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SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Annual meeting of the Disciples of Christ, of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, will be held with the church at Lord's Cove, commencing Thursday, August 31st, 1893. The brethren of Lord's Cove, extend a cordial invitation to all who love the Lord Jesus, and are laboring for the restoration of primitive Christianity, to be present and aid in making this meeting a grand success.

Arrangements have been made with the various lines to return delegates at reduced rates, on presentation of Certificate from the Secretary of the Annual Meeting.

There will be a special boat leave Eastport for Lord's Cove, Thursday, August 31st, at about 2 p. m., for the accommodation of those wishing to attend the Annual. The regular boat leaves here Monday, September 4th, at 7 a. m., for Eastport, connecting there with American and St. John boats.

R. E. STEVENS,
Lord's Cove,
Deer Island, N. B.

PROGRAMME

For the Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, to be held at Lord's Cove, Deer Island, N. B., Aug. 31st - Sept. 3rd, 1893:—

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| THURSDAY, | 3 P. M., | Address, Mrs. E. W. Darst. |
| " | 7 I. M., | Welcome—R. E. Stevens. |
| " | " | Responses by visiting brethren. |
| " | 8 P. M., | Sermon—H. Minnick. |
| FRIDAY, | 9 A. M., | Social Meeting led by Wm. Murray. |
| " | 10 " | Business Session. |
| " | 2 P. M., | do. |
| " | 7 P. M., | Social Meeting led by H. E. Cooke. |
| " | 8 " | Addresses—Our Plea, H. A. Northcutt; Our Field, H. Murray. |
| SATURDAY, | 10 A. M., | Prayer-meeting led by H. Murray. |
| " | 11 A. M., | Business Meeting. |
| " | 2 P. M., | Women's Missionary Meeting. |
| " | 7 " | Prayer-meeting led by H. A. Devoc. |
| " | 8 P. M., | Missionary Meeting. |
| LORD'S DAY, | 7.30 A. M., | Prayer-meeting. |
| " | 10 " | Preaching, E. C. Rawlinson. |
| " | 12 " | Breaking of Bread. |
| " | 3 P. M., | Preaching, T. H. Capp. |
| " | 7 " | H. A. Northcutt. |
| " | 8.30 " | " Farewell Social Meeting. |

NOTICE TO THOSE ATTENDING THE ANNUAL AT LORD'S COVE.

All who come via St. John must purchase their tickets for Eastport at the Agent's office before going on the steamer. The fare will be \$1 00 for the return ticket.

The Windsor and Annapolis and Western Counties Railway will grant reduced fare to persons buying first-class tickets one way.

A special trip from Eastport to Deer Island will be made on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

BRO. NORTHCUTT's meeting in St. John is being largely attended—the church being crowded at every meeting. Seventeen persons added to date.

BRO. E. C. ROWLINSON preached for the Halifax church last Lord's day. Our brethren speak of him in the highest terms.

BRETHREN Capp and Pinkerton, of Springfield, Mo., are expected to be at the annual.

OUR financial manager, Bro. J. E. Edwards, will be at the annual. All matters connected with THE CHRISTIAN will be attended to by him.

BRO. S. W. LEONARD, of Deer Island, leaves for the College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky, early next month.

The brethren throughout the provinces will be glad to learn that the church in Halifax is going forward. So far the struggle has been a hard one, and it still continues; but enough has been done to give good ground for encouragement. The church is making heroic efforts to reach the point where they will be self-sustaining. Probably no church in the provinces has done more in the past twelve months in the line of self-support, when ability is considered, than this church has done. No one can have a true appreciation of their labors and zeal who has not spent at least a few days with them; and the longer he remains the more surprised he will be. The church is now approaching the crisis in its history. The next year or two will decide whether, in the near future, the church is to become self-sustaining and be in a position to impress Halifax with the importance of the simple gospel of Christ as it should be impressed. To fail at the present point is to fail for ten years, if not for twenty. What Halifax needs now, and must have if success is going to be reached soon, is a good, earnest preacher. Until such an one is located there the church will have to labor under great disadvantages. It is much to be hoped that some plan may be found which will result in placing a man permanently in Halifax. The churches can assist Halifax if they will, and if they will, in a generous measure, we may confidently count upon success.

The first few days of August saw the streets of Halifax well crowded with delegates from the societies of Christian Endeavor, in the three provinces, to the Maritime Convention. Between four and five hundred in all were present.

Halifax still wore her summer attire, but it was beginning to fade. Even as it faded, it was beautiful. The visitors were delighted. There was not much time for sight-seeing, however. The meetings opened at seven in the morning with a prayer

and praise service, and it was usually after ten at night before the fourth daily session was ended. The reports show that Nova Scotia is far in advance as to the number of societies. New Brunswick follows a long way in the rear. Then comes P. E. Island with a still smaller number. The most of the societies are in Presbyterian churches. The Disciples have only three—two in N. S. and one in N. B. The most prominent man in attendance was Dr. Clark, the founder of the society. He is a comparatively young man—apparently on the sunny side of fifty—and one of the most sweet-spirited of men. He gives God all the glory. A month before, he returned to Canada—his native place—from a tour around the world. He gave a graphic description of his journey through New Zealand, Australia, China, Japan, India, Turkey, etc. There were many men of provincial prominence on the programme. Our own Bro. Northcutt was selected to speak on The Relation of the Society to the Pastor. His address was a fine one. It did the whole Convention good. To the Halifax church his presence in the meeting was, and will be, worth a great deal. If our preachers refuse to take part in such gatherings as this, we need not complain if we are misunderstood and misrepresented. If our plea cannot stand in the presence of the views of all the denominations, and outline them all, there is something wrong.

This year we go to Lord's Cove, Deer Island; and while it is a little remote for some of our brethren, its attractiveness should

Our Annual church there is strong and influential and well able to do a good work

in the Lord's name. They have a meeting-house which is a credit to them, and we are assured that they will welcome their brethren and sisters to their hearts and homes. It is very desirable that there should be a large attendance at this meeting. An earnest, prayerful effort should be put forth to make it tell for the spread of the truth more than any other meeting has done. We should all want to go forward. To go backward in the work would be a sin. These annual gatherings are just what we make them. They may come and go, and, like a vessel on the ocean, leave no trace behind. Or they may come like the sunshine and rain in the springtime and bring new life and beauty, and passing away leave the fruits of consecrated purpose and increased brotherly love. The church with which the meeting is held is benefitted. The incoming of so many of God's children must mean the incoming of great blessings, for a true child of God will carry blessedness wherever he goes. It will encourage the church. Often when we are toiling alone we are apt to get discouraged if everything does not go just as we could wish. The approach of cheerful hearts will drive away that feeling and move us to renewed exertion. Those who attend the meetings are benefitted. There can be a desirable exchange of thought in reference to the carrying on of the Master's work. New plans may be learned of. Fresh zeal may be kindled. The churches may be bound closer together in sympathy and in work, as they understand each other better. All the churches should be benefitted. When the brethren and sisters who attend such meetings return home, they ought to be able to carry with them a torch of enthusiasm with which to unkindle a brighter flame of earnestness in their home congregations. The destitute