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### THE ANNUAL MEETING

of the Disciples of Christ of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia will be held with the church at West Gore, Hants County, commencing on Thursday, September 3, and continue over Lord's day. J. E. BARNES, Secretary.

Those who intend being at the Annual will do well to read carefully the information regarding routes, fares, etc., given on page .

As the accounts of THE CHRISTIAN must soon be made up and a report presented to the annual meeting at West Gore, we ask those who are behind with their subscription to pay during this month. If all would attend to this matter it would save us the trouble of making out bills and sending them. It is about as unpleasant to send bills as it is to receive them. Prompt payment will make the sending of them unnecessary.

In the *Christian Standard* we see that Ira C. Mitchell, who ten years ago preached in Charlottetown, but who is now located at Bellefonte, Pa., preached recently in Tavorsville. Ellis B. Barnes who has just graduated from the College of Arts, Kentucky University, has been called to Normal, Ill. F. C. Overbaugh leaves Brandon, Iowa, to take charge of the church in Greene. This is his first work since coming out of the hospital.

The increase of missionary interest on P. E. I. is very gratifying. Of the churches that reported at the Association, all but one had taken up collections for the work among the heathen, and that one attended to the matter just at the close of the meeting. Some of the churches are giving quite large sums considering their membership, but not large when we consider the needs of the fields where the harvest is ripe but un-gathered.

The Maritime Convention of C. E. is to be held in the First Methodist Church, Charlottetown, P. E. I., on Sept. 1st to 3rd. W. E. Turner is chairman of the Entertainment Committee, G. F. Beer of the locating, and Matthew Stevenson of the reception.

Major Dawson is to deliver an address of welcome on behalf of the city; D. Sutherland of Zion Church, on behalf of the churches, and Duncan Marshall on behalf of the local Union. The Disciples will of course have their rally in the Christian meeting house, Great George Street.

Are P. E. I., N. S. and N. B. going to unite in carrying on home mission work? That question should be decided soon, and if it is decided affirmatively, the writer thinks it shall be decided right. The churches of the three provinces could easily keep an evangelist in the field if they would try, and a good man who greatly desires to see new churches established and old ones strengthened, and whose earnestness and ability are as great as his desires and his goodness, would in a year's time do a work that would encourage the churches to undertake more in the future.

E. T. Edmonds the pastor of the church in Boston thinks that, as very many of the members of the church with which he labors come from the Maritime provinces, it will be wise for him to come down this way. He wants to spend the month of August among our churches that he may become acquainted with our people. We trust his visit will be very pleasant and profitable. Hugh McLellan, the successful minister of the Shelbyville, Ky., church, is now in Nova Scotia. He is in the east for salt breezes and fresh air, and he came to the right place for both. He is going to visit P. E. I.

In about one month the annual meeting in West Gore is to take place. For the past few years it seems that these gatherings have been increasing in interest and have also been taking a practical turn; and this we think a cause for rejoicing. The meetings should be enjoyable and create enthusiasm, but they should also be for the consideration of the plans best adapted to secure the rapid and permanent extension of our work in the provinces. And that wise plans may be made the wisest heads should be present. But the wisest plans must be put into execution or they are no good. It is better not to pass resolutions if they are not remembered and regarded.

The *Standard* tells us that the church in Clarion, Iowa, under the ministry of H. T. Morrison, flourishes. Since he went there, a little more than a year ago, the membership has more than doubled. An old debt has been paid and the house remodeled, all of which amounted to more than \$1200. They have now the best house in town. Five additions Sunday night. We also see that H. T. Morrison (Jr., we suppose) has been preaching at Webster City and visiting his parents at Clarion. Another of our Island preachers who is doing a splendid work is A. Linkletter who seems to be a general evangelist for Virginia. About twice a month he sends the *Christian Standard* an interesting letter telling of his work.

In giving an account of the Commencement exercises at Bethany College, George Darsie says in *The Christian Guide*: "A class of twenty-six received diplomas, and besides these three post-graduates obtained the A. M. degree. I have not space for names nor for detailed comment on the eight orations given on Commencement day. They seemed to me more than average productions, and the class seemed more than an average class. The highest honor went to Ernest Everett Crawford of Prince Edward Island, whose average standing was 95." We congratulate Bro. Crawford on his great success, and hope he will be equally successful in his life work. We heard that he is going to labor with the church in Covington, Ky.

The Disciples of Christ are forcing themselves upon the attention of the religious world, and the Christian Endeavor movement has given them an opportunity they could have obtained in no other way so easily. Even if we are not in full sympathy with that Society, we have to admit that it has advertized us very widely and not to our discredit either. At the great International Convention held in Washington, D. C., in July, the Disciples took the third place as far as the number of societies is concerned, only the Presbyterians and Congregationalists being ahead of them. Many people who know little about the Disciples will be led to ask, Who are they and what do they believe? and will go forth to find out the answer.

Some people seem to think that the less their religion costs them the more fortunate they are; but if they do not learn better before they leave this world they will soon find out their mistake when they reach the next. There is no place for covetous people in heaven and there is only one other place for them to go and gold has no value there. Why will not people be convinced of the folly of spending lavishly on themselves when the cause of Christ is suffering for help? It is wise to lay up treasures in heaven and it is foolish to lay them up on earth. Whose shall these things be when the one who sacrificed heaven to gain them is called away from them? God would probably say "Thou fool" to the man who boasts that his religion costs him only \$1.00 per year.

It is gratifying to see how many young men our churches are sending out to preach the word. These provinces are a fruitful soil. We doubt whether, taking all circumstances into consideration, any other field has been so productive; and the quality ranks high. In the last few years more than ever before our young men have turned their eyes to the ministry as the vocation where there are the greatest opportunities for work as well as the greatest needs, and this is well. We understand that this year will see others of our boys starting for college to study for the ministry. It would be well for still others who have the necessary talents (and simply need training) to consider if the Lord does not want them to preach the word.