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## THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Halifax, August 8-11.

The annual meeting of the Disciples of Christ, which was held in Halifax, August 8-11, was one of the best in recent years, and one, we think, that will have a good influence over our churches for years to come. It is not necessary to here write anything concerning the hearty manner in which the Halifax church welcomed the delegates, nor the hospitality they lavished upon them during their stay. We do not know that any convention was ever made to feel more thoroughly at home; and how the small band in Halifax did it, no man knows to this day, unless he lives in that city. It may be that the women could tell.

As near as we can judge about one hundred delegates were in attendance, the greater number of whom came from the Nova Scotia churches, though New Brunswick was well represented, and P. E. Island had some in attendance. The preachers present were M. B. Ryan, of Penn.; R. W. Stevenson, of New York State; U. G. Miller, of Charlottetown, besides H. Murray, Wm. Murray, E. O. Ford, H. A. Devoe, H. E. Cooke, G. D. Weaver, W. F. Shaw, and T. H. Blenus. There were other workers present who are as worthy of mention, but there were so many of them, and our space is so limited, that we cannot name each now. Their names are in the Lamb's book of life, and on the great day when all shall be rewarded according to what they have done, their labors shall receive a well deserved recognition. It is pleasing to see that many who are not preachers take an active part in the deliberations of the convention.

The first meeting was held on Thursday,

at 8 p. m.; and the first hymn sung was "I will sing of my Redeemer," etc. Bro. Cooke read the 67th Psalm, Bro. W. Murray offered an earnest prayer. Then we sang "Work, for the night is coming," etc. Bro. W. F. Shaw, the consecrated, enthusiastic pastor, spoke words of welcome for the church, and handed the meeting over to the chairman of the convention, Bro. E. O. Ford. Bro. U. G. Miller, of Charlottetown, then preached an earnest sermon from the words, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke xix. 10. Having sung "We are living, we are dwelling in a grand and awful time," etc., the first meeting was dismissed.

### FRIDAY.

On Friday morning, commencing at nine o'clock, a devotional meeting of one hour's duration was conducted by Bro. H. E. Cooke, Westport. It was pleasing to see the promptness with which those present took part. The meeting was excellent because they made it so.

The first business session was announced to open at 10 o'clock, and promptly at that hour Bro. E. O. Ford took the chair. Having made a few remarks about the year's work, and the purpose for which they had met, he said the time had come for them to select the officers for the year. Bro. Ford was, without a dissenting voice, asked to keep the position which he has filled with such evident satisfaction for about twenty years. In the absence of Bro. J. E. Barnes, whose presence and wise counsel were greatly missed, Geo. F. Barnes was chosen secretary, *pro tem*.

Believing that the reading people have as much interest in the proceedings of religious meetings as in many other things that get into the papers, the following press correspondents were appointed: M. B. Ryan, for *Acadian Recorder*; W. A. Barnes, for the *Chronicle*, and H. W. Stewart for the *Mail*. The *St. John Sun* sent Bro. Edwin Stockford as its special correspondent.

Letters from the churches were called for and read. It is to be regretted that some churches did not report, and consequently the statistics are incomplete and unsatisfactory. Nearly all the letters spoke in a hopeful tone, and many of them showed that a good year's work had been done.

Among the churches that have not reported are Back Bay, Newport, River John and Gulliver's Cove. We know that some of them could have reported additions, also money raised for missions. The brethren in Pictou also gave liberally to home missions. The mission school in St. John has an average attendance of about 130. It gives quarterly to missions.

The following tabulated statement will give some of the most important items in these letters:

Church.	Members.	Added.		Lost.	Sunday School.		Raised for Missions.	
		Baptism.	Other.		Scholars.	Teachers.	Home.	Foreign.
Halifax, . . . . .	76	6	3	3	70	\$347 00	\$20 00	
West Gore, . . . . .	100	6	2	4	72	25 00	12 00	
Shubenacadie, . . . . .	80	2	2	2	5	5 85	5 15	
Rawdon, . . . . .	39	9	1	1	12	15 00	8 75	
Corwallis, . . . . .	92	1	1	1	120	80 00	43 00	
Milton, . . . . .	192	1	1	1	23	6 00	9 00	
Keup, . . . . .	72	7	1	3	35	23 88	11 84	
Summerville, . . . . .	59	1	1	1	50	16 00	2 00	
Westport, . . . . .	63	1	1	1	60	6 00	14 50	
Tiverton, . . . . .	150	5	1	1	45	249 00	185 00	
South Range, . . . . .	40	1	1	1	180	1 50	149 00	
Southville, . . . . .	44	30	5	6	80	68 78	39 69	
St. John, . . . . .	403	82	1	2	65	36 40	102	
Silver Falls, . . . . .	21	8	1	1	61	\$1,088 06	\$334 40	
Lord's Cove, . . . . .	172	1	1	1	17	9	125	
Leonardville, . . . . .	180	1	1	1	18	17	1893	
Burr's Corner, . . . . .	84	1	1	1	17	9	125	
Letete, . . . . .	46	1	1	1	17	9	125	
Total reported, . . . . .	1893	125	9	17	861	102	\$1,088 06	

The report of the Home Mission Board was next given to the meeting, the details being omitted. It is worthy of careful study. It demonstrates in a very striking way that we are making progress in these provinces, and it indicates what we can do in the future, if we decide to throw ourselves more heartily into home mission work. But here is the report. Please study it till you thrill with new inspirations:

### HOME MISSION REPORT.

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

DEAR BRETHREN—Your Home Mission Board respectfully submit their report for the eleven months ending July 31st, 1895.

We are glad to report a large increase in receipts, and that nearly all our churches have contributed this year; also that the number of Sunday-schools and Y. P. S. C. E. taking a collection for home missions are on the increase.

Two churches and one Sunday-school have been re-organized. Four preachers have been employed 705 days; they preached 845 sermons at 14 places; collected \$718.48. There were 77 added to the churches.