

Sisters Wallace and Morrison came to the Island to enjoy the meeting, and also to contribute to its interest. They were particularly anxious to assist the women and the children in preparing for more systematic and general work for missions, by creating a sympathy in the work and showing how organization can be best effected. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock they and a goodly number of the sisters came together and talked over the matter, and we understand that the meeting was very satisfactory. At 4 o'clock a meeting for children was held, its object being to instruct the children present and to show those interested in work among the children how this may be carried on in a natural and entertaining and profitable way. Sister Wallace addressed the children very nicely and Sister Morrison gave a very instructive chalk-talk. She also gave an object lesson showing the poisonous nature of sin.

Bro. A. McLean was announced to speak in the evening at 7 o'clock. An interest in the work which he is doing and a great interest in himself helped to bring together a crowded congregation, and for nearly an hour he spoke to the people in a way that showed his mastery of his subject, of his audience, and of himself. His subject was Christ the First and the Last, his text was in Rev. 22:13. He showed Christ's pre-eminence and the unique position he holds in the world's history. Wherever he has gone light has gone and progress followed. The greatness of civilized nations over heathen countries is owing to the gospel. Heathen nations are poor and weak and backward because they do not possess the gospel of Christ. Until they are given the gospel we need not expect them to be other than hotbeds of crime and sinks of iniquity. Their only hope is in Christ.

An invitation having come from the Baptist church for some of our preachers to occupy their pulpit on the Lord's day, Bro. Neil McLeod preached for them in the morning, the theme Christ the Life. His sermon was highly spoken of by those present; and that is just what we should expect, for Bro. McLeod is a consecrated man and an earnest preacher. In the evening Bro. Stewart preached a simple sermon on Daily Gleanings.

The business session of the association opened on Monday at 10 o'clock, the Moderator, Bro. O. B. Emery in the chair. Bro. D. Crawford was chosen to occupy that for position this year. Bro. Robert Stewart who for so many years has been the faithful secretary of the association was unable to be present and at his request a new secretary was chosen, Bro. George Jeffrey, of Summerside.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and stood as recorded. Then the reports of the churches were received, some being verbal and a few written. It was recommended that each church send a written report next year (and it might be added that it would not detract from their interest if they were uniform in form and very full.)

Moutague still leads in point of numbers, their membership being just 200. During the year they had ten additions. Lost four by letter and five by death. They raised \$25.00 for foreign missions. Bro. Weaver, who has been their pastor for two years, has resigned.

The New Glasgow church has the next largest membership. They have had twenty-three additions during the year, a large number of these coming in while Bro. H. Murray was with the church helping Bro. Crawford. There was a loss of seven during the year. Forty dollars were raised for missions.

The church in Summerside is without a preacher but they show a net gain in membership of three. Everything is harmonious and it is not the harmony of death either. (After the meeting the young people by the assistance of some of the visitors and with the full consent of the officers of the church,

organized a Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor; and if the society does as much good here as it has in many other places we think the church is to be congratulated.)

Tignish is also without a preacher. But they maintain their regular meetings on Lord's day, and their Wednesday evening prayer meeting. They see no reason to be discouraged. In this church there is a children's band which is working successfully for missions under the superintendence of Sister Haywood.

Like Summerside and Tignish, Tryon is without a preacher, but they are doing what they can. They have raised twenty-five dollars for foreign missions. They are taking up monthly collections for workers among the American Indians.

The East Point church is enthusiastic in the Master's service. They are not merely existing, and to exist is not the sum of their ambition. They are working. They have raised twenty dollars for foreign missions. By the departure of Bro. Weaver they lose their preacher, and they let him go with regret.

The church at the Cross Roads, Lot 48, reports good and increasing audiences. A good feeling exists and a hope for a good report in the near future is entertained. Bro. Emery has preached regularly for the church during the past year.

The Charlottetown church is without a preacher. The prospects are not bright, but they are going to hold on and hope on. It is hard to hold the members in a city where there are so many attractions drawing them elsewhere.

In Bradalbane there is a good house but no church has been organized. About four years ago fourteen were baptized by Bro. D. Crawford and they have generally proved faithful. Others have come from time to time, and the field is one that should be cultivated.

Bro. M. Stevenson invited the association to come to Charlottetown next year. Some did not think it wise to accept the invitation this year, and urged delay. Considerable discussion ensued, but it was finally decided by a majority vote to accept the invitation. And so it is expected that the next meeting of the association will be held in Charlottetown commencing on Saturday before the second Lord's day in July, 1895

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF 1894

Will be held in Milton. Our annual last year at Lord's Cove, Deer Island, was a success. Much of the prosperity of this year is due to the inspiration we all received at that meeting. There is no better place on earth for getting our hearts enlarged than at our annual gatherings. We must all admit, notwithstanding the splendid success of the past year, that we need enlargement. Our claims to pure New Testament Christianity demands of us that we come up to the measure of our claims and rise to a still higher position and a greater conception of our responsibilities as the followers of Christ.

The church at Milton extends a hearty and urgent invitation to all who are interested in the work of the Lord. Our doors and our hearts are open to all who will come and help us.

We have made arrangements with the Nova Scotia Central Railroad to return all the delegates for one third fare. No doubt the same reduction will be given on the Windsor and Annapolis Road.

Andrew West, our Milton and Liverpool express, has agreed to bring the delegates from Bridgewater to Milton and return them, for one and one third fare. All may rely on this as sure. Buy your tickets to Bridgewater only. Mr. West will be at the station to provide for all who are going to Milton, and will reach Milton one or two hours sooner than by the coach line, as the regular coach has to wait for mails.

It those who are coming to the annual will send me their names, I will locate them and send them word where their homes will be. This will relieve the mind of any uncertainties, and prevent any disappointments and obviate all difficulties in locating the friends on their arrival.

We want to have a very profitable meeting, one that will ensure us another successful years work, and we want all our workers in all the churches to talk annual meeting, and do all they can at home and at the meeting, to make it a success. Let us begin now to get ready, to think, and talk, and pray, and pay, "then the work of the Lord will prosper in our hands." H. MURRAY.

COMMENCEMENT AT BETHANY.

Bethany has this year graduated the largest class of her history, excepting that of '66. Nine for the ministry, seven teachers, five to their farms and their merchandize, three for the bar, three for the medical profession, one graduate in music, and three to labor in the foreign mission field—thirty-one in all, have gone forth into the various walks of life. Sunday, June 17, President McDiarmid preached the baccalaureate sermon, and his words of helpfulness and truth will ever strengthen all who heard him, for a higher and nobler life. Few can breathe inspiration into a young life as he can.

Sunday evening, Rev. Mr. Alford of Wheeling, delivered the first of a regular series of addresses to the Y. M. C. A., which will hereafter occupy, and justly so, a place in the closing exercises of the college. The activity and energy of this Association has worked much good during the year.

Monday, June 19, memorial services were held for W. H. Billingsly, one of the most brilliant and beloved of the class of '94. He was accidentally killed on the campus last fall, and the touching services showed the love and esteem in which he was held. The same evening Professor Eugene Fenchtinger and his musical pupils gave a recital, that exhibited the high degree of excellence to which the arduous labors of the Professor have raised the musical department of Bethany. The Professor sails for Europe to study during vacation.

Tuesday was devoted to field sports, "field-day" being an institution of our beloved and honored A. McLean. Bethany neglects not the body in training and developing the mind and spirit, as is attested by the almost uninterrupted victories her athletes gain over their competitors. Tuesday evening the American Literary Institute held its light up before the admiring crowds who came to hear the orations and all the other good things of the evening.

The good-natured rivalry existing between the A. L. I and the Neotrophian Literary Society, has resulted in both societies making high attainments in literary work. If any one wishes to be convinced of this, they have only to send for a copy of the *Bethany Collegian* containing the orations of the two societies given in our oratorical concert of April 20. It is a gem of literary excellence. Wednesday was class day, and amidst a blaze of oratory and with tears and fond regrets, the class of '94 passed away from our midst, and the burden of senior dignity has fallen on '95. In the evening the Neotrophian Society came to the front with an excellent and well rendered programme. Thursday, June 21, was commencement day, and the crowds who reclined under the trees on the campus, or roamed over the delightful and grandly beautiful hills, spoke the fondness that Bethany's graduates have for the dear old place. They seemed to come in hundreds and gather strength and inspiration from the invigorating atmosphere, the relics and memories of the great, silent dead, and the living presence of noble minds and loving hearts. As we listened to the tender, trenching words of the valedictory, we longed for the time