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## THE ANNUAL MEETING.

# 1899.

## \$1,500 FOR HOME MISSIONS!

The Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia opened in Coburg street church, St. John, on Thursday evening, October 5th. The attendance from the churches was not large, many of them failing to send any representatives, although arrangements were made for their entertainment. The meeting, however, was one of the best in recent years. A pleasing spirit of harmony prevailed, and great things have been undertaken for this new year.

The meeting opened with a refreshing song service, conducted by J. C. B. Appel. The Vice-president, H. Murray, explained that he was presiding owing to the death of the President, H. Wallace, and then called upon the pastor of the Coburg street church to deliver an address of welcome. Responses were made by J. C. B. Appel, E. O. Ford, W. H. Harding, Wm. Murray, E. A. Payson, Lyman Outhouse and James Lawson. Rev. Mr. Siddall, a Free Baptist minister who was present, also made a brief address.

The following committees were appointed:  
*Nominating*—J. C. B. Appel, Wm. Murray and H. W. Stewart.

*Auditing*—L. A. Miles, Jas. W. Barnes.

*Order of Business*—E. C. Ford, Geo. F. Barnes and Dr. Murray.

At 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning, Wm. Murray conducted a prayer service. It was a good preparation for the business that was to follow.

At 10 o'clock the first business session began, the Vice-president in the chair. The

minutes of last year's meeting was read and approved. The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

*President*—H. Murray.

*Vice-president*—W. H. Harding.

*Secretary*—Geo. F. Barnes.

The report was accepted, and the officers duly elected.

The following committees were then appointed:

*On Nominating Home Mission Board*—E. C. Ford, H. W. Stewart, L. R. Morton.

*Ways and Means*—J. C. B. Appel, L. A. Miles, Jas. W. Barnes, Charles McDormond, Wm. Murray, Joseph Stockford.

*Resolutions*—Dr. Murray, A. Hanspiker, J. B. Allen.

*Obituaries*—E. C. Ford, J. S. Flaglor, Nelson Leland.

*Time and Place*—W. H. Harding, John Peters, W. A. Barnes.

Reports from churches were then called for. Many of them were incomplete. This makes the following tabulated statement unsatisfactory.

Church	Growth	Membership	GAIN.		LOSS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOL		MISSIONS.	
			Baptism	Letter	Death	Other-wise	Pupils	Teachers	Home	Foreign
Halifax	50	13	2	2	25	50	6	\$53 35	\$35 42	
Main Street, St. John	57	10	2	2	15	128	13	41 94	4 33	
River John	17	9	1	1	1	20	7	1 50	25 00	
Masarene	20	1	1	1	2	16	3	12 50	12 50	
Leonardsville	26	1	2	2	5	15	8	40 00	69 00	
Burtt's Corner	36	7	3	4	6	138	11	225 76	113 97	
Nauwigewank	152	10	1	1	1	150	3	7 00	7 00	
Tiverton	162	15	4	4	5	30	3	225 76	113 97	
Lords Cove	296	10	1	1	1	30	3	225 76	113 97	
Coburg Street, St. John	361	15	4	4	1	30	3	225 76	113 97	
Upper Rawdon	23	15	1	1	1	34	8	4 05	7 00	
Upper Nine Mile River	18	18	1	1	1	34	8	4 05	7 00	
Silver Falls	105	28	1	1	1	65	6	4 05	7 00	
West Gore	100	3	1	1	1	50	6	4 05	7 00	
Southville	90	1	1	1	1	50	6	4 05	7 00	
Corwallis	75	1	1	1	1	28	2	30 00	25 50	
Westport	75	1	1	1	1	28	2	30 00	25 50	
Lelete	42	1	1	1	1	45	7	30 00	25 50	

Many churches have not sent in any report. Most of the reports from which these figures are taken are glaringly incomplete. Cannot church clerks and treasurers plan to prepare full and accurate reports for the next annual?

W. A. Barnes presented his report as Secretary of the Home Mission Board. It is as follows:

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Disciples of Christ of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick:

DEAR BRETHREN—The secretary of your Home Mission Board submits his report for the thirteen months ending Aug. 31st, 1899.

At the Annual Meeting held in Tiverton, N. S., last year, it was resolved to continue the apportionment plan. Letters were sent to the churches stating the amount of money they were expected to give for home missions. Eight of the twenty-seven churches failed to respond.

The Board thought it advisable to secure an evangelist. After some correspondence with Bro. R. W. Stevenson, of Montague, P. E. I., he agreed to take the field for three months. He began on the first of October, 1898, holding his first meeting with the Central Christian church, Charlottetown, P. E. I. He also held a meeting with the Main street Christian Church, St. John, N. B., Back Bay, Letete, Masarene, Charlotte County, N. B., Tiverton, and Westport, N. S. All of these churches were very much encouraged. During the fourteen weeks he was with them some good was accomplished—not so much in adding great numbers to the churches, but in strengthening the weak ones, and bringing before them the importance of the Home Mission work.

Bro. R. E. Stevens, as missionary at Pictou, resigned Sept. 30th, 1898. Several applications from brethren in the west, in answer to an advertisement in the *Christian Standard* and *Christian Evangelist*, were received. After some correspondence with two of them the Board did not succeed in engaging either of them. Bro. Wm. Murray was sent to Pictou Jan. 29th to carry on the work until a preacher could be secured. Bro. Fullerton, hearing of the good work being done in the Coburg Street Christian Church by Evangelist Whiston, engaged him to hold a meeting there in April, he paying all expenses. The meeting continued for three weeks, and created a great stir in that place. There were five baptisms. Bro. Wm. Murray and Frank Ford assisted at that meeting.

Bro. W. H. Allen, of Lubec, Me., who graduated from the College of the Bible last June, began the work at Pictou on June 24th. He speaks very encouragingly of the future prospects. Bro. Fullerton is full of faith and hope, and very anxious to see a church established there. He has given largely for the support of the gospel.

Bro. E. C. Ford began the work in Halifax the 13th of August, 1898. There was much to discourage him, yet he diligently labored on, and we are glad, as no doubt you will be, to read the splendid report that comes from Halifax. The exodus from that church has been very great.

The church at North End of which Bro. J. C. B. Appel, is pastor, has had two meetings held with them during the year—one by Evangelist Stevenson, and one by Evangelist Whiston. The new house of worship on Douglas Avenue is being built. It shows what faith and works can accomplish. The members are not rich in purse nor large in numbers; but they have given liberally, and