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THE MONTH.

The treaty for the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States is now before the Senate at Washington.

Theodore H. Rand, D. C. L., ex-chancellor of McMaster University, and wife, are spending the vacation months at their summer residence at Five Islands, N. S.

The government's fast line contract passed the Dominion house on the 16th inst. by a vote of 155 to 22. The minority consisted of nineteen liberals and patrons and three conservatives.

A German scientist has invented a process for making bread directly from the wheat grain, without grinding. The product is said to be much more wholeso (e, as well as cheaper, than bread made from fine flour, and threatens to revolutionize the milling industry.

The Halifax Herald has within the month added to its printing plant three linotype machines of the latest and most expensive pattern. The Herald, which is the second maritime paper to procure linotypes, therefore appears every day printed from a new face of type. The St. John Sun was the first to lead in this direction about two years ago.

With its issue of June 16th the Berwick Register entered upon its seventh year and passed into new hands. The new publisher is Miss Aimee Huntingdon, late of the Hants Journal. The retuing editor introduces his successor to the public in the following terms:

"Mss Huntinglon is a daughter of the late Richard Huntingdon, who for many years published the Yarmouth Tribune. Her training, experience and past success in the field of journalism, is a sufficient guarantee that the readers of the Register will not have cause to regret the change."

The USION extends a cordial hand of welcome to the new editor.

The Bear River Telephone has changed both proprietors and publishers. It will hereafter be edited by Mr. E. R. Redden and printed at the Chronicle office, Kentville.

The remains of J. H. R. Molson, late president of Molson's bank, who died at his home in Montreal on May 28th, were subsequently cremated in Boston according to directions contained in his will.

Rev. A. C. Kempton, who has lately returned from a trip to Egypt and the Holy Land, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Joseph Kempton, in Wolfville. He preached for Pastor Trotter on the 20th very acceptably.

The now celebrated Rev. Dr. C. H. Parkhurst, of the Madison Square Presbyterian church, New York City, is on a trip, through Nova Scotia to repair a shattered constitution. When last heard from he was in Queens Co.

John D. Rockefeller's offer to pay \$250, 000 toward the hquidation of the \$187,000 dent of the American Baptist Boards provided the balance was raised by July 1st, bids fair to be met. Will not some large hearted man among us make a similar proposal with reference to the indebtedness of our Maritime Boards?

A very graceful exchange of well merited courtesies between our sister Canadian Baptist Universities, Acadia and McMaster, was displayed in the recent bestowal of the degree of Doctor of Divinity by McMaster upon Acadia's president-elect, Rev. Thos. Trotter, M.A., and of same degree by Acadia upon McMaste,'s chancellor, Rev. O.C.S. Wallace, M. A. Chancellor Wallace is an Acadia graduate and a Kings County boy.

"Almighty Voice," the Indian outlaw, who true to his name, has been creating quite a disturbance in the neighborhood of Batoche, N. W. T, has been finally silenced by the police, after having killed several persons. Recent reports, however, indicate that sympathetic Indians are in a state of excitement over his death, and serious trouble is feared.

We clip the following from the Kentville news column of the Acadian Orchardist.

"Rev. H. Alford Porter has been given a well carned vacation of four weeks by the Baptist Church. On Friday evening at the close of the Conference meeting he was completely surprised by being presented with a envelope of money containing sixty-five dollars as a slight token of esteem from the church and congregation. Mr. Porter made a very feeling reply to the presentation."

John D. Rockefeller has recently given 2,700 imported books to the library of Vassar college.

Hon. J. W. Longley received the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Laws from his alma mater, Acadia University, on the 2nd inst.

Milton Connolly, charged with the Fuller murder, was acquitted at Kentville on the 6th inst. The murderer is therefore at large.

Mount Allison University Convocation took place on June 1st, when seventeen received the degree of B. A., one of whom was Harry Prescott Patterson, of Aylesford.

Rev. Dr. E. M. Kierstead, of Acadia University, recently preached in the first Baptist Church, Ottawa. There is reported to be a strong influence in the congregation in favor of calling the Dr. to the pastorate.

For over two years the execution of Theodore Durant, under sentence for the murder of Bianche Lamont in San Francisco, has been delayed by various legal devices; and now comes the news of a forther delay till October next pending the hearing of an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States. This makes one think that Canadians know nothing of the "law's delays."

This has been both a memorable and joyous month to some at least of our Maritime pastors. On the 2nd inst. Rev. J. L. Miner, B. A., was married to Miss Blackadar of Yarmouth; on the 8th inst. Rev. Avery A. Shaw, B. A., of Windsor, took unto himself as wife Miss Clara B. King, of Truro, and on the 15th inst. Rev. W. B. Hinson, M. A., of Moneton brought home Miss Ethel Wadsworth of Westmount, Montreal, as Mrs. Hinson. To all these the Union extends congratulations and best wishes for many years of joyous and increased usefulness.

The anniversary exercises in connection with the closing of the Wolfville institutions on June 1st and 2nd were largely attended and were up to the usual standard of excellence. The essays given by members of the graduating classes of college, academy and seminary, gave marked evidence of faithful and painstaking work on the part of both teachers and students. The large attendance of students at the several institutions throughout the year gives substantial evidence of the deservedly high place which Acadia holds in the estimation of the people. The graduates in arts numbered this year thirty, thus making the largest class but one in the history of the University.

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Preaching on 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 11 a. m., and on the 4th at 3 p. m. Social service every Sunday at 7.30 p. m.

Sunday School on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month at 10 a m., and on the 4th at 2 p. m.

Young People's Prayer Meeting on Monday at 8 p. m.

Regular Prayer Meeting on Friday at 8 p. m.

Ordinance of the Lord's Supper after the morning service on the 1st Sunday of each

Monthly Conference on the Saturday pre ceding first Sunday of each month at 2. p.m.

Pastor's Reception at the Parsonage every Tuesday afternoon and evening. All are

W. B. M. A. Society meets on the Wednesday following first Sunday of each month at 3 p. m.

The Junior Union meets on Saturday at 3 p. m., under the leadership of Mrs. J. B. Morgan.

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Sunday School on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10 a. m , and on the $3\mathrm{rd}$ at $2\,\mathrm{p.}$ $\mathrm{m.}$

Regular Prayer Meeting on Thursday at 8 p. m.

Young People's Prayer Meeting on Sunday at 7.30 p. m

Ordinance of the Lord's Supper on the 2nd Sunday of each month after the morning

Mouthly Conference on the Saturday preceding the 2nd Sunday of éach month at 2 p.m.

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Church Services:

Preaching on the 1st Sunday of each month at 3 p. m.; on the 2nd at 7.30 p. m., and on the 4th at 11 a. m.

Sunday School on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays at 10 a.m., and on the 1st at 2 p.m.

Regular Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at Sp. m.

Ordinance of the Lord's Supper on the 4th Sunday of each month after the morning service.

Monthly Conference on the Saturday preceding the 4th Sunday of each month at 2 p. m

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The Aglestord Circuit.

Pastor:

REV. J. S. COFFIN.

Mr. Coffin's concluding services on the Aylesford Circuit will (p.v.) be conducted ns follows:-

Aylesford June 27, 11 a. m.

North Kingston -June 27 and July 4, at 3 p. m.

Margaretville-June 27 at 7 30 p. m., and July 4 at 10 30 a. m.

Melvern Square-July 4, at 7.30 p. m.

The new ministerial supply may be expected to take charge on Sabbath, July 11, and on that day and for the remainder of the month, the services may be expected to be held at Aylesford on successive Sabbath mornings.

PARISH OF ST. MARY'S, AYLESFORD.

REV. J. M. C. WADE, M. A .- VICAR.

Services during June, July and August.

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The 1st Sunday may be changed.

LODGE DIRECTORY.

HARMON: LODGE A. F. & A. M., No. 59.
Meets on 1st Monday of each month at 3 p. m., in their Hall at Aylesford Station, N. S. C. B. Melston W. M. C. B. McINTYRE, W. M.

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PAROLE DIVISION, S. OF T. NO. 650.
Meets every Wednesday at 8 p. m. in
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members condially invited.

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GLENDALE LODGE, I. O. G. T.
Meets every Tuesday at S.p. m. in C. J.
West's Hall, Aylesford, N. S.
Mrs. Geo. F. West, W. C.

BROOKLYN LODGE, No. 677. Mests every Friday at 8 p. m. in the Hall at Welton's Corner, N. S.

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THE FARMERS' UNION Meets every Thursday at S p. m. in the hall at Miltville.
A. D. Whitman, Pres.
A. H. Ewing, Seg.

THE AYLESPORD COURT, I O. F.

Meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 8 p. in in their Hall at Aylesford Station, N. S. Rev. J. M. C. Wade, C. R. W. E. Hames, Sec.

STAR OF HOLE, I. O. G. T., No 95., Meets every Saturday at 8 p m in Morristown Hall. NATHAN BANKS, W. C. AMON HOBERS, SEC.

THE AYLESFORD UNION.

"That ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the Gospel."-PAUL

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Acadia's Retiring President.

It is with great pleasure that we are able to present to our readers an excellent portrait of Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D.D., LL.D, the honored and beloved retiring President of Acadia University, whose strong personality has been so long identified with our educational work, and whose rich intellectual endowments, coupled with executive and didactical abilities of the highest order, have played so large

a part in lifting Acadia to the honorable position which she to-day occupies among Canadian universities. The many friends and admirers of Dr. Sawyer, will be interested in the following short sketch of his life, for which we are indebted to the Acadia Athenwum.

ARTEMAS WYMAN SAW-YER was born at West Haven, Vermont, in 1827, and was the son of Rev. Renben Sawyer, a minister of the Baptist denomination. He received his preparatory education at New London (now Colby) Academy, in New Hampshire, and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1847 For three years he occupied a position on the high school staff at Windsor, Vt., then entered upon theological studies at Newton, Muss. Here he met his friend and

classmate, Rev. S. W. DeBlois, D. D., on whose recommendation Dr. Sawyer was appointed to the chair of classics at Acadia College, in 1855.

After graduating at Newton, President Sawyer was pastor of the Baptist church at Lawrence, Mass., where he was ordained. Responding to the call from Acadia, he resigned his pastorate at Lawrence and entered upon his duties here. He filled the classical chair with marked ability for four years, and brought into prominence and popularity the benefits of a liberal

culture in the classics. Returning to the United States in 1860, he was pastor of the Baptist church at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., until 1864, when he was appointed principal of New London (now Colby) Academy. In the autumn of 1860, Dr. Sawyer came back to Wolfville as President of Acadia College, and Professor of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy. He received the degree of D. D. from Colby University in 1867, and that of L L. D. from Acadia University in 1888, the jubilee year.



Steady and marked growth have characterized the institutions since. Twenty-five years of unceasing and tireless effort have been devoted to their interests by their faithful president. All the strength of a high executive ability, and all the riches of a broad and liberal culture and high intellectual powers have been expended in their behalf, and the evidence of progress is seen on every hand.

with marked ability for four years, and brought into prominence and popularity the benefits of a liberal 1806 would prove most interesting dency, general satisfaction is felt

in obtaining an idea of the progress made. Between these dates were many seasons of discouragement and periods of darkness, the most trying of which was experienced, when on Dec. 2nd, 1877, the college building was burned to the ground. The faculty in 1809 consisted of five acting professors; now it is increased to eleven. The number of students in all classes was forty-two, while the calendar of the current year shows an attendance last year of one hundred and twenty-one. The standard of

matriculation was then and is now placed well above the average, but hardly a vestige of the old curriculum now remains. A great change has been made in this respect. The optional courses of the present time afford a wide scope for free selection and the gaining of an intimate acquaintance with subjects suited to individual tastes, while their restriction to the last two years of the course secures a good all round development before special lines are open to choice. The whole curriculum has been enlarged and extended until now it has attained a very high degree of efficiency.

The endowments of the University have greatly increased, and large and graceful buildings have been creeted. Of the seven buildings now to be seen, not one was in existence in

1869. These and many other improvements have been made under the watchful eye and fostering care of President Sawyer, and have required faithfulness, judgment, and executive ability which very few are able to bestow.

While upon all sides are heard expressions of sincere regret that advancing years and impaired health have rendered imperative Dr. Sawyer's retirement from the more arduous duties of the Presidency, general satisfaction is felt

that his services as Professor of Psychology and Metaphysics are still to be retained to the University. It is hoped that with lightened responsibilities, there may come increase of physical strength and many added years of very delightful labor.

Canàda 1837-1897.

In respect for herself, in respect for the Empire of which she forms a part, in respect for honor and virtue, in respect for the righteousness which exalteth a nation, Canada stands an easy first among the colonies of Great Britain. Blessed with a climate which conduces to vigorous mental and physical manhood, with a natural wealth unequalled by what has been given to any other country on the globe, and with a vast extent of territory which may yet hold a hundred millions of people, she possesses prospects which most of the nations of the earth might envy, and not prospects only-for the record of her progress during the present century, and especially during the Victorian Era, shows that her wealth has increased a hundredfold. New provinces have been built where, in 1837, there were only trees and wild animals and the unprogressive red man. Towns and cities have sprung up all over the best portion of this British part of North America. Many miles of canals, thousands of miles of railways, and tens of thousands of miles of good wagon roads, have been built, and the land is full of the hum of commerce. Ships have been built and rebuilt, and Canada's commercial navy ranks fifth in the vessel tonnage of the world. Where in 1837 there were a million of people, there are now over five millions. In 1837 her total trade was less than thirty millions per year; now it is over two hundred millions. In 1837 there were fifteen miles of railroad and now there are over fifteen thousand, with yearly earnings of about fifty millions of dollars. In 1837 British North America consisted of a half-dozen isolated colonies with no connection or sympathy. Now all these, with several new and important communities (but excepting Newfoundland) are numbered under one government, with a growing unity of sympathy, aim and national feeling, and blessed

with a system of government—federal, provincial and municipal—which is unequalled anywhere.

—June Canadian Magazine.

DON'T.

Don't imagine yourself a telegraph pole and everybody else a bean-stalk.

Don't always look on the dark side of everything; remember the sun always shines somewhere.

Don't push too hard to get your neighbor into the ditch; you may fall in yourself.

Don't put all your loose change in a silk hat; it may be a rainy season and you'll need an umbrella.

Don't be in too great a hurry to climb the tree of honor and riches; some of the limbs are deceitfully rotten. Beware of a fall.

Don't hold your head too high or neck too stiff; some of the trees in the forest of life branch out low and the chances are you will get your skull cracked if not more seriously injured.

Don't go about puffing a pipe or cigar. If man's head were intended for a smoke-house he would probably have had a special smoke-stack.

JUNIA.

Book Notice.

BIBLE PERIODS.—This is a small booklet of 31 pages recently published by Barnes and Company, 84 Prince William Street, St. John, New Brunswick.

It is a chronological arrangement of the Old Testament History in plain verse with dates and with scripture references, and specially adapted for Sunday schools and the home. It can be purchased at the moderate cost of 10 cents per copy or \$1.00 per doz.

The author who is a well known educationist in Saint John very modestly withholds his name. He claims no merit for the verse in which the facts and dates of history are presented, but has used this method "as a means whereby they may be more readily impressed upon the mind and reproduced when required." They were prepared for a large class of experienced Sunday School workers, under whose argent request the author was influenced to give them a wider publicity.

The chronology adopted is that of Archbishop Usher.

The work follows with more detail, the "Normal Class lessons of Rec. J. L. Hurlbut. D. D., and will be found helpful to all students of the Holy Scripture.

The plan or outline is thus stated in the Protogue.

'Mid dates and facts our thoughts abide Which we in periods five divide.
ONE, Period of the Hun an Race;
Two, Chosen Family, we place;
THERE, Israel to a people grown;
FOUR, Israel's Kingdon.—raised—o'er-thrown:

Five; Drops the curtain—all is o'er—A Jewish province left—no more.

We commend this little volume to all who are taking the Sacred History course whether belonging to the Y. P. S. C. E. or B. Y. P. U; they will find it a wonderful aid to the memory in treasuring up both the facts and dates contained in the sacred writings.

S. M.

TIME.

It brings the moments, then steals them away

It never will pause in its flight, And many and wondrous the deeds it performs

And changes it brings to our sight.

By its unseen hand the curtain is raised When the east is reddened by day, It brings busy noon with its golden light, Sunset's glow and twilight gray.

It brings back the Spring with its leafy boughs

Cheerful Summer with flowers bright, Paints the leaves of Autumn with crimson and gold,

And weaves Winter's garments of white.

And thus in succession as seasons return So a changeful lifetime gives, For shadows and sunshine, sorrow and

Is the lot of each mortal that lives.

And what in the future lies hidden from view

To our wondering eyes shall be shown, Till the tale is told and the secret read And the book of our life is done.

Then another race shall take up the task
When the hands that it wearied are
gone,

For the care never ceases, the toil never ends

As age after age follows on.

So thus the years into centuries glide, And a nation grows great and wise, Its people traffic in silver and gold And jewels of costly price.

But its glow will fade, and its wealth de cline,
Time causes its power to wane;

Time causes its power to wane; Its mansions and temples will fall to de-

And naught but its memory remain.

Yet the sun undisturbed the day will illumine,
The ocean still break on the shore,

The ocean still break on the shore,
Still the planets revolve in their endless
courses,

Till time shall no longer endure.
A. M. G. P.

[The above lines were written as an exercise by one of a class of girls in the Aylesford school and handed to the Editor by one of her triends. They are not without merit and as a first either give promise of something better in the future.—Ed.]

Only a Day.

BY W. E. HARRIS.

One time when traversing a great city, my attention was suddenly arrested by a large crowd of people, of every nationality and dress, of every age and size, from the small child up, passing into a peculiar looking building of huge dimensions. My curiosity was so aroused by seeing such a motley looking throng of people, all evidently led in one direction, and bent on one purpose, that I was constraired to inquire of a bystander, as to what was the centre of attraction, towards which these people were bending their footsteps so eagerly.

The man to whom I addressed myself, said: "Oh! you are indeed a stranger to these parts. Within that building there is enacted day by day, the greatest play, I might say tragedy, that mortal man has ever gazed upon."

I presume my face wore a rather incredulous expression, for my informant continued, by way of convincing me of the truth of his statement, "if you have never been here before, or have never witnessed this play, I would advise you to go in to day, and though I don't just know what special features there may be in today's play, I will venture to say if you will give careful attention to the play, and take in its every detail, as well as that of the beautiful scenery and your surroundings in general, it will make an I upression on your mind which you will carry to your dying bed."

This was more than sufficient to arouse the interest of the most unconcerned, to say nothing of one possessed of my excitable temperament, and then having no especial business in the city, save to amuse myself as best I could, you can imagine I lost no time in rushing up to the office and asking for a ticket. Here another surprise was in store for me, for the man at the window merely said: "This is a free show, pass on through the main entrance and then one of the ushers will show you a seat." Noticing my look of wonderment at not being asked to pay an entrance fee, the official said: "This is a free show to all keen observers, who will but take a few spare hours to witness the play; apart from your loss of time, we ask no further admittance fee." Being so taken aback by the man's manner, I made no further inquiries of him, but merely thanked him and passed in through the main entrance, which was by all odds, the largest one I had ever seen. I next found myself in a passage way leading to the immense rows of seats. which I could barely distinguish through the gloom which enveloped the whole interior of the place. Scarcely able to see whither my footsteps led me, I was somewhat relieved when an usher took me by

the arm and conducted me to a comfort able seat; but as to just what distance from the stage, or in what part of the building, I could not as yet discern. My first sensation was one of curiosity as to the nature of my surroundings, and I also felt a little nervous and uncomfortable. I therefore turned quickly upon my conductor, and commenced to ply him with such questions as-Why is there no light here? In which direction is the stage? When does the play commence? and how many people are there here? to all of which, he merely said, reassuringly: "You are very early sir, and will have some little time to wait. Take your seat, an I make yourself perfectly easy: you may even sleep if you feel like it, as the many thousands in here now are probably doing, or at least a large proportion of them."

Seeing that curiosity and impatience would avail me nothing, I decided to compose myself, and see what was to be the issue of it all. I had but slight difficulty in divning the truth of the usher's intormation, for I could hear in all the space around me, breaking upon the death-like silence, the heavy breathing, and even snoring of many sleepers. After sitting for some time and vainly trying to pierce the gloom with my eyes, I must have succumbed to the drowsiness which began to creep over me, for when I came, to myself, I did so with a start, and rubbed my eyes vigorously, to feel sure this was a reality, and not a dream, as I felt inclined to believe. The thick darkness which had reigned previous to my falling asleep, was growing momentarily lighter, and glancing hastily around, I got some idea, for the first time, of what sort of place I was in. Facing me, was the enormous stage, and behind this stage lay the whole world (as it seemed to me). In a few minutes more, there broke across the sky a beam of soft crimson light, which appeared to preak into all the colors of the rambow, and then the light grew stronger and brighter until in the course of a short time, I saw one of tho grandest, and most awe inspiring sights which the eye of man can rest upon, viz:

"The splendid scenery of the sky, Where through a sapphire sea, the sun Rose like a golden galleon."

I felt the freshness of the morning air, bathing my heated brow, and saw the spirkle of the dew on wide meadows and pastures. I heard the hum of bees, starting out in search of their sweet treasure, and the early song from a thousand feathered throats.

The perfume from countless flowers and blossoming trees, rose towards the sun like incense. Oh, how wonderful, how beautiful is the world, waking to the toils of another day, on a bright morning in the early summer! Let us go out and

gaze upon such a scone, and then say if we dare, "there is no God."

So beautiful and inspiring was the effect, so grand and perfect was the mag niticent stretch of scenery, which greeted my eyes, I could not for the moment, give utterance to my feelings. After gazing, enraptured for the moment, upon the sight before me, I turned to the man who occupied a seat alongside me and said. Oh! how grand, how glorious! To my surprise, he merely said: "Oh, this is nothing! It is but one of the sights, which greets our eyes every twenty-four hours regularly, and to which we grow so ac customed, that we take no notice of it at all. You see all the good people around you are sleeping on unconsciously, nor will they awake until the real play commences. This is but a so-called grand scenic effect, preceding the real play, or tragedy, which is called 'Life'."

After gazing for some time upon the sunrise, I began to drink in the beauty of the surrounding scenery, decked in the glory of the sun's early morning rays of various colors. Then the thought occurred to me that I had never troubled to arise, and behold this glorious breaking of the day, unless by mere chance, on account of some unusual circumstance, I happened to be up, or awoke and paused for a brief space to see how long before the sur was likely to be up; without stopping to drink in the beauty of the scene, which is one of nature's grandest, and it was only now, that I fully realized how beautiful a thing it all was.

While awaiting further developments in the proceedings, I went on conversing with the gentleman to whom I had just spoken. He said: "The first time one beholds these sights, it appears most beautiful to him; but soon, from seeing this often repeated, one becomes indifferent, and lets these scenes pass by quite unnoticed." Turning my attention to the vast audience assembled, I asked my new-made friend, as to whether these people were all spectators, to which he replied: "For the most part, I think they are, though you will observe a little later on, that a number of these people are actors, who will take part in to-day's great play, and before long you will notice them one by one, slipping out of their seats, and going on the stage." Asked as to what special features there might be in to day's play, my friend said. "We have no printed programmes in this place, and every feature in each day's performance comes as an entire surprise to the onlookers. However, you never need entertain any tears of the play proving dull, or uninteresting, for there is always some new phase to each day's events. I have no doubt that there will be special attractions in to-day's play, which will greatly interest and surprise you: but strange

who will be but an on looker." Here my face assumed an air of incredulity and I said that my friend's statement seemed absurd, for how could actors possibly proceed with a play if they did not know exactly beforehand what part they were to be called on to take.

My friend's countenance wore an amused look as he replied: "Ah! there,my dear Sir, is just wherein the interest lies, and this alone is what calts such numbers of onlookers hither. This great tragedy called 'Life' is the only one in the world in which the issue is veiled alike to spectators and tragedians."

My readers can imagine that I was really staggered by this information and you need not be surprised when I tell you I did not believe more than half of what my friend told me, though later I found it to be all quite true.

(To be continued in the July Union.)

Pen and Ink Sketches of Jamaica.

There are very few places in the world, perhaps, of which the generality of people have so false an idea as of Jamaica. Few places, indeed, there are that can boast of more natural leveliness, of a vegetation more luxuriant, of views more glorious and extensive, or of climate more delightful and varied. In the planes on the southern side of the Island you have a tropical climate from June to October. In the mountains you have an atmos phere of the most exhilarating freshness; and on some of the highest peaks, positive cold, so much so, indeed, that the houses are built with fireplaces. And to be without a fire in the afternoons and evenings in the winter months, is to be much more than merely chilly-it is to really shiver with cold!

At Cinchons, 6,500 feet, one of the highest inhabited points in the Blue Mountain range, a fire is always necessary for comfort all through the year. It is generally lighted at four o'clock in the afternoon. Very delightful I found this fire, in the charming old fashioned open fire place, a bright fire of cedar and bul let wood.

In Manchester Parish (one of the 14 into which the Colony is divided) the temperature is invariably cool, and most equable, the thermometer averaging from 65 degrees to 78 degrees all the year round.

In some strange, but not unaccountable way, Jamaica has got the name of being one of the pest holes of the world. And it will be many a long year before the world in general will be disabused of that idea, the current opinion being, that to go to Januaica means probably to die of

as it seems, the surprise is quite as great yellow fever, Jamaica and yellow fever to the actors themselves as it is to you meaning pretty much the same thing. The belief that yellow fever is always lurking somewhere in Kingston or Port Royal is quite erroneous.

> That in years past the Island has been visited by epidemics is only too true. But it is also a fact that the chief sufferers have been English soldiers and sailors. That here and there a case is heard of, is true, but it is likewise true that constantly that case is traceable to some flagrant indiscretion or imprudent act, or is occasionally introduced in toreign shipping. It is a climate in which to get chilled means danger. But in what climate is there not danger in getting chilled when heated? In another climate that chill means congestion or inflammation of the lungs; but in the West Indies the danger from a chill or congestion of the skin is fever. The healthy action of the skin is the great safety valve and security for health in a tropical climate. New comers are prone to disregard this fact, even if they know it. Also, in not a few cases they think old residents fussy, who caution them as to unnecessary exposure.

As you approach Jamaica in the soft early dawn, the scene is one of unsurpassed loveliness. The "Blue Mountains," rising from the central ranges, lift their great indigo peaks up into the clouds which are ever rolling down their sides in white drifts of downy splendor, and now and then pierce through the cloudy veil which floats above them. "Blue Mountain" peak, 7,800 feet high, the loftiest of the range, rises in the distance like a small cone-shaped island in a sea of rosy undulating cloud waves. Such glorious mountains! Such light and shade play over their mighty sides every moment of the day! An island, indeed, of mountain beauty. Port Royal, the Royal Naval Station and first stopping place of shipping, at the entrance of Kingston harbor, is at the westernmost end of a sandy spit, over twelve miles long, and less than a quarter wide. It forms the natural breakwater to Kingston harbor, and nearly altogether encloses one of the u:ost spacious and conveniently ap proached ports in the "new world." is known as the "Palisadoes," and a long beach on both sides of the conspicuous white tower of Plumb Foint Lighthouse. was planted some thirteen or fourteen years ago by the Colonial Government with coconnut trees. This plantation, with its "plumy palms" rising over the sea level, after sighting "Plumb Point" Lighthouse, is the second evidence of Government effort which meets the visitor, and its greenery mingled with the mangrove fringes springing out of the clear shallow water is effective as a marked bit of local coloring. As you steam up the harbor everything delights the

eye and pleases the imagination, which cannot be said when you near Kingston wharf.

I doubt if there is any other capital in the world of like importance that presents so unhealthy and neglected an appearance. And yet were its great natural advantages turned to account, what a handsome, and I believe, healthy urbansettlement Kingston might be made. There is a splendid "fall" to the harbor, if the town were drained, which it is not. The water supply is stated to be abundant for "flushing" purposes, but while the authorities are discussing the respective advantages of underground and overground drainage, and urging the danger of sending sewage into the bay in a diluted state, it is allowed to soak into the site of the town, and accumulate until nature over-rides the teeble human attempts to depopulate the place; and by the water power of the May and October rainy seasons sweeps the refuse and surface of the yards and streets into the sea, as it has done from the beginning. This sharp and salutary treatment, however good for the health of the citizens, has turned the streets into mere water courses, and cut them down so low that householders have had to build flights of stone and brick steps to escape from their unintentionally elevated dwellings. The consequence is intense inconvenience to all traffic. The streets have been narrowed and "wrecked" for driving over, while the sidewalks for foot-passengers are disconnected platforms, the latter being interrupted by step-barriers at every town

These "storm-waters" which deluge the town to such an extent that several persons were drowned at the crossings of streets in October, 1897, during an unusually heavy rainy season, could easily be kept within bounds and sent out to sea. It will hardly be believed that there is a natural water course on both sides of the town. These are, however, so smothered with obstructive bush, rubbish from the neighboring houses, and objectionable accumulations of their own debris floated down, that they cannot carry off the surplus water, and the readlest outlets, the streets, have to do the duty. Were these channels properly cleared out, protected in a few cases, and connected by a masonry-lined cutting on the north or upper end of the town, the ceaseless lamentations of Kingstonians, as to the "sad state of streets," might cease.

Apart from the cleansing influences of the tropic rains, there can hardly be any point on any sen-board which enjoys a more steady and vigorous atmospheric circulation than Kingston. Seldom are there six hours of perfect stillness out of the twenty-four in any day of the year.

Early in the forenoon the sea-breeze

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(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 an I po' stoes, 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 vogetables 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 pinkand crea.ny 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 dia meter, and produces a very sweet bean, which both cattle and horses eat greedily.

You pass large mangrove swamps, cocoanut and banana plantations, and ex tensive 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 hing looks so fresh and green, especially on the banks of the Milk River, which is a small stream of an aqua-narine color, and very picturesque.

F. W. MUSGRAVE. (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. II. 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. Hurchins.

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 paster 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 paster has gone on a five weeks' vacation trip to the United States and the Upper Provinces. THE AYLESFORD UNION. Published on the first of every month

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EDITORIALS.

As we go to press the joyous strains of the celebration of Victoria's Diamond Jubilee are ringing not only throughout our own Canadian land but over her world-wide Empire. So much has been said and written in exalted vein under the inspiration of an event unique alike in the history of the empire and of the world, that it seems uncalled for that we should attempt to rise to the dignity of the occasion. Yet we beg the indulgence of our readers for a single sentence expressive in a measure at least of the sincere and loyal thanksgiving which is in our hearts. Although no national flag floats above the sanctum and editorial dignity forbids that we should join the popular jubilation which expresses itself in vigorous hat-throwing and vociferous shouting, yet none the less loyal pulsations are felt within, mingled with devout thanksgiving for the unparalleled blessings of an unprecedented reign, and an carnest breathing to the great Giver of all good for their undiminished continuance to both sovereign and subjects.

The near approach of the season for Associations and Conventions suggests some problems in connection with these gatherings which must soon be dealt with. Two serious facts are already quite patent to the eyes of all: first, that the attendance upon our annual denominational assemblies is in the majority of instances attaining unwieldly proportions, and second,

main fairly representative of the intelligence, piety and executive faculty of our churches. One undesirable result of the first fact is the growing difficulty of finding a church willing to undertake the responsibility of entertaining an association or convention. The task is so great that only the stronger churches or those which least need the help which such a gathering ought to bring, dare assume it. A remedy might easily be provided in the reduction of the delegates which each church is entitled to send, coupled with the distinct understanding that free entertainment would be provided for delegates only.

The other fact referred to is much 'more serious, and one to which is traceable in large measure many of the unsatisfactory and unbusinesslike things done in the name of the churches. The cause of this condition of things is we believe due to the miserable system, or rather lack of system, employed in the appointment of the representatives of the average church. When delegates are to be selected, instead of a careful choice being made of persons best suited to represent the church and its interests, there is a general enquiry of "Who is going?" or "Who will go?" with the result that persons are chosen whose one qualification is that they are able to afford the expense or find it convenient to avail themselves of excursion railway rates and free entertainment for the enjoyment of a cheap holiday trip. With such a basis of selection it is not to be wondered at that a large percentage of the lay delegates thus sent are totally unfit to perform the duties of their position and exert little if any beneficial influence upon the findings of the body to which they belong. As a preventative of such results we would suggest that each church bear the expenses of its delegates to and from the place of meeting. With expenses provided for, there would be little difficulty in prevailing upon almost any whom the church might designate, to go, for many could bear the loss of time who could not afford loss of time with cost of travelling added. After the churches shall have put this much of business into their share of the constitution of our general bodies, it will be sufficient time for them to offer adverse critthat the delegates are not in the icism of doings of these bodies.

Our highly esteemed brother pastor, Rev. J. S. Coffin of the Aylesford Methodist circuit, closes his labors upon his present field on Sunday, July 4th, after which, as we have just learned, he goes to a charge in Lunenburg County. We desire to take this opportunity of giving public expression to our unfeigned regretat the near approach of the dissolution of our association, which from the first has been of a most cordial character. One of the very firsthands extended in friendly greeting upon our coming to Aylesford was that of Pastor Coffin. What he then seemed to be we have ever found him, a thorough Christian gentleman. In his removal we shall sustain a loss not easily repaired. Our earnest wish is that Bro. Coffin may find in his new field opportunities worthy of his high endowments of mind and heart, and that before him may lie many years of joyous and fruitful service. The UNION bids him, his wife and his family "God speed."

The most suggestive bit of advertising which has caught our attention for some time is contained in an exchange. In it appear these words: "At a bound Pattison's Whisky has come to the front," and just beside them is a Bengal tiger leaping as if upon some prey. It may be an inadvertency but is none the less true to

The Union congratulates Miss Augie M. Lee and Mr. Frank B. Jacques upon the securing of their B diplomas.

And now the Plebiscite Bill is dead. "How long, oh Lord, how long?"

The Toronto Mail and Empire has the following:

"Once again have Canadian military men distinguished themselves. The 48th Highlanders, at Islington tournament, defeated the Australians in individual bayonet competitions. Now a team of eight Canadians has defeated a picked team of eight experts from the Life Guards, the Coldstream Guards, and the Grenadier Guards. We have taken the Queen's prize, and have had the championship of almost everything; but to beat the crack regiments at lighting with the bayonet—well, 'that's a pretty go,' as our fellow subjects across the water would say.

AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Berwick.—During the past month our Y. P. S. C. E. has been doing its usual good work. Our meetings, held every Monday at a quarter to eight, are well attended and profitable. The active membership is still increasing, having received three new names during the last month.

Canning.—The interest in our B. Y. P. U. is still maintained and we have a good attendance at each meeting. Having finished our Sacred Literature Course, we have now taken up another course of study found in our, paper "The Baptist Union." Our lessons have been as follows: "The Divine Origin of the Scriptures." "The collection of the Scriptures," and "The great translations of the Scriptures." We find these studies very instructive and interesting.

Port Medway, N. S.—The B. Y. P. U. of this place has a membership of twenty seven. Twenty-four active and three associate. The officers for the ensuing term are:—

Pres.—Edward Hiltz. Vice-Pres.—Mrs. J. W. Daley. Rec. Sec.—Caroline Freeman. Cor. Sec.—Maude Manthorne.

CLEMENTS VALE.—A B.Y.P.U. has recently been organized under the auspices of this church.

PEREAUX.— The members of the Y. P. S. C. E. have adopted a novel method of raising money for church purposes. Each member is given five cents to invest in such a manner as may be deemed best; and the proceeds are to be brought in on Thanksgiving day. Perhaps some of the sister societies would like to try the same plan.

Oùr Juniors.

Morro: "In the name of the Lord Jesus."—Col. 3:17.

PLEDGE: "I promise to pray every day, to abstain from both liquor and tobacco, to keep from using profune language; and to be present, when I can, at every inceting of the Union."

AYLESFORD, N. S.—Since I last reported our Junior Union has been going steadily forward. Our increase in numbers this month has not been as large as we should like to have had; but we are expecting several new members at our next meeting and hope for more in the future. A large number of our members are taking the Bible Readers' Course, and in our Missionary Course this month we have a very interesting subject, the "Maritime Convention." We have a Conquest missionary meeting once a month, at which we have music, readings, recitations and dialogues: we

also take a collection at these meetings for the support of a child in India.

MINNIE F. BOWLBY, Sec'ty.

BERWICK BAPTIST JUNIOR C. E .- Our Junior C. E. Society of forty one membors was organized last August, with twenty-three members. It has made great progress and is doing a lot of good. We meet every Sunday afternoon at 2.30 and have real good meetings. We have good officers and excellent committees. The members of the Endeavor have learned the books of the Bible, the beatitudes and the twenty third Psalm. This spring we sent a box of mayflowers and checker berries to the Orphans' Home in Halitax. The Endeavor is doing much good and we hope it will continue to do AVARD HARLOW, Sec'ty.

How a Poor Boy Succeeded.

Many a boy is discouraged because of the oft-quoted remark of Daniel Webster, who, when asked if the profession of law was crowded, replied, "There is plenty of room at the top." There is plenty of room at the bottom too, for the right kind of a boy, and, if careful, faithful, willing, and blessed with good health and right principles, he will be pretty sure to go up from the bottom round of the ladder, toward the top, where he may enter the window called Fortune, or better perhaps, the door of opportunity.

A few years ago a large drug firm in New York City advertised for a boy, says the Presbyterian Banner. Next day the store was thronged with applicants, among them a queer-looking little fellow, accompanied by a woman, who proved to be his aunt, in lieu of faithless parents by whom he had been abandoned. Looking at this waif, the advertiser said. "Can't take him; places all full. Besides he is too small."

"I know that he is small," said the woman, "but he is willing and faithful."

There was a twinkling in the boy's eyes which made the merchant think again. A partner in the firm volunteered the remark that he "did not see what they wanted with such a boy; he wasn't bigger than a pint of cider." But after consultation the boy was set to work.

A few days later a call was made on the boys for some one to stay all night. The prompt response of the little fellow contrasted well with the reluctance of others. In the middle of the night the merchant looked in to see if all was right in the store, and presently discovered his youthful protege husy scissoring labels.

"What are you doing?" said he. "I did not tell you to work nights."

"I know that you did not tell me so,

but I thought that I might be doing something."

In the morning the cashier got orders to "double that boy's wages, for he is willing."

Only a few days clapsed before a show of wild beasts passed through the streets, and very naturally all hands in the store rushed to witness the spectacle. A thief saw his opportunity, and entered at the door to seize something; but in a twinkling he found himself firmly clutched by the diminutive clerk aforesaid, and, after a struggle, was captured. Not only was a robbery prevented, but valuable articles taken from other stores were recovered.

When asked why he stayed behind to watch when all others quitted their work, he replied: "You told me never to leave the store when others were absent, and I thought I'd stay."

Orders were immediately given once more: "Double that boy's wages; he is willing and faithful."

To-day that boy is a member of the firm.— Baptist Union.

The Spelling Match.

Ten little children, standing in a line, "Fully, Fully," then there were nine.

Nine puzzled faces, fearful of their fate, "C-i-l-l-y, silly," then there were eight.

Eight pairs of blue eyes, bright as stars of heaven,

"Bussy, busy," then there were seven. Seven grave heads, shaking in an awful

"I-a-i-d-y, lady," then there were six.

Six eager darlings, determined each to strive, "D-n t-i-e, duty," then there were five.

Five hearts so anxious, beating more and more,

"S c-o-l-l-a-r, scholar," then there were four.

Four mouths like resebuds on a red resetree,

"Me-r-y, merry," then there were but three.

Three pairs of pink ears, listening keen and true,

"() n.l.e.y, only," then there were two.

Two sturdy laddies, ready both to run, "T-un k-y, turkey," then there was one.

One head of yellow hair, bright in the sun, "II e-r o, hero," the spelling match was won.

The Land of "Pretty Soon."

I know a land where the streets are paved

With the things we mean to achieve; It is walled with the money we meant to have saved,

And the pleasures for which we grieve; The kind words unspoken, the promises broken,

And many a coveted boon, Are stowed away there in that land somewhere—

The land of "Pretty Soon."

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

St. Stephen's church, Boston, where unusually good missionary work is being done, is to have a new parish house.

Of the six hundred and six ty-nine members of the British House of Commons all but one huadred and seventeen are Churchmen.

Professor Ely says that one hundred million dollars could be wisely expended within a year in establishing free public libraries in cities in the United States.

Carroll D. Wright, United States Commissioner of Labor, is authority for the statement that the average age of convicts in the United States is about twenty-six vears.

In addition to his many other accomplishments, Hon. John Hay, new American Ambassador to Great Britain, has shown himself possessed of co-small ability as a hymn writer.

The widow of the late Baron Hirsch has given \$1,500,000 for establishing trade schools and crecting model tenement houses for her fellow countrymen living in New York City.

The diocesan paper of New Hampshire, in reporting the recent convention of the diocese, says that the keynote was struck by Bishop Niles in reducing his own salary \$500 a year.

Bethany Presbyterian church in Philadelphia has a total membership of 3,100. Its Sunday school enrollment has reached the total of 4,500, with an average attendance of about 3,500. A large adult Bible class, or "Bible Union" as it is called, has an enrollment of 1.800. The total attendance at all services on one Sunday aggregates 12,000 persons.

Calvary Parish, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has just opened a well equipped parish house. The church is located in the midst of a mining population. After the day of hard and exhausting work, the only places of resort open to men, young and old, are the saloons. The new parish house, with its reading rooms, game rooms, gymnasium and boths, is intended to be and doubtless will be a powerful counter-attraction. The privileges of the house will be open to all upon the payment of almost nominal joy and hope to the rest of the fire

Dr. H. K. Carroll, statistician in charge of the religious division of the census of 1890, estimates that there are 4,400,000 members enrolled in the leading young people's organizations of the Protestant denominations.

Miss Julia C. Emery, the secretary of the Woman's Adxiliary to the Board of Missions, is to go to England to attend meetings of Church-women, which will be held in London at the time of the Lambeth Conference.

There has been recently organized in the Presbyterian church of the United States a Church Service Society. Its object is nothing less than an effort to secure a wider approval of the use of a liturgy in the services of that denomination. In its statement of principles, the Society justifies itself by expressing the belief that "the preparation of forms of service for public worship may help to guard against the contrary evils of confusion and ritualism and promote reverence and beauty in the worship of God in His holy house, and unity and the spirit of common praise and prayer among the people."

The Musings of a Married Man.

BY EBENEZER BENEDICT.

Muse one: _ Seasonable Sorrows.

The four little Benedicts have been tucked away for some hours, Mrs. Benedict has retired and subsided into silence after many fruitless appeals to me to 'come to bed.' and peaceful silence would rest down upon the entire household, but for the vibratory slumbers of Bridget over the back kitchen and the low mutterings and occasional shufflings of the family ghost in the attic. But these latter are such accustomed sounds that they have a soothing rather than a disturbing effect upon me and afford pleasant relief from a sense of loneliness. It is such quiet hours that I find most agreeable to meditation upon the varied experiences of life, and strange anomaly, the more multitudinous and multiform the trials of the day, the more easy and fluent are my cogitations.

I have just been passing through what I believe to be the most trying season of the whole year to every pater-familias, and not the least vexing part of it is that the season is one of almost universal world. Without doubt there is

something essentially incongruous in spring's being of apparent neccessity the one season when a man's equanimity, which he has jealously guarded since his last new year's resolution, should be completely demoralized by sundry trying business relations with milliners, dress-makers, and dry goods' men and that universal scourge-house-eleaning.

For weeks past the current topics of household chat have been sailors and shirt waists, spring hats and summer skirts, prints and percalines, chiffons and cambries, belts and bows, and that endless variety of materials which by mysterious art weave themselves into the present day female attire. And amid all this medley of domestic discussion there has not been a single retreat in the entire house which has escaped the marauding hand of that princess of chaos, the house cleaner.

I dislike references to "the good times that we used to have," but there are seasons when memory gently and fondly lingers around those youthful days where one hook in the hall and one trunk in the chamber sufficed to hold all our earthly possessions.

(To be continued in the July UNION.)

District Lodge, No. 5, I. O. G. T.

This District held its annual Session on the 8th of June, 1897, with Glendalo Lodge, Aylesford. Eight lodges were represented. The Secretary's report showed ho had received quarterly returns from 13 lodges with a membership of 415. There were 18 applicants for the District Lodge degree which were received and duly initiated. The reports from the different Lodges were encouraging.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed as follows:

- D. C: T .- George McGrego:
- D. Coun.—C. I. Wolfe. D. V. T.—Mrs. Amos Bennett.
- D. S. J. T .- Mrs. George McGregor.
- D. Secretary-1. S. Marshall.
- D. T.—Mrs. A. D. Nichols. D. Ch.—J. M. Vidito. D. M.—G. N. Banks, D. G.—J. E. Miller.

- D. Sen.—Austin Rolsor.
 D. A. S.—Ethel Graves.
 D. D. M.—Edward Howell.
 D. D. C. T.—A. D. Nichols.

We held a public meeting in the even-

ing, and had a packed house. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Ryan and others, with dialogues and n.usic. which made it a success.

The next session of the District Lodge will be held with White Rose Lorge, Scott's Bay, in September.

Session closed.

J. S. Marsham, District Secretary.

OUR STORY PAGE.

A Boy and a Millionaire.

One day not long ago a boy who had worked for four years in Marshall Field's store asked for a raise in salary.

He was getting \$4 a week and he thought he ought to have more. So he asked his superintendent, and the superintendent referred him to the manager, and the manager leaned back in his chair and said:

"You must see Mr. Field himself. He regulates all raises in salary.

After a week of disappointment the boy succeeded in gaining admittance to Mr. Field's office. With shaky voice he asked for a raise in salary.

"How long have you worked here?" asked the millionaire,

"Four years."

"And how much are you getting?"

"Four dollars a week."

"How old are you?"

"Fifteen years old."

"Why," returned Mr. Field, "when I was your age I was working for \$2.50, and I thought I was well paid. What do you think of that?'

"Perhaps you weren't as valuable a boy as I am," was his respectful reply.

It isn't chronicled what was next said, but the boy got his raise,

Scottish Honesty.

At one time in the Highlands of Scotland, to ask for a receipt or promissory note was considered an insult, and such a thing as a breach of contract was rarely heard of, so strictly did the people regard their honor. The Presbyterian Witness tells a story of a farmer who had been to the 1. whinds, and had there acquired worldly wisdom:

"After returning to his native place he needed some money, and requested a loan from a gentleman in the neighborhood. The latter, Mr. Stewart, complied and counted out the gold, when the farmer immediately wrote a receipt.

"That is a receipt, sir, binding me to give ye back your gold at shall never catch me in his net the right time,' replied Donald.

"Binding ye, indeed! Well, my man, if ye canna trust yoursel, I'm sure I'll nae trust ye! Such as ye canna hae my gold;" and, gath- one day last winter in my sleigh, a terrible death.

desk and locked it up.

"'But, sir, I might die,' replied the needy Scot, unwilling to surrender his hope of the loan; and perhaps my sons might refuse it ye, but the bit of paper would compel them.'

"Compel them to sustain their dead father's honor!' cried the enraged Celt. 'They'll need compelling to do right, if this is the road ye're leading them. Ye can gang elsewhere for money, I'll tell ye; but ye'll find nane about here that'll put more faith in a bit of paper than in a neighbor's word of honor and his love of right."

Trying His Appetite.

A young man had carelessly formed the habit of taking a glass of liquor every morning before breakfast. An older friend advised him to quit before the habit should grow too strong.

"Oh, there's no danger; it's a mere notion; I can quit any time," replied the drinker.

"Suppose you try to-morrow morning," suggested the friend.

"Very well; to please you I'll do so, but I assure you there is no cause for alarm."

A week later, the young man met his friend again.

"You are not looking well," observed the latter. "Have you been

"Hardly," replied the other one. "But I am trying to escape a dread ful danger, and I fear I shall be ill before I shall have conquered. My eyes were opened to an imminent peril when I gave you that promise a week ago. I thank you for your timely suggestion.

"How did it affect you?" inquired the friend.

"The first trial utterly deprived me of appetite for food, I could eat no breakfast, and was nervous and trembling all day, I was alarmed when I realized how insidiously the habit had fastened on me, and resolved to turn square about and never touch another drop. The squaring off has pulled me down severely, but I am gaining, and I mean to keep the upper hand after this. Strong drink ngain."

Prove it by Mother.

While driving along the street

ering it up, he returned it to his a little boy six or seven years old asked me the usual qusetion:

"Please may I ride?"

I answered him:

"Yes, if you are a good boy."

He climbed into the sleigh, and when I again asked:

"Are you a good boy?" he looked up pleasantly and said: "Yes, sir."

"Can you prove it?"

"Yes, sir."

"By whom?"

"Why, my mamma," he said, promptly.

I thought to myself, here is a lesson for boys and girls. When a resson for boys and girls. When a child feels and knows that mother not only loves, but confides in him, and can prove his obedience, truthfulness, and honesty by mother, he is pretty safe. That boy will be a joy to his mother, while the be a joy to his mother while she lives. She can trust him out of her sight, feeling that he will not run into evil. Children who have and mothers praying mothers, who have children they can trust, are blessed indeed. Boys and girls can you "prove by mother" that you are good? Try to deserve the confidence of your parents and everyone else.

A Faithful Dog.

The following touching incident will be read with special interest by those who possess that faithful and devoted friend-a dog-aspart of the family circle:

A gentleman bought a collie, which when taken home, after the fashion of his kind, soon made himself one of the family, and assuned special responsibilities in connection with the youngest connection with the young child, a girl three years of age.

It happened one day in November that the father was returning from a drive, and as he neared his house he noticed the dog in a pasture, which was separated by a stone wall from the road, From behind this wall the collie would spring up, bark, and then jump down again, constantly repeating

Leaving the horse and going to the spot, he found his little girl seated on a stone, with the collie wagging his tail and keepingguard beside her.

In the light snow their path could be plainly seen, and as he tracked it back he saw where the little one had walked several times around an open well in the pasture. Very close to the brink were the prints of baby shoes, but still closer on the edge of the well were the tracks of the collie, who had evidently kept between her and the

well. We need not tell you the feelings of the father as he saw the fidelity of the dumb creature, walking between the child and what might have otherwise been

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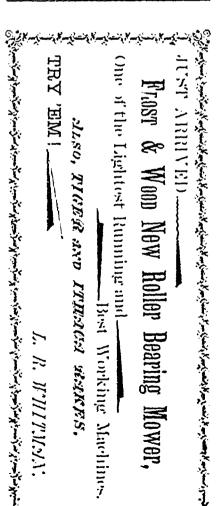
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RECENT developments have added new force to the slang: "It beats the band."

J. F. McManox and bride returned from a very pleasant trip to the southern counties and have taken up their residence in the house opposite C. A. Williamson's.

Now that the government's entomologist has settled all the "bugs and weeds," it would be well to call in the right official to take charge of Aylesford's latest pest, the speak thief.

The entertainment under the auspices of Parole Division S. of T. on the 3rd instin behalf of a needy widow of the place was a decided success in both interest and finance. Over \$19 were realized.

Francis Tolson, of the Government Fish Hatchery at Bedford, has recently made three trips to Aylesford, placing some hundreds of thousands of young salmon in our rivers and lakes. He re ports the distribution of nearly five millions young fish throughout the province this season.

The funeral of the late Win. Nichols which took place on Sunday afternoon, the 13th inst. from his late residence, was one of the longest seen in the place for some time. Nearly a hundred carriages followed the hearse to the Methodist church where an impressive service was conducted by Rev. J. M. C. Wade, M. A.

Prof. Fletcher, Entomologist of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, lectured to a well filled house in Spurr's Hall on the evening of the 18th inst. He dealt in a most interesting and helpful way with the chief insect pests with which the farmer has to contend. His remarks upon the cut-worm, so prevalent in Aylesford, and the fire-worm, which is already seriously affecting the cran berry plants, were of especial interest. He recommended as a sure remedy for the former the following:

Mix one pound of Paris Green with fifty pounds of wheat bran. Mix this when dry, and when it is wanted for usemix enough water to make it stick and put it on or around the crop and the cut worms will prefer it to the crop. This mixture can be planted with the seed by the machines used.

Another remedy was to make "Poison Traps." Take grass or something similar and die it up in a bundle with string and dip it into a pail of Paris Green and water and place it along the rows. This is effectual. The worm eats the grass in the night and then burrows in the ground and dies.

Prof. Fletcher in company with J. S.

Bishop visited the bog of the Aylerford cranberry company at Auburn and found the fire worm very plentiful and doing its work well. It operates on the tip of the bud. He advised spraying the plants with paris green. Such hints must prove of great practical value to our farmers. Prof. Fletcher further stated that to any body who desired any of the reports of work done at the Central Farm the same would be sent upon application free of charge.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. C. J. West is home again from a plensant trip to Boston looking much improved in health.

REVS. J. S. COFFIN and Win. Ryan are attending the Provincial Methodist Conference at Liverpool, N. S.

Bro. A. E Wall, president of the Maritime B. Y. P. U., paid Aylesford a flying visit on business on the 6th inst.

Bro. Henry VanBuskirk is still in delicate health. His two daughters came home from Boston a few days ago to see him.

MISS KATE SUITON was guest at the parsonage on her return from Acadia Seminary to her home in Woodstock, N. B.

Miss Iona West returned from Lowell, Mass, to spend the summer at Morristown with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benj E. West.

Bro. HERBERT McNeil. surprised his many friends by putting in an appearance on the 16th inst. very much improved in health.

Mrs. L. R. Cogswell and little son, of Somerville, Mass., are intending to spend part of the month with Mrs. Maynard Cogswell, Mr. Cogswell's mother.

Bro. Howard N. Cooswell arrived home from Dedhain, Mass., a short time ago to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Cogswell, of Morristown. He is convaled cent after a sovere attack of la grippe.

Rev. A. F. Baken was guest at the parsonage on the 4th inst en route from Wolfville to be with Pastor Saunders at the re-opening of the church at Tremont. Bro. Baker has spent a very successful winter of labor under the Home Mission board in P. E. I. and is now engaged at Margarce, C. B. in the same work.

MARRIAGES.

At the home of the bride, Elmdale, Aylesford, 2nd inst., by Rev. J. S. Coffin, J. Frank McMahon, and Margaret H., daughter of William McIntyre, Esq.

DEATHS.

At Aylesford, May 19th, of consumption, Isaac M. Selfridge, aged 31 years.

At Aylesford, on Thursday, 17th inst., after a lingering illness, William M. Nichols, aged 59 years.

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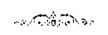
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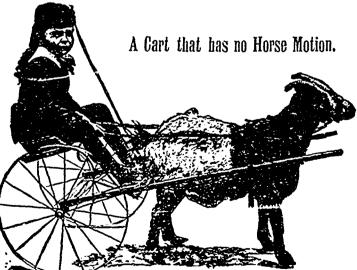
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