

The Auditors reported it correct. Several members of the Convention expressed their regret that H. W. Stewart was severing his official connection with the paper, and he was given "a vote of thanks for his faithful work as office editor and business manager."

The afternoon session opened at 2.30 with prayer by the President. The minutes of the morning meeting were approved.

The committee appointed to nominate the Home Mission Board named the following:

*President*—L. A. Miles.  
*Secretary*—W. A. Barnes.  
*Treasurer*—Geo. F. Barnes.  
*Advisory*—R. W. Stevenson and L. S. Ford.  
This Board was elected.

The churches receiving aid from the Home Mission Fund presented their reports:

#### HALIFAX FINANCIAL REPORT.

For the year ending August 31st, 1899.

##### Expenses.

Paid for regular preaching, . . . . .	\$420 00
" Home Missions, . . . . .	39 85
" Foreign Missions, . . . . .	14 00
" Local expenses, . . . . .	212 75
Sunday-school—Home Missions, . . . . .	6 00
" Foreign Missions, . . . . .	4 00
" Books, papers, etc., . . . . .	40 00
Y. P. S. C. E.—Home Missions, . . . . .	10 00
" Local expenses, . . . . .	4 00
" Other purposes, . . . . .	6 00
Junior Society—Foreign Missions, . . . . .	9 00
Ladies' Auxiliary—Building repairs, . . . . .	18 00
" Other purposes, . . . . .	58 67
C. W. B. M.—Foreign Missions, . . . . .	26 42
<b>Total, . . . . .</b>	<b>\$808 19</b>

##### Receipts.

From Home Board, . . . . .	\$127 50
American Board, . . . . .	180 00
	\$257 50
Raised by Halifax church and societies, . . . . .	868 19
Building Fund, . . . . .	80 00
<b>Grand total, . . . . .</b>	<b>\$1,155 69</b>

E. C. FORD,  
*Missionary Pastor.*

This was regarded as an admirable showing. The good year's work done was highly commended. The report was heartily received.

The report from the Main street church, St. John, also had some delightful surprises. Here it is:

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT MAIN STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH, ST. JOHN, N. B.

August 8, 1898, to August 8, 1899.

##### Received.

Collections, . . . . .	\$692 28
Ladies' Missionary Aid Society, Coburg Street, . . . . .	150 00
Home Mission Board, N. S. and N. B., . . . . .	150 00
Ladies' Aid Society and individual contributions to Home Mission Board, . . . . .	13 65
	\$1,005 88

##### Paid.

Minister, . . . . .	\$71 15
Rent of hall, . . . . .	158 75
Home Mission Board, N. S. and N. B., . . . . .	41 94
Evangelist Whiston, . . . . .	25 00
S. S. supplies and anniversary, . . . . .	14 40
Hymn Books, . . . . .	20 00
Building Fund, . . . . .	15 00
Tax and incidentals, . . . . .	16 65
	\$1,005 88

#### Building Fund—

Subscriptions, . . . . .	\$932 01
Paid out, . . . . .	\$903 13
Balance in hand, . . . . .	128 88
	\$932 01

R. ROBERTS, *Treasurer.*

Pictou reported as follows:

Money paid to September 1st, 1899, since the first of the year:

Paid Wm. Murray, . . . . .	\$60 00
" W. H. Allen, . . . . .	95 40
	\$155 40

Robt. F. Whiston's meeting:

F. C. Ford's R. R. Fare, . . . . .	\$5 00
Printing, telegraphing, etc., . . . . .	16 50
Cash to R. F. Whiston, . . . . .	57 00
Incidental and running expenses, . . . . .	22 00
	\$100 00
A. C. M. S., . . . . .	20 00
	\$275 90

After Bro. Whiston's meeting closed they had no preaching until I came in June—the 24th. Since coming I have organized a prayer meeting (Wednesday night) and a Bible class which meets at 10 a. m. Sunday. We have had regular preaching each Lord's day, having the privilege, July 23rd, of listening to two excellent sermons by Prof. Dewesse, who preached again Wednesday night the 26th. Our audiences, although still small, are improving, and we have confidence in the future prospects of our work in Pictou.

W. H. ALLEN,  
*Minister.*

Pictou, N. S., August 31, 1899.

This report was also received, but it was felt that it was incomplete and unfair to Pictou, and the meeting decided to ask for a supplementary report.

The Committee on Time and Place presented the following report:

That the next Annual be held at Westport, commencing on the Thursday before the first Lord's day in September, 1900.

This report was adopted unanimously.

W. H. Harding gave notice that at the meeting in Westport he would move the following resolution:

That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable from this time forward to hold our annual meetings separately as provinces, and that every third year an interprovincial meeting be held.

It was thought that the churches should have a year in which to consider this important matter.

It was moved by W. H. Harding and seconded by Joseph Stockford, that Jas. W. Barnes be appointed Financial Manager of THE CHRISTIAN.

The Good Literature Committee then presented the following report:

#### THE GOOD LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the Annual Convention of the Disciples of Christ:

The Secretary-treasurer of your Good Literature Committee begs leave to submit the following report for the year ending:

Since the departure of O. B. Stockford for the west nothing has been done in this field. When leaving here he asked the undersigned to act for him for the rest of the year and thus save the trouble of appointing a new secretary.

The financial showing of this work is as follows:

Balance last year's fund, . . . . .	\$20 86
Received for sales, . . . . .	29 29
	\$50 15

#### Expenditure.

Christian Pub. Co., . . . . .	\$30 00
Standard Pub. Co., . . . . .	9 43
Cost Money Orders, . . . . .	80
Postage, . . . . .	1 32
Duty, . . . . .	2 30
	\$43 32
	\$6 83

#### Assets.

Cash, . . . . .	\$6 83
St. John sales (not collected), . . . . .	5 00
	\$11 83

#### Books Received.

	Books.	Tracts.
From Christian Pub. Co., . . . . .	26	103
" Standard Pub Co., . . . . .	24	7
<b>Total, . . . . .</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>120</b>

Hoping that a good worker may be selected to fill this office for the coming year.

I submit this respectfully,

E. M. STOCKFORD,  
*for Secretary.*

It was received and referred to the Audit Committee.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following Good Literature Committee: Joseph Stockford, R. E. Stevens, Nelson Leland, Dr. H. B. Ford, A. E. Coates. The recommendation was adopted.

Nelson Leland read a lengthy communication from S. W. Dick, elder of the church at Mascarene, in which the present way of conducting the Home Mission work was criticized and suggesting what he thought would be an improvement. The letter was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Friday evening was given to the Foreign Mission Rally of the Maritime O. W. B. M. Unfortunately the evening proved wet and disagreeable, and the attendance was comparatively small; but in every other respect it was excellent. Mrs. J. S. Flaglor conducted the devotional exercises.

Mrs. F. Richardson read the minutes of the business meeting held in the afternoon. The President, Miss Payson, read a very interesting address, and then earnest speeches were delivered by W. H. Harding, E. C. Ford, and H. Murray. Mrs. Richardson read a short paper on "Missionary Zeal." During the meeting, J. B. Allan and J. C. B. Appel sang solos. The collection amounted to \$23.

W. H. Harding led the prayer meeting on Saturday morning.

At 10 o'clock business was resumed; the President in the chair. The minutes were read and accepted.

The Committee on Ways and Means presented the following report:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

Your Committee on Ways and Means recommend:

1. A grant of \$150.00 each, to Halifax, to Pictou, and to Main street, St. John, as suggested by the Home Mission Board.
2. The employment of an evangelist for one year, and that a portion of his time shall