isters must labor in these poor churches."

I would like to ask how the pastors of these churches can insure their lives at a cost of $100 a year.

Rev. G. F. Mainwaring says: "I am much interested in the Annuity Fund. I have spared no pains in endeavoring to make the collection a success. Personally I am highly pleased with the response my church returned to the appeal for this deserving object. Last year we sent you $12; this year $21. We have improved. Next year I hope we shall beat this year's return."

The welfare of the ministers and churches and all the interests of the denomination depend in a large measure on the success of this undertaking.

E. M. S.

Digby County Ministerial Conference.

The Conference was called to order at Westport, on the 17th, at 2 p. m. Rev. J. H. Saunders in the chair.

During the preceding week very interesting and profitable services had been conducted by Revs. J. L. M. Young, J. H. Saunders and S. H. Cornwell at Tiverton and Central Grove, Long Island. The outlook is very cheering at these places; more especially at Central Grove, where several of the young people manifested anxiety to know more of Christ and the way of salvation; and members of the church seemed quickened and refreshed. Could the work be followed up a large ingathering of precious souls would no doubt result.

Sunday, Dec. 16th, Rev. J. L. M. Young preached at Freeport, and J. L. Brown a Westport.

The Conference proper was a very interesting one—sessions were held on the afternoon of Monday and Tuesday—and public services addressed by the ministers present in the interest of our Denominational work were held in the evening, and collections taken for Convention Fund. Among the papers of interest was a plan of sermon by Bro. Young; topic, "Esteem of Churches for Their Pastors"; text 1 Thess. 5:12, 13; and an article on "The Social Element in Church Work," by the Rev. J. Saunders. A feature of our Conference is the "Question Box," into which any one present is at liberty to drop a question or questions respecting church work, polity, discipline, etc. These questions are either answered by the chairman or assigned by him to members of the Conference, and forms an interesting and profitable exercise for an hour or more.

The next meetings of Conference will be held with the 1st and 2nd Hillsburg churches, meeting at Smith's Cove, Jan. 15th '89, at 2 p. m. Papers are expected from Bros. Cornwell, J. F. Saunders, J. H. Saunders, L. B. Gates, Young and Brown. These brethren will please take this as a notification and come to the Conference prepared to carry the programme into effect.

Not the least encouraging feature of the Conference at Westport was the interest taken by the lay brethren in the discussion. Though the weather was very unfavorable, several brethren from Long Island and quite a number of the brethren and sisters of the Westport church attended every session and took part in the exercises. It is hoped that the brethren of the churches where the future meetings are to be held and of the neighboring churches, will bear in mind that one object of our gatherings is to cultivate a deeper fraternal spirit between the Baptists of Digby Co., and this can only be done as we meet and become acquainted one with the other and hear of each others work and welfare, that remembering this, our brethren will follow the example of Westport and in large numbers attend the Conference and District meeting.

J. S. Brown, Sec'y.

Digby, N. S., Dec. 20.

The Week of Prayer.

JANUARY 6–13, 1889.

The following are the topics for the Week of Prayer, as sent out from New York by the Evangelical Alliance:

Sunday, Jan. 6.—Sermons. Arise, shine; for thy light is come, etc. Isa. 60: 1. Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 13: 14. Without Me ye can do nothing. John 15: 5. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. 4: 13.

Monday, Jan. 7.—Thanksgiving and Confession. For the individual, the family, the church, the community, and the nation. *Thanksgiving:* 1 Thess. 5: 17; Ps. 100; Ps. 103; Neh. 12: 43. *Confession:* Hos. 14: 1, 2; 1 John 1: 8, 9; Ps. 32: 1–5; 2 Sam. 12: 13.

Tuesday, Jan. 8.—The Holy Spirit. *Offices:* John 16: 7–15; Joel 2: 28. *Gifts:* 1 Cor. 12: 7–11. *Fruits:* Gal. 5: 22, 23. *Example:* Acts 19: 1–6; Luke 24: 49; Acts 1: 14, 2: 1–4.

Wednesday, Jan. 9.—The Family and the Church. For parents, children, masters and servants. Deut. 6: 1–7; Eph. 6: 1–9; 2 Tim. 1: 5. For ministers, officers and members; for Christ-likeness in heart and life; for increased activity, personal and associated; for Sunday schools; for associations of young men and young women; for all forms of church work; for the oneness of all believers. 2 Thess. 3: 1; Isa. 62: 1–4; John 1: 35–46; Mark 2: 3–5; Joel 2: 28; John 17: 20–23.

Thursday Jan 10.—Reforms. For the abolition of the manufacture, importation, sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; for the destruction of the opium traffic; for the repeal of all laws which protect vice; for the sanctification of the Lord's day; for social purity, and all other needed reforms. Prov. 23: 29–32; Rom. 3: 8; Hab. 2: 15, and 3: 12; Luke 1: 15; Ex. 20: 8–11; Neh. 13: 15–22; Ex. 20: 14; Mal. 5: 28; 1 Cor. 3: 16, 17.

Friday, Jan. 11.—Missions. *City:* Luke 19: 41; 24: 47–40; Isa. 58: 12. *Home:* Mark 1: 38, 39; Luke 8: 1; 10: 1. *Foreign:* Matt. 28: 19; John 4: 35, 36; Luke 10: 2; Isa. 6: 8.

Saturday, Jan. 12.—Nations. For peace and prosperity, both temporal and spiritual; for civil and religious liberty; for rulers, legislators and judges, and for all in authority; for just laws and their impartial enforcement; for nations suffering injustice at the hands of other nations; for the removal of international and class antipathies and jealousies; for purity in national life. Ps. 67; Rom. 13: 1–7; 1 Pet. 2: 13–15; Jas. 5: 4; Col. 4: 1.

Sunday, Jan. 13.—Sermons. 1 Cor. 3; 9; 1 Cor. 15: 58.

Sufficient Seaway.

BY ROLLIN A. SAWYER, D. D.

Standing the other day just where the Delaware River broadens out into the Bay, we were instructed as to the significance of that sacred phrase "a large place." Over the light yonder you see the masts of a mighty ship slipping silently past the island as if she drifted on the tide. "Now watch," said the pastor of this seaboard parish, himself something of a sailor, "When the tug has brought the ship to where the bay opens out, she will hoist sails and stretch away." And what a picture it is, as the cloud of canvas unrolls in the sunshine above the shining sea below, and this great ocean-bird drops the little smoking tug that has clung like a leech to her side, and springs to her sea course with a speed and grace of a greyhound. It is a comfortable way to get out of a narrow channel chained to a tug-boat; but when the rim of the wide sea is touched, the useful tug is an incumbrance, and no sailor wants it a moment longer. Somehow, as you watch the group about the windlass, you can see a protest in every face. With a good ship under them, and the ocean before, it is humiliation to be pulled about by that fussy, fuming affair under the lee rails. What a transformation it is in sailor as ship, when his ship's tutelage is over, and she shapes her course in the fulness of her freedom and her strength.

Well, brother sailor over the sea of life, the lesson is not far to seek for you and me. Every one of us must know what it is to be in the narrow channels where submission is our strength; when to be pulled along or pushed about is the surest way out to liberty at last. And though the trial is humiliating always, and painful often, yet the necessity is so commanding that we must wait the issue, however near or far, with patience helped by experience. That "large place" beyond is waiting for us, and anything is good that gets us there.

There are times, too, when guidance along a confined path is good growth as well as good progress. The mind of man is fitted for its best flight, like a bullet moulded to the rifle barrel, and driven by it straight to the mark. We must have principles and rules and doctrines, as the tree has roots. We must leave them and "go on unto perfection," as the tree leaves its roots and goes up into foliage and fruit. The fact is, that dogma may be as dry as a root, but without it there is neither form nor force of truth. Be patient, aspiring soul: for the Hand that is leading through the narrows is a healthful restraint; and when it begins to relax its hold, remember that a wise captain never discharges his pilot till his ship is "beyond the capes."

On the other hand, there is a time to "stretch away." When the ship has sufficient sea-way, it is to her hurt not to cast loose from the tug. A church that has come down the necessitous ways of poverty or persecution, gets used to outside helps and narrow methods. Sometimes it seems as if ship and tug had grown together. Such close communion, such exclusive orders, such hopeless dependence on the things that have been helpful or needful in the past, ought to be kept up longer. "Must it be Drumclog forever?" cries the soul of Arnot as his Scotch brethren refused to sing the hymns of modern praise. He was then touching the border of heaven. So there opens out for us to day this vast continent of Christian work and worship. Our feet are on the rim of God's "large place." Brothers in Christ of every name, let us up sail and stretch away!

The last day of our stay by the bay of Delaware, was one of storm. There were no seaward ships to be seen then; only the storm-bound and the in-bound. Happy the crew that found the shelter then of the narrow channels! By-and-by we shall bless God for the river-ways that lead inward from His "great and wide sea." Some day we shall need a haven. To-day we cry "The Lord of hosts is with us," outward bound; to-morrow, within the headlands of His grace, we shall sing "The God of Jacob is our refuge." Two great ships came up while the sun shone, and cast anchor behind Reedy Island. When the storm came up a few hours behind them, we praised the prudent man that "foreseeing the evil, hideth himself." All the sea-way a sailor needs at such a time, can be found in a cable's length of deep water. The freest ship in all the world's navies, is that one which came quietly up to a sheltered place in advance of any gale. To be straining at cables on a lee shore, is slavery; riding at anchor under a lee shore, is the freedom of the blessed.—*Evangelist.*

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

Germantown.—We are holding special services in this part of the field, with encouraging results. Expect to continue next week.

L. M. Weeks.

Harvey, Dec. 15.

Lunenburg.—We wish to acknowledge the receipt of $5 from Hon. W. S. Fielding, Halifax, $5 from Mrs. L. A. Long, Fairville, N. B., and $1 from Rev. M. P. Freeman, Gaspereaux. The donors will please accept our thanks.

J. W. Brown.

Dec. 14

Billtown.—Kindly allow me space for a few words to my fellow students and those of my brethren to whom I am personally known. It has been a matter of deep regret to me that I was obliged by ill health to give up my mission work last summer. After a stay of some three months in all in hospital in Halifax I have again been forbidden by medical authority to take up mental work for twelve or eighteen months at least. Physical employment has been prescribed as a substitute. At present I am recovering from an attack of congestion of the lungs with some heart trouble. It is my heart's desire and prayer to God that I may yet have the needed strength to go on with my studies and engage in the Master's business. I am glad to learn that the old Lake Division of the Sons of Temperance has been resuscitated. It would be unfair not to mention the Christmas Tree and fancy sale of last evening. I know that the whole heart and soul of the pastor of the church are in this work.

Dec. 20.

Percy Huntly.

PERSONALS.

The friends of Rev. Jn. Brown, our English correspondent, will be interested in a notice in another column. We present congratulations.

Bro. Weeks, of Harvey, wishes to express gratitude for a splendid Japan Bear Sleigh Robe, the gift of a member of Germantown church.

NOTICES.

The next session of the Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska counties Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Albert Street Baptist church, Woodstock, on Friday, January 4, 1889. Preaching at 7 p. m. It is hoped that ministers and delegates from all the Baptist churches in the above counties will be present.

Thos. Todd, Sec'y-Treas.

Woodstock, Dec. 5.

Dr. Crawley.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY WOLFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH.

In connection with the death of Dr. Crawley, we desire to place on record our sense of the great value of his labors and example as a faithful servant of Jesus Christ in this community. While his chief object during the many years of his residence here was to make our denominational college efficient and successful, he uniformly manifested a deep interest in the welfare of this church and the spiritual good of the people in this village. His earnest and faithful discourses from the pulpit and his affectionate and impressive addresses in our social meetings were always highly prized by all who heard them, and, without doubt, they have very largely contributed towards the church's success in this place. At the same time the warm Christian sympathy, natural dignity and child-like humility which characterized Dr. Crawley, endeared him to all who knew him in the varied relations of private life.

While we deplore our loss, we gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God in continuing our brother so long in useful service among us, and cherish the hope that the memory of his consecrated talents and pure example may stimulate many others to increased fidelity in Christian labor.

We tender our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family, and pray that the blessing of God, in great measure, may rest on them all.

The Walk of Faith.

BY REV. THEODORE L. CUYLER.

"He went out, not knowing whither he went." God gave to Abraham no map of the country before him, and no guide-book to direct him. "Get thee out of thy country, unto a land that I shall show thee." These were the marching orders; Abraham obeyed, and journeyed on whithersoever the heavenly hand conducted him.

This line, "he went out, not knowing whither," reveals the deepest lesson that a human heart can learn—the lesson of obedient trust in God. It describes in one sentence the walk of faith. What is that? Is it a blind venture, a haphazard drifting along according to circumstances? Nay, verily; it is letting God choose our path, and then walking in it, and not in the way that selfishness covets. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. The walk of faith is just walking with my Divine Master, hand in hand, step by step, uphill or down, over smooth roads or rough, without misgiving or murmuring. To-day I am to do to-day's work with the strength equal to the day. To-morrow's toil and to-morrow's trials I must leave until to-morrow comes. God never built a Christian yet, who was strong enough to carry to-day's duties and to-morrow's cares piled on the top of them. If Abraham had lain awake all night worrying over his next day's route, and refused to move until God gave him a chart of the road, and a fresh guarantee of his safe arrival in Canaan, God might have grown weary of such a troublesome charge, and left him to drift back to heathenish Ur of the Chaldees.

God knows the road before us, and that ought to be enough. The future is a sevened sealed book, and no man can unloose the seals thereof. We discover the contents only as God breaks the seals, and turns over leaf after leaf, one at a time. Selfishness or fear often ache to peep into the fast-locked pages. But faith says "No, no; trust God; sufficient to the day is the evil or the good." The joys of life are all the sweeter for being surprises. God does not allow us to discount our mercies in advance. As for the trials and disappointments, it is far better that we cannot foresee them. It is time enough to pack up and leave dear old homes, time enough to watch over sick beds or weep over empty cribs, when we reach such painful scenes on the life-journey. To forecast our sorrows would but increase the agony without increasing the strength to bear it.

Perhaps, too, many a noble and useful enterprise might never have been undertaken, if all the hardships, reverses, and defeats could be foreseen. If every student for the ministry could read in advance the strain and pressure, the unrequited toils, and perhaps the early snapping of the life-cord, many an one might draw back from the highest and holiest calling in this world. It was well for our nation that they could not foresee the Bull Runs and the Shilohs and Chickamaugas and the long, deep Red Sea of carnage, when they leaped to their feet to avenge the shot at Sumter's flag. Abraham Lincoln's great sorrowful eyes "were holden," so that he could only discover each footstep of duty as it came. Christ does not reveal to every young convert at the outset, all the conflicts he must wage, or the failures he will make, or the enemies he will encounter. He simply says "Follow Me: My grace is sufficient for thee. To him that overcometh will I give the crown of life." From the first shot to the finish, every robust, healthy Christian must fight the good fight of faith.

The constant conflict in this world is between choosing our own way or walking in God's way. The sin of the sinner lies just in this, that he follows the path that seems most pleasant to himself, and the end of it is hell! Even God's people often make most wilful and wicked choices. Lot chose selfishly and went into Sodom, and Sodom got into him. When Lot obeyed God's directions, he reached Zoar, saved by the skin of his teeth. Jonah chose his own way, and went overboard; he then took God's way, and was led to Ninevah on a mission of mercy. Peter undertook to take care of himself, and turned liar and poltroon; several months afterwards he let God take care of him, and went to sleep in a dungeon, to be waked up by a delivering angel. After every day's walk or warfare of faith, we find brethren, that God giveth His beloved sleep. Grand old Abraham was sure of one thing, and that was that his walk of faith would end in the "city that hath foundations." So will ours. Let us march on, step by step, from duty to duty, rising from every fall, and stronger by every victory. By-and-by comes the ring of heaven's trumpets, and the crowns of the conquerors.

Literary Notes.

Travel and adventure in the *Youth's Companion* will include among other articles, "The Bicycle in India and Afghanistan," by Thomas Stevens, "Hunting the Sea Otter," by W. H. Elliott; "Tight Pinches in the Arctic," by Lieut. Schwatka; "The Geologist in the Wilderness, by Prof. Winchell; "Our Floating Camp," by Walter E. Sturgis, and "Digging Out Old America," by F. H. Cushing.

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The Ways of Death.

BY REV. S. H. EMERY.

Some years ago when laboring on Mt. Desert Island in this state, I took a stroll from "Clark's Point" around the "Cove" to the "Sea Wall," on one of the brightest days the Lord ever made. Meditating upon the power and Majesty of God as displayed in his handiwork, I chanced to discover a curiously wrought plant growing by the wayside. Never having seen the like before I became interested to that degree that I might learn what it had to teach me. The lesson I then and there learned I have not forgotten.

Branching from the root of this interesting product of nature were five globular shaped branches, each one forming a distinct and separate reservoir with a pitcher shaped opening; all connected in one symetrical whole by perfect partitions of living green.

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I discovered that my interesting plant in its nature stood revealed as a death trap. And I soon ascertained how the unwary insect was caught.

The insect circling around the mouth of this reservoir sees what seemed a new world of beauty and possible gratification reflected in the treacherous waters, and alighting upon the outer rim commences his descent, and over one lance, then another, and another, until he discovers his error and would fain return but cannot. These lances form a perfect abatis, an insurmountable obstacle to his return. There is only one result, a plunge to destruction.

My study opened up a train of thought. How many there are in the world of God's intelligent creatures who are acting like those foolish insects. Not content with that which God has furnished in this world for their perfect comfort and enjoyment, they are led away by the tempter and their own carnal desires to seek possible gratification in dangerous places. Young men and maidens indulge in delightful dissipation, so called, and laugh at our fears concerning the result. I would have all such, when about to indulge in any questionable pleasures, ask themselves the question, "Will it pay"?

Shun as you would the pestilence and the plague the approaches to evil,—the play-house, the dance-hall, the wine cup, the chance acquaintance of the public thoroughfare. Wisdom lifts her voice in the streets, and one of the notes of her song is, "There is a way that seemeth good unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."—*Zion's Advocate.*

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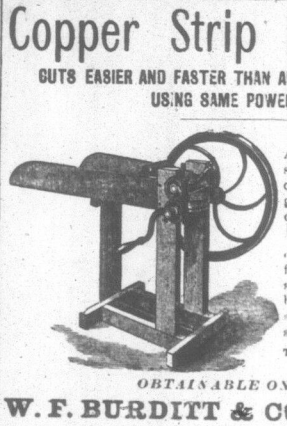

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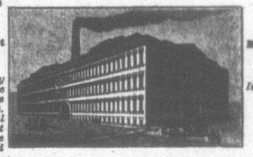

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