

sake of a perishing world, let us put them away in glass cases and put them upon the shelves of a theological museum, and then let us go out and preach Christ, and him crucified.

"Don't bring that trash in here!" That is what we heard a mother say not long since as she stood in her parlor door, duster in hand, while her nine year old boy was half way across the dining room floor, on his way to the parlor with a hoop, two wheels of a little wagon, and some pieces of rope. "Take that stuff out in the back yard!" and the mother stood guard at the parlor door until the boy and the trash were a safe distance on the way to the back yard. How careful as to what comes into our houses, from kitchen to parlor. Let it be clean and bring with it no danger.

But what about these other houses, these bodies of ours. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of the living God?" If we had some infallible monitor, with the power of speech to watch over our lives, how often would we hear those words, "Don't bring that trash in here." There are things that men take into their mouths that give an odor to the breath that God never gave to the breath of a child, and a color to the teeth that is neither natural nor becoming, and oftentimes a stain on the lips that is disgusting. And then the stuff men and women, too, take into their stomachs to destroy their functions and bring on diseases. These things are bad enough but they are not the worst. There is something infinitely worse than chewing or smoking, or drinking, and that is evil impure thinking. This is a thing that goes right into the best room, the parlor of these houses the holy of holies of these temples, the heart of these bodies of ours; and once there it is hard to rid ourselves of it, because it has established itself farthest from the outside. The kitchen is nearer the back yard than the parlor. If a man takes a bad thing into his mouth, he may spit it out, if he takes a bad thing into his heart, it is much more difficult to remove it; its removal is less likely to take place, and its effect is many fold greater upon the life.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

Our work goes along just about as usual. Our meetings are all fairly well attended and have been during the entire summer. However, there is not that interest and enthusiasm on the part of the members that we would like to see and which we must have before we can expect very great things in our church work.

We would like to find some earnest gospel preacher to hold us a meeting in the near future.

Since our last report an elderly lady, seventy-three years of age, was baptized and received into our congregation.

We have had among us recently for a few services, Mrs. Edward Payson and Mrs. Hicks and daughter from Westport.

Bro. Frank Ford, Lubec, Me., was with us at prayer meeting, stopping over here one night on his return from Nova Scotia.

Miss Grace Wilson, of Keswick, also met with us a time or two.

W. H. Harding was at our Y. P. S. C. E. meeting Monday evening, Sept. 17th, and also Bro. J. A. Jeffrey, of Summerside, P. E. I.

R. B. H.

"We prize our blessings as they take their flight."

The above may not be exactly correct as a quotation but the truth of the sentiment was borne forcibly upon the mind of the writer on Friday evening, the 29th ult., when, with a large number of others, all friends of Miss Bertha W. Barnes, he called at the residence of her father, Elder W. A. Barnes, to say good-bye and God-speed to her, on the eve of her departure for the United States, to enter upon her vocation of nurse.

The house was crowded with members of the Mission Band, members of the Y. P. S. C. E., and members of the Church, all exhibiting in their faces their eagerness to do or say something to show their friendship and regard for their departing sister.

We feel assured that the memory of that gathering, by which the regard and appreciation of so many friends was displayed in such a spontaneous and loving way, will long remain to her a treasured recollection, and serve to remind her of the many friends she has left behind in St. John, who take a sincere interest in her welfare and success.

After many expressions of regret at her departure and many good wishes for her success in her new calling, Dr. Ray read the following address:

ST. JOHN, N. B., Sept. 25, 1900.

DEAR BERTHA,—

It is in token of our sincerest affection and with much regret at having you leave our midst that we, a few of your friends, ask you to accept this little gift, signifying as it does our ever-present desire to hear words of success and encouragement from you. We trust this pen may have only pleasant things to relate, and that it may often remind you of the friends you leave behind in old St. John. May it aid you in keeping in touch with them by causing you to send good news of all your undertakings, knowing, as you do, that such words will always be most welcome.

With love and best wishes and an earnest interest in all your future career, hoping the true brightness of your life is still in store for you, and with the sweet word "Mizpah" as a parting prayer,

We are,

Ever most faithfully yours,

L. A. Miles, Annie S. Miles, Jas. S. Flaglor, Ella C. Flaglor, Winnifred Flaglor, Bessie C. Johnstone, Ethel Barnes, Martha A. Morton, Laura G. Emery, R. Bentley Ray, Nellie A. Johnstone, Annie Edmunds, Helen B. Flaglor, Sadie Edmunds, Emma Lynn, Emma Christie, Lile J. Hoyt, Lillie M. Edwards, Mary E. Barnes, Margaret Barnes, Mabel B. Horton, Ada E. Emery, Addie Coram, Mrs. S. Dixon

Dr. Ray then presented Miss Barnes with an elegant gold-mounted fountain pen and a clinical thermometer.

Miss Barnes made a very happy and touching reply expressive of her gratitude for the gift and appreciation of the love which prompted it. There were also many handsome gifts from personal friends and relatives.

Everyone connected with, and interested in, the church, feels a very deep regret at the loss of such an earnest, active and indefatigable worker. We can ill afford to lose such but we know that wherever she may go she will take the same spirit with her and they will be blessed. A number of friends were at the early morning train on Saturday to see her off to her new field of labor. We are all hoping that when her mission there is ended we may have the pleasure of welcoming her back to our community to take her place among us again.

L. A. M.

The Young People's Mission Band held their regular monthly meeting on Friday evening, Oct. 5, with a fair attendance and a collection of \$5.28. After the business was conducted as usual, and an interesting programme of readings, singing, etc., was listened to with pleasure by those present, a

pleasant surprise awaited the members, save the programme committee, who had thoughtfully and successfully prepared refreshments and a very enjoyable time was thus spent.

Special reference was made to Miss Bertha Barnes, who has gone to study nursing at Cambridge Hospital and we miss her very much.

Mrs. GEORGE A. HORTON.

DOUGLAS AVENUE.

At the prayer meeting, Sept. 5, our delegate to the Annual, Jas. W. Barnes, gave a report of the gathering. Supplementary reports were also given by J. Barry Allan, R. Bentley Ray and Miss L. Hoyt.

Mrs. D. A. Morrison was with us at several services this month. She returned to St. John to recuperate, and has now gone back to Uncle Sam's dominion. We were glad to find her so hopeful and courageous, and trust that prayer will be answered that her husband may continue to be protected, and that eventually he will be in his place in the congregation. The present prospects are that he will not see home until next February or March.

The visit of Miss Graybiel one Sunday afternoon was much appreciated by those who met her. It was unfortunate that earlier notice of her visit was not given so that it might have been more widely advertised and more might have been privileged to become acquainted with her. Missionaries of her type impress every one favorably, and the members of the home churches, who become acquainted with such, are much more inclined to heed the call for funds for the foreign field. We pray that this missionary may be given many more years' service.

Another of our active members has crossed over into U. S. A. Miss Maggie Roberts is enjoying a visit among friends in Boston. We are glad, that in her case, it is simply to be a visit, not an emigration.

One of our faithful Sunday-school teachers has left us for the fascinating studies of a hospital nurse. The absence of Miss Bertha W. Barnes will be the more noticed because of the exemplary way in which she cared for her S. S. class, but the same faithfulness in her new duties will open up a much wider field of usefulness.

Miss Alice Purvis has been enjoying a short vacation. This left another S. S. class teacherless for a while and also made a vacancy in the corps of devoted workers.

Mrs. Frame had to say good-bye to her little baby. But a few days' sickness and the little one was transplanted to the Father's upper garden. The mother has the sympathy of all in her loss.

Sorrow comes to one home but joy to another—Mrs. Israel is rejoicing in her first-born—a son.

Mrs. Robinson is visiting in Prince Edward Island, and Miss Annie Evans, another S. S. teacher, is in the country.

Jas. W. Barnes and family have been spending a few days up river.

The Ladies' Aid Society has elected the following officers for 1900-1901: Pres. Mrs. R. B. Humphrey, Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. C. B. Appell; Buyer, Mrs. Wm. Armstrong; Stock-keeper, Mrs. R. Roberts; Sec'y-treas., Miss Alice Purvis.

The Society has started with enthusiasm into the season's work, and plans are already under consideration for some special effort. This Society has done very commendable work in the past—the furnishing of the new church, the heating, the gas fixtures and the windows are all proofs of what can be done by persevering effort.

"The pretty little church of the Douglas Avenue Disciples of Christ was well filled last evening, when the pastor, J. C. B. Appel, preached the first of a series of sermons on "The Distinctive Principles of the Christian Church." The sermons of this series are to be preached on the first Sunday evening of each month. Last evening Mr. Appel generalized his remarks on the faith of the Disciples of Christ stating that the one great aim of this church is to restore, as near as possible, the state of work and worship practised in the days of Christ, —to go far back of the present day errors and get us