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ANNUAL MEETING.

It has been decided to hold our next Annual meeting at West Gore, Hants County. And as it is impossible for them to have it in August, the meeting will open on Thursday, September 3rd, and continue over Lord's day. As soon as rates are secured, Brother Morrison will notify the brethren, so that all can get ready to enjoy one of the best meetings we have ever had. On behalf of the Committee,
J. S. FLAGLOR.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., has one hundred and fifty-six students in attendance this year. Thirty of them—the largest class in the history of the institution—will graduate in June. These young men, full of zeal and loyal to the truth, will without doubt make themselves felt in the great field where the laborers are so few.

The Christian Guide says: In announcing the centennial anniversary of *Modern Missions*, one man misread the announcement and spoke of it as the centennial of *Moderate Missions*. The audience smiled, but he was not far wrong. In view of the magnitude of the task and the illimitable resources of the churches, we must admit that the efforts put forth have not been on a magnificent scale; in fact, have been quite moderate.

In Burmah a woman was telling the heathen about Jesus and many of them were accepting the Saviour. But some Christians were disturbed, and wanted to know if she had ever been *ordained*. She admitted that she had not been, but added that she had been for-ordained to tell the "old old story" to these unsaved people. God has for-ordained that those who hear the good tidings should not hold their peace.

Bruce Brown tells in the *Christian Standard* how he won a United Brethren preacher to the truth. He was holding a protracted meeting and the latter challenged him to a debate on the subject of baptism. Bro. Brown suggested that they study the matter together, and if they could not then agree

they would debate. They followed this course, but there was no debate. The man saw his mistake and has since been immersed.

Bro. H. A. McDonald is now pastor of the Church in Marshall, Mo. The Church was asked for \$100 for Foreign Missions. He says they determined that they would not be dictated to by anyone, and to show their resentment they gave \$240. That kind of "resentment" will do no harm. Let us have more of it.

In a recent issue of the *Christian Evangelist* a doctor of music, J. H. Wallfisch, Gerleitz, Germany, says: I have immersed six new converts, and in addition to some other converts and baptized persons, have organized a "Christian Church" whose pastor I am. We renounce denominationalism. We have a Sunday-school of about forty children.

Last month we mentioned the work that Bro. Garvin is carrying on in Honolulu, Sandwich Islands. In the first month and a half of this year, sixteen were added by primary obedience. The interest is widening and deepening. Bro. J. L. Romig has gone to Honolulu and is holding a protracted meeting. The Foreign Missionary Society gives \$100 toward his expenses. It has also contributed \$150 to aid in paying for the new house recently completed.

The Christian Index says: There are six Chinamen in Des Moines, five of whom are enrolled in our school, with an attendance of three or four each Lord's day. They are the banner class in their contributions, usually contributing twenty-five cents, or more, each.—a proof that Christian advantages are appreciated by the Chinese.

Some of our aged preachers are relating in the *Christian Standard*, "Their Early Trials and Triumphs." Bro. T. B. Haley, than whom, perhaps, we have not had a more successful pastor, says that when he started out, his outfit, excepting a good education, was a horse, saddle, and bridle, a pair of saddle bags, containing a change of "underwear," a New Testament and Psalms and twenty-five cents in money. He was to have \$400 per annum *provided* it could be raised in the field. If it could not be raised of course he was not to have it. He made great sacrifices in early life but in later years he was amply repaid.

A church of 250 members that will give \$172.79 in one day for foreign missions deserves to succeed in local work. The church in St. Thomas, Ont., gave that much, and it has just closed a meeting, held by the home forces, in which eighty were added to the church, seventy-two being by confession and baptism. This shows what a wide-awake church can do when they go to work in earnest and use plenty of printer's ink, as was done in this case.

We have learned that two of our young men who are now attending the College of the Bible, Lexington, are willing to come this way after the school closes in June, and work with some of our churches that are without a minister. Their names are R. E. Stevens and A. N. Simpson. A letter sent to the college will find them. Let wise churches take the hint.

While debate is probably not the more excellent way, it seems that good sometimes results from the public discussion of religious differences. It is true that the truth need never fear investigation. One of our preachers has for the third time held a debate with a Methodist preacher in Mississippi. We have not heard what the outcome was, but confidently expect cheering news, since in the places where the other two debates were held, there were one hundred and twenty added to the number of the Disciples of Christ, soon after the discussion closed.

The church in Walnut, Ill., with which Bro. Shaw is working, has recently closed a short meeting with thirteen additions. Bro. I. F. Jones did the preaching, and Bro. Shaw conducted the singing. At the close of the meeting they pledged \$40.00 per year for five years to the state work. This we learn from our exchanges. In a private letter Bro. Shaw says: "The Lord has blessed me more than I deserve." His many friends will be glad to know that his father and sister, whose illness called him away from us, are both much better.

Our churches in Chicago are carrying on a Slum Mission. The work of course is not pleasant but the souls of the unfortunate and degraded poor are precious. The joy that was set before Jesus enabled him to bear the cross. The Mission does practical work. It knows that a shivering, starving man is not easily interested in the gospel; so it distributes food and clothing, lodges from seventy-five to one hundred and fifty men every night, cares for sick and poor families; and since this began has taken the confession of and baptized one hundred and twenty men. It has aided most of them to employment.

Not many years ago the Fiji Islanders were among the most degraded of heathen; but the gospel has been carried to them, and last year they gave \$25,000 toward Foreign Missions. We account for this large sum by supposing that these persons have been really converted. If they had given nothing we should have had serious doubts on this point.

We clip the following from the *Christian Standard*.—E. S. Muckley has just closed a meeting with twenty-two additions at Waterloo, New York. This is nearly double the number in any previous meeting in the history of the church. C. C. Crawford, the faithful and well-beloved minister, who is the first resident pastor the church has ever had, is largely responsible for this satisfactory result.