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NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, for the year 1897, will be held with the church at Leonardville, Deer Island, commencing on Friday, 6th day of August next.

M. B. RYAN,

J. E. BARNES,

Secretary.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

There are important notices in this paper for those who are going to the Annual Meeting at Leonardville, Deer Island. Read these carefully, and act accordingly.

THE CHRISTIAN for August is issued one week before the usual time in order that the readers may have the information about the Leonardville meeting which it contains.

C. C. Rowison is now preaching for the 56th Street Church, New York, with a view to taking the work permanently. As he has lately taken to himself a wife we send him our congratulations.

In the programme of the N. B. and N. S. meeting as given last month several serious mistakes occurred. Bro. Ford, and not Bro. Lord, is to preach the sermon on Sunday morning. The mistake arose out of similarity of the names.

The *Christian Guide* says that "G. N. Stevenson of Prince Edward Island, who recently graduated from the College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., will teach at Hazel Green Academy, during the coming year. He will also preach for neighboring churches."

We notice in the *Christian Standard* that "Ernest E. Crawford, minister for the church at Rudolph, O., and Miss Fannie Gittens, of Pittsburg, Pa., were married by S. M. Cook at the residence of J. W. Knight at Trombley, Ohio, June 28, 1897." THE CHRISTIAN sends best wishes.

The Christian Publishing Company, St. Louis, will soon issue from their press A. McLean's new book, "A Circuit of the

Globe." It will contain 62 chapters, about 400 pages of printed matter, and over 100 full page, half-tone illustrations. The book is written in a fascinating style and gives an account of the habits, customs and peculiarities of the countries through which he passed.

The *Christian Oracle* says: "That Mrs. Selina Huntington Campbell, the widow of Alexander Campbell, died June 28th, at Bethany, W. Va., at an advanced age, being near ninety years old. She was married to Alexander Campbell in 1828, and was a lady of marked intellectual ability.

Will those who send in anything for publication in THE CHRISTIAN please address it to THE CHRISTIAN, Box 56, St. John, N. B., and not to the office editor. He is sometimes away when the paper is made up, as was the case last month, and as will likely be the case next month; and whenever this occurs some one else has to act as office editor

We are pleased to notice that the brethren on P. E. I. had an excellent meeting, and one of the surest signs of its excellence were the confession of Christ by some in attendance. We congratulate the churches upon the appointment of Bros. R. W. Stevenson and G. A. Jeffrey to represent them at the meeting on Deer Island. If there's strength in union, why should not the three provinces co-operate in home mission work.

We give our readers some suggestive, timely articles this month from some of our thoughtful brethren. It is quite evident that we ought to plan for a much more successful work than we have hitherto done, and we should seek and adopt the best way to accomplish it. These articles will surely put our readers to thinking over this matter, with the result, we hope, that they will come to the meeting with some ideas tending to the proper solution of this problem.

R. H. Bolton, pastor of the Church of Christ, Everett, Mass., and editor of *The New England Messenger*, hopes to spend a week or ten days in Westport, N. S., with his son, and afterward attend the Annual Convention at Leonardville. The brethren of the provinces will gladly welcome our talented, consecrated brother; and when he has paid us one visit we think he will be constrained to repeat it frequently.

The Illinois Christian Encampment is to be held in Eureka, July 26th to August 1st. Among the speakers are Mrs. O. A. Burgess, Mrs. Candace Lhamon Smith, Pres. J. H. Hardin, Pres. B. J. Radford and A. McLean. Robt. T. Matthews, Chancellor of Drake University and E. B. Barnes, minister at Normal, are to preach the sermons on Lord's day. We are pleased to see Bro. Barnes in such good company.

The programme of the Ministerial Association is published in this issue. The sessions will begin on Thursday, August

5th. As no boat goes from St. John to Eastport on that day, those going to this meeting by the International steamers shall have to leave this city on Wednesday morning's boat. We do not think that many besides the ministers will be able to spare the time to attend this meeting.

Those going to the Annual Meeting from Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and places in New Brunswick along the Inter-colonial Railway, will have to remain over night in St. John—Tuesday night, if they go to the Ministerial meeting, and Thursday night if they go only to the Annual Meeting. If these delegates will send their names to H. W. Stewart, Box 56, St. John, N. B., before August 1st, and state when and how they are coming, he will see that entertainment is provided for them. If you expect to come, send him your name *at once*.

The International C. E. convention was held at San Francisco early in July, and was attended by nearly 30,000 delegates, about one half of whom were Californians. Prominent places on the programme were given some of our preachers, including E. L. Powell, B. B. Tyler, A. B. Philpott, and H. L. Willett. Each morning during the convention the latter conducted Bible studies which were largely attended. The report of the General Secretary, J. W. Baer, shows that in the number of societies the Presbyterians still lead with 5,531. The Congregationalists come second with 4,156, and the Disciples of Christ third with 3,208.

Some people's holiness takes a peculiar way of manifesting itself, so peculiar, in fact, that we are compelled to doubt whether it be what it professes. When "holiness" talks about "keeping the Sabbath," and then runs Sunday excursions, we must be permitted to judge the tree by its fruit. This may be a very good way of making money, and it also gives the worldly minded a chance to have a cheap picnic on the Lord's day; but we very much doubt the propriety (to put the matter mildly) of children of God taking the wages of unrighteousness. We like the holiness that shows itself in having no fellowship with the works of darkness but rather reproves them. We are not to do evil that good may come.

We notice that many churches are at work trying to deepen their spiritual currents, trying to increase the consecration and godliness of the members. This is well. If all professing Christians were what they should be, it would be a much easier matter to reach the unsaved. The money needed would be forthcoming and the world would not be stumbling over unconverted church members. The evangelist that very many churches need is one who will set before them the true ideal, and help them to realize it. The days of the evangelist who adds vast quantities of wood, hay and stubble should be quickly terminated; *i. e.*, his days as an evangelist. He does the church an almost incalculable injury, and the greater his success the more the church is to be pitied.