

THE NEW ENGLAND CONVENTION.

The annual convention of the Association of Churches of Christ of New England, was held October 4-6, with the church in Lubec, Maine. The arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors were about perfect, the programme was carefully prepared, the meetings were well attended and passed off without a single discord. The Lord's business was done in his spirit.

Bro. H. Minnick, whose work in Lubec has been so signally blessed, and who is honored as a man and loved as a Christian and a preacher, delivered the address of welcome. Dr. Detchon, Springfield, Mass., delivered an historical address which we did not hear. The importance of foreign missions was spoken of by Bro. E. Jay Teagarden, Danbury, Conn.; while Bro. B. H. Hayden, Worcester, Mass., presented the claims of home missions. Bro. J. W. Bolton, Brockton, Mass., narrowed the subject, and in a very practicable and suggestive address discussed the topic: How to Evangelize New England. Bro. B. A. Jenkins of Harvard College, spoke on the importance of Biblical Education. He took very high grounds—too high we think—when he urged that all should seek to be acquainted with the languages in which the books of the Bible are written, with the history and character of the manuscripts, and with the questions of higher criticism. H. W. Stewart spoke on International Fellowship.

The meeting in the interests of Junior Endeavor was conducted by Sister E. J. Teagarden, Danbury, Conn. After the children had gone through an interesting exercise she told the story of a wonderful boy who grew up to be a wonderful man; and the children guessed aright that she was speaking of Jesus. Many of the New England churches have Junior Endeavor Societies. Bro. G. M. Lewis, Everett, Mass., presided at the meeting of the Christian Endeavor Societies. He is superintendent for New England. Some excellent papers were read, also encouraging reports from societies. Sunday-school work was not neglected. Bro. W. H. Allen, Worcester, Mass., delivered a short address on the Importance of the Work, and called upon Sunday-school workers present for reports from their schools and suggestions as to methods. Sister George Marquis, Boston, Mass., presided at the meeting of the New England C. W. B. M. Her address was encouraging, and the reports indicated that a good work is being done by the auxiliaries. Sister Emery of Boston, sang a beautiful solo at this meeting. She also sang Sunday afternoon and evening.

Bro. R. H. Bolton, who has been one of the prominent ministers, and a missionary among the people ecclesiastically known as the Church of God, but who with his son J. W., also a member, has recently identified himself with us, and is now pastor of the church in Everett, Mass., preached a lengthy sermon on, *Why am I a Member of the Church of Christ?* Bro. Bolton is a man of education, piety and

power, and is a valuable accession to our ministerial forces in New England. The people from whom he has come hold him in high esteem, and he has no hard words for them. The same is true of his son. Bro. Teagarden preached two excellent sermons—one on Saturday evening and one on Sunday evening. Bro. Hayden preached Sunday morning on Debtorship. Bro. Stewart preached in the afternoon, and the sermon was followed by the communion service, at which Bro. Wm. Murray presided. About three hundred remembered the Lord's death.

On Sunday afternoon and evening, overflow meetings were held in the Methodist church which was kindly placed at our service by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Smith. This was an evidence of brotherly feeling that was thoroughly appreciated. B. A. Jenkins preached to a full house in the afternoon. H. W. Stewart preached in the evening. At South Lubec, Bro. J. W. Bolton preached on Saturday evening. Bro. R. H. Bolton on Sunday afternoon, and Bro. B. H. Hayden on Sunday evening.

The reports from the churches show a total membership of about 2,000, Danbury, Conn., leading with 550. There has been nearly 200 additions. South Gardiner, Me., reports 58; Danbury, 37; Lubec, 31; Brockton, Mass., 27; Worcester and Haverhill, Mass., each 19. The other additions are distributed among the unmentioned churches. Something over \$700 were reported for home missions, Worcester standing first with \$60.31, and Haverhill next with \$51.50. There is a balance on hand of nearly \$140. \$570 were raised for foreign missions, West Rupert, Vt., giving \$125 and Danbury, \$100.

Bro. S. M. Hunt, who has been the Secretary of the New England Board for some years, and to whom in large measure, the success and enlargement of the work is due, desired to give his energies to the establishment of a church in Springfield, Mass., and in consequence declined a re-appointment to the Secretaryship. The convention acceded to his wishes in this respect, but wisely created a new office, making him solicitor for the Board. He gave full proof of his qualification for that office by raising nearly \$250 in cash and pledges, during the meeting. Bro. J. W. Bolton was chosen to fill the office of Secretary.

It was decided to put an evangelist in the field, his work commencing January 1st, 1896. We think that Bro. A. Martin, who a few years ago was preaching in New England, and who is now (with his daughter as singer) meeting with great success as an evangelist in the west, is the man who has been chosen.

A committee was appointed to meet with a similar committee from the Churches of God in Maine, to consider the subject of Christian Union—to see how near we are together, and whether a union that will be to God's glory cannot be consummated. The outlook is bright.

Many regretted the early demise of *The New England Disciple*. The paper was greatly needed, and is greatly missed. But its place is to be taken by one that we believe

will not go down. Bro. Bolton and his son have for two years been editing and publishing a quarterly magazine, called *The Mission Field Reporter*. They have decided to change the name to *The New England Messenger*, and issue the paper monthly. The subscription price is to be 50 cents per year.

We have attended many good conventions, and we put this one among the best. Lubec is delightful for situation, and the Lubec people are noted for hospitality. One visitor wanted to know how every visitor seemed to have been assigned to the best place. An excellent spirit prevailed throughout the meetings. We had an object lesson in international fellowship. There were probably as many Provincial as New England visitors. Eighty attended from Deer Island. We had excellent weather throughout. For this, all were thankful. H. W. S.

Correspondence.**KENTUCKY MUSINGS.**

Two years have passed and gone since I packed my grip and left my native land for the Athens of the west—Lexington, Kentucky.

As I look back in my imagination over two years of hard study, I can recall quite vividly in my mind the first impressions of Kentucky school life.

The first morning of our arrival, I saw new boys and old boys sitting around under the shade of wide-spreading lotus and palm-trees, discussing with eagerness their prospects for the future. Boys were there from every part of the known world, and I thought from the unknown. All were there, from the cynical Australian to the timid Armenian. All had come to sit at the feet of McGarvey and worship at his shrine. I was reminded of the Crusaders in ancient times, visiting Palestine at least once a year, for the purpose of worshipping at the holy sepulchre.

There have been many and varied changes since I left my home. A father, whom I loved, has passed over the river. A sister, young in years, has lately passed away. As a tender flower, nurtured and tended with greatest care, is chilled by an autumn blast, and finally fades away, so did the tender plant, the flower of the home, wither and fall, when chilled by the hand of death. We weep not as those who have no hope.

Bro. Stevenson and myself have just returned from spending our vacation in the country. Country life in Kentucky is certainly delightful. The balmy air, laden with the scent of ripened fruit and southern flowers, stimulates the nerves of the dormitory starved student, and invigorates the brain to its usual activity.

We left Lexington the 17th of June, and were gone eighty-two days. During that time we held six protracted meetings and added 235 to the churches. It is certainly a beautiful thing to see men and women confessing Christ before men, and submitting themselves to his will.

The prospect this year for the Bible College is brighter than ever before. A new era may be said to have dawned. A new Bible College adorns the campus. A new