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

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TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.—We intend to issue the September number a few days before our Annual, and would wish them AT ONCE to send on their articles for said number.

THE Inter-provincial Convention of Teachers was indeed a rare treat. It was a grand success in every particular; and must have awakened in all present—teachers, parents or scholars—a deeper interest in educational affairs.

THE remarks (page 3) of Sir William Dawson before the Teachers' Institute (held in St. John during past month), should be read with interest by our readers. Sir William has a wide-world reputation as a scientist, and therefore his utterances carry with them much weight.

FROM all accounts, the annual meeting of our Brethren on P. E. I. must have been a grand one. We are glad to see that an Educational Fund was one of the things suggested—*yes more*, was started. This is a step in the right direction, and we trust is but the beginning of grand work for the honor and glory of God.

BRO. H. H. McDONALD, of East Point, P. E. I., but late president of the college at Mayfield, Ky., has decided to enter upon his labors as a preacher of the gospel. Says the *Apostolic Guide*: "He is a good man with an excellent record. He is a worker, and such are always in demand."

OUR Annual Meeting this year will be held with the church at Lord's Cove, Deer Island, Charlotte Co., N. B., commencing the Friday before the first Lord's day in September. From Bro. Murray's article in this issue, it is evident that the brethren of Lord's Cove are anxious for brethren and friends far and near to come and enjoy the benefits of this yearly gathering.

AS it is understood that others are writing notes from the Island, especially about the annual meeting, which was a good one, closing with three additions, we will in this number of THE CHRISTIAN only say that our prospects are very encouraging. Fourteen have been recently baptized at New Glasgow, about the same number in Charlottetown, and some in other parts of the Island. Bro. Hammond Smith has just commenced laboring for the church at Summerside with encouraging prospects.

W. H. WHITSITT, a professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., has undertaken in a small work to prove that the religious movement in which we are engaged is but an offshoot of the Sandemanians—a body of people in Scotland that under the leadership of the Rev. John Glass separated from the Presbyterian church of Scotland. H. O. Vedder, one of the editors of the Baptist Quarterly Review, published in New York, very kindly but decidedly informs his Baptist brothers—that his selection of terms is somewhat unfortunate; that he has failed to establish as true his thesis; and the perversion of facts does injustice to himself as well as the people against whom he is writing.

If time and space permitted copious notes from Prof. Vedder's article would be of interest to our readers. But Bro. G. W. Langan in *The Christian Evangelist* is reviewing, in a series of articles, this work of Prof. Whitsitt's—and after showing that he had utterly failed in the attempt to verify his statements, goes on to show that *even if* the Professor had made out a clear case it would be a matter of but little interest—the important question being—not what we were, but are. Here are a few of his words:

What we are to-day is everything; what our forefathers in any sense, were, a hundred or five hundred years ago is nothing. How the race began, along what physiological or biological lines it may be compelled to trace its progress when science has uttered its final word, does not affect the question of man's rank and dignity at the present time. My thoughts about Christ, about the gospel of Christ, are neither sound nor unsound on account of the traceable interactions of a thousand generations through which they have been shaping themselves into their present form. The Disciples of Christ are to be judged by their faith and life to-day just as Baptists are, and not by any real or imaginary connection with generations dead and gone. And this I say without conceding any value whatever to Prof. Whitsitt's assumption of a generic relationship between the Disciples and the Sandemanians of more than a hundred years ago. If his case were made out, it is nothing, but it is not made out.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

Our thirty-fourth annual meeting will be held at Lord's Cove, Deer Island, N. B., the first Lord's day in September. This will be the first Annual Meeting for the Lord's Cove church. These brethren are anxious to have as many attend as possible. Their meeting-house, their homes, and their hearts are large, and will all be free during the meeting. Those who attended the Leonardville Annual Meeting will remember the grand meeting we had. These brethren at the "Cove" want as good a meeting and a better one, if possible. You may be assured they will do their part to make the meeting a success. It will be a fine thing for all hands to attend this meeting and encourage these brethren in their efforts to build up the cause of God in their midst. There is no difficulty whatever in getting to the Island. The sail from St. John to Eastport in the steamer will pay for all the trouble. From Eastport to the "Cove" you will find it delightful in their fast sailing boats.

Our Annuals have been a great help to the cause

of Christ, not only in the localities where they are held, but also to the cause generally in our provinces. They are becoming more and more profitable in the advancement of the work and interest of both the churches and the individuals. We are safe in saying it is the best investment we can make to attend these meetings. It is money in our pockets, prosperity in our souls, and access to the cause in our own localities. "United we stand, divided we fall," is as true of our churches as it is of the members of any one church. We need to know and understand the condition and wants of the churches, so that when we get an evangelist in the field, which we expect soon to have, we will know where he is most needed. We have many good brethren who have the cause at heart, and who are anxious to see the cause successful in their own localities, who ought to be at our Annuals and lend us aid and encouragement, in the plans of best promoting the cause in our provinces. Let every church see to it this year—that one or more of her members attend the Annual. Let the churches now begin to talk of the interest of the Annual Meeting. Let the preacher or the elder ascertain, if possible, how many are going. If none feel able to go, let the church send some one. Come! brethren, let us try and make our next Annual Meeting so general, and united, and profitable, that all our churches will receive an impetus that will result in a revival of the good work "all along the line."

We ought to be on hand in time for a good meeting, Friday morning; this will give us all Saturday, Sunday and Monday for meetings. If the brethren at Lord's Cove can arrange to give us our dinner at the meeting-house, this will save much time and labor, and give us more time for meetings. Besides the preaching, the social meetings, and the business meetings; we ought to have one session in the interest of the Sunday-school, and one in the interest of the prayer-meeting, so that we may better understand how to improve our prayer-meetings and Sunday-schools; as all must admit there is room and a necessity for improvement. These meetings, with our missionary meeting, will give us plenty of work. We expect all our preachers from the three provinces will be present, and we also expect some from the States. Don't fail to come to this meeting. H. MURRAY.

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C. H. Conley,	....	2 00
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Bro. F. W. Richardson, do. do. do.	....	2 50
Bro. F. B. Richardson, do. do. do.	....	1 00
Bro. George Richardson, do. do. do.	....	2 00
Sister Carrie Sollich, Lot 6, P. E. I.,	....	50
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