notes

Everything looked refreshed by the
needed showers on Friday, the 23rd
ult., and the prospect from the win-
dows of the car was very pleasant.
Green fields, newly plowed land, and
opening blossoms formed a picture
which the lover of natural beauty
could not fail to appreciate. This as
we moved along was followed by the
impression of the large acreage of
this beautiful Annapolis Valley which
as yet, has hardly felt the touch of
cultivation, and waits to reward the
work of the toiler. It cannot be
otherwise than that, in the near
future, these neglected fields should
be occupied by evidences of a popula-
tion and fruitfulness as marked as
in any part of the Valley. Further
on we reach the fertile Cornwallis
region and the historic Grand Pre,
and arriving in Windsor, we find the
Midland train waiting to take us to
Truro. This line has been much im-
proved of late. We were surprised to
see two large cars, replacing the
half-and-half arrangements which
were common on this road a short
time since, and filled to repletion
with an intelligent looking and well
dressed company. And what a fine
looking country has been opened up
by this road! The only undesirable
feature is that the lumbermen are de-
nuding the land of its trees, large
numbers, not larger than fence poles
lying along the streams, awaiting the
remorseless saw. In Truro the
new station, a large and commodious
stone structure, as also the large
freight sheds, is approaching comple-
tion, and looking at the crowds mov-
ing to and fro at the time of the in-
coming and outgoing trains, one
wonders where all the people are go-
ing. What a change from the Truro
we first knew, when the arrival of
the daily coaches, with perhaps eight
or ten passengers, was the chief ex-
citement of the sleepy little town.
Now there is a population of about
seven thousand, and a large number
of factories—hats and caps, shis, and
unbreakable underwear and sweaters,
condensed milk, products of the iron
foundry, etc.

One old landmark is wanting. Only
a few blackened timbers remain to
mark the site of the First Presbyter-
ian Church, where the Rev. Dr. Mc-
Culloch for many years preached and
exercised a very large influence for
good.
The only towns of importance on
or near the line of the I. C. R. be-
tween Truro and Amherst, are Lon-
donerry and Oxford. But, Amherst
is speedily increasing the number of
its industries. It is consequently
drawing to itself a large population,
and will soon become, in reality the
third city in Nova Scotia. Passing
from Amherst to Sackville we find
ourselves on historic ground. Plainly
the ruins are the site of the old French
fort of Beauséjour, taken by the
English and renamed Fort Cumber-
land. The ruins are on an eminence
quite prominent, and only a few miles
distant from Fort Lawrence, another
stronghold of the early Colonial days.
Parkinson in his two volumes, "Mont-
calm and Wolfe," presents the his-
tory of these times in a very graphic
manner, and removes from the Eng-
lish to a very large extent the re-
proach to which they have fre-
quently been unjustly subjected for
the expulsion of the Acadians. These
volumes may be found in "Every-
man's Library." They can be pro-
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and should be in every school library
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CORRESPONDENCE

Granville, June 2, '13.
Editor of Monitor,
Dear Sir,—Through the columns of
your valuable paper I beg to call the
attention of the Street Committee of
the Incorporation of Br. dgetown, to
the disgraceful condition which they
have allowed. Granville Street west
to remain in since the first of March.
We feel that a force of men should be
put to work on this street at once,
so as to make it passable, as it is in
a dangerous condition.
It is now June and those to the
west of the Town have been com-
pelled to wallow through mud hub
deep and in many cases have had
their teams stuck and had to go for
help to get them out.

Now, Mr. Editor, since I have been
a resident of Granville, I have heard
some of your most esteemed citizens
on many occasions making unpleasant
remarks about our country roads.
To my observation we have had a
fairly passable one until we reach the
Town limit.
Hoping some action will be taken
in the matter, I am,
Yours truly,
GEO. I. SALTER.

Methodist Circuit Notes

The fourth meeting of the Quarterly
Official Board of the circuit for the
church year just closing was held at
the parsonage Monday evening. Four-
teen members of the Board with
other officers of the church were pres-
ent. At 6.30 the men surrounded the
supper table and did justice to the
bountiful meal prepared by some of
the ladies of the Bridgetown congrega-
tion. The regular business of the
Board was attended to with serious
carefulness and earnest endeavor. Re-
ports from the various departments
of circuit work were encouragingly
given. A large number of the former
officials were re-elected. Stewards for
the year as follows:—Dr. M. E. Arm-
strong, F. E. Bath, John Wilkinson,
Herbert W. Bent, Harry G. Parker,
J. Howe Ray, Phillip Inglis, Howard
E. Bent; Recording steward, Dr. Arm-
strong; Chapel steward for Bridge-
town church, Lanesdale Piggott, F. E.
Bath was appointed Circuit Financial
Steward and H. B. Hicks Circuit
Treasurer; Howard E. Bent was
elected circuit representative to the
Annual District Meeting to be held at
Middleton next Wednesday.
The anniversary exercises of the
circuit will be held at each appoint-
ment the first Sunday in October.
Services next Sunday as follows:—
Bridgetown, morning and evening,
Rev. B. J. Porter; Bentville, morning
service, Dr. Jost; Granville, after-
noon service, Rev. B. J. Porter.

BRITAIN AND UNITED STATES SIGN NEW TREATY.

Washington, May 31.—Secretary
Bryan and Sir M. Spring-Rice, the
British Ambassador, late today
signed a renewal for five years of the
general arbitration treaty between
the United States and Great Britain,
which expires by limitation on June
4th.

The treaty provides for the arbitra-
tion of The Hague Court of any dif-
ferences of a legal nature not affect-
ing "the vital interests, the indepen-
dence, or the honor of the two con-
tracting States," and which do not
concern interests of third parties. A
form of special agreement, covering
the subject to be arbitrated, subject
to the Senate's approval, is pre-
scribed. The British treaty is the
fourth of the arbitration conventions
to be renewed this year, the others
those with France, Italy and Spain.
Diplomats here are awaiting with
much interest the expiration of the
similar treaties with Japan and
Mexico.

The treaty with Japan expires by
limitation on August 24. President
Wilson has announced his willingness
to renew it, but Japan has given no
reply in the matter. The treaty with
Mexico expires on June 7. Its re-
newal involves the recognition of the
Huerta Government, so that Presi-
dent Wilson has not included it in
his list.

Other special treaties, all of which
the President has expressed willing-
ness to renew, expire in the following
order: Norway, June 24; Sweden,
August 18; Portugal, Nov. 14, and
Switzerland, Dec. 23.

1,200 EMPLOYEES STRIKE.

Boston, May 29.—Twelve hundred
employees of the B. F. Sturtevant
Company at Hyde Park struck today.
Both companies are controlled by
Governor Eugene Foss. The strike
which was voted last night is to en-
force a demand for twenty per cent
wage increase and improved working
conditions.

ALFRED AUSTIN DEAD.

London, June 2.—Alfred Austin,
British Poet-Laureate since 1896, died
today at the age of 77. The poet
laureate died at his home, Swinford
Old Manor Ashford, Kent, where he
had been lying ill for some time.

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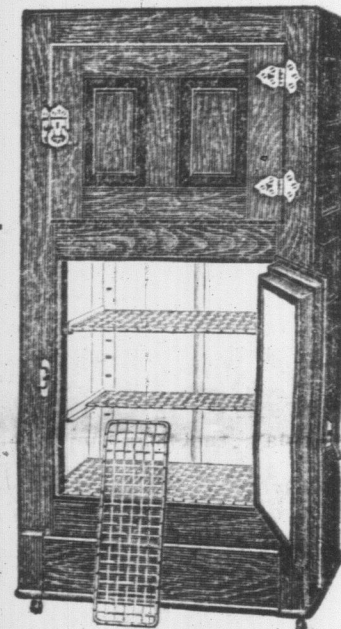
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