

Annual Meeting of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

I want to tell you first about the co-operation between the G. C. M. C. of the U. S. and the Home Mission Board of N. S. and N. B. About one-third of our churches have taken up a collection for their fund, and our board agreeing to pay a certain sum a month for an evangelist while laboring here, they sent Bro. H. A. Northcutt, of Knox City, Mo., for two months. He has worked faithfully to build up the cause here; in fact, we never saw a man work harder. He was three weeks in Halifax, four in St. John and one at Lord's Cove, Deer Island, N. B., during the Annual Meeting. As a result of his work, there were three confessions in Halifax, thirty in St. John, and eight at Lord's Cove. These churches are fully aroused, outsiders are interested in us, prejudice has been removed; while the gospel has been plainly and lovingly preached. Bro. Northcutt is just the man for this field, and if he could labor here for a year, hundreds could be added to the churches.

On Aug. 31st, in the afternoon, about fifty delegates arrived at Lord's Cove, to attend the "Annual." Bro. R. E. Stevens, who is preaching for the church there, had made all arrangements for entertaining us; and we were soon located in their comfortable, happy homes.

Thursday, at four o'clock, we assembled to hear Mrs. E. W. Darst, of Boston, on Missions. She gave an interesting historical account, spoke of its present work, and made an earnest appeal for more united efforts to send the gospel to foreign lands. Mrs. Darst came by invitation of the C. W. B. M. of the maritime provinces to arouse a greater interest in their work, and she did all that was expected of her. The church is fully awake now, and will do grand work in the future. If the churches in Ontario want an educated, consecrated, untiring worker in this line, send for Mrs. Darst, and you will receive a great blessing from her visit.

At seven o'clock the Convention was opened, Bro. J. E. Barnes, of St. John, in the chair. Bro. R. E. Stevens welcomed the delegates to Lord's Cove. Replies were made by Elders E. C. Ford, O. B. Emery, H. E. Cooke and H. Murray. At eight o'clock Evangelist Northcutt preached on "Building on the Rock."

Friday, 9 a. m., prayer-meeting, O. B. Emery presiding. 10 a. m., business meeting. E. C. Ford was elected president. He has been honored with this office for the past fifteen years. The secretary, J. E. Barnes, read minutes of last meeting, which were approved. The Home Mission Board reported nine preachers employed for part of time. Eight places were helped; two new houses of worship were opened, one church organized and one Sunday school. 197 sermons were preached, 58 added to the churches; \$719 were collected, \$634 were expended; balance on hand from last year and this, \$262.

The Christian, which is under the control of this meeting, showed \$117 profits in the hands of its financial manager, J. E. Edwards, of St. John. H. W. Stewart, who has charge of the Educational Fund, reported that there was a small sum still due T. H. Capp, the former treasurer. Sixteen of the twenty churches sent in their annual letters. Counting the other four the same as last year's reports show, there is a membership of over 1700. 110 baptisms and twelve added by letter. Lost by death, fifteen; removal, forty. Sunday school membership, 1186. Value of church property, \$42,000. C. H. Leonard, G. F. Barnes and J. S. Flaglor, of St. John, were re-elected to

serve as the Home Mission Board. H. W. Stewart was re-elected to take charge of the Educational Fund. Elders H. Murray and H. A. Devoe were appointed to select place for next "Annual." H. W. Stewart, Geo. V. Barnes, J. S. Flaglor, with pastor of church where meeting is to be held, were appointed to prepare the programme for next year.

Quarterlies are to be held as follows: December, Summerville, N. S.; March, St. John; June, Cornwallis, N. S.

Friday, 2 p. m. A resolution was passed expressing satisfaction with the co-operation between the N. S. and N. B. M. B. and the G. C. M. C. of the U. S. during the past year; and urging them to continue to help this field; also asking all the churches, as an evidence of their good will in this matter, to take up the annual collection in May next, in common with the churches of the United States.

Votes of thanks to the railways and steamboat lines for reduced rates; also to officers of the annual meeting and members of the Home Mission Board.

Resolution passed recommending the H. M. Board to grant \$300 this year for sustaining a preacher in Halifax; Halifax agreeing to raise \$300, and Bro. Northcutt promising to ask the G. C. M. C. to grant a like sum for this purpose.

Resolution expressing sorrow and sympathy on account of the deaths during the year, and especially the loss of Elder J. A. Gates, of Nova Scotia, and Sister J. E. Barnes, of St. John. All were asked to stand, and Bro. Northcutt led in a most touching, heartfelt prayer for the families and churches of the deceased.

The secretary was authorized to send greetings to the G. C. M. C. of the U. S. when in session at Chicago. Business meeting adjourned to meet on Thursday before the first Lord's day in Sept., 1894.

During this afternoon Mrs. Darst gave an address to the sisters only, on the condition of women in heathen lands; after which the children were called in, and she gave them a chalk talk on foreign missions.

At 7 p. m., prayer meeting, led by H. E. Cooke.

At 8 p. m. H. Murray gave a short address on "Our field," after which H. A. Northcutt preached on "Our plea."

Saturday, 10 a. m., H. Murray led a prayer meeting.

At 11 a. m. H. A. Devoe preached on the great supper—"Come, for all things are now ready."

At 2 p. m., the Maritime C. W. B. M. opened their meeting. Miss Carrie Payson presiding on account of the president, Mrs. J. M. Ford, of Milton, N. S., not being present.

Minutes were read and approved.

The following were elected: President, Miss C. Payson, of Westport, N. S.; Vice Presidents for N. S., Mrs. H. L. Wallace, Halifax, and Miss M. Freeman, Milton; for N. B., Miss E. Christie, St. John, and Miss L. Leonard, Leonardville; Treasurer, Miss S. B. Ford, Port Williams; Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Flaglor, St. John.

Treasurer's report showed \$262.80 raised during the year.

Secretary's report showed six auxiliaries, an increase of three during the year; four mission bands, an increase of two; and about ten churches contributing who are not organized.

Reports from auxiliaries showed an increase of interest and contributions.

Resolution, expressing deep regret at the loss of Sister J. E. Barnes. As a mark of respect, all stood while this was read.

Greetings were ordered to be sent to Miss Rioch, our missionary in Japan. Mrs. D. S. Morrison, of St. John,

read a paper on "Children's Work," after which she was elected Superintendent of this work. Miss S. B. Ford read a paper on Foreign Missions. These papers were first-class, and ought to be published in some of our papers. An interesting letter from Miss Rioch was read by the Secretary. Bro. Northcutt addressed the ladies and spoke highly of their work and the business-like way they conducted their meeting, saying, if C. W. B. M. stood for "can women beat men?" he thought they could. Collection was taken amounting to \$26.52, after which the sisters of Lord's Cove organized an auxiliary with the following officers: President, Mrs. Frank Richardson; Vice-President, Mrs. Felix; Treasurer, Mrs. Frank Lambert; Secretary, Miss Dora Lord.

7 p. m., prayer meeting, led by H. A. Devoe.

8 p. m., missionary meeting, E. C. Ford presiding.

The Secretary of the Home Mission Board made a short address showing that during the past three years about \$1,800.00 had been raised, and over 100 had been added to the churches. Then the preachers present made telling speeches on the subject, after which over \$61.00 was collected for home work.

Sunday, 7:30 a. m., a very good prayer meeting was held, led by W. Murray to a. m. E. C. Rowilson preached an able sermon on "Christ in you the hope of glory." At 2 p. m. the Sunday-school met, when Mrs. Morrison gave them a temperance chalk talk, and Bro. Northcutt a drill on the Bible and a short address. At 3 p. m. Bro. Northcutt preached on "The work of the Holy Spirit," after which we partook of the Lord's Supper, Elders O. B. Emery and J. E. Barnes presiding. At 7 p. m. Bro. Northcutt preached on "Life and growth," at the close of which Bro. S. W. Leonard led the farewell prayer meeting.

The collections on Sunday amounted to \$64.00.

Being unable to get away on Monday, Bro. Northcutt preached at 3 and 7 p. m. At the close of the evening sermon eight made the good confession. H. W. Stewart continued the meeting for several nights. Delegates left on Tuesday morning for home. This is considered one of the most successful "annuals." Never were we entertained better. All the meetings were well attended on Sunday; many were turned away. There were 23 from St. John, 1 from Keswick, about 10 from Letete and Back Jay, 6 from Halifax, 2 from Milton, 1 from Kempt, 4 from Southville, 1 from Tiverton, 3 from Westport, 3 from Cornwallis, 1 from Princeton, Me., and a large number from Quebec. The following preachers were present the whole or a part of the time: H. A. Northcutt, Mo.; E. C. Rowilson, Ill.; H. Minnich, Quebec, Me.; H. W. Stewart, St. John; O. B. Emery, P. E. Island; Wm. Murray, Letete; E. C. Ford, Cornwallis; H. Murray, Milton; H. A. Devoe, Tiverton; H. E. Cooke, Westport.

Now that the sisters are interested in Miss Rioch they should subscribe for the EVANGELIST, so as to keep in track with the Ontario sisters.

J. S. FLAGLOR, St. John, N. B.

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