

(the doctor) comes rushing landward, banging doors and windows, forcing its way into every nook and cranny of a building, and driving all stagnant and impure air "into space."

Then nightly the cool mountain winds come down from the cloud capped heights also "blowing hard," clearing out glens and gullies, and bearing their heated strata of air away to seaward.

Kingston has no public buildings to pride itself upon, and no attractive places of amusement. There is a well built and well managed "Lunatic Asylum" on the east side of the city, a "General Penitentiary," where the "long sentences" for the whole Colony are worked out; a creditable "Public Hospital;" and there the Government structures proper may be said to end.

The "Victoria Market," is a fine looking public building, and is an interesting point to visit early on a Saturday morning. Country produce and manufactures are brought in from great distances, and the variety of fruit and vegetables is striking. As cultivation is pursued from high water mark to a height of 5,000 feet above the sea, it is not so extraordinary to see marrowfat peas and oranges, pine apples and potatoes, ground nuts and straw berries, bananas and yams, mangoes and green beans, mingled together, and all grown with a minimum of trouble and attention. Almost any of the small fruits and vegetables which we are accustomed to enjoy in a northern climate can be produced in Jamaica, so that the variety of fruits and vegetables is really very great.

When I first went to Jamaica in 1879 the line of railway only went as far as "Old Harbor." Since then the line has been extended almost all round the Island. This line of railway which was completed last year was undertaken by American contractors and is now entirely in the hands of an American company. And I really think that if the Americans had not taken it in hand it never would have been completed, for the old Jamaican has little or no enterprise. His conservatism begins and ends with a "grumble."

The line from Spanish Town (the former capital of Jamaica) to Ewarton passes through the "Bog Walk," which is one of the boldest and most lovely parts of Jamaica.

The country all along the line from Kingston to Porus is essentially tropical, and very beautiful in places. Large stretches of park-like lands, are thickly sprinkled with huge mango and guango trees. The foliage of the mango is very dense and dark, and the shape of the tree somewhat umbrella like when the cattle eat off all the lower leaves, but often growing like a green ball. The guango, the South American Acacia, is

one of the noblest and most graceful of trees. It is very lovely in full flower, its flowers looking like pale pink and creamy white down. Some of the trees are covered with the pink, and some with the white flowers. In shape it resembles the elm, only its branches are more drooping. It grows from five to six feet in diameter, and produces a very sweet bean, which both cattle and horses eat greedily.

You pass large mangrove swamps, coconut and banana plantations, and extensive fields of luxuriant guinea grass. The trees are all more or less ornamented with festoons and hanging creepers. These curious wild vines when quite denuded of leaves, look like huge ropes hanging down from the trees. The parasitical tree pines are often mingled with orchids of great beauty. The scenery up and down the Rio Cobre is rich with woodland, and all along the irrigation canal, the verdure is brilliant.

After you leave Porus, a place only distinguished by its dirt and squalor, you are only a good hour's drive from Mandeville, in Manchester, one of the prettiest inland villages in Jamaica, and one of the healthiest in the world. All the way to Mandeville, the scenery is lovely. After leaving Porus, you soon begin to ascend the Manchester hills. It is like entering a different climate, every thing looks so fresh and green, especially on the banks of the Milk River, which is a small stream of an aquamarine color, and very picturesque.

F. W. MUGRAVE.

(Concluded in July Union)

AMONG OUR CHURCHES.

AYLESFORD, N. S.—The pastor is engaged upon a series of sermons upon our Articles of Faith. The congregations continue to tax to its utmost capacity our church building, which must be enlarged in the near future to meet the growing needs of the work. May the Lord put it into the hearts of the people to rise to the occasion and first remove the embargo of debt which rests upon us, thus clearing the way for fresh undertakings.

The committee recently appointed by the church to revise the church roll, met at the parsonage on the 15th inst. As the result of many hours of painstaking work it was found that the total membership numbers 428, of whom 235 belong to the home church and 193 to the Morris town Branch. There are 110 non-resident members, of whom Aylesford has 54 and Morristown 56. Special effort is to be made to reduce this non resident membership by inducing absentees to unite with churches in places where they reside. As matters stand our numbers furnish a very misleading index to the real strength of the church.

CANNING.—On Sunday, May 23rd, we had the privilege of having Rev. H. G. Mellick with us to speak on North West. This visit was greatly enjoyed. At the close of the evening service I baptised three candidates. W. N. HUTCHINS.

BURLINGTON, Kings Co., N. S.—On May 30th it was my privilege to baptise five happy believers in Christ. Forty-three have been received into the fellowship of this church since February. A B. Y. P. U. has been organized, which bids fair to do good work. GEORGE L. BISHOP.

PEREAUX.—The Sunday School is having a successful year. The attendance is large and much interest is shown. A new banner has recently been bought for the school. The Sabbath evening prayer meetings are well attended by both old and young and all seem to enjoy them.

KINGSTON, N. S.—Congregations continue good and since the pastor has been able by a change of appointments to attend regularly the Wednesday evening prayer meeting, the latter has grown in size and interest. The general work of the church is moving forward satisfactorily.

CANNING.—Our pastor, Rev. W. N. Hutchins is giving a series of sermons on The Lord's Prayer. A large congregation gathers every Sunday to listen with close attention. Four candidates were recently baptised and united with the church. We trust that many more may soon take a decided stand for the Master.

CAMBRIDGE, N. S.—The good work of the Lord is still prospering at Grafton. Last Sabbath, in the presence of a very large congregation, five persons, all adults, were received by baptism and one by letter. These new members will add much to the strength of the church in that section. Others are received for baptism, and there are many anxious ones. E. O. READ.

AVONPORT, N. S.—During the last year, Brooklyn Baptist church has been supplied by Rev. J. A. Keirstead, who been at the same time a student at Acadia. His services have been very acceptable and during the year thirteen have been added to the church. He, however, has lately resigned the charge, since he does not wish to have charge of a church during the next college year, and Mr. John Hardy, Lic., has become his successor.

KENTVILLE, N. S.—An exchange publishes the following under date of the 21st inst.:

"The Baptist Church was completely packed with large audiences Sunday morning and evening. The services were of a very interesting nature. In the morning about forty persons were received in full membership, and in the evening a number received the ordinance of baptism."

As noted elsewhere the pastor has gone on a five weeks' vacation trip to the United States and the Upper Provinces.