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NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the churches of the Disciples of Christ in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, will be held with the Coburg Street Church, St. John, N. B., commencing on Friday, the 2nd day of September, 1892. J. E. BARNES, Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

All those who intend coming to the Annual in St. John are requested to send a Postal Card to George F. Barnes, Box 83, St. John, who will send them the address of the person who will entertain them during the meeting.

SPECIAL ATTENTION.

Concerning fares on routes to the Annual Meeting to be held in St. John.

The Western Counties Railway will grant to those buying a first-class ticket, a return ticket for one-third fare on presentation of certificate signed by the Secretary,

The Windsor and Annapolis Railway will grant those who have bought first-class tickets, a return ticket for one-third first-class fare, on presentation of certificate signed by the Secretary.

Those coming by the Intercolonial Railway will ask for a certificate when purchasing their tickets for St. John. On returning, this certificate must be signed by the Secretary of the Convention, and presented to the agent in St. John, who will furnish them with a return ticket free, provided that 10 or more delegates attend. If less than 10 delegates come by this route, half fare will be collected for return ticket.

The International S. S. Company will issue return tickets from Portland for \$4; from Eastport for \$1.50, provided they hold certificates to identify themselves when purchasing tickets. Certificates will be forwarded to delegates on application to the Secretary at St. John.

The Bay of Fundy S. S. Co. will return delegates at one-third fare on presentation of certificate from the Secretary of the Annual Meeting.

J. E. BARNES,
Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Our subscribers will confer a favor if they will kindly forward their subscriptions in time for us to acknowledge before the annual meeting. We are desirous of placing a good report before our brethren at the annual.

PROGRAMME OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

to be held with the Coburg street Church, St. John, N. B., commencing on Friday evening September 2, 1892:

FRIDAY Evening at 7.30 o'clock, Devotional Meeting. Address of Welcome to our visitors—H. W. Stewart, St. John.

SATURDAY Morning at 9 o'clock, Prayer and Social Meeting—E. C. Ford, Nova Scotia.

" Morning at 10 o'clock, Business Meeting. Reports of Churches, finance and other reports will be presented.

" At 3 o'clock, Business Session, Reports of Committees, etc.

" At 7:30 o'clock, Devotional Service—W. H. Harding, N. S. Address by Miss M. Graybiel, J. H. Hardin and Howard Murray.

SUNDAY At 7 a. m., Prayer and Social Meeting—R. E. Stevens.

" At 11 a. m., Preaching—H. Wallace. Communion Service—O. B. Emery presiding.

" At 2 p. m., Sunday-school—Address by J. H. Hardin, of Missouri.

" At 3 p. m., Preaching—D Crawford, P. E. I.

" At 7 p. m., Preaching Annual Sermon.—J. H. Hardin! At 8 p. m., Devotional Meeting—W. H. Harding, leader.

MONDAY Morning at 9 o'clock, Devotional Meeting—H. A. Devoe, N. S.

" At 10 o'clock, Our Mission Interests—Address by J. H. Hardin,

" At 3 p. m. Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Addresses by Miss Graybiel, missionary from India, and others.

" Evening at 7.30 o'clock, Devotional Meeting—H. E. Cooke, N. S.

" Evening at 8 o'clock, Addresses on Home Missions by the Preachers in attendance.

E. C. FORD.
J. E. BARNES. } Committee.

A LARGE number have already sent notice of their intention to be at the Annual. The church in St. John will make every effort to accommodate all. Present indications are that we will have the largest gathering ever held by our brethren in the provinces.

THOSE of our Brethren and Sisters who propose attending the Annual meeting at St. John, who have not communicated with the Secretary, will report at the church on Coburg street, on their arrival.

WHEN all God's professing followers shall be "one in faith and purpose, one in charity," they will have the power and the purpose to bring the world to Christ in a remarkably short All Shall time. This union for which Jesus be One, prayed is yet to come about; His words shall not, in this case, return to Him void. But the union is not to be the consolidation of separate parts, each of which retains its individuality and independent government. The Kingdom of Heaven on earth is not to be like the Dominion of Canada—not a combination of denominations as that is a confederation of provinces. It is not to be the adhesion of different parts making a conglomerate mass, but the fusion, the coalescence of the different parts resulting in the destruction of individuality. In anticipation of that time we should often think of those words of one of old: "In faith, unity; in opinions and methods, liberty; in all things, charity."

PAUL'S EXHORTATION to the church in Ephesus was that they should endeavor "to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace," and he informs them that causes have been set at work which are to continue "till all (Jew and Gentile, bond and free) come in the unity of the faith, and of

the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." There cannot be a fraternity without some basis of union, and in proportion to the narrowness of this basis will be the number who shall be willing to unite upon it. They may have only one thing in common, but that will be no hindrance to their uniting, but rather a reason why they should unite on that one thing, provided both hold tenaciously to it; just as two men whose political and religious views are diverse, may enter into a co-partnership for the purpose of carrying on a successful business. So the basis of union among God's people must not be one that spreads over a great range of thought and goes into multitudinous details; it must not be incomprehensible, indefinite, unstable or visionary, but simple, obvious, and easily understood. The true scriptural basis is a living, personal faith in a living, personal Saviour. "Other foundation can no man lay, than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

WHERE the Lord has not bound us, we should not bind ourselves. We should not make essential what He has not so done. Many men have many minds, and it need not be expected that all will see alike on every

Liberty. matter of expediency. No one has the right to make a standard of fellowship of anything which is a mere opinion—of anything upon which God's word has not plainly spoken. One may think that the second coming of Christ is very near, and another may place the event a long way in the future; but that is no reason why they should not both be laboring together in the Kingdom of God. In one of our leading colleges we have two godly professors, one of whom is of the opinion that as soon as the soul leaves the body it goes into heaven itself, and the other thinks that it remains in an intermediate