

SUCIDE FROM CALVIN AUSTIN REPORTED, BUT SOME THINK IT'S A FAKE

George Brigham, of Winthrop, Mass., Left Letters for His Wife and Capt. Pike, Saying He'd Jump Overboard— Then He Disappeared—Boston Report Says He's Done That Kind of Thing Before.

Because of domestic and financial troubles, Geo. H. Brigham, of No. 37 Highland avenue, Winthrop (Mass.), was supposed to have ended his life in the waters off the Maine coast by jumping from the steamer Calvin Austin some time after 3.45 o'clock Saturday morning. It may not be a case of suicide, though. A message last evening from Boston to this paper says that his wife is of the opinion he left the Austin at Eastport. Other relatives believe this to be the case.

In Brigham's sleeping apartment on the steamer were found a couple of letters— one addressed to his wife, the other to the captain or steward of the Austin. The latter was scribbled in lead pencil and was simply the farewells statement of a man who said he found further existence unbearable. According to the message, his family life was anything but harmonious. He had become a fugitive from justice. But he desired to point out that he was guiltless. The work of others was the cause of his ruin. He suffered and would choose death in preference to a continuance of life under such circumstances.

He charged the captain to see that the letter addressed to his wife would safely reach its destination. Both letters he placed between the handles of his dressing case in his sleeping section and after making an inquiry of another occupant of the apartment, left the place and was not seen again.

BRIGHAM'S LETTER TO CAPTAIN PIKE

Captain: Will you kindly see that my wife gets this letter and this case; I am a broken-hearted man, a fugitive from the law which I did not mean to be. I have ended it all, by death from your boat; may God have pity on me. I can not live. They have kept my wife away, and gave her evidence against me. She is not to blame. God forgive her; and may God curse her sister and Mrs. Harshorn and Horace Fraser.

I hope you will kindly do me this favor. I will drop off and that will end it all.

See that no one gets it but my wife. The letter is very private.

Yours respectfully,
G. H. BRIGHAM.

No home, no friends, and a criminal by other's acts that broke up my home.

Don't Believe Suicide Story.

Boston, Aug. 21.—(Special)—Although George H. Brigham wrote a letter to Captain Samuel Pike, of the steamer Calvin Austin, on her last trip to St. John announcing that he had jumped into the sea, his friends believe he is alive and probably in Eastport or that vicinity.

"He will turn up all right," his wife, who lives in Winthrop, said tonight, "and I don't propose to bother my head about him."

If he did jump overboard he must have done it Friday night. None of the Austin's crew remembers having seen him Saturday morning and it is supposed that after the steamer reached Eastport, where she remained seven hours, he went ashore.

The letter addressed to his wife, which will be mailed to her tomorrow morning by C. E. Lachler, Boston agent of the international division of the Eastern S. S. Company, appears to contain at least a dozen pages of paper and the envelope bears two American two-cent stamps.

He Did It Before.

Brigham, who is a painter and paper hanger, about six weeks ago placed his hat beside a pond near South Framingham and pinned to it a note in which he told his wife that he had committed suicide. A few days later he was found wandering about the streets of Marlboro. A week later he visited his wife's home at Winthrop and, it is alleged, struck her several times and chased her through the streets.

Stified that he would cause her endless trouble she had him arrested on a technical charge of "non-support" and that case is now pending in the South Framingham courts.

Brigham's relatives and the police say that periodically he becomes mentally unbalanced.

Capt. Pike, of the Austin, said tonight: "I do not remember having seen Brigham on the Austin and from what I have heard about him since I got to Boston I am satisfied that this suicide business is a fake."

The persons Brigham refers to in his letter to Captain Pike are neighbors of Mrs. Brigham at Winthrop.

SENT LETTER TO WIFE FROM ST. JOHN

Mrs. Brigham said tonight she received a threatening letter post marked St. John (N. B.), from her husband last Thursday. The letter is dated Aug. 16. Investigation tonight showed that Brigham has had a fake mania for suicide for several years. When a boy he telegraphed his father that he died and that his body was at an undertaker's in a southern city. "Send \$25 at once and we will send the body home," the telegram said.

Mrs. Brigham brought suit for divorce against her husband in July and almost every day since she says he has written her threatening letters.

BROKE RECORD FOR RAIN DOWNPOUR.

The City Deluged by Storm of Cloudburst Variety.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE.

Something of a cloudburst visited St. John Saturday night; the city was deluged by rain; a storm so violent and bringing such precipitation in so brief a time can not be found in the observatory records in fact only one other recorded rain storm brought greater downpour and that storm lasted much longer than Saturday night's. The total rainfall in seven hours was 3.80 inches and for one-quarter of an hour during the storm the rain poured down at the rate of one and a quarter inches an hour—something unprecedented.

Considerable damage has been done and some houses suffered in discolored ceilings and damaged carpets; the streets are cut up in some places but happy to relate they've had a good washing and looked well in the sunshine which followed the storm. Misep appears to have suffered most by the deluge.

The Official Record.

The rain storm started Saturday afternoon and continued until 3 o'clock Sunday morning and was the heaviest on record for the month of August and nothing to approach it has occurred since the record breaking rainfall of the June 24, 1901, when the rain was accompanied by a most severe thunder storm.

At that time the rain fall was 4.00 inches, but the storm lasted longer than this one.

The rainfall of Saturday night and Sunday morning was phenomenal for its heavy downpour and the amount recorded in so short a space of time. The total fall registered at the observatory was 3.80 inches between 4 p. m. Saturday and 2 a. m. Sunday. The self-recording rain gauge at the observatory shows that the down pour was heaviest between 10 o'clock Saturday night and 9 o'clock Sunday morning. Between 9 and 10 o'clock Saturday night the recording instrument shows 0.22 inch; 10 to 11 o'clock, 0.83; 11 to midnight, 0.90; midnight to 1 a. m., 0.85 inch, and for the second quarter of an hour after midnight rain was falling at the rate of one and a half inches an hour.

At that time the wind from south-east to south-west recorded from 18 to 24 miles an hour, shifting to northwest and north Sunday morning with clearing weather.

In Carleton many roofs were not proof against the assaults of the rain. At the corner of Rodney and Ludlow streets the water was retained duty and the street was gulged.

The N. B. Southern Railway had to give some attention to a washout a few miles from Carleton and had a crew of men at work on Sunday.

The C. P. R. was caused practically no trouble by the storm. Some parts of the Carleton branch needed a little attention where the rain had washed out the ballasting.

At Misep, a message to the Telegraph says, there was a regular cloudburst and in that vicinity a great deal of damage was done. The Misep stream was in six hours swollen to a volume never obtained even at high freshet time. Forty feet of the culvert at Backlock's store was swept away, the Burns bridge was carried away totally and swept into the Bay of Fundy. The approach to Thomas' bridge was gulged out and damaged to \$120 done. Neatly every culvert in that vicinity has suffered.

The roads between Misep and St. John are reported to be in very bad shape after the storm. The rain was the worst remembered by the oldest people. Some wood was carried away and several houses were thrown in the flood.

The men under canvas at Fort Dufferin had their troubles. The tents were blown away, the barracks were blown down and the men found refuge in a barn.

Valuing Doctor Has Leg Broken.

A serious accident occurred on the Marsh road Friday afternoon between 5 and 6 o'clock, in which Dr. J. B. Porter, of Washington, who with his wife, has been spending the summer as a guest at the Park Hotel, had his left leg broken at the ankle.

The horse, however, was badly frightened, and upset the carriage. Dr. Porter was thrown out and his leg broken. He was brought to the Park Hotel, and attended by Dr. G. A. B. Addy. The doctor found that both bones of the leg were broken at the ankle and the fracture is therefore a serious one.

The horse was not injured, but the top of the carriage was somewhat damaged.

At the A. O. U. W. convention in Sorel (Que.), at the session held Wednesday afternoon last, W. T. Farley, of this city, assumed the office of president master workman, and H. D. Everett, also of this city, was elected grand overseer. J. J. Ulley, of Montreal, was chosen grand master workman for Quebec and the maritime provinces.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST END BUSY SESSION.

Much Business Marked Meetings of Friday and Saturday --- New Officials Elected.

The annual meeting of the Disciples of Christ of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia was continued at Burt's Corner, Keswick (N. B.), Saturday, Aug. 20, at 2.30 p. m. A song service was held, conducted by J. C. B. Appel, St. John (N. B.), followed by a very instructive address on How to Study the Bible, by J. F. Floyd, St. John (N. B.).

At 3.30 p. m. F. J. M. Appelman, of Pictou (N. S.), gave an eloquent address on the work of the Disciples. The following is a synopsis of the address:—

Since its organization in 1840, a period of 53 years, the American Christian Missionary Society has been instrumental in organizing 2,500 churches, or about one-fourth of the number now reported. Last year it organized 121 churches. In the first six months following the Detroit convention it organized 79 churches. The average expense of these churches to the A. C. M. S. is \$300 each. One church was organized in East Dallas, Texas, at an expense to the A. C. M. S. of only \$112, and became a Living Link church at the age of six months, having raised \$300 as its first year offering and appointed its own home missionary. Last year nine churches of this society added 14,814 members, 6,951 of which were by baptism. For the first half of the present year 4,132 were added by confession and baptism. For every \$5 entrusted to this society its works have been able to win one soul to Christ. Last year 240 workers were kept in the field on an offering of \$124,610.

For the first twenty-five years the A. C. M. S. did work in both home and foreign fields. Since that time it has confined itself to the home work. At present it is doing work in Canada and Porto Rico as well as in the United States. Its greatest strength is in six states, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Kentucky, where the most work is done by the state boards mainly. Outside of this territory is missionary ground for our people. Its work as far as possible is done through state and district boards, as in the case of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. It has attempted work among the Germans of Cleveland, the Scandinavians of Minnesota and Wisconsin, the Mexicans of Texas, and the Chinese in the Pacific coast.

Our hearts are appealed to, not only by the great work which this society has done and is doing, but by the many unimproved opportunities. In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick only 20 churches reported last year. Many towns are without churches that are simply Christian lands. Through many states the need is very apparent, as in Wyoming where less than five per cent are members of any evangelized religion. Oklahoma is a very promising field, and South Dakota presents similar opportunities. Porto Rico needs both physical bread and the bread that came down from heaven. Last December 1,854 deaths were reported, 455 were of starvation. The moral and spiritual condition is infinitely worse. For the same month of December there were tabernacles in the United States have heard the plea of the disciples of Christ. Of one hundred leading cities in the United States, thirty-five have no churches that are simply Christian lands. Home mission plants churches that in turn become supporters of foreign work. Money given thus flows on in an ever increasing stream until it reaches the most distant lands. It is only a little less direct route to the foreign field, and like the windings of a river it irrigates the soil as it goes. Touched by the magic hand of home missions our hearts are increased to a multitude with which to bless both home and foreign lands. We do not discourage of ferings to foreign missions, but we emphasize the importance of home missions. Mr. McLeary, corresponding secretary of the foreign society, speaking of churches planted and fostered by the A. C. M. S. said: "Churches thus planted and fostered are related to the work in the non-Christian world as the roots of a tree are related to the branches. Without vigorous roots the tree will wither and die." Speaking of the two things—men and means—required for the conquest of the world, he says: "The men needed for Africa, for China, for Japan, for India, and for the islands of the sea, must come from the churches in this land, if they come at all." "As the work at home is strengthened, the work on the mission fields can be enlarged." "We ought to give ten times what we are now giving to home missions." It could not be put more strongly. Foreign missions have their roots in home missions.

At 8 p. m. the public meeting of the Maritime Christian Missionary Society was held, the president, J. S. Flagg, St. John (N. B.), presiding. Ernest and inspiring addresses were given by Howard Murray, Milton (N. S.) and R. Everett Stevenson, St. John (N. B.). These two speakers emphasized the importance of the home mission work in the provinces, giving reasons why the Disciples of Christ should be interested in this great and important work.

During the evening J. Barry Allan sang a solo.

At the conclusion of this meeting pledges were called for, resulting in \$150 being taken to home missions. The collection figure amounted to about \$40.

Sunday, Aug. 21, 7 a. m., a very inspiring prayer and praise service was held, conducted by J. Barry Allan. At 10.30 a. m. E. C. Ford, editor of the Christian, preached the convention sermon on the subject, The Authority in the Kingdom of God.

At 11.30 a. m. a solemn and impressive

COMMUNION SERVICE WAS HELD, CONDUCTED BY J. F. FLOYD, ST. JOHN (N. B.)

At 3 p. m. A. McLean, of Cincinnati, Ohio, preached a splendid sermon on The Evangelization of the World. "This is the great work of the church. The risen Redeemer charged His disciples to go into all the world and to preach the gospel to the whole creation. The early church carried the gospel to all parts of the Roman empire. They had no money and little scholarship, and no friends at court; but they had faith and courage and enthusiasm, and they undertook to carry out their Lord's last command.

At the present time the missionary staff numbers about 19,000. Of these 5,000 are ordained ministers. The others are physicians or teachers or the wives of the missionaries or single women engaged in the work. But they all preach. That is their chief business and everything else is subsidiary to it. The Bible has been translated into 430 languages. The printed page can go where no human agent can. The mission hospitals number 350; the dispensaries are about twice as many; 3,000,000 patients are treated annually. Schools are opened where needed. These number about 20,000; the pupils number over 1,000,000. Every agency helps forward the main purpose of the missionary enterprise.

The Disciples of Christ gave \$981,000 last year for home and foreign missions. They have missionaries in all parts, in Canada, and in all the great heathen fields of the world. The disciples are growing in numbers at a rate that is the marvel of all the religious bodies in America. They number now 1,250,000; in twenty-five years it is confidently believed they will number 5,000,000. They are growing in wealth and in missionary zeal as well. The outlook is bright and full of promise."

At 8 p. m. J. F. Floyd, St. John (N. B.), preached an eloquent sermon on The Church of the Future, which was listened to by a very large and appreciative audience.

Special music was rendered by a mixed quartette, and J. Barry Allan, who sang very effectively. Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?

At the close of the evening's service a farewell meeting was held at which the delegates expressed their appreciation of the hospitality shown them by the good people at Burt's Corner. R. Everett Stevenson, on behalf of the church at Halifax, gave a cordial invitation to all the attendees to the Maritime Christian Society's convention to be held at Halifax next August.

The convention then closed with singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Friday's Session.

Friday's session began with devotional service, led by R. Everett Stevenson, Halifax (N. S.), followed by a business session, the president, G. Nelson Stevenson, Mascarene (N. B.), in which a general discussion took place as to the best means of promoting Sunday school work.

At 8 p. m. the public meeting of the C. W. B. M. was held, the vice-president, Mrs. J. S. Flagg, St. John (N. B.), presiding. A. McLean, of Cincinnati, president of the American Foreign Missionary Society, gave a stirring address on Giving Special music was rendered during the evening by a mixed quartette, and a solo by J. Barry Allan.

The amount realized at the close of the meeting in cash and pledges amounted to over \$100 for foreign missions.

Saturday, Aug. 20, 8.45 a. m.—A devotional service was held, followed by the business session of the Maritime Christian Missionary Society.

The committee on nominations reported the following officers for the ensuing year: President, J. L. Flagg, St. John (N. B.); vice-president, G. Nelson Stevenson, Mascarene (N. B.); secretary-treasurer, L. A. Miles, St. John (N. B.); J. F. Floyd, St. John (N. B.); George J. Barnes, St. John (N. B.).

The reports from the mission were encouraging. Total receipts were \$837.63.

At 10.15 a. m. the second business session of the annual meeting was held, the president, G. Nelson Stevenson, in the chair. The committee on enrollment reported 70 delegates to the convention.

The committee on obituaries submitted the following report:

"Your committee on obituaries, according to the information in their possession, beg leave to report that the churches represented in this convention have lost by death since our last convention the following members: Miss Nellie Emery, of Coburg Street church, St. John; Mrs. Geo. Cossaboom, of Tiverton (N. S.); Mrs. Hayden and Mrs. Graham of Westport (N. S.); Mrs. Wisdom, Bro. Wm. Carson and Bro. Jacob Carson, of Halifax (N. S.); Bro. Isaac Williamson, of Leete (N. S.);



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PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE

Mrs. Vall, of St. John, is visiting her son, D. A. Vall, Sussex.

Mrs. Mary Lindsay left yesterday for Shediac to assist in the care of a patient.

J. A. Bruce, of Campbellton, will leave for St. John on Monday, where he will be joined by Mrs. Bruce, who is visiting friends in Fredericton.

Mrs. Neil McDonald and her son, of New York, who have been visiting her uncle, A. McMillan, left yesterday for home.

Miss Beattie Condon, St. John, is in Albert, visiting friends.

Lester Smith, son of Rufus Smith, of St. John, is visiting relatives at Harvey Bank.

Miss Elizabeth McInerney, of St. John, is visiting her cousin, Miss Marie Corbett, Moncton.

Mrs. W. S. Gardner and Miss Ivy Gardener, of Montreal, who have been visiting J. E. B. and Mrs. McCreday, left Charlottetown Saturday morning for St. John.

John C. Miles, A. R. C. who has been at Chance Harbor, has returned, bringing some pleasing sketches of that locality.

Alderman Lewis is spending a week in Chipman.

Mrs. Henry Thorp, of Lynn, is visiting Mrs. J. I. Alexander, Esplanade street.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Melbo-men have returned from New York, having been spending a few weeks with relatives at Norton and Moncton and will sail Wednesday morning on the Calvin Austin for Boston and New York.

Judge Carleton and Messrs. George V. McInerney, J. Frank Owens and P. Murphy, delegates to the C. M. B. A. convention, have gone to Toronto.

Miss Glenn Trenchon, of Port Elgin, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Wm. Corkery, of Chicago, is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. Dalton, North End.

T. C. Burpee, engineer of maintenance of way, I. C. R., Moncton, and Mrs. Burpee are at the Royal.

Miss E. M. Goodwin, who has been visiting her sister in Boston returned home last week and is now visiting her brother, E. A. Goodwin, at his country residence, Loch Lomond.