

mocking you ; but why do you think I am mocking you when I affirm that no intelligent mind made and planned this little machine ; but you affirm the same of the much more complicated machinery of this material universe."

The argument was effectual. The Atheist saw the absurdity of his position and forever abandoned it. Order is written everywhere. Harmony and beauty are upon every hand. Design is impressed upon everything, animate and inanimate, and where there is design there must of necessity be a designer. That designer is the one living and true God.

David says, the fool saith in his heart : "There is no God." That is the secret of Atheism. Men feel the weight and guilt of their sins. They shudder at the thought of coming before God with sinful hearts and polluted lives, hence, they wish in their hearts that God is not. The wish becomes father to the thought. No man ever said in his reason there is no God. Daniel Webster said he tried to disbelieve the Bible but he was confronted on every hand by evidences of its truth.

We once heard of a blatant Atheist in Pennsylvania who was met one day by a simple-minded Christian Dutchman who said to him, "Do you believe der ish no Got?" "Yes," said the Atheist, "there is no God." "Oh vel den," said the Dutchman, "you musht be von fery schmart man I have heard tell about you. My Bible tells about you. My Bible says, 'The fool says in his heart der ish not Got,' but you big fool you, you jüst blab it right oud."—*Simpson Ely, in Christian Ecologist.*

PULPIT DON'TS.

Don't preach more than thirty minutes.

Don't think to be immortal by being eternal.

Don't try to be eloquent ; only try to be simple.

Don't preach your own doubts or the doubts of others. Your people have doubts enough of their own, and can always pick up more.

Don't raise the devil in the pulpit unless you are very sure you can lay him.

Don't preach science ; not even the science of theology. Your pulpit is not a lecture platform, nor your church a class room.

Don't try to be funny in the pulpit. Never say a funny thing on purpose. Humor that says itself will do no harm.

Don't try to be some one else. There is only one person worth imitating ; and the way to imitate Him is by living in Him.

Don't substitute gush for good sense, rhapsody for reason, and asseveration for argument. The Americans are a strong people and they need a meat diet.

Don't mistake noise in a sermon for eloquence, or noise in a prayer for devotion.

Don't use the long prayer to tell your congregation the news of the week, or the Lord the latest discoveries in theology.

Don't gesture with malice aforethought.

Don't try to save the truth ; the truth can take care of itself: save men.

Don't turn your pulpit into a stump. If you want to help your party find a stump outside.

Don't ask the centre pews what you may preach ; ask the New Testament.

Don't try to be prudent ; only try to be brave. Even Paul begged his friends to pray for him that he might speak boldly as he ought to speak.

Don't imagine that you are the Board of Deacons, the Board of Trustees, the Church Meeting, and the Society, you are only the Pastor.

Don't forget that it always takes two to perpetuate a scandal; one to listen as well as one to speak.

Don't forget that it takes two to make a quarrel ; and—

Don't be one of the two.—*Christian Union.*

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The following arrangements have been made with the Railways for reduction of fares to those attending the annual meeting.

Intercolonial Railway will grant to those who have bought a first-class ticket going, a return ticket free from Elmsdale Station.

Those coming by the Windsor and Annapolis Railway will buy a first-class ticket to Newport Station ; a return ticket will be given at *one-third* fare.

Western Counties Railway grant tickets at one first-class fare to Digby, returning will furnish tickets at one-third fare from Digby.

In all cases certificates from the Secretary must be presented to the Ticket Agent on returning.

Bro. J. B. Wallace authorizes us to state that the brethren of West Gore extend a cordial invitation to the brethren and friends of other parts to attend their Annual Meeting—commencing the Friday before the first Lord's day in the present month. Elmsdale on the Intercolonial Railway, or Newport on the Windsor and Annapolis line, being in opposite directions, and either of them 20 miles from the place of meeting, it makes it necessary for persons wishing to attend to write HIM the DAY and STATION at which they will arrive.

The people at West Gore have but two mails a week—MONDAY and FRIDAY evenings. Letters or cards received Friday evening will enable the brethren to start early Saturday morning and meet their friends at the time and stations named. If the friends will write in time they need have no fear of being left, as teams will be provided for them. Address J. B. Wallace, West Gore, Hants County, N. S.

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 Society meets every Wednesday evening at 6.

Bro. Capp and family have returned from their visit to P. E. Island.

One young man confessed the Saviour since last report.

Bro. Ira C. Mitchell has been with us two Lord's days, and his visit greatly enjoyed by all. During his stay he preached every evening through the week. His discourses were all very fine. His manner of presenting the Gospel and its claims was greatly admired by all who heard him. We regret that Bro. Mitchell has gone West again, as we need just such men in the provinces.

Some of our brethren intend going to the Annual next week. We trust something may be done towards procuring a regular Evangelist for the provinces, and that the meeting may be the means of stimulating all to a greater activity in the Lord's cause.

LEONARDVILLE, DEER ISLAND.

Though we have not much of an encouraging nature to communicate, yet we have no discouragements. Our social meetings and Sunday School work are well maintained.

While as in all churches, some have laid aside active work, yet the greater part of our members are striving to live in accordance with the teaching of the word of God. Especially is this so in regard to our younger members who last spring put on Christ in humble submission to His will. No one can contrast their present life with their former, but must conclude that the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: God be thanked for such a salvation—a salvation that saves not only in future, but in the present life.

Our hearts were made to rejoice a few days since in seeing one obey her Saviour. A visiting sister from the northern part of this province on hearing the truth as embraced in our plea, felt it her duty to obey her Saviour's commands, and was accordingly immersed into Christ.

Our Elder, Bro. Geo. Leonard, has been quite sick, but we are glad to report him convalescent again.

Sister Kay, relict of our late Elder Geo. Kay, is now lying at the point of death.

Sister Caddie Rogerson, who has been confined to her house for over a year, is now able to again fill her place in the house of prayer, and Sunday School. Thus in the midst of trial does mercy surround us. To God be all the praise.

TECUMSEH.

NOVA SCOTIA.

DIGBY COUNTY NOTES.

The Church at Southville is moving along about as usual. The meetings for breaking bread are regular and well attended, sometimes as many as forty-five sit down together, and those meetings are very enjoyable. We keep up two Sunday Schools with a fair interest. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening.

I was at Gulliver's Cove two weeks ago. The gathering in the morning and afternoon was small, but in the evening there was a fair congregation. This Church had given up their meetings, but I think they will try and maintain worship on the Lord's day in the future. They have a nice house 24 x 80, finished outside, which I am in hopes will be finished by another summer. They have had but a few sermons preached there in the last six years. I shall try from this time forth to visit them once a month.

Last Lord's day I spent with the church at South Range. Twelve of us sat down to break bread and most of them gave a word of exhortation. This church will, in the near future, begin a building for the worship of the Lord.

The church at Southville have commenced their building and intend to have it up this fall.

Westport and Tiverton are without preaching this summer, as Bro. Ford is laboring in the eastern part of our Province.

J. A. GATES.

Southville, Aug. 26th, 1886.

UNITED STATES.

EASTPORT, MAINE.

There has during the present year been a large influx of those holding the faith of Disciples of Christ, and it is now thought advisable at an early date, to make an effort to resuscitate the Church of Christ here. There are now in our midst many warm-hearted, earnest Christians, who feel the need of such a home, and we feel assured that with proper effort, there is every prospect of success. Knowing our desires and our needs will not the brethren of the Provinces come to our help. Here is a field for successful work, and we shall be remiss in our sacred obligations if we neglect the present opportunity.

DISCIPLE.