

Bermuda Journey

A LEISURELY GUIDEBOOK



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eastern point is wild and cavernous, forever slashed by ocean surge. On the south there are coves with protecting headlands, and at the southwest point a narrow channel separates Cooper's from Nonsuch Island. The western side is bleak, rocky, and uninteresting. There is a cottage on the island and good planting land, and when Bermuda crops are in demand, Cooper's Island Farm gives a good yield.

Nonsuch Island is only about seven acres in extent, and the coast is rugged and exposed. Years ago Nonsuch was a military post, then the quarantine station, and is now a training school for delinquent boys.

The remarkable success of this latest development has been due almost entirely to the efforts of the superintendent and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tucker of St. George's. Everyone who visits Nonsuch Training School, as it is called, is impressed with its splendid atmosphere of kindly discipline and broad Christianity.

The place is run on the lines of a naval training school and is largely self-contained, most of the essential jobs being carried out by the lads themselves. They have a daily period of study under a schoolmaster, and grow vegetables, raise poultry, run a carpenter's shop, and look after boats. Finally, a small octagonal building, once probably an Army guardroom, has been converted into a diminutive chapel where a short service is held every day.

At the eastern end of the island is an old fever cemetery—another grim reminder of those fearful epidemics that were so frequent during the last century. This seems to be the only one in Bermuda that is kept in order.

During all the years that Nonsuch was a quarantine station it was seldom required, and being near good fishing ground, it was frequently used by camping parties intent on angling.

In 1928, Nonsuch was lent to Dr. William Beebe, who spent several summers there with his scientific party pursuing his absorbing studies of deep-sea life. Being close to the deepest water around Bermuda (eight miles off St. David's the ocean is a mile deep), Nonsuch was considered ideal for this oceanographic work, and it was during this period that