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NOTES AND NEWS.

The P. E. Island brethren are anticipating a grand meeting at Montague, commencing Friday, July 8th. The programme appears in this paper.

Special attention is called to the announcement concerning the Annual Meeting of the churches to be held at Tiverton, Aug. 11-15. It is desirable that all the churches will be represented.

Reports show that Children's Day for foreign missions was observed by a good proportion of our churches in the Maritime Provinces. Both the day and the object are becoming more popular in the schools.

We read in the *Christian Standard* that Ernest E. Crawford, whom sickness compelled to resign the work at Rudolph, Ohio, last fall, has entirely recovered, and is again ready for regular work. His present address is Covington, Ky.

H. A. Northcutt continues to do grand work in the evangelistic field. Last month he closed a meeting of twenty-six days at Humansville, Mo., with 94 additions; 67 baptisms; 40 men. Despite the hot weather and war excitement the good work goes on.

The office-editor expects to be absent from St. John when the next number of this paper is printed. To insure their prompt appearance, all communications intended for publication should be addressed to THE CHRISTIAN, and not to him personally.

The *Christian Standard* says that M. B. Ryan has been engaged by the District Board to visit the churches in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in the interest of the churches in that section. This will be done, if nothing prevents, before the beginning of August.

We read in the *Christian Evangelist* of the splendid work W. J. Lhamon is doing in Allegheny, Pa. He has been there just a year and has had one hundred and sixty-nine additions to the church. Out of a membership of over one thousand, he knows and has the exact address of all save possibly fifty. He has won the love of the church and the respect of the citizens.

Seven hundred and thirty-seven dollars is quite a sum, but that is the amount of the Children's Day offering for foreign missions of the Sunday-school in the Central Church, Des Moines, Ia. It is also the largest amount that any of our schools has given for missions in one year.

Another of our foreign missionaries has fallen at his post. A. F. H. Saw of Chu Cheo, China, died on May 17, of typhus fever. He was sick for only a short time. He was a successful worker and will be much missed. Some one shall have to be sent out to take his place in the ranks. "God buries his workmen but carries on his work."

The *Christian Standard* says that the Christian Endeavorers of the First Christian Church, New Orleans, La., recently held a meeting at Camp Foster, in the vicinity of the city when ten soldiers responded to the invitation—five to renew their vows, and five to confess Christ for the first time. The latter were baptized at the church on the following afternoon.

A number of P. E. Island young men, who have been studying in the College of the Bible and Kentucky University, Lexington, have returned home for the summer, after a very successful year's work. A. N. Simpson, of Cavendish, has completed his course, Herbert Martin, of Montague, has finished his second year, and R. E. Stevenson, New Glasgow, has closed his first year. W. T. Jelly, Summerside, who has spent several years in St. Thomas, Ont., is also visiting his home.

The Financial Manager of THE CHRISTIAN will close his accounts for this year on August 1st. He desires to submit a good report to the annual meeting, but he cannot without the aid of the subscribers. He regrets to announce that the receipts for June were not one third of the expenditure and he earnestly calls upon all those in arrears to pay up during this month. If they will do so, he will be able to report a good balance. Will you please look at the date on the address label of your paper? It is the date to which you have paid. If it is not as late as July '98, you are in arrears, and a prompt payment will be greatly appreciated.

Is it true that the old cus'om of family worship is going gradually out of fashion? We fear it is too true. Some professing Christians are so eagerly pursuing the things that perish that they do not take, and have little disposition to make, time for it. We have an impression that there are many homes where Christians are supposed to reside where a "blessing is asked" or "thanks returned" at meals only when a preacher is present. This is most unfortunate, particularly if there are young children in the home. They should be surrounded by a religious atmosphere in their most susceptible years. It will give them needed strength for the time when they go out into the world and meet with its temptations. But let the family worship and the family life harmonize

We long since noticed that the editor of *The Christian Evangelist* has a good aptitude for drawing valuable lessons from secular events, and applying them to religious matters. In a recent copy of this paper, he has an excellent leader on "Some Lessons for Christians in the Present War," in which he shows the need of enthusiasm, strategy, organization and co-operation in our spiritual warfare. We need these four things in our work in these provinces—especially the first and the last.

We learn from one of our exchanges that the Church of Christ in Danbury, Conn., has not missed spreading the Lord's table on the first day of the week since it was organized in 1817—now more than eighty years ago. This is surely a splendid record. We know churches that are not eight years old, which time and again, and for long periods, have failed to remember the Lord's death in his appointed way. The failure is not a disease, it is simply a pronounced symptom of a deep-seated one—cold hearts. Cure the disease and the symptom will disappear.

In the *Christian Standard*, F. D. Power gives an interesting account of his twenty-three years' pastorate in Washington, D. C. He has aimed to be as far as he could an example of the things he preached to others, both in living and in liberality. He has always refused to leave his people for an increased salary, and has declined to receive a larger stipend at their hands. He has given close attention to his preparation for pulpit service. It is his rule to be in his study each morning from nine o'clock to one. He lays the foundation of his sermons Tuesday morning; preaches principally on practical themes; delivers two distinctly doctrinal sermons a month, one in the morning and one in the evening, on different Sundays. He gives much time to pastoral visitation. Three or four hours of each afternoon are devoted to this work and frequently three hours in the evening. He finds this good for his health, and says that if a man would save souls he must lose soles.

It is not encouraging to note that the contributions from the churches and Sunday-schools to our provincial mission work have fallen off this year; and the Home Mission Board is in danger of having to report at the annual meeting at Tiverton that enough has not been raised to meet the apportionments. Does this mean that our interest in home missions is dying out? Does it mean that we are no longer willing to assist the places now receiving aid? or that the grants to them shall have to be reduced to a ridiculously low figure? It is quite evident that the work is not regarded as greatly important, or it would not be jeopardized, as is the case at present, owing to the lamentable failure of the Disciples of Christ in these provinces to give it an adequate support. There is just one month before the convention year closes, and it is of prime importance that every church and Sunday-school, Mission Band and friend of the work, send a contribution so that the amounts pledged may be paid.