

movement is destined to be a mighty agent in hastening the coming of the time when all God's children shall be one; and there is no people that have such good reasons for welcoming it and trying to increase its momentum as the Disciples. Its tend is in line with our own great purpose. It aims to lift up and honor the Christ, it emphasizes personal loyalty to him, it gives the Bible the place of pre-eminence and promotes Bible study.

It is well then that the Churches of Christ have taken hold of it so heartily. We now stand third in the number of societies, only the Presbyterians and Congregationalists being ahead of us. Last year we stood fifth. Our rapid growth in this connection is calling the attention of the religious world more and more to us. People in New England who had scarcely heard of us are now investigating. The going of the convention to Boston was a great blessing to the church in that city. It is now better known than ever before. In the great gatherings of the convention the preachers from the Disciples came into prominence greatly to our advantage. Bro. A. E. Cobb, of Illinois, delivered one of the best addresses, and the papers spoke highly of it. Other of our men did just as well. In all about thirteen of them took part.

But we presume that our readers are most interested in the meetings held by our own people. On Thursday evening there were denominational rallies. The Disciples met in their South End Tabernacle. The attendance was large and the meeting impressive. Bro. Hardin spoke on the Home Mission Field, Bro. McLean for Foreign Missions, and Bro. Muckley told about the work of the Church Extension Board. It will be seen that the "rally" had a practical cast. It was to generate enthusiasm and stimulate activity—and it did 'so. One resolution came before the meeting. It was to the effect that besides the work the Endeavorers are doing in the foreign fields, they undertake to pay off a large portion of the debt that is hindering the work of the Boston Church, and also that they assist in buying a lot for the North Side Christian Church in Chicago. These objects are both worthy and now is the time for the societies to endeavor to do something practical. It was suggested that the societies in the east—and the east begins somewhere near Ohio and comes this way—support the Boston work; those in the west the work in Chicago. If any church needs aid and needs it now and is worthy of it, that church is the one in Boston. Bro. Edmonds is a grand man. He is working heroically and at great sacrifice; and the church during the convention prepared to lodge many delegates, at great personal inconvenience and the amount thus realized they gave toward paying the debt. They also ran a first-class restaurant, doing the work themselves, thus depriving themselves of the privilege of attending the meetings, and the receipts all go towards the same purpose. The spirit of earnestness has captured them and they are doing all they can. They do not ask that the whole debt be paid for them. They will give dollar for dollar.

The meetings on the Lord's day were inspiring. In the morning Bro. McLean preached a grand sermon on his favorite theme to a large and attentive audience. In the afternoon the communion service was held, Bro. H. L. Willett, of Chicago, presiding. It was a deeply solemn occasion. It was good to be there and with the Lord's children from different states and provinces sit around his table. The evening meeting was presided over by Bro. Darst. Many persons spoke for a few minutes each. The aim was to have some representative from each

state and province. Bro. H. Murray spoke for Nova Scotia. The great trouble was in his not having twenty instead of two minutes. Some said they enjoyed this meeting even more than the great meetings in the tents or in the Mechanics Building.

The next International Convention meets in Washington and we expect that many disciples will find their way thither and worship in the Garfield Memorial Church.

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WEST GORE LETTER.

Our county meeting is a thing of the past. Its benefits and pleasures have been many. Our meeting began on Saturday, June 29th, by an entertainment gotten up by the Mission Band. The meeting house was filled up pretty well at 3 p. m. to hear the little folks. Everybody was pleased at the way the children acquitted themselves. The young sisters who have had the band in charge are working hard to make the band a success, and this entertainment shows they have not worked in vain. May the Lord bless all who are engaged in this work. On Saturday evening we had a sermon by Bro. Blenus who had been preaching for about a month in different parts of the county. This sermon was intensely practical, showing the need of taking up the cross and following Christ. Sunday morning, 9 a. m., we had our Sunday-school and Bible-class. Bro. John McDougall is the superintendent and has been for years. Some of the brethren from other churches, who were present that morning thought he ought to have been a preacher and I am inclined to think so myself, for he is mighty in the scriptures. At 10.30 a. m. Bro. Blenus gave us a discourse on the words "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." I wish I could convey it to you, as it was conveyed to us. I heard very many words of appreciation from those who heard. After the sermon we gathered around the Lord's table and truly there seemed to be a sacredness as we thought that some who had been with us the year before had gone to rest, and there was a prospect that some of us may be called away before another county meeting came around. Who would it be? If we loved the Saviour we could look up to him and ask, "Master, is it I?"

At 2.30 p. m. we met for a social meeting and truly it was good to be there. After half an hour's exercises Sister Lois McDougall read a paper on "Christian Giving," this was followed by a paper by Sister Olive Wallace on "What Benefit are we to expect from this Meeting?" then came Bro. Alfred McNeill with a paper on "The Past Year." Sister Tillie Stevens read a paper on "How to Help the Preacher," and Sister Rose McPhee a paper on "The Coming Year." These papers were all of a high class and worthy of a place in the columns of THE CHRISTIAN. Bro. Blenus, who has attended many of the conventions in the United States, told us they would compare very favorably with the papers read at many of the conventions. At this meeting a collection was

taken up for Home Missions and fifteen dollars raised.

At 7.30 p. m., Bro. M. B. Ryan preached to us from these words, "There is no other name under heaven given among men whereby ye may be saved." It was an excellent discourse showing the supremacy of the religion of Christ, and we were all made to feel glad we lived in a land where Christianity was the prevailing religion.

The meetings were large ones, the weather being fine the house was crowded to overflowing, enthusiasm was manifested and I have never seen a happier nor more friendly lot of people.

On Monday morning, the rain came down, and our business meeting was small. Still the meeting was interesting and the results of the year's work encouraging. The meeting adjourned to meet the last week in June, 1896. I would recommend to the brethren who gather at the annual in Halifax, the consideration of the advisability of having these district or county meetings all over our province. We have proved them very helpful here, and believe they will prove a blessing to others.

The first Sunday in July I spent with the church in River John. The work here needs help. Is there nothing we can do to build up the cause in such places as these? I shall say more about this again.

The Saturday before the second Sunday in July found me in Charlottetown meeting with the brethren in their annual meeting. It was the best annual I ever attended on P. E. Island, the only thing to be regretted was the absence of Bro. Crawford; on all sides I heard expressions of regret on account of this.

At my present writing I am enjoying the hospitality of Bro. and Sister Silas Rayner, of Tignish, P. E. Island. W. H. HARDING.
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News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

Sister Ramsdell and daughter returned to St. John, and we are being helped by them in the meetings.

Bro. H. Murray spent the evening of the 8th here. He attended the meeting in the Portland hall, and assisted Bro. Stewart who preached to a fair audience. They both went to Boston on the 9th to attend the C. E. Convention, also Bro. and Sister Morrison; Bro. J. W. Barnes, Sister Emma Christie and Nellie Flaglor had gone on before. They all speak glowingly of the grand meetings and the benefit they derived from them.

Bro. and Sister J. B. Moore, who were at the big convention, arrived here on July 16th, and will spend a month in New Brunswick before returning to their home in Aberdeen, South Dakota, U. S.

On the 12th, Bro. Donald Crawford came to preach for us during Bro. Stewart's absence. Bro. C. has preached in Portland and Silver Falls as well. We are delighted to hear our good brother. He gives us so much information, is so gentle and full of the Master's spirit, that it is inspiring to see and hear him. May he long be spared to continue his good and successful work.

A large number of new books have been added to the libraries of the Coburg street and Portland Sunday-schools.