

THE CHRISTIAN.

'FAITH COMETH BY HEARING, AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD.'—Paul

Vol IX.—No. 8

SAINT JOHN, N. B., OCTOBER, 1892.

Whole No. 112

The Christian.

Published monthly by Barnes & Co., under the auspices of the Home Mission Board of the Disciples of Christ of the Maritime Provinces.

TERMS: - 50 Cents Per Annum in Advance.

All communications, intended for publication, to be addressed:

"THE CHRISTIAN."
P. O. Box 106
ST. JOHN, N. B.

EDITOR:

DONALD CRAWFORD,-- New Glasgow, P. E. I.

FINANCIAL MANAGER:

J. E. EDWARDS, St. John, N. B.

IN THIS issue our space is mainly taken up with the report of our Annual Meeting. Our contributors will see that our space is very much limited, but all articles will appear next month.

THE VERY excellent Report of the Annual was prepared by Bro. H. W. Stewart of St. John, who kindly consented to prepare it. Our experience with Bro. S. is that whatever he undertakes to do he does well.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Churches of the Disciples of Christ of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was held with the Coburg street church, St. John, commencing Friday, Sept. 2nd. It was a meeting for the success of which many had prayed and labored, and one to which all may well look back as the beginning of brighter days, for God heard and He abundantly blessed.

The St. John church expected to entertain a large delegation and it had the pleasure of doing so, for probably no meeting that we have held in these Provinces was so largely attended. Not only were nearly all the churches in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick well represented, but brethren and sisters were in attendance from the United States, Ontario and Prince Edward Island. They began to come early in the week, and among the first to arrive was Bro. J. H. Hardin of Springfield, Mo. He is the Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the General Christian Missionary Convention of the United States, and was sent for that he might aid us in planning for more aggressive work in these parts. The "City of Monticello" brought about 50 of our brethren and sisters from Nova Scotia on Thursday, just in time to hear Bro. Hardin preach on "The things that cannot be shaken." His text was Heb. xii. 25, 28; and having spoken of the things that had been shaken, and of those that were yet to be shaken, he expanded on those that could not be shaken; among which were God, the Bible, the Church, and the inspired Creed.

By Friday evening the greater part of the delegates had arrived, and at 7.30 a devotional meeting that was full of warmth, and love and earnestness, was conducted by Bro. H. Murray. When all were made to realize that they were welcome the minister of the St. John Church gave expression to the feelings of joy with which it opened its hearts and its homes to the visitors, and the

responses showed that the pleasure was mutual. On Saturday at 9. a. m. Bro. E. C. Ford conducted a prayer and social meeting that well prepared the delegates to enter into the business of the convention. At 10 o'clock Bro. Ford took the chair, which he has occupied for many years, and to which he was at once re-elected for another term. Bro. J. E. Barnes then read the minutes of the splendid meeting held last year with the church at Westport, and they were approved. After this came the reports from the churches, and the following statement will at once put our readers into possession of the most important information they contained.

Name of Church.	Additions.		Losses		Church Members.	Sunday-school Members.
	Baptism.	Other.	Died.	Other.		
Milton,	1		3	1	155	150
West Gore,	16		3	1	157	66
Tiverton,			3	1	154	66
Kempt,	7		3		96	29
Sumnerville,	16	6			53	54
Cornwallis,	6		2		93	45
Westport,				1	60	87
South Range,	8			1	26	44
Southville,	5	1			55	27
Halifax,		10	1		40	
* Newport,	1				65	
River John,	1		3		33	
* Shubenacadie,					30	30
* East Rawdon,					30	20
Back Bay,			3		70	34
Letete,					56	69
Leonardville,			2	3	145	54
Lord's Cove,	2	3			108	106
St. John,	32	2	1	3	264	118
* Estimated.	95	19	28	11	1680	995

The report of the Home Mission Board was then called for, and was read by Bro. Flaglor, the Secretary. He prefaced it by saying that the actual expenses of the Board for the year had been only \$6.85. To many this was a revelation, but it shows the extreme carefulness that the Board has exercised in the management of the business the brethren have put into their hands; and it also shows that 99 cents of every \$1.00 that is paid toward Home Missions in these Provinces goes to that end. This could not be the case if the Board did not give time and energies gratuitously. Bro. Flaglor also spoke of the deep interest the brethren in the employ of the Board had in the work, as evidenced by the fact that not one of them charged in full for travelling expenses. The following is the report, and no word that may now be written can add anything to its excellence. It received the highest praise, and the Board is deserving of the sincerest gratitude of the brotherhood and its substantial encouragement in the future.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD.

To the Disciples of Christ in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick:

BRETHREN,—We submit our report for this year feeling you will receive it with favor, because it is much better than last year's. Older and wiser brethren have greatly helped us all through the year, and by following their advice much good has been done. The Lord has blessed our united efforts to uphold and spread His truth in these Provinces.

At the last Annual Meeting the appeals from

Halifax, River John, Letete, and Back Bay, were referred to us. We have done the best we could for them and they have done nobly this year. As directed, we sent a statement of the importance and needs of this field, and an appeal for assistance, to the General Christian Missionary Society of the United States. They answered—"that they were willing to assist us but a lack of funds would prevent them from doing so at present." We think the appeal did good, and the outcome of it is Bro. J. H. Hardin's presence in this meeting. We think he will be able to carry back such a report that they will be led to soon come to our assistance in the home mission work.

During the year we tried to get ten preachers to work at various times and places, but for different reasons we were unable to get their services. This is why more good has not been done and all that we hoped for accomplished.

SUMMARY.

During the year five preachers have been employed. They labored 52 weeks, visited fourteen places, reorganized two churches and one Sunday-school, opened one house of worship, encouraged a brother to start to build at one point, at another to go on and finish building—which is being done; at another point the church was led to buy the land, contribute a good sum, and they are now building a house of worship.

Place.	Preacher.	Sermons.	Visits.	Collected.	Cost.	Weeks.	Additions.
Cornwallis,	H. Murray,	29	55	\$16 20	\$65 00	5	5
Letete and Back Bay,	J. H. Gordiner,	42	100	30 00	75 00	6	4-1
Digby Co.,	H. A. Devoe,	23	67	31 19	47 56	4	4-1
Southville,	H. E. Cooke,	26	100	8 00	40 00	4	4-1
Halifax,	H. Murray,	18	111	67 00	114 00	9	
River John,	do.	19	29	37 20	40 00	3	
Lord's Cove,	do.	29	120	40 00	49 70	4	
Halifax,	H. E. Cooke,	10	50	25 00	48 00	5	
Letete and Back Bay,	R. E. Stevens,	24	206	70 74	83 09	12	
		219	838	\$325 33	\$562 35	52	14+2=16

The good work done in these meetings has aroused the churches to greater zeal. We think if they are helped another year or two some of them will become self-sustaining. In order to make our work more successful there are many things still to be done, one of the most important of which is to get ALL our brethren to help our mission work. How this can be brought about is a matter that should receive the prayerful attention of this meeting, so that we can make every effort to unite all our forces of good against the powers of darkness. The methods to be used, the men to be selected,