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NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the churches of the Disciples of Christ in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, will be held with the Coburg Street Church, St. John, N. B., commencing on Friday, the 2nd day of September, 1892. J. E. BARNES, Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Our subscribers will confer a favor if they will kindly forward their subscriptions in time for us to acknowledge before the annual meeting. We are desirous of placing a good report before our brethren at the annual.

ITEMS AND NEWS.

BRO. HIRAM WALLACE is working faithfully in Hants County. We hope he may be induced to remain there permanently.

THE notes of the Ontario annual meeting will be read with interest by many.

GLAD to have such a good report of the "June Quarterly" from Bro. Gates.

BRO. WM. MURRAY is at present preaching for the churches on Deer Island.

THE brethren in Halifax are determined to push the work there. The lots have been secured, and they will soon proceed to erect a meeting-house.

BRO. RUFUS STEVENS is doing a good work for the brethren at Letete and Rack Bay. The brethren are well pleased with his labors.

BRO. H. MURRAY is with the church at River John, N. S.

BRO. H. W. STEWART is attending the General Convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. in New York. On his return he will spend two weeks on Prince Edward Island.

WE learn that Bro. O. B. Emery has been engaged by the churches at Charlottetown and Lot 48, P. E. I.

BRO. HOWARD MURRAY is now in St. John on route to labor for the churches on Deer Island. We expect to hear good news from there next month.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that we now have another preacher in these provinces who is devoting all his time to the ministry of the word. We are glad that Bro. G. D.

Good News. Weaver has been led to come to these fields which are white unto the harvest, but upon which there are so few reapers. We hope he will find Montague and East Point to be splendid fields for sowing and reaping. If the brethren and sisters will co-operate with him in his arduous labors, we are sure they will see the work of the Lord prospering in their hands. Success depends as much upon the church as upon the preacher, and if they unite in sowing and watering, God will not fail to give the increase.

THE convention season is again here. During the month just closed two large and noisy political gatherings have been convened in the United States, to select the presidential candidates. The interest centering in these conventions was absorbing on the part of tens of thousands of people who were not there, while the gathered multitudes were earnest almost to the point of insanity. What a misfortune that people do not have something of the same enthusiasm over the affairs of the kingdom of God as they do over questions in the lower realms of politics. If the citizens of the United States would try half as earnestly to make their own calling and election sure for heaven, as they will to elect their favorite candidates, there would not be many unsaved souls among them. A person is usually most interested in what he thinks concerns him most. "Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that which endureth unto everlasting life."

THREE will be one of the largest conventions in New York, from July 7 to 10, that has ever been called together. No political convention that history records equals it in the numbers who are expected to be present. Already twenty thousand

young people, with the love of God in their hearts, and a desire to serve Him actuating their lives, have expressed their intention to be present. They are delegates to the International Convention of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and go there to catch the spirit of a great religious meeting and to carry home with them a more earnest resolve to spend and be spent for their Master. They go that they may learn how to be of more service in the Lord's vineyard and to tell others how they, as well, may best improve the talents that God has given to them. Here will there be none of the rowdyism and wickedness that so often is seen in political gatherings. No policemen will be required to keep order, and the prisons will not be crowded by the great influx of young men and young women who will crowd New York on these days.

THE brethren on the Island are looking forward to a very enjoyable annual meeting with the church in New Glasgow, commencing on Saturday, July 9th. In olden times

P. E. I. Annual. the Jews held their holy convocations, and at stated times every year the descendants of Abraham came to Jerusalem from far and near, to present their offerings

to the Lord. This they were required to do; and the occasions were both pleasant or times for mutual acquaintance, and seasons of spiritual refreshing. Our annual meetings are spontaneous. We go not because it is our duty, but because we want to; and we want to because we are encouraged and strengthened. We meet each other and talk about the affairs of the Kingdom. Our hearts are warmed by contact with one another. Our souls are fed by a variety of good things and become fat. We form acquaintances that shall be renewed in heaven. But amid all the joy of such annual gatherings there is always a sad thought. We one year miss faces that we saw the previous year, and at the next meeting many more shall have left the church on earth to join the saints above.

THAT person is living very close to God who can stamp upon his every act, "Done in the name of the Lord Jesus." And any deed upon which

that cannot be impressed will not close to stand the strong, bright light of God.

the judgment day, when all man's deeds will be revealed. Even the smallest acts of life may and must be done with a regard to Jesus. "Whatsoever ye do in word or in deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." In all our ways we are to acknowledge God. The reason we had for giving the cup of cold water may in God's eyes be of more importance than the act itself. And in so far as we try to do all to the glory of God, so far may we claim to be true followers of Him who said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me and to finish His work." To test all our acts by asking, "Can I do this in His name," will keep us out of many many sins and away from improper surroundings. When we work "in His name" and "for His sake," our minds may be at rest, for we may then be sure that God smiles upon our lives and blesses all our deeds.

THREE are times when it is right to judge. Jesus tells us to judge a tree by its fruit. The way to distinguish a true Christian from a more pretender is by noticing how

Judging. differently they act in regard to spiritual things. The one is loyal to Christ and His church at all times and

in all places. The other is faithful only when fidelity is easier than faithlessness. If you want to see the Gideon band of a church be present on a rainy day when the saints are supposed to come together to break bread. You will there see those who think it is no more dangerous to go to God's house on a wet Sunday than it is to go to the post office on a wet Monday; who are sure that the two miles to church are not longer than the two miles to market; who are fully persuaded that sixty minutes in the house of prayer are not longer than one hour spent beside a stream where men fish and catch nothing; and who will steadfastly maintain that an uncushioned seat in the sanctuary is just as soft as a cushioned seat in the opera house. But if, unfortunately, you should be among those who are too tired to go up to the place of worship on a wet Lord's day, even to see the salt of the earth, we would advise you to go to the prayer-meeting. There you will see some consecrated men and women, whose names are written