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NOTES AND NEWS.

A general evangelist is now at work in the Maritime Provinces. There was a long continued and loudly expressed wish that such a man should be at work. Now is the time for the churches to show the genuineness of that desire. What are they doing for his support? Let all the churches remember the Home Mission work.

Ernest E. Crawford has received, and accepted, the unanimous call of the Christian Church in St. Thomas, Ont., and has entered upon his work. He will also teach in the College of the Disciples in that city. The St. Thomas Times says: "He has made a most favorable impression on the congregation, who are to be congratulated on securing a man of his ability and consecrated attainments."

We see by the reports that the Misses Rioch and Payson have had a successful visit among the P. E. I. churches. They were well received and much encouraged. We shall now expect to see the manifestations of increased interest in Foreign Mission work in these churches. We look for great things from "the brethren who are sisters." The churches in Nova Scotia are now being visited.

There are interesting items of news concerning our churches that do not reach this office till too old to publish. For instance: R. B. Ray spent several months in Millon last summer, but not a word concerning him or his work there has appeared in THE CHRISTIAN. W. F. Shaw labored six weeks in Halifax, but nothing about his visit was sent till long after he had left.

A young man was habitually preaching very poetical sermons—pleasing the people, but not benefitting them. A minister of experience told him that if he would pluck some feathers out of the wings of his imagination, and put them in the tail of his judgment, he would do more good. Experience here uttered words of wisdom.

It was at the last supper. It was on the last evening of the Saviour's life. Jesus said to his chief ministers—his apostles—"A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye

also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another." If instead of love, there are bickering and jealousy, suspicions and imputations, contention and hatred, all men might safely conclude that they are not Christ's disciples. The same test applies today.

We learn from *The Christian Evangelist* that F. M. Calvin of Waco, Texas, thinks of going into the field to hold revival services in the churches. His special aim would be to revive the members, rather than to baptize sinners. He believes that if professing Christians were living soberly and righteously and Godly, many would accept Christ and come into the church, who find the inconsistent lives of not a few church members a stumbling block. We would like to direct Bro Calvin's attention to some churches in this country that need to be purified rather than enlarged.

General Drake recently gave \$1000 to aid in paying off the debt on the W. C. T. U. building, Chicago. He is one of the most liberal men in our brotherhood, giving largely to educational and missionary work. He has given, we think, \$100,000 to the College that bears his name. He is quoted in the *Christian Standard* as saying: "The saddest thing in the world is the way men give to support the work of the Lord. I have borrowed money to pay my pledges, and have given till I felt it, and I tell you I felt mighty good over it. I have been prospered as I have given."

The annual gathering of the Disciples of Christ, in convention at Chattanooga, Tenn., was a great success. Fifteen hundred delegates were present. On convention Sunday, the Protestant pulpits of the city were filled by our preachers. The communion service was held in the Auditorium in the afternoon. Over two thousand Disciples participated in it. The two days before were occupied by the sessions of the Christian Women's Board of Missions. During the year, the society received \$78,364.32 for home and foreign missions, and a deficit has been turned into a surplus. The four days following Lord's day were given to the societies whose work we report elsewhere.

A young Methodist preacher in Texas is in sore trouble, so the *Christian Oracle* informs us. He unburdens his mind in one of the papers of his denomination—the *Texas Christian Advocate*. The course of study for Methodist preachers included such works as Giekie's "Life of Christ," Stanley's "History of the Jewish Church," and Fisher's "History of the Christian Church." The young man says: "As a Methodist preacher, I am expected to go into the pulpit and teach that affusion is the primitive mode of baptism. But how can I do this when the studies which our authorities put in my hands, assert just the contrary? How can I say that immersion originated in England not later than 1633, when I am taught that it originated with John the Baptist? The same thing might trouble older men."

The Plebiscite recently held resulted in a good majority for prohibition. Every province but one called for the suppression and annihilation of the liquor traffic. Quebec—ignorant, superstitious, priest-ridden Quebec, voted for the continuance of the iniquitous institution. But, in the Dominion of Canada, precedent says that the majority shall rule. Benighted Quebec has no right to stay the march of moral and social reform when the Dominion majority goes that way. Let the voice of the people be heeded, and let Quebec be carried along on the march upward toward better social conditions and a higher civilization.

We have heard of a new club. It is called the Donkey Club. Its members are found chiefly in cities. A New England minister made an announcement like the following for the one connected with his church: "The regular weekly meeting of the Donkey Club will be held toward the close of this service. The members will gather on the sidewalk near the church door and wait for the service to be dismissed; they will pass remarks on the dispersing congregation, and then go home with the young ladies. Anyone who accompanies a young lady to church like a man, sits with her like a man, and goes home with her like a man, will be expelled from the club."

One of the foremost religious undenominational papers in the world, *The Outlook*, says: "The numerical increase of the Disciples of Christ is remarkable; for not only is the percentage of growth greater than that of any other of the large denominations, but, unlike them, the Disciples have no constituency from which to draw recruits by immigration." After stating that the Baptist and Methodist bodies each gain but one per cent; the Catholics, Presbyterians and Congregationalists, two per cent; the Episcopalians, three per cent; and the Lutherans four, the article continues: "But the Disciples of Christ report a gain of five per cent, which is more than double the average increase in the United States." Significant facts.

Isaac Selby was a noted Australian infidel lecturer—the Ingersoll of the country. He was a clever debater and a formidable antagonist. He and H. M. Green, one of our Australian preachers, had a debate, and he who had denounced creeds and Christians was won for Christ. When he showed the contradictions and absurdities of the creeds, Bro. Green said he was not defending what men said about the Bible, but the Bible itself; when he brought up the corrupt and cruel Christianity of the middle ages, Bro. Green replied that it was not so-called Christianity which he defended but the Christianity of the New Testament. The enemy of the churches concluded to study the Bible to see what it really taught, and was converted. He is now in the United States lecturing on "From Atheism to Christianity and What I Learned on the Way."