

DISEASES DANGEROUS TO PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF U. S. A.

During the month of August 1920, the following diseases of interest to the public have occurred:

<i>In Saint Croix.</i>	
Dysentery entamebic	3
Filariasis	11
Whooping cough	1

<i>In St. Thomas.</i>	
Fish poisoning	1
Chicken pox	1 (St. John)
Pulmonary tuberculosis	3
Hook-worm carriers	24 (17 imported)

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A CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Grigg beg to thank their friends and acquaintances for all kindness and sympathy shown them in their late bereavement.

Christiansted, St. Croix,
Sept. 14th 1920.

Time did not permit reference in yesterday's issue to the cine-show advertised by the Sanitation Service to be held at the Marine Barracks on Thursday night the 16th. Upon due consideration and at the instance of persons interested in this show and desirous of attending it, it is brought to attention that on Thursday night there will be a cinematograph exhibition also at the Christiansted Theatre where a serial in which a large number of patrons are interested, is being shown twice a week, on Monday and Thursday nights; and it is pointed out that if both attractions occur on the same evening it is certain that both can not be satisfactorily attended. Therefore, inasmuch as many have engaged tickets for the show at the Christiansted Theatre and that it is likely to draw a large audience from among those who will appreciate and, it is hoped, profit from instruction offered at the free show, it is suggested that the Sanitation Service appoint another night that will be available to the majority to the end that the benefits of this show which is calculated to be in the interest of one and all, may prove thoroughly successful and attain the maximum good possible. It is felt that those in charge of the show will readily recognize the advantage to be gained from acceding to this proposal and it is desired to thank them in anticipation of their fixing the show for Wednesday or Friday night.

A visit to the Company Street Emporium yesterday afternoon elicited many interesting facts in connection with the H. C. L., and many persons present were convinced that what the proprietor, Mr.

M. A. Pretto, is doing to bring the prices of foodstuffs down to a normal basis is bound to have more practical results to public advantage than any thing the Food Commission can claim credit for, or that may be gained from newspaper comment. It would be impracticable to enumerate the many items which are placed within reasonable reach of the people of moderate means, but it will be doubtless interesting to learn that Mr. Pretto is selling Rye Flour at \$2 less a barrel than other places; is retailing granulated sugar, A 1 quality, at 28 cents a pound against 34 to 38 cents elsewhere, not to speak of other staple articles turned over in small quantities at positively amazing rates. Mr. Pretto says he can prove that his prices nett him a fair profit and if anybody thinks otherwise he can produce the figures. While on this subject it may be asked what has become of the Food Commission, by the way? seeing that prices have dropped so remarkably that none now dares adhere to those figures long ago published by this institution for public welfare, the Food Commission must have adjourned permanently why it is never heard of any more.

The theatre was crowded last night at the first exhibition of the new serial picture. Indeed the Gray Ghost is something Grand, and we take pleasure in recommending it to the public

Correspondence.

On Wednesday the 8th inst. at 5 p. m. the Christiansted Luther League Organization, according to previous arrangement, waived its regular Wednesday-night meeting at the usual time and place, and, in order to join in commemorating the first anniversary of the Re-opening of the Children Home,—met at the said Institution.

The Clergy was represented by Pastors Critchlow, Allen, Mayhew, and Pedersen of Frederiksted.

Of the laity there were upwards of thirty persons present; prominent among these was Miss Cheyne the former directress of the Institution.

Meeting opened shortly after 5 p. m. and continued until 6; and during this time the following programme was rendered:—

1. The opening Hymn: "Oh, Lord our God, come bless us now", was sung.

2. A duet, entitled "The Song of Victory" was rendered by Mrs. and Miss Stevens; the latter, the harmonium accompanist.

3. Address by Pastor W. Allen of the Friedensthal Moravian Mission, based on Text of Scripture: Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. Exod. 2. 9.

Although the speaker promised that it

was not his intention to preach a sermon on this occasion, yet it is true that a very profitable 10 or 15 minutes discourse was listened to with earnest attention, as with great pathos the audience was carried in imagination, away back to over 3,000 years ago to the incident that transpired (probably in the early morning hours) on the banks of the Nile, in connection with the finding and adopting of a little baby boy three months old.

In calling attention to the best course that should be pursued in the training of children the Rev. Gentleman pointed out and laid great stress on the importance of proper discipline as contrasted with the usual brutish manner of chastising the child with a double rope or "bow-stick", causing it to yell and scream out oh, God! oh God! so that once in his experience even a parrot seated in its cage, out of sympathy for a child treated in this way took up its cries and squealed "Oh God! Oh God!"

Directing the child's attention to God in its tender years, and the influence of a Christian Home, are means to that end; so that when it is old it will not depart from the way it should go. The last portion of the text was the Reward, for such tender nursing and care, viz:—the consolation and bliss experienced in the anticipation of the happy reunion of both parent or guardian and child, in the Home beyond the grave, will, he pointed out, be all sufficient. Pastor Allen did not forget to remark concerning the tender nursing and care taken of the little inmates of the Home, as attested by the sturdy voices of the little ones he at times hears as he passes near the Institution. For weaklings he knows, possess weak voices.

4. The Hymn, "Take my life and let it be, consecrated Lord, to Thee", was then sung.

5. Pastor Pedersen of Frederiksted then briefly addressed the audience.

6. Pastor Critchlow then followed in briefly directing the attention of the assembly in congratulation for the neatness and cleanliness in which the Home is kept and conducted; proudly challenging a superior management in any other similar establishment.

7. Pastor Mayhew then led in prayer.

8. Then followed Benediction by Pastor Pedersen.

9. All, then joined in singing the Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

Thus, a very pleasant and profitable hour spent at the Home was brought to a close.

Unfeigned Congratulations for Sister Carrie Gik the indefatigable matron and directress.

The Editor "St. Croix Avis"

Dear Sir:—Through the kindness of the Sanitation Department we see that a free movie show will be given the pub-