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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.

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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 7.30 p. m.

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

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

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THE MONTH.

The assembling of Dominion Parliament stands further postponed till March 25th.

Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick improves slowly, but hopes to return to Canada by the end of April.

Rev. Messrs. Hunter and Crossley opened a two weeks' series of meetings at Sackville, N. B., on the 21st ult. At the close of this engagement they go to Sherbrooke, Que.

The rotary steam engine has at last become an accomplished fact and promises great results in saving of fuel and increase of efficiency. Grant Brambel, an ingenious American railroad agent, who is author of the invention, has realized \$6,700,000 from its sale to English capitalists.

One can scarcely credit the newspaper reports which place the cost of the Bradley-Martin hall, recently given in New York City, at \$200,000. It is hard to understand the superlative selfishness which makes possible such wanton displays in a civilized and Christian era, when millions of humanity at the same moment are actually perishing for the necessities of life.

European interest now centres in the small and historically troublous island of Crete. The Cretans nominally "Christians of the Greek variety," are in a state of rebellion against Turkish rule and being in the majority on the island seem to be getting the better of the Moslems. Greece backed by Bulgaria, sides with the insurgents. Fearing serious complications the powers have ordered both Greeks and Turks to stand back, while they have sent their warships to check hostilities on the island, pending an adjustment of difficulties. The issue is awaited with interest.

The failure of the United States Senate to endorse the arbitration agreement with England is highly discreditable to the nation, after all that has been said in the Union about American willingness to lead in such a movement. We do not desire to lose confidence in the nation's sincerity but evidence is fast accumulating to lead to such a result.

Scientific experts announce that the pith of the corn-stalk has been found by actual experiment to be the best article known to protect the sides of battleships against intruding water when struck by shells. This will make corn an especially profitable production for our farmers as the pith promises to be as valuable hereafter as the corn grown on the stalk.

Since the cancelling of Dr. Justin D. Fulton's engagement to speak in the Halifax Academy of Music upon the subject "Washington and Ottawa in the lap of Rome," by the directors of the Academy, presumably because of the pressure of Romish influences, it will be in order for somebody to take the platform upon the subject:—"Halifax in the lap of Rome."

There would seem to be just cause for rejoicing on the part of the temperance people of the Dominion. The last month has witnessed movements at Ottawa, Halifax and Fredericton which argue well for the cause of prohibition. A few days ago the Minister of Agriculture is reported to have virtually promised the prohibition convention at Montreal that the plebiscite bill would be brought down during the coming session. The *Montreal Witness* reports that he "aroused the enthusiasm of the temperance workers and when he made the ringing declaration that if the temperance people all over the Dominion rose to the occasion and won the plebiscite a prohibitory law would follow and the drink traffic would be killed, the applause was deafening." This looks like definite business. In pursuance of the recent decision of the Privy Council that a prohibitory enactment would be quite within the provincial prerogative, Firman McClure, M. P. P. for Colchester, introduced a prohibition bill into the Nova Scotia legislature on the 20th ult., and preliminary steps have since been taken at Fredericton looking in the same direction. It is to be hoped that all these measures may be vigorously pressed until they are both in force and enforced.

The Law and Order League of Amherst with N. A. Rhodes as president is after the liquor dealers. Let the good example be followed by temperance men in other towns.

Dr. Briggs has gone to Rome to study Romanism with a view to effecting Christian unity. We would suggest the superior wisdom of going to Christ to study afresh his life and words. If Christian unity is ever effected short of heaven, it will be by the casting away of all man-made "creeds", "confessions", "articles of faith", and the union of all in that allegiance to Christ and Christ only of which Paul wrote to the Philippian church when he prayed them to "stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel."

Much opposition has been raised at times to the expensive luxury of a Canadian High Commissioner. That Sir Donald Smith's presence in London is needed at least occasionally was abundantly proven when a few days ago a London magistrate ordered the release of a boy-robber provided he would consent to be shipped to Canada. Canada's Commissioner promptly resented the insult and insisted upon the recall of the order. It is about time that British judges, philanthropists and others learned that Canada is a self-respecting country which does not propose to become an asylum for English criminals and imbeciles.

Acting under instructions from the Vatican, the Catholic Bishops, notwithstanding all that has been said and done, still lead the fight for the alleged rights of the Manitoba minority. It will not therefore be wisdom for the champions of equal rights to rest too securely upon their victory while the foe is still in the field. Some enemies are never dead till their heads are off. At this point Mr. Edward Blako's recent letter to the Solicitor-General of Canada is of especial interest particularly when we recall that the former was the senior counsel for the Roman Catholic minority in the late argument before the Privy Council. He says—"I think it is an entire misapprehension of the judgment of the judicial committee in Brophy's case to say that its effect was that the Roman Catholic minority in Manitoba were entitled to their separate schools as they had enjoyed them previous to the Manitoba Act of 1890."

England will take part in the great Paris exhibition of 1900 and parliament has appropriated £15,000 for that purpose.

Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. L. H. Davies returned from Washington on the 13th ult., well pleased with the success of their trip. Canadians will await with interest the new tariff measure to come before Congress sometime during the present month, with the hope that the effect of our ministers' recent negotiations may appear therein.

The indications are that the petition which recently went to Ottawa with over two thousand names attached asking for the commutation of John E. Sullivan's sentence to life imprisonment will not be granted and the condemned man is preparing for the end on March 12th under guidance of his father confessor. This is as it should be. So long as the law of capital punishment remains on our statute books there would seem to be every reason why even-handed justice should be dealt out in every case and the dignity of our courts maintained.

In harmony with the expressed desire of Her Majesty that all classes of her subjects should be benefitted as far as possible by the projects which may be designed to commemorate the completion of the sixtieth year of her reign, the proposed celebrations of June 19th are assuming a very utilitarian shape in many places. St. John is to have a \$20,000 public library building and St. Stephen is moving in the same direction. Nothing could be more in keeping with the occasion and it is to be hoped that such good examples may be followed by many other of our cities and towns.

The condition of things in India apparently grows daily worse, notwithstanding the commendable efforts of humanitarians the world over to render assistance. The British government, though at first a little slow to appreciate the full gravity of the situation, is now leaving nothing undone to assist its Indian subjects. Vast building, canals, irrigation and other enterprises, have been inaugurated which give employment it is stated, to 2,750,000 people. The distress of the situation is intensified and complicated, because of the ravages of the bubonic plague. What the end will be, is difficult to predict, but it is estimated that 15,000,000 will probably die before April in spite of all that can be done. Already 40,000,000 people are dependent on upon charity for support, and it is feared that the famine and plague will claim together as many victims as did the famine of 1877-78, which swept off the vast host of 5,000,000—more than the entire population of Canada.

Digest of Sermon on the Tithe.

PREACHED IN THE AYLESFORD BAPTIST CHURCH BY THE PASTOR.

TEXT: MAL. III: 10. "Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room to receive it."

I. The first question which meets us in consideration of the text is:—*Is the law of the tithe scriptural and obligatory upon the present day Christian?*

(a) *It is of great antiquity.* The ancient Arabians, Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Britons, Romans and Grecians from earliest times paid tithes to their gods. In fact although "Instances are mentioned in history of some nations which did not offer sacrifices, in the annals of all time none are found who did not pay tithes." When Abraham, returning from the slaughter of kings, met Melchizedek, king of Salem, Priest of the Most High God, he voluntarily gave to him a tenth of all the spoil which he had taken. Like Jacob's subsequent vow of the tenth at Bethel, this was evidently done as an act of worship in the discharge of a recognized duty. Presumably Abraham had received this law as a part of his religious training in "Ur of the Chaldees." Thus it appears that Aryans, Hamites and Semites recognized the obligation of the tithe from earliest historic times, which is strong evidence that the institution had a divine origin, as did the Sabbath, in the early days of the race.

(b) *It was reaffirmed from Sinai.* When God gave first commandment to Moses regarding the tithe it was in language which showed it was not a new institution. "The tithe is the Lord's." Lev. XXVII: 30: just as he said, "Remember thou the Sabbath day." Moreover it was not originally designed for the support of the tribe of Levi, since it was not till twenty years later that God by command appropriated it to this end. Num. XVIII: 21.

(c) *Christ did not abrogate but commended it.* Christ himself declared that his mission was "not to destroy but to fulfil." As the prototype he fulfilled all the prophetic types and shadows of the ceremonial law in his life and sacrifice; while as the perfect one he fulfilled the rest of God's law by keeping it unbroken and reaffirming it for his followers shorn of rabbinical enlargement. The law of the tithe in no way involved a type of Christ or his work and therefore could not be done away with in him. Indeed, in point of fact, it was distinctly commended by him in clearer language than he ever used of the Sabbath. Matt. XXIII: 23.

II. *God's challenge in the text.*

(a) *The condition.* Bring ye the whole

tithe,—i. e. All the tithes of all the people. As the sin of Achan meant the defeat of all Israel, so your robbery of God means at least the partial defeat of the whole church.

(b) *The immediate result.* "That there may be meat in mine house." There would indeed "be meat in mine house" if all the tithes were brought in. Estimate the minimum average income of our 48,000 Baptist members in the Maritime Provinces at \$100 each and we have a total income of \$4,800,000, a tenth of which is \$480,000. In the year 1896 we raised instead for all purposes less than \$175,000. On the same basis of calculation the Aylesford church would raise among its 400 members \$1,000 instead of \$915 as last year.

(c) *The ultimate blessing.* "If I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Who can doubt that such a blessing would follow? Instead of \$175,000 imagine \$480,000 for our work at home and abroad! Allowing \$180,000 of this for local expenses we still have \$300,000 for denominational enterprises. Divided according to the convention plan, this gives us \$100,000 instead of less than \$10,000 annually for Home Missions, \$75,000 instead of a little over \$17,000 for Foreign Missions, \$60,000 for Acadia University and leaves \$65,000 to be divided between our four other denominational objects. What cheer, what enthusiasm, and what added blessing would inevitably result with such resources at command. As a church our \$4,000 would enable us to give \$5 per member instead of \$1 to denominational objects and still have \$2,000 for local expenses. An assistant pastor with enlarged and well equipped churches would be no longer a dream of the future.

III. *Objections.*

(a) *"I cannot afford it."* You cannot afford to be honest and above all honest with God? "The tithe is the Lord's," and is no more yours than any other trust money. Study carefully Prov. 3: 6, 19: 17 and Isa. 58: 10 in conjunction with the text and following verses and decide if you can afford to "rob God." You cannot do it.

(b) *"But how can I give a tenth when I don't know what my income really is?"* It is time you did know. You will make out a bad case in God's final court when you say "O Lord, your money got mixed up with mine and I spent the whole thing." Such shuffling will not stand the test.

(c) *But it takes every cent I can get to keep my family.* Yes, your own and the Lord's too. Suppose your neighbor had a legal claim upon a tenth of your income would the needs of your family justify your embezzlement of your neighbor's money? May the light of Divine truth reveal to us the path of duty and may God's grace strengthen our feet to walk therein.

Canada For Canadians.

"Breathes there the man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
'This is my own, my native land?'"

In preparing this little article, it is not the intention of the writer to make any undue reference to either of the great political parties in Canada, as he does not feel that it is possible, by any action on the part of the government, to change the hearts of our people, at least in a moment. It is an undisputed fact that loyalty to Canada and British institutions has ever been a wide plank in the platform of one party, while I greatly regret to say this same plank has formed a much smaller part of the other party's platform. Notwithstanding this fact, there are many true men to be found in the ranks of each party, men who would fight for, and if need be, die for their country's sake.

Therefore, it would be absurd to speak of any particular party as containing all our true patriots.

Loyalty, ah Loyalty! I would that there had been much more of this noble sentiment in the teachings and preaching of parents to their children, of ministers to their flocks, and of orators to their audiences, ever since the British conquest of Canada. If such had been the case, I will venture to say, a much different state of affairs would have existed in Canada to-day. Under these circumstances, Canada's floating population would have been decreased by surely more than half. To-day there would not be so many Canadian "swallows" seeking the short summer of sunshiny prosperity in the overcrowded cities of the New England States, who, when struck by the chilly blasts of the approaching winter of idleness, suddenly become aware of the fact that they are but aliens in that land, and their delicate plumage requires the welcome and cheering firesides of their friends and relatives across the Canadian border, for the ensuing five or six months. Heaven have pity on the greater proportion of them if they had not this safe old refuge to turn to. If during the years gone by loyalty to Canada had been more frequently sung and told to our young men and women Canadian lumbermen would have been called on to cut down a greater number of trees to furnish materials for a much greater number of Canadian homes, Canadian farmers and producers would have been called on to furnish a thousand times more food to satisfy the hungry mouths of honest Canadian manufacturers and therefore our home market for the productions of our farmers and factories would be worth so many times more.

Is this, dear reader, the greatest reason for our preaching loyalty to Canada? I think not. It is only one of them: Have

you not heard people in this province saying they wished they were annexed to the United States? Have you not in conversation with many people heard them attempt to belittle the value of their birthright as Canadians? I am grieved to say I have fallen in with this class of my fellow countrymen far too often. I wish most sincerely that from the Pacific on the west, to the Atlantic on the east, and from our southern extremities, to our frozen northern regions, there could not be found a single Canadian-born man, woman or child who is not ready and proud to call himself firstly a Briton, and secondly a Canadian forever. I wish that the colony of provincialists in and about the state of Massachusetts were reduced to a handful.

I wish that a lesser number of the haggard faces we meet in the hurrying throngs on the streets of the city of Boston were those of Canadian born men and women.

I wish that a lesser number of our best young Canadians were (figuratively speaking) hewers of wood, and drawers of water in a foreign land, or holding any other mean position for a people who so long ago turned their backs upon their mother. I should like to see these people more content with the slower, steadier, but surer and healthier growth of their own Canadian homes and industries. We are told that the United States is about to enact a law to prevent the entrance of aliens unless they pass a certain examination and are found proficient in the arts of reading and writing, and will pay a fixed sum of money, and lastly in addition to all this, take the oath of allegiance to the United States. Should such a law come in force, may it never be said that any true-born Canadian and subject of her most gracious majesty, Queen Victoria, has turned a traitor to his home and Queen, and forfeited his title of Briton, for the sake of gaining an entrance to the United States. Canada's progress has seemed slow in comparison to that of the great republic south of her; but when we bring to mind the fact that Canada had but 90,000 souls when the American colonies revolted, and that those colonies then contained 3,500,000 people, we can see that Canada's growth has been much greater proportionately than that of the United States. Canada has built 16,154 schools, 14 universities, 41 colleges, and over 300 high schools, and makes an annual expenditure of \$12,000,000 to prepare a million girls and boys for citizenship. The length of our Canadian railways is to-day about 17,000 miles in all. Since confederation many millions of dollars have been spent in constructing, deepening and widening our canals, and we claim the honor of having the greatest

system of canals in the whole world. Through the development of our internal means of communication, our trade has been greatly expanded. The total trade of Canada has increased from \$131,375,520 in 1868 to more than \$239,000,000 in the past year. Our trade with Great Britain in the last fiscal year was \$22,000,000 greater than our trade with the United States for the same year. This fact should tend to strengthen our ties with the mother country, and convince our people that England, and not the United States, is the country to which our eyes must turn for the future development of our commerce.

Another evidence of Canada's healthy growth, is to be found in her sound financial institutions. During the late world-wide depression and financial crisis, when hundreds of banks in the United States were forced to the wall, not a single bank in Canada succumbed from a like cause.

Then the savings of our people have increased from \$33,653,594 in 1868 to more than \$270,000,000 in 1894.

I mention these few interesting facts simply for the enlightenment of some of our people who are too fond of casting longing eyes towards the United States, while they fail to see the most wondrous growth of their own country.

Then again can we not point with pride to our great highway to the Orient, found in that famous belt of steel rails, and magnificent line of passenger steamships owned and operated by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co?

Can we not daily feel the benefit of having this great highway above mentioned, tapping as it does one of the greatest wheat belts in the known world, and bringing to our very doors a fine article of flour at the ruling low price of to-day? In addition to furnishing us with material for our own bread, we are enabled through our splendid rail communication to purchase food for our cattle and other stock, at a ridiculously low figure. The total output of grain from the province of Manitoba for one year has amounted to sixty-one and a half millions of bushels. Just think of that! This Manitoba wheat known as "No. 1, hard" has carried off the gold medal both at the "Millers' Exhibition" in London and the great fair at San Francisco, which were held within a few years. Should we not feel proud of these facts if we are loyal Canadians?

Should we people of Nova Scotia not feel especially proud of our dear little province down by the sea? Where can we find a like place that has produced a greater number of remarkable men and great statesmen whose names will be handed down through history to the generations to come? Where on the face of

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SALUTATORY.

It is with just a little heart flutter of trepidation that we make our bow before that vast and miscellaneous audience, "the general public," and entrust our gentle and delicate book for the first time upon the treacherous sea of journalism. We offer no apology for our presence not even the time honored one of response to "a long-felt want," but simply call your attention to the fact that we are here. We have come because we want to, and we wanted to because we felt we ought to, and we felt we ought to because we saw there was work to be done. Moreover as there will always be work for all to the end of time we have come to stay. We hope that you will like us and give us a cordial hand shake of welcome but if you do not we intend to stay just the same for we are not here to be kissed and petted but to work.

Primarily, our mission is to help forward the various objects of our young peoples' work upon our own field and to strengthen and increase the effectiveness of the work in its every part by a union of the whole. The hope of the future in either church or state is the young and any movement which does not give large place in its plans for the utilization of youthful energy and the culture of young manhood and womanhood for future service must ultimately fail of its object.

But while devoted especially to local interests we shall aim to cultivate a genuine altruism which shall seek to further the prosperity of our young

peoples' work in the entire county and the world at large. We firmly believe that in Christian work at least we most truly help ourselves when we seek to help others. In so far as we may be able, therefore, we desire to be helpful to all.

Nor do we desire to be exclusively denominational. Nothing does more to erect denominational barriers and impede the progress of truth than ignorance of each other and each other's work. The demand is for increased knowledge, enlarged views and broadened sympathies, if we would be true followers of Him who is "the Author and Finisher" of a universal salvation. Let us then appreciate the fact that there are honest-hearted and faithful souls beyond the limits of our own fellowship who are rendering sincere and acceptable service to the same Christ to whom we have vowed loyalty and who Himself has said, "and other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice and there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

Finally, we shall not confine ourselves solely to matters distinctively religious. As citizens we have duties of a local and of a general character and we shall strive to meet the most of our limited talents and means for the betterment of social, commercial and political conditions as far as our influence may extend.

The scope of our humble efforts as thus outlined may seem hopelessly large but we go forth in the name of Him who said, "Go ye into all the world," and are hopeful, yea confident, because of His promised "Lo, I am with you alway."

We would like to call the attention of our Baptist Young Peoples' Societies, whether B. Y. P. U.'s or C. E.'s to the recommendations contained in the report adopted by the District Meeting at its session of Feb. 16th an account of which appears in another column. As far as the first clause is concerned we can do nothing in a practical way until action is taken by the Executive of the C. E. County Convention. It was intimated that it would be necessary that our B. Y. P. U.'s take on the additional letters C. E. in order to meet the constitutional requirements of affiliation with the Endeavorers. Positive exception was taken to this as the B. Y. P. U. conventions make

no such demand of C. E. Societies. Of course as individual societies we can only await notice of action on the part of the Convention Executive. In the other matter there is no need of delay in action. A County convention of our Baptist Young People meeting at the same time and place as the District Meeting would be a most desirable and helpful organization. The Monday evening preceding Tuesday of meeting is open to us why not have on that evening a rousing Young People's rally. We suggest that every Society and Union in the County send two delegates to the place of the next District Meeting for the purpose of effecting an organization on Monday night. Let us hear from you before our next issue goes to press about March 25th.

The District Meeting.

The Kings Co. District Meeting, which convened with the Upper Aylesford Baptist Church, proved to be of much interest and profit to those who were privileged to attend it. There was a goodly representation of the pastors present but the lay representatives of the church were conspicuously absent. Encouraging reports were given from the different fields and several matters of practical interest discussed. The advisability of our B. Y. P. U.'s co operating with the C. E. County Conventions was mentioned and a committee appointed to make recommendations thereon. This committee reported later to the District Meeting as follows, which report was unanimously adopted.

Your committee appointed to consider the desirability of the B. Y. P. Unions of Kings Co. uniting with the C. E. Societies in County Convention, report as follows:—

We would recommend the B. Y. P. Unions in connection with our churches to meet by delegation with the semi-annual conventions of Christian Endeavor; provided the Executive of that convention can make arrangements for such a representation.

We further strongly advise the Young People's Societies of our Baptist churches in this County to organize a convention to meet at such times as may be deemed wise in connection with our District Meetings.

J. B. MORGAN,
M. P. FREEMAN, } Committee.
J. P. NEILY,

At the afternoon session Bro. Cohoon was called upon to read Dr. J. Donovan's paper upon "The Place and Power of the Holy Spirit," which called forth an animated discussion in which Pastors M. P. Freeman, D. H. Simpson, E. O. Read, C. H. Martell and J. B. Morgan and Revs. A. Cohoon and J. L. M. Young engaged. It is unnecessary to say that the paper was a very able one and in the main was assented to by those who spoke upon it. Much regret was expressed that the Dr. could not have himself been present to elucidate some of the more difficult and obscure points.

In the evening the District Meeting united with the church in a recognition service for its new pastor. Very interesting and excellent addresses were given by Revs. C. H. Martell, A. Cohoon, J. L. M. Young and M. P. Freeman to which Pastor Morgan made fitting reply.

The entire exercises of the day were of a most helpful character and many pronounced it one of the best gatherings of the kind they had ever attended.

AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

AYLESFORD, N. S.—Since our B. Y. P. U. was organized in January our membership has increased from sixty to eighty-five and every evening of our meeting we have the pleasure of adding new names to our list. While our Union is increasing in numbers the interest in the meetings is increasing also. The Prayer meetings are well attended. These meetings are led by the young people. Although it is a difficult place to fill especially the first time yet we gain strength by doing what we know is our duty to God.

In connection with our Union we have a culture class which is led by our pastor Rev. J. B. Morgan. A large number of the members of the Union belong to this class. We find the lessons very interesting and instructive. Although late in beginning this year's course we are taking the first lessons of the year and in time we hope to take the lessons as assigned for each week.

A Junior Union was organized also on Feb. 26th with 26 members.

MORRISTOWN, N. S.—Although no Union exists at Morristown the young people through a standing committee have sustained a Sunday evening prayer meeting for nearly two years past. We hope that this may develop into a full-fledged B. Y. P. U. in the near future.

BILLTOWN, N. S.—Billtown has a B. Y. P. U. with Hattie Rockwell Pres. and Andrew Bentley Sec'y. A Sacred Literature class meets every Sunday evening and good work is being done in the several branches of work.

BERWICK, N. S.—A Y. P. S. C. E. flourishes at Berwick with 60 members. Meetings of interest and profit are held at 7.30 p. m. every Monday. Chas. Bentley, Pres., Lena E. Middlemas, Sec'y.

CANNING, N. S.—Bro. W. N. Hutchins, who is a young peoples' man, has three Y. P. Societies on his field,—a B. Y. P. U. of 50 members at Canning, a Y. P. S. C. E. at Percut and another at Lower Percut.

KENTVILLE, N. S.—A B. Y. B. U. was organized at Kentville and now has 45 members. The pastor leads a C. C. class of twenty five.

LOWER CANARD, N. S.—We are pleased to note that the Union at Lower Canard is progressing and that they have had such a large addition to their numbers. God has answered their prayers and they feel much encouraged.

SYDNEY, N. S.—A B. Y. P. U. has been organized at Sydney within the last few months.

FREDERICTON, N. B.—We notice that at Fredericton there is a Union of over 100 active members and that good work is being done in Christ's name.

WATERVILLE, N. S.—At Waterville a B. Y. P. U. has been organized with a membership of twenty-five.

MONCTON, N. B.—At Moncton there is a Union of one hundred and ninety two members. Progress has been made in every branch of the work and great interest is shown in all the meetings.

BRUSSELS ST., SAINT JOHN.—We notice by the report of this Union that there is a membership of 154. One hundred and six of these are active, twenty three associate and twenty-five juniors.

FALMOUTH, N. S.—The growth of this Union though not rapid is steady.

PORT MEDWAY, N. S.—At Port Medway the B. Y. P. U. is progressing in the different lines of work. The S. L. class is led by the pastor Rev. F. E. Bishop. Mr. Bishop's home is in this county. (Kings Co.)

DARTMOUTH, N. S.—A B. Y. P. U. was organized in Dartmouth last Oct. Since then it has grown in numbers and enthusiasm. They are taking the Bible Readers' Course and the Sacred Literature Course.

AMONG OUR CHURCHES.

AYLESFORD.—Interest in all departments of our work has been steadily growing. The attendance at the regular services of the church has increased and on Sunday the church has been taxed to its utmost capacity. Since the third week in February two extra meetings have been held each week, viz. on Wednesday and Thursday evenings beside the regular Friday evening meeting. Many good results are apparent already. On Sunday, Feb. 21st, the pastor baptised three candidates and on Feb. 28th five more. Their names are as follows, Clara Palmer, Lorne Palmer, Edgar Warner, Louis Davidson, Roland Taylor, Eldon Parker, Ernest Neily and Stella Barks. A serious tone prevades the place and we feel that "still there's more to follow." The meetings are being continued with increasing interest and numbers.

There is a marked growth in the attendance at the Sunday School, encouraging alike to officers and teachers.

The W. M. A. S. had about gone to low water mark before the beginning of the year, having only a membership of thirteen. It is taking a fresh grip of life, however, and hopes to add largely to its numbers at the March meeting.

It is proposed to hold a public meeting under the W. M. A. S. auspices on the evening of the first Sunday in April to raise money for the Indian sufferers.

MORRISTOWN.—The work goes steadily forward with all the regular services well sustained. The church suffered the loss of one of its old and faithful members Bro. Harvey Bartheaux who passed to the higher life on Feb. 12th. His legacy to

the church was the example of a consistent Christian life.

KINGSTON.—The W. M. A. Society which numbers 28 active interested members is in a healthy condition. The last meeting convened at Mrs. L. S. Tufts'. There we met our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Morgan. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Wheelock, who is at present in Amherst, the vice president Mrs. Melbourne Neily took the lead of the meeting. An offering of sacrifice money was suggested to be donated additional to regular contribution. We feel our motto should be "Self denial."

At the close of the meeting the society was right royally entertained to a social tea by Mr. and Mrs. Tufts.

The next meeting is invited to the home of Mrs. Joseph Eaton.

We have at our services very large and attentive congregations. Our Sunday school has retained Mr. Joseph Eaton as superintendent this year again; this being the twelfth consecutive year of his service as such.

The Prayer Meetings on Wednesday evening are well sustained.

BERWICK.—The first roll call of the Berwick church on Feb. 11th, seems in every way to have been an eminent success. Five hundred dollars of church indebtedness was wiped out and now pastor and people breathe more freely. Many other churches might avail themselves of the suggestion.

KENTVILLE.—Under the ministrations of its new pastor Kentville church has been experiencing a gracious season of revival. Pastor Porter writes, "We have had a wonderful experience. Preached every night for almost six weeks, souls being converted at every meeting. Seventeen have lately united with the church and about twenty will probably follow. Have placed in the church recently a beautiful baptistry. Our revival is the greatest known in the history of the church. Congregations very large." May the Lord prosper his own work.

MARYSVILLE, N. B.—We are gratified to note that Pastor Davidson is having an ingathering of souls, with baptisms nearly every Sunday for some weeks past.

GERMAIN ST., ST. JOHN.—Pastor Gates has welcomed 18 additions to his church during the month, by baptism and by letter.

MAIN ST., ST. JOHN.—Recently, Main Street's beloved pastor gave the hand of fellowship to 18. Bro. Gordon evidently knows how to do effective work in the new church as well as in the old.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.—A great awakening seems to be in progress in North Sydney. About 60 have manifested a desire to know Christ, and many are accepting Him.

DIGBY.—Bro. B. H. Thomas entered upon pastoral duties at Digby on the 14th ult. May his ministry be graciously blessed.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Methodist Notes.

Throughout the Conference of Nova Scotia there has probably never been more general attention given to evangelistic services than has been the case during the past two months. From many places conversions have been reported by scores and in some instances by hundreds. The "showers of blessing" that have attended the labors of Messrs Crossley and Hunter in Canning, Lunenburg and Windsor have rejoiced the churches of all the denominations that have joined in these campaigns; while with less eclat but with no less convincing proof that the Gospel is still "the power of God unto salvation," the less known men in the regular pastorate have been permitted to bring to the feet of the Master sheaves of precious souls.

Probably no similar work that has occurred for the last fifty years, in this vicinity, has been marked by greater interest or power than that which is still going forward in Harborville. Without the favoring condition of a single service of a special character having been held, in response to an appeal of the Rev. Mr. Glendonning for immediate surrender to Christ, about thirty persons arose to their feet and from that time forward the work has proceeded with such vigor and results as prove to every man willing to admit proof that this work is of God. We learn that already considerably more than one hundred persons have professed submission to Christ in these services.

The pastor of the Methodist churches on the Aylesford circuit desires to express through these columns, the heartiest brotherly greetings to the Rev. Mr. Morgan, the newly inducted pastor of the Baptist churches of this charge, and to congratulate him on the enthusiasm which seems to pervade the several departments of his denominational work over his field of labor. The associations which I was permitted to enjoy with Bro. Morgan's predecessor, the Rev. Mr. Bancroft, and all along with the Baptist people of Aylesford will ever be like fragrant ointment. There is plenty of room and occasion for us all to work; and working with a courteous regard to mutual rights and a practical recognition of the Golden Rule in our denominational methods, we ought to show, and let us say by the grace of God we will show the reign of that charity which "envieth not, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil," and "rejoiceth in the truth."

J. S. C.

The Church of England missionaries in North China have just successfully printed a Chinese Prayer Book.

A demand for Bibles is being created in China. Last year one society distributed nearly 400,000 copies.

It is expected that fully 200 bishops from all churches of the Anglican Communion will attend the Lambeth Conference in July, 1897.

Congregations of 10,000 to 12,000 people have been attending the open air services conducted by the English Bishop of Sodor and Man.

The Afro-American Methodist Episcopal bishops presented the Bible which was used by Mr. McKinley in taking the presidential oath of office.

When Queen Victoria ascended the English throne in 1837 there were but seven colonial dioceses connected with the Church of England. Now there are ninety-six.

All Christian bodies of Great Britain contribute, in round numbers, \$7,000,000 a year to foreign missions. Of this amount \$2,700,000 are contributed through Church of England societies.

It is announced that at the Lambeth Conference proposals are to be considered for a closer union between the Church of England and the Established Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

A conventional alms basin would be sadly out of place in an African church. In response to an appeal by the Bishop of Zululand at a native service, there were offered several head of cattle and a number of chickens.

The superintendent of the Yokohama, Japan, police department recently said to an American missionary to whom he was giving permission to distribute copies of the Bible among the policemen: "Its teachings are good, and if they were followed it would lessen my work very much."

Less than sixty years ago there were but six native Christians in China. Now there are five hundred organized churches with nearly sixty thousand communicants. The number of baptised persons is not far from one hundred thousand. Although mostly poor, their contributions amount to nearly \$45,000 a year. And still there are some people who claim that foreign missions are a failure.

Sir Isaac Pitman, the inventor of stenography, who recently died in England, was a Churchman. When but fifteen he read the whole of Walker's Dictionary twice through, writing down all the words he mispronounced. When his reading was finished he found on his hands a list of some three thousand words, whose pronunciation he had to unlearn. He was a total abstainer, a non-smoker, and a strict vegetarian.

A Providence Churchman has given \$200,000 to the Public Library Association of the city for the erection of a new library building.

Dean Grisdale, who has just been elected Bishop of the Canadian Diocese of Qu'Appelle, began life in England as an errand boy in a large factory.

In the opinion of Dr. Joseph Cook, the present deficit in missionary treasuries is due as much to "soft times in doctrine as to the hard times in business."

Dr. Stalker's "Life of Christ" and "Life of St. Paul" have been translated into Swedish, Norwegian, German, Spanish, Bulgarian, Chinese and Japanese.

Rev. F. B. Myer, the well known English evangelist, is a Baptist clergyman who is in charge of a Congregational church, which uses the Episcopal liturgy and is governed by the Presbyterian polity.

The last report of the American Bible Society gives the total number of Bibles issued during the year as 1,750,282. The grand total for the eighty years of the Society's existence is 61,709,841. This number includes Bibles in one hundred different languages and dialects.

Canada for Canadians.

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the earth can we turn for a finer harbor or a more strongly fortified one than that of historical old Halifax? Where is that strip of country that produces a finer quality of apples and small fruits than the world famed valley of Annapolis? Where shall we find a place more ripe with legend and romance than this Acadian land of ours? One could go on enumerating the advantages and attractions of our country till the brain would fairly reel, and yet we find hundreds, aye and thousands, of our best and ablest young people turning their backs upon her. I ask them to bear in mind that there is known to be no place which is bathed in God's beautiful sunlight with bluer, sunnier skies, with deeper waters or wider pastures and meadows or richer mines, or a brighter promising future than this Canada of ours. Then in conclusion let me ask that all stand by her, that all share in her future hopes and aspirations and help to people her with a race which shall go down to history as famous for their love of country.

"Build that these walls to coming generations,
Your skill, your thought, your faithfulness, may tell,
That all may say as storms and centuries test them
The men of old built well!"

W. E. HARRIS.

OUR STORY PAGE.

JOE.

Everybody said he was the worst boy they ever saw. His father said so, too. His mother had gone to rest long before he could remember, and perhaps his father did not know how to manage boys.

Joe—that was the boy's name—had long ago ceased to follow his father to the barnyard to help feed the horses and cows. It had been his delight, but his father had told him he hindered more than he helped.

As nobody seemed to want to be bothered with him, everybody being always busy, he had given his attention to his dog, and had taught him many wonderful tricks. But one day Joe's father had told him he was getting lazier every day, he didn't do a thing from morning till night but follow that dog around. And so he sold the dog.

It was after this that people noticed what a bad boy Joe was. He could not understand why it was that when he peered in at the store windows and grocery doors he was ordered to clear out, and "don't be standing there seeing what meanness you can get into!"

If there was a window glass broken, Joe did it. Was a neighbor's chicken missing? Joe had spirited it away.

If anything happened to anyone, or anybody's things could not be traced to the culprit, it was packed off on Joe.

He came to expect it and denied nothing, however great the misdemeanor. If lightning had destroyed anything in the village, doubtless Joe would have been charged as the sole cause of it.

But one day when a rock went crashing through a shop window and shattered a show case, as usual Joe was accused of it. The man abused him roughly, and took hold of his collar to give him a good shaking, when a young girl who saw the whole thing, said in surprise:

"Why, boy, you know you didn't do that; why don't you say you didn't?"

Joe was so surprised that he only stared at her.

"I'll warrant he did do it," growled the angry man. "There's nothing done in this town with any meanness in it but Joe is the leader."

"Well, he didn't throw that rock, anyway, because I saw the boy who did it," replied the girl firmly.

Then she said to Joe:—

"Would you stand by and let a boy who didn't throw that rock get such a scolding?"

"No," said Joe, "not if I knew he didn't throw it."

"Well, if it is right to defend any other boy, it is right to defend yourself; don't you know that?" said the girl earnestly.

There was a surprised look in Joe's eyes, but he grinned.

"I wouldn't be any manner of use for me to deny it when everybody says I am the meanest boy in town."

He looked sober enough now.

The grocer handed the girl the package she had been waiting for, and she turned smilingly to Joe:

"Would you mind helping me take these home?" she said.

Joe took the packages but thought that she might have carried them herself; they were not heavy.

"What makes everybody say you are worst boy in town, Joe?" she asked when they were out of hearing.

"You're a stranger here, ain't you?" asked Joe.

"Yes, I am the new minister's daughter," she replied, "but you haven't answered my question."

"I don't know. The meanness has to be laid on somebody, and I guess they think I'll do," Joe said.

"And you just let them? Don't you know when you keep quiet when they accuse you of all those things that you are acting untruthfully?" she asked.

The boy whistled. "Never thought of that. 'Tis most like telling a story, ain't it?"

"How does your mother like for you to be called the meanest boy in town?"

"Got no mother," he said briefly.

The tears came in the girl's eyes. "I haven't either here," she said softly: "but maybe your mother knows. You must come in and rest," she added as they reached the gate.

And before Joe knew what he was doing, he was standing in the minister's study, and the minister's daughter was telling her father that Joe had helped to bring the things home, and the minister was smiling kindly at him, and Joe forgot he was the meanest boy in town, and was talking to the minister as glibly as if he had been a boy himself.

And before he knew what he was doing again, he had promised to go to Sunday-school, and had told the minister that he was a very bad boy. But the minister smiled, and told Joe a great many things that had happened when he was a boy, and then they had luncheon.

That was the beginning, but it wasn't the end. Many an hour Joe spent at the parsonage, and many, many things he learned there. One was to be an earnest helpful Christian, and there's no truer friend to "bad boys" than Joe.

He rejoices in helping other boys and seeking to find the good in them instead of the bad. He frequently recalls this sentence from the first sermon he heard the minister preach: "It seems to me that we look at the faults of people

through a magnifying glass and shut our eyes to their goodness."

There's many a bad boy that is only bad because people say he is, and oftentimes his mother is the first to make that sad impression on his mind.

Who is Your Neighbor?

A minister was soliciting aid for foreign missions, and applied to a gentleman who refused with the reply, 'I don't believe in foreign missions. I want what I give to benefit my neighbor.'

'Well,' replied he, 'whom do you regard as your neighbor?'

'Why, those around me.'

'Do you mean those whose lands join yours?' inquired the minister.

'Yes.'

'Well,' said the minister, 'how much land do you own?'

'About five hundred acres.'

'How far down do you own?'

'Why, I never thought of it before, but I suppose that I own half-way through.'

'Exactly,' said the clergyman. 'I suppose that you do; and I want the money for the New Zealanders, the men whose land adjoins yours at the bottom.'

A Child's Faith.

Some time ago a boy was discovered in the streets of a city, evidently intelligent, but sick. A Christian man went to him and asked what he was doing there.

'Waiting for God to come for me,' was the answer.

'What do you mean?' said the gentleman, touched by the pathetic tone of the boy, in whose eyes and flushed face he saw evidence of fever.

'God sent for mother and father and little brother,' said he, 'and took them away to his home in the sky; and mother told me when she was sick, that God would take care of me. I have no home, nobody to give me anything; and so I came here, and have been looking so long up in the sky for God to come and take care of me, as mother said he would. He will come, won't he? Mother never told a lie!'

'Yes, my boy,' said the man, overcome with emotion. 'He has sent me to take care of you.'

Then his eyes flashed, and he smiled triumphantly as he exclaimed, "Mother never told a lie, sir; but you have been a long time on the way."

If you cannot be an apostle, be an epistle for Christ.

In solitude, watch your thoughts; in the family, your temper; in company, your tongue.

SELECTED.

A FISHIN'

BY JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

Wunst we went a fishin'—me
An' my pa an' ma, all three—
When they was a picnic, 'way
Out to Hanch's wood one day.

An' they was a crick out there
Where the fishes is, an' where
Little boys 'taint big an' stroug,
Better have their folks along!

My pa he jist fished an' fished,
An' my ma she said she wished
Me an' her was home—an' pa
Said he wished so worse'n ma!

Pa said if you talk, er say
Anything, er sneeze, er cry,
Hain't no fish, alive or ded,
Ever goin' to bite! he said.

Purt nigh dark in town when we
Got back home; an' ma says she
Now she'll have a fish fer shore—
An' she buyed one at the store!

Nen at supper, pa he wou't
Eat no fish, an' says he don't
Lize 'em—an' he pound'd me
When I chocked—ma, didn't he?

Glädstone's Advice to Young Men.

Be sure that every one of you has his place and vocation on this earth, and that it rests with himself to find it. Do not believe those who too lightly say, "Nothing succeeds like success." Effort—honest, manful, humble effort—succeeds by its reflected action, especially in youth, better than success, which, indeed, too easily and too early gained, not seldom serves, like winning the throw of the dice, to blind and stupify. Get knowl'ge, all you can. Be thorough in all you do, and remember that, though ignorance often may be innocent, pretension is always despicable. Quit you like men, be strong ar' exercise your strength. Work onward and upward, and may the blessing of the Most High soothe your cares, clear your vision, and crown your labors with reward!

Self-Defense.

"Have you ever studied self-defense?" said a young fellow to a man of magnificent physique and noble bearing.

The elder man looked at his questioner with a quiet smile, and then answered:

"Yes, I have both studied and practiced it."

"Ah?" said the other eagerly, "whose system did you adopt?"

"Solomon's," was the reply; "and as I have been in training for some time on his principles, I can confidently recommend his system."

Somewhat taken by surprise, the youth stammered out, "Solomon's! And what is the special point of his system of training?"

"Briefly this," replied the other: "A soft answer turneth away wrath."

Don't Smoke, Boys.

If there were no reason why people should not smoke other than that it is injurious to the health, this should be sufficient. All physicians of any note are agreed that smoking is injurious to the health. A skilled physician investigated the effect of smoking on thirty-eight boys addicted to the habit. Twenty-seven showed distinct symptoms of nicotine poisoning. In twenty-two there were serious disorders of circulation, indigestion, dullness of intellect, and marked appetite for strong drink. In three there was heart affection; in eight decided deterioration of the blood; in twelve frequent bleeding of the nose; ten had disturbed sleep, and four ulceration of the mouth, many of them having several of the evils combined.

But aside from this, the habit is expensive, it is inconvenient, to say nothing of the repulsive breath that results. Why not invest the money in books or something valuable, instead of tobacco? It would not take long to gather a nice library with the money that would be spent to pollute the breath and undermine the health. Boys, don't learn to smoke. Be more manly. Be more sensible.

How to Banish Troubles.

Hannah Whithall Smith once knew a woman who carried a heavy burden that was driving sleep away and undermining her health. She has told the following incident of how it was banished.

"One day when it seemed especially heavy, she noticed lying on the table near a little tract called 'Hannah's Faith.' Attracted by the title, she picked it up and began to read it, little knowing that it was to create a revolution in her whole experience.

"The story was of a poor woman, who had been carried triumphantly through a life of unusual sorrow. She was giving the history of her life to a kind visitor on one occasion, and at the close the visitor said feelingly, 'Oh Hannah, I do not see how you could bear so much sorrow!'

"'I did not bear it,' was the quick reply; 'the Lord bore it for me.'

"'Yes,' said the visitor, 'that is the right way. We must take our troubles to the Lord.'

"'Yes,' replied Hannah, 'but we must do more than that; we must leave them there. Most people,' she continued, 'take their burdens to Him, but they bring them away with them again, and are just as worried and unhappy as ever. But I take mine and leave them with Him, and I come away and forget them. If the worry comes back, I take it to Him again; and I do this over and over until at last I just forget I have any worries, and am at perfect rest.'

"Is This Wrong?"

There is food for thought in the following paragraph from a sermon by the late Bishop Phillips Brooks: "Every now and then a conscience among the men and women who live easy, thoughtless lives is stirred and someone looks up anxiously, holding up some of the pretty idleness in which such people spend their days and nights, and says: 'Is this wrong? Is it wicked to do this?' And when they get his answer, 'No, certainly not wicked,' then they go back and give their whole lives up to doing their innocent little piece of uselessness again. Ah! the question is not whether that is wicked, or whether God will punish you for doing that. The question is, whether that thing is keeping other better things from you; whether behind its little bulk the vast privilege and dignity of duty is hid from you; whether it stands between God and your soul. If it does, then it is an offence to you, and, though it be your right hand or right eye, cut it off, pluck it out, and cast it from you."

Sit Up Straight.

Your backbone was not made for a barrel hoop; so do not curve it around, but rather straighten it out. God made man upright, not round-shouldered, humpbacked, or bending over.

If you bend over too much in your studies, get a lower seat. Saw the legs off an old chair and then sit down so low that your chin will come just above the table, make the hind legs a little shorter than the fore legs, and then read and write with arms on the table, and it will take some of the crook from your back.

One mother whose daughter was getting the habit of stooping, used to have her lie flat on her back without a pillow, for an hour each day, while she read to her out of some interesting book. In a little while she was as straight as need be, and a picture of health and strength.

In some countries the women carry pails, tubs, and heavy loads upon their heads—this keeps them erect. Throwing back the arms is another means of keeping straight. Remember you may add years to your life by standing up straight; and you may not only have a longer life, but a stronger, broader, deeper, happier, and more useful life, if you go about with head erect, chest expanded, and lungs well developed, with rosy cheeks and fresh complexion, than if you go about bent over, cramped up, stooping, flat-chested, sallow, nervous, and miserable.

Remember, "God made man upright."

One reason why there are so many lame people in the church is because they made a start for the war without putting on the whole armor of God.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Good sleighing and lots of weather, —enough of the latter to start a bureau.

A new lamp adorns the front of the Baptist Church, a fitting symbol of what the church itself should be.

Apples have been moving in large quantities during the month, with varying returns. On the whole, however, hard fruit has brought good prices.

Our sleighing is doomed. Local wheelmen are beginning to talk "bike." This is one of the earliest and surest signs of spring and the snow might as well get ready for its airy flight for it must go.

On Friday evening, Feb. 26th, Kingston Lodge, I. O. O. F. entertained their Berwick brethren in their hall at Kingston Station. A very enjoyable evening was spent, due in no small measure to the bountiful table spread by the ladies.

The number of local societies has been augmented by the organization of a Court of Foresters. It is understood that the new comer is a healthy babe of good proportions and promises rapid growth to manhood. The Union wishes it good health and long life.

A large number of the members of the Baptist Church and congregation met at Mr. Andrew Parker's on Thursday evening, Feb. 28th, bringing donations for Mrs. Loomer, who has been for over a year confined to her home. The result was a goodly supply of useful articles for which the receiver expresses hearty thanks.

Application has been made to the local legislature for the incorporation of "The Aylesford Dry Goods Co. (Ltd.," with a capital of \$6,000 in 24 shares of \$250 each. The new company propose to take over the stock of Farnsworth & Co. and operate from the stand now occupied by that firm. Success to the new enterprise.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT—On Tuesday, Feb. 16th, the young people from North Kingston gathered at the Baptist parsonage, Aylesford to the number of about 40 and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The pastor and his wife desire to express their appreciation of both their presence and presents—the one a pleasant memory, the other a continued enjoyment.

In point of variety of talent Aylesford is tolerably self-contained. Among other things we are not lacking in inventive genius: Mr. James Cochran has lately constructed a trephino which is pronounced by local surgeons to be very much superior to the instrument in common use. It is graduated to the 60th part of an inch and has an adjustable guard by which the danger of injury to the brain is reduced to a minimum. Patent has been applied for.

The Aylesford B. Y. P. U. hopes to open a Reading Room about the middle of March which we trust will prove a helpful educator for all classes in the place. Help it along.

Some of our farmers are asking why it is that the Aylesford Creamery cannot be run during the winter months as well as the Berwick Creamery and thus give 21 cents per pound for the product instead of 11 cents which is all that dairy butter will now bring. Perhaps somebody will answer the question.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Baker of Millville still continues in a critical condition.

Mrs. Carlton Neily of Kingston Station is slowly but steadily improving.

Miss Hamilton of Yarmouth is visiting her sister Mrs. John Killam, North Kingston.

Austen Smith of North Kingston, who has been dangerously ill with measles is convalescent.

Miss Carrie A. Chute of Middleton was recently the guest of Miss Jessie Eaton, North Kingston, for a few days.

Louis Davidson has gone to Milford on the I. C. R. to take a position in a general store. Lou will be greatly missed.

Mrs. N. P. Spurr is home again from her visit to New York and Boston, much improved in health. She reports a delightful trip.

H B. Sloat of Centreville, N. B., who is in the sophomore year at Acadia, was guest at the parsonage twice during the month. On the 14th he preached at Aylesford and North Kingston and at Morristown on the 28th with much acceptance.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER.—The hen that persists in laying stale eggs when she knows her mistress intends to sell them, is about on the same moral footing with the farmer who packs small apples in the centre of the barrel, and the man who puts a black cent into the Lord's money box.

BIRTHS.

EWING. At Factorydale, on Wednesday, Feb. 24th, Mrs. Albert Ewing of a daughter.

LEE. At Auburn on Wednesday, Feb. 24th, Mrs. Joseph Lee of a daughter.

WARD. At Weston on Sunday, Feb. 28th, Mrs. Ward of a daughter.

LAUNGILL. At Kingston Village on Wednesday, Feb. 17th, Mrs. David Laungill, of a son.

DEATHS.

EWING. At Morristown, Feb. 23rd, Joseph E. Ewing, aged 69 years, a native of Ireland.

FREEMAN. At Victoria, Feb. 19th, aged 68 years, Botsford Freeman.

MARSHALL. At Harimony, Feb. 16th, Caroline Marshall, aged 74 years.

BARTEAUX. At Morristown, Feb. 14th, Harvey Berteaux in the 69th year of his age.

HUDGINS. At Millville, Feb. 12th, Archibald Hudgins, aged 56 years.

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