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THE ANNUAL MEETING.

OCTOBER 5th to 8th, 1899.

The Coburg Street Christian Church, St. John, has decided to invite the Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to meet with them, October 5th to 8th.

The church agrees to provide free entertainment for two delegates from each church, and one from each Woman's Auxiliary, besides the officers of the convention, the members of the Home Mission Board, the officers of the Women's Society, and all the ministers, *provided* their names are sent to W. A. Barnes, 228 St. James Street, St. John, N. B., *before September 30th*. If any others desire to attend, arrangements will be made so that they may secure board at reduced rates, if they will send their names and ask that such arrangements be made.

The matter of securing reduced rates by railway and steamboat will be attended to this month.

It is expected that the programme and other matters of interest will be given in the next CHRISTIAN.

NOTES AND NEWS.

H. A. Northcutt is leaving the evangelistic field for a time, having accepted a call to the pastorate of the church at Kirksville, Mo.

President McGarvey has been to Cincinnati making arrangements for the entertainment of the students of the College of the Bible, who will go in a body to the Jubilee Convention.

J. A. L. Romig has returned from his evangelistic tour in England. Many were added to the saved while he was working there. He will soon be entering upon his fall campaign in the United States.

W. S. Gilner, of Eminence, Ky, was requested to write a short article showing the importance of Home Missions; but instead he sent his check for \$100. This, we have no doubt, was equally as acceptable.

The article by A. N. Simpson, published in this number of THE CHRISTIAN, was read at the Association at Summerside; and those who heard it were so well pleased, that they desired that it be given to the readers of this paper.

We regret to read in the *New England Messenger* that the editor, R. H. Bolton, has been prevented from performing active gospel work, owing to affliction. We hope for his complete and speedy restoration to health and service.

As an experiment, Ashley S. Johnson, President of the School of the Evangelists, Kimberlin Heights, Tenn., offers board, room and tuition to ministerial students for one year for \$50.00. Young men who are interested can get additional information by writing him for it.

In Toledo, O., lived a lawyer, Marshal Waggoner. He was an infidel, and his library contained all the noted works of disbelievers. He was the author of some bitter infidel literature. But a short time ago he publicly burned his infidel library, which cost several thousand dollars. He had become a Christian.

Our subscribers who are in arrears will have our deep gratitude if they will at once send to this office the amount due on their subscriptions. We write these business notes with reluctance; but the money is needed, and we want our readers to know it.

The vacation season is about over now. During the warm weather it seems that church work goes slow and hard. Many things contribute to this. But the churches should now be preparing for a vigorous fall and winter campaign. The first thing that is needed is to get the church members thoroughly aroused.

Five thousand dollar gifts to our missionary enterprises have been frequent this year.

It is a sign of a growing liberality, and of a clearer sense of responsibility. We notice that the children of Mrs. Margaret Oliver have recently given this amount to the American Christian Missionary Society. This is a good monument to their mother—better than a costly monumental stone in some city of the dead.

The Dominion C. E. Convention will be held in Montreal, October 5-9. In anticipation of that event, both Ontario and Quebec omit their provincial conventions this year. The Maritime C. E. Convention will be held in Sackville, N. B., Sept. 5-7. D. A. Morrison will conduct the rally of the Disciples of Christ. Mrs. Morrison is to read a paper on "The Effects of Faithful Committee Work on Christian Character."

D. R. Pickens, preacher at Tyler, Texas, has just made a donation of \$5,000 to the Church Extension Fund. In stating why he chose this direction for his gift he says that he thinks to help a few brethren to build a house in which to worship God, is second to no work among us; and this, he says, is what Church Extension is doing. Geo. W. Muckly, Kansas City, Mo., is the secretary of the Church Extension Board.

On Whitney Avenue, Washington, D. C., there was built during President Hayes' administration, a union chapel. Since that time a thriving Sunday school has been conducted there. There is no other church within three-quarters of a mile. The trustees have given the property, which is worth \$8,000, to the Disciples, and they are now at work trying to build up a strong church in that part of Washington.

Prof. Deweese, of Lexington, Ky., has been spending some weeks down this way and has had a chance to get at least slightly acquainted with our churches, to know a good deal about our climate, to feel the invigorating touch of ocean breezes, and to prove himself (as a result, perhaps, of Bro. Minnick's instruction) a champion deep water fisherman. He has some young men on his college hook that we expect to see safely landed in Lexington.

The date of the Jubilee Convention is coming nearer and the enthusiasm is rising higher. All signs shall fail if this does not prove to be an historic gathering. Don't you want to go? Can't you plan to go? It will cost something, but the experiences and memories will be cheap at the cost. Traveling and boarding rates will both be reduced.

Remember the date of the great convention of the Disciples of Christ, in Cincinnati, Ohio. There is only a little more than a month before it opens. October 13th is the opening day and October 20th the closing.

Sunday, September 3rd, is the date for the annual collection for the Church Extension Fund. This is the fund out of which grants are made to weak congregations to enable them to get into a house of their own. The importance of such a fund becomes manifest