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NOTES AND NEWS.

It is time the programme committee for the N. B. and N. S. meeting were getting to work. Good meetings do not usually come by accident.

If people read their Bible with as much diligence and anxiety as they do the newspapers, they would be better Christians even if poorer politicians.

THE CHRISTIAN wants money. If your subscription is not paid up let us hear from you. One cent a week is all we ask for it. Any one who cannot pay that must be very poor indeed.

The P. E. Island brethren will be interested in knowing that U. G. Miller is working at Shelby, Iowa. Three were added to the church a few Sundays ago, two by letter and one by confession and baptism.

Our churches this year have had much to encourage them in the way of additions. A church is not doing its duty that is not trying to reach the unsaved. A Christian is a very poor specimen (too poor to get to heaven) if he has no desire to see others saved.

The doctor must have his medical magazine, the lawyer his legal journal, the merchant his commercial paper and the farmer his agricultural periodical, but the Christian—that is a good many of them—well he thinks he does not need a religious paper.

We know of no church in the brotherhood that has increased as rapidly as the University Place Church, Des Moines, Iowa. *The Christian Guide* says that in 1893 there were 252 additions; in 1894, 221; in 1895, 319; in 1896, 174; and so far this year 115; a total increase of 1081 in a little more than four years.

The article on "The Sabbath and the Lord's day" is deferred until the June CHRISTIAN owing to the illness of the editor. The readers will regret the absence of the article and particularly the occasion of that absence; but will rejoice to know that he is getting better.

The *Christian Standard* says that J. A. Wickham is laboring with the Third Church in Portland (Oregon) and has lately added to his congregation five young Baptist ministers. Surely a church with six ministers ought to be able to do a vast amount of missionary work in that city.

We see in the *Christian Standard* that W. J. Lhamon who has been preaching for the Cecil St. Church, Toronto, for several years has been called to minister for one of the largest and best churches in the United States,—that in Allegheny City, Pa. It is understood that he will accept. The thought of his leaving Canada is painful to us and we sympathize deeply with Toronto.

A. M. Atkinson of Wabash, Ind., who is laboring most assiduously to increase the Ministerial Relief Fund, has given another proof that he is the aged and worn-out preachers' friend. He has just made another gift of \$5,000 to the fund. A man like that can consistently go among the churches pleading earnestly in behalf of the pioneers or their widows. He asks from each preacher an annual contribution of two dollars.

The subject of E. B. Barnes' address at the Illinois Ministerial Institute, held in Atlanta, Ill., April 27-29, was *The Necessity of Loyalty to our Plea Now*. A good subject, and in this day of compromises one that needs to be kept well to the front. Our present success is due to our past loyalty, and loyalty now means future success. We notice also that Bro. Barnes is to deliver an address at the Sunday School Convention to be held in Danville, Ill., May 18-20. His subject is: *Why I am in the Sunday School*.

C. H. DeVoe, pastor of the church at Richmond, Ind., reports nineteen accessions at regular services since Feb. 1st. Thirteen confessions from the Sunday-school on March 28th. We do not know, but suspect that Bro. DeVoe took Review Sunday to impress upon the scholars' minds the plan of salvation as exemplified in the first few chapters of Acts of Apostles. How would it do on every Review Sunday to give the children of the school, while in the school, a chance to confess the Christ? How would it do to give the opportunity occasionally during a protracted meeting?

The Christian Evangelist says: "Ten years ago the Disciples in Iowa, in numerical strength, stood sixth, now they stand second among the great Protestant bodies. They have in this time passed the Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Baptists and Lutherans. As an illustration of the manner in which we are forging ahead in Iowa take the following: In five years in Mason City, a place with a population of about 6 000, the Disciples built up from nothing a congregation of 680 communicants with a house of worship worth \$10,000.

In the *Christian Oracle* of April 15th, Allan Hickey says: "It may be helpful to the Disciples that intend to have Easter ser-

VICES to note that the Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches of our city have been for the last six weeks preparing for Easter by keeping Lent, and that last Sunday the St. John Lutheran, Sixth Presbyterian and Pilgrim Congregational churches joined their procession by holding Palm Sunday services. It must be gratifying to the venerable Leo XIII. to see so much of the Protestant world turning and looking lovingly toward Rome and learning her ways."

It is not too soon for the brethren on P. E. Island to remember that the Association is to meet with the church at New Glasgow on the Saturday before the second Lord's day in July. With the force of preachers now on the Island there is no reason why this should not be one of the most helpful meetings ever held there. It would not be unwise for the churches to plan some co-operative work. Activity in this direction will quicken the life of the existing churches and no doubt lead to the establishment of others.

F. D. Power of Washington says in the *Christian Standard*. "The Southwest Church in this city was born in an old hut seven months ago and now numbers one hundred and twenty, with a school of one hundred and fifty, and in their hired hall in the third story of a wheelwright shop, has an audience of four hundred people." It does seem as though in many places in the East a hearty welcome awaits our plea. All that is needed is the men to sound out the old gospel in these places. Bro. Power further says: "Put ten men like W. J. Wright in the cities along the Atlantic seaboard and sustain them for five years and they will return you not a hundred but a thousand fold."

The last number of the *Christian Messenger*, Toronto, is largely given over to home missions. It contains eleven short articles, discussing in a practical manner almost every phase of the subject. The *Christian Standard* of April 17th and *The Christian Evangelist* of April 22nd also had symposiums on the same subject. We will now wait expectantly. There should be generous giving to home missions on the first Lord's day in May. The person who does not believe in foreign missions, but does in home missions, now has his chance. If he fails to take it, he will excuse us if we conclude that he does not believe in missions at all.

For several years the American Christian Missionary Society has been aiding the work in these parts. This year they are spending here \$550 and they would gladly spend more if the funds would allow. One condition upon which this amount was given (and upon which no doubt its continuance depends) is that the churches in N. S. and N. B. take up the annual collection for general home missions, sending it to B. L. Smith, Y. M. C. A. Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. The churches in the States are asked to make the offering on the first Lord's day in May. We hope each of our churches will some time in this month make a liberal contribution to this work and thus show sincere gratitude