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Ex-chancellor of McMaster University.

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Young People's Prayer Meeting on 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 7 p. m.

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

Monthly Conference on the Friday preceding first Sunday of each month at 7 p. m.

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

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

Regular Prayer Meeting on Thursday at 7 p. m. Sacred Literature Class at 7:45 p. m., led by the Pastor.

Young People's Prayer Meeting on Sunday at 7 p. m.

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

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

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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 7 p. m. Sacred Literature Class at 7:45, led by the Pastor.

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

Monthly Conference on the Wednesday preceding the 4th Sunday of each month at 7 p. m.

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30th, at 3 p. m.

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11 a. m. 3 p. m. 7:30 p. m.
1st Sun. St. Mary's, Morden, St. Mary's.
2nd " Morden, St. Mary's.
3rd " St. Mary's, Morden, St. Mary's.
4th " Morden, St. Mary's.
5th " St. Mary's, Morden, St. Mary's.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. Mary's 1st Sunday and at Christ Church, Morden, 2nd Sunday.

Meeting of St. Andrew's Brotherhood in Mr. H. V. B. Farnsworth's office on the 2nd Friday of each month at 8 o'clock.

Bible Class will begin on the first Tuesday evening of Nov., and continue through the winter each week.

All seats are free and strangers are made welcome.

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HARMONY LODGE A. F. & A. M., No. 59.

Meets on 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 p. m., in their Hall at Aylesford Station, N. S. C. B. MCINTYRE, W. M.

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BROOKLYN LODGE, No. 677.

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THE FARMERS' UNION meets every Thurs-

day at 7:30 p. m. in the hall at Millville. A. D. WHITMAN, PRES. A. H. EWING, Sec.

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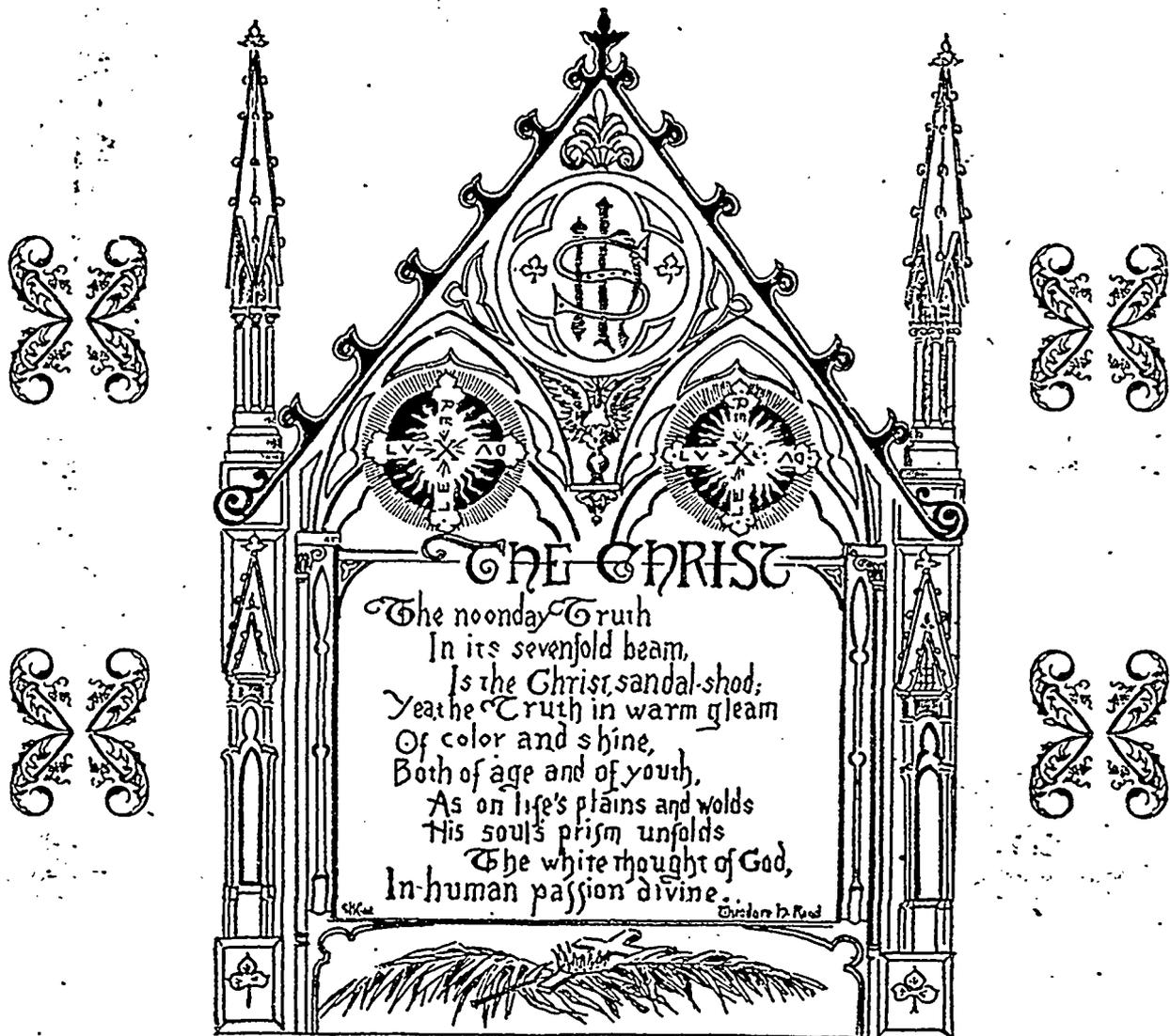
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"That ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the Gospel."—PAUL.

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We have the special permission of Dr. Rand to publish from "At Minas Basin" the poem "The Christ." The beautiful decorative setting is the work of Mr. Glen Campbell, of McMaster University. Our thanks are due the *McMaster University Monthly* for the use of the plate.

Theodore H. Rand, D. C. L.

EX-CHANCELLOR MCMMASTER UNIVERSITY.

Several weeks ago Rev. E. M. Saunders, D. D., of Halifax, very kindly consented to furnish for us a brief pen sketch of the life and character of Dr. T. H. Rand, the eminent educationalist, whose portrait appears upon the cover page of this number. Pressure of other duties has rendered it impossible for him to write especially for our purpose. He has therefore enclosed us a very excellent portraiture of

Dr. Rand, from his pen, which appeared in the *McMaster University Monthly*, at the time of the latter's appointment to the Chancellorship of that Institution, and has given us the liberty to abridge it to suit our limited space. It is so very excellent, and every paragraph seems so essential to its completeness that we publish it in its entirety, with the exception of a slight elimination at the close. We are satisfied that our readers will find its perusal attractive and interesting.

In order to bring the sketch down to date we may add that two years

ago failing health made it imperative that Dr. Rand should seek release from the responsibilities of the Chancellorship of a large University. He continues to serve the Institution in the Chair of Education. The leisure thus secured to him has made possible the production of a book of poems which has given him an honorable place among Canadian authors. A review of this late work, by a competent critic, will also be found elsewhere in this number.

"Theodore Harding Rand inherits the essential elements of the character of his father, the late

Thomas Woodworth Rand, who was an honored deacon of the First Baptist Church, at Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. They are characteristics which belong to the typical Puritan. He was a dreamy, imaginative boy. In his early youth Theodore spent some years in Boston. At that time Theodore Parker, Wendell Phillips and Ralph Waldo Emerson, were the brilliant leaders of free thought in New England. William Lloyd Garrison was beginning his crusade which ended only with the great civil war. The genius, talents and fervid eloquence of these men awakened young Rand's native powers, kindled to a flame his ardor, and carried him away on the drift of liberalism. It was not many years, however, before the orthodoxy of his home training reasserted itself. Acadia College, in sight of his father's home, drew him within her walls. In 1855, while a student at Horton Academy, and in a remarkable revival of religion, he was converted to God, was baptised by President Cramp, and united with the Baptist church at Wolfville. In this spiritual illumination he was brought to accept the Bible as the Divine Word, Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and his faith in evangelical truth was intelligently and permanently fixed. His speculations vanished, never to disturb again his conduct of life.

In 1860 he was graduated from Acadia College, and at once engaged in teaching in Horton Academy. At the close of the year he was solicited by the Government of Nova Scotia to accept the chair of Classics in the Provincial Normal School, and forthwith entered upon his duties in that institution. Here he came in contact with the late Rev. Alexander Forrester, D. D., for whom he has always cherished great admiration as an educator of exceptional breadth and enthusiasm. He assisted in the preparation of the Free School Act, passed in 1861, and was called by the Government to the position of Superintendent of Education. This Act wrought a revolution in the Public School

system of Nova Scotia. In 1870 he spent the summer and autumn in Great Britain and Ireland. During this time he enjoyed excellent opportunities for studying the operation of the educational system in the old land, of which he availed himself to the full. On his return, at the request of the then Premier of New Brunswick, he assisted in the preparation of a bill for a free non-sectarian system of education for that Province. After this bill became an Act he was tendered the position of Chief Superintendent to carry it into effect. After most arduous and successful service, he resigned this

a text-book in all departments of the school and that the institution should be free to be developed into a University if its funds should ever permit. This action on his part proved to be the turning point in the policy respecting the higher education of the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec. It is an extraordinary and fruitful instance of "taking occasion by the hand." Our readers are familiar with subsequent events,—how that Dr. Rand, assisted by Dr. Malcolm MacVicar, procured subscriptions the ensuing summer for the present beautiful dining hall of Woodstock College, erected while

he was Principal; how that, with Dr. Rand as Chairman, a Committee of able brethren—of whom Senator McMaster was one—after prolonged and laborious efforts, procured a revision of the charter, which under altered circumstances took the form of a union of Toronto Baptist College and Woodstock College into one institution to be known as McMaster University, thus abolishing at one stroke the close corporation of the former and the control by subscribers of the latter, and committing the University to the management for all time, of the Baptist churches of Ontario and Quebec, in Convention; how that death snatched away, a few months later, our noble brother and benefactor, Senator McMaster, and disclosed to the denomination and to the world, by the unexpected greatness



REV. J. B. MORGAN, B. A., Pastor of the Aylesford Baptist Church and Editor of the Aylesford Union.

position in 1883 to take the chair of History and Education in Acadia College. Two years after he was induced by the late Senator McMaster to accept the chair of Didactics and Apologetics in Toronto Baptist College. In pursuance of the strong desire of Mr. McMaster and many others to establish Woodstock on a permanent basis, Dr. Rand was induced to accept the Principalship of that institution the following year. Among the conditions upon which he insisted as precedent to his acceptance were that the charter of the institution should be so amended as to require that the Bible should be

of his benefactions in behalf of a Christian University, the depth of the conviction which had been wrought in him during the struggle for the charter; how that the great Trust was accepted by the Convention, and how that after prolonged discussion it was resolved to maintain an independent University, with its central departments located in Toronto. We are not in a position to speak of the important influence exerted by Dr. Rand in securing the results which have come to the Baptist denomination out of the prolonged struggle for the charter of the University; but it is well known

that he won the admiration of his brethren of the Committee, and had the full confidence and warm affection of Senator McMaster to the hour of his death.

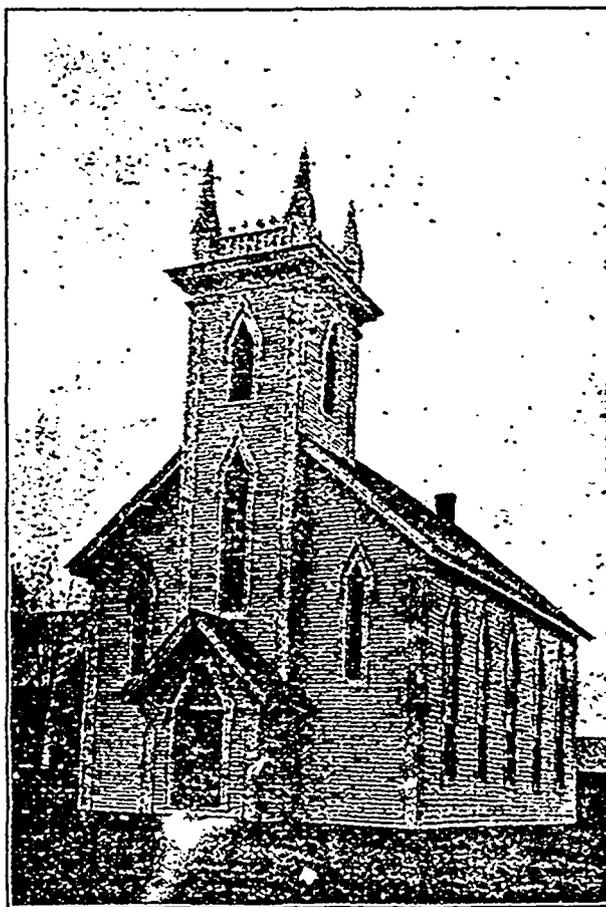
Doubtless with a view of eliminating difficulties in the way of effecting the new organization, Dr. Rand resigned the Principalship of Woodstock College, and resumed his professorship in McMaster Hall, with leave of absence in Europe for a year. At the wish, however, of Chancellor MacVicar and other brethren he returned from Europe in three months, and at the expiration of a year accepted the chair of Ethics and Education in the University, being granted leave of absence for a year for purposes of rest, study and University observation. After an absence of eleven months, at the request of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, he returned on the resignation of Chancellor MacVicar, accepted the Chairmanship of the Arts department, which was to open in a few months, and undertook to secure students for the first class in Arts. For the past two years he has so discharged the delicate and arduous duties of his position as to have the satisfaction of seeing the University rapidly assume an acknowledged position in the confidence of the denomination and the public, and of being assured of the fellowship and sympathy in labor of the Chairman of the Faculty of Theology, Dr. Goodspeed, and all his brethren of the United Faculty of Arts and Theology. A common impulse has co-operated to incite all to united effort in the discharge of responsible duties.

It is needless to state that Dr. Rand possesses talents of a very high order,—that his learning, ability to work, and administrative gifts are extraordinary. This is all made plain by his record. He belongs to the class of men who are not satisfied with mere routine work and the accepted state of things about them. He is always thoughtful and open-eyed, and his spirit spurs finally. Throughout his entire public life this has ever

been apparent. He surveys the whole field of Education from the primary school to the University, and studies the relations of part to part. The genius that works to these ends is never dormant in him. As the breath is essential to the natural life so is this to his intellectual life. He finds a field for his gifts and calling in the great domain lying between the pulpit and the parliament. He has talents and sympathies for either the preacher, the literary man, or the statesman. But no work can enlist and engage his talents, marshal his energies, kindle his ambi-

against the non-sectarian school system of New Brunswick. And these principles are not less dear to him because they have been the peculiar heritage of the Baptists all down the stream of history. Dr. Rand was born a leader and a pioneer. His ardent temperament and active mind make continual, severe and exhaustive thinking congenial labor. He examines, analyzes and compares with a patience that never flags, though wide experience enables him to apply principles with great readiness in emergent circumstances.

Underneath his talents is a self-reliance always indifferent to the relative strength of minorities and majorities. It stands rock-like against all opposition. It has nothing of the nature of stubbornness. It upholds his intelligent righteous convictions, to which his moral nature clings with a tenacity stronger than life. Difficulties have no terror for him. With the increase of their number seem to grow his hopefulness and assurance. Conditions and surroundings from which wire-pullers and opportunists recede, do not drive him from the open ways of warfare, but confirm his confidence in the principles at stake, and are a guarantee of ultimate success. Here his hope, courage and faith are at their best. Either defeat, utter and final, or victory is the end of all his labors—it has been victory. His work can never be finished on middle ground. All he undertakes, however, must be real and worthy. The end sought must involve man's welfare and the divine glory.



AYLESFORD BAPTIST CHURCH.

From a photograph by H. O. DODGE, of Bridgewater, N. S.

tion, and keep steadily burning the fire of his enthusiasm, like that of Christian education.

Those who know him are aware that during all his years of public life he has fearlessly espoused the great principles of soul-liberty and civil freedom for all individuals, classes and creeds. He believes in putting these principles into the widest practise in our beloved Canada. Witness the splendid and triumphant fight under his leadership, against separate schools in New Brunswick, when the influence of Ontario and of the Dominion Parliament were utilized

Dr. Rand's ability is not of the showy kind. It is not always on exhibition. It might not appear to a stranger that he possessed talents that would distinguish him. In the practical work of life, however, they come into view. It is in these circumstances that his superior abilities are seen in the fulness of their power. When strength is measured with strength and skill with skill, he rises to the occasion. He comes to the front and stays there. But few are found who,

after practical experience of the variety and fulness of his gifts, are not glad to fall in with his leadership.

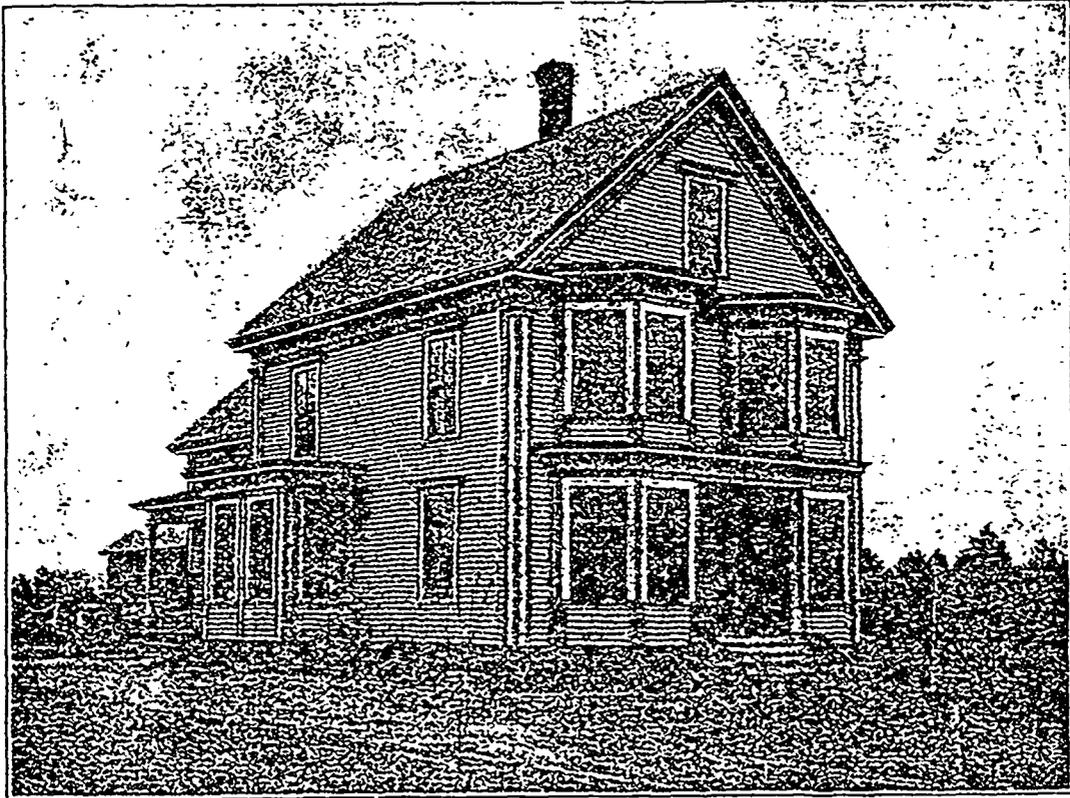
United to the masculine element of his character is a feminine sensitiveness that renders him capable of enjoying high pleasure and enduring exquisite pain. As a friend he is ardent, generous, faithful and constant. His tastes are discriminating and of a high order. They are of the artistic, classic and poetic type. His nature responds finely to the beauties and harmonies of the natural world, and to the æsthetic ministries of human life. Poetry and art have in him a true lover, and the humanizing elements

his interests go out to general subjects. Everything belonging to life has an interest for him. His strong convictions and great confidence assume the existence of convictions in all others which will respond to the appeals from the higher regions of truth and righteousness. He believes in man. Let him be convinced of the soundness of his views and that it is God's will that they should be carried into operation, and he is prepared for prolonged and difficult labor. He regards himself as sure of divine help to accomplish the divine will.

These elements of his character have appeared in every position he has hitherto occupied. Observers

Brunswick. Kindred examples of his foresight could readily be multiplied.

It should not be omitted in this brief sketch that all his classmates in college, indeed all his fellow-students, felt the inspiration that ceaselessly flowed from his fervid and intense personality. These qualities ever forced him into prominence and leadership. While Superintendent of Education in Nova Scotia and in New Brunswick, the same mental energies and elements of character were always felt and acknowledged. The introduction of the free school system of these two Provinces was attended with great difficulties. The op-



AYLESFORD, BAPTIST PARSONAGE.

of history count for much in his thought and feeling.

Dr. Rand's composite talents and energies are rooted in his religious life. He believes in the Christian religion — in the personal divine Christ, — and in the application of His teachings to every department of life. He is persuaded of the divine immanence, and regards his work as God's work, and his fellow-workers with himself as co-laborers with God. He is a man of one idea — one idea at a time; but it must be a large one. He can concentrate the fervor of his zeal, and the full force of his powers upon any subject for long periods; but when he is released from this special work

and fellow-helpers see that pre-science, enthusiasm, sound judgment and self-reliance, ability to devise and execute, make him a safe guide and successful leader. He has been distinguished in doing original work. As a successful pioneer he has gone in advance and led the way for others. His hand first elaborated and brought into operation uniform systems of examination and Provincial certificates in the Public School service of Canada, and the requiring of professional training in the principles of education as essential to the holding of a certificate was first made operative in the Dominion under his administration in New

position to direct taxation among all classes of the people, and the determined obstructions of the Roman Catholic Church, reinforced by overt sympathy from Provinces having systems of Separate Schools, found expression in the burning of school-houses, in contests in the courts of law — even to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council of England, and in stirring political struggles on the floors of Parliament. These were more than enough to discourage and defeat the ripest experience and the strongest heart, but he carried his work to a grand success. He was never caught in the meshes of political entanglement. Not for a

moment in all those trying years did he subordinate himself. Those whom he thus opposed in those encounters for principle are to-day among the most open admirers of the soundness of his views and his integrity. Without stint he gave his money and strength to carry into effect a righteous system of education, righteously administered.

Let us add that we can safely venture into the region of prophecy when we suggest that Dr. Rand must, hundreds of times, have received grateful acknowledgments from the men whom he has aided by his counsel and friendship. Students who have come under the touch of his enthusiasm in study and discovered for themselves his strength of character, his fulness and high educational ideals, cannot go away and forget the transforming stimulus which has entered into their lives. He has no greater tribute to his life-work, we believe, than may be found in the ingenuous hearts of young men who have been privileged to know him as a teacher. In matters involving personal responsibility he is extremely cautious in forming opinions and in taking any course of action. In this he has at command a searching and far-reaching discernment, clear perception, and judgment well balanced and thoroughly sound, and in which he trusts with implicit confidence. Whenever he declares his views it may be taken for granted that the principles involved have been thoroughly examined, and the necessary data mastered and marshalled for service.

Dr. Rand received in 1860 the degree of B. A. from Acadia College, (now Acadia University); in 1863, M. A. in course; and in 1874, D. C. L. *causa honoris*. From 1871 to 1883 he was a member of the Senate of the University of New Brunswick, and during the latter part of this period a member also of the Senate and the Board of Governors of Acadia College. He was, for years, President of the Educational Institute of New Brunswick and also of Nova Scotia. He has been twice President of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, and has recently been elected a member of the American Society for University Extension. His recent appointment by the Senate and the Board of Governors of Mc-

the united Faculty of Arts and Theology and Chancellor of the University is, we are sure, a wise and fitting expression of confidence in Dr. Rand and his abilities, and will enlist the loyal and devoted support of the several departments of the University, and of the denomination at large. The position brings great responsibilities and great opportunities, and we believe the new Chancellor will have the earnest sympathies and prayers of all who desire the enlargement and elevation of our work of Christian and Theological education.

Review of Dr. Rand's Poems.

REV. E. M. SAUNDERS, D. D.

Dr. Rand has offered the public a volume of poetry. It is his first contribution of this kind.

So long as a writer confines himself to newspapers and magazines, there is not an unqualified demand to be recognized as a poet, but rather as a successful writer of verse and rhyme. But when he offers the world a book, he seeks to have his name enrolled among the poets.

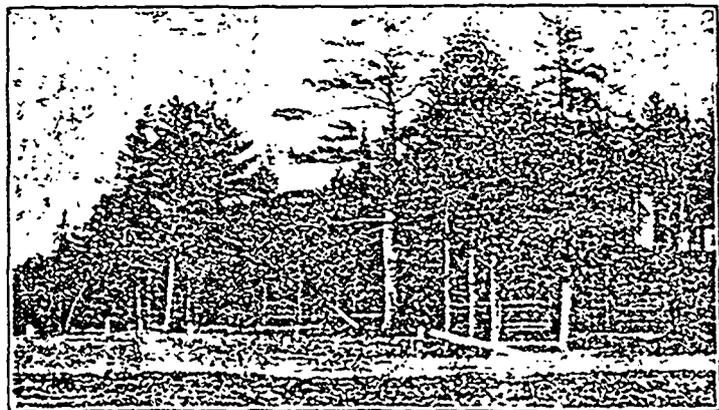
It has been known to a limited number of his friends that, in his student days, Dr. Rand was not only an enthusiastic reader of the English poets, but that he frequently tried his own hand at the art, and wrote pieces for which he got the praise of his fellows. He took to the metaphysical and mystical with the relish and avidity of a Hindoo philosopher.

In the early part of his student life he underwent a personal conversion to evangelical religion. From that day to this, all his utterances, private and public, both in prose and poetry, have been characterized by devout loyalty

to Christ as the Son of man and the Son of God. His forty sonnets and other pieces, making eighty-one in all, are deeply imbued with the Christian element. To be fully appreciated, they must be read and received in a spirit kindred to that of the author's. If this element is ignored, Dr. Rand's poetry is robbed of one of its essential elements.

Barring the inspiration to ensure infallibility, Dr. Rand evidently regards poets as the prophets of modern times. They are the interpreters of the phenomena in the material, mental and spiritual worlds. What is hidden from the multitude they see and make known. They live in the realm of law and sentiment. They walk in the light, and are its children. They are seers, too, of tendencies and results. To them the natural and spiritual are in accord. The vision is one; their adopted speech-form is rhyme, rhythm and measure. Into the words laid under tribute by their genius, they breathe the spirit of life. They are made to catch and absorb the thoughts and fervor which have burned for utterance in the heart of the poet. They are the cisterns hewn out by poetic genius in which to keep the waters of life—the inexhaustible waters to which all are welcome.

Perfection in technique is not synonymous with perfection in the poetic art. The fingering and touch of the piano may be faultless, but if the performer fails to fill the notes with the spirit of life, the performance is a failure. If the subtle element which is above mere law is absent in either music or poetry, the world will not respond. The public will not dance to the music of every piper, nor join in the lament with every breast-smiter.



THE AYLESFORD PICNIC GROUND.

Language, music and poetry existed before the laws that govern and regulate them. The letter alone everywhere killeth. It is the spirit that gives life. Above, and higher and deeper than mere law, there are subtle conditions in the human soul that must be reckoned with if the artist would hear a shout of applause. The stone offered for bread may be beautiful in color and form, but if it is stone it will be cast among the stones, and the demand will be louder for bread.

Has Dr. Rand succeeded as an interpreter of the natural and spiritual worlds, and as a seer with vision clearer than the ordinary man of talent and learning? At the touch of his magic wand have words, obedient to his genius, taken to themselves beauty and fervor becoming the speech of the poet, and essential to the expression of poetic thought?

Let him be tested first as an interpreter. Give him a task and see how he acquits himself.

A man with the first touch of winter's snow on his head has in his vision a boyhood memory, clear and distinct. He is a boy again among the flowers, scented grasses, buzzing insects and singing birds in his father's meadow. The sky is cloudless, the light intense, and all is harmony and reposeful. The boy sits on the margin of the winding brook, dangling his bare feet in the cool waters. He enjoys to the full his unconscious communion with all around him. The hum of insect life is in his ears, the air is heavy with the odours of numberless flowers. He watches the fleet red-flecked trout, darting hither and thither, snapping from the surface of the crystal pool unlucky grass-hoppers, or lolling in the shade of overhanging shrubbery. Suddenly a dragon-fly darts by his head with bullet speed, and hangs itself on a blur of shimmering wings above a pool in the brook. Again and again from the point of its suspension it touches with its long shaft the glassy surface of the water and is then away, leaving in vision and hearing its form and its sound of motion. The boy is puzzled, excited, affrighted. Before the visit of this strange creature the meadow was heaven. Its spirit was repose and harmony. But the appearance of the dragon-fly was a discordant note. A fiend or a friend, enquires the boy. What are your designs? I trust you not.

(To be continued)

McNeil Bros. & Lowe.

The above firm carries on a brisk lumber business at Millville, a neat little village two miles south of Aylesford, at the old mill stand formerly owned by the late T. R. Harris, Esq., and purchased from his estate by A. A. and B. R. McNeil two years ago, together with the timber limits of the same estate. For twenty odd years Messrs. McNeil Bros. did business at Factorydale, manufacturing shingles

terprise, with a generous seasoning of pluck, count for anything in the struggle for life, they will wrest from Dame Fortune a fair share of the favours which she bestows with such fickle and uneven hand.

Man is the Measure of All Things.

More than half of the time when I am approached by young inquirers anywhere between the ages of twenty and thirty, the first thing I am treated to is an inventory of



McNeil Bros. & Lowe's sawmill.

only, until about five years ago, when a boiler and engine were purchased, new machinery added, and the manufacture of lumber commenced. Business increased year by year, demanding further enlargement, until about a year ago, when Mr. F. H. Lowe, of Stonehaven, New Brunswick, was admitted as a partner. It was felt that the facilities at Factorydale for sawing were too limited to meet the increasing demands for lumber, and it was decided to move the whole plant to Millville. This was successfully accomplished, and more new machinery secured, so that to-day the new firm in their new quarters have one of the best equipped sawmills in the valley. They are prepared to fill all orders for frames, lumber, shingles, laths, etc., upon the shortest notice during the sawing season. In addition, they have purchased the store formerly owned by Capt. Kirkpatrick and occupied by Mrs. S. A. W. Baker, where they keep a good stock of the staple lines of groceries and dry goods.

At the present time Messrs. McNeil Bros. & Lowe have a large crew of men in the woods, and expect to make a heavy cut for next season's sawing. The members of this firm are all yet young men, and if experience, energy and en-

their unbelief. What they do not believe has nothing immediately to do with the case. The only question germane to the situation is: Is there anything that you do believe, and if so, what is it? Do you believe, for instance, that there is a God? That inquiry I find almost universally replied to in the affirmative. Now, then, are you carrying yourself in a manner consistent with your belief in a Divine Being? In other words, have you so entered into the real meaning of this belief of yours, and have you so put yourself under the power of that belief as to be swayed and managed by it and to become all that it is qualified to make of you? The question is not how long is your creed, but how intense is it, and with what completeness of intellect and heart and life have you committed yourself to it. The meaning of the world, the meaning of truth and the meaning of God will uncover themselves to you only so fast as you uncover yourself in heroic unreserve to the last revelation in which they stand waiting to commit themselves to you. There is as much on the earth and in the air as we personally put into the eye, with which we do our beholding. The man is, indeed, the measure of all things, and the key with which to unlock the treasure-house of truth, goodness and power is placed in each young man's own purity of vision, sincerity of purpose and impassioned self-commitment.

Mr. N. H. Parsons.

N. H. Parsons, who until a few weeks ago was Principal of the Aylesford public school, was born at Kingston, N. S., on March 25th, 1808. His early years were spent at school in his native village, after which he put in two years' study at Acadia University. After leaving college he was engaged for a short time in business at Kingston before entering the teaching profession. As teacher he served successively at Centreville, Digby Co., Grand Pre, Torbrook and Aylesford. He was on his third year's engagement here when he resigned somewhat unexpectedly to accept a position as manager of T. P. Calkin & Co.'s Branch store at Middleton. Much regret has been



N. H. PARSONS.

expressed at the sudden departure of himself and family from the place. He was an efficient teacher a good citizen and an obliging and kind-hearted neighbor, in all of which capacities he will be missed by his friends, who are not a few. The good wishes of the community go with him to his new home and labor.

The picture of the Aylesford school, which appears upon this page in addition to that of Mr. Parsons, is from a photograph taken a little over a year ago. Although the complexion of the school has somewhat changed since that time, yet the picture does fair justice to the youth of Aylesford as represented to-day in its school. One of its chief merits is the presentation of the boys and girls in the loose, everyday summer attire common to our country villages. Had they appeared in more careful dress it doubtless would have better suited the tastes of their parents but would have robbed the picture of what to us is its greatest worth.

Christmas in Bulgaria.

For the children in most parts of Bulgaria the day before Christmas is really of more importance than Christmas Day itself, for in it they play a very conspicuous part. Early in the morning, dressed in their picturesque holiday attire, may be seen that day children going through the streets calling on their neighbors and relatives, who are, of course, delighted to see their little friends. On entering the house the children recite a few verses in Slavic, with the following meaning: "Christis born this day; rejoice, all ye people, and let the whole earth praise Him," etc. Then besides receiving a few coppers, the children are invariably given a round cake called "cravali." The same performance is gone through in every house. In the evening the children return with their pockets full of coppers and often various kinds of nuts. The writer remembers having gone through this delightful function in his early days.

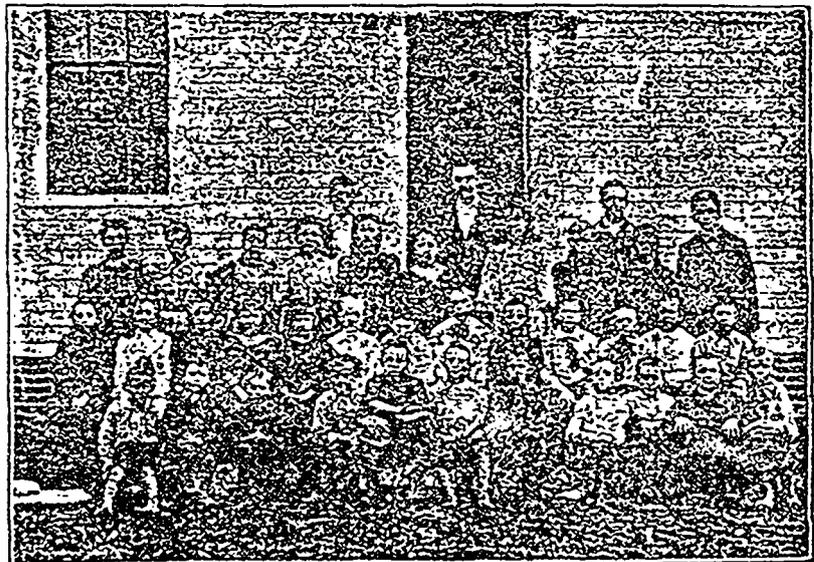
Then, too, the day before Christmas being the last day of the so-called Christmas fast, the people are busy preparing the evening meal, which has a solemn religious significance for them. This meal consists of boiled cracked wheat mixed with the mashed kernels of walnuts. While preparing it the women sing Bulgarian songs in honor of our old heathen god Kolad, whose day appears to have been celebrated about Christmas time. This fact explains the common Bulgarian name for Christmas—Koleda. Since the adoption of Christianity by the Bulgarians

these Koleda songs have been somewhat modified, so that now, along with the name of the heathen god Kolad are heard the names of the Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, and the apostle John.

The Eye of the Needle.

Elias Howe almost beggared himself before he discovered where the eye of the needle of a sewing machine should be located. His original idea was to follow the model of the eye at the heel. It never occurred to him that it should be placed near the point, and he might have failed altogether if he had not dreamed he was building a sewing machine for a savage king in a strange country. Just as in his actual waking experience, he was rather perplexed about the needle's eye. He thought the king gave him twenty-four hours to complete a machine and make it sew. If not finished in that time, death was to be the punishment.

Howe worked and worked, and puzzled and puzzled, and finally gave it up. Then he thought he was taken out to be executed. He noticed that the warriors carried spears that were pierced near the head. Instantly came the solution of the difficulty, and while the inventor was begging for time he awoke. It was four o'clock in the morning. He jumped out of bed, ran to his workshop, and by nine a needle with an eye at the point had been rudely modeled. After that it was easy. This is the true story of an important incident in the invention of the sewing-machine.



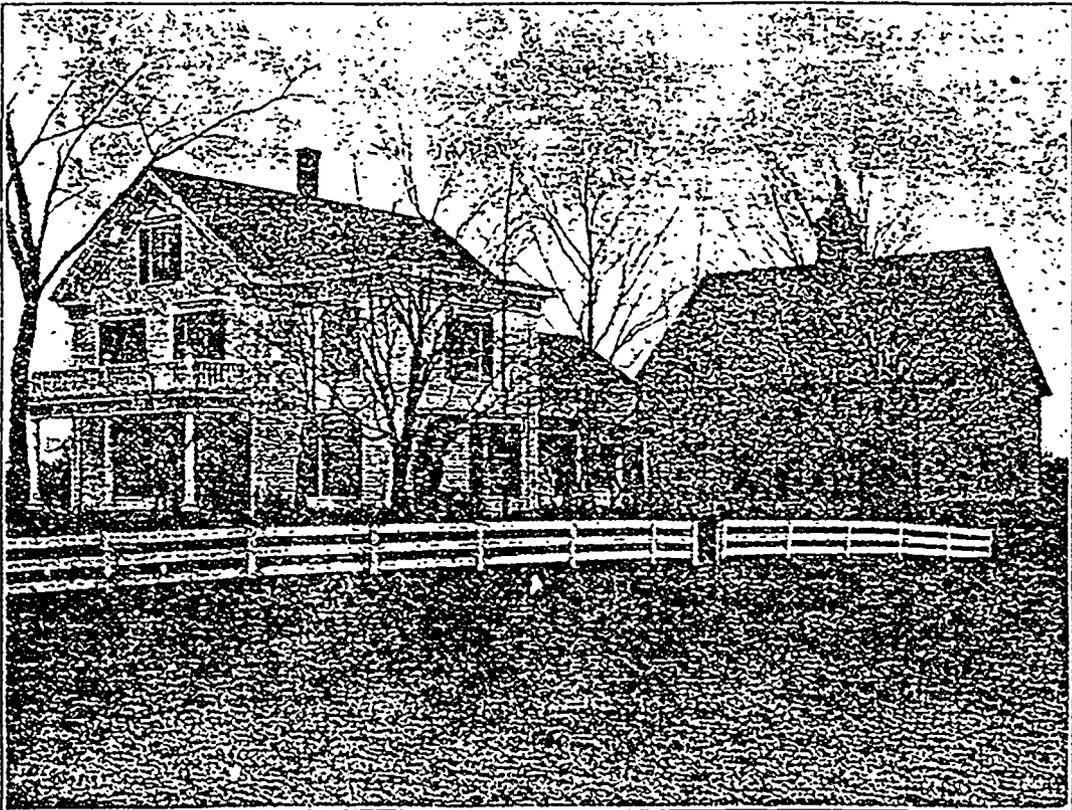
THE AYLESFORD SCHOOL.

Dr. P. N. Balcom.

With a pre-natal instinct for the good things of earth, of which he has never become quite divested, Aylesford's genial doctor chose to be born at Paradise—we mean the earthly Paradise in the adjoining county of Annapolis. This important event in his history took place about forty-seven years ago. His boyhood days were spent in the usual way, with nothing of especial moment to stamp them as different from those of other country boys, until a consciousness of a awakening manhood confronted him with the duty of choosing a profession in life. Having decided to become a

as a practitioner, that he has served a community so wide in extent and diverse in character with acceptance and success for such a long period of years, and still holds the ground against all comers with the likelihood of continuing to do so for as many years to come. The doctor has never given way to the popular fad of posing as a specialist, but has faithfully and conscientiously sought to meet the exigencies of every case that has presented itself in the way of general practice. Although the world has heard nothing of his great exploits as a physician, and the newspapers have never heralded to the public his "special cases," yet we believe

connection with the work which is so dear to his heart, which he is at times heard to mention with a touch of pardonable pride. It has been his aim through out his long practice to make his patients understand that sensible and systematic hygienic preventatives are of more value than all the medicine in the world. And he to-day has the satisfaction of looking back upon the steady progress that has been made among the people as a result of his endeavours, from a blind and almost superstitious faith in disagreeable nostrums, administered at a doctor's hand, to an intelligent regard for the laws of nature as written in



RESIDENCE OF DR. P. N. BALCOM.

follower of Esculapius, he entered upon his medical studies at the University of New York, and acquitting himself with credit, was graduated in 1875. Returning at once to his native province, he was attracted to Aylesford by the fact that an older brother, Dr. Melbourne F. Balcom, who had died in 1868, had successfully practised his profession in this place for eight years prior to his death. There seemed to be a promising opening, and the young and ambitious doctor made a settlement which has continued unbroken for nearly twenty-three years.

It is no small tribute to Dr. Bal-

that he could, if he chose, exhibit a record of nice bits of surgery and difficult cases successfully handled, which might do credit to men of greater pretensions. Indeed, it frequently happens that specialists are called in consultation upon some rare and difficult case, and we have yet to learn of a single instance when Dr. Balcom's diagnosis has proven erroneous, or his judgment been set aside. This is not a little remarkable when the difficulties that surround a general country practice are taken into consideration.

Dr. Balcom is not much given to boasting about his own achievements, but there is one thing in

the human constitution. A man who has been in any measure instrumental in accomplishing such a work has surely not lived in vain.

This unpretentious sketch would be sully incomplete if it did not make mention of some of the personal characteristics of its subject, which have endeared him to the hearts of the people with whose life he daily mingles. Into the sick room, instead of the air of mystery, forbidding dignity and professional balderdash affected by so many doctors, which of itself is sufficient to make any well man sick, Dr. Balcom carries the

W. M. A. S.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:—"We are laborers together with God."

AYLESFORD. — The December meeting of our W. M. A. S. was held on the 8th inst. at the home of Mrs. N. P. Spurr. Twenty-five members were present, making the largest meeting of the entire year. The afternoon was given up almost exclusively to sewing for some of the needy families of our congregation. A generous supply of second-hand clothing and new materials, donated by those in attendance, were shaped by willing hands into comfortable garments for not a few destitute forms. Considerable unfinished work was carried home for completion by these Dorcas. Too much cannot be said in commendation of such deeds "unto these little ones" for His sake. The January meeting will be held on the 5th at the home of Mrs. Burpee Sanford, at 3 p. m.

As our ladies found it impracticable to observe Crusade Day in October, it was decided to give a social this month, which should have as its object the securing of new members. The date fixed upon was Dec. 10th, and invitations were accordingly issued to every lady in the congregation eligible to membership. The gentlemen were given a general invitation to be present and contribute a small sum to defray expenses. The evening proved fine, and a large number assembled at the B. Y. P. U. hall. The pleasure of a delightfully social evening was augmented by an interesting programme of readings and music, and an equally interesting one of refreshments. The friends departed to their homes at a respectable hour, voting the affair unexcelled in the social annals of the place. A large influx of new members is expected as one of the visible results of the gathering.

It may be of interest to some to know that our Society has grown from 13 members a year ago to 38 at present, which is by considerable the largest membership in the history of the Society. Nor is this our full stature. With the help of the Lord we expect to move right upward.

The following letter was received by us from the County Secretary, Mrs. M. P. Freeman, too late to appear in our November number. Mrs. Freeman explains that it was

received by her some months ago, with a request from Mrs. Gullison that it be copied by her and transmitted to each W. M. A. S. in the county. This, because of pressure of other duties, Mrs. Freeman has been unable to do, and has finally asked that we give it place in our columns, to which request we gladly accede.

To the Aid Societies of Kings County,

CHICACOLE, India,

July 4th, 1897.

MY DEAR SISTERS, — Many times since our arrival in India I have thought of you, and the work you are endeavoring to do for the Master through the Woman's Missionary Aid Societies. I wonder whether a few words from my pen would be of any help to you as you go forward in your labor of love for Him?

The letters we receive from week to week from the dear home land are a source of great encouragement and comfort to us. They instil new zeal into our hearts, and make us feel ashamed that we ever have thoughts of discouragement. Why should we be discouraged? We know that the friends in the home land are interested in us and our work. We are assured from time to time of their sympathy and prayers. We know the Lord is with us because we have His promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end." When we think of this, and of what Christianity has already done for India, instead of being discouraged we are greatly encouraged.

Only a week or two ago I was called to one of the Christian's homes, where an only child, a babe of two weeks old, lay dying. We talk of parental affection. If it is one of the gifts of God the people of India are blessed in this respect, for we find that the natives think a great deal of their off-spring. This little babe I speak of was almost, if not quite, idolized by all the members of the household, from the parents to the great-grandmother. All that available human skill could do was done to save that little life, but all in vain. The little bud was claimed by the death angel, and we had to give it up.

I was sitting beside the mother, who was weeping bitterly, trying as best I could to comfort her, when the old grandmother, whose own heart was very sore, but who could no longer bear the wailing of the

young mother, came up, and taking the hands of the mourner in her own rough, wrinkled black ones, said, "Motee, Motee, who did this? Who took your baby?" She continued to ask these questions, until at last Motee whispered, "God." Then the old woman said, "Motee, He who made the wound can heal it; do you understand? He who made the wound can bind it up." And this thought quieted the young mother as nothing else could do.

The next morning we laid the remains of the little treasure away in the quiet churchyard. All the way from the house to the cemetery the native Christians sang of Christ and His love. As the procession wended its way along I noticed many people attracted by the singing, emerging from the side streets and alleys. Some of these followed for a time and then dropped behind. Others whose curiosity was not so easily satisfied came with us to the side of the grave, and there heard the gospel read and prayer offered to our Lord. As I looked upon them and realized that they were without Christ, my heart went out in prayer that the Father of all mercies would compassionate these people, and take from them the dark and mournful pall of heathenism, clothing them instead with the luminous and comforting robe of Christ's righteousness.

So you see, dear sisters, that we cannot become discouraged when we keep our eyes on the bright side—the side showing what the power of the gospel can do, and has done, for those who accept it.

But what a vast and mighty work is staring your missionaries in the face! And how lamentably inadequate the supply of workers! How two millions of Telugus are to be evangelized by such a small force is more than we can understand. The present seems to be an opportune time to put forth a special effort. Many of you have read of the terrible plague, the ravages of famine, and, more recently, of the tremendous earthquake which shook some of the towns of India, causing buildings to crumble and fall to the ground, and in some instances burying whole villages.

Of the plague and earthquake we know nothing more than what we read in the papers. Our Telugu

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EDITORIALS.

WHILE much of the Christmas festivities which have just been engaged in all over the land have little in them appreciably in accord with the significance of the event which the day commemorates, it is gratifying to mark how large a place acts of self-denial and sacrifice for the happiness of others continue to have in the plans of everybody who attempts in any especial way to observe the glad season. It is significant of the power which Christ has exercised over human hearts and lives through the ages, that after a lapse of nineteen centuries the spirit that led Him to resign "the glory which He had with the Father" in order to redeem the race, should breathe through all that is worthy and best in the celebration of His advent to earth. Is it not providential, too, that this anniversary precedes by so little the dawn of the New Year, in order that by contemplating afresh His example we may be inspired to new deeds of sacrifice and heroism "in His name," and make the new year shine as none before it with service to the cause for which He died? May this be the blessing which may come to every one of us.

THE present issue is our first attempt at a special number, and as such must not be criticized too severely. Considering the numerous disadvantages under which we labour at present, we trust that our efforts may not be regarded as entirely lacking in success. In the first place, we experienced much difficulty in securing photographs from which to have plates made. Indeed, we failed utterly in the cases of many persons, residences

and places of business, which we had fully planned on presenting, much to the disappointment of ourselves and others who were interested. Mr. A. L. Hardy, of Kentville, who did much of the work from which the cuts in this number were made, could only give us one day, on account of the pressure of holiday work. Thus many places which we desired to have photographed could not be visited. We trust, however, at some future time to be able to favour our readers with another set of Aylesford views, supplementary to the incomplete lot now given. The present list contains some points of interest, and to a limited degree represents the attractions of the place. In the execution of the mechanical part of the issue we have also been at a disadvantage. Since the Windsor disaster the *Register* office has been handling the printing of the *Windsor Tribune* in addition to our publication, and has thus been taxed to the utmost limits of its resources. It will readily be understood, therefore, that it has been with great difficulty that the extra work incident to the production of such a number as the present has been done.

One more word to our readers. Hitherto we have dated our paper on the last day of the month. This we have felt to be a disadvantage, in that each number was made to appear stale before it had been out a week. By making the present a double number we get back to the first of the month, and will hereafter appear on the first day of each month.

WE have received a communication from the President of the Kentville Board of Trade, calling attention to some remarks made by us in our August number with reference to the "Brooklyn Eagle Outing Party." President DeWolfe says, "I must think that the reports which came to your ears are not correct. Our Board here entertained the party, and we were all much pleased with them. If it contained some of the lower element it was not in evidence here." We can only say in connection with this matter that our remarks did not purport to be based upon personal knowledge, but rather upon reports which appeared in different papers at the time from places visited by the *Eagle's* party. If we did these visitors a wrong in

thus giving currency to false reports, we are very sorry, and would cheerfully make any amends in our power. But we cannot quite understand how false statements of so serious a nature should have gone unchallenged in so many papers. Moreover, our Maritime press is not usually given to maligning American visitors, but cheerfully lends its influence to the encouragement of tourist travel in the provinces. Indeed, without its aid it is doubtful if we should yet have had any considerable run of summer visitors. In common with our brethren of the quill, we like our American cousins, and are glad to welcome them to the enjoyment of our beautiful country, so long as they show themselves worthy of the hospitalities extended by our people to them; but we have no use or liking for that class of visitors who seem to think that because they are in Canada they can do as they please, and their conduct will be regarded as all right. There is no profit, either financial or otherwise, in entertaining such persons.

PERSONALS.

Ezra Foster is in delicate health.

Chas. Blackburn and family, of Millville, have moved to Aylesford.

Wm. I. Morse is a guest at the home of H. V. B. Farnsworth.

Misses Angie and Mabel Lee are home for the vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Warner, of Digby, are spending the holidays at Deacon Bowlby's.

Mrs. J. B. Morgan left on Dec. 30th to spend New Year's at her old home in Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wilson, of Millville, will spend the winter at Dr. Balcom's home.

C. T. Sanford, barrister, of St. John, spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. N. I. Bowlby.

A. H. Ewing returned on the 29th from a week's trip to Norton, N. B., where he visited his sister, Mrs. W. Pierce.

Jas. Webster, who has been failing fast for two or three weeks, passed away on the evening of Dec. 30th, aged 38 years. He leaves a wife and three small children, who have the sympathy of many friends.

AMONG OUR CHURCHES.

AYLESFORD.—The fiscal year of this church has been changed so as to begin hereafter on Jan. 1st. To harmonize with this change, the annual business meeting has been placed on the second Monday in January instead of in October, as heretofore. A very large meeting is expected on the 10th inst., at 7 p. m.

KINGSTON.—This church has adopted a new constitution, which will come into effect Jan. 1st. The annual meeting, according to its provisions, is called for Monday, Jan. 3rd, at 2 p. m. A good attendance is earnestly desired.

The annual report of the Sunday School to the church states that 120 scholars have been enrolled during the year, and that the average attendance has been 60. School was in session 52 Sundays. Total money raised was \$43.92, of which \$9.83 was disbursed for local purposes and \$24.44 to charitable objects, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$9.00.

Kings Co. District Meeting.

The December session of the Kings Co. District meeting was held on Dec. 7th with the church at Upper Canard. Through a misunderstanding between the Executives of the District meeting and the County B. Y. P. U., and the pastor of the entertaining church, the meeting of the Co. B. Y. P. U., which had been announced for Monday evening had to be omitted to give place to a Local Rally of the Young People's Societies on Bro. Martell's field. No place therefore being left for a meeting of the County B. Y. P. U., nothing was done in its interests beyond a short session of the Executive on Tuesday afternoon. The Rally above referred to was an eminent success. Encouraging reports were received from Upper and Lower Canard Unions, after which Pastor Simpson conducted an Open Parliament on the Young People's Work in his usual tactful and happy manner. Pastor Morgan made an appeal in behalf of the C. C. work and Pastor Nobles presented a thoughtful address on "Young People as Pastor's Helpers." The programme was enlivened by an interspersion of inspiring music.

The regular session of the Dis-

trict Meeting opened on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock by a devotional service led by Pastor Freeman of Billtown. Then followed reports from the churches and general business which occupied the remainder of the morning session. One remarkable feature of the reports from the churches was the unusually large amount of money reported as raised during the year for local purposes, chiefly for improvement to church property. The afternoon session was occupied by the presentation of valuable papers as follows:—"The Jewish Dispersion as affecting Christianity" by Rev. W. N. Hutchins; "The Ethnic Preparation for the coming of Christ" by Rev. D. H. Simpson and "Discrepancies of the Bible as affecting Inspiration" by Rev. C. H. Martell. A paper on "Helps for Pulpit Preparation" by Rev. H. H. Saunders was crowded out through lack of time and was laid over till the February session. The brethren who had been appointed to present our denominational interests at the evening session were not present and the following brethren were asked to fill their places and spoke with characteristic force and interest: Rev. Geo. L. Bishop on "Home Missions", Rev. H. H. Saunders on "Foreign Missions" and Rev. D. H. Simpson on "Acadia University."

The District Meeting will convene on the first Tuesday in February with the Kingston church, and we trust that with God's blessing it will prove helpful to our local as well as general interests. Monday evening will be given up to the County B. Y. P. U., and we desire that every Young People's Society in the county shall be represented at that meeting. Don't forget the dates, Jan. 31st and Feb. 1st.

Cantata and Christmas Tree.

The Christmas Cantata by the Aylesford Junior B. Y. P. U. in the B. Y. P. U. hall on Christmas Eve was pronounced by everybody one of the most successful children's entertainments ever presented in Aylesford. The Juniors, just forty in number, were all on the platform, and conducted themselves faultlessly. Not a single mistake was made by even the smallest child. The chorus singing was ex-

cellent, and some of the solos deserve special mention. Bessie Balcom sang with exceptional sweetness in a scene in which she appeared in the role of a poor little orphan girl.

At the close of the entertainment a curtain at the rear of the platform was drawn aside, and a Christmas tree well laden with boxes of confectionery, oranges and other presents for the Juniors, exposed to view. After these had been duly distributed, the assembly was dismissed by singing the national anthem.

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field has thus far been spared from their baneful effects. But not so in regard to famine. Compared to other parts of India, even this calamity has not fallen upon us heavily, yet more so than at first anticipated. Even in our midst there is a great deal of suffering, and I doubt not that a great number of deaths, directly and indirectly have resulted therefrom. Famine relief kitchens have been established throughout the most needy parts of the country. In this town from two to three hundred, and in Parlakimadi a much larger number, are being fed daily.

We are so glad that the hearts of the people at home have been opened to help their dark-skinned brothers and sisters in this distant land. You, in turn, will be glad to know that your money is not simply given away, but the mission is to reap some of its benefits. Very soon a new mission house will be under construction at Tekkali, which will give work and a living to at least six or seven hundred people. During the construction of any building for mission purposes the workmen are called together every morning. To them the Word is read, the Gospel declared, and for them prayer is offered.

In closing, let me say, don't get discouraged. This work is the Lord's, and He is interested in it. Ever bear in mind our motto, "We are laborers with Him."

We would be much pleased to receive letters from you individually, or as a Society, at any time. Praying the richest blessing of our Father to rest upon all you undertake in His name.

I remain, His and yours,

NETTIE C. GULLSON.

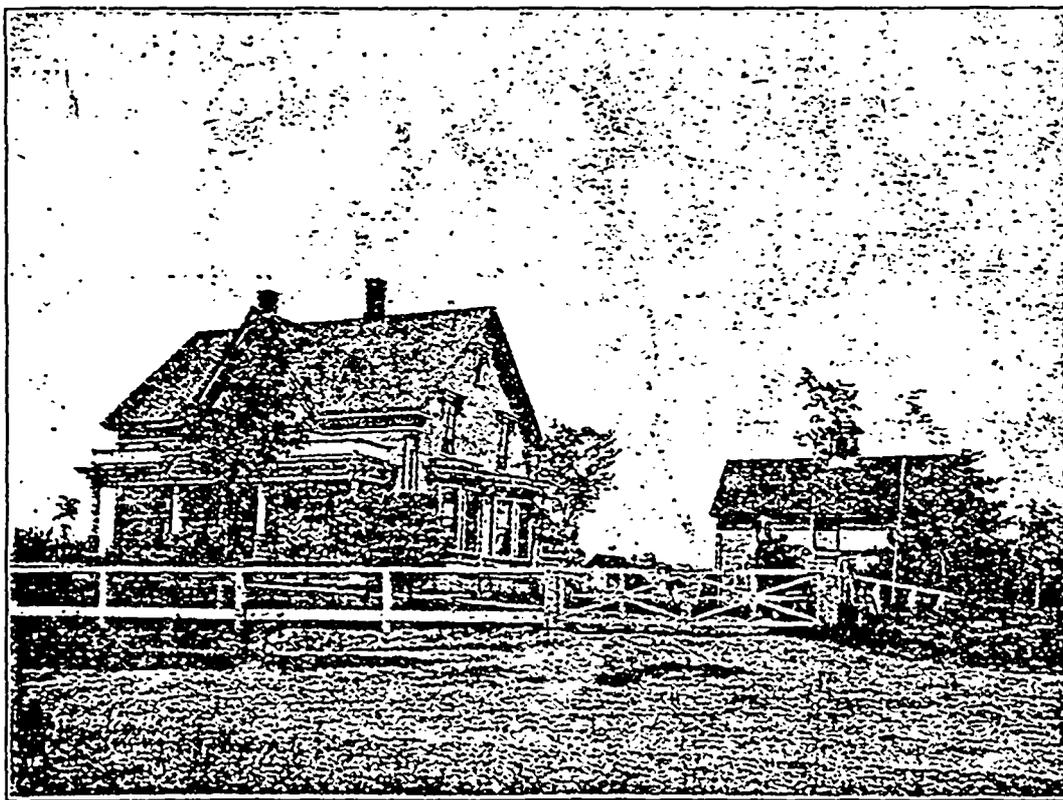
The Estate of T. R. Harris

The above is the title under which the various business enterprises owned and controlled for many years by the late T. R. Harris, Esq., have been conducted since his death in March, 1894. During this period of four years the heavy and trying responsibility of managing these varied interests has rested upon the shoulders of Mr. F. E. Harris, who is the eldest son of the late well known head of the firm, and who still acts as managing executor and trustee of the estate. It is not often that such weighty burdens fall to the lot of one so young, and still less frequently does a young man in his twenties acquit himself so creditably in the discharge of important duties. The

ready to co operate with every movement which promises to advance the general good, and no man has done more by both professed and practical sympathy to assist the struggling enterprise of our little paper. The Union embraces this opportunity of testifying to its appreciation of these kindly offices. Upon this page we are able to present, through his courtesy, a fine cut of Mr. Harris' beautiful residence, which occupies a sightly position on the rising ground a few rods up the post road from the old business stand.

Speaking more specifically of the business itself, it will be remembered by the older residents of the place that it was established in 1861. The late owner began in a modest way, but meeting with success from the first, he rapidly extend-

career since. By a careful policy of gradual elimination, it has been the purpose of the present manager to withdraw capital and energy from the outside enterprises, and concentrate both upon the business proper, thus effecting a strengthening and enlargement of trade otherwise impossible. That this policy is a sound one is readily apparent. Furthermore, Mr. Harris believes that the best interests of both merchant and customer can be served by specializing in lines of stock. While the demands of a country trade seem to require the keeping in the same store of everything likely to be asked for, he nevertheless devotes especial attention to furniture and stoves, flour and feed, hardware, paints and oils, and ready-made clothing. Buying with care and in



RESIDENCE OF F. E. HARRIS.

skill and judgment with which Mr. Harris has held together, and given forceful and prosperous direction to large and diversified business interests, bringing them safely through the most trying period that can come to any enterprise, might well reflect credit upon a man of fifty instead of thirty winters. Not only so, but it can be said with justice and truth that no young man to day in Aylesford enjoys to a greater degree the general respect and good will of his fellow citizens than the managing executor of the T. R. Harris estate. Affable in address, genial in disposition, and gentlemanly and dignified in manner, Mr. Harris combines the elements essential to the winning and retaining of many friends, as well as necessary

ed his undertakings until at the time of his death, beside the large general store, he was conducting extensive lumbering operations with the mill at Millville, which was recently sold to McNeil Bros. & Lowe, and was engaged as well in farming to an extent sufficient alone to employ the attention and energies of an ordinary man. Indeed, during the later years of his life Mr. T. R. Harris gave his personal attention almost exclusively to conducting the outside lumbering and farming enterprises, and left the management of the mercantile department to others. It thus happened that for some years prior to his father's death Mr. F. E. Harris was gaining an experience in bearing responsibility, which paved the way for the pho-

large quantities, he is able to offer goods in these lines, at prices which bear favorable comparison with those which obtain elsewhere, and as a consequence, much trade which formerly went to other towns is now finding its way to Mr. Harris' establishment. In addition to the large central store, two commodious warehouses are required for his stock of flour and feed, and furniture and stoves, respectively. Just now a brisk holiday trade is demanding the closest attention of the manager and his staff of competent assistants.

It should be added that Mr. Harris has succeeded to the position of Post master held for so many years by his father. Beside the large local mails daily made up and distributed at this office, Aylesford is

north and south from the Bay Shore to Dalhousie. To those who understand such matters it need not be explained that this means much painstaking labour. Perhaps no better tribute can be paid to Mr. Harris' genial temperament than to say, in conclusion, that as postmaster he is no less agreeable and obliging than he is in the discharge of the other duties incident to his position, as the many who are daily served at the post office can testify.

Mr. W. E. Harris.

The subject of this brief sketch, whose familiar features are reproduced upon this page for the benefit of our readers, first saw the light of earth at Aylesford on Sept. 3rd, 1873. His early years were spent at the Aylesford public school, which he left in 1884 for the purpose of attending the Acacia Villa Seminary. He returned home shortly, however, and continued his studies for several years at the Musgrove Private School. It was during this period that he mastered telegraphy, when only thirteen years of age. Immediately upon the close of his school days he entered his father's office, where he acted in the capacity of clerk until called to the service of the Windsor & Annapolis Railway Co. (now the Dominion Atlantic) as agent at this station in 1890. So satisfactorily did he discharge the duties of this position that he was promoted to the Wolfville agency in 1894; but owing to the unexpected death of his father a few months later, he was obliged to return to Aylesford and resume his old post. From that date to the present he has remained continuously in charge of the Aylesford station, with the exception of certain short periods when he has been called upon to do "relieving work" at various other points on the line. During these later years, in addition to his railway duties, he has rendered material assistance to his brother in managing the affairs of his father's estate, and in a large measure has borne the responsibility of the homestead. In 1896 he purchased the drug business formerly conducted by G. M. Moore, Esq., and carried it on with success until a few months ago, when he in turn sold out to Mrs. S. A. W. Baker.

We feel that further words of introduction to the readers of the Union are scarcely necessary. From its birth, Mr. Harris has taken a most kindly and cordial interest in this paper, and has contributed in no small measure to the suc-

cess which it has thus far achieved. His articles which have appeared month after month have surprised his friends and interested the general public. They betray power to think and talent to express, not a little above mediocrity. Indeed, whatever Mr. Harris touches he pushes with ability and energy, whether it be a pen, packing-case or a "bike." We are not endowed with prophetic instinct, but we venture to predict that Aylesford station will not always hold "Wilfrid" to a life of obscure drudgery. With good abilities, high ambitions, and plenty of pluck of the perseverent type, he will make the world heed his demand for a share of its honors.



W. E. HARRIS.

The British Soldiers.

Perhaps few stories of battle so thoroughly illustrate what we are pleased to consider the true British spirit and way of doing things as the little incident of a reconnaissance before the battle of Ulundi, of which Lord William Beresford was the hero. The British were almost led into a terrible trap, and discovered the danger only just in time. They turned to retreat, and the Zulus poured in a volley which brought down the grey horse of a mounted infantryman. His rider fell head foremost. The rest thought that both man and horse were killed at first, but the former soon struggled to his feet with his face covered with blood and

dazed with his fall. Lord William Beresford, seeing what had happened, pulled up, and in the face of advancing hosts of yelling savages within easy range, quietly trotted back and told the man to mount behind him. With a cool courage scarcely second to Lord William's the man refused, noble fellow that he was, preferring the certain sacrifice of his own life to the probability of destroying his preserver. The reply was admirable, terse and telling. The savages swarmed closer and closer, bullets rattled around them; the two who lingered were almost within reach of the assegais, when Lord William, who knew there was no time to argue, replied, "Get up, or I'll punch your head!" The man obeyed, and rescuer and rescued escaped.

Worry.

SIR ANDREW CLARK.

Worry is killing. It is bad management that kills people. Nature will let no man overwork himself unless he plays her false, unless he takes stimulants at irregular times, smokes much, or takes opium. If he is regular and obeys the laws of health and walks in the way of physiological righteousness, nature will never allow him or any person to work too hard. I have never yet seen a case of breaking down from overwork alone, but I admit that it is necessary, above all things, to cultivate tranquility of mind.

Try to exercise your wills in regard to this—for will counts for something in securing tranquility—to accept things as they are, and not to bother about yesterday, which is gone forever; not to bother about tomorrow, which is not ours; but to take the present day and make the best of it. Those persons who will continually peer

into what lies beyond, never have any present life at all; they are always grizzling over the past or prying into the future, and this blessed to-day, which is all that we are sure of, they never have.

To part with one's reason when we have need of as much more, if we could get it, is like breaking the compass and throwing the pilot overboard in a storm.—COURTEN.

Eternity: thither of a truth, not elsewhere, art thou and all things abound!—CARLILE.

Maker and High Priest,
I ask Thee not my joys to multiply—
Only to make me worthier of the least.

—E. B. BROWNING.

An Interesting Bit of Farming.

We present upon this page a partial view of a rather remarkable field of potatoes raised last season by Mr. S. B. Chute on his farm at South Berwick, about six miles from Aylesford. The location is on the south side of the post road and the view looks east toward Mr. Chute's mill, which, with the school-house to the right, appears in the back-ground of the picture and which is about twenty-five rods away. The whole field is just ten acres in extent and prior to last year was a poor run-down piece of pasture, covered with heather, sweet-fern and spruce bushes,—a veritable eye-sore to its owner. Having broken up the ground with the plough the previous season, Mr.

through the potatoes once a week until they were a foot high. This was done by a boy in half a day each time. The crop was not touched with the hand hoe once during the entire season, the "Weeder" having done the whole work. In the fall as the result of his experiment Mr. Chute had the satisfaction of gathering a crop of fifteen hundred bushels of potatoes off the ten acres, to say nothing of the year's growth of his five acres of raspberries and blackberries, which another season will be in bearing. The portion of the field which appears in the photograph yielded over two hundred bushels to the acre and but for the fact that the seed in other sections was poor the total yield, creditable as it was, would have been very much greater.

sible planning which may contain a useful hint to some other young orchardist. Mr. Chute has great faith in the future of the Banks or Red Gravenstein and has 325 young trees of that variety in his orchard. This apple, which owes alike its origin and its name to Mr. Cleveland Banks, Waterville's veteran orchardist, is identical with the ordinary Gravenstein in flavor but firmer in texture, a rather better keeper and of a beautiful bright color, which quite distinguishes it from its original. Mr. Banks has a large nursery of these trees and is placing them on the market with considerable success.

In conclusion, it should be said that Mr. Chute, who, if his appearance be a true index, must be well within his twenties, deserves much credit for the industry and energy



S. B. CHUTE'S POTATO FIELD.

Chute last spring treated it to a broadcast sowing of "Bradley's Bone and Potash Fertilizer." He then set about five acres of it with blackberry and raspberry bushes in rows eight and six feet apart respectively, running east and west as shown in the picture. Between these rows of bushes he planted potatoes, two rows in the six foot spaces and three rows in the wider spaces. He also planted the remaining five acres in potatoes in the usual way. When the potatoes were nicely up he began the use among them of "Breed's Weeder," which as it appears to the right in the picture requires the services of one horse and a boy to operate it. This useful machine, which does the work of ten men upon any crop requiring the hoe, was run

While Mr. Chute is engaged in general farming he is especially interested in fruit culture. He has no less than forty acres of apple orchard, containing between 2000 and 2500 trees, beside an additional acreage on which stand 1000 plum-trees. Many of his trees are young but notwithstanding that it was an exceedingly poor fruit season, he gathered over 100 barrels of marketable apples last year. Besides these Mr. Chute grew over 16,000 quarts of small fruits consisting of strawberries, raspberries and blackberries. The small fruits are grown in his apple and plum orchards and the ground is thus made to yield a profitable return while the trees are growing preparatory to yielding their increase in due course. This looks like sen-

which his enterprises evince. His work demonstrates what we have long been convinced of, viz., that we have got the best agricultural country that the sun shines on and that if our young men instead of turning longing eyes and yearning hearts toward the "flesh pots" of American servitude, all too forgetful of the sacrifices of their "loyalist" ancestors to make for themselves and their descendants a home on British soil, would put brain and brawn into the development of our own country's resources, it would be alike to their credit and advantage. All honor to those who stay at home and toil and may God give us more of them.

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This year's crop of coffee in Brazil is the largest ever known.

The Aylesford Brass Band.

Upon this page appear the faces of the members of Aylesford's Band. This institution came into existence in 1891 and for some little time after its organization was under the leadership of Mr. M. Gear, of Middleton. Then for a few months Mr. A. H. Davidson was instructor, just prior to the assumption of the leadership by the present efficient bandmaster, Mr. V. H. Skinner. Since its birth this band has experienced many changes and not a few reverses, but it has grown to be a vigorous and noisy child although not as large for its age as its friends could wish. The constant drifting of our young men westward has caused a steady drain upon

proud of the boys' appearance and performances and will stand ever ready to lend a helping hand to this commendable and creditable institution.

Speak Kindly.

A man was once saved, by a very poor boy, from drowning. After his restoration he said to him:

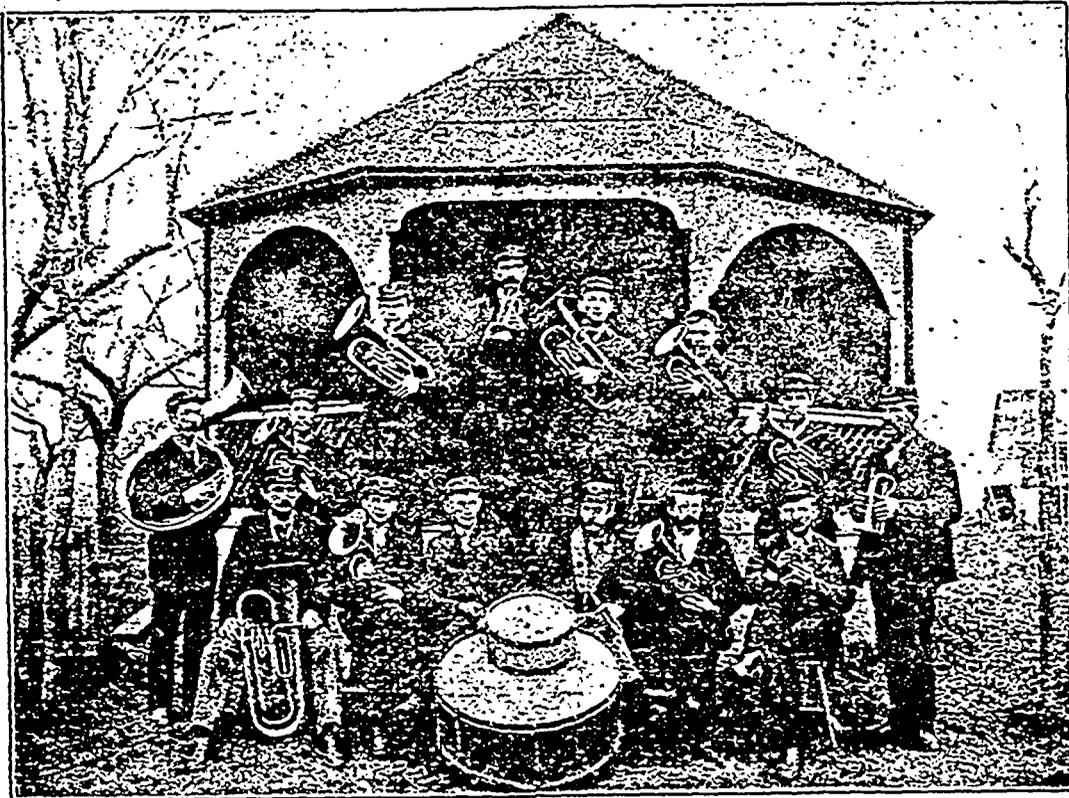
"What can I do for you, my boy?"
 "Speak a kind word to me sometimes," replied the boy, the tears gushing from his eyes: "I ain't got a mother like some of them."

A kind word! Think of it. This man had it in his power. to give that boy

The Everlasting Light;
 The hopes and fears of all the years
 Are met in thee to-night.

O morning stars, together
 Proclaim the holy birth!
 And praises sing to God the King,
 And peace to men on earth.
 For Christ is born of Mary,
 And gathered all above,
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep
 Their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently,
 The wondrous gift is given!
 So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of His heaven.
 No ear may hear His coming;
 But, in this world of sin,
 Where meek souls will receive Him still,
 The dear Christ enters in.



Malcom McLean, V. H. Skinner, bandmaster; Geo. Jacques, Rupert Loomer, H. W. Murphy, L. A. Read, Vernon Davidson, Aubrey Welton, Ed. Bishop, Wm. H. Ray, Wm. Haley, Waldo Palmer, Arch. Graves, Howard Spurr.

its numbers and while new recruits have usually been obtainable it is not easy to maintain a desirable efficiency under such conditions. Yet it speaks well for the perseverance of the boys that they have held together at all for so long a period. Too much cannot be said in praise of Bandmaster Skinner, who, without remuneration, has faithfully discharged his duties, coming all the way from his home in Weston not less than once a week year in and year out to attend practise. Without such disinterested devotion to its interests the band would doubtless have long since ceased to be. As it is, however, it shows no symptoms of approaching dissolution and can, we believe, discourse music second to few bands in the valley. Aylesford is justly

money, clothes, playthings, but the little fellow craved nothing so much as a kind word now and then. If the man had ever so little heart, the boy must certainly have had the wish granted. A kind word! You have many such spoken to you daily, and you don't think much of their value; but that poor boy in the village, at whom everybody laughs, would think that he had found a treasury if someone spoke a kind word to him.

O Little Town of Bethlehem.

O little town of Bethlehem,
 How still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 The silent stars go by.
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth

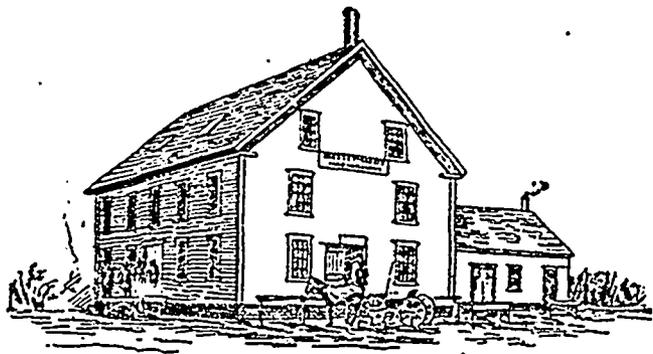
Where children pure and happy
 Pray to the blessed Child;
 Where misery cries out to Thee,
 Son of the mother mild;
 Where Charity stands watching,
 And Faith holds wide the door,
 The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
 And Christmas comes once more.
 O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
 Descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin, and enter in;
 Be born in us to-day!
 We hear the Christmas angels
 The great glad tidings tell;
 Oh, come to us, abide with us,
 Our Lord Emmanuel!

—Phillips Brooks.

Unless I give my heart wholly to God and make my religion my great and engrossing concern, I shall be a stranger not only to duty, but to all solid peace and enjoyment.—CHALMERS.

L. O. Neily & Co.

This enterprising firm has come to be one of the well known and best established business institutions of Aylesford. Although a considerable trade is done each year in carriages and farm machinery of all kinds, special attention has been steadily given to the apple business, which, under the fostering care of a wise management, has rapidly grown to proportions which at times tax the large facilities of the firm's commodious warehouses as well as the energies of its managers. This trade began with the season of 1889, during which and the following



L. O. NEILY & CO.'S WAREHOUSE.

year L. O. Neily & Co. bought for Hall & Elliott, of Middleton. From 1891 to 1894 they acted in behalf of the late R. M. Rand, and since that time have handled the fruit for Dickey & Borden.

During the first two years the apples were bought and stored in house cellars. This was a great inconvenience, and beside rendered re-packing an impossibility. The barrels could only be opened at one end, filled and re-headed. The disadvantages of such methods necessitated the erection of a suitable warehouse, with frost-proof cellar and room for re-packing. The experience of the succeeding years abundantly demonstrated the wisdom of this departure, as it was found that the fruit reached the foreign markets in much better condition, and thus commanded higher prices. Fresh impetus was thereby given to the entire trade. But disaster often strikes in the midst of prosperity, and in the spring of 1895 this fine warehouse, with all its contents, and three adjoining buildings, was completely swept away by fire. Nothing daunted by a calamity which would have crushed men of weaker courage, this firm with characteristic pluck and enterprise erected the two splendid warehouses in which they are now so well housed, and a cut of which appears on this page. We regret that through a misunderstanding in the ordering of this cut, such an one has not been secured as does justice to the buildings. We hope, however, at some future date to present a large half-tone of them

which will give a better idea of their appearance. The two-story building has a ground area of 36x52 feet, while the other is 42x50 feet, and their combined capacity is about 7,000 barrels. The D. A. Railway Co. has given a siding from the main line, by means of which apples can readily be loaded from each warehouse.

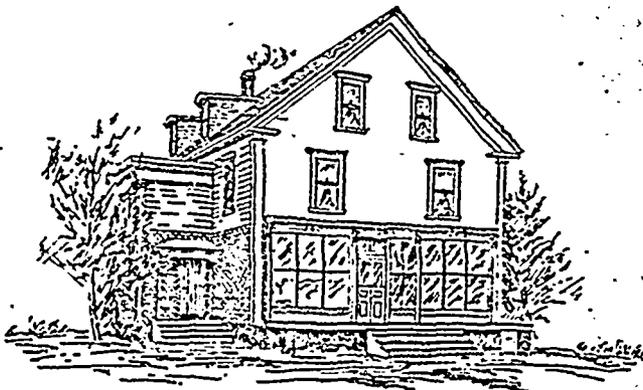
Just a word may be permitted, in closing, with reference to the head of the firm, Mr. L. O. Neily. It is but fair to say that Aylesford boasts of no citizen who is more public spirited than Mr. Neily. On more than one occasion he has shown himself ready to take a leading hand in any enterprise which promised to pro-

note the general good. In starting the Creamery in 1874, the Canning Factory at a later date, and in the final establishment of a school for Aylesford at a central point, Mr. Neily made his influence strongly felt. In short, he is one of the few men in our growing community who seem to fully realize that whatever promotes the general good must prove of a advantage to each individual, either directly or indirectly. He is now contemplating a trip to England in the interests of the fruit-shipping business, and expects to sail on Jan. 13th from Halifax, to return about six weeks later. The Union wishes him a pleasant voyage and a safe return, and trusts that his trip may prove profitable alike to himself and to the large number of people with and for whom he does business.

The Aylesford Dry Goods Co.

The Aylesford Dry Goods Co. was organized during the present year, as successors to the business formerly conducted by Farnsworth & Co. Mr. H. V. B. Farnsworth, the genial and popular head of the old firm, is continued as manager of the new business, and discharges his duties with that tact, affability and frankness which are such necessary qualifications of him who would successfully serve the public. The cut which we present upon this page is too small to fairly represent the handsome building erected in 1896, in which the new company displays its fine stock and carries on its increasing business. Situated near the railway station, on the street which runs parallel to the track, it presents a fine front from both the street and the passing trains, but it is only when the observer stands within that he realizes that this is one of the finest and best arranged stores on the line of the D. A. R. The large ground space, with wide show windows in front, is admirably adapted to an advantageous display of goods. The two upper floors are occupied as a residence by Mr. Farnsworth's family, while the large cellar beneath affords ample room for storing produce and other goods. The entire building is heated by a combination furnace.

While a general stock of groceries, crockeryware, boots and shoes is carried to meet the demands of a country trade, it is the aim of the Dry Goods Co. to present such a well assorted stock of dry goods and millinery as shall make it unnecessary for customers to do their buying in these lines in other towns. They believe that there is no good reason why Aylesford should not have a first class dry goods house, and hope through an increasing patronage in their specialties to be ultimately able to devote their attention exclusively to dry goods and millinery. The cash system which they have adopted enables them to sell at moderate prices, and brings to their counters the liberal patronage which their enterprise merits.



THE AYLESFORD DRY GOODS HOUSE.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

The season's greetings to all.

The weather is wintry, but the snow is wanting.

The wheeling is excellent, but we long for the jingle of the "merry bells."

Mrs. Ralph Hoiges, of Morristown, met with a very painful accident on the 22nd inst., whereby she had one foot and ankle seriously scalded. She was passing the kitchen stove, upon which was standing a large boiler of hot water, when her dress caught the boiler and upset its contents upon her feet. One shoe was filled with the boiling water, and but for the timely assistance of her husband her injuries would have been much more serious than they were. As it is, she will probably be laid up for many weeks.

The Aylesford school closed on the 22nd, much to the delight of fun-loving youth.

There will be a lecture in the Aylesford Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, Jan. 11th, under the auspices of the Aylesford B. Y. P. U. The lecture will be delivered by Rev. D. A. Steele, D. D., Pastor Emeritus of the Amherst Baptist Church, who enjoys more than an ordinary reputation as a lecturer. His subject will be "The Hymns we Sing." As Dr. Steele has made hymnology a matter of special study, a treat is in store for all who may be privileged to hear him. Further announcement will be made by posters a little later.

As we go to press the sad news of the death of Mrs. D. A. Cameron, of Portland, Maine, has just reached her family here. Her mother, Mrs. Andrew Parker, has gone to be present at the funeral, which takes place on Sunday, the 26th inst. Sister Cameron was an earnest Christian and an active worker in the Master's cause. The sorrow-stricken friends here the sympathy and prayers of the entire community in the hour of their sorrow.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. S. J. Ray returned on the 22nd from Boston, after an absence of about four months.

Miss Maggie Bays has been in Windsor since the 9th.

Wm. Whitman, of Hantsport, paid Aylesford a flying visit recently to see his mother, Mrs. Zechariah Whitman, who is no better.

James Dodge, who has been confined to his home for some days, is again able to be out.

Albert E. McMahon was confined to his home for about three weeks with a painful attack of neuralgia, but is venturing out once more.

Miss Nina Loomer went to Boston on Tuesday, the 21st inst., where she has secured a position.

Miss Lelia Loomer will spend the winter with Mrs. S. W. Eaton, of Canning.

John W. Roland, of Factorydale, is home from Acadia to spend his vacation.

Ernest Eaton came home on the 15th for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Eleanor West represented the Aylesford B. Y. P. U. at the Kings Co. District meeting at Canard on Dec. 6th and 7th.

Mrs. Fred. Kirkpatrick, of Morden, recently spent a week visiting friends at Aylesford.

Mrs. Edwin Harris and daughter are home from New York.

Miss Annie Jacques has been home for some weeks from a two months' visit in Boston.

Lorne Gates, of Kingston, is home from Portage la Prairie. He says that home is more comfortable than the Northwest at this season.

Eugene C. Gates, who has not been very well of late, is home from Halifax.

F. H. Lowe has gone to Amherst for the Christmas holidays.

Cecil Clairemonte is visiting his father, Col. Clairemonte, at Lakelands, Mount Uniacke.

MARRIAGES.

FOSTER.—TUPPER.—At the residence of the bride's father, Morristown, on the evening of Nov. 30th, by Rev. J. B. Morgan, B. A., Fanny E., daughter of Lot Tupper, to Edward C. Foster, of Aylesford.

ARMSTRONG.—McMAHON.—At the residence of the bride's father, Aylesford, on the evening of Dec. 15th, by Rev. Jos. Gaetz, Fattie, daughter of F. A. McMahon, Sr., to Wallace Armstrong, of North Kingston.

HORSEWELL BOWLBY.—At the residence of the bride's father, Aylesford, on the evening of Dec. 20th, by Rev. J. B. Morgan, B. A., Ella P., daughter of Deacon Samuel Bowlby, to Charles S. Horswell, of Aylesford.

DEATHS.

MUNROE.—At Kingston, Dec. 7th, Bro. Thos. Munroe passed into rest in the 91st year of his age. Bro. Munroe had waited long and patiently for the end, resting upon the assurance of an imperishable hope.

CAMERON.—Suddenly, at the Public Hospital, Portland, Maine, on the evening of Dec. 22nd, Mrs. D. A. Cameron, nee Miss Alma Natta, daughter of Andrew Parker, of this place, aged 20 years. Our deepest sympathy is with the afflicted family.

God's Appointments.

This thing on which thy heart was set,

This thing that cannot be,—

This weary, disappointing day

That dawn, my friend, for thee.

Be comforted! God knoweth best—

The God whose name is love,

Whose tender care is evermore

Our passing lives above.

He sends thee disappointments:

Well, then, take this from His hand.

Shall God's appointments seem less good

Than what thyself had planned?

'Twas in thy mind to go abroad,

He bids thee stay at home;

O happy home! thrice happy, if

To it thy guest He come.

'Twas in thy mind thy friend to see,

The Lord says, "Nay, not yet";

Be confident, the meeting time

Thy Lord will not forget.

'Twas in thy mind to work for Him,

His will is, child, sit still;

And surely 'tis thy blessedness

To mind thy Master's will.

Accept thy disappointment, friend,

Thy gift from God's own hand;

Shall God's appointments seem less good

Than what thyself had planned?

So day by day, and step by step,

Sustain thy failing strength;

Indeed, go on from strength to strength

Through all the journey's length.

God bids thee tarry now and then—

Forbear thy weak complaint;

God's leisure brings the weary rest,

And cordial gives the faint.

God bids thee labour, and the place

Is thick with thorn and brier;

But He will share the hardest task

Until He calls thee higher.

So take each disappointment, friend,

'Tis at thy Lord's command.

Shall God's appointments seem less good

Than what thyself had planned?

Auburn, Dec. 19th, 1897.

A Happy New Year to You!

New mercies, new blessings, new light on the way,

New courage, new hope, and new strength for each day;

New notes of thanksgiving, new chords of delight;

New praise in the morning, new songs in the night;

New wine in thy chalice, new altars to raise;

New fruits for thy Master, new garments of praise;

New gifts from His treasures, new smiles from His face;

New streams from the fountain of infinite grace;

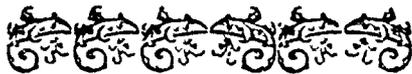
New stars for thy crown, and new tokens of love;

New gleams of the glory that awaits thee above;

New light of His countenance, full and unpriced—

All these be the joy of the new life in Christ.

—Frances Ridley Havergal.



If you are in need of

Ladies' or Gents'

Fine Boots & Shoes,

CALL AT THE

Star Shoe Store,

BERWICK, N. S.

S. H. NICHOLS, Prop.



NOTICE

ALL persons indebted to the firm of W. E. HARRIS & Co. are requested to call on the subscriber and settle their accounts. This must be done not later than Nov. 30th, 1897. After above date all accounts large or small, will be left for collection.

W. E. HARRIS & CO.

Aylesford, Oct. 22nd, 1897.

N. B.—In the event of my absence my books will be left with MR. F. E. HARRIS, who will receive all payments and issue receipts. W. E. H.

Have You Tried The BERWICK

LAUNDRY?

G. W. BUTLER, Proprietor.

Hereafter until further notice, Mr. BUTLER will visit AYLESFORD and KINGSTON collecting clothes every alternate Monday and delivering on the following Saturday. His route will be down the Post Road to Kingston Station, across to North Kingston and return to Berwick by the Mountain Road. His dates for collection will be Oct. 4th & 18th, and Nov. 1st, 15th & 29th; for delivering, Oct. 9th & 23rd and Nov. 6th & 20th.

Why send your clothes away when you can get as good work done at home and delivered at your own door? PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY.

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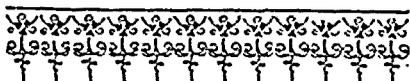
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