

have cost. They have made for peace and good-will. They have served to dissipate suspicion and to generate confidence and affection. As men of differing types of thought met and became acquainted, they came to esteem each other more highly. They saw that the points in which they agreed were more numerous and more important than those about which they differed. Our conventions have made us conscious of our strength. Since we have been meeting in large numbers, we are ready to tackle the cities and the ends of the earth and the devil and all his angels. The fears of ecclesiasticism which were entertained at the first have vanished. The missionary organizations have steadfastly adhered to their own business, that of extending the gospel everywhere. In no case have they sought to have dominion over the faith or the discipline of the churches, but to be helpers of their work and joy. They have been most signally owned and blessed of God.

In October as the speakers will rehearse all that God has wrought with us through these fifty years, we shall realize that we have abundant reason for thanksgiving and praise. It will be found that the results of our organized work far exceed anything that the founders of it anticipated.

THE P. E. ISLAND ANNUAL.

The Christian Association of P. E. Island met at Summerside and held a very profitable meeting with the church there, July 7th to 10th.

The good brethren of Summerside, who had made ample provision for entertaining the delegates, expected a good meeting, and they were not disappointed. A large number of delegates from all parts of the island were present including the following preaching brethren: Elders Crawford, New Glasgow; R. W. Stevenson, Montague; O. B. Emery, Charlottetown; A. N. Simpson, who ministers to the churches at Lot 48 and East Point; Evangelist R. F. Whiston, of Worcester, Mass., who has accepted the work at Charlottetown; and R. Everette Stevenson, of Kentucky University, Lexington, Ky.

The meeting opened on Friday night with preaching by Evangelist Whiston, who spoke in his usual happy, animated and convincing manner upon "The Two Serpents," and was listened to with rapt attention by the large audience.

On Saturday night a full house greeted Bro. O. B. Emery, who preached a very forcible and practical sermon on "Self-Righteousness." It was an earnest, helpful discourse full of lofty thoughts and noble principles.

Bro. R. W. Stevenson made the announcements for Lord's day and referred to the extensive changes and improvements recently made in the building, and stated that on the morrow all would be given an opportunity to assist in liquidating the debt.

Quite a number of delegates arrived by the evening train who were heartily welcomed and provided with accommodation at the close of the service.

On Lord's day morning at 10.30 a social meeting was conducted by Bro. R. Everette Stevenson; and at 11 o'clock, after the usual opening exercises, and a touching solo by Bro. Whiston, the annual sermon was preached by Bro. D. Crawford from I. Cor. xv. 3, 4. The subject was handled in a most masterful manner, bringing out in all their beauty and solemnity the three great facts of the gospel—Christ's death, burial and resurrection. It is indeed seldom that we are privileged to hear the plain old gospel story so vividly and wonderfully told. Those who heard were held for upwards of an hour spell-bound by the power and pathos of the discourse, which seemed almost to be the masterpiece of this grand man of God who for so many years has held an honored place in our Association, and in the hearts and affections of the people.

At the close the Lord's Supper was dispensed, Bro. Emery presiding, assisted by Elders Crawford and Beattie.

A short social meeting at three o'clock was followed by a sermon by Bro. Whiston on the "Absolute Certainties of the Gospel," based upon Luke i. 4. Bro. Whiston also sang "Life's Railway" with his usual effectiveness.

Bro. R. W. Stevenson took the platform at the close and called for pledges to cancel the church debt of \$500. The brethren and sisters responded liberally and promptly; over \$450 was pledged and all were pleased to see such enthusiasm aroused.

At 7 o'clock Bro. A. N. Simpson preached to a packed house, and Miss Emily Boyer, of San Francisco, Cal., who possesses marked ability as a musician and soloist, sang to the delight of her hearers one of her "sweet messages." Bro. Simpson's theme was the "Relation of the Church to the World," which was ably handled. In a logical, clear and forcible way the speaker showed that the mission of the church is to complete the work that Christ began on earth, to convert and save the world. The announcements being made, the services of the day closed with the benediction.

A social meeting at 9.30 was conducted by Bro. L. McKay of Charlottetown, and at 10 o'clock Bro. O. B. Emery, moderator for the past year, took the chair and opened the business session of the association with prayer.

Bro. R. W. Stevenson was appointed moderator for the ensuing year, and the undersigned secretary. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Reports from seven churches, viz.: Charlottetown, Summerside, Montague, New Glasgow, Cross Roads, Lot 48, East Point, and Tignish, were read, showing a total membership of 650, the gain during the year was 24, and the loss by death and removal 18—a gain in the aggregate of only 6 members for the seven churches reported. Last year the gain was 20. Tryon sent no report.

The total offerings for home and foreign missions amounted to about \$270 for the year, which includes all offerings from Sunday-schools and other departments of the

church. This is a gain of about \$50 over last year, but there is yet much room for improvement.

A letter of greeting from the Maritime C. W. B. M. was read and commented upon, and referred to committee for reply.

Bro. Simpson asked that the next session of the Association be held at Cross Roads, Lot 48, and the invitation was accepted.

A collection was taken to defray incidental expenses. A balance of \$2.35, after paying said expenses, was devoted for home missions.

Bros. R. W. Stevenson, A. N. Simpson and H. Williams were appointed a committee to arrange programme for next meeting.

A committee was appointed to draw up a resolution voicing the sentiment of the Association in regard to the action of the government toward the liquor traffic. Resolution to be read at the evening service.

The moderator spoke of our need of more aggressive work. He thought the outlook was good, and if only the churches would work together, success would crown our efforts. There are many places where good work can be done, and we hope that at the next annual meeting several new churches will be reported.

Some discussion followed and it was

Resolved, That the churches be requested to send their preachers part of their time to open up new work in localities where the outlook is promising; and

Further Resolved, That the churches be requested to take up monthly collections for home mission work on P. E. Island.

No other business being before the meeting it was adjourned.

At 3 o'clock, the Young People's session took place and was a decided success. The programme published in last number of THE CHRISTIAN was carried out with one or two changes. It was resolved that the papers read on "Our Forces and Resources," "The Equipment of the Primary Teacher in the Sunday-school," and "The Need of Supporting our Missionary Societies," be published in THE CHRISTIAN. A collection for home missions was taken which amounted to \$4.30, which, together with the former offering, leaves \$6.65 in the hands of the secretary for that purpose.

Evangelist Whiston again preached at 8 o'clock, taking as his subject, "The Greatest Sin in the World," which he claimed is procrastination. His remarks were based upon the text, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

One young girl responded to the invitation and confessed Christ before many witnesses.

Before closing Bro. Stevenson again made an appeal for aid for the Summerside church and a considerable amount was pledged.

The total amount raised was as follows:

Pledges, payable within 3 years,	\$560 00
Cash collections,.....	79 89
Private subscriptions,....	11 00

Total,..... \$650 89

About \$90.00 of the pledges was paid down. We trust that Summerside will lose no