



**A. Y. P. A. AT CRAPAUD**

Pictured above—Group of Angli-Chairman, Rev. J. Abbot, guest speaker, Clarence Ramsay, vice president - Lloyd Proffitt, President Tom Barnes vice Pres (ada) Moncton, Mrs. Barnes.

**BORN ARTZ**  
Samuel Palmer, English water-colorist, had three pictures shown at the Royal Academy in 1819, when only 14 years old.

**A.Y.P.A. Hold 10th Annual Conference**

The tenth annual Labour Day conference of the Anglican Young People of P.E. Island was held at Crapaud Youth Centre Sept. 4-5. Group leadership was given by Rev. J. Abbott of New Glasgow N.S. on the conference theme

"Youth and Worship". His four sessions were based on the history of the Prayer Book, the Sacraments, the Creeds and the suggested revision of the Prayer Book. Included in the time-table were church services, discussions, sports competition a croquet tournament, and evening recreation in which the group of fifty registered young people took an active part. On Sunday morning the group attended the celebration of Holy Communion. The celebrant was

Rev. Abbott, assisted by Rev. G.R. Ebsary, resident clergyman and A.Y.P.A. Chaplain. The regular eleven o'clock service was attended by the group also. At this service the Deanery Officers were installed. They are: Rev. G.R. Ebsary, Chaplain; Lloyd Proffitt, president; Clarence Ramsay, vice-president and Horace Coles, registrar.

The tenth anniversary banquet was held Sunday evening and was highlighted by a beautiful birth-

**Martyred Missionaries Honored At Pine Hill**

When the new Pine Hill residence, Halifax, was opened on Sept 6th, there was one room which was especially opened for use of the students in residence which holds an interest for those of Alberton district. It is the room known as "The Gordon Room", a memorial to Rev. George N. Gordon, his wife, and brother, James D. Gordon. Maritime Ministers martyred while bringing Christianity to the heathen natives in the South Seas.

The room was formally opened by Robert A. Gordon, vice-president of Canadian National Express, Montreal, a member of the same Gordon family from the Alberton district of P. E. I. Some history of these men might well be written for this present generation.

Rev. George Gordon studied at Pine Hill and while a student there founded the North End Mission. He was later appointed as a missionary to Errromanga, in the New Hebrides and landed there with his wife in 1857.

Disease ravished the population of that island for two years after Mr. Gordon's arrival, and as a result, the natives were disillusioned, attributing the diseases to their new missionaries.

Mr. Gordon was working at a new house some distance from near Uhuville, the chief, carried his battle-axe.

Mr. Gordon asked him why he carried such a dangerous weapon and remarked upon its keen edge. The chief told him they wanted some calico to make clothes to attend the services of the mission. The minister wrote a note to his wife telling her to give the natives the calico, but they were not satis-

fied and asked him to attend a sick man.

The minister started forward with the natives but a short distance of travelling made him suspicious. He walked more hurriedly but soon a savage raised his hand to strike him. Near a half fallen tree another struck him with an axe. Still he struggled forward. Another blow from an axe was received on the palm of his hand. As he rushed up the path, panting, and weak from loss of blood, Uhuville swung his axe and plunged it into the victim's neck. Even an accomplice, hastened to the mission in search of Mrs. Gordon, and killed her. This May 20th, 1861, was a dark day in the mission work of that place, but death did not end the work of these two loyal Christians.

When the news of the death of Gordon and his wife reached their home. Gordon's brother James at once volunteered to take up the work of his brother. He sailed from Halifax on Nov. 7, 1864, and met a martyr's death on March 7, 1872.

By a strange coincidence he was working on a translation of the Acts of the Apostles and had reached the story of the death of Stephen, when the natives attacked and killed him with a blow of a war-axe.

The memory of these two martyrs is honored by a tablet which hangs in the Alberton United Church, above the old family pew of the Gordons. Their memory still challenges the people of the district and truly their works do follow them.

It is of interest to note that the Gordon Room is dedicated for quiet prayer and meditation, and will have inscribed upon its walls the names of all Pine Hill graduates who in the past and present generations have served the Church on overseas mission fields. The Rev. Earle Leard of Casumpec, P. E. I. is one of these missionaries now serving the Church in India.

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