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NOTICE.

In view of Bro. Emory's world-wide invitation, some of the brethren of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia may be induced to accept the favor held out in the following notice.

"Delegates attending meeting of the Christian Association at Montague, P. E. I., second Sunday in July, and who pay a full first-class fare over the Intercolonial Railway going, will receive first class tickets to return free of charge on presentation at Point DuChene station of certificates of attendance. Certificates will be exchanged for tickets up to and including Saturday, 14th July."

BRO. McLEAN's article on Sunday-school and Mission occupies in this issue the editorial page.

BRO. P. D. NOWLAN has returned to his former field of labor,—Charlotte Co., N. B.

By looking at the colored slip on the paper, our readers will see whether they are in arrears or not for THE CHRISTIAN. Should there be any mistake, please notify us at once.

BRO. FORD's letter for June, announcing the Quarterly at Cornwallis and giving a warm invitation to all that could possibly attend, was accidentally overlooked, being mixed up with other papers.

BRO. MINNICK, formerly of Lubec, but now laboring in Virginia, writes that he is well, finds plenty to do, complains of the heat, would love to be at our Annual in September.

BRETHREN, we are anxious that you should not lose sight of the Educational Fund. A little from each brother and sister would swell this fund so as to enable several young men to attend college. Remember, every cent you contribute goes direct for the purpose indicated. No one receives a cent for whatever trouble or time it costs in receiving, taking care of, or remitting the monies entrusted to this fund.

BRO. B. B. TYLER, of New York, will be with the brethren in Halifax, N. S., during the month of July, and probably a week or two in August. He commences on Lord's day, July 1st, in the "Academy of Music," at 3 30 o'clock p. m., and preaches every evening through the week in the "Masonic Hall." The brethren of Halifax are

expecting grand results—in many turning to the Lord. Our heart's desire is that the fondest anticipations may be realized. But should they not see, in the way of additions, all they could desire or reasonably expect. Let them not be discouraged, for the number of additions simply is by no means an infallible rule for measuring the success of a meeting. There is a sowing time and a reaping time. The sowing must precede the reaping, and there is an interval of time between the one and the other.

AN Ontario correspondent, writing to *The Wesleyan*, (Methodist) of Halifax, N. S., concerning holiness associations held at Wesley Park, Niagara Falls, in Agnes, St. Churest, Toronto and the Annual Meeting in Brantford, gives the teachings of the association as set forth by the Rev. Nelson Burns, B. A., as follows:

That your readers may understand what these teachings are, we approved the following: Purity of heart is not the second blessing and ought seldom to be preached. Loving God with all the heart is not this blessing.

John Wesley lived a hundred years ago, and as there had been much advancement made since this time, so in the understanding of Christian doctrine, we are much in advance of him and his great commentator and defender John Fletcher. The blessing is an entire surrender to be led by the Spirit's voice in all things. By this you enter into a partnership with God. If there be the least hesitancy to obey the Spirit the partnership is dissolved. The dictates of the Spirit may or may not be in harmony with common sense, or the understanding. It may be directly contrary to both, but must be implicitly followed. The Spirit is superior to the word of God. It is the Guide. The word of God is only a Guide Book, and as a person who is walking with a guide through a new country will not need the guide book, so the Spirit may require you not to read the Bible, or at least not more than a dozen chapters or so in a year. The Bible is a text-book, such as one uses in acquiring a new study, as a Latin grammar to our studying Latin. Everyone who enjoys this blessing knows certainly the voice of the Spirit. If he is a farmer it tells him where to buy horses, cattle or any other article. It tells a citizen which car he is to take in going down to business, or to what shop he is to go to buy five cents worth of candies.

Without making any comments on the foregoing we simply say—Such teaching is not only unscriptural but anti-scriptural. How can it be harmonized with such exhortations of the Apostle Paul,—Give attendance to reading. Study to show thyself approved unto God. The same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also, etc., etc.

SEEING we give neither place nor name, the writer of a private letter will excuse us for inserting in our column what we deem to be some timely remarks found in the letter:

"I hope your health may continue good, and that you may long be spared to labor in the best of all causes, the cause of Christ, and be eminently useful in winning souls to Christ; it is a glorious work and demands our best efforts. I don't like too much shifting about of preachers if it can be avoided, that is if the church and preacher are tolerably well satisfied. There seems to be a "mania" among our preachers in the States for shifting about, nearly all seem to want to get out into the field, as they call it; having a few discourses prepared and stay in one place just long enough to

get through them, and then "Oh! they are called to another place," when these same old sermons do duty again; this may do for some preachers and last for a little while, but the thing will soon become "stale." I do not believe that sermons preached ten or twenty years ago, in a certain place and for a certain congregation, will do for all time nor for all people, it may answer in some of its leading points, but many of its details and applications have to be changed to suit the different people and congregations. I do believe that in order for a preacher to become real useful he must become as far as possible individually acquainted with the church and the several members of the congregation; knowing their joys and sorrows, their "ups" and "downs," their strength and weaknesses, and find out just what food they need to build them up, strengthen and make them grow. For how is he to warn if he does not know that they need warning? How is he to reprove, rebuke with all kindness, if he does not know? It is one thing to bring people into the church or kingdom, and quite another thing to keep them there and to teach them to live right. The first thing is no good without the last, and the last is the hardest part of the preacher's work and requires the greatest skill and ability. I see more and more every day the need of practical and pointed preaching, but it needs to be done in great kindness. We have not heard much preaching for a long time, and I feel the want of it very much.

THE Christian sympathy of our readers will go out to Bro. Tyler who has so suddenly been overwhelmed with grief, by the intelligence that his father, having been kicked by a horse, was at the point of death. The facts in brief are as follows: He was riding down a slight incline, when the buggy run forward upon the horse, causing the animal to kick. Our aged brother, in attempting to get out, was kicked on the left temple; was taken home (Decatur, Ill.) insensible, and on June 16th, at 3 15 A. M., departed to be with Jesus. He was born near Lexington, Ky., Sept. 18th, 1808, and for over fifty-five years was a preacher of the gospel. "He is not lost, but gone before." He has departed to be with Christ which is far better.

ANNUAL MEETING OF P. E. I.

Bro. Robert Stewart, secretary of the meeting, informs us that arrangements will be made with the authorities of the P. E. I. Railway, so that persons attending the meeting, and having paid at full first-class fare going, may return free of charge. The same arrangements have been made with the P. E. I. Steamer Navigation Co., and the Intercolonial railway authorities, as will be seen elsewhere.

N. B. AND N. S. MISSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Young P. M. Band, St. John, N. B.,	\$0 70
Sunday-school, " "	8 50
Bro. Leslie Woodside, " "	25
Bro. McIntyre, " "	50
Church at Westport, N. S.,	18 00
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