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NOTES AND NEWS.

George Manifold was in Toronto on June 11th, and took part in the evening service at the Cecil Street Church.

The Ontario churches raised \$2,181 last year for home missions. They expended \$1,812. The number of baptisms was 229.

A proposition to support a missionary in India is now before the Christian Endeavor Societies of Ontario. Some societies have already made pledges to this end.

During W. J. Lhamon's two years' pastorate in the First Christian Church, Alleghany, Pa., 252 were received into its membership. He has held his own meetings.

Full announcements of the P. E. Island Association are made in this paper. We hope to give an interesting account of the gathering in the August number.

Harry Minnick has tendered his resignation of the Lubec churches. He has been working with them for about ten years, and evidences of his earnest labor abound.

During the six months' absence of the office editor, his duties were most satisfactorily discharged by James W. Barnes, who also attended to the financial management of the paper.

The Disciples of Christ in New England held their annual convention with the church at Haverhill, Mass., June 9-11. *The New England Messenger* gives a good but brief account of the gathering.

The Christian-Evangelist of June 15th, notes the disaster that has befallen the North End of St. John, and gives to its many thousands of readers the appeal of the Main Street Church for assistance.

The Cecil St. Church, Toronto, is hampered by a heavy debt. But at the recent convention there, \$1,000 was pledged in half an hour towards its liquidation. The church aims to pay off another \$1,000 this year.

We see in *The Christian Messenger* that Herbert Martin of Lexington, Ky., is expected to take the pastorate of the church in Guelph, Ont. We wish he had come this way, but since he has not, we congratulate Ontario.

We do not remember that our brethren in Manitoba ever met in convention before, but this year they held a convention from June 15th to June 19th, at Portage la Prairie. There must be more Disciples in that province than we were aware of.

The meeting with the First Church in Jacksonville, Florida (of which J. T. Boone is pastor), has closed. There were 178 additions. S. M. Martin was the evangelist. The meetings were held in a tent. The meeting house has to be enlarged.

F. D. Power, in the *Christian Standard*, tells of a proposition to change the name of the first day of the week from Sunday to Sondag, in honor of the Son of God. It is stated, though not by him, that the English speaking peoples are the only ones of the Christian world that have not made this change.

Many of our readers have seemingly forgotten a very important matter. They have not yet renewed their subscriptions. Their delay is liable to cause inconvenience to the financial manager, and we therefore urge all who are in arrears to send in the amounts at once.

D. Crawford, on account of advancing age, has resigned regular work as preacher for the church at New Glasgow, but still remains an elder of the church and will preach occasionally. A. N. Simpson has been called by the church, and is expected to take up the work soon for half his time.

The Convention of the Ontario brethren was held with the Cecil St. Church, Toronto. From the report in *The Christian Messenger* we judge that it was a very profitable and inspiring gathering. A. McLean, C. C. Smith, and O. G. Hertzog were present from the United States, and spoke on Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Education.

The ancient philosophers would find themselves much out of place in a modern Christian convention. The programmes show that these have no time to devote to splitting hairs and spinning theories. And this is as it should be. The best way of doing the best things is the problem that is engaging the attention of sensible people.

J. Chas. B. Appel purposes to make a tour of the churches in the Maritime Provinces in the interests of the building fund of the Main Street Christian Church, St. John, of which he is minister. He first goes to P. E. I., where he expects to arrive on July 3rd. A little later he goes to Nova Scot. We hope he shall receive great encouragement.

We have not yet seen many reports from Children's Day, but we notice that during the first seven days of June, 292 schools sent in their offerings, against 104 for the same time last year. The total receipts for the week were \$5,133.73, a gain of \$3,738.41. The Sunday-school of the Central Church, Des Moines, gave \$900,—\$600 of which is for the Foreign Society. A class of girls in the school at Washington, Pa., gave \$102.64.

The International Christian Endeavor Convention will be held in Detroit, July 5-10. Very important subjects are to be discussed. The Disciples of Christ have a large representation on the programme. We are glad to learn that an effort will be made to substitute such hymns as "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me," "Nearer, My God to Thee," etc., for such jingles as "Let a little Sunshine in."

R. H. Bolton has resigned as pastor of the church in Everett, Mass., his labors there closing July 1st. In the face of many and great obstacles, he has carried on the work with much success. When the church gets into the house it is now building, circumstances will be more favorable. Bro. Bolton was appointed by the New England Convention to do mission work in New England. He will also continue to edit and publish *The New England Messenger*.

We read of strange things to-day. *The Christian Tribune* states that while the Disciples of Christ were repairing their meeting house at Clifton Forge, Va., the Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches tendered them the use of their houses. The strange part is not that the first two denominations did so, for such occurrences have not been rare, but that the Episcopalians even thought of such a thing. Is it a sign of better days? Our brethren used the Episcopal church on Sundays and the others during the week.

The following paragraph from *The Christian Evangelist* shows that the spirit against which the Disciples of Christ had to contend in the pioneer days still lives in some places: "Geo. Van Pelt's meeting at Beaumont, Texas, was a great success. Sectarianism was so bitter that he could get the use of no church for preaching and no baptistry for baptizing. But this bitterness reacted on the people, who furnished the Auditorium free, and the Electric Light Company charged him nothing for lights, and at the close a generous soul gave him a \$500 lot to build on. An organization was effected and a new house will be built at once in that growing city of 10,000 people."

The editor of the *Christian Standard* attended the commencement exercises of the School of the Evangelists, Kimberlin Heights, Tenn., and in writing about the graduates, has this to say of a provincial boy: "A. Kempton, of Milton, N. S., wanted to be a preacher but saw no way of securing an education. For a time he was a Salvation Army lieutenant in Vermont, but hearing of the