

of Christ also. When we plead for Christian union we necessarily acknowledge the kinship of those we invite to fellowship.

On the other hand we recognize the sinfulness of division and the evils growing out of it. Both the church and the world are suffering greatly from the lack of union among the followers of God.

Let not the Disciples of Christ think that by persistently advocating union that they are engaged in a much more insignificant work than by direct evangelization. We cannot expect to have any very large percentage of unbelievers converted until we are united. (John xvii. 21).

So that while we should always be ready to acknowledge the good in others and recognize them as brethren yet we are not thereby excused from endeavoring to impress upon them the necessity to "stand fast in one spirit with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

#### MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

The Association opened on Thursday, Aug. 5th, at 2.30 p. m., R. W. Stevenson in the chair. E. Burnaby was appointed Secretary *pro tem*. After singing and prayer several committees were appointed and some preliminary business attended to. The first paper was read by W. H. Harding, his theme "The Ministerial Dead Line, How to Avoid It." M. B. Ryan, J. W. Bolton, J. C. B. Appel, R. H. Bolton and others offered many practical suggestions on the subject. A number of persons who did not hear the paper read, but heard reference to it during the meeting, have requested that the paper be published; so next month if there is room, the readers of THE CHRISTIAN may have an opportunity to read for themselves.

The next was an excellent paper by J. W. Bolton, on "How to Reach Men." He urged the need of personal effort or direct contact. He also showed the need of "Tact." This paper was much enjoyed. Quite a number participated in the discussion which followed and many excellent points were made. Meeting adjourned.

At 7.30 p. m. meeting opened by a short service of song and prayer. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. R. W. Stevenson gave an address on "The Minister in Society, or the Safe Ground between an Iceberg and a Geyser." After defining his terms, he showed a preacher must be manly sociable, intelligent, patient, courageous, a benefactor, no respecter of persons. Most of the preachers present took part in the discussion which followed. R. E. Stevens came next with a paper on "Congregational Missionary Zeal, How to Awaken It?" This was a most helpful paper and was highly commended by all. Educate, donate, agitate, congratulate, were the key words. A discussion followed. Bro. J. A. Lord of Cincinnati, gave some very practical remarks. Meeting adjourned.

Friday, Aug. 6th, meeting opened at 9.30 a. m. with a short social service in which many earnest prayers were offered.

J. C. B. Appel then gave a very practical address on "How to Secure a good Working Church." We need to know our force, our field, ourselves, and not to do things *simply* because others do them. These and other practical points made the paper interesting. J. A. Lord emphasized the point that organization should come from need not need from organization.

M. B. Ryan then gave an address on "A Successful Protracted Meeting—What and

How?" He showed that the church or congregation had a great deal to do with the success of a meeting. Many practical suggestions were given. A number took part in the discussion which followed, and many things of a helpful nature were brought up.

The reports from the different committees were read. The following officers were then appointed: President, H. W. Stewart; Vice-President, R. E. Stevens; Secretary, W. H. Harding. Meeting then adjourned with prayer.

It is needless to say that this part of our Annual was very much enjoyed; and it is hoped that at our next meeting all the preachers and elders will attend in force. Let us help one another.

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Secretary.

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#### Correspondence.

##### NOTES OF TRAVEL.

Since I last wrote notes for THE CHRISTIAN I have been on the wing and have not yet found a resting place. During the months of July and August I spent three weeks with the brethren at Letete. I found here a number of earnest workers in the vineyard, and also some who are not so much interested, but still I think they all mean to do all they can some time. I found the people kind and hospitable wherever I went. My home was made with Bro. Wilson Wentworth or Bro. John Holmes, or perhaps I had better say both; for I think they are partners, and they with their partners did all they could to make me comfortable.

I also spent some time at Mascarene, a place about four miles from Letete. The brethren here are building a new meeting house that reflects great credit on the taste and determination of its projectors. There will be good work done here.

I preached in Back Bay five or six times, making my home at Bro. Kinuey's. He and his wife and family did all they could to make me comfortable. One made the good confession and was immersed. A few gathered around the Lord's table on Lord's day morning, but only a few. Here is a community of five or six hundred within a mile of a meeting house that will hold four hundred people, and not a dozen to meet to remember the dear Saviour. You say there is something wrong. I answer there is, and we ought to do all we can to make it right. This meeting house is the property of the Disciples of Christ, built when Bro. Gates was there. Here are three places: Mascarene, Letete, and Back Bay where a good man would do a good work, and *after a time* get a good support.

From Letete I went to the Annual Meeting at Leonardville. Of this meeting you have all heard and I can only echo what has been said, it was a grand meeting.

From the Annual I went to P. E. Island, and the Sunday after the meeting found me in Tidnish. How glad I was to meet old friends again, to renew old acquaintances, and make new ones. Of course Bro. Rayner and I had to have some shooting and fishing together. We missed Bro. Arch Haywood, but he was so busy with the new breakwater they are building at Tignish, that he could not come with us. Bro. Cooke is spoken of

by the brethren here in a way that shows they appreciate his efforts. I would like to tell you more about my visit here, but I am on the wing.

There is one thing I must mention. Our enjoyment is not unmingled with sorrow. On Monday, Aug. 23rd, we laid to rest in the cemetery at Greenmount, Silas R., son of Bro. and Sister George Wells. He was only a year old but suffered much ere he departed this life. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved parents, especially to the mother; for affliction's hand seems to have rested heavily upon her in her short life time. Sorrow may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning.

After the funeral I went to Summerside and saw some old friends there. I was disappointed in not seeing others, but my time was short. One day at Kelvin Grove, then on to Fredericton. Here I held a meeting of two weeks, preaching on Sunday in New Glasgow. There were seventeen additions, sixteen by baptism, one restored. I made my home in Fredericton mostly at Bro. James M. Stevenson's and found it a home indeed. I found Bro. and Sister Crawford enjoying good health for persons of their age. Bro. Crawford was with me in the meeting when he could. But I must close for this time.

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#### NOTES FROM LEXINGTON, KY.

Bro. J. W. Gates and I had a pleasant journey all the way to Lexington. We arrived here Sept. 13th, a little tired, but that was to be expected. Since we arrived the mercury has been ranging about 100 but it is a little lower now.

College opened for the term on Wednesday, 15th inst., with a large number of students. Friday evening was set apart for the inauguration of the new President of the College of Arts, R. Lin Cave. It was held in Morrison Chapel, and was very largely attended, both by students and by the citizens in general. A grand address was given by Pres. McGarvey, of the College of the Bible, after which Pres. Cave delivered his inaugural speech, which was greeted with rounds of applause. All then repaired to the Gymnasium, where the Alumni had prepared a bounteous repast. A pleasant time was spent by all and then we dispersed.

We are all at work now with the one end in view: preparing to preach the gospel of Christ.

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A. McLEAN'S "CIRCUIT OF THE GLOBE." (Christian Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo. \$2.00).—I suppose I was only one among many who wrote to A. McLean soon after his return from his trip, requesting the publication of his letters of travel in book form. Now that they are in hand under the title "A Circuit of the Globe," I am greatly pleased. The author's well known brevity, vigor, and insight, mark every page. His work is a genuine piece of himself. His descriptions are so graphic that with a very moderate imagination you may sit by your fireside and travel with him. It is not every traveller who sees through things, and all sides of things, and especially the right side of things. You may trust McLean's vision, for it is keen; and his description, for it is