

the close of the sermon, which was grand, indeed, another young lady came forward and confessed her Saviour before many witnesses.

On Monday forenoon the business session was held. Bro. Emery was elected moderator and the writer re-appointed secretary. After the reading of minutes, reports from the churches were presented. Bro. R. W. Stevenson submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. Egerton Norton, and supported by others:

"Whereas, We all realize that the Island brotherhood has not been as aggressive as it should, and as the necessity of co-operation becomes more apparent, and as there is strength in union;

"Be it resolved, That this meeting recommends that the churches of Christ in this province co-operate with the churches in the other Maritime Provinces in home mission work."

Bro. Stevenson had the pleasure of seeing his resolution carried.

Two delegates to attend the N. B. and N. S. annual were appointed, viz.: Bro. R. W. Stevenson and the writer.

Bro. Hertzog preached again at 7.30 p. m., and in response to the invitation three young men made the good confession. Thus our meeting was brought to a happy close.

G. A. JEFFREY.

Summerside, July 19, 1897.

GATHERED FRAGMENTS.

The Hants County co-operation was held with the church in Shubenacadie on June 25-28. The weather was just right and there were representatives from all the churches in the county. We had some splendid social meetings. One of the most pleasant features of these meetings is the greeting of friends and brethren who have not met for months, perhaps years.

Everybody seemed happy and we had a good illustration at this meeting, from more standpoints than one, of the old saying, "How sweet and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity;" and we felt like saying with Paul, "Let brotherly love continue."

On Lord's day the house was crowded. Bro. Hiram Wallace preached morning and evening. Bros. John McDougall and George Wallace presided at the Lord's table, and altogether we had a general good time. The brethren at Shubenacadie gave the visitors a hearty welcome, and entertained them as Hants County people can. Next year the meeting is to be at West Gore.

The question of the hour is, "Are you going to the annual on Deer Island?" Some are, some are not; but perhaps you cannot because of your business or other matters. Well, do as a brother, with whom I was talking the other day, said he was going to do, send five dollars to the mission fund. There may be one hundred people who could do this. Just think of our work starting out with five hundred dollars on hand.

One day last month a number of friends gathered at the house of Bro. George Wallace, in Rawdon, and presented the writer with an address and a purse of money. I appreciated

their efforts very much, and pray that these friends may be blessed temporally and spiritually.

At my present writing I am in St. John, N. B., and expect to remain in New Brunswick until after the annual. I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Hertzog and hearing him preach on Tuesday evening (13th); on Wednesday I attended the Main street prayer-meeting, and I expect to enjoy this evening (Thursday) with the brethren on Coburg street. To-morrow evening I am to preach at Silver Falls. The brethren in New Brunswick are aggressive and also progressive in the good sense of the word.

I will tell you more next time.

W. H. HARDING.

West Gore, Hants Co., N. S.

A FEW PLAIN WORDS ABOUT THE ANNUAL.

1. The hospitality of the Deer Island people is freely extended to all genuine delegates and visitors to the meeting. If you have no higher motive in coming than to take an excursion and have a good time, there will be no room for you.

2. Entertainment will be gladly provided for all who *notify us beforehand* that they are coming. Don't come with the idea that you can find a place to stay, with friends or acquaintances, without notifying them in advance. Your friends may have others assigned to them, and you will impose upon them by crowding in on them. We cannot *guarantee* entertainment except to those whom we *expect*.

3. *Don't bring the babies.* They can come when they grow up. In the meantime the room is needed for older folks.

4. The steamer "Arbutus" will meet the delegates who arrive on the International steamer on Friday at Eastport, conveying them to Leonardville, and returning them to Eastport on Tuesday morning, August 10th, for a round-trip fare of twenty-five cents. Take the "Arbutus" and buy round trip tickets good to return Tuesday morning.

5. It may be necessary for us to lodge some of the delegates at Richardsonville and Lord's Cove. The steamer "Arbutus" will make regular trips between Lord's Cove and Leonardville for all the meetings, enabling the delegates to get backward and forward without inconvenience and at small cost.

6. We believe you will come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. We expect a blessing from your presence in our midst. In return it will be a pleasure for us to minister to your temporal needs, and we gladly bid you come.

7. Send a postal card, *not later than August 1st*, to the address below, stating when and how you will come. You will see full directions about routes and rates elsewhere in this number of THE CHRISTIAN.

Hoping to meet and greet you at the annual, I am, very truly,

Your Brother in Christ,

M. B. RYAN,

(Deer Island). Lord's Cove, N. B.

PROGRAMME FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

LEONARDVILLE, N. B., AUGUST 6-9.

FRIDAY.

7.00 P. M. Devotional Services.....
7.30 " Words of Welcome. ... M. B. Ryan
Sermon..... J. A. Lord
Announcements.....

SATURDAY.

9.00 A. M. Devotional Services.....
10.00 " Report of Committee on Nominations and Election of Convention Board. Report of Committee on Order of Business. Business.
2.00 P. M. Devotional Exercises.....
2.15 " Business.....
3.30 " Address on "Christian Giving" W. H. Harding.
Discussion.....
7.00 P. M. Devotional Services.....
7.30 " Sermon,..... J. A. Lord.

SUNDAY.

A. M. Sunrise Prayer-meeting.....
10.30 A. M. Sermon..... E. C. Ford
3.30 P. M. Opening Services.....
Short Talks on the Lord's Supper—its place, significance, power, helpfulness, etc.
Communion.....
6.30 " Devotional Services.....
7.30 " Sermon,..... J. A. Lord.

MONDAY.

9.00 A. M. Devotional Services.....
9.30 " Business.....
11.00 " Address, "The Church's Mission in the World."... T. H. Blenus
Discussion.....
2.00 P. M. Devotional Services.....
2.15 " C. W. B. M. Meeting.....
7.00 " Home Mission Rally.....
Farewell.....

PROGRAMME OF MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

LEONARDVILLE, N. B., AUGUST 5, 6.

THURSDAY, 2.30-5.00.

- (1) The Ministerial Dead Line—How Avoided..... W. H. Harding.
- (2) How to Reach Men..... J. W. Bolton.

7.30-9.30.

- (3) The Minister in Society, or the safe ground between being an iceberg or a geyser..... R. W. Stevenson.
- (4) Congregational Missionary Zeal—How best Awakened..... R. E. Stevens.

FRIDAY, 9-12.

- (5) How to Secure a Working Church..... J. C. B. Appel.
- (6) A Successful Protracted—What and How..... M. B. Ryan.

Elders of the respective churches are invited to become members and take part in the discussion of the essays and addresses,

R. W. STEVENSON, President,
GEO. MANIFOLD, Secretary.