

have long delayed this all-important step. No happier hearts ever beat, especially those who have known these friends and have earnestly labored for their conversion.

Here we close the Annual of 1893, and may we say the best Annual Meeting in the history of the Disciples of Christ of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

May the Lord be with us till we meet again. H. MURRAY.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF "CHRISTIAN."

St. JOHN, N. B., August 30th, 1893 }

Tenth annual report of the Financial Manager of THE CHRISTIAN to the Home Mission Board of the Disciples of Christ of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia convened at Lord's Cove, Deer Island, N. B., for the year ending August 31st, 1893 :

Total number of actual subscribers, 843 do do sent free, 85

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, August 31st, 1892, \$221 97 Received for subscriptions, 356 45 do advertisements, 36 75 \$615 17

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for publishing, \$245 57 do Elder D. Crawford, 25 60 do for postage, etc., 29 52 do P. E. I. Missionary Board, 65 40 do N. B. and N. S. Missionary Board, 131 57 \$497 46 Balance on hand, \$117 71

Respectfully submitted, J. E. EDWARDS, Financial Manager.

Examined and found correct. D. A. MORRISON, H. L. WALLACE, Auditors. Sept. 1st, 1893.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

St. JOHN, N. B., August 30th, 1893. }

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

Your Home Mission Board respectfully submits the following report for the year ending August 31st, 1893 :

We are glad to report the receipts are larger than last year and that the number of additions has increased three-fold. Two new houses have been opened for worship, one church has been organized. Nine preachers have been employed for 306 days, they preached 197 sermons; 58 have been added to the churches; eight places have been helped. The most important work we have helped to bring about is the organizing of the church at Gulliver's Cove and the opening of their new house of worship; the opening of the new house in Halifax and the efforts to build up the church there. The successful meeting in St. John, where so many were added to the church under the preaching and work of Bro. Northcutt, who has been sent here by the G. C. M. C. of the United States. We are glad so many of the churches sent contributions to this fund, and hope that all of them next year will contribute to this good work. We know that Bro. Northcutt's labor has more than paid for all that has been sent. As we do more for them, they will do more for us, and by our united efforts the churches will grow stronger in these provinces. We have done the best we could in the interests of all concerned, and have endeavored to be true to the trust committed to us, and pray for God's blessing on the work in this part of His vineyard. Statement showing amounts contributed and places from which received for the years ending September 1st, 1892 and 1893 :

Table with columns for location (Milton, Halifax, Cornwallis, Westport, etc.), 1892 amount, and 1893 amount.

Table with columns for location (Southville, Kempt, South Range, River John, etc.), 1892 amount, and 1893 amount.

Table with columns for Location, Preachers, Days, Sermons Collected, Cost, and Additions.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

St. JOHN, N. B., August 31st, 1893. }

Report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for the year ending August 31st, 1893 :

RECEIPTS.

Table with columns for date (Sept. 1, Oct. 31, Nov. 30, Dec. 31, etc.), description (Balance per last year's report, Amount received from Secretary, etc.), and amount.

EXPENDITURES.

Table with columns for date (Oct. 1, 15, 29, 1893, etc.), description (Paid R. E. Stevens, salary & expenses, do H. W. Stewart, etc.), and amount.

Summary table: Total amount receipts for year, \$897 03; do do expenditure for year, 634 57; Balance on hand, \$262 46.

E. & O. E.

Geo. F. BARNES, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

D. A. MORRISON, H. L. WALLACE, Auditors.

RESOLUTION ON OBITUARIES.

Whereas, The churches represented in our annual convention in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have sustained a great loss in the death of fifteen members, prominently among whom stood Elder Joseph A. Gates, of Southville, N. S., who was a faithful and efficient preacher of the gospel of the grace of God, and instrumental in turning many from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God; who, although dead, yet lives in the memories and hearts of many, and yet speaks in his works which follow him. Also Sister Margaret J. Barnes, of St. John, whose pure life was an "object lesson" in labor and fidelity. Her work was a manifestation of one ruling desire—the glorifying of God and her Saviour in the salvation of souls. She sympathized with the sorrowing, relieved the wants of the needy, and wept where she had no power to heal;

Therefore resolved, That we, in this annual gathering convened at Lord's Cove, N. B., hereby express our sorrow for the loss which the churches have sustained, which we as individual Christians feel in the social relation, and to also express our deep and heartfelt sympathy with those who are so sadly bereaved, and some of whom, at least, must pass hours and days, perhaps years, in loneliness and sorrow.

O. B. EMERY, H. MURRAY, R. E. STEVENS, J. S. FLAGLER, E. C. FORD.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF MARITIME C. W. B. M.

Dear Sisters of the Maritime Provinces, as I come before you to-day with this, the second annual report of our Society, it is with a heart overflowing with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his blessings bestowed upon us as a Society. I do feel that the bread we have been casting upon the waters is already returning to us in the form of increasing love for souls and stronger desires to make known to them the way of life and salvation.

Your Secretary has, during the year, corresponded with the several churches in our provinces, endeavoring to encourage to greater activity those already enlisted, and to awaken in others such a deep interest in the souls who are perishing in heathen darkness that they, too, will be anxious to have a part in this work.

We have at present six auxiliaries to the M. C. W. B. M., having had a gain of three during the past year. We have also four children's bands, with a gain of two. Besides churches contributing in this way, we have about six churches assisting in this work by taking a collection for it at special times. We trust that this is but a stepping stone to the organization which every church should have if they would secure regular systematic giving.

We want to thank the brethren, as well as the sisters, for the way in which they have contributed to this work. It has rejoiced our hearts as we have learned of the sacrifices many are making for its success. The rich blessings of God will surely rest upon such. We would mention specially the work done by the brethren and sisters of P. E. Island. We have been greatly encouraged by the interest manifested and amounts collected there.

Being requested by the O. C. W. B. M., your secretary endeavored to enlist the superintendents and scholars of the Sunday-schools in behalf of the Children's Day collections. Some of the schools have responded; but we would like to urge a deeper interest on the part of pastors and superintendents in the coming year, that the children may be given at least once a year an opportunity of making an offering.

Your Secretary has also kept up a correspondence with our missionary, Sister Rioch, publishing her letters so that all might keep in touch with her and her work, and has proved this to be a blessing to her own heart as well as to the hearts of others. We cannot come in contact with such lives without being blessed thereby.

It is with sadness that we speak of the death since our last report of one of our Vice-Presidents, Sister J. L. Barnes. At the mention of her name