

they will not relax their efforts in the mission work, but will work on knowing that "The Great Missionary" will give them a glorious reward.

The secretary has received about 200 letters and cards and has written about 225.

Four months and three weeks evangelizing has been done. There has been added to the churches, by baptism, 11; from the Baptists, 5; restored, 10; by letter, 2,—total, 28.

Our time of holding office has expired and all are free to choose whom they will to serve them for next year.

The following is the financial statement for the year ending Sept. 1st, 1891:—

Milton Church.. ..	\$52 29
Halifax "	41 55
Corwallis Church	36 75
Westport "	\$25 86
" Willing Workers. 3 35	
	29 21
Tiverton Young Ladies Aid. \$4 00	
" Church.. ..	14 73
	18 73
Southville Church	9 27
River John "	9 00
Kempt "	4 00
Individuals in Nova Scotia	25 50

Total for Nova Scotia	\$226 30
St. John Sunday School...\$51 96	
" Little Workers... 40 00	
" Young Peoples'	
M. B... ..	19 65
	\$111 61

Leonardville Church	5 00
Individuals in New Brunswick....	13 10

Total for New Brunswick... ..	\$129 71
Collection at Milton Annual Meeting	18 00
Profits from CHRISTIAN	96 62
Individuals in Rhode Island	\$9 50
" Massachusetts	6 00
" California... ..	5 00
" Maine	3 50
" United States	2 00
" Ontario	2 00
" Quebec	2 00
	30 00

Grand total \$500 63

EXPENDED TO SEPT. 1st, 1891.

Postage, money orders, telegrams, etc....	\$8 77
Bro. Applegate, travelling expenses \$36 48	
" Ford, "	6 00
" Other "	4 50
	46 98
Bro. Applegate's salary... ..	\$266 64
" Ford's "	25 00
" Murray's "	11 60
	303 24

Total expenses	\$358 99
Cash in bank.. ..	141 64

Total expenses and cash on hand \$500 63

Respectfully submitted,
Yours brothers in Christ,

RUFUS JACKSON, Chairman.
GEO. F. BARNES, Treasurer.
JAMES S. FLAGLOR, Secretary.

Annual Meeting, Westport, September 7th, 1891.

Eighth annual report of the Financial Manager of THE CHRISTIAN to the Home Mission Board of the Disciples of Christ, of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, convened at Westport, N. S., for the year ending August 31st, 1891:—

Number of subscribers....	903
" sent free	70

Receipts.

Balance on hand at last report... ..	\$145 39
Received for subscriptions	290 65
" " advertisements	59 00
	\$495 04

Expenditures.

Paid for publishing	\$240 00
" " Postage for all purposes	16 31
" Home Mission Board N. B. and N. S. 96 92	
" " " P. E. I.	48 46
	\$401 69

Balance on hand... .. \$93 35

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. EDWARDS,
Financial Manager.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTES.

As Bro. Flaglor's report of the meeting takes in the main items, we will notice a few things only, to intensify, if possible, their importance.

We know it is a stock phrase to say: "It was the best meeting we ever had," yet, in many respects, this is true of our late meeting. We may not have had as many visitors as at some former meetings, but if we lacked in the quantity we made it up in quality. We never saw a greater number of earnest, active, live and talented workers at any former meeting than we had at our last annual. This was a very encouraging feature of the meeting. In this particular is seen the growth and increased interest of our annual meetings from year to year. We have known persons who would go to the annual for the sake of the visit. But we are coming to see that these meetings are not the place for visitors but for workers. We go because we have an interest in the work, and we want to learn how to be more successful in the church, and lend our influence to the better way of promoting every good word and work.

We found the idea of having the meeting programmed was a good one and worked admirably. The workers know what they have to do and whom they have to hear. Those who preach come prepared, and are not surprised when called upon or disappointed when neglected. This will account for the good feeling and excellent spirit manifested throughout the meeting.

Our Friday evening meeting was led by Bro. Cooke, who gave us a hearty welcome on behalf of the church to their homes. Bro. Cooke had his part of the work well conducted through all the meetings. The deep interest seen and felt in this our first meeting inspired us with hope and confidence in the success of our annual gathering.

The subject for Saturday morning was, "The Prayer Meeting." Bro. William Murray led the conference with appropriate remarks upon the subject. He emphasized the importance of prayer and the prayer meeting, and made plain the fact that a dull prayer meeting means a dull and lifeless church; that no prayer meeting means no church worthy the name of church. He who will not meet with Christ in the prayer meeting has not much of a chance of meeting Him in heaven. The remarks of others that followed were very interesting, and brought out the necessity of the "prayer meeting," its nature and relation to our other work. One speaker thought there might be good result from a dull prayer meeting. Another speaker thought a dull meeting was worse than no meeting. One brother remarked that we "enjoy a good meeting and endure a poor one." Another brother thought that "there should be a change in the order in order to prevent it from becoming formal." Another one said "it was soul we needed and not machinery; that unless there could be a deep degree of spirituality the meeting would be profitless." Another thought the better the machine the more effectual would be the work." Another thought the great need "was a good leader that would strike the right key in the beginning of the meeting." It was made evident that there is a great need that more interest should be given to our prayer meetings; that they are below the mark where any great degree of success can accrue from them.

The afternoon meeting was on the subject of "church work." There was quite a union of sentiment in regard to our present need in the work of building up the cause of Christ. The need of the present age is not to prove the Bible is true, nor to produce a new Bible or a new gospel. The first century gospel is the gospel needed in the nineteenth century. It was, and is, and always will be God's power to save. To change this and produce another gospel is to come under the curse of high heaven. But the great work before us is in so teaching and applying this gospel that nine-

teenth century minds may receive it. Our failures have been, not in receiving the truth, but in hiding it in the bushels of our own idiosyncrasies; in not being as "wise as serpents and as harmless as doves," and in not becoming all things to all men, that we might win some to Christ. To suppose we can be successful in the first century applications to the nineteenth century minds is bad sense and worse religion, and is a long way from becoming "all things to all men." Here is seen the failure of the "Dunkards" and the "River side brethren," they hide what truth they have under the early forms and plans of the first centuries. When we take into consideration the fearful lack of wisdom in the application of the truth we are not surprised that the church has not been more successful, but rather surprised that under such conditions it has done so much. The remarks that were offered at this meeting on this subject showed that our great need in church work was, as already remarked, in the shining of the light so that others might be blessed. There is no doubt that we are first in the restoring of primitive Christianity, but there are grave doubts as to being first in the appropriation and application of it. The sentiment and voice of our interesting meeting seem to be that it was necessary to adapt ourselves and accommodate ourselves to the contingencies of life; that if we fail in this, our work will be a succession of profitless struggles against the storm of life.

Our Saturday evening meeting was just fine. The house full to a seat; the singing inspiring; the text a tonic; the talk as clear and invigorating as the mountain air, kindling our hearts with enthusiasm, and causing them to burn within us; the preacher, Hiram Wallace; closing hymn:

"Thou would'st be saved
Why not to-night?"

The 7 o'clock Sunday morning meeting was a "sweet hour of prayer." We felt like the three disciples on the mount: "Lord it is good for us to be here." One of the hymns we sang voiced the sentiment of every heart:

"Thou Saviour dear,
It is not night when Thou art near."

Bro. Crawford delivered the Annual Meeting Sermon at 10.30. We were all benefited by this sermon, and girded with renewed strength. May his life be lengthened many years, and its sunset a golden one, a fit prelude to the "New day."

Bro. Gordinier's discourse in the afternoon was well received. Its order as given in the regular report is such that we are enabled to remember it. "To preach Christ we must preach His authority," as he plainly showed that the death, burial and resurrection, of Christ established His authority. Hence to reject the latter is to deny the former. He also showed that in rejecting Christ's commandments we reject His authority. In preaching Christ we must, therefore, preach not only what He did but what He taught. We hope we may have Bro. Gordinier among us many years.

The Sunday-school question box was so interesting and instructive that we hope it may continue to be a prominent feature in our annual meetings. We all need to better understand how to run a successful Sunday-school. The importance of the work is second to none.

Our business meeting on Monday was never more satisfactory. Notable in this connection was the unity of purpose. Our heads may differ but our hearts agree. One thing we have reached, for which we are profoundly grateful, i. e., to be respectful to a movement or measure with which we may not be friendly.

The work accomplished during the year may not be what we desired, but one thing is especially pleasing, i. e., we are in a better condition for work than ever before. Our Mission Board has laid the foundation for a grand work. The movement to unite with the American Board, or rather to have them help us, is timely and in the right direction. Much might be said, and ought to be said, concerning our mission meeting Monday evening, and the mission meeting of the ladies, and the kindness we received from the church at Westport, and Bro. Cooke's successful way of conducting the whole affair, and especially Bro. Bowers' goodness of heart in getting us back to Weymouth so pleasantly and comfortably, without a cent out of our pockets, but many out of his own pocket. But as our reporter has already mentioned this, we will simply voice the sentiments of all, in recording our profound gratitude for the kindness and favors received from all these friends and brethren, and our great degree of satisfaction with the annual meeting of 1891 at Westport, Digby Co., N. S.

H. MURRAY.