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NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Christian Churches of P. E. Island will be held in Charlottetown on the second Lord's day in July. Further particulars will appear in the July number of THE CHRISTIAN. GEO. A. JEFFREY, Summerside, May 1895. Secretary of Association.

NOTES.

BRO. DONALD CRAWFORD, of P. E. Island, will be in St. John during July.

BRO. HOWARD MURRAY and Bro. H. W. Stewart, will attend the Y. P. S. C. E. Convention at Boston.

BRO. T. H. BLENUS will hold some meetings in Hants County, N. S., commencing next Lord's day (June 2nd).

BRO. WM. MURRAY is at Letete, N. B. The church has been lately re-organized, during Bro. Blenus' stay with them.

BRO. SHAW has resigned the work at Halifax. He will return to his home in the United States. Bro. Shaw has done faithful work while in Halifax. His resignation will be heard with regret.

BRO. IRA J. CHASE died in Lubec, Maine, on the evening of May 11th, of erysipelas. He had commenced a meeting there which promised rich results. After preaching a short time, he was taken sick and soon succumbed to the dread disease. Bro. Chase was elected Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Indiana in 1888, and on the death of the Governor in 1891, succeeded him to that office, making an honorable record in that important position. He was a faithful preacher of the gospel, and much beloved by all who knew him.

Boys and girls have receptive minds. The thoughts that are hidden there in youth send their roots into the very fibres

of the brain, and removing them

is like removing beech stumps.

THE ROMAN Catholic priest

knew this when he said, "Give me the first

seven years of a child's life, and I do not care

who teaches him after that." That is an

extreme statement, but it suggests a great

truth. Prejudices may be so firmly impressed

that knowledge shall fail to remove them;

error so deeply seated that truth tugs at it

in vain. But truth may have so strong a

grasp that all the assaults of error shall be

powerless to break it. This being true, the

Sunday school teacher holds a position of

very great responsibility and widespread opportunity.

And the half hour spent with

the class should be prepared for with a conscientious thoroughness. No one should be

content with passing the time; rather let him

determine to use it, and use it to the full. The

great object, of course, is to lead the children

to the Saviour, that living near him they may

grow up into his likeness. But the teachers

in our schools should from time to time instruct

them in what are often called our

"distinctive peculiarities," and almost every

lesson will open the door for remarks on one

of these. It may be the observance of

the Lord's Supper, the name of the church,

the divinely given creed, the significance

of baptism, the conditions of forgiveness,

etc., etc. These should be impressed upon

young minds with an earnestness that

will leave them almost ineffaceable. The

meaning of this nineteenth century re-

formation should be kept prominent. The

churches will lose nothing by so doing.

God is continually opening doors, and he

opens them that we may enter in, not merely

that we may look in, or loiter

around them in a hesitating,

perplexed manner, till some

one else sees the chance and

takes it. Then when we find that great

success gathers around them, we reproach

ourselves because we did not have the faith

to enter. Napoleon said on one occasion

that he won by not delaying. To-day much

is lost by following the opposite course. To

delay when a door is open, and when the signs

combine in telling us to go in, means that an

opportunity is passing that may not return

in ten years or in a generation. "There is

a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at

the flood, leads on to fortune." Business

men have found that out, and many a man

struggles on in comparative poverty who

might be living in affluence if it were not for

an extreme cautiousness which he now deplores. The same truth has been carried home to churches time after time, and many remain weak and struggling because they did not have faith to take up a work that would quicken their life, renew their energies, and redouble their influence. Perhaps they can say, "Lord, I believe," but they have occasion to add, "Help thou my unbelief." The more work that a church undertakes in an earnest, prayerful, prudent manner, the better for the church. It calls into service of the most active kind, many who otherwise would never know their powers. The way to have a live church is to have work in hand that only live members can do. If such work abounds such workers will be developed. Work for everyone and responsibilities upon every one mean a greater soberness in walk and a greater earnestness in life; and open doors make this possible.

The brethren on P. E. Island cling to this word to designate the annual meeting of the churches, and we do not know

ASSOCIATION that they could have chosen a more appropriate term. This

year the meeting is to be held

at Charlottetown, commencing on Saturday

before the second Lord's day in July, and

closing the following Monday. We understand

that the church there is planning to

have one of the best meetings possible—a

meeting that will mark the beginning of a

new era of progress in the history of the

Island churches. With Pres. Zollars at the

gathering, adding his words of wisdom to the

wise counsels of the Island preachers and

other prominent workers in the churches

there, we think we may hopefully look for

such a meeting. We notice, too, that Bro.

Miller promises a "hot welcome" to those

who attend. Apparently there is nothing

lukewarm about the church. It seems to be

a little unfortunate that the P. E. I. meeting

and the N. B. and N. S. meeting could not

be held a little nearer the same time. It

would be to the advantage of both; for this

year Pres. Zollars might be induced to remain

for the latter meeting and the former might

have Bro. J. H. Hardin (who is to be at the

latter) with them. Thus our blessings would

be multiplied this year. And in the future,

a knowledge of the fact that both meet-

ings could be attended without the loss of

much time, would be an inducement to distinguished preachers in the States to meet

with us in our annual gatherings. As the

dates are now fixed (July 13-15 and August

8-11) about one month intervenes. Last year

the date for the N. S. and N. B. meeting was

set back three weeks. If the Island brethren

could see their way to set theirs forward as

much, the object would be accomplished to

our mutual advantage. But it may be that

no date would suit the Island churches so

well as the one upon which they have been

meeting for many years. Still the matter is

worth thinking about.