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ANNOUNCEMENT.

The churches on P. E. Island will hold their Annual Meeting with the church at New Glasgow, July 9th to 12th. A programme is being prepared and will appear in next issue of THE CHRISTIAN; also other particulars in connection with the meeting.

G. A. JEFFREY,

Summerside, May 21, 1897. Secretary.

NOTES AND NEWS.

When our readers change their place of residence they should notify this office, so that the proper change may be made in our mailing list. Give us on a post card both the old address and the new.

Have our Sunday-schools been making good use of the lessons in Acts of Apostles? It will be a long time before the International Lessons will run through this book again.

The skip-about method of Bible reading does not give the best results. It is usually better to begin a book and finish it in course. The writers did not cut their books up into chapters and verses.

Geo. F. Hall has recently closed a meeting in Decatur, Ill., with one hundred and forty additions. It was followed by a general sociable. About 1000 were present. The new members were on the platform. All joined hands and sang: "Blest be the tie that binds." He says, "It was a moment never to be forgotten."

Christ was a man of prayer. His followers must follow him in this. There are very many who follow him so far off that praying is an almost unknown thing in their lives. When a person ceases to pray he ceases to be a Christian.

The International Convention of Christian Endeavor will meet in San Francisco, July 7th to 12th. The programme promises to be one of the best ever provided. Important subject will be discussed by competent speakers. The Disciples of Christ are represented on the programme by B. B. Tyler, E. L. Powell, H. L. Willett, and others. Prof. Willett will

conduct one hour of Bible study every morning from 8.30 to 9.30.

How many of our churches took up the collection for Home Missions in May? If the matter has not been attended to it should be this month. Send to B. L. Smith, Y. M. C. A. Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The committee appointed to prepare the programme for the N. S. and N. B. Meeting is at work. We hope to give our readers the result next month. Timely topics will be brought to the attention of the brethren. It is expected that there will be a helpful exchange of views.

A. S. Orne, in the *Christian Standard*, claims to have found the secret of success in soul-saving. He and five others left Haverhill, Mass., in a "Gospel Wagon" in which they lived, and from which they preached a free and full gospel. They thus were able to reach neglected nooks; and eternity alone will reveal the amount of good done. Jesus said: "As ye go, preach."

T. H. Capp has been tendered a unanimous invitation by the church in Albany, Mo., to become their minister and also to act as financial agent for the college there. Evidently, some of the people in Missouri have discovered his powers as a money-raiser, and in these hard times they turn to him. However, the Plattsburg church, where he is at present, is unwilling to give him up.

A. M. Haggard in the *Christian Evangelist*, says that W. Bayard Craig has been elected Chancellor of Drake University, and adds: "Bro. Craig in a very real sense belongs to Iowa. Our state cradled him and gave him to the world. It is therefore with a double share of cheer that we greet him once more upon his return to labor with us." THE CHRISTIAN thinks that "in a very real sense he belongs to" New Brunswick. If we mistake not, he was born here, and here grew up to manhood.

"Give attention to reading,"—a piece of good advice given by Paul to Timothy. It also applies to us. To read a good book greatly helps a person in many ways. Every family among our readers should have a number of the most valuable works published by the Disciples of Christ. Money spent for such books is well spent. "On the Rock," by D. R. Dungau, is a most interesting and instructive volume. "Orthodoxy in the Civil Courts," is a unique book which few who begin to read leave unfinished. If a person wants entertaining and strengthening sermons, we can recommend a volume by J. M. Tribble. Such books as these should have a place in every family library.

Our churches in St. Louis have undertaken an old work in a new way, and the outcome of the innovation is being awaited with much interest. They have combined in a tent-meeting in the interests of the unsaved. The tent is pitched in a central place. It will seat three thousand people. J. H. C. Smith

is the preacher. W. E. Hackleman leads a chorus of 150 voices. Meetings are held both in the afternoons and evenings. The prospect for a successful meeting is bright. We commend the course of these churches. They are going out to the people, many of whom will not come to them. Jesus said, Go to the people; the churches too often say, Let the people come to us.

Ernest E Crawford is now preaching for the church in Rudolph, Ohio. He has a good field of labor. We expect to hear nothing but good of his work.

The attention of the P. E. Island brethren is directed to the announcement of the Association which appears in this paper. The meeting, we hope, will be a good one.

A good old custom seems to be going out of fashion, and it is not to our credit. The fathers used to have their family worship regularly morning and evening; but too often the sons do not continue the practice. Do they and their families need it less? If any difference they, in this busy age, with its snares and worries, need it more. Wisely conducted, it will have an invaluable influence for good on the children. It will make impressions which time cannot efface.

J. W. Gates, who has spent the last two years in college in Lexington, Ky., has returned to these parts. As he expects to spend his vacation visiting the churches in the interests of good literature, he will also seek to obtain new subscribers to THE CHRISTIAN, and be prepared to receive the amounts due by present subscribers. All the profits from this paper are used in preaching the gospel, and we feel that those of our readers who are behind will make an effort to pay, that the good work may be extended.

We are glad to see in the *Guardian* (Charlottetown) that the men who have gone to Kentucky University from the Prince of Wales College are standing very high in their classes. Herbert Martin of Montague, who went there last fall, ranks high in all his studies, and is sure to make his mark. Alex. Simpson of Cavendish, graduates this year with great credit to himself. Nelson Stevenson of New Glasgow, who graduates in Arts, is likely to receive a position as professor in Kentucky University.

To this office there has come a dainty note with the following invitation: "Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ford invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Susie, to Mr. Rupert E Stevens, Wednesday afternoon, June second, eighteen hundred and ninety seven, at their residence, Port Williams, N. S." Bro. Stevens and Sister Ford are well known to our readers as diligent and successful workers in the Lord's vineyard; and now as they go forth hand in hand and heart with heart, THE CHRISTIAN joins with their numerous friends in wishing them many years of increasing usefulness and of abiding happiness.