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ANNOUNCEMENT!

The Annual Meeting of the Christian Association of P. E. Island will be held at Summerside, beginning Friday, July 7th, and closing on Monday night, July 10th.

A profitable meeting is expected, and it is earnestly requested that all the churches be represented.

Tickets will be issued at all points on the P. E. Island Railway at one first-class fare, entitling delegates to free return passage up to and on 11th July.

Certificates of attendance will be furnished by the Secretary to all delegates desiring to take advantage of this arrangement.

J. HARRY WILLIAMS,

Secretary of Association.

NOTES AND NEWS.

If any church or individual has not yet made a contribution to general home missions this year, there is still time to do so.

There were over 200 additions to the church in Bedford, Ind., during the late meeting held there by James Small.

What effect has "THE CHRISTIAN SUPPLEMENT" had upon your pocketbook? and upon the Main Street Church Building Fund?

The Annual Meeting of our churches is only a few months distant, and yet no announcement of the place of meeting has been made.

Next month the Association of the P. E. Island churches will be held at Summerside. We hope to give a full announcement in the next issue of THE CHRISTIAN.

Perhaps you have forgotten to renew your subscription to THE CHRISTIAN. Well, the present month is a good time to send in the money. Send to THE CHRISTIAN, Box 56, St. John, N. B.

Do you ever try to get a new subscriber to this paper? We are anxious that more people should be reading the good things it contains. We want your help in extending its circulation. May we count on your aid?

C. A. Young says he has grown too much to longer say "immersion" when he means "baptism." The former word, he says, gives only half the act. Not only are we buried with Christ, but we are raised to walk in newness of life.

We find where a preacher, with a reckless disregard of the laws of exegesis, holds that the baptism in the Holy Spirit now is taught by these four passages of scripture: I Cor. vi, 11; xii, 13; Titus, iii, 5; Eph. v, 18. These mention the Spirit; so do Gen. i, 2 and Rev. xxii, 17.

We have been passing through the seed-sowing season. What a man soweth, that shall he also reap. When the harvest time of life comes, we shall also reap as we have sown. If we expect to reap wheat then, we must not sow tares now.

Of the many valuable departments of the *Christian Standard*, none is more needed at the present time than Biblical Criticism, conducted by Pres. J. W. McGarvey. May the grand old man who is set for the defence of the truth be long spared.

J. J. Haley has become editor of *The Christian Oracle*, Chicago. It is assuring to know that the paper will not go sky-rocketing off into the doubtful realms of Higher Criticism. But still we would like to know where Bro. Haley thinks the "doubtful realms" begin.

T. R. Hodgkinson has given in *The Christian-Evangelist* a very interesting account of his "Conversion to and from Methodism." The publication (in tract form) of this "evolution of a Disciple," and its judicious circulation would, we think, do good.

We sincerely regret the departure from the Maritime Provinces of J. W. Bolton, who has so faithfully served the churches at Westport and Tiverton. He thoroughly identified himself with our provincial work and cheerfully assisted in every advance movement. We hope that he shall have large success in his new field—Sweet Valley, Pa.

The first Lord's day in June is the time when the Sunday-schools are asked to make an offering to foreign missions. An increased number of schools is yearly sending in contributions. Last year 3,180 schools gave \$34,000. If the children of today are taught to give unselfishly to the Lord's work, the future men and women will not give grudgingly.

One of the recent religious fads is to make a distinction between the authority of the teachings of Christ and of his apostles, saying we must understand the apostles through Christ, rather than Christ through the apostles. We thought that when the Holy

Spirit should come he would guide the apostles into all truth. We thought he would take of Christ's and reveal it into them. We thought these holy men spake as the Spirit gave them utterance. There were many things that Christ did not say unto his apostles except through the Holy Spirit.

It is strange, how studiously some people, even preachers, will avoid the use of the word "baptism." We heard a series of protracted meeting sermons in which it appeared that the preacher wanted frequently to use the word, and in every case but one he said, "obey." How much better it would have been had he had the courage to be specific!

The people are becoming more interested in winning America for Christ. The *Christian Standard* of May 20th, tells of two recent gifts that aggregate nearly \$6,000. One is a fine orange grove in Florida worth \$3,000, and the other is two lots and a new church building in North Galveston, Texas, worth \$2,800.

The farmer who wants to raise a large crop is not sparing of his labor. He knows it will not come by chance. It also requires toil and care to successfully cultivate the Christian graces. Not a few people, who diligently till their farms, pay no attention whatever to their hearts. These are growing up in weeds of the worst sort instead of in beautiful flowers.

We should mark each passing year by the organization of at least one new church in these provinces by the sea. Are there not places now ready for the planting of churches of Christ? Places where we already have a nucleus of members? We would be pleased to have a letter from those isolated brethren who think that a church could be established in their community. Nothing attempted, nothing done.

There is probably no tract published by the Disciples of Christ that has done more good than "Christian Experience, or Sincerity seeking the Way to Heaven," by Benj. Franklin. It is a splendid tract to sow the country with. It will provoke many people to a diligent study of the Bible, and lead them into the truth. The Standard Publishing Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, has published a 32 page edition which it sells at 50 copies for \$1.00 cash. How would it do for you to scatter some copies in your neighborhood?

Since J. A. L. Romig went to England he has been constantly at work and has met good success. His first meeting was at Chester, where 56 responded to the gospel call, and 36 were baptized. He then went to Saltney, a suburb of Chester, and in ten days 41 made the good confession, 33 of whom have been baptized. The next meeting was held at Liverpool. Here 50 confessed the Christ and 36 were baptized. Then followed a meeting at Birkenhead, across the Mersey from Liverpool, when 41 confessed the Saviour and 34 were baptized. London, where the evangelist was at the last report, was next visited. There had been 20 ad-