

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Annual Meeting.

At 8 p. m., the Eighth Annual Meeting of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was opened at Halifax, N. S., by E. C. Ford, the chairman, calling the meeting to order, and introducing W. F. Shaw, pastor of the Halifax church, who gave us a whole-hearted address of welcome.

U. S. Miller, pastor of the Charlottetown church, then preached a stirring sermon on "Christ came to seek and save that which was lost."

August 9th, 9 a. m., prayer meeting, led by Elder H. E. Cook, of Westport, N. S.

10 a. m., Chairman Ford called the business meeting to order. For the eighteenth time, Elder Ford was re-elected chairman.

In the absence of J. E. Barnes, of St. John, who has been secretary for many years, his son, George F. Barnes, was appointed secretary pro tem. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. The letters from the churches were then read, showing 22 churches, 2000 members, 140 additions, 35 lost by death and removal, 1100 in Sunday-schools, \$1300 for Home and \$350 for Foreign Missions. Value church property, \$35,000.

M. B. Ryan, of Penn., R. W. Stevenson, of Montague, P. E. I., and U. S. Miller, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., were welcomed and invited to take part in all proceedings.

Secretary Flaglor's report of the Home Mission Board was then read. It showed 4 preachers employed 100 days, 345 sermons preached at 14 places; collected, \$683.00; baptized, 31; others added, 46; total, 77. Two churches and one Sunday-school re-organized, and a beginning made at Pictou, N. S. Total amount received, \$1,350, which was all expended.

The *Christian* report showed profits, for the year, of \$75, which will go towards Home Missions.

C. H. Leonard, G. F. Barnes and J. S. Flaglor, all of St. John, were re-elected the Home Mission Board.

H. W. Stewart, pastor of the St. John church, was re-elected co-editor of the *Christian*.

2 p. m. Resolutions passed as follows: Sorrow on account of the deaths of Brothers S. Leonard, of Leonardville; A. F. Ford, of Milton; A. D. M. Boyne, of St. John; and Sister J. A. Gates, of Southville. A touching prayer for the families and churches of the deceased was made by Elder Wm. Murray. Resolution endorsing the *Christian*, and thanking its esteemed editor, Bro. Donald Crawford, for his

faithful and efficient service. Resolution expressing regret at W. F. Shaw leaving Halifax, and highly commending him, wherever he may labor, as a worthy servant of Christ. Resolved to send greetings to G. C. M. C., at Dallas, in October, and Ontario Co-operation in June next. Resolved that all our churches take up collection in May next, and send to J. H. Hardin, to show our appreciation for the aid they are giving Halifax and Pictou, and our desire to aid them in all their undertakings.

Resolved that the Sunday-schools take up a collection quarterly for Home Missions, and send it to J. S. Flaglor. Resolved that greater efforts be put forth for the extension of the cause this year than ever. Resolved that H. W. Stewart, C. H. Leonard, G. F. Barnes and J. S. Flaglor be a committee to confer with the Prince Edward Island churches with a view to their uniting with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in all our organized work.

At 3:30 p. m., M. B. Ryan preached a polished and powerful sermon on "Earnestly contending for the faith."

7:30 p. m. Social meeting, led by Elder Wm. Murray.

8 p. m. Home Mission meeting. Addresses by H. W. Stewart, J. H. Blenns, the evangelist for N. S. and N. B., H. Murray, E. C. Ford, G. D. Weaver and J. S. Flaglor. Greetings were sent to the Maritime Y. M. C. A. Convention, which was in session in Halifax.

August 10th, 9 a. m. H. A. Devoe, pastor of the South Range church, led a most enjoyable prayer meeting.

It was decided to give Halifax \$300 and Pictou \$240 during the coming year for the support of preaching.

2:30 p. m. C. W. B. M. opened by the president, Miss Payson. Devotional exercises conducted by Miss A. A. Collie. In the absence of Miss J. S. Flaglor, Miss H. L. Beattie, of Summerside, was appointed secretary pro tem. Minutes of last meeting accepted. Secretary's report read, showing increased interest in all the work. Mrs. Morrison, Superintendent of Children's Work, read a most encouraging report.

Miss Ford, the treasurer, read her report, showing \$315 received for Miss Rioch's support, and \$100 for support of children. Reports were read from seven auxiliaries. The officers were all re-elected. It was decided to send all money direct to A. McLean, and to notify the Ontario secretary of the amounts sent. This is done with the object of saving the cost of remitting from Ontario to A. McLean.

It was decided to adopt a child in India, at a cost of \$25 a year. \$10 was voted for a share in the home for Miss Graybel, in India. These amounts will be paid from the children's fund. It was decided that Children's Day collection be given for Miss Rioch's support. Resolved to send greetings to Miss Rioch in Japan, to the Ontario sisters, and to the sisters in convention at Dallas in October next. Deep sorrow for the loss of Sister Gates and sympathy for the family were expressed. The *Chris-*

lian was heartily thanked for its space and influence. An excellent paper on Children's Work was read by Miss Ethel McDougall, of West Gore. It is expected this paper will be published in the *Christian*. The "O Gin San" Band, of Halifax, rendered a song very nicely.

Evening session; Mrs. J. M. Ford presiding. Miss Tullock, of Halifax, recited most impressively the 53rd chapter of Isaiah. R. M. Stevenson led in prayer. Miss Payson, the president, read a fine, earnest address. Miss Fullerton, of Pictou, sang "The Palms" most beautifully. Miss Myrtle Freeman, of Milton, read an eloquent and instructive address on "Missionary Extension." Pastor W. F. Shaw made a short speech full of facts and inspiration for the work. Miss S. B. Ford finely rendered the solo "Calvary." Mrs. M. B. Ryan read a splendid paper on "The reflex influence of missions." J. B. Allen, of St. John, gave a reading.

Closed to meet at next annual Sunday, 7:30 a. m. Prayer meeting, led by G. D. Weaver, largely attended and most helpful.

At 11 a. m., M. B. Ryan preached on "God's methods of salvation," using a chart. At the close, the Lords' supper was partaken of by a large number—probably the largest ever known in Halifax by the Disciples.

At 3 p. m., Sunday-school was addressed by Brother John McDougall, of West Gore. Mrs. Morrison, of St. John, gave an object lesson with a large number of candles, illustrating the giving and the withholding of light, showing that all were lighted from one in the beginning.

3:30 p. m. T. H. Blenns preached on "Some challenges that Christianity offers to infidelity."

8 p. m. R. W. Stevenson preached on "The influence of the Holy Spirit." At this service, Miss Fullerton sang "Ninety and nine," and J. B. Allan sang "Knocking, knocking." The visitors passed a vote of thanks to the Halifax brethren and friends for their kindness and hospitality. Thus closed one our best meetings.

NOTES.

The sermons were of the best. Over 100 delegates present.

Brother W. F. Shaw's having to leave Halifax is regretted by all. He is a good preacher and an untiring worker. Mrs. Shaw is a true helpmate.

Our evangelist, T. H. Blenns, has accepted the invitation of the Halifax church, and will begin the first Sunday in September. Bro. Blenns has been here eight months, and has been very successful in the field.

Bro. Shaw goes to his home in Illinois.

U. S. Miller has been one year at Charlottetown, and has done a wonderful work there. He returns to Hiram College this fall.

G. D. Weaver, who has been preaching at Pictou, a new preaching point, held a newspaper controversy with the Rev. Carson, a Presbyterian, of Pictou, on baptism. Bro. Weaver did nobly, and well sustained our position. He returns to Lexington this fall.

Bro. Wm. Murray, who is looking so venerable now that the Boston papers called him the Rev. Dr. Murray, is going to labor with the L'Etete, N. B., church.

Bro. S. W. Leonard, who is home, from Lexington, in vacation, held a successful meeting at L'Etete; 19 additions. Bro Leonard is one of the coming men.

It is hoped the churches in Deer Island will secure M. B. Ryan. He would be a tower of strength to us.

Bro E. C. Ford has decided to stay in Cornwallis.

An effort is being made to get Bro. T. H. Capp to take hold of the work in Pictou. It needs one of our best men there.

Bro. J. W. Gates, son of the late J. A. Gates and Frank Ford, son of E. C. Ford, go to Lexington, this month, to study for the ministry. They are sons of worthy preachers, and we expect great things from them.

It is hoped that Prince Edward Island will unite with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. It will be a most important and advanced step for us.

The Foreign Mission collection was \$22.50; the Home, \$44.50; and pledges were given. It has been our custom to give all the Sunday collection to our preachers to help pay their travelling expenses; but they cheerfully gave them up to help meet the debt on the Halifax church. Over \$1,000 in cash was collected, and, in response to Bro. Shaw's earnest appeals, over \$200 more was pledged towards the debt. This is the most we have ever collected at an annual.

Bro. R. W. Stevenson is one of our best men, and it is hoped he will be kept in these provinces.

Bro. Shaw sent out twenty invitations to the preachers of Halifax to attend the meeting. Bro. Chute, a Baptist preacher, sent a kind answer, wishing us well, and regretting that he could not attend. He was the only Baptist to respond. The Methodists were silent. The Presbyterians called a meeting, and sent greetings by Rev. J. McMillan and Mr. Murray, editor of their paper, the *Witness*. They came and welcomed us in neat speeches and showed us much kindness. Bro. E. C. Ford made a most appropriate response. It was one of the happiest events of the meeting. Both these gentlemen said they would learn more about our work and what we plead for.

H. W. Stewart, of St. John, was entertained by a Presbyterian minister. Bro. Stewart preached for him Sunday evening.

The St. John church gave \$450, this year, for Home and Foreign Missions.

W. H. Harding, of West Gore, was not present.

H. E. Cook, of Westport, went from the meeting to Prince Edward Island on a visit.

Elder H. Murray, of Milton, took in the meeting on his way home from the Boston C. E. Convention.

Four made the good confession during the convention and were baptized, which made the meeting full of joy.

J. S. FLAGLOR.