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CURFEW AND HOME.

In medieval days there was a statute known as the Curfew law, which also is said to have been introduced into England by William, the Norman.

It is somewhat singular that, after long disuse in the civilized world, Curfew law should now be revived in democratic Canada.

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their nature along the lines of truth and virtue, prayerless homes where the parents have no practical knowledge of Christ and His gospel, and are therefore unable to impart none to their children.

The Christian home in its best condition is one of the noblest products of this or any age. It is the ripened fruit of Christianity, the result of generations of Christian faith and life and culture.

The process toward a fuller and richer home life may be aided too by gracious influences coming from better homes. It may well be asked here, do the people who have inherited the priestless blessing of refined and well-regulated Christian homes, consider and care as they should for those who are not thus blessed?

THANKSGIVING DAY.

Thursday, the 23rd Inst., has been proclaimed by the Governor-general of Canada as a day of public thanksgiving in recognition of the blessings of the year.

Many of our Baptist churches are accustomed to hold special religious services on Thanksgiving day. This is well. We should be glad to see the custom become universal among our churches.

It is a good thing for pastors to call their people together on these occasions to listen to discourses appropriate to the day. Perhaps some will tell us that it is impossible to draw the people out to such a service, since they generally prefer to manifest their thankfulness by eating turkey in their homes.

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Cape Breton Visited - It Will Do Its Part Towards Making Up the \$15,000

I have just completed a fortnight's tour on the island of Cape Breton in the interest of home mission work and denominational funds, taking in Onelaw and Belmont, going, and New Glasgow, returning.

Three services were held at the last named place on Sunday, the 15th ult., at two of which the needs of our several Boards were presented.

The meeting at Port Hawkesbury on Monday evening was encouraging, in the amount contributed, which tended to confirm the public statement of Pastor Mutch, that the amount asked of that church by the Eastern Association would be made up.

At North Sydney I found that Pastor McQuarrie had been taking up our denominational work and preparing his people for the quarterly offering.

Words spoken by him on the Sunday after his return from convention resulted in one sister placing in my hands a valuable gold watch and chain to be sold for the benefit of the Lord's work.

North Sydney will go beyond the amount expected by the association. Five services were held with the Gables and Fourchie mission churches. The Lord's supper was administered at each place and a number of family visits made.

My visit to these churches was very encouraging to myself and, I hope, profitable to the churches. Good collections were received for our denominational work, giving assurance that they, together with Grand Mira, the remaining church of this mission group, would not be behind in their offerings.

The Cow Bay group, consisting of Glace Bay, Cow Bay, Homeville and Mira Bay churches were next visited and services held in each. Generous offerings for denominational work were made by all. The Cow Bay church, where circumstances led me to expect the least, surprised me by giving more than the amount asked by the association.

The meeting at New Glasgow, though not large, was most encouraging. Pastor Staehouwe will take care that his church is not behind.

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positions, if the funds can be raised. Two hundred dollars would support a bright Indian convert capable of doing good mission work. He would also act in the capacity of interpreter. It would take at least \$400 to support a teacher. There are from 25 to 40 children there all summer without school privileges.

All Mission Circles desirous of contributing clothing for our Indians will in future, kindly address the boxes to Rev. B. Davies, West Selkirk, Man., the freight in all cases to be pre-paid by those sending the contributions.

The most interesting event to us of recent date has been the opening of the East Coast railway. We heard the joyful shriek of the locomotive, leading the construction train for the first time on the 27th of June. July 21st the tickets were issued, and now we have daily trains between here and St. John's.

Our home mail reaches us three days sooner than formerly, and we feel several thousand miles nearer the Messenger and Visitor office. The Viziagram field is specially favored. The railroad station here is only five minutes walk from the mission compound.

Our hearts have been dashed to the ground by the death of T. Thurkaram at Samulokot, Sept. 14th. Erysiplasia of a most virulent type developed in one of his ankles, and in spite of careful nursing by Miss Gibson, from Coanada, Mrs. Stillwell and Subraido, the disease made fatal and rapid headway.

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Rev. Alexander Estabrooks. Viziagram, Sept. 29.

Rev. Alexander Estabrooks who died at St. John on the 18th of September, was a son of Mr. Joseph Estabrooks and a grand son of the late Rev. Elijah Estabrooks, one of the fathers in the Baptist ministry of New Brunswick. He was born at Canning, N. B., on the 29th of November, 1830.

From early life he had cherished the desire to go as a missionary to the foreign field. This desire ripened into a decision, and he offered himself to the Board of the Missionary Union; was accepted and sent to Manimah as pastor to the English-speaking Baptist church in that city. He went out to this new field of labor in 1874.

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morning to a large house on "Heaven, its Occupants" - the second of a series of sermons. In the evening Professor Dr. Curry, Pine Hill Theological College, occupied the pulpit, and Pastor Chute presided at Rockingham.

Miss Emily H. Payne, for seventeen years a missionary of the American Baptist Mission Union in Burma, is in the city and addressed the Sunday-school of the 1st Baptist church Sunday afternoon. She will address the W. B. M. U., of Halifax and Dartmouth, on Tuesday, in the 1st Baptist church, at 8 p. m. She will leave very soon for Pegu Burma.

Pastor Chute welcomed five persons into fellowship of 1st Baptist church Sunday morning. Rev. D. G. McDonald spoke on Sunday morning upon the subject of "Women Speaking in meeting," proving conclusively that the Scriptures are strongly favorable to women speaking in public or private when the salvation of Jesus is the theme.

Dartmouth Baptist church was largely attended yesterday. Rev. S. B. Kempton preached his first sermons. In the morning from "God so loved the world," &c., and the evening, John 5: 6 - "Will thou be made whole?"

The monthly meeting of District No. 3 was held in the Book Room, and all the pastors were present except Bro. Johnson, who was absent owing to his wife's illness. Committee decided to hold next meeting at Jeddore.

The public service was held in Chalmers' church. Prof. Falconer made the opening address. Park Street church (Presbyterian) celebrated their 50th anniversary on Sunday last. Rev. President Forrest preached in the morning, and in the evening Rev. A. Gaudier. Two services were largely attended.

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Later-Seminary Missionary A. The fourteenth annual convocation of the above society met with the Divinity school at New Haven, and 29. About 300 delegates present representing 35 theological agencies of the various Protestant nations. Among these were E. Chicago, A. C. Kempton and A. Rochester, and H. Y. Corey and of Newton, so that Acadia was presented. Among the topics were: "The problem of the church;" "Missions the church's unity;" "Medical Missions," evangelization of Japan."

Dr. Gordon, "The mission of us in missions;" "C. F. Gross, of peer, on the "Church's obligation speedily evangelize the world." Dr. Rainford on "Ye shall be truth and the truth shall make free;" were especially helpful. A convention occupied all the time for meals and a few hours late 2:30 Oct. 26 to Sunday evening.

A deep spirit of fellowship and criticism prevailed all the session. earnest resolves were made by let nothing come between the "full surrender to the will and heart of Christ."

One could not but notice the spirit of unity that filled all addresses, papers and discussions. All felt that though there were many differences of opinion, there is, nevertheless, a form on which all can stand. side, viz., the spread of Christ's work in the world.

The Beautiful and historical New Haven, with all its points and splendid weather, together the zeal and enthusiasm for souls for Christ which came knowledge of God's will and command. All this, added to their earnest love for Christ which every heart, made this a convention for all. Eternity will reveal all the fruits of the begun in the hearts of those there.

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