

dangerous wolves are those who wear the "sheep's clothing" of friendship and gentility. A coarse, loathsome sot entices no young man; it is the well-dressed, smooth-tongued tempter, with full purse and pretended friendship, who is the dangerous one. Many of the elegant club-houses in our large cities are really the dens of wolves, where amid the fascinations of glittering lights, rich upholsteries, card-tables, and champagne, many a youth is "led to the slaughter." More souls are destroyed annually in vicious evening resorts than are saved by our churches. We sometimes wonder that so many escape when we observe what seductive attractions are presented every night, and what thousands upon thousands of men and women make it their sole occupation to pander to the sensual appetites of the young.

It may sound harsh to some who are inclined to regard the stage with a very lenient eye, when we affirm that the majority of our theatres are nothing less than licensed wolf-dens. If a "Black Crook" will attract crowds and fill the manager's purse, there is no scruple of conscience with many of those who "run" these haunts of temptation. Other managers, who will not present salacious indecencies on their boards, are quite willing to allow of acts and utterances which are hostile to pure religion, and which poison the heart. One night I observed the pavements in front of a certain theatre blackened for a long distance with dense throngs of young men pouring out from the doors. Soon afterwards I rode past it in the street-car, and a converted actor said to me, "I have often played in that theatre; behind its curtains lies Sodom." There is a more elegant and voluptuous style of "Sodom" in the more genteel and fashionable playhouses, but the results are the same in decoying and depraving young hearts. We wonder how professing Christians can sanction the average stage, and can allow their sons and daughters to attend the theatre on the various pretexts of seeing a "celebrated beauty," or a "star," or some gorgeous spectacle, or the other plausible pretext that "young folks will not be monks or nuns." Let such Christian parents make home attractive, or let them seek out or provide wholesome recreations for their children. If the lambs of the home-flock are yet devoured by the "evening wolves," it is because the shepherds themselves have been faithless. No duty is more binding on parents than to make proper provision for the recreation of their sons and daughters. A wise father of my acquaintance has reared six virtuous sons, and his rule has always been to accompany them when they went to evening entertainments. He kept his hold on their affections at the same time that he kept his eye on their amusements.

In the purlieus of the theatre prowl also those "evening wolves" whom Solomon describes so vividly in the seventh chapter of the Proverbs. How true to our modern time is that photograph of the strange woman, subtle of heart, who lures her prey "in the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night." Each one of these wretched tempters has been herself the victim of some "wolf in sheep's clothing," who under false professions of affection wrought her ruin. So the destroyed becomes the destroyer of others. But this hideous vice is assuming frightful proportions when we learn that in London are eighty thousand women whose habitations are dens of debauchery. Some American cities almost equal this as to the percentage of sensual temptations. No class is more exposed than the thousands of commercial travellers, whose evenings are seasons of peculiar temptation.

"Where do you spend your evenings?" is commonly the best criterion of a young man's moral character. What a tremendous responsibility this throws upon parents to guard the sheep of their own folds!—upon Christians in our towns also to

provide the antidotes of "Young Men's Christian Associations," with their reading-rooms and gymnasiums, as well as prayer-halls and spiritual attractions. Social clubs—many of which are ostensibly for mere recreation—are multiplying the number of lairs in which the evening wolf makes havoc with faith and character. Our object in penning these lines is to direct attention to this burning question, "How shall our young people be protected from the wolves?" One step for protection is worth a hundred in the line of attempted recovery.—*Illustrated Christian Weekly.*

## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

### NEW BRUNSWICK.

#### ST. JOHN ITEMS.

**COBURG ST. CHURCH.**—Lord's day services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday-school at 2.15 P. M. Young People's Meeting, Tuesday evening at 8. General Prayer Meeting, Thursday evening at 8. Brethren visiting the city cordially welcomed. The Ladies' Sewing Circle meets every Wednesday evening at 6.

Our prayer-meetings are increasing in interest and attendance.

We have enjoyed visits from Bros. Edward Payson, Westport, P. D. Nowlan, Digby Co., and O. B. Emery, Deer Island, who were at our meetings, giving us words of encouragement and cheer.

Bro. James Murray of Milton, Q. Co., N. S., was with us at our prayer-meeting the other evening, and although not in the best of health is still strong in faith.

During a visit to the West, we attended the Annual Meeting at Swampscott, Mass. We were delighted to meet many whom we had seen and heard of before. Among the preachers present we noticed Bros. Wm. Murray, Rogers, Dr. Bolding, W. Haydn, W. O. Moore, Cottingham, Harney. The meeting was considered one of the best ever held in those parts. Four confessions during the meeting.

#### BLACK'S HARBOR.

A new house of worship is being erected in this place and the brethren are earnestly laboring for its completion by the end of the present month. The brethren here are deserving of much praise for the noble manner in which they have labored for the erection of this house. The prospects for the future growth of this church is somewhat bright. The few brethren are earnestly striving for the faith once delivered to the Saints. We have also a very fair Sunday-school.

P. D. NOWLAN.

#### LE TANG.

At this place, also, the brethren are coming up nobly to the work and with a zeal that shows their warm attachment to the cause of Christ. A Sunday-school is also being carried on with good success.

P. D. NOWLAN.

#### DEER ISLAND.

A young sister who was baptized into Christ, early in the winter, but on account of feeble health was at that time unable to attend our regular meetings, last Lord's day (June 22) united with the Church at Lord's Cove.

As we are unacquainted with some of our brethren in our Provinces and elsewhere, we take this early opportunity of calling attention to our Annual Meeting, the services in connection with which will commence on Friday evening (the 5th Sept.) pre-

ceding the first Lord's day in the month. Should some fail to receive direct invitations, we wish them to understand that they are not designedly overlooked by either the church at Leonardville or the preacher on the Island.

O. B. EMERY.

#### LE TETE.

Our male members are nearly all from home. Meetings are well attended by those who remain at home. Everything is very quiet here at present but we hope to have something to report soon.

J. A. GATES.

St. George, N. B., June 20th, 1884.

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

#### P. E. ISLAND NOTES.

Our island is putting on her summer loveliness and helping us to forget the severity of winter. Tourists are beginning to visit its shores to drink of its wholesome springs and to be regaled by its salubrious breezes. Among the thoughts that cheer us are the hopes of meeting the friends of Jesus, and with them witnessing the Lord's approval of the efforts made to extend his reign among our fellow men.

The church at Montague hopes to secure the labors of Carrol Ghent, of Pennsylvania. They have not had a preacher since Bro. Stevenson left last fall for St. Thomas, and sensibly feel the loss. We hope that Bro. Ghent's labors may greatly redound to glory of God and the advancement of His cause, and with the faithful co-operation of the church he and they may be fellow-workers in the kingdom and patience of Jesus.

Bro. Gunn, whom we expect to preach on the Island, it is presumed, is now on his way from Kentucky. Many are anxiously waiting for him to enter upon this work, and our hearts desire and prayer to God is that He who sent the Gospel into all the world may guide and bless him. I spent last Lord's day in Summerside, had an excellent hearing and one immersion. The indications are that more will follow in the near future. The church there has suffered severely from emigration, but the few remaining members have faithfully kept up the Lord's day meeting as well as prayer-meetings through the week. Since Bro. Linkletter's death I have visited them as often as possible and have been encouraged by the attention given to the gospel.

Our Annual Meeting is to be held with the church at Summerside on the second Lord's day of July. The brethren and sisters expect many to attend and will spare no pains to entertain those who come. Come brethren, we expect through the mercy of our Father a good meeting.

Bro. D. McKay, father of the late D. C. McKay, has, on the 19th ult., departed to be with Christ. The Saviour whom he had so long and so faithfully served cheered him through a protracted illness, and as might be expected from one so devoted, his death was triumphant. After the funeral, on Saturday, I leave to spend next Lord's day in Montague.

D. C.

### A SILVER WEDDING.

On Saturday afternoon, June 14th, a number of our kind friends came to see us, and surprised us with many beautiful and valuable gifts. Our dear friends, who are ever mindful of our wants, make us a liberal donation every winter, but this was something new and unexpected. A wedding without any persons being married; just think of it! However, the purpose of this pleasant social was to celebrate a wedding which occurred just twenty-five years ago. In addition to numerous other friendly tokens, behold our admiration when sum-