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STUDIES IN ACTS OF THE APOSTLES. (Condensed from Peloubet's Select Notes.)

Lesson VIII. August 21. Acts 5: 25-41. THE APOSTLES PERSECUTED.

GOLDEN TEXT. "We ought to obey God rather than man."—Acts 5: 29.

EXPLANATORY. ARRESTED AGAIN.—25-28. Another surprise came to the Sanhedrim

arrived in the morning to condemn the prisoners they had arrested the previous evening. Not only had the prisoners escaped, but instead of hiding from the power of the rulers, as would naturally be expected, they were actually, as one came and told them standing in the temple and teaching the people.

26. Then went the captain of the temple guard. And brought them without violence. The officers were mild, and the apostles made no resistance. The arrest gave them another opportunity for preaching the Gospel to the rulers. It was only in scornful way that they could reach the leaders. For they feared the people. What a contrast with the courage of the apostles! "Godliness converts men into heroes; ungodliness, into cowards."

27. When they had brought them, etc., to the judgment-hall. Set them before the council, etc. (See Lesson V.)

28. Did not we straitly (strictly) command you. The best authorities have here an affirmative sentence. We straitly charged you, as in Rev. Ver. In this name, the name of Jesus of Nazareth, whom they knew to have been crucified, but who was proclaimed to be alive again. Ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine. Noble testimony to the success of their preaching. This man's blood, it was plain that Jesus was the Messiah the rulers had been traitors to their nation. It was this charge that stirred them so deeply.

PETER'S SPEECH IN DEFENCE. Critics have noticed the brevity of Peter's brief defence as one of the finest specimens of pleading on record. It is a proof that the promise, "I shall be given you in that hour what ye shall speak," was amply fulfilled.

29. Then Peter. The usual spokesman. His thoughts were always in unbroken telegraphic communication with his tongue. And the other apostles, standing by his side, praying that God will give him the right words, endorsing what he says as their own.

30. THE PRINCIPLE WHICH SHOWED THESE CONDUCT TO BE RIGHT. We ought to obey God rather than men. The same principle they had uttered on their former trial (4: 19. Lesson V.). Their duty, conscience, God, the inalienable rights of men, approved of their conduct. Socrates avowed this principle in his defence; and unless the plea be valid, he died as a felon, and not as a martyr.

31. SECOND. THEY WERE TRUE TO THE GOD OF THE JEWS. 32. The God of our fathers. Whom the rulers professed to obey. The God who had made the nation, who had promised the Messiah again and again. Raised up. Sent into the world. He did all that was needful for making Jesus the Messiah. Thus the God of the Jews was on the side of the apostles.

33. THIRD. WHOM YE SLEW. Peter tells the simple truth without passion, but also without reserve. Hanged on a tree. On the wood; crucified. You, the leaders, arrayed yourselves against God, against your own God.

34. FOURTH. GOD WORKS AGAINST THE PLANS OF THE RULERS. And shows them to be in the wrong. 31. Him hath God exalted. By raising Him from the dead, by the ascension. With His right hand, indicating the power exerted, and the divine favor. To be a prince. Thus describing His kingly dignity—a prince to whom all Israel owes obedience. Before whom every knee shall yet bow, whose kingdom shall extend over the whole world. The humble cross has become the centre of the world; the crucified has become the reigning Saviour; the despised one is the King of kings and Lord of lords. He is a prince to every one to whom He is Saviour, and we may know He will save us when we obey Him as a King. A Saviour. By whom you must be saved from your sins.

35. FIFTH. STILL GOD DESIRES TO SAVE THEM. Peter uses this opportunity to preach the gospel of grace to these rulers. To give repentance. The object of the exaltation. "The death, resurrection, ascension, and ever-living intercession are all part of one atoning work, having all the one object—the redemption of men from sin."

SIXTH. PERSONAL TESTIMONY TO THE FACTS. 32. And we are His witnesses. Chosen by Him to testify. We do not originate, we only report, we bear witness to what we have seen and heard. This was their method of preaching. The rulers were trying to prevent them from speaking the truth. They were ready to bear witness even with their lives. The change in Peter was a living testimony before the Sanhedrim. It is still the work of the church to bear witness.

SEVENTH. THE TESTIMONY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. And also is the Holy Ghost. (1) By His sensible manifestations, as on Pentecost, and previously at the baptism of Jesus, and at the transfiguration. (2) By the great number whose hearts He had changed. Their character, the fruit of the Holy Spirit, was a testimony to the gospel. (3) The miracles He had wrought were His witness. God would not work such miracles through those who were false to Him. They were the divine signature to the gospel. (4) There was an internal witness within all those who believed (Rom. 8: 16; Gal. 4: 6; 1 John 3: 24). Whom God hath given to them that obey Him. This was the essential condition of receiving the Holy Spirit. To none others is such witness possible. The rulers themselves could have the blessing if they were willing to obey God.

33. When they heard that, they were cut to the heart. They were seen through, cut through as by a saw—a figurative

expression (comp. 2: 37) of deeply penetrating painful indignation. They were in a rage, because their plans were being thwarted by a common man, who was yet so bold and truthful. Their conscience was touched, and yet they were not willing to obey them. And took counsel. Not how they might learn the truth, not how they might be saved from sin, but to slay them. As if breaking the alarm bell would put out the fire, or destroying the accuser would bring innocence to the accused.

34. One of the council, a Pharisee. And therefore of the party opposed to the Sadducees who had been leaders in this persecution. The doctrine of the resurrection was in accordance with the Pharisaic belief, and could therefore arouse no opposition in them as it did in the Sadducees. Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people. Gamaliel was the son of Rabbi Simon, and the grandson of the famous Rabbi Hillel, and a man so had in reputation that it was a common saying—When Gamaliel died, the glory of the law ceased. He was president of the Sanhedrim during the reigns of the Emperors Tiberius, Caligula and Claudius, and is said to have died eighteen years before the destruction of Jerusalem. He occupied a position midway between the rigid and the liberal parties into which Pharisaism was divided. In the apostles' forth a little space. That the discussion might be the more unrestrained, and perhaps that they might not take too much encouragement from his mild words.

35. And said. Gamaliel was not inspired, and none of his words, however wise they may be, can be quoted as words of inspiration. It is necessary to bear this in mind because his counsel to refrain from these men, etc., is often quoted as an inspired utterance, and his words are often spoken of as being the words of Luke.

36. For before these days rose up Theudas. Not the Theudas whose career is described by Josephus (Ant. 20: 51), who perished some 12 years after this speech of Gamaliel (A. D. 45); but some leader of the many insurgent bands who overran the land after the death of Herod (B. C. 4). The name was a common one. Josephus writes of four leaders of insurrection within forty years, by the name of Simon. Many think that this Theudas was one of these. Theudas being his Jewish and Simon his Roman name. Boasting himself to be somebody. Able to deter the Jews from their oppressors. The Jews at this time were very restless under the Roman rule, and insurrection followed insurrection. Christ Himself spoke of many false prophets who would pretend to be the Messiahs (Matt. 24: 5, 11). Who was slain. In both examples furnished by Gamaliel, the ringleader was slain; a fact which serves Gamaliel's purpose, for it reminded the council that they need not take counsel to slay the apostles; for if they were disturbers, they would naturally come to that end, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought. The reason they were not also slain, was probably because they did not wait to come into actual conflict with the Roman forces.

37. Judas of Galilee, with Zaddok the Pharisee, during the early years of our Lord, when Quirinus ordered a census for taxation, had raised the standard of revolt, with the watchword, "It is lawful to pay tribute to Caesar." The imposition of a land tax seemed a denial of the rule of Jehovah.

38. Refrain from these men. Do not punish them, or interfere by force. For if this counsel of his work. Counsel signifies the general plan and purpose which the apostles were carrying out; work, the particular operations involved in executing it. The counsel really included the extension of Christianity over the whole world; for the counsel was God's. The work was the preaching of that Gospel then and there in Jerusalem, and the accompanying miracles. It will come to nought. Be overthrown.

39. But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it. You will be laboring in vain. Let it be of God, and put this new sect down by force; happily, possibly. Ye be found fighting against God. God's hand seemed even to Gamaliel to be in the work. He had not examined it carefully enough. But it would be safe to be standing in the way of God. In that case they would be overthrown. They would be as helpless as a leaf before a great ship, or as an insect before a locomotive.

40. THE RELEASE. Ver. 40-41. And to him (to his advice) they agreed. Called the apostles, and beaten them. "As a penalty for disobedience to their commands." It was a compromise punishment such as Pilate offered to the Jews in the case of Christ. The scourging may have been the milder, but still fearfully cruel, Jewish form of beating, where "the offender is thrown on the ground and beaten, either on the back or on the soles of his feet," or the more terrible Roman scourging with two lashes "knotted with bones or heavy ironed circles of bronze, or terminated by hooks, in which case it was aptly denominated a scorpion."

41. And they departed. rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. Rev. Ver. the name. In this they obeyed Christ who in His beatitude had them rejoice and be exceedingly glad when men persecuted them.

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Laura's Vacation. BY MRS. S. ROSALIE SILL. "No, I am not going to a fashionable summer resort, as we have sometimes talked of doing," said Laura Denham to her friend, Maud Deyo. "Where do you think of going?" "I have concluded to go out to our new country residence. Haven't I told you that papa's uncle died last winter, and that he left me a little cottage with a large garden and a barn? You see, mamma has to go and stay with grandma there, so she is sick, and brother Tom travels in the North-west; so we are broken up for the season. I am to have Mrs. Longley as our house-keeper, and Kitty the maid, go out with us to this cottage, while Becky stays to take care of this house. Will it not be delightful?" "Perhaps I could tell better after you explained to me who you mean by us."

"That is the nicest part of it. You remember I told you last New Year that I intended doing for some one or more persons something that would be a present and lasting good to them during the year, if the opportunity came to me. Now it has come, and I have invited our French and German teachers, Helen Chapel and Miss Schoonmaker—you know her friends live so far away she cannot go to them—besides she is so fine a musician I shall enjoy having her as much as she will enjoy the country. Then I have invited Mary Ashley, who never has time to look up from her sewing long enough to get the stoop out of her shoulders. Only think of it, Maud, a few years ago her father was as rich as yours or mine, and now she has her mother and little sisters to take care of. And lastly, I have asked Minnie Merz, whose doctor ordered her to go into the country, and who could not go because it was too expensive. Dear little girls, we will all help in nursing her back to health. And now, Maud, what do you think of my plan?" "The most quixotic idea I have heard of lately. Why should you have thought of founding a hospital, at least until you had completed your education?" "I am sure I shall enjoy it. Wait till next fall, when we will compare notes. I am too busy now to tell you of all my plans," and Laura bade her friend goodbye.

The September days had come, and within the room of Madame Stoddard there was a hum of voices, and carriage wheels depositing many bright faced girls at the great hall door, which stood wide open to receive them. Among the late arrivals was Maud Deyo, who immediately sought her friend and roommate, Laura Denham. "De! Maud, you are exhausted with taking care of invalids, and if you managed to have the least bit of enjoyment? I was too tired to do anything for a couple of weeks after we returned from Newport."

"I am feeling much better than when I left in June. As to my enjoyment, I never had such a good time before." "There comes Miss Schoonmaker," interrupted Maud. "I never saw her looking so well before. What have you been doing?" "She has brought back some of the 'strength of the hills,' and the music of the forest. Perhaps, too, the sense that some one really cared for her pleasure has a little to do with it. Well, to give you a sketch of our doings; we had no stylish menus, or elaborate toilets, living mostly upon the fruits and vegetables from our garden, with plenty of fresh eggs and an unlimited supply of cream and milk. I kept on with my studies, something I could not have done elsewhere, but our long walks gave me a superabundance of health and spirits which needed to be worked off in some way. I can easily graduate next year, now—something I had not heretofore hoped to do."

Miss Chapel had me talk in French and German a large share of the time and it helped me so much. Then, too, I have learned so much in music. I could never before quite give the perfectness of rendering. Miss Schoonmaker wanted me. But I do believe it rested more with the teacher than myself. She caught the inspiration from the glowing sunsets and forest hymns, and could then easily transfer it to me. And, Maud, you should have seen Mary Ashley when she had been there for a few weeks. The pitiful stoop in her shoulders had all left her and she was as beautiful as she was four years ago when Carl Berton used to think so much of her. By the way, Carl has returned from Germany and they are to be married soon. I forgot to tell you about dear little Minnie. She is as agile as a fairy and brown as a berry. Her parents are so grateful for it, that before we have given our cottage—the name Miss Schoonmaker bending over our panybed and her tears were falling upon the lovely flowers. As she heard my steps, she looked up, smiling through her tears and said: "I know I am foolish. But really I could not help it. I have had a season of such rare enjoyment as I think may never come to me again. I am an orphan, and have no relatives except my uncle's family in California. I have stayed in the city during vacations, because I had no place to go. These panics seemed to understand, and I was telling them, and she sprang to her feet and laying her hands upon my shoulder said: 'I will try not to be so foolish again.' "But the best of all is we are all to go back there—all except Mary Ashley—next summer. You see brother Tom is going to be a doctor for a couple of years of study, and papa and mamma are going to see him comfortably established. They would take me if I wanted to go; but I preferred going out to Maple Nest and having Miss Schoonmaker teach me more about music."

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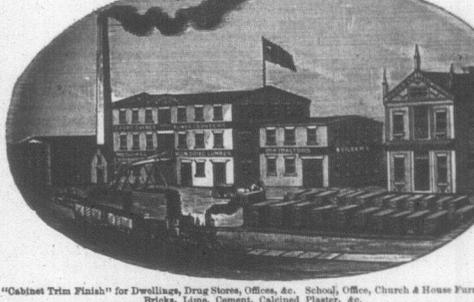
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FINDING FAULT.

To endorse the opinions or to approve the conduct of all the persons with whom one has to do, is, of course, a moral impossibility. Even with the most conscientious intentions, people cannot all see alike and will not all act alike. Then it must be confessed that intentions are not always as conscientious as they might be.

ENFORCEMENT OF LAW.

The Royal Commission on Prohibition, in examining witnesses makes the question, whether a prohibitory law could be enforced in Canada, prominent and important. This, of course, is a point of great moment to be determined in the discussion of this question.

interest creates sentiment in favor of the laws to protect society against them; and there is a strong stimulus felt by the officers appointed to enforce law to see that they are executed.

It is not reasonable, therefore, to expect, especially at first, a full and rigid enforcement of a prohibitory liquor law. But the outlawing of it by legislative enactment will cause all who have regard to the respect of the community in which they live, and to their standing among their fellowmen, to withdraw from the business.

If the Dominion government shall take the nominations of the temperance organizations for their officers to enforce a prohibitory law, and then exercise the same authority over these appointments as is now done in the case of men employed to execute the revenue laws of the Dominion, a prohibitory liquor law would be entered in the Dominion of Canada.

Understood with the above modifications, it seems to us that every witness, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, who appears before the Royal Commission, and is asked for his opinion as to whether a prohibitory law can be enforced in Canada, would be justified in answering, Yes.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CONVENTION.

The next meeting of Convention will be held at Bridgetown, N. S., commencing on 20th inst. Our readers will be interested in the proceedings because of the relation of Convention to our denominational work. It is true the scope of our work is much broader than that which is handled by Convention.

But the sphere of Convention's operations is large enough to make its deliberations and action a matter of concern to all. As our work is now arranged Convention is very largely the business organization of our denomination in these provinces.

limited; so many views and such a necessity of concord, surely it will be a meeting of no light character.

Are the methods pursued in the management of the Convention business capable of any improvement? If so, let us avail ourselves of any advance in this respect. If the local committee would reserve a part of the house for members of Convention who should be required to occupy seats reserved for them, something would probably be gained.

If the conviction could become general, that speeches are effective in proportion for other qualities than their force of reflection on well meant effort, and assertions of questionable motives, the body would be spared what it could well afford to lose as a company of Christians.

Probably any new methods of electing officers and the various boards and committees would be criticised after a little, and yet it might be well to make a change. It has been said that the committee of nomination is small, that it seems as if there were a tendency to have it composed of the same, or partly the same, brethren from year to year.

On the other hand boards may bear in mind that they are servants of men who are as truly concerned in the work as the boards themselves, and therefore they should not be over sensitive if some brethren who have not the inside view offer remarks not wholly flattering.

On the evening of July 28th, an ecclesiastical council met at Dow Settlement, York Co., N. B., for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of organizing a new Baptist church. There were present Revs. Isaiah Wallace, B. H. Thomas, J. W. S. Young and H. S. Shaw (lic.).

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The whole matter having been carefully considered, it was unanimously resolved that a new church be formed. After a thoughtful and helpful sermon from Rev. I. Wallace, a church was formed in the usual way, ten brethren and four sisters joining.

Grand League.

Rev. A. E. De St. Dalmas informs me that he proposes to visit the Maritime Provinces Convention at Bridgetown, in the interests of the Grand League Mission. Bro. St. Dalmas has won for himself a high place in the esteem and confidence of his brethren in the West.

B. Y. P. U. of A.

On Saturday morning the convention gathered again. A good session followed. In the afternoon the great body split into two, and swarmed on the decks of two of the large lake steamers, and were off on our outing, and a delightful one we had; first on the beautiful Detroit river and then on the lovely St. Clair lake.

In the evening the big convention divided into four large conventions, which met in different parts of the city. These were known as the "meetings of the colors." Gold—the Northern states east of the Mississippi; light blue—the Northern states west of the Mississippi; green—the Southern states; red—Canada.

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All Young People's Societies of whatsoever name or constitution in Baptist churches and Baptist churches having no organization are entitled to representation.

We depend for our unity not upon any young people's name or method. Our common bond is in the New Testament, in the full affirmation of whose teachings we are one people with one mission.

The B. Y. P. U., as an educator, should be kept on high ground. Its influence in this respect will be felt in our denomination. Ignorance only of Baptist history will make us ashamed, and the Baptist Union will soon put that ignorance to shame.

The Baptist system rests on a foundation narrowed to a single thought, God's Word contains everything a man needs to know for his religious training. Out of this basal principle come three great features of our system:

1. The accountability of the individual soul to God alone. Here we separate from Romanism. Hence comes our objection to the union of church and state and our advocacy of religious liberty.

2. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit as a necessary condition of church membership. We receive and baptize none but those who receive Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour.

3. Absolute obedience to God in the two ordinances, equally binding, neither efficacious as salvation, but both beautifully symbolic. We also insist on obedience in life, the demonstration of the system. We may be faulty in other things, but we have taught the world obedience to Christ in the matter of missions to the heathen.

will be needed to perpetrate the union of such an organization. The danger is of localizing too much in one head. The state and local societies should do most of the business, and make the international union simply advisory and a place for religious stimulation and Christian greeting.

What shall I say of the many good things said and done on the Sabbath, which closed this delightful convention. A morning social meeting of great power, able sermons, with one exception in the various churches of the city at 11 a. m.; missionary meeting of uplifting power at the Rink in the afternoon, when the veteran missionary—Dr. Clough, of India—was welcomed amid loud applause; and Dr. Wayland Hoyt's convention sermon on "Crowning the Right and Dethroning the Wrong" crowned the whole convention, and was a most fitting climax to the great, the good, the enthusiastic and never-to-be-forgotten B. Y. P. U. A. of 1892.

G. R. WHITE.

Acadia Seminary.

Much interest has already been manifested by the friends and patrons of the school, in the fact that a German teacher has been engaged as director of instruction for the piano. Through the personal efforts of a musician resident in Berlin, the committee have been fortunate in securing the services of Fraulein Margarete Zuck, who has a high reputation both as a teacher and player upon the piano.

Fraulein Zuck is a lady of rare personal qualifications, and has enjoyed the highest musical instruction of Germany. She is a pupil of Herr Professor Barth in the Koniglicher Hochschule (Royal College of Music) in Berlin, and bears the highest recommendations, both as a teacher and as a performer in public.

It may here be appropriate to remark that the mere fact of being a student in the Koniglicher Hochschule is a recommendation in itself, as only a limited number of students are permitted to attend, and the candidates for admission must pass an examination in piano playing in the presence of a body of professors of music appointed by the government.

Through her skill and accomplishments piano instruction in the Seminary will receive a fresh impetus, and this department, which in the past has maintained a high rank, will be enabled to rank still higher in efficiency.

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Young People at Bridgetown.

The following is the programme for our young people's meetings at Bridgetown:

FRIDAY EVENING.

7.30—Enrollment of delegates, followed by devotional exercises.

8.00—Consideration of report of committee on organization, election of officers, and other business.

SATURDAY MORNING.

8.45—10—Worker's conference.

8.45—Devotional exercises.

9.00—"Whence and Why?" J. P. McDonald.

9.15—Possibilities before our Maritime B. Y. P. U.; S. W. Cummings.

9.30—General Discussion.

SUNDAY.

6.30 a. m.—Early prayer meeting, led by W. C. McCallum, president Truro Y. M. C. A.

8.00 p. m.—Mass meeting; address (10 minutes), Rev. G. R. White, our representative at Detroit; address (10 minutes), Rev. G. O. Gates, president Maritime Y. P. S. C. E.; address, Rev. F. L. Wilkins, of Chicago, general secretary B. Y. P. U. A.

MONDAY MORNING.

8.45—10—Worker's conference.

8.45—Devotional exercises.

9.00—"Monthly programme for young people's societies," Rev. G. R. White.

9.10—"Bible study," Rev. F. H. Beals.

9.20—"The prayer meeting pledge," Rev. F. D. Crawley.

9.30—General discussion.

All delegates are particularly requested to be at the church promptly at 7.30 Friday evening to attend to the matter of enrollment, as the press of business makes it absolutely necessary to begin the consideration of the report of the committee on organization at eight o'clock.

If delegates will bring the statistics of their societies, these will prove helpful. Let us not neglect the devotional features of our exercises. May the early prayer meeting be especially blessed. Bro. McCallum comes from Truro to lead it. He says: "I will be there, even if it should be only from Saturday night to close, and will fill the place assigned me as the Spirit gives me wisdom." Then let us all be there. And Dr. Wilkins, of Chicago, the leader of our great continental movement is to be with us. This is a most delightful surprise to us all. There is every prospect for seasons of true inspiration.

Dr. Wilkins will speak as follows: St. John, 9th; St. Martins, 10th; Moncton, 11th; Amherst, 12th; Truro, 13th; Halifax, 14th; Windsor, 15th; and probably in Wolfville on the 16th, and Yarmouth on the 17th.

C. W. WILLIAMS, Chairman Advisory Com.

The Way Out.

Next to God, Faith is the greatest fact in man's experience. When for the first time we face the vast problems of our own existence we are staggered, confused and not seldom overwhelmed. Incredulity follows; then unbelief; then despair. The every-day relations which seemed so real and binding suddenly vanish like mist. The soul stands out, apparently, unrelated and alone.

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Seminary Notes.

All friends of St. Martins will be glad to hear of the hearty endorsement of the school which was given at the N. B. Association. After the meeting on Saturday evening Warren drove me to Sackville the following day I had the privilege of presenting the claims of the Bethel and in Sackville. We went to Pointe du Beuf in time for the arly meeting on Sunday evening next day I went to Moncton, afternoon started on a 75 night I spent in the woods Salsbury and Canada. Through Canada was a delight way. This part of our province known. It is a land of promise not exactly the promised land. Canada river winds in and out green banks and under shadow the soil is very rich and the fertility and well-tilled. The pe Catholics for the most part, but whole-souled and hospitable, know by experience.

I arrived in Chipman on evening, in time for the prayer in Bro. McIntyre's church. Ho the pleasure of meeting a number of friends, both old and new. The drove to Sheffield, on the St. John stopping at Newcastle and Littleton on the way. Two or three days spent in Sheffield, the quietest, place on earth. Many letters found awaiting me, most of them for information with regard school, required answering. On July 24, I spoke in the morning in the afternoon at Marysville in the evening at Gagetown. The rain poured in torrents, but Gagetown was filled with what I understood the art of listening great many young people were the material of future strength church. Yet there is no hand and mould, for this church, many in the provinces, is less. The problem grows ever serious, and ever more difficult, as to how we are to keep young ministers, or how we are them back when they have their course at Newton, or Rock at Chicago, now greatest and most and farthest away from the land. AUSTIN K. DE Frederickton, July 28.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH.

Norton, Kings Co.—Two were baptised and received Norton Baptist church, last July 31. Two others were baptised and received, making four to the present. Others are seeking light. GRO. HO.

SANDY COVE.—On the 24th were baptised and united with church, and today, 31st ult., more precious redeemed souls baptised and added to the 1st ch. Digby Neck. More will follow. A glorious work of pure and grace. Thirty-one have been since the revival began. S. C. M.

NORTH RIVER FIELD, P. E. some little time since I sent a card from this field. I have entered fourth year under favorable standances, and the outlook is very bright. During the three have been here sixty, have been the churches by baptism. A church been organized at Bonshaw, members. One has since been a member. We worship in the court but hope some day to rise and house for the Lord. Clyde R. given a contract for a new house of worship to be dedicated January Long Creek has paid the debt, organ, and their house is now being repairs inside and out, and resopened some time in August. River and Kingston are holding fort. The seed has been patient and we hope to see a grand gathered in for the Master. T. received here by letter in June. over 300 church members on the largest on the island. My is tated to the utmost to meet steadily increasing demand. P. F. D. DA

OHIO, Yarmouth County, N. S. my arrival here I have felt the people are all very kind. A not any additions to report, we our hearts have been moved, have felt a fresh impulse for good of our true and tried brethren away last winter to his eternal presence and Christian zeal are in our church. Several of our are now on beds of sickness. sympathy is felt for them and families. Yet we can say the wife Labored with this church for years, was with us on Sunday. He is now nearly 80 years. I hold of the truth of God and his ministerial life endear him to of the people. Last Sabbath our missionary society gave a concert. The entertainment was a great success, and reflects much on the society. The collection was for centennial fund, amount \$12.50. We are praying for pouring of God's Holy Spirit blessing. Brethren, pray for us.

St. Mary's Bay, Digby County church and Hillsboro church. I requested me to spend my twelve weeks with them. Pastor they, who had given up the chat a month before I came, and was here for a rest, gave me a welcome. This field is a wide

August 10.

What Spoiled the Day.

A little maid had left her play To ask what ailed her holiday.

"Who spoiled it?" cried all the birds, With such a sound of twittering words.

"Who spoiled it?" hummed a bumble-bee, "Nay, I've worked too busy!"

The south wind shivered at the thought, And spilled the perfume that he brought.

So wistfully she asked of each, What none could tell, what none could teach;

For what it was no one could say Had spoiled her happy holiday.

But in her little trundle bed She dreamed a soft hand touched her head.

No one was near; but, as she slept, Close to her ear her Conscience crept.

"I did it—I! 'Twas only I That stole the blue from out your sky!

I shut the precious perfumes up In every dainty flower cup!"

"I dulled the splendor of the grass; I dimmed the river's dimpled glass.

The very birds sang harshly—why away I flew, I, dear, troubled you—just I!"

All in her pretty bed she lay, The little maiden tired of play.

"I will be good another day!" —Anna F. Burnham, in Little Men and Women.

THE HOME.

Lammas Day.

Lammas, the 1st of August, is one of the old pagan festivals of the year which is well nigh forgotten in these more practical years.

She is a wise mistress who has learned not only to deal out justice, but to win the personal regard and love of her maids.

Nothing so touches the feeling of a poor girl in the house as slight remembrances of her needs by thoughtful little gifts which add to her comfort.

There are various conditions at work in our country which make the servant problem an especially troublesome one. The only way in which a mistress can compel and maintain superiority is by her own personal dignity and the force of her intellectual and spiritual power.

How a Lie Travels. One day a Lie broke out of its enclosure and started to travel. And the man who owned the premises saw it after it had started, and was sorry he had not made the enclosure Lie-tight.

Church Bells. Superiority over others. Bell Metal, Copper, Brass, Iron, Steel, etc.

Good Advice.

Many ills are attributed to the wearing of corsets, says a physician, and in no small proportion of them the assumptions are merely gratuitous and the products of imaginative minds.

One of the important organs that suffer from said habit is the liver. This, in its natural state, is capable of varying greatly in size, in fact, it will expand almost like a sponge.

Indiscretions in eating or drinking disturb the digestive processes in the stomach and intestines; the products of imperfect digestion or of decomposition in the intestine being absorbed into the veins, pass on to the liver, there they doubtless obstruct the flow to the small tubes called the hepatic capillaries.

Good roads doubtless add to the value of the farm, but four men out of five seeking homes are more directly influenced by the character of the schools. The village school directly affects the price of adjacent farms, and their owners can well afford to pay taxes sufficient to maintain a school of high quality.

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THE FARM.

Machine for Road Mending.

The Irishman remarked that he could always tell an American implement because it had a seat to ride on. Road reform must go on wheels, if it goes.

Provide a steering gear, hitch on a heavy traction engine and go to cutting V-shaped ditches length-wise of the road, in the centre of the track, 3 ft. deep and say 2 to 3 ft. wide at top, going deep and fourth until deep enough.

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For It.

Whatever else may be said of the life of a farmer who is often driven to the utmost limit of his resources to raise money to pay his help, the less said about his independence the better.

The simple way for such a man to pursue is to dispose of all that part of the big farm that only supports an elephant, and cultivate the rest with little help, in a more sensible and profitable manner.

Overhead training for grapes is very recommendable about a house, but no sort of training adapts them for the garden. Their roots run shallow and far, and take the moisture from the ground with such avidity that no vegetable can come to perfection within their reach, even if not at all shaded by them.

Waste is greater on the farm than elsewhere, for the probable reason that the bounty of Providence, when it comes, seems inexhaustible in amount, and too ragged and too pitiable a sight to carry out to the pen or the chicken-yard, or even to the stop-barrel, what is more easily tossed into the fire.

Sixty years ago almost every man living in the country lived on the abundant products of his own land, so peaceful and so secure that he seldom thought of fastening any of his doors at night.

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