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JUBILEE.

To the Brethren of the Maritime Provinces:

The Crawford Jubilee, announced in the last CHRISTIAN, will be held at the Christian Church, New Glasgow, P. E. Island, on Dec. 16th, 1897. This Jubilee is in honor of the fifty years gospel ministry of Bro. Donald Crawford. Every disciple in the Maritime Provinces should have a share in the purse of gold which will accompany the address to be presented to Bro. Crawford on that occasion. It will be the opportunity of a life-time to do suitable honor to a man whose ministry has been of incalculable benefit to the cause of New Testament Christianity in these provinces.

R. W. Stevenson, Montague, P. E. Island, has been appointed treasurer of the fund. All contributions should be in his hands not later than Dec. 10th. A list of the names of the contributors will accompany the purse when it is presented.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

Once per year business speaks on this page. You may hear her voice this month. Be sure to heed it.

With this number THE CHRISTIAN starts out on its fifteenth year. It has been well supported, but there are many of our people who do not subscribe for it. It should go into every home.

We understand that another of our young men has gone to Lexington to study for the ministry—R. E. Stevenson of New Glasgow. We wish him abounding success in his studies and a life of surpassing usefulness.

Hattie L. Judson, one of our faithful missionaries in India, died last month of typhoid fever. No particulars have come to

hand. She was a relative of the famous missionary of the same name. Five years ago she went from her home, Danbury, Conn., to the foreign field. The graves of our missionaries are multiplying. We must not forget or neglect the work for which they die.

Last month we asked our subscribers to examine the dates on the address labels of their papers, and to report any inaccuracy to this office. We are glad to be able to write that no such inaccuracy has been reported.

We enclose statements this month to those who are in arrears, and hope that each will at once send us the amount due. In order that we may keep out of debt, all subscriptions should be paid in advance. We pay our bills, not at the end of the year, but every month. To be paid one year in advance one must be paid up to October, 1898.

Many of our subscribers have paid up to months in 1898, about a score to months in 1899. We have been waiting with some curiosity to see who would be the first to pay to a month in 1900. Here is his name, address and date: "J. Barry Allan, St. John, Dec., 1900." He evidently has faith in the paper's longevity.

The editor of this paper does his work as a labor of love. The same is true of the office editor and financial manager. Even the publishers do not make a cent's profit out of it. All the profits are spent on Home Mission work. We have no hesitation in asking our subscribers to continue their support to the paper. There is no selfishness behind such a request.

Our readers will be interested in the account of the opening of the new house of worship at Mascarene, N. B. Those who have seen it regard it as an exceedingly pretty structure. It is well finished and well furnished. Nothing was forgotten. If it were not for Capt. Dick this house would not have been built. Many of his friends at home and abroad assisted, but he led in the undertaking. We must give him credit though he takes none.

The office editor desires to call special attention to the circular enclosed in THE CHRISTIAN this month. Bro. Crawford's fifty years' service in the Gospel is something that should be fittingly recognized, and the manner of recognition decided upon by the committee will be generally acceptable. When he is called to his reward many will seek to do him honor. His earnest, long-continued and successful labors will then call forth words of unstinted praise and expressions of deepest gratitude. While he is yet spared to us and to the cause of truth (and may he long be spared) let us give unmistakable evidence of appreciation.

Another of our P. E. Island churches—the one at Tryon—has made a contribution to the Home Mission Fund. This is the way to seal the union. Let it be understood that

all the money sent to this fund is spent in the Maritime Provinces either in building up churches that are already organized, or in seeking to start new churches. When the general evangelist comes he will spend part of his time on P. E. Island in an earnest effort to extend the kingdom of Christ.

Why do not more of our churches send news to this paper? From some of them nothing has appeared for a year. Are they dead or are they only sleeping? The "Church News" should be the most interesting part of the paper. We cannot manufacture the news in St. John. If we could we would be tempted to do so. Send the news. Let it be Church news.

The American Christian Home Missionary Society has just closed a successful year. The total collections amounted to \$30,548 65, showing a handsome increase for the year. Seventy-one missionaries have been engaged in twenty-one states and provinces. The aggregate amount of missionary labor is 16,493 days. The number of places helped was 294. During the year 34 churches were organized. The total number of additions was 4,849.

The total raised last year by the brotherhood for missions, Home and Foreign, was \$454,337.53, as follows: Negro evangelization, \$8,105.07; Ministerial Relief, \$11,067.99; Home Board, \$30,548.65; Church Extension, \$32,579.96; Christian Woman's Board of Missions, \$62,681; Foreign Christian Missionary Society, \$106,222.10; the State and Provincial Societies, \$268,641.47. This appears to be a very good showing when it is remembered that it does not include what the churches raised for local expenses.

The Foreign Christian Missionary Society is trying to enlist all our churches in the work among the heathen. The total number of churches contributing through this society last year was 2,586—a gain of 127 over the year before. The number of churches that raised their full apportionment was 1,012. The Sunday schools have beaten the churches. The number contributing was 2,810—a gain of 205 over last year. The children are interested in the heathen, and the churches of the future shall be.

Our Island readers, especially, will be interested in the following which we find in the *Christian Standard*: H. A. McDonald has the firm-set jaws of his ancestors, the Scotch Covenanters, whose grim determination was "bred in the bone" by a combination of oatmeal and predestination. Once on a time his grandfather, James McDonald, er., Kingsboro, Prince Edward Island, entertained one of the early governors of the province, the guest remaining from Saturday until Monday. On Sunday morning the governor sent his valet to the kitchen for shaving water. "Go back," said Mr. McD. sternly to the valet, "and tell the governor that he'll no shave in my house on the Sabbath." And he didn't.