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## THE MONTH.

Bram will probably be re-tried in March for the murder of Capt. Nash and wife, of the Herbert Fuller.

The Christian Endeavor Society celebrated the seventieth anniversary of its organization on Feb. 2nd.

Gen. Booth, of the Salvation Army, who arrived in New York on Jan. 15th, is now on a tour of inspection of the Army in Eastern Canada. He was in St. John on the 18th ult.

Lt. Henry Somerset has been compelled through ill health to resign the Presidency of the British Woman's Temperance Association, and retire from active temperance work.

A Toronto despatch of the 26th ult., says:—"A new fire insurance company has been started here, of which Hon. Geo. E. Foster is president. The new company will not join fire insurance underwriters' associations."

The N. S. Fruit Growers' Association held its annual meeting in College Hall, Wolfville, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week.

We notice that J. S. Bishop, of Auburn, presented a paper on Friday entitled "Review of the Cranberry Situation." Mr. Bishop has come to be recognized as more than a local authority on cranberry culture.

Sanford F. Doleman, of the Junior Class at Acadia, was found dead in his room in Chipman Hall on Saturday morning, Jan. 22nd. The deceased was a highly respected Christian young man, a material student and business manager of the *Athenaeum*. Appropriate services were held in the Assembly Hall on Sunday afternoon and the remains forwarded the next morning to the home of his parents at Lockport.

The Right Hon. Charles Pelham Villiers M. P. for South Wolverhampton, and known as the "Father of the House of Commons," having sat continuously in the house since 1835, died at London, Jan. 16th. He was born in 1802.

Lieut. General Sir Frederick Dobson Middleton, keeper of the crown jewels, died at London on the 25th ult. He was born Nov. 4, 1825. He was in command of the forces during the Riel rebellion in the Northwest Territory of Canada in 1885.

The annual report of the President of the Kentville Board of Trade shows that body to be a vigorous one. The many matters of interest and advantage to the town dealt with in President DeWolfe's report suggest that a similar organization might be of great practical benefit to a place like Aylesford.

William Henry Theodore Durant finally paid the penalty on Jan. 7th of the crime of which he was more than two years ago found guilty. He steadily asserted his innocence until the last, and died in the arms of the Roman Catholic church, which faith he had embraced. Even a professed Baptist turns Romanist when he becomes a murderer.

On the 18th of January the D. A. Ry. gave notice to the Yarmouth S. S. Co. that on and after the 26th the traffic arrangements between the two Companies would be cancelled. President Baker of the latter Company at once proceeded to Ottawa to interview the Minister of Railways upon the subject. The result has been a withdrawal of its orders by the D. A. Ry. and a continuance of the old arrangements.

The *Windsor Tribune* which since the fire has been printed each week at the *Register* office, Berwick, was issued for the first time from its own office in Windsor on the 14th ult. The glowing description given of its new quarters by its editor, is calculated to have a bad moral effect upon the fraternity, and will, we fear, incite some less favoured brother of the quill to incendiarism, in order that he may rise from ashes to similar heights of prosperity. Brother Woodworth cannot be too highly commended for his pluck and enterprise. We wish him the prosperity he deserves.

England's Indian war is now practically at a close. Although finally successful in subduing her enemies, the mournful fact cannot soon be forgotten that it has been at the cost of the best blood the British service boasts of. Perhaps the best known victim of the bloody war is Sir Henry Havelock-Allan, whose treacherous murder near to the close of the year has detracted much from the feelings of satisfaction with which every loyal son of Britain has regarded the successful termination of the Indian border trouble.

The European war-cloud once more growsthrreateningly black. Russia and Germany have been active for some weeks past in a concerted attempt to coerce China into granting them special trade concessions, while Great Britain and Japan have been silently centralizing their naval forces in Chinese waters preparatory to a more pronounced protest against the movements of Russia and Germany. In a public address at Swansea on the 17th ult., Sir Michael Hicks-Beach affirmed that the British Government was "determined even at the cost of war that the door of Chinese commerce should not be shut to Great Britain." Since that date prominent leaders of both parties in the British Parliament have expressed publicly their readiness to stand by the government's policy, and the press of the country seems also to be practically a unit to the same effect. Indeed it would seem that the national feeling finds but one form of expression, and it now remains for the other nations to say whether it shall be peace or war.

The many friends of the Rev. H. Alford Porter, B. A., the late pastor of the Baptist Church in this town, will be pleased to learn that he is distinguishing himself as a student at Rochester, N. Y. At the recent examinations of the half year's work which embraced a number of subjects, his marks averaged from 90 to 100. This standing entitles him to a fellowship of \$150. When it is remembered that the Theological Seminary at Rochester has a higher standing than any similar institution in America, and is attended by hundreds of students and the examinations are particularly severe, it will be seen that Mr. Porter has certainly done splendid work and reflected much credit on his native province. This is another instance of a bright Canadian attending an American University and taking a leading position. Mr. Porter has also been preaching in one of the first churches at Rochester.—*Kentville Advertiser*.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY.

## THE AYLESFORD BAPTIST CHURCH.

*Pastor:*  
REV. J. B. MORGAN, B. A.

*Diacons:*  
SAMUEL BOWLBY, C. J. WEST,  
N. P. SPURR, A. D. WHITMAN.

*Clerk:* G. W. EATON. *Treasurer:* J. S. BISHOP.

*Ushers:* MERTON PARKER, JOSEPH TAYLOR

*Chorister:* L. R. BAKER. *Organist:* ETHEL M. EATON.

*Supt. of Sunday School:*  
G. W. EATON.

## Church Services:

Preaching on 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 11 a. m., 2nd and 4th at 3 p. m. Social service every Sunday at 7:00 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 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 7 p. m.

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

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.

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.

## THE AYLESFORD B. Y. P. U.

*President*—J. S. BISHOP.  
*1st Vice Pres.*—MRS. L. O. NEILY.  
*2nd " "*—MRS. J. B. MORGAN.  
*Secretary*—ETHEL M. EATON.  
*Treasurer*—L. R. BAKER.

## Chairmen of Committees:

*Devotional*—Eleanor West.  
*Membership*—Mrs. W. S. Chute.  
*Literary*—Pastor J. B. Morgan.  
*Missionary*—J. S. Bishop.  
*Social*—Mrs. L. O. Neily.  
*Floral & Sick*—Mrs. L. R. Baker.

## THE AYLESFORD JUNIOR UNION.

*Leader*—MRS. J. B. MORGAN.  
*Asst. Leader*—CLARA PALMER.  
*President*—ROLAND TAYLOR.  
*Vice President*—HATTIE NEIL.  
*Secretary*—MINNIE BOWLBY.  
*Treasurer*—BESSIE BALCOM.  
*Organist*—MRS. W. S. CHUTE.

## Chairmen of Committees:

*Devotional*—Eldon Parker.  
*Membership*—Molly Balcom.  
*Missionary*—John Graves.  
*Social*—Mabel Lee.

## W. M. A. SOCIETY.

*President*—MRS. J. B. MORGAN.  
*Vice President*—MRS. L. O. NEILY.  
*Secretary*—MRS. ANDREW LEE.  
*Treasurer*—CLARA PALMER.

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*Clerk and Treasurer:*  
E. W. COGSWELL.

*Trustees:*  
JOSHUA HUTCHINSON, WM. WEST.

*Organist:*  
WINNIE BARTEAUX.  
*Supt. of Sunday School:*  
J. W. FLECH.

## Church Services:

Preaching on the 2nd Sunday in the month at 11 a. m.; on the 3rd at 3 p. m., and on the 4th at 7 p. m.

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.

W. B. M. A. Society meets on the Thursday following the 2nd Sunday of each month at 3 p. m.

## MORRISTOWN BRANCH B. Y. P. U.

*President*—W. A. EASSON.  
*Vice-President*—W. A. HUTCHINSON.  
*Secretary*—G. M. HARRIS.  
*Treasurer*—WINNIE BARTEAUX.

## W. B. M. A. SOCIETY.

*President*—MRS. J. A. PARKER.  
*Vice Pres.*—MRS. ROBERT NICHOLS.  
*Secretary*—MRS. LEVI FOX.  
*Treasurer*—MRS. ALBERT ROLAND.

## THE KINGSTON BAPTIST CHURCH.

*Pastor:*  
REV. J. B. MORGAN, B. A.

*Diacons:*  
LOVITT MCKENNA, EDWARD EATON.  
L. S. TUFFS, HOLMES C. SMITH.

*Clerk:* W. WALLACE NEILY. *Treasurer:* INGLES NEILY.

*Trustees:*  
SELDON HALL, JAMES GATES, J. H. EATON.

*Ushers:*  
LEON NEILY, HARRY NEILY.

*Chorister:* E. J. MCKENNA. *Organist:* MRS. E. J. MCKENNA.

*Supt. of Sunday School:*  
JOSEPH H. EATON.

## Church Services:

Preaching on the 1st Sunday of each month at 3 p. m.; on the 2nd at 7 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 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.

## W. M. A. SOCIETY.

*President*—MRS. JOHN WHEELLOCK.  
*Vice-President*—MRS. MELBOURNE NEELY.  
*Secretary*—JESSIE EATON.  
*Treasurer*—MRS. LEVI GATES.

## METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES.

## The Aylesford Circuit.

*Pastor:*  
REV. J. GAETZ.

*APPOINTMENTS:*  
Aylesford, Feb. 6, 11 a. m. 13. Pr. Me 20,  
11 a. m. 27, 11 a. m.  
N. Kingston, Feb. 6, 13, 20, at 3 p. m.  
Melton Square, Feb. 13, 7 p. m. 27, 3 p. m.  
Margville, Feb. 6, 13, 10 30. 20, 27, 7 p. m.

## PARISH OF ST. MARY'S, AYLESFORD.

REV. J. M. C. WADE, M. A.—*PICAR.*

## Services for November, December and January.

11 a. m. 3 p. m. 7.30 p. m.  
1st Sun. Morden, St. Mary's,  
2nd " St. Mary's, Morden, St. Mary's.  
3rd " Morden, St. Mary's.  
4th " St. Mary's, Morden, St. Mary's.  
5th " Morden, St. Mary's.

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

## LODGE DIRECTORY.

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.

KINGSTON LODGE, No. 65. I. O. O. F.  
Meets every Friday at 7.30 p. m. in Odd-fellows Hall, Kingston Station, N. S.  
A. H. HILTON, N. G.  
A. C. VANBUSKIRK, SEC.

PAROLE DIVISION, S. OF T. No. 650.  
Meets every Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. in Spurr's Hall, Aylesford, N. S. Visiting members cordially invited.  
MRS. KATE GRAVES, W. P.  
M. A. ROSCOE, R. S.

SUNDEW DIVISION, S. OF T. No. 550.  
Meets every Monday at 7.30 p. m. in North Kingston Hall, JAMES SMITH, W. P.  
LOUISE ARMSTRONG, R. S.

GLENDALE LODGE, I. O. G. T.  
Meets every Tuesday at 7.30 p. m. in C. J. Co's Hall, Aylesford, N. S.  
MRS. GEO. F. WEST, W. C.

BROOKLYN LODGE, No. 677.  
Meets every Friday at 7.30 p. m. in the Hall at Welton's Corner, N. S.  
HENNIGAR ELLIOTT, W. C.  
MAY McMILLAN, SEC.

THE FARMERS' UNION meets every Tuesday at 7.30 p. m. in North Kingston Hall.  
W. W. NEILY, PRES. S. E. NEILY, SEC.

THE FARMERS' UNION meets every Thursday at 7.30 p. m. in the hall at Millville.  
A. D. HIGMAN, PRES.  
A. H. EWING, SEC.

THE AYLESFORD COURT, I. O. F.  
Meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30 p. m. in their Hall at Aylesford Station, N. S.  
REV. J. M. C. WADE, C. R.  
W. E. HARRIS, SEC.

STAR OF HOPE, I. O. G. T., No. 95., meets every Saturday at 7.30 p. m. in Morristown Hall.  
NATHAN BANKS, W. C.  
AARON HODGES, 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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Rev. D. A. Steele, D. D.

BY REV. J. H. MACDONALD, B. A.  
PASTOR OF THE AMHERST  
BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. D. A. Steele, D. D., has been for years one of the foremost men of the Baptist denomination of the Maritime Provinces. In the year that Canada was born he was called to the pastorate of the Amherst Baptist Church and for twenty-nine years continued to minister to the people there. So long a pastorate culminating in the completion of the handsome and commodious church edifice, the cut of which appears in this paper, and that during the days when pastoral itinerating was eminently fashionable, tells a story of a devoted and successful ministry which no words can adequately describe. He was always a close and earnest student whose pulpit work was prepared with the greatest care. The people to whom he ministered were therefore edified as well as shepherded. In the great gatherings of the denomination, when the most distinguished leaders were present, his brethren, by common consensus were always wont to make a place for the popular Amherst pastor.

Of the types of men graduated from Acadia, he would readily be classed among the literary. While his pastoral duties were exceedingly onerous, making continual demands upon his sympathy and energy, he always found time for the cultivation of the literary side of his nature. The Greek Testament, Latin Vulgate and the Hebrew Bible were his daily companions. He has also kept himself in touch with advanced things in the different realms of investigation, and thus while maturing in years, he is ever fresh in thought and life. Now that he is retired from the more active duties of the ministry, our Baptist literature is being enriched by the product of his pen. He now speaks to our leaders as well as to the rank and file.

Dr. Steele is most genial in dis-

position. He has always kept in close contact with young people. His breezy disposition is most stimulating, and the young men who come in contact with him are invariably helped in the upward and onward course.

## "The Hymns We Sing."

A SYNOPSIS OF A LECTURE DELIVERED BEFORE THE AYLESFORD B. V. P. U. ON TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 18TH '98, BY REV. D. A. STEELE, D. D.

The lecturer commenced by defining a hymn as a song of praise, addressed to God. There is a kind of incongruity in the singing of verses addressed to one another, as "Ho



REV. D. A. STEELE, D. D.

My Comrades, See the Signal,"—one can hardly use the formula in such cases, of the old preachers, "Let us Sing to the Praise and Glory of God."

"A Hymn is not versified dogma" says the hymn lover. "It is not to teach men the doctrines of Christianity, but to raise their souls to thankfulness that God is so good to men." We cannot, however, altogether eschew the didactic element, as witness Wesley's

"Arise, my soul, arise,  
Shake off thy guilty fears,  
The bleeding Sacrifice  
On my behalf appears."

The Gospel is taught in every line, yet it is full of passionate de-

votion, and will always stir you to praise.

Body and Soul.—The words and rhythm are the body. There must be smooth, well sounding verse, nothing to jar upon the ear. But the soul, how shall we describe that subtle quality? The secret of a real hymn is in the heart of it. There must be deep emotion, the utterance of the inmost heart to its Creator and Redeemer. We have not far to look for such expressions. Take Krishnu Palo (Carey's first Hindoo convert)

"O thou, my soul, forget no more  
The Man who all thy sorrows bore."

As to those compositions which are good, always to be depended on for Christian worship, the lecturer gave the first place to Isaac Watts, in every sense the father of English Hymnody. He first quoted at length the hymn, "Come sound His praise abroad, and hymns of glory sing," and endorsed it as a good hymn, plain, simple, easily caught by the ear; of a decent body and a fitting soul. It is reverent, it brings the worshipper at once into the devotional attitude. But it falls short of perfection. A painter of portraits was asked what he thought of a certain picture. "It lacks that"—snapping his fingers. Just what is lacking here. But take the other extreme of Watts' work, and you have the very best: "When I survey the wondrous Cross."

This hymn has all the elements sweetly mixed. Lowly adoration, tender devotion, dignity, the rhythm is faultless, the effect subduing, softening the hardness of our nature by its expressions of the awful sacrifice of Calvary. It will live as long as there is a Christian to sing. That kind of work can never be eclipsed. Charles Wesley he rates very high. He is the lyricist of all our hymn books. Take "Love Divine, all Love Excelling." Here is lyric fire. You feel it. You are panting after God, Who is love itself, Who dwells not only in Heaven, but Who comes down to soothe, deliver and fill men with Himself, Who is carrying on His new creation in us, and pre-

paring us for the brightest possible destiny. Not only is the worshipper in the worshipping attitude, but he rises to the devotional altitude.

Mr. Steele then carried his hearers along in his careful, quiet way, to the consideration of others of the most notable compositions. He instanced Montgomery's "Hark, the Song of Jubilee." This stirs us as with the sound of a trumpet. But the poet strikes quite another note in "Forever with the Lord." This is a pearl. The proof is, when sung at a funeral.

The great poets not hymnists.—Cowper alone among the masters of the lyre wrote hymns of a high order. He and John Newton collaborated the "Olney Hymns." Cow-

—some of them superlatively bad. We have all ranks participating in this noble exercise. Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, Pastors, lords and ladies, and the humblest of God's children. The Catholic, the Protestant, the Quaker and the Ritualist are at one here. None finer than those of John Greenleaf Whittier. In his poem "Our Masters," we find gems like these.

"Our Friend, our Brother, and our Lord,  
What may Thy service be?  
Nor name, nor form, nor ritual word,  
But simply following Thee.  
Apart from Thee all gain is loss,  
All labor vainly done;  
The solemn shadow of Thy cross  
Is better than the sun."

We are embarrassed by the riches of this last age, and must come to a stopping place, for we might go on for hours. We conclude our synopsis of Dr. Steele's interesting paper by giving two

poetry as a fatal disqualification for their use in public worship. Only a verse from her "Abide in Me."

As some rare perfume in a vase of clay,  
Perfumes it with a fragrance not its own;  
Lo when Thou dwellest in a mortal soul,  
All heaven's own sweetness seems around  
it thrown."

Dr. P. N. Balcom.

(Continued from Holiday Number.)

Into the sick room, instead of the air of mystery, dignity and professional balderdash affected by so many doctors, which of itself is enough to make any well man sick, Dr. Balcom carries the same easy and cordial manner which is habitual to him everywhere, and by taking his patient fully into his confidence, seeks to secure his intelligent co-operation in reaching the end sought. To the spleeny, nervous or despond-



AMHERST BAPTIST CHURCH.

per's marked C and Newton's N. They are deeply spiritual and are sung everywhere. "O, for a Closer Walk with God," "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood," are his best known.

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way" is one which the church will not willingly let die. The old sailor clergyman's found side by side with Cowper's exquisite works, are none the less vigorous. "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds, and "One There is Above All Others," are sung every day.

Miss Frances Ridley Havergal is a voluminous writer of sacred odes. "I Gave My Life For Thee," and "Lord, Speak To Me That I May Speak," are among those often sung. This century has been prolific in hymns, many of them good

specimens, very valuable for their rare beauty. One from Mrs. Charles, author of "Schonberg-Cotta Family," which is a meditation on the Last Supper.

Around a table, not a tomb,  
He wiled our gathering place to be;  
When going to prepare our home,  
Our Saviour said "Remember Me."

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O! no sad relics, sadly dear,  
O Master, are thine own possess,  
The crown of thorns, the cross, the  
spear,  
The purple robe, the seamless vest.

Nay, relics are for those who mourn  
The memory of an absent friend;  
Not absent Thon, nor we forlorn,  
"With you each day until the end."

The other is from Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, who has written some hymns that are greatly prized by those who do not regard

ent, a call from the doctor exceeds as much in benefit as it does in quantity the medicine he leaves behind. As a citizen his co-operative sympathy is ever ready to aid any worthy public enterprise. For the poor and those in distress, his heart is proportionate to his chest measurement and as open as his door, his garden and his orchard. His home, which is second in beauty and comfort to none in the township, like that of King Admetus might appropriately be styled "the house of the open door, to the guest and the wanderer free." In short, as a faithful and skilful physician, a benevolent citizen and sympathetic friend, Dr. Balcom enjoys a place in the affectionate and respect of this large community which any man might well covet.

## Review of Dr. Rand's Poems.

(Continued from Holiday Number.)

The boy has misunderstood the strange visitor. Its eager earnestness, its intense industry, its puritanical indifference to beauty and music, make it a suspected intruder, having mayhap, sinister and evil designs. According to this verdict boyhood has marked it with the vulgar name—"The Devil's Darn-needle."

## I

"Winged wonder of motion  
In splendor of sheen,  
Cruising the shimmering blue  
Waters all day ;  
Smit with hunger of heart,  
And seized of a quest,  
Which not beauty of flower  
Nor promise of rest  
Has charm to appease  
Or slacken or stay,  
What is it you seek,  
Unopen, unseen ?

## II

Are you blind to the sight  
Of the heavens of blue,  
Or the wind fretted clouds  
On their white, airy wings,  
Or the emerald grass  
That velvets the lawn,  
Or glory of meadows  
Aflame like the dawn ?  
Are you deaf to the note  
In the woodland that rings  
With the song of the whitethroat  
As crystal as dew ?

## III

Winged wonder of motion  
In splendor of sheen,  
Stay, stay a brief moment  
Thy hither and thither  
Quick-beating wings,  
Thy flashes of light ;  
And tell me thy heart,  
Is it sad, is it light,  
Is it pulsing with fears  
Which scorch it and wither,  
Or joys that up-well  
In a girdle of green ?"

## IV

"O breather of words  
And poet of life,  
I tremble with joy,  
I flutter with fear !  
Ages it seemeth,  
Yet only to-day,  
Into this world of  
Gold sunbeams at play,  
I came from the deeps !  
O crystalline sphere !  
O beauteous light !  
O glory of life !

## V

"On the watery floor  
Of this sibilant lake,  
I live in twilight dim.  
'There's a world of day,'  
Some placid, 'a world  
Of ether and wings athrob  
Close over our head.'  
It's a dream, it's a whim.  
A whisper of reeds they said,  
And anon the waters would sob ;  
And ever the going  
Went on to the dead  
Without the glint of a ray,  
And the watchers watched  
In their vanishing wake.

## VI

"The passing  
Passed for aye,  
And the waiting  
Waited in vain !  
Some power seemed to enfold  
The tremulous waters around,  
Yet never in heat  
Nor in rivelling cold,  
Nor in darkness deep or grey,  
Came token of sound or touch,  
A clear unquestioned 'yea !'  
And the scoffers scoffed,  
In swelling refrain,  
'Let us eat and drink  
For to-morrow we die.'

## VII

"But, O, in a trance of bliss,  
With gauzy wings I awoke !  
An ecstasy bore me away  
O'er fields and meadow and plain.  
I thought not of recent pain,  
But revelled, as splendors broke  
From sun and cloud and air  
In the eye of golden Day.

## VIII

I am yearning to break  
To my fellows below  
The secret of ages hoar ;  
In the quick flashing light  
I dart up and down,  
Forth and back, everywhere,  
But the waters are sealed  
Like a pavement of glass—  
Sealed that I may not pass.  
O for waters of air !  
Or the wing of an eagle's might  
To cleave a pathway below !"

## IX

And the Dragon fly in splendor,  
Cruises o'er the lake,  
Holding in his heart a secret,  
Which in vain he seeks to break.

The first three sections of the poem embody the questionings of the boy's heart. The following five, the reply of the fly, and the last four lines a mere statement of the creature's habit.

In the appendix is a note explain-

ing the method by which this species of insect life is perpetuated. The eggs are deposited on the water, sink to the bottom, and remain there until the fly is ready to hatch. Then they rise to the surface, fix themselves to the first object touched, break their covering, dry their wings and fly away.

How does the writer succeed as a poetic conjurer of words for breathing sentiment and clothing thought? Although the lexicographer's storehouse is open to all and as free as air, yet words take poetic form and flash with life at the behests of genius only, at whose will they marshal themselves for merciless invective, songs of praise, wailings, despair, fierceness of wrath, the distillings of love, and for every purpose in the whole range of thought and sentiment.

The boy's blind questionings are put in form and order; but is it poetry? Is the creature characterized by words, fine in form and aglow with heat and colour?

Winged wonder of motion  
In splendor of sheen.

That is not prose. That salutation glitters with the poetic flame as the wings of the dragon-fly flash in the light of the sun.

"Or the emerald grass  
That velvets the lawn,  
Or glory of meadows  
Aflame like the dawn ?"

The above is equal to the first. From beginning to end vigor and beauty of expression are well sustained. This ruby wine is served in a golden goblet.

The response of the creature to the poet's inquiry, as is meet, is in hurried impassioned words. Failure here would have been fatal. Drowsy expression would not fit the palpitating, burning heart of the "Winged wonder of motion."

"O breather of words  
And poet of life,  
I tremble with joy,  
I flutter with fear."

Like the phosphorous crest waters behind the gliding keel, these words are iridescent with strange and beautiful colors. Nor is their vigor less than their beauty.

Not less happy is the poet in catching with words the movement of the Dragon fly.

"Stay, stay a brief moment  
Thy hither and thither  
Quick beating wings."

In this, as in the poems as a whole, there is unmistakable evidence of keen observation and subtle, definite sight.

The symbol is described in graphic and charming words. The lesson at first is not seen unless it is by mere allusion. By degrees it comes into view, and at length stands out clear and distinct in these words:—

"Let us eat and drink  
For to-morrow we die."

Here is made known the moral purpose of the sermon.

The dragon-fly is interpreted to the boy. The man gets its lesson. In the depth under the glory of the heavens are the multitudes of the sensual and gross. Truth, light and life cannot pierce the dense darkness to gain their ears and capture their hearts.

"It's a dream, it's a whim,  
A whisper of reeds, they said,—  
And anon the waters would sob."

The burning desire to get down into the depths where are the gross and profane is known to every heart on fire with heaven's love. The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him.

Keen appreciation is discovered in the selection of this creature from multitudes of the buzzing insects. It takes talent to select the text as well as to preach the sermon.

Follow the author into the region of earth's flora. Here he chooses a low form of vegetable life, "The Indian pipe," "The Ghost flower," is to its fellows what the Dragon fly is to insect life—wield, ghostly, suggestive. The poetic conceit in the Dragon fly is life emerging from the depths of total depravity. Here it is backsliding, lapsing, loving darkness rather than light.

#### THE GHOST FLOWER.

"In old the sun kissed me to ruby red,  
I held my chalice up to heaven's full view,  
And skyey balm exhaled about my bed.  
Alas! I loved the darkness, not the light."

As the eye glances over this brief sonnet, the armies of earth's colourless, odorless wretches pass in ghostly procession before the mind. A look at this sickly, white flower in the damp air, under dense foliage, through which not a ray of sun can pierce, is a sermon that proclaims the gospel of light—I am the light of the world—

The author makes a selection

from the tribes of feathered wings. The robin becomes "My Robin." Let those who have heard his cheery song coming through the open window at early dawn, read this sonnet. There is robin—

"With black cap on his handsome head,  
And slatish cloak and vest of red;  
He calls me from my easeful bed;  
Dear, up, dear, up, dear!  
Cheer up, cheer up, cheer!"

The drowsy sleeper is asked to  
"—share his joy, that day is here  
To shimmer the sea, the fog is clear,  
And yellow the corn of the hastening year."

This sonnet has in it the aroma of youth; but probably it is not younger than the most serious of pieces in the little volume. It is, in this case a tribute to the artist's genius which has not grown old. Dr. Rand still hears with the ear of a boy the robin's song, and responds with a heart and words to make the boy glad.

For the rhythmic, musical melody, it would be difficult to find anything sweeter than—

"To shimmer the sea, the fog to clear,  
And yellow the corn of the hastening year."

Not music alone is here, but it is descriptive beauty as well. The touch and colour are exquisite. His lyric ear is as sensitive as his insight is piercing and keen.

Whatever difference of opinion there may be in respect to the measure of Dr. Rand's poetic talent, there certainly can be no disagreement in regard to its versatility. "Nora Lee," "My Robin," "Under the Beeches," "May's Fairy Tale," and other pieces, prove his genius for the jingle and music of narrative—narrative in the tip-toe language and spirit of youth. "May's Fairy Tale" can be read by merry, superstitious girls with greatest glee. May, giving the legend, accounting for the print of the horse-shoe on the horse chestnut tree, is finely executed:

"My story's told, now for our play!"

"And is the story true, O May?"

With the air of one who knows the truth, The sweet eyed May, tall for her youth,  
The overhanging branch down drew,  
And showed the prints of Palfrey's shoe,  
And laughing, said: "Now you all see  
Why it is called Horse Chestnut tree."

The author's ability to turn from the serious labours of the poet to the mere entertainment of his readers—even the youthful part of them—is evident in the light-tripping, musical rhymes noticed

above. But this is mere by-play—side-show.

His descent and ascent are easy and graceful. In "Love's Immanence," he is the poet in the realm where the natural and the spiritual worlds melt into each other.

"The wind in dark and shine a voice aye holds,  
The noon tide forest listens to my prayer.

Urim fire throbs intense on barren wolds,  
The crystal globed dewdrops love declare!"

In this and other pieces Dr. Rand exhibits an insight that pierces the occult in matter, mind and spirit. His constructive genius is deft and skilful in making use of all he discovers. His building goes on under the scrutinizing gaze of his artistic eyes.

In the first and last stanzas of "Fairy Glen," the excellencies of life, colour and form are present.

"Hid in the virgin wilderness,  
The fretted Conway's Fairy Glen  
This summer day reveals its charms  
For painters' brush and poets' pen.

"God's arbor, this enchanted glen!  
The air is sentient with His name;  
Put off thy shoes from off thy feet,  
The trees are bursting into flame!"

All except the third stanza, sustain the rhythmic flow and fine color of painting characterizing this volume of poems. But in this there is a noticeable falling off:

"The place is peopled with shy winds,  
Whose fitful plumes waft dewy balm  
From all the wild-wood, and let fall  
An incommunicable balm."

Among its fellows this stanza limps sadly. But the poet is yet to be born who will never nod.

In "The Veiled Presence," for instance, his poetic fancy, so alert and creative in the region of the subjective, as seen in a large number of his poems, is here seen to be equally at home in the outlying regions of the objective. Here it is quite Miltonic. It soars into the sublime with ease and grace:

"Great God! I saw Thy mighty globe  
from gloom  
Roll with its sleeping millions to the dawn.

The vision of his awesome presence  
veiled,  
Burns in the flying spheres, still all unknown."

For life in its manifold expressions Dr. Rand has a keen eye and

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## AMONG OUR CHURCHES.

**AYLESFORD.**—The work of the Lord moves forward with us. A steady interest is manifested in all our gatherings. Through the voluntary offer of the pastor we are to have no more vacant Sundays. Hereafter we will have preaching on the first and third Sundays in the month in the morning and on the second and fourth Sundays in the afternoon. With such an arrangement there need be no more confusion in the public mind as to the hours of our services. We hope that the effect will be a more regular and increasing attendance.

**KINGSTON.**—At the annual business meeting of this church on Jan. 3rd, the Treasurer's books showed that nearly \$700 had been raised during the thirteen months ending Dec. 31st, for all purposes. Every bill has been paid and a snug balance of about \$10 remains in the treasury. The report of the Finance Committee also showed that an amount considerably in excess of that of last year stands pledged for the work of the coming year. At the annual election of officers the following were the chosen standard bearers for the coming year:—W. Wallace Neily, Clerk; Ingles Neily, Treasurer; Joseph H. Eaton, James Gates and Seldon H. Hall, Trustees; Leon Neily and Harvey Neily, Ushers; E. J. McKenna, Chorister; and J. S. Marshall, Freeman Spinney, L. S. Tufts, Isaac Ogilvie and John H. Vidito, Finance Committee. Beside these, two new deacons were elected according to the provisions of the constitution which had just come into effect. The brethren chosen were L. S. Tufts and Holmes Cassidy. The ordination of these brethren will take place on the evening of Feb. 8th, at the regular session of the District Meeting.

Our first quarterly offering of the year for denominational purposes was made on the last Sunday in November, and should have been noted before but was overlooked. In each church the offering was designated specifically for Home Missions, and the following amounts realized: Aylesford (Aylesford Section \$23.05, Morrystown Branch \$11.55.) Total \$35.20. Kingston \$22.15. When it is remembered that Aylesford has been asked to raise \$200 and Kingston \$100, it will be seen that these amounts

are all considerably short of what they should have been. The next offering will be made on the fourth Sunday in February, for Foreign Missions, and it is hoped that much larger amounts will be realized. Let all the tithes be brought "into the storehouse."

### King's Co B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. of King's Co. will meet at the Kingston Baptist Church at 7 p. m. on Monday, Feb. 7th. The programme arranged by the Executive Committee is as follows:—

- 7-8—Business Meeting.
- 8-8.10—Devotional Exercises.
- 8.10-8.20—Introductory Address, President J. B. Morgan.
- Music by Choir.
- 8.20-8.30—Paper—"Why every church should have a Young People's Society." J. P. Neily, C. E. Co. Supt.
- 8.30-8.35—Discussion of paper.
- Music by Choir.
- 8.35-8.45—Paper—"The Importance of the Junior Work." Mrs. J. B. Morgan.
- 8.45-8.50—Discussion of paper.
- Music by Choir—Offering for Co. B. Y. P. U. work and collection of questions.
- 8.50-9—Questions answered, Rev. D. H. Simpson, M. A., Rev. W. N. Hutchins, M. A.
- 9-9.10—Paper—"What our Young People Should Read." Mrs. C. H. Martell.
- 9.10-9.15—Discussion of paper.
- Music.

### Benediction.

Arrangements have been made with the D. A. Ry. to return all delegates, free on standard certificates to be procured of agents at points of departure. The session promises to be one of profit and a large delegation of the Young People of our Baptist Churches in the County is confidently hoped for, Every Young People's Society connected with a Baptist Church is entitled to send one delegate for every twenty members, and every church where no such Society exists may send one delegate for every fifty members, provided no Society or Church shall send more than three representatives. Please remember that each delegate must be provided with his credentials signed by the Secretary of the Society or clerk of the church which he may represent. And above all come bringing the presence of the Lord with you.

### Review of Dr. Rand's Poems.

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Its light touches, thrills him. If it passes before him, however shadowy in form it may be, he sees it. He discerns the form thereof. To

him its highest type as well as its source, is in that which was arrogated to Himself by a humble Galilean nineteen hundred years ago, as He stood in the presence of death and said, "I am the Life." This life animates the spirit of the author of "Minas Basin and other poems." To it, he sees all life related; by it, all life is interpreted. This makes him a religious poet, not, however, of the Dr. Watts type.

He not only sees sermons in stones and good in everything visible, but his eye penetrates into the invisible things of God. These he brings to light, fashioned and clothed in fitting raiment.

Goethe, Emerson, Browning and Carlyle made his youthful heart burn within him. But he has not imitated them in any reprehensible sense of the word. Indeed Dr. Rand was not born for the grooves. He is not an imitator in any sphere. To nothing has he ever granted finality, perfection.

Had a life of leisure been for him, it is not now possible to say what his rank would have been in literature and poetic art. In the department of the higher education he has actually done a full day's work—not routine work, but pioneer work, ever upward in its tendency.

Not a little of this poetry has life in itself. Dr. Rand, however, is fortunate in that the chief scenes, objects and phenomena chosen and laid under tribute, are found about the headwaters of the Bay of Fundy, and in the historic and classic land of Evangeline. It is a place of growing interest to the public. Travel to it is increasing. Tourists who do not find time for reading literature at home, will read Longfellow, Roberts and Rand on the spot. As visitors wander over these picturesque landscapes and look with admiration and pleasure on the endlessly varying views, beautified by light and shadow peculiarly their own, they will find an additional pleasure in turning to the pages of "Minas Basin and other poems."

As Dr. Rand was born, bred and educated in the centre of the scenes of his poems, a warmth of sympathy and devotion, not found in other writers, is naturally looked for and certainly found. Although the colouring is local, and the sentiment true to Sphinx-like Blomidon, the ghostly waters of Minas, the breathing beauty of the melodious meadows, undulating hills and mountainous ramparts of Cornwallis and Horton and the storms and calms of the head waters of the Bay of Fundy, yet the poetry in spirit and interest is as broad as human nature and its sentiment is lofty and heaven-high.

The book itself, in colour, form and workmanship is dainty, artistic and, as it should be, in harmony with its contents. Dr. Briggs, the publisher, is represented in Halifax by S. F. Huestis, Granville street.



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### EDITORIALS.

With this number we complete our first volume, and but for the restraint of editorial dignity coupled with ministerial modesty the exulting tones of our office chanticler, who is just now piping his lay beneath the window of our sanctum in the anticipation of the first anniversary of his birthday, might find an echo in these columns. Indeed were we to yield to his voluble and vociferous impertunity this proud bird's portrait would undoubtedly appear on our cover page in a variety of poses, after the custom of "the subsidized organ" on the morning following a "glorious" party victory. Suppressing all disposition to boastfulness, we trust that we neither do injustice to our own modesty nor violence to our friends' sense of propriety when we call the attention of the public to the fact that for one year we have made good our "Salutatory" pledge to "stay." When a year ago we spread our untried sails to the breezes, there were many who looked upon us with doubtful eye, and freely predicted that in three months we would become a thing of the past. Like Solomon Eagles these kindly disposed souls have done their part

to fulfil their own prophecy by withholding the moderate support of a year's subscription and in some cases of even the price of a single copy, and to-day we are not indebted to them to the extent of a simple, "Thank you." To the many others whose kindly words of appreciation and sympathetic financial co-operation have been given without stint or solicitation, we owe much of the limited success which has attended our labors. Ever mindful of their many favours we desire at this time to express our appreciation and gratitude, as well as the hope that we may prove no less worthy of them in the future than we have been in the past.

We will not impose upon the patience of our readers a rehearsal of the difficulties which have beset the pathway by which we have come. Suffice it to say that these have one by one been overcome, and to-day the future beckons us forward with smiling face. Reassured of our mission of service, we cheerfully enter upon the duties of another year, with unshaken faith in Him Whose we are and Whom we serve.

With the beginning of our second volume we shall appear semi-monthly on the first and fifteenth of each month instead of monthly as heretofore. At the same time the number of pages will be reduced from sixteen to twelve in each number. This will give our readers eight pages more reading matter per month than at present, beside adding to the freshness of all matters of news. Our subscription price will remain unchanged, thus giving us rank among the cheapest publications in the market. This will, we believe, be appreciated by our readers and advertisers, and will result in a liberal increase in patronage from both.

When we outlined our plans a year ago it will be remembered that we expressed the hope that while serving primarily the interests of our own field, we might do something to "further the prosperity of our Young People's work in the entire county." In pursuance of this hope we made repeated efforts for some months to secure the co-operation of leading workers in the different sections, but the response was so indifferent that we relinquished the effort and

decided to look solely to our own resources. Within a few months past, however, there has seemed to be an awakening in different directions to the fact that the *Union* might serve larger interests than those of the Aylesford and Kingston Churches. In response to a suggestion from Bro. J. P. Neily, of Berwick, who is county Superintendent for the Endeavorers in Kings, we have placed a page at the disposal of the C. E. Societies and shall be glad to give their communications space. In addition we have engaged Bro. Neily to prepare the C. E. Prayer-meeting Topics, which will hereafter be a regular feature of each issue. We hope to get some other brother to prepare comments upon the B. Y. P. U. topics. In conclusion we can only repeat what has been many times intimated before, that we are perfectly willing to serve to the best of our humble ability any of the varied interests of the Lord's work which the wishes of our brethren may indicate, and believe that in doing so we will prove the more efficient agency of enlarging the views and broadening the sympathies of our young people at home.

From notice which appeared elsewhere, it will be seen that the Kings Co. District Meeting will convene with the Kingston Church on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 7th and 8th. A movement is in progress to make the District meeting more largely representative than heretofore of the varied interests which centre in the local church.

Already our Young People have a County B. Y. P. U., which will hold its first public session on Monday evening, the 7th inst. We understand that delegates from the W. M. A. societies in the county will come together on Tuesday morning to consider the advisability of effecting the organization of a county W. B. M. U., and to organize such if deemed wise. The Provincial Secretary of the Maritime W. B. M. U., Miss Amy Johnstone, of Halifax, will be present and will deliver an address at the public meeting on Friday evening. If the sisters succeed in organizing, it will only remain for the Kings Co. S. S. Convention to affiliate with the District Meeting so as to meet in conjunction with it. When these changes shall have been effected, one absence and one set of delegates will suffice for the different objects. This will certainly be a great economy of time, money and energy, even though our sessions should cover the second day.

AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Christian Endeavor Topics  
for February.

FEB. 6:—The Christian's Confidence. References, 1. Sam. 22, 1-4: 20-37; 1 Peter 1. 3-9.

Wonderful examples of confidence in God are recorded all through the Bible. Abraham, Job, Gideon, David, are some old testament characters who amid seasons of more or less danger, placed themselves in God's hands and were kept as in the hollow of His hand. Paul also knew where his help was to be found and in our lesson Peter speaks of complete confidence in God. This fortress is ours, oh fellow Endeavorers, and we too may trust and not be afraid. When you know you are working in God's path, to work with a long face is to be a traitor to God. One great reward of confidence is more confidence.

FEB. 13:—Called, to what, how? Reference, Isa. 6: 1-8. Mark 1: 16-20.

This subject is a call to our associate members and unconverted. In our societies and community are many who ought to be on the Lord's side. God has called time and again and still they refuse to answer. We see by the reference a call to the pure life and to Him who alone can make us pure. When the Holy Spirit touches our lives we will be transformed and made fit for the Master's use and also put in a state to call others. Then, too we are called by Jesus to follow Him. No call in all the world is so important as that and a call if heeded will bring a rich reward.

God does not call every one in the same way, or to do the same things, or for the same rewards, but he calls every one to the same allegiance. God has singled out you, you of all the earth, for your tasks and no one else can do them so acceptably to Him. No training in music is so beautiful as to train the ear to hear God.

FEB. 20th.—Every Christian a

missionary. Reference, Acts 1: 1-11.

From the first C. E. society until now the missionary spirit has been conspicuous and from their ranks have gone forth hundreds of young men and women eager to tell the wonderful story to a dying world. There are so many fields for work in this particular that it is impossible to enumerate them. In our homes, at our daily work, everywhere there is work to do. But note this, don't go until you realize the power there is at your hand and being filled with this you can go anywhere if Jesus leads. A missionary is not merely one sent, he is one willing to go. Missionaries of the pocket book are as necessary as missionaries of the pulpit. Christ was the first missionary and all Christians must take up their cross and follow Him to the missionary fields He chooses for them.

FEB. 27th:—Getting close to Christ. References, Luke 10: 38-42. John 17: 20-26.

The great centre of the Christian life is Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, our sun and shield. The Christian's duty and privilege is to get close to this light and reflect it so that others may see it. But this is not all. Getting close to Christ, learning of Him the lessons we should know if we would be His faithful followers, and be successful in winning others to Him. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you, and oh how glad He is to go more than half way. Close to Christ on earth means close to Him forever. You are not close to Christ if you are lonely or unhappy or doubtful. Man has many needs yet all are one, for Christ is one.—Selections from "Endeavorer's Daily Companion."

Bible Readers' Course.

- Tue. 1. Rom. 4. The passport to righteousness (vs. 5). Compare Gen. 15: 6.
- Wed. 2. Rom. 5. The gift of righteousness (vs. 17). Compare Rom. 8: 32
- Thu. 3. Rom. 6. Under grace (vs. 14). Compare Eph. 4: 7.
- Fri. 4. Rom. 7 Two contending laws (vs. 22, 23). Compare Gal. 5: 17.

- Sat. 5. Rom. 8: 117. Source of my pardon (vs. 2). Compare Gal. 5: 1.
- Sun. 6. Prayer-meeting: NO CONDEMNATION: Rom. 5: 1-2; 8: 1-4. S. S. Lesson: Our Father's care. Matt. 6: 24-34.
- Mon. 7. Rom. 8: 18-39 Blessed words for those in the way of life (vs. 28). Compare Rom. 9: 11.
- Tue. 8. Rom. 9 Way of life open to all (vs. 30, 31). Compare 1 John 4: 9.
- Wed. 9. Rom. 10. How to secure life (vs. 9). Compare Luke 12: 8.
- Thu. 10. Rom. 11: 1-15. Life from the dead (vs. 15). Compare James 5: 20.
- Fri. 11. Rom. 11: 16-36. Conditions of retaining your place (vs. 21-22). Compare John 15: 2.
- Sat. 12. Rom. 12. Relations on the way of life (vs. 10). Compare 1 Peter 3: 8.
- Sun. 13. Prayer meeting: THE WAY OF LIFE. Rom. 10: 8-13. S. S. Lesson: The call of Matthew. Matt. 9: 9-17.
- Mon. 14. Rom. 13. The only lawful debt (vs. 8). Compare Gal. 5: 14.
- Tue. 15. Rom. 14 Love's law touching peace and edification (vs. 19) Compare 1 Cor. 14: 12.
- Wed. 16. Rom. 15. Christ's law towards others (vs. 1, 2). Compare John 6: 38.
- Thu. 17. Rom. 16. Love is far-reaching. Compare 1 Cor. 13: 7.
- Fri. 18. Acts 20: 4-21. Love's attendants (vs. 18, 19). Compare Gal. 2: 20.
- Sat. 19. Acts 20: 22-38. Love's sacrifice (vs. 24). Compare Rom. 8. 33-39.
- Sun. 20. Prayer-meeting: THE LAW OF LOVE. Rom. 15: 1-3. S. S. Lesson: The twelve sent forth. Matt. 10: 2-15.
- Mon. 21. Acts 21: 1-17. A prayerful parting (vs. 5). Compare Acts 20: 36-37.
- Tue. 22. Acts 21: 18-40. Rods, chains and guards. Compare 2 Cor. 11: 23.
- Wed. 23. Acts 22: 1-16. A flash light in the darkness. Compare 2 Cor. 4: 6.
- Thu. 24. Acts 22: 17-30. Moral courage in peril (vs. 27, 28). Compare Acts 4: 19-20.
- Fri. 25. Acts 23: 1-11. Heavenly cheer in prison (vs. 11). Compare Acts 27: 24.
- Sat. 26. Acts 23: 12-35. Armed guards for the faithful. Compare 2 Kings 6: 15-17.
- Sun. 27. Conquest Meeting: CHINA, THE STRONG HOLD OF PAGANISM. Alternate Topic: GOOD CHEER IN DARK HOURS. John 16: 33; Acts 23. 11. S. S. Lesson: Warning and invitation. Matt. 11: 20-30.
- Mon. 28. Acts 24. "Felix trembled"—his hour of destiny (vs. 25). Compare Matt. 19: 21, 22.

## Gleanings from C. E. Societies

**BERWICK BAPTIST.**—We are still glad to report good interest in our work as a society and a noticeable growth among some of our members. At our last business meeting reports were read from Look-out and Social Committees and verbal reports received from Prayer meeting, Calling, and other committees. These show a fairly good amount of work done during last month (Dec) and still hopeful for the future. During January the work has gone very much the same and for the future we are very hopeful. We are planning to observe Christian Endeavor day Feb. 2nd, or near that date with an exercise entitled the C. E. Locomotive, devoting the proceeds to Sunday School work. One new member has been received since last report. We are hoping to circulate a few copies of the UNION among our members. A helpful "New Year" letter was sent to all our members both absent and at home which was appreciated very much by nearly all. We expect to entertain the Local Union in May. We hope to reorganize our Junior society soon.

E. I. C.,  
Sect'y.

**BERWICK METHODIST.**—A visit to this Society a few evenings ago, and from report received at Local Union, we notice that good work is being done by our sister society. Meetings are held every Monday evening and good interest manifested. Their number at present is 48 active, 7 associate and 3 honorary members. They are looking forward to a grand work for their Master during '08.

J. P. N.,  
Supt.

**WHITE ROCK BAPTIST C. E.** This society, organized a few years ago by the Co. Superintendent with five active members, has steadily grown until they now number 29 active and 35 associate members. We report good meetings with a steady advance in numbers and Christian growth among our members. The Committees are doing good work along different lines and we are very hopeful for the future. Rev. J. Williams is our Pastor and helps as far as possible.

L. I. C.

**UPPER CANARD PRESBYTERIAN.**—This society organized by Rev. Mr. Dawson, well-known to many of our young people, is doing good work in the church of which it is a part. Especially noticeable at their meetings is the number of young men who cheerfully do their part in making the meeting interesting and helpful. This society entertained the Local Union in July last and received much encouragement from the meeting.

A. M. D.

**PORT WILLIAMS BAPTIST.**—This society was much encouraged by the meeting of Local Union with them on 11th January. Their report for the past six months is good and they will redouble their efforts during this year. They have at present 56 active members, an increase of 5 since last meeting. They contribute largely to church support, taking a collection at every Consecration meeting. Rev. C. H. Martell is their Pastor and is always ready to help them in their work.

J. P. N.,  
Supt.

**HARBORVILLE METHODIST.**—This society is an example of what can be accomplished by a few living close to the Master and actuated by the one aim and desire, and that object the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. For a long time five noble young women met every Wednesday evening for an hour in prayer, singing and testimony. At last their prayers were answered, and under Rev. Mr. Glendenning, their Pastor, a glorious revival was the fruit of their work and a large number born into the Kingdom. Their numbers were increased to forty active and thirty-six associate members. Many heads of families were converted at this time and render valuable assistance to the society. Their report at the rally at Port Williams was very cheering and helpful.

J. P. N.,  
Supt.

**WATERVILLE SOCIETY,** Rev. Mr. Hawley, Pastor, is doing good work. Their work in missions, both Home and Foreign, is entered into very heartily by the members, and their future is exceedingly bright. Miss Maude Best keeps the society in touch with others through her faithful work as Secretary.

**SOMERSET UNION C. E. society** having as pastors Rev. Messrs. Simpson and Glendenning is carrying on a prayer meeting every Saturday evening. Their members are true to their duties as Endeavorers and as members of their church. Having enjoyed much of the Holy Spirit in days gone by they confidently expect more in the future. Mr. E. C. Bishop is Secretary of this society.

**CAMBRIDGE C. E.,** organized by Rev. J. H. Jenner, still keeps up a good degree of interest and has done good work in Sabbath School and all other work of the Church. A good many of their members are school teachers and necessarily away a good deal of the time. They contribute to missions every year a certain amount and are found in their place at all times. Rev. E. O. Read is Pastor and Miss Unie Caldwell Secretary.

A brief review of these societies may be of interest to our readers and we hope all our societies may make the UNION a medium of communication between our societies.

J. P. N.,  
Co. Supt.

**GREENWICH SOCIETY,** Pastor Rev. J. I. Hale, Methodist, is scarcely a year old but is growing rapidly and doing good work. Miss Roxie Griffin is the Secretary.

**NEW MINAS society,** Rev. Mr. Rose, of Acadia, Pastor, is also doing good work, meetings full of interest and outlook very bright. Miss Elsie Bishop, is the earnest consecrated Secretary.

**KENTVILLE C. E.,** Rev. Mr. MacMillan, Pastor, is much encouraged in its work. Although so many attractions to draw away from the regular meetings, the members are true to their vows and have added six active members since last meeting. Miss May Struthers is the honored Secretary and works hard for the society and the church of which it forms a part.

Rev. W. N. Hutchins, of Canning, gave a brief report of the C. E. Society at Upper Peneaux. This society will soon become a member of our Local Union, and Pastor Hutchins gave a grand report of the work going on in their society. Miss Minerva Gammon is corresponding secretary and works hard to make their work a success.

## OUR STORY PAGE.

### A Stingy Husband.

The man who begrudges his hard-working, long-suffering wife every dollar that she spends for her own pleasure or comfort, deserves to be made a reproach. Secretary Morton, of the Department of Agriculture, is reported by the St. Louis Republic as having lately expressed himself somewhat freely about husbands of this class. Their meanness is indeed surprising; and so, in a different way, is the meekness with which their wives submit to this unworthy behavior. Says Secretary Morton;

I happened to be in a store in my town one day during the war when an old fellow whom I will call Jones came in with his wife to buy some goods. Jones had settled in Nebraska when it was still a territory, and by economy and thrift he had now got a farm of something like one thousand acres. He was considered wealthy. Shortly after he entered the store Mrs. Jones took up a piece of calico and admired it very much. As she looked at it she said to her husband:

"Pa, I ought to have a new dress, and I like this very much. Don't you think we can afford to buy?"

"Oh, I suppose so," replied the old man and he thereupon asked the clerk the price. He was told it was fifty cents a yard. Old Mr. Jones raised his eyes at this, and asked his wife how much it would take. She replied she didn't think she could get along on less than twelve yards, and he answered:

"Why, ma, twelve yards of that goods at fifty cents a yard would cost six dollars. Now, don't you think that is pretty high?"

"Yes," she replied, "I do, but I need the dress."

"Well," said the old man, "times are hard, and I do wish you could get along without it just now. Couldn't you?"

"Yes, I suppose I could," replied the old lady with a sigh, and the calico was dropped.

A moment later Mr. Jones asked the same clerk if he had any tobacco, and whether he had any of the good Virginia leaf which they used to keep in stock.

The clerk said: "Yes, we have, but it's awful high. It's two dollars a pound, and I think it will go higher before it gets less. We

have just one caddy left."

"You think it will go higher?"

"Yes," said the clerk, "it's sure to go up."

"Well, you might put me up five pounds," said the old man, and a moment later I saw him carrying it out of the store. He had not six dollars to spend for his wife's calico dress, but he thought nothing of putting ten dollars into plug tobacco. I don't suppose old Mr. Jones realized his selfishness. Probably he loved his wife, but he had been brought up the wrong way.

### No More For Him.

There are many incidents showing the power of the drink habit and how it unmans men, but we have seldom seen a more pathetic one than the following:—

"No, I won't drink with you today, boys," said a drummer to several companions, as they settled down in the smoking-car and passed the bottle. "The fact is, boys, I've quit drinking. I've sworn off."

"What's the matter with you, old boy?" sang out one. "If you've quit drinking, something's up. What is it?"

"Well, boys, I will tell you. Yesterday I was in Chicago. Down in South Clark street a customer of mine keeps a pawnshop in connection with his other business. I called on him, and while I was there a young man of not more than twenty-five, wearing threadbare clothes and looking as hard as if he hadn't seen a sober day for a month, came in with a little package in his hand. He unwrapped it and handed the article to the pawnbroker, saying, "Give me ten cents." And, boys, what do you suppose it was? A pair of baby shoes; little things with the bottoms only a trifle soiled, as if they had been worn only once or twice. "Where did you get these?" asked the pawnbroker. "Got 'em home," replied the man, who had an intelligent face and the manner of a gentleman, despite his sad condition. "My wife bought them for our baby. Give me ten cents for 'em—I want a drink." "You had better take the shoes back to your wife; the baby will need them," said the pawnbroker. "No, s-she's dead. She's lying at home now—died last night." As he said this the poor fellow broke down, bowed his head on the show case, and

cried like a child. Boys," said the drummer, "you may laugh if you please; but I—I have a baby at home, and I swear I'll never drink another drop."—*Exchange.*

### A Dying Soldier's Memory of His Mother.

After one of the hard-fought battles of the civil war a Confederate chaplain was called to see a dying soldier. Taking his hands, he said. "Well, my brother, what can I do for you?"

He supposed of course, that the young fellow would want him to cry to God for help in his extremity; it was not so.

"Chaplain," he said, "I want you to cut a lock of hair for my mother; and then chaplain, I want you to kneel down and return thanks to God for me."

"For what?" asked the chaplain. "For giving me such a mother. Oh! she is a good mother. Her teachings are now my comfort. And then, chaplain, thank Him for giving me dying grace. He has made this hard bed feel as soft as downy pillows are. And, oh chaplain, thank Him for the promised home in glory—I will soon be there."

"And so," said the chaplain, "I kneeled by his bed without a petition to utter; only praises and thanksgiving for a good mother, a Christian hope, dying grace, and an eternal home in glory."—*West Texas Baptist.*

### His Retort Courteous.

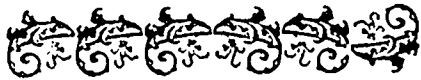
Dr. Chalmers, the eminent divine, was fond of telling the following story:

Lady Betty Cunningham, having had some difference of opinion with the parish minister, instead of putting her usual contribution in the collecting plate, merely gave a stately bow. This having occurred several Sundays in succession, the elder in charge of the plate at last lost patience, and blurted out: "We er'd do wi' less o' your manners, and mair o' yer siller, ma leddy."

Dining on one occasion at the house of a nobleman he happened to repeat the anecdote, whereupon the host in a not over well pleased tone said:

"Are you aware, Dr. Chalmers, that Lady Betty is a relative of mine?"

"I was not aware, my lord," replied the doctor; "but with your permission, I shall mention the fact the next time I tell the story."



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Have you observed that the Union will hereafter appear twice instead of once a month as heretofore and that its price nevertheless remains unchanged? Can you longer afford to be without it?

We observe with gratification that the steel superstructure of the new bridge over the stream near Garrett VanBuskirk's home, has arrived and is being put in position by the contractor, Mr. McNeil, of New Glasgow. The fact that this is a weighty matter, accounts, we presume, for its slow progress. Even now we are grateful for the prospect of the early removal of the unpleasant "dump," which for so many weeks has arrested the progress of the mountain going traveller.

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Mrs. Eleanor Power, of Weston, celebrated her 55th birthday on the 20th of January by driving with her son-in-law, Mr. Hlsley, to the home of her daughter Mrs. C. J. West and return, a distance of about three miles. Mrs. Power is remarkably healthy and well preserved for her years. Her hearing is almost as acute as it ever was, and she can see to read the finest print or do most trying needle work without the aid of glasses.

Mr. J. N. Coleman, who has been in failing health for many months past, has been confined to his bed for about three weeks and seems to be gradually sinking. His sons, Chas P., of Truro, and Frank H., of Boston, came home soon after this last attack. The latter was compelled by business duties to return to Boston on the 22nd ult., but the former is still at his father's bedside. His daughters, Miss Kate Coleman and Mrs. Jordan are expected from Cambridgeport. Much regret is expressed at Mr. Coleman's illness, recovery from which it is feared is now beyond hope.

Joseph Starratt, of Millville, has sold the property now occupied by him, to James Hutchinson, of Morristown, who will take possession of it in the early

spring. Mr. Starratt has since purchased a building lot from Dr. Bacon, situated between the residences of L. A. Read and Wm. Logan, on which he proposes at an early date to erect a house. Mr. Hutchinson in turn has sold his property to his nephew, a son of Joshua Hutchinson, who is now in Boston but who will come home in the spring.

We have been the recipients of some very pretty and useful calendars, for which we desire to express thanks. Foremost among them is a handsome one issued by the D. A. Ry. which contains a fine view of the company's S. S. Prince Edward at sea at night with its searchlight in operation. Another from Moir, Son & Co., of Halifax, deserves especial mention, for its faithfulness to life rather than its morality of teaching. The subject is an old man lighting his pipe and is really a work of art. The T. R. Harris Estate has added to our collection a large calendar on which appears a pretty view of the Halifax Public gardens, while L. O. Neily & Co., have further decorated our sanctum with calendars of the Hartford & Etna Fire Insurance Co's. for which they are agents as well as a neat little one of their own. With the aid of these favours and a bushel or two of patent medicine almanacs, it looks as if it would be our own fault if we do not keep the run of the passing days.

At the meeting of Parole Division, No. 650, on Jan. 12th. the following officers were duly installed. W. P., Mrs. K. Graves; W. A., F. McIntyre; R. S., M. A. Roscoe; A. R. S., H. W. Spurr; P. W. P., J. H. McIntyre; Treas. C. M. Neily; T. S., A. Rowe; Con., F. M. Bowlby; A. Con., E. Davidson; F. S., M. E. Parker; O. S., H. Patterson; Chap., S. Holland.

Aylesford parted with another of its young men on the 27th ult., when W. E. Harris bade his friends farewell and set his face toward Uncle Sam's territory. Unless he should happen to have a bit of seal skin or some other article about his person or among his personal effects equally objectionable to the free ideas of the neighbouring republic, he will go to Kirksville, Missouri, to enter upon a two years course of study in the American School of Osteopathy. The Union wishes him a safe journey and abundant success in his new world.

Many of our readers may wonder what this new "pathy" is. As far as we are able to understand it from a hasty perusal of the institution's catalogue kindly placed in our hands by Mr. Harris, it may be described as the substitution of a scientific massage treatment of disease for the orthodox method by drugs. Osteopathy regards disease as a disturbance of the equilibrium of the forces of the organism,

which equilibrium it seeks to restore by removing "all obstructions to the proper direction of the life-giving and healing energies that are resident in the body" and by touching the nerve centres stimulating them to a performance of their normal functions. The science has been gradually elaborated by Dr. A. T. Still, its originator, during the last 25 years, while the school itself has only been in existence since 1892. Buildings have been erected within three years past at a cost of over \$100,000, and nearly three hundred students are now in attendance representing 24 States and two Canadian provinces.

The lecture given by Rev. D. A. Steele, D. D., of Amherst, in the Baptist Church, on Jan. 18th, was not as largely attended as we could have wished. Could those who were absent have known what a rare treat they were missing we are sure they would have made an heroic effort to be present. Through the kindness of Dr. Steele we are able to give our readers an excellent synopsis of this lecture on page 4 of this number, which will present some of the choice things to which the speaker treated his audience in his own inimitable style. We have no doubt that if the Dr. should consent to come this way again a more representative audience will greet him.

## PERSONALS.

Miss Crowell was the guest of the Misses Bishop, of Auburn, for a few days early last month, on her way to spend the winter with her sister, who is a teacher at Acadia Seminary.

Seymour A. Harris has gone to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he expects to secure employment.

Miss Ethel Baker, of North Kingston, returned from Boston on the 24th ult.

Percy Kirkpatrick is again in charge of Aylesford station.

Mr. and Mrs. Gates, of Margaretville, the aged parents of Levi and James Gates of Kingston, are paying their sons a visit. Notwithstanding that they are considerably past the four score limit, if one may judge from appearances they bid fair to make a century run together.

Eleanor West is attending school at Berwick during the present term.

Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Elijah VanBuskirk, of Factorydale, went to Boston on the 25th ult to spend the winter.

## MARRIAGES.

LOOMER-COX.—At the Baptist parsonage, Aylesford, by the Rev. J. B. Morgan, B.A. Miss Etta Cox to Rupert Loomer, both of Aylesford.

## DEATHS.

VAN BUSKIRK.—At Kingston Station, Jan. 4th, Emma C., wife of A. C. VanBuskirk, aged 42 years, 11 mos.

WEBSTER.—At Aylesford Dec. 29th Wm. Webster, aged 56 years.

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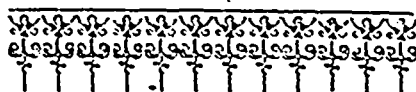
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