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At the request of the church at Summerside, the next annual meeting of the churches of Christ on P. E. Island will be held with that church, commencing on the Friday before the second Lord's day in July, 1899.

HARRY WILLIAMS,  
Sec'y of Association.

Charlottetown, Sept. 19th, 1898.

## NOTES AND NEWS.

After eleven very successful years' service, J. H. McNeill has resigned the pastorate of the Christian Church in Rushville, Ind.

Look at the address label on your paper. What about that date? If it is not as late as "Sept. 98," you are in arrears and ought to renew at once.

With this number THE CHRISTIAN closes up its fifteenth year. Encouraged by the welcome it has received and the good it has done, we look hopefully into the future.

We desire to re-arrange our mailing sheet. If your paper does not go to the post office that is most convenient for you, tell us so and we will make the proper change.

The Foreign Christian Missionary Society has appointed a special committee to take under advisement the propriety of entering Cuba and Porto Rico. A number of men are ready to enter these fields with a view of establishing missions in them.

The General Conventions of the Disciples of Christ will meet in Chattanooga, Tennessee, October 13-21. THE CHRISTIAN has been asked by the local committee of arrangements to convey their hearty invitation to the Disciples in these parts. We cheerfully do so. It would do them good to be in such a gathering.

We find this suggestive note in *The Christian-Evangelist*: Granville Jones, our pastor at Midland, has organized a church at Granada. It was a new place and he preached several days before giving an invitation. But on Sunday morning he extended an in-

invitation to all who desired to become members of a church modeled after the New Testament example, and to be known as "Christians," when 33 responded. They were organized and the meeting continued with 20 additions.

The old spirit of opposition is not dead. J. V. Updike went to Blooming Grove, Texas, to hold a meeting in a large tabernacle. When he got started three demoninations in the place combined in securing a large tent and holding meetings in it; but the evangelist did not close his meeting because of their jealous course.

Next month we expect to send financial statements to those of our subscribers who are in arrears. This involves a larger amount of labor, but the money is needed. We hope very many subscribers will remit before Oct. 31st, so that we shall not have to send, nor they to receive, these statements. Prompt payment will be appreciated.

Our readers will rejoice in the good news from Southville. H. E. Cooke has had a splendid meeting there. The addition of 29 members to the church in two weeks, in a sparsely settled country district is a grand triumph. It would be deemed a success anywhere. May this church and its minister, both so signally blessed, prosper more and more.

R. W. Stevenson has entered the evangelistic field for three months. He is at present in a meeting in Charlottetown, and expects to visit other places and hold meetings before the new year. It would be well if he could visit all the churches and thoroughly arouse their interest in Home Missions. "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

*The Christian Tribune*, Peter Anstie, Baltimore, Editor, comes to us with a new and more beautiful face and form, but with the same sweet, spiritual tone. Instead of a paper with four large pages, we have one with sixteen small pages. The change is a decided improvement. We congratulate the editor on his very excellent weekly published "in the interest of primitive Christianity on the Atlantic coast."

T. H. Mellen writes in the *Christian-Evangelist*: Minnesota has a \$365 Christian. What do I mean? I mean that Minnesota has a brother who pays \$1.00 per day the year round to benevolences, outside of contributions to the local church. The brother is not a lawyer, banker nor physician, but a farmer of ordinary means, having membership in one of the smaller churches.

The Standard Publishing Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, have published "Graded Studies in the New Testament." The Studies have been prepared by H. K. and P. T. Pendleton, and Pres. J. W. McGarvey writes the Introduction. The plan of the book is very simple. It has four sections, the first being about Jesus; the second, Conversion; the third,

The Church; and the fourth, The Christian. Each of these is sub-divided. For instance, under "The Church" is considered The New Covenant, Unity, Officers and Law, The Lord's Supper, Name of Church, Church Orthodoxy and Apostasy, and Church Services. The method of the book is quite satisfactory. Questions are asked and the answers given in the words of Scripture. The use of this book in the Sunday-school, in connection with the International lessons, is strongly recommended. It will hereafter be incorporated in the Standard System of Sunday School Lessons.

"Old men for counsel and young men for war." But we note that the leaders on the American side in the late war were not young men. They are all about sixty years old. Dewey is 61, Sampson and Shley each 58, Miles 59, Wheeler 62 and Shafter 63. The experience of these men counted in the fight against the enemy. And the experience that comes with years, gives the aged preacher an advantage in the fight against sin.

Wanted: A uniform list of topics for use by the Disciples of Christ in the mid-week prayer meetings. In our different papers we find two or three lists with comments on them; but where several papers with different lists are taken in a congregation, the custom that is often followed is to disregard these lists entirely and to prepare a special list. Let the publishers and editors give us one list. They should find no difficulty in arranging an acceptable one.

"I was in prison, and ye came unto me" L. H. Humphreys says in the *Christian Oracle* in South Dakota Notes: I have been preaching once a month at the penitentiary since coming here. I took up a line of subjects in keeping with our distinctive plea, and endeavored to point these poor convicted men to the only true source of pardon. The visible results so far have been one reclaimed and eighteen confessions and baptisms; also one confession last Lord's-day and several requests for visits from others who are interested about their soul's welfare.

The *Church Register* has united with the *Christian Review*, and now comes to us once per week, from Kansas City, Mo., as the *Register Review*, with the size of its pages reduced and their number multiplied. G. A. Hoffman succeeds J. C. Creel as editor; T. H. Capp continues as associate. The paper is "devoted to the interests of the Christian Church," and its devotion is whole-hearted.

The day of Canada's opportunity has come and gone. We know not yet how she has spoken. It is now too late for the man who voted against prohibition to recall his ballot. It is too late for the citizen who favored prohibition, but did not take time to record his vote, to do so. He will be counted on the rumsellers' side. If prohibition has been defeated, he may well regard himself, as a sharer in all the crimes in Canada that will flow from the saloon for years to come.