

Correspondence.

P. E. ISLAND ASSOCIATION.

The Christian Association of P. E. Island met in annual convention with the church at Cross Roads, Lot 48, July 7th to 9th. A very interesting and profitable meeting was held. The services began on Saturday evening and were well attended throughout.

Among the many delegates present were the following ministerial brethren. Elder D. Crawford, A. N. Simpson, R. F. Whiston, F. W. Harlow, G. Nelson Stevenson and R. Everette Stevenson.

Bro. F. W. Harlow of London, Ontario, a graduate of the College of the Disciples, St. Thomas, Ontario, who has lately located with the church at Summerside, preached the opening sermon, taking as his theme, "Christian Zeal," and for his text Isaiah lxii, 1. "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."

Bro. Harlow is a young man of earnest purpose and comes to us highly recommended as a Christian worker, and his labors in Summerside promise to be very gratifying.

On Lord's day a short social meeting was held at 10.30 and at 11 o'clock Bro. D. Crawford preached an eloquent and masterful sermon on the "Mystery of Godliness," 1 Timothy, iii, 16. In his usual clear, logical and impressive manner, the veteran preacher of righteousness discussed the various phases of his subject, showing in Christ Jesus the personification of godliness as outlined in the text. (1) God manifest in the flesh. (2) Justified in the spirit. (3) Seen of angels. (4) Preached unto the Gentiles. (5) Believed on in the world, and (6) received up into glory.

A pleasing feature of the service was a solo by Miss May Boyyer, of California. Miss Boyyer is a talented singer and her rendering of sacred song, especially appropriate and impressive, called forth many expressions of appreciation.

At the close of the service the Lord's table was spread, Bro. Whiston presiding, and a large number partook of the emblems of Christ's broken body and shed blood.

At seven o'clock Bro. G. Nelson Stevenson preached an earnest, thoughtful and impressive sermon on "Christian Union," basing his remarks on the text, "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

Bro. Stevenson is a young man of considerable ability, a native of New Glasgow and a graduate of Kentucky university. For the past year he has been located in Ontario, but has come to P. E. Island to become pastor of the church at Montague, which has been without a pastor since the departure of Bro. R. W. Stevenson, who is now in Lansingburg, N. Y.

At this service Miss Boyyer sang with fine effect a solo entitled "The Sinner and the Song."

Monday morning at 9 o'clock a good social meeting was held, and at the close the business session of the Association took place.

In the absence of Bro. R. W. Stevenson, moderator for the past year, Bro. Simpson called the meeting to order. Bro. R. F.

Whiston was then chosen as moderator for the ensuing year and was duly installed, and H. Williams was re-appointed secretary of association.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Several committees reported, and the following new committees were appointed to report at the evening session: viz:

Committee on Resolutions—G. Nelson Stevenson, Alex. Stewart, E. Blanche Connors.

Committee on Ways and Means—D. Crawford, chairman.

Committee on Temperance—A. N. Simpson, Franklin Boyyer, Alex. Stewart.

Committee on Obituaries—H. Williams, chairman.

Reports and letters of greeting from some of the churches of the Island were then read showing the following:—

NAME.	Members.	Baptisms.	Received by Letter.	Deaths.	Letters Given.	Value of Ch. Property.	Collection for Home Missions.	Collection for Foreign Missions.	Collection for Indian famine fund.	S. S. Scholars.	Teachers and Officers.
Montague	182	16	1	3	5	\$7,000	\$47 00	\$47 00	..	50	..
New Glasgow	160	16	1	4	..	3,000	\$20 00	41 50	\$12 50	60	..
Summerside	80	7	1	2	..	1,800	..	6 09	..	40	..
Charlottetown	56	3	1	1	..	..	34 00	47 00	..	26	..
Southport	40	1	..	1	..	..	..	17 10	10 00	40	..
Murray Harbor	12	10	..	..	..	1,000	..	..	..	..	..

Tignish, Tryon and East Point churches sent no reports. Murray Harbor is a new church, which reports for the first time. Charlottetown is to have a new brick church which will be completed about September 1st. The property, when completed, will be worth about \$6,000.

A letter of greeting from Maritime C. W. B. M. was read and referred to committee of Sisters E. Blanche Connors, Bertha Waye and Agnes Williams for reply.

Bro. Frank Boyyer, treasurer home mission board of P. E. I., submitted a report, showing a balance of \$105.22 on hand.

Bro. H. Williams reported \$6.76 on hand, which on motion was ordered to be paid to treasurer Home Mission Board of P. E. I. On motion it was decided to withdraw the balance in the P. E. Island fund of the Maritime Home Mission Board and place the same in the hands of the treasurer of the Home Mission Board of P. E. I.

The new members of the Home Mission Board of P. E. I. are as follows: Major Linkletter, A. N. Simpson, G. Nelson Stevenson, Franklin Boyyer, treasurer; H. Williams, secretary.

Resolved, That the Christian Association send Christian greetings to the annual meet-

ing of the Churches of Christ of N. S. and N. B. in August next.

At 2 o'clock the young people's session was held and an excellent programme was carried out. Bro. G. Nelson Stevenson delivered an excellent address on "Our Needs," and Bro. R. Everette Stevenson, one on Sunday schools. Miss Ella Bagnall sang with fine effect a solo and Mr. and Mrs. Whiston sang a duett.

A chorus by four little girls and one boy was a pleasing feature of the programme and called forth hearty applause.

A reading by Miss Connors and a recitation by Miss Campbell were well received and added much to the interest of the meeting.

The young people's session of the association is a very popular and instructive feature, and we trust it may be productive of much good.

The closing service of the convention was held at 8 o'clock on Monday evening.

The Committee on Resolutions presented a report expressing the thanks of the association to the people of Lot 48 for their generous hospitality; to Miss Boyyer for favoring the convention with her highly appreciated solos; to the local government for special trip of ferry and to the P. E. I. railway for reduced fares, and also to the "press" for courtesy shown, all of which was unanimously adopted.

Committee to reply to C. W. B. M. presented an exhaustive report showing that two auxiliaries have been formed and \$12.50 on hand.

Committee on Obituaries reported ten deaths during the year, viz., Sister Catherine Beattie and Bro. Peter McRae of Summerside church, Bro. John Houston, Sister Janet Gillies, Sister Martha Ling and Sister Sarah McDonald of New Glasgow church, Bro. John Crawford of Wallace, Idaho, U. S., a member of the church at Tryon, Bro. Robert Dewar of Montague and Bro. Duncan McGregor of Lot 48.

Appropriate remarks regarding each were included in the resolution of sympathy to be-reaved relatives and friends.

Committee on Ways and Means presented an extended report of the work done and fields ready for the reapers. A report full of good thoughts and encouraging prospects. May God grant the opportunities pointed out may not be neglected this year, and that next year we shall be enabled to review the past with gratification.

The Committee on Temperance presented at the close of a lengthy preamble the following resolution which was unanimously adopted,

Be it resolved, That the Christian churches in convention assembled at Southport extend to the Legislative assembly of 1900 a hearty vote of thanks for the strong measure of Prohibition which was unanimously adopted by both political parties in the house.

The audience was charmed and thrilled and drawn closer to the Christ of Gethsemane and Calvary as they listened to the strains of the "Holy City," as sung in Miss Boyyer's inimitable style.

Bro. R. F. Whiston preached an enthusiastic, instructive and interesting sermon, taking as his text, "There was a man sent from God whose name was John." With earnestness and force he pleaded for a greater consecration of all the followers of Christ, encouraging each and every one to fulfill the mission and deliver the message God has given.

The meeting then disbursed and the annual was at an end, and the brethren separated to meet again, we hope, in Charlottetown next year. Between now and then, dear friends, what possibilities lie.

Your etc.,

J. HARRY WILLIAMS.