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EDITORIAL.

THE SEVENTEENTH VOLUME OF THE CHRISTIAN.

This number begins the seventeenth volume of THE CHRISTIAN. Its faithful friends still stand by it and the Lord prospers it on its mission, and we sow in hope.

THE CHRISTIAN, from the first, contended for the perfection of the faith Jesus delivered to his apostles, and that a man can be a Christian without being a sectarian of any kind, and that a church can be a church of Christ without being a sectarian church. These facts are better understood today than they were sixteen years ago and still there is need of holding them before all who will read and examine them.

Even today there is urgent need where Christ and him crucified is preached among the people, that his last commission to his apostles and their first preaching under that commission with the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven, occupy a clear and leading place so that those who hear and believe with all their heart in Jesus as the Son of the living God, should know how to come unto him and be saved. For this THE CHRISTIAN pleads. If it fails in glorifying God by leading the lost to Christ the failure is total, for it lives for no other end. It pleads for its friends to stand by it. God has graciously prospered it in the past and we trust he will yet make it a blessing to many. Its support is one of the things our hand finds to do. We can't afford to turn from it or from the cause it labors to support. Brethren pray for its prosperity. Try to increase its circulation and its usefulness, to enrich its columns with useful matter.

Many of its grand friends have passed away. They have served their generation by the will of God and left their example and work for the benefit of others. We hope to meet them on the shining shore, and however little we may be able to do for him who has done so much for us, to hear his gracious "WELL DONE."

THE yearly reminders that subscriptions are due are sent out this month with the paper. All bills are made up to 1900—one year in advance. A prompt remittance will be greatly appreciated.

WE are compelled, on account of the very full report of the annual meeting, to hold over some very excellent articles. A series of five papers by M. B. Ryan, on "Some Characteristics of the Early Church," will be begun next month.

If you have read the account of the annual meeting in this issue, please re-read the report of the Committee on Ways and Means, and note particularly the third and fourth paragraphs. If each subscriber will make "the diligent and determined effort to increase the subscription list of the CHRISTIAN" the raising of "\$1500 for Home Missions" will be made easier, as all monies received over and above the expenses of publishing the paper goes to the Home Missions Board.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Continued.

be given to visiting each church in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in the interests of the Home Mission work.

3. The raising of at least \$1,500.00 this year for Home Mission work.

4. A diligent and determined effort to greatly increase the subscription list of the CHRISTIAN.

5. At least two collections in each church for the Home Mission work, and the appointment of a live agent in each church to collect funds and represent the Board.

6. A yearly report of work done, sources of money received and how spent, be sent to each church one month before the annual meeting.

The Mission Board to publish in each month's CHRISTIAN a full report of all money received and spent and all work done.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. B. APPEL,
L. A. MILES,
JAS. W. BARNES,
CHAS. McDORMAND,
WM. MURRAY,
JOS. STOCKFORD.

It was received and considered section by section. The sections were adopted in order and the report was then adopted as a whole.

The Home Mission Board with the preacher at Westport were appointed to arrange the programme for the next annual meeting.

E. C. Ford presented the report of the Committee on Obituaries.

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

It becomes the duty of your committee to report the loss by death of five of our leading workers since our last annual convention.

Our young Bro. E. F. Burnaby, of Milton, Queens Co., N. S., was early called from his earth life to a higher life than this. Bro. Burnaby was a brilliant young man of more than ordinary ability, and gave promise of great usefulness in the Church of Christ. He was deeply interested in the work of the Lord, and, possessing a happy genial spirit, was greatly respected where he was known. We tender our sympathy to his afflicted parents and sisters, in this their great loss, and to the brotherhood generally, among whom he gave promise of being a bright and earnest worker.

We would mention with deep regret the death of our Bro. Arthur E. Armstrong, a member of the Main street Church, St. John, who had the confidence and esteem of his brethren, who feel deeply the loss of this useful worker. While his seat on earth is vacant, we feel confident he is found among the spirits of the just made perfect.

We also have to report the death of our Sister Nellie McNeill, of Elmsdale, Hants County. Though Sister McNeill was not so generally known as some others of our workers, the cause we plead has lost a faithful friend, an earnest and fearless worker, and one whose influence was always for good. The little band of workers at Elmsdale feel the loss of this good sister keenly. To them, and to her afflicted husband and children we tender our deepest sympathy.

The church in St. John has been called upon to mourn the loss of one of its most faithful members in the departure to the Spirit world of our Sister Matilda Owen, so well known, and so highly respected and esteemed for her work's sake. Sister Owen had been connected with the work in this city for many years, and being true to her

convictions of duty, was always found faithful to the cause we plead. For many years she was a regular attendant at our annual conventions, taking a deep interest in the progress of the cause in general and the work in St. John in particular. To the Coburg street church we tender our sympathy, as well as to her immediate friends who mourn her loss, and rejoice with them that we "sorrow not as those who have no hope."

And lastly your Committee would ask this meeting to put on record their appreciation of the life, character and work of our beloved Bro. Hiram Wallace, of West Gore, Hants County, who was called to his rest August 12, 1899, and to express, so far as the influence of this meeting may go, the high esteem in which he was held, and our deep sorrow for the great loss the cause we plead has sustained in the departure of this most excellent Christian gentleman, able preacher of the Word, wise councillor and true friend. And that we express to his afflicted widow, Sister Wallace, our heart-felt sympathy in this her hour of sore trial, to his friends, and to the brotherhood in general, our high appreciation of his faithful labors in the gospel of God's dear Son.

"Life's race well run
Life's work well done,
Life's crown well won,
Then comes rest."

All of which is humbly submitted,

E. C. FORD,
NELSON LELAND,
J. S. FLAGLOR.

It was adopted by the congregation arising while J. C. B. Appel led in a tender, appropriate prayer.

It was unanimously resolved that the Convention, through the Home Mission Board, tender sincere thanks to the American Christian Missionary Society for the generous assistance given the work in the Maritime Provinces during the past year; also that greetings be sent by Bros. Harding and Appel to the International "Jubilee" Convention to meet in Cincinnati, Oct. 13-20.

The business of the convention being completed the meeting adjourned.

J. B. Allen led the social meeting on Saturday afternoon.

L. A. Miles then conducted a conference on "The Young People in the Church"—how to interest and hold them. The president started the discussion by a short address, and was followed by H. Murray, W. H. Harding, J. B. Allen, E. A. Payson, E. C. Ford, Lyman Outhouse, L. R. Morton, Miss Gertie Dick, Mrs. Flaglor, Mrs. Richardson, and J. C. B. Appel. The discussion was very profitable, many helpful suggestions being thrown out. After the meeting closed many of the delegates accepted the invitation of Bro. Appel to go over and see the house that the Main St. Church is now building and hopes to enter next spring.

Saturday evening there was a promise meeting conducted by J. C. B. Appel. Then came the Home Mission Rally. The president was in the chair. Addresses were delivered by J. C. B. Appel, W. H. Harding, E. C. Ford, Wm. Murray, and L. S. Ford. The collection amounted to \$42. Pledges were called for and the responses were liberal. \$458 were promised.