

"Plain Talks to Young Men" is the title of a little book written by Peter Austie, editor of the *Christian Tribune*, Baltimore Md. The subjects treated are dancing, the theatre, gambling, swearing and cursing, lying, and Christian service. The book is written in a bright, entertaining style and is easier read when once begun than put aside. It will do young men good to carefully peruse this book. If we could, we would cheerfully present a copy to young men who are neglecting the Christian service, or indulging in these sins; or who are in danger of this sin of omission or these sins of commission.

The world is moving. The Episcopalians used to be the strictest sect. Great emphasis was put on consecrated ground and buildings and upon old formal ways of conducting worship. It seemed sometimes that they thought it would be better to let souls be lost than to change forms and methods. But in St. John an Episcopal rector is actually holding open air meetings after the regular Sunday evening services, and he is conducting them in a way that proves him to be a lover of souls more than of rituals; to have greater respect for the command of him who said, "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind," than for the wish of an ecclesiastic who would have public religious services conducted in consecrated buildings and there alone. We admire the courage of this man who has introduced a new order of things among the Episcopalians. He has good precedents for his open air meeting—even that of John the Baptist and of Jesus the Christ.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET

Bro. O. G. Hertzog, of Hiram College, Ohio, spent Lord's day, July 4th, in our city. He preached for the Main Street Church in the morning and for the Coburg St. Church in the evening. At the conclusion of the sermon he spoke of the educational advantages of Hiram College. He left on the Intercolonial Railway on Tuesday morning to attend the Annual Meeting at New Glasgow, P. E. I. He returned on Tuesday, 13th, and preached the same evening.

The first meeting of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions was held on Lord's day afternoon, July 4th, Sister Flaglor presiding. Meeting opened by singing the hymn, "Far, Far Away in Heathen Darkness Dwelling," prayer by Bro. Stewart, reading the Scriptures by Sister Dickson, Sister Edwards read a paper on "Unemployed Talent in the Church." Bro. Appel sang a solo. Sister Ada Emery read the tract "Tell it Again." Bro. Hertzog gave an address, in which he spoke of the noble women who are doing such a grand work for missions, and also said that he had the pleasure of attending the first meeting of the C. W. B. M.

Bro. W. H. Harding of West Gore spent a few days in our city last month. He was at the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting on Tuesday evening and presided at our prayer meeting on Thursday evening (15th), and preached at Silver Falls on the following evening.

Bro. Herbert Emery, Jamaica Plain, is visiting his parents in this city.

The Coburg and Main St. Sunday-schools held their annual picnic at Hodgson's Grove on Kennebecasis Island, Thursday, July 22nd. The steamer Aberdeen conveyed the scholars and friends from the grounds. There was a large attendance and a very enjoyable time was spent by all.

Bro. J. B. Allen is spending his vacation in the celestial city (Fredericton).

Sister Jas. J. Christie and daughter Emma are spending a few weeks at Mascarene, Charlotte Co., N. B. Sister L. A. Miles is also spending a few weeks at her home in Milton, N. S.

MAIN STREET.

W. H. Harding attended our Y. P. S. C. E. meeting on Wednesday evening, July 14th.

On July 14th our Y. P. S. C. E. elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Bro. B. Langley; Vice-President, Sister Nina Whelpley; Secretary, Sister Maggie Roberts; Treasurer, Sister Mary Hurd.

Bro. O. G. Hertzog, of Hiram, Ohio, preached for us on Lord's day morning, July 4th.

July 4th being C. W. B. M. Day, we held our first meeting.

BURT'S CORNER, N. B.

The writer visited the church at this place toward the close of June and remained one week. As the season was unusually busy only two meetings were held during the week, but three were held on Sunday. These three were all held in different places, — Jones' Forks in the morning, Dorin Ridge in the afternoon and Burt's Corner in the evening. The first was held in an unfinished union house, the second in a school-house, and the third in the Baptist meeting-house. There was a good attendance of interested hearers at all these meetings.

The house which the Disciples of Christ are building is slowly approaching completion. It will not be ready for occupancy before the late fall or early winter. The brethren are paying as they go; and as times are hard they do not go very fast. The house can be finished and furnished for about \$400, and the church is thinking of raising a loan for this amount and putting the house in readiness for use. This is probably the wisest thing for them to do. Once they get into the house they shall not find it hard to clear off the small indebtedness.

The church is alive. In its membership it has some of the best material, and with patient, prayerful labor a church can be built up there that will be as a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hid. When this house is completed a young man who is not looking for a salary larger than he could get when starting in any profession, could live very comfortably among these good people, preaching at the three places mentioned above. And if he had any genuine, Christian zeal, he would find many places round about where he could sow the good seed.

H. W. STEWART.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

On June 27th C. W. B. M. day was observed in Tiverton. In the morning the pastor preached a missionary sermon, and in the evening the auxiliary had charge of the services. The readings given by the sisters were splendid. The exercise, "The little lights," by the children, was made real by lighted tapers and was full of interest. The audience showed its appreciation by a liberal contribution.

In Westport the regular day, July 4th, was observed as C. W. B. M. day. The auxiliary had charge of the morning hour. A good-sized audience greeted them and they acquitted themselves well. The president, Sister Carrie Payson, made an interesting speech in regard to the work in the Maritime Provinces. A number of readings were also given. In the evening the pastor preached a missionary sermon, the contribution of the evening being given to the sisters to aid them in their work.

Sunday afternoon, June 27th, the writer, by request, preached the annual sermon to the Independent Order of Foresters in Tiverton. The court was present in a body.

Before Sunday-school, July 4th, Lyman Pugh was baptized in Westport. I am told it is very unusual to have a baptism on these islands in the summer time.

The Young People's Missionary Societies in both churches are doing finely. The Westport society, which was organized first, raised \$6.00, which it divided between home and foreign missions. The Tiverton society raised \$2.00, which it sent to the home mission fund.

Mr. Greenlow, Tiverton, is still very poorly.

J. W. BOLTON.

HALIFAX, N. S.

Our work has been somewhat interrupted during the past month by the sickness and death of my father and a painful case of illness in our own home here in the city.

Bro. W. J. Messervey, one of our indefatigable members, is absent for a few months on a visit to England and the Channel Islands.

Bro. Loran DeWolf, whom the writer baptized less than a year ago, gave us a call, and worshipped with us once this week. We were anxious to locate our talented young brother in Halifax, but he goes as a teacher to Milton soon. Our loss is Milton's gain. Halifax seems to be a radiating centre. This retards our growth, but aids other places.

While absent at the death and burial of my father in Cornwallis, Mr. Algernon J. Pollock, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, who is at present holding evangelistic services in a tent in this city, preached once very acceptably in the North Street Christian Church.

The writer is under promise to preach a week or ten days at Elmsdale after harvest.

The picnic of the North Street Christian Church Sunday-school will be held on the 30th at Heffer's grounds, Bedford Basin.

Distance and the time of year would seem to be reasons for a comparatively small delegation from this part of Nova Scotia to the annual.

We have been the recipients of most friendly and tenderly sympathetic letters from several of our former fields of labor in the United States during the anxious days and hours of the past few weeks. True friendliness supports and strengthens the mind, alleviates the pains of life, and renders the present state, at least, somewhat comfortable. "Sorrows," says Bacon, "by being communicated grow less, and joys greater." A sympathizing heart finds an echo in sympathizing bosoms that bring back cheering music to the spirit of the lowliest. We are thankful for our true friends.

T. H. BLENUM.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

CENTRAL CHURCH.

The writer is back at his post again greatly improved in health. Thanks to the kindness of Bro. Henry W. Stewart and other friends in St. John.

Bro. O. G. Hertzog, on his way to New Glasgow, addressed the congregation at prayer-meeting, and the following night he spoke at Cross Roads, Lot 48. His presence and stirring addresses were very helpful, and truly his coming to the Island was providential in every way.

The church has extended to me a unanimous call to labor with them in the proclamation of the gospel, and I have accepted the work.

Bro. Wm. Gates spent two days with the brethren in Cross Roads and Charlottetown. His efforts among the Island churches generally in selling some of our representative literature has succeeded beyond our most sanguine expectations. May the Lord bless and prosper him in our prayer.

The annual meeting at New Glasgow was a great success. The Lord heard and answered our prayers for wisdom, grace and strength. Two of the five who made the good confession during the meeting and put on Christ in baptism, namely, Bros. Chas. H. Chandler and Leonard McKay, will unite with the Central Church.

GEO. MANIFOLD.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

The weather on the Island is very warm, and the crops are coming on splendidly. The farmers are assured that the Divine promise (Gen. x. 22) shall stand.

Our town today presents a lively aspect, as the provincial election is being held. The contest is sharp, but victory can be with only one party. How different the conditions of grace upon which the salvation of the soul is possible. All who are willing to contend lawfully may win.

The P. E. I. annual is over, and it was the best one in the history of our cause here. Bro. O. G. Hertzog contributed much to its success. He is a strong man in the gospel of grace. He is genial, sterling and godly. His sermons were of a very high intellectual type, and full of clear-cut gospel truth. Our work on the Island is encouraging. We hope for success. God grant us patience.