

are like hailstones in summer, beating down and destroying what they should nourish if they were melted into drops. The following extract from the *Christian Evangelist* bears on this: "During our national convention at Nashville in 1892, one of our able ministers occupied the pulpit of the McEadree M. E. Church, and at the close of the sermon the minister said to his congregation, 'I shall never again call these people Campbellites.' The truth must conquer, if the spirit in which it is presented is right."

The blanks for statistics and church letters have been sent out to every church in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; but if any church clerk has not received one, please let Bro. J. S. Flaglor know, so that one can be sent in order that we may have a report from every church. There is nothing more interesting at our annuals than the reading of these letters, and we earnestly request that all send in reports.

The *Christian Evangelist* has changed its form and dress, and is now a masterpiece of the printer's art. As a family and religious journal it has no superior. The brotherhood ought to be intensely proud that we possess such an excellent paper devoted to the work of restoring Apostolic Christianity.

We rejoice with the churches at East Point and Lot 48, P. E. I., in their securing such an earnest preacher and excellent worker in the person of Bro. A. N. Simpson, a graduate from Kentucky University. We hope to hear of others locating in the Maritime Provinces. Truly the harvest is great.

The temperance people did not ask for the plebiscite. It was thrust upon them. They want prohibition. But they will be most unwise to ignore the coming vote. Every lover of the home, of the church and of the state should do what he can between now and polling day, and then vote for the removal of the great curse of the age from our land. While a majority for prohibition may not secure it, a majority against it will be a severe blow to the temperance cause from which it will not soon recover. The rumsellers and the government will be able to say—and they will say—that the people do not want prohibition. Vote for prohibition and compel them to say that the moral sense of the people is on the right side.

The other day we were watching the tide come in. It came, but not with a steady progress. One little wave climbed higher than any that had gone before, but it was sometime before another wave marked as high. It seemed for a moment as if the tide had turned. We waited and watched, and soon another wave went farther up the sands than any that had made the attempt; and so at last the high-water mark was reached. So it often is in life. And we must not always judge our progress upward by this little act or that. Where there seems to be lack of progress there may be but the gathering up strength for an onward move. It is not simply by this act or that that we are to judge, but by the trend of our lives.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

To the Disciples of Christ in the Maritime Provinces, GREETING:

DEAR BROTHERS,—The church at Tiverton, N. S., extends to you a hearty invitation to attend the Annual Meeting at Tiverton, August 12-15.

Let all delegates to the Annual Meeting at Tiverton please send their names at once to the undersigned.

Delegates coming by the Dominion Atlantic Railway, will each purchase a first-class ticket to Weymouth, at the same time asking the agent for a standard certificate which will entitle the holder to a return free, when filled in and signed by the secretary of the meeting.

On Thursday morning, August 11, at about 8 o'clock, at high water, the steamer *Westport* will bring the delegates to Tiverton, hence delegates must be in Weymouth Wednesday night. As this is a special trip for the steamer, she will carry all that come for \$20.00, to Tiverton, but will return the delegates the next Tuesday morning, on her regular trip, for twenty-five cents, reaching Weymouth in time to catch the forenoon trains. Let all come this way who can, as the terms are quite reasonable.

The steamer *Westport*, also the stage, will carry delegates from Westport to Tiverton and return for one fare.

Delegates coming to the Annual via SS. *Alpha* from St. John to Westport, can come for one first-class fare going, and returning free on an accredited certificate of attendance. Certificate good to return August 16.

Bring your Christian Hymnals.

J. W. BOLTON.

Westport, N. S.

PROGRAMME FOR ANNUAL MEETING—TIVERTON, N. S.

August 12-15th 1898.

Friday Evening

- 7 30 p. m. Devotional Exercises
 - 8 00 " Words of Welcome..... J. W. Bolton
 - 8 10 " Response..... Pres. H. W. Stewart
 - 8 20 " Song
 - 8 25 " Sermon..... R. Bentley Ray
- Appointment of Committees.....

Saturday Morning.

- 9 00 a. m. Devotional Exercises.....
- 9 30 " Report of Committee on Nominations and election of Convention Board. Report of Committee on Order of Business. Business.....

Saturday Afternoon.

- 2 00 p. m. Devotional Exercises.....
- 2 15 " Open Parliament—"Training Converts,"..... J. Chas. B. Appel
- 3 00 " Business Session.....
- 3 00 " C. W. B. M. Business meeting in Hall.....

Saturday Evening.

- 7 15 " C. W. B. M. Meeting.....

Sunday Morning

- 6 00 a. m. Early Morning Prayer-meeting.....
- 10 00 " Devotional Exercises.....
- 10 10 " Address, The Ideal Sunday-school. F. C. Ford
- 10 30 " Sermon..... William Murray

Sunday Afternoon.

- 2 00 p. m. Opening Exercises.....
- 2 30 " Sermon..... Hiram Wallace
- 3 30 " Communion.....
- 2 30 " Chalk Talk—at schoolhouse..... Mrs. D. A. Morrison

Sunday Evening.

- 6 30 " Y. P. S. C. E. Prayer-meeting....
- 7 30 " Sermon..... R. W. Stevenson

Monday Morning.

- 9 00 a. m. Devotional Exercises.....
- 9 30 " Business Session.....

Monday Afternoon.

- 3 00 p. m. Open air meeting at lighthouse. (If weather permits, if unfavorable at church) Conducted by W. H. Harding

Monday Evening.

- 7 00 " Devotional Exercises.....
- 7 30 " Home Mission Rally.....
- Farewell Service.....

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

Henry W. Stewart, pastor of this church, is enjoying his vacation in Nova Scotia. Bro. George Manifold, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., is supplying the pulpit during his absence.

Bro. and Sister Fielden and Sister Anderson, who have been residing in Huntsville, Alabama, have returned to the city. We are glad to welcome them back.

The Coburg Street and Main Street Sunday Schools held their annual picnic at Watters' Landing on the St. John River on the 13th. The weather was fine, and the trip up the river was very enjoyable.

Bro. J. W. Bolton, of Westport, Briar Island, was in our city for a few days, and took part in our week night meetings.

A large number of our members have gone to the country, which is very noticeable at our meetings.

MAIN STREET.

The prayer meetings have been rendered more interesting by the visits of Bros. J. W. Bolton and George Manifold. The Sunday School is suffering from a slight attack of "summer fever," but September will doubtless see it as vigorous as ever. Bro. J. Barry Allan has left us once more and will be greatly missed.

Union open air services are being held with the St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Very large crowds attend to the addresses and singing every Sunday night.

The Sunday School picnic was held on the 13th instant at Watter's Landing. It was a great success, weather and temperature being ideal.

Frank Erb has returned for the vacation and was gladly welcomed. He expects to enter college again in the fall.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

The work is moving along slowly in these churches at this season of the year.

Tiverton is busy making preparations for the Annual. She looks for a large number to come and partake of her hospitality.

Mr. and Mrs. Vantassel and Mrs. Farnsworth were thrown out of a wagon in Tiverton, July 17. They were shaken up pretty badly. The horses took fright at a bicycle. J. W. B.

PICTOU, N. S.

We are in the midst of summer vacation, and some of our members and regular attendants are missed from their accustomed places in our meetings now. On the second Lord's Day in July our church took a vacation, and eleven of our members, including the preacher and his wife, attended the P. E. Island Convention.

Two of our party were not members of the Christian Church, but they were both immersed while over there, making our return party all members of one happy, united family. One of the converts is a member with us at Pictou; the other goes to River John.

We have been favored with visits from Bro. Howard Murray of Milton and Sisters E. C. Ford and E. V. Stevens of Port Williams; Sister Olding of New Glasgow, N. S., and Sister McLernan, daughter of Bro. Fullerton, who is now visiting his old home. R. E. STEVENS.