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### NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ, for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, will be held with the Church at Halifax, N. S., commencing on the Thursday before the second Lord's day in August next.

J. E. BARNES, *Secretary.*

### NOTES.

SEE Bro. Shaw's letter from Halifax and notice his directions as to buying your tickets for the annual.

WE have a very full and interesting report of the P. E. I. Convention which will be read with interest by all.

OUR thanks are due to Bro. Stewart for the excellent report of the great Y. P. S. C. E. Convention at Boston.

BRO. CRAWFORD is preaching for the church in St. John and at the Mission Hall, North End, also at Silver Falls.

THE CHRISTIAN will be represented at the annual. A full report of receipts and expenditures will be submitted. A large amount is due by subscribers, which ought to be paid now.

THE brethren at Halifax extend a cordial invitation to all who attend the annual. It is hoped that a good delegation will attend from all the churches as business of very great importance will have to be attended to.

DELEGATES to the annual will note that the railways and steamboats allow tickets for one and one-third fare. When buying ticket ask for certificate from ticket agent which will be signed by the secretary of the annual meeting. This certificate will entitle you to return at one-third fare.

Our readers will not forget, we trust, that the annual meeting of the Disciples of Christ in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, meets in Halifax, August ANNUAL. 8-11. It will be the first time in many years for the convention to meet in the chief city of Nova Scotia, and the interests of the church here and the interests of the churches in N. S., make it important that a grand effort be put forth to secure a most inspiring meeting. This meeting should be such that the church with which it is to be held shall be greatly strengthened: and the people of Halifax should be deeply impressed not only by the fact of our presence, but, as well, by the grandeur of our plea. We do not want to go there, stay there for a few days, and leave again without having accomplished anything of permanent value. These meetings are good only in proportion as they do good. The best workers in the churches should be present — the most resourceful, the wisest. It will be a place for planning in the name of the Lord; a place to generate enthusiasm. Many matters of importance are to come up and the disposition that is made of them will indicate the degree of success or of failure that is to attend our efforts during the next year.

Some years ago an Educational Fund was started, sustained by the voluntary subscriptions of the brotherhood in EDUCATIONAL these Maritime Provinces, and its purpose was to assist worthy young men to get such an education as would qualify them as successful proclaimers of the truth. During the years of its existence it did good work, and those who have been aided have been under God's blessing, able to turn many from darkness to light. Our one regret is that they are not all laboring in these parts. There are other young men who are willing to preach the Word, but circumstances are such that they cannot obtain the necessary education, — the education that the churches of to-day seem to demand. It may be that a fund established upon a somewhat different principle from the former one could be built up and made perpetual. If our brethren who were aided, but who are now working in the States would refund the amount they received from the Educational Board we would have about \$500 on hand. This could be loaned without interest, to worthy young men who would promise to pay it back in yearly instalments after they had graduated. Thus we would have a perpetual fund that would never diminish and the contributions from the brethren would aid over and over again in educating

many young men for many years to come. After it had aided one it would come back to assist another. This we believe to be the proper principle upon which to found another Educational Fund. What do you think?

We have a somewhat vivid recollection of many resolutions passed at the annual meeting in Milton last year.

RESOLUTIONS. There were resolutions about THE CHRISTIAN, — about quarterly collections in Sunday Schools, about co-operation with the churches in the United States, about personal endeavors to increase the subscriptions to our Home Mission Fund. This is a good time for those who voted enthusiastically for these resolutions to inquire as to their attitude toward them during the year now closing. Has the church in which your membership is taken up the collection for the G. O. M. O.? Has the Sunday-school taken up quarterly collections for Home Missions? Have you done anything to extend the circulation of THE CHRISTIAN? In other words are you the son who said "I will" and failed to do. If so it would be much better to make no such promises, but still do the good work that you can. If we are to have resolutions in our meetings, they should be wise ones; and only those who intend living up to them should pledge themselves to them. It is useless to pass resolutions that do not result in anything but broken pledges. It is sinful. Good resolutions are desirable, but let them be lived up to; let there be at least an earnest attempt to carry them out. It is one thing to speak in favor of a resolution, to urge its importance upon others, and maintain that it is pregnant with innumerable blessings; but the important thing is to try and get these blessings out of it during the coming months.

We are not about to give an explanation, but are seeking one. Many of our churches

in the provinces are without ministers. Some of them are large, and some are small; some are weak, and some are strong. Size and strength do not always go together. Some want to secure a preacher and have been trying for months to get a suitable man, and some we presume do not care whether they have a preacher in their midst or not. The puzzle is just here: Why have the churches that want a man and are able to support him failed in their attempt to secure one. It is surely not because there are none available. It may be that it is the old mistake of wanting a \$3000 man for less than \$1000; of wanting a whale to swim in a beautiful little lake. There is