

Home Missions.

P. E. ISLAND NOTES.

After attending the meetings of the P. E. Island Association, several days were spent in visiting some of the mission churches of the island.

Three days, including Sabbath, were given to the Montague and Murray River group. These two churches have in all six stations. All these were visited and their condition inquired into. They have comfortable preaching places at all the stations—two being halls and the rest meeting-houses, built within a few years. Being about out of other places they were compelled to provide places for themselves. Some of them are not yet completed, but steps are being taken to that end. On account of the illness of their esteemed pastor, Rev. J. J. Skinner, they have been without pastoral oversight and labor for some months, but these faithful brethren are nevertheless keeping up their prayer-meetings and Sunday-schools in most of the stations.

St. Peter's Road church was next visited. This church is cared for by Pastor Spurr, who resides in Cavendish, some 30 miles distant. But notwithstanding distance, cold, and bad roads, he is always on hand to fill his appointments. We are hoping to be able to arrange for a more convenient grouping.

Though the church is small, and prospect of growth not the brightest, they are very anxious to have the preached word and are willing to pay for it. Their earnest plea was, "don't leave us without pastoral care."

The next evening was spent with the Fairview church, on the Rustico road. This church is also a part of the charge of Bro. Spurr, and is 13 miles from Cavendish. Though it is only ten years old it has already done a good work, and has a bright future before it. They had the materials on hand to repair their meeting-house, and were to begin work next day.

Tryon, next visited, is watched over by Pastor Allaby. This church has equal been associated with Bedouin in supporting a pastor, and in consequence now feels itself two weak to carry the burden of pastoral support. Being an old church it is lacking somewhat in the hopefulness and enthusiasm necessary to prosperity. A discovery of its full ability will come later on. The pastor is endeavoring to organize for work in all departments.

A drive of some 15 miles brought us on Thursday afternoon to Envyale, where we met most of the few that remain of the Envyale church. The "ways and means" of providing them with gospel privileges was considered at some length, and the old story of redeeming love repeated to the few that came together. The 27 members that composed this church at the beginning, have become much scattered with the passing years so that but few now remain in the neighborhood. The community is very small and affords little prospect of growth. For a few months past, the missionary at Tryon has given some labor at this station. Another arrangement is now proposed, and it is probable that the brethren will unite with the church nearest to them, as it scarcely seems worth while to attempt to keep up an organization in that place.

As it was necessary for me to beat the Eastern N. B. Association at Harvey, the remainder of the mission fields of the Island had to be left for another visit.

GENERAL.

For a few years past the Island churches have been well supplied with pastoral labor, but the break down of Bro. Skinner's health and the removal of Pastor Baker from the Alexandra field, leaves several churches without oversight.

Part of the Association Sabbath was spent at Charlottetown, where I had the pleasure of preaching to a good audience in the new vestry. Work is now being pushed on the audience room, and it is expected that it will be completed early in the autumn. Bro. Gordon is proving how much even the church that is bearing heavy burdens of its own can do for Convention funds, when encouraged by the pastor and led to adopt right methods for collecting. Instead of the \$40 or \$50 of former years, they will this year give about \$300.

SHEDIAK, N. B.

On my way from the island, the opportunity was improved of visiting the little church at Shediak. The Protestant population of this town is growing less, and our little church suffers much by removals.

This little church is worthy of imitation, both as to the way it collects its funds and the liberality it manifests. Though numbering only 18 resident members and a very small congregation, the open plate collections averages about \$5 per Sabbath.

Bro. H. P. Waring, of the last class of Acadia College, is now serving them acceptably. He is proving himself a faithful worker.

A. CONNOR.

Hebron, N. B., July 20. Cor. Res.

— Mrs. Moses Abbot, Hammondport, N. Y., was in consumption for twenty years, because so weak as to be unable to sit up and supported her case incurable. She was cured by using Winter's Balsam of Wild Cherry.

Germain St. Baptist Church.

A special meeting of the church and congregation of Germain St. Baptist church was held Friday evening, the 25th inst. The following resolution was passed unanimously by a standing vote:

Whereas, The members of this church and congregation have heard that the Foreign Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces have appointed our pastor, Rev. G. O. Gates, permanent secretary of that Board; and

Whereas, His acceptance of such appointment will necessitate his resignation as pastor of this church; therefore

Resolved, That while we appreciate the honor thus conferred on our beloved pastor, and realize the importance of the work to which he is thereby called, and his peculiar fitness for such work, yet when we remember that the acceptance of this position means the severing of ties which are very dear, and the abandoning of pastoral duties for which he is so eminently fitted, and in which, by the blessing of God, he has labored with such marked success, we respectfully ask that he decline to accept the appointment; and

Further resolved, That we hereby express to our beloved pastor our appreciation of his self-sacrificing services in our behalf and of his able and faithful exposition of the Word of God, and trust that the relationship now existing between us may continue for many years to come; and

Also resolved, That in the event of our pastor's favorable consideration of this request, we pledge ourselves to renewed effort with him in advancing the cause of the Master here and elsewhere.

The question of the pastor's resignation is yet under consideration.

Only a Woman.

I have often thought it a matter for regret that comparison should be instituted between men and women, in the matter of goodness or talent. In the beginning God created them male and female. To the end of time the distinction of sex must remain, and it would be a blessed thing if the only discussion between us would be which should love God most, and which should serve Him best.

One thing, however, is certain, women have special gifts for persevering in a hopeless cause, and if their perseverance is sometimes troublesome to others, it is surely better to be a little importunate in a good cause than to be indifferent. Sometimes too, when women take up good work, the world is apt to judge it from the outside. As for example, in the work of W. C. T. U., where praying down saloons, or even the rough and ready plan of breaking the whiskey barrel, attracts newspaper comment and perhaps the remark that these women want a little cheap notoriety. But who reports all their prayers, all their sacrifices, all their quiet, patient, continuous work? I think it would be good for us all if we judged of work as a whole, and avoided criticising it from a personal point of view. A woman's method of work is not a man's method, but it may not be any the less effective on that account. The dear Lord has given us all our special place, and call, and ability—if we use it for Him, whether according to the way of man or the way of woman, happy are we.

I was very much struck by a remark made to me by Mrs. Downs (President and State organizer of the W. C. T. U., New-Jersey) a few days ago. We were talking in a general way on the temperance question, and she said: "At first we only thought of taking the drunkard up out of the gutter where he had fallen, but we soon found we only lifted him up to see him fall back again, and that there was a good deal more to be done to save him." Here, I said to myself, are women who think, women who reason, women who, when one plan fails, or, at least, does not succeed, try another. Such women are a benediction to their country.

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the aggrandizement of their country. Yes, be it known to all men, and to all women, too, that these W. C. T. U. workers want to make America richer, and more prosperous. Drink never made any country prosperous.

"Now," continued Mrs. Downs, "we have taken up a number of subjects all tending to establish temperance." Yes, that is just what we want to "establish," temperance. Drunkenness has been established quite long enough, with the result of filling jails, and reformatories, and lunatic asylums. It is a nationally expensive habit, to put the matter on the lowest ground; let us try the other plan for a little. One thing is certain, temperance will not injure any one. A speaker at one of our recent meetings here said he had met a friend lately, a great politician, who declared that Miss Willard was one of the most dangerous persons he knew. I should think she was dangerous to the devil anyhow.

A list of the subjects taken up by the W. C. T. U. of New Jersey, which I take from their own report, will show the largeness of their field, and the value to the community at large of their labors.

The subject of health is made an object of interest and attention to all, especially to the young, by lectures and explanations. Do we not want a healthy as well as a temperate rising generation. Under this head a number of subjects are included, all tending to the general welfare of the State. Then there is a branch or department in literature for the suppression of vicious literature and the extension of good reading. The importance of this is obvious. But to my mind the great gain for the public is the one grand fact that so many mothers are engaged heart and soul in all this. Surely the outlook for the coming generation is good. These women are doing their whole-souled best to secure to the coming generation, good health, prosperity, and happiness. Is there a man in America who can refuse them a God-speed? Is there a man in America who would refuse them all the co-operation he can give?

There is a general opinion that women suffer more than men from the effects of drunkenness. No doubt this is true, but it is chiefly because when the husband is a drunkard, the woman has to bear a double burden. I have known in a long life of experience of the poor, many men who have suffered, and suffered bitterly from the drunken habits of their wives. It is a curse whatever way you look at it, and in God's name let us all, men and women do our best to free this land.

I remember one case in my own experience where the man was the victim of his wife's intemperate habits. Late one evening, while I was a "sister," a message was brought to me that a respectable working man was in the parlor and wanted to see me urgently. I was feeling very ill, and in trouble of mind, but I could never refuse a person of his class. When I went to him he handed me a letter from the foreman of the works where he was employed, certifying that he was of good character and in good employment. The man hesitated for a moment and then said, "Sister, I am a Protestant, but we all know how generously you helped the poor Irish Protestants, as well as the Catholics, when they were in distress. This was true, but he did not know all the ill will I got for this from Roman Catholics. My wife, he said, is a Roman Catholic, but

she is a fearful drunkard. I am obliged to be on the works every week for twenty-four hours without returning home. She has sold my furniture, and my clothes, several times, for drink, and now I want to take the children from her and give her a good fright. Will you take them? I will pay for their support. I agreed to do as he wished, and he brought the children to my institution. They were dirty and neglected, as I expected they would be. I told him to bring his wife in a few days. He did so, and I talked to her and tried to get her to take the pledge, but it was of avail. She went to confession to the priest, and went home only to continue the same miserable course.

I do not wish to enter on any controversial subject in the present views of papers, but it is not controversy to state a fact. No one can deny that the very large percentage of those who fill our jails and criminal penitentiaries are Roman Catholics. No one can deny that the Roman Catholic church could as easily prevent her people from going to the liquor saloons as she can prevent them from going to the public schools.

We have had a most impressive and spiritual meeting here of the National Division of the Sons of Temperance. Dr. P. Stryker gave a very fine address, and I was especially impressed by the addresses of C. A. Everett, delegate from St. John, New Brunswick, and by that of Guilford Marr, of Ohio. Mr. Everett told how his father and mother agreed to take the pledge together on their wedding day, and never during a long life regretted it—how they had lived happy and peaceful lives. What a contrast to the miserable family life which I have so often seen, where the marriage tie is hardly formed before scenes of intemperance have commenced.

Mr. Guilford Marr spoke admirably of the influence of the father on his boys, and how they always wanted to do things just as their father. Happy the father who is conscious that his boys may imitate his example in every thing. Happy the mother who can say, "Children, grow up to be like father and you will please God, and please mother."

M. F. CUSACK,
(The Son of Kenneth.)

A Hint to Our Pastors and Churches.

As a Nova Scotian, I feel interested in the provinces, the people of the provinces, and especially the Baptist interests of the Provinces.

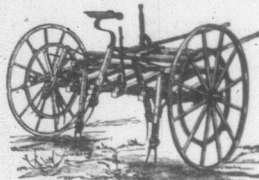
I am encouraged, from time to time, by the reports given from the different fields of labor. While it is sad to note so many of our pastors being laid aside, it is pleasing to see so many entering the field.

I have been in this country for some time, and I find many of our people here who do not connect themselves with any society or attend any particular place of worship. As there are a number of our young people coming to this country every season, would it not be well for the pastors of the various churches to correspond with the churches here concerning such persons as are connected with their society, as soon as they learn of their address. This will show the parties you do not forget them, and will help the churches here to reach them better. Hoping you will pardon these remarks.

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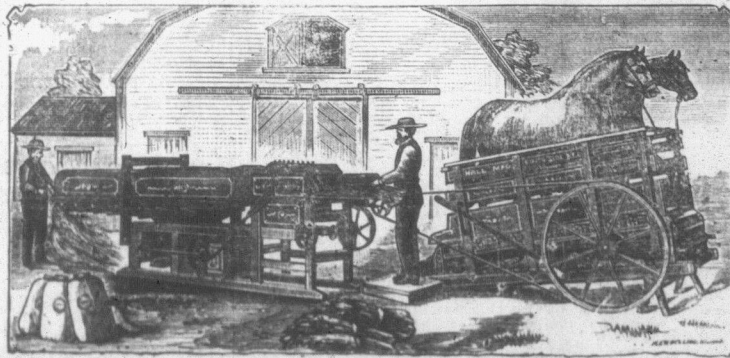
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