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The following arrangements have been made with the railways and steamboats for persons attending the Annual Meeting at Westport:

The Yarmouth S. S. Co. will grant a free return ticket to delegates who have paid full fare on going, on presentation of certificate from the Secretary.

The Weymouth S. S. Co. will grant a return ticket to Westport at one fare. Those who intend going by this line must be in Weymouth not later than Sept. 3rd.

The Western Counties Railway will give a return ticket at one-third fare to delegates who have paid first-class fare one way, on presentation of Secretary's certificate.

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The Bay of Fundy S. S. Co. will grant return tickets at one-third fare on presentation of certificate from the Secretary.

NOTICE.

All parties attending the Annual at Westport, are requested to come by the way of Weymouth, also, they are requested to be at Weymouth on the evening of the 3rd of September, so as to take the S. S. Weymouth next morning. Accommodations will be provided by J. Goodwin (at the American House), at reduced rates. This is the safest, cheapest and best way to get to Westport, parties who attempt to come on the Dominion, either from Yarmouth or St. John, may not get to Westport if it is thick weather, but let all make Weymouth the center, and you are sure of getting there in time for the opening. All arrangements have been made, on this route especially, to make it convenient. All parties going this way will have a free return by the same boat. Messrs. Charles Barrel & Co. have promised to send the boat back for our convenience.

PROGRAMME

of the Annual Meeting to be held at Westport, N. S., commencing Friday, September 4th, 1891:

Friday, 7.30 p. m.—Informal meeting of welcome and greeting by Bro. H. C. Cooke.

Saturday, 9 a. m.—Prayer meeting, led by Bro. J. A. Gates.

" 10 " —Preaching by Bro. Wm. Murray. Subject: "The Prayer-meeting." Followed with a conference on the same subject.

Saturday, 2 p. m.—Preaching by Bro. H. Murray. Subject: "Church Work." Followed with a conference on the same subject.

" 7.30 p. m.—Preaching by Bro. E. C. Ford.

Sunday, 7 a. m.—Prayer-meeting, led by Bro. H. A. Devos.

" 10.30 " —Preaching by Bro. D. Crawford: "The Annual Sermon."

" 11.45 " —The Lord's Supper.

" 2 p. m.—Sunday School Work, with a Question Box.

" 3 " —Preaching by Bro. J. H. Gordinier.

" 7 " —Prayer-meeting, led by Bro. H. Carson.

" 8 " —Preaching by H. W. Stewart.

Monday, 9 a. m.—Business-meeting.

" 2 " " "

" 3.30 p. m.—Business-meeting of the Sisters.

" 7.30 " —Mission Meeting.

THE LAST CHRISTIAN, with Bro. Crawford's picture, and items concerning his life, is of itself worth at least two years' subscription to the paper. Our brother felt keenly the difficulty of writing about himself, but submitting to the request of others he skilfully applies himself to the task; and as on other subjects, so in the presentation of this, he shows a master hand.

It is customary, I know, to keep the good things you have to say about a man until he is dead. Well, I'll do that—but let me say just a few things right now. When I saw the picture and read the items, I felt as though I wanted to see him face to face, for I regard Bro. Crawford as one of the biggest men I ever met—not in body only, but in mind and heart. Our readers are familiar with his writings, which stand as a monument to the truthfulness of our statement. His soul is in the cause of Christ—no one rejoices more than he to hear of sinners turning to Christ, or feels sadder when hearing of things being otherwise. His self-sacrificing spirit, sensitiveness—yes, and hopefulness—are among the leading features of his life. When clouds were dark and lowering and hope in all was nearly gone, our brother could see a rift in the cloud and would say, "Don't be discouraged, brother, it will come out all right in the end."

I am sorry that he is getting old, but glad to know that he is nearing a better world, and that his works will follow him. We shall look with interest to a further reading of his life.

DURING the month of August we have had but little reason to complain of cold weather in Springfield, Mo. The mercury seemed very much inclined to remain in the nineties. The residents of Springfield claim with boastfulness that their climate is an Italian one; but we notice that they are as ready to dispense with certain portions of it as the New Orleansers are the Italians themselves.

DON'T forget that our coming annual will be with the church at Westport, Digby Co., N. S., commencing on Friday evening before the first Lord's day in September.

THE following we clip from the *Christian Evangelist*. It seems to us rather strange that after presenting the present condition and treatment of the

Jews in the light of deserved and predicted punishment from the Lord, that the editor should attempt to censure nations for their attitude towards the Jews, or suggest to them (the nations) a plan for averting or discontinuing the just reward of their (the Jews) deeds. The nations might reply somewhat in the language of Gamaliel, "If this be of God we cannot overthrow it, lest haply we be found to fight against God." But here is the clipping:

Three thousand years ago the Lord declared that Israel, in case of disobedience, should be scattered among the nations, and said, "Among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest." How signally that has been fulfilled a thousand times in history! The persecution now in progress in Russia is only a repetition of what has occurred in every country of Europe. Even England has exiled the Jew, and as she hurried him across the channel has robbed and murdered him in order to prevent a demand for restitution. What shall the poor Jew do? Russia is making his life a burden, but when he looks around "to find rest for the sole of his foot," he finds no country prepared to welcome him. A Berlin despatch declares that the Triple Alliance has reached an agreement to send those back who reach the German or Austrian frontier unless they have a passport, tickets and money enough to carry them to America. Wherever the Russian Jews are found, whether in Germany, Austria or Italy, they are expelled. The great powers, from motives of humanity, ought to discover some country where they could find a refuge. When Nebuchadnezzar drove them out of Palestine he gave them a place in Mesopotamia. Are modern nations worse than the heathen? Why not bring a pressure to bear upon sick, decaying Turkey which would open Palestine to the scattered exiles of the race?

In a recent issue of the *Republic* of St. Louis, Mo., there are some excellent suggestions concerning the most effective way of preaching the gospel. In view of the fact that quite a number of young men are starting out in the work of the ministry, we herewith give the suggestions:

In dealing with masses of men, preachers may learn from the politicians. For it is noticeable that these last always aim, in the conduct of a campaign, at two things, viz.: Simplicity and emotion.

Simplicity. Whatever requires a great deal of explanation, remarks a shrewd observer, or much careful thinking, is not going to sweep down the multitude. Because the people do not think—they feel. Hence the value of war-cries. Hence too, the significance of phrases which coin an issue in a word—emotion. The great speakers, says Lacky, have spoken not to the mind but to the nerves. The way to get hold of men is through their feelings. Plough up the subsoil of their emotions. Make a galvanic battery of yourself and shoot your convictions into your audience in an electric thrill.

All this is equally true in religion. Simplicity of purpose and an emotional manner are of more value in the pulpit than anywhere else. If men are to be turned from sin to holiness, if they are to be persuaded to exchange self for Christ, if they are to be won to start from earth to heaven, there must be a directness of statement on the part of pulpitiere and a fervor of utterance which appeals to every secret and sacred memory. The scientific method will do in the laboratory. The philosophic calm of Newton or Bacon is all right in a college. In the pulpit there must be moral dynamite infused in matter and manner.

THE Governor of Georgia has signed the bill to prohibit the sale of liquor within three miles of any church building or school house except in incorporated cities. Some one remarked that "this beats local option." This means prohibition in Georgia where church and schoolhouses are numerous, and where they do not exist cheap structure will be erected at once.