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READERS, ATTENTION!

A PROVINCIAL JUBILEE.

We have been celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. Let us have one of our own. Bro. D. Crawford of New Glasgow, P. E. Island, has been preaching the gospel in these provinces over fifty years. At our last Annual Meeting, on Deer Island, a committee was appointed to provide for a suitable recognition of this long and faithful service.

The committee has decided to make up a purse of money, and present it, with a suitable address, to Bro. Crawford about the holidays.

Every individual disciple in the provinces, and every church, as well as numerous persons out of the provinces, will want to have a share in thus celebrating our brother's Jubilee. Let our thirty-five churches and nearly three thousand members do something handsome in appreciation of his long and invaluable service to the cause of New Testament Christianity in this region.

All money should be sent, with a list of the names of the donors, to R. W. Stevenson, Treasurer, Montague, P. E. Island, *not later than December 15th.*

Let no disciple fail to have part in this commendable enterprise.

M. B. RYAN,
Chairman of Committee.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Will our readers consult the address label on this number and see whether the date thereon is correct. If there is any mistake send us a post card about it.

The readers of *The Christian Standard* were given a pleasing account of the editor's eastern trip, and of the Leonardville meeting. For three weeks this part of the world stood out conspicuously on the editorial page. Bro. Lord is a friend of the east as well as of

the west, of the Maritime provinces as well as of New England; and he is heartily in favor of assisting the work here, for he believes the field is fruitful and the harvest ripe.

In 1886 sixteen persons, met in the house of John M. Addy, Pittsburg, Pa. On Sept. 12th, 1897, a new house of worship costing \$23,500, and free from encumbrance, was opened for the service of God. W. J. Lhamon, of Allegheny, assisted in the opening services.

R. H. Bolton, editor of the *New England Messenger* gave, in the last number of his paper, a very interesting account of his trip to the Maritime provinces, and also a very complete report of the Annual Meeting at Leonardville. He helped to make the meeting a success.

Our New England brethren hold their annual convention in Swampscott, Mass., during the first days of this month. Homer T. Wilson, of Fort Worth, Texas, is to be the "chief speaker." A well arranged programme has been printed in the *New England Messenger*.

We have received from the treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Society a splendid picture of A. McLean, printed on good paper 16½ x 20 inches. This is the best production of the artist's skill. The picture can be had by addressing F. M. Rains, Box 750, Cincinnati, O. The price is only twenty-five cents.

Our readers will be interested in W. J. Lhamon's Review of A. McLean's new book, "A Circuit of the Globe." We shall be thankful if Bro. Lhamon will send us reviews of other books which he thinks our people ought to read. There is now quite an interest in the circulation of good literature in these parts.

Our readers never before had such a full report of an annual meeting as we gave them last month. Both those who were there, and those who could not be, must have thanked the writer of it for his care and diligence. "But honor to whom honor is due." The report was written by J. Chas. B. Appel, pastor of the Main St. Church, St. John.

Next month, as is our custom once a year, we expect to enclose bills to all who are in arrears. Subscribers, who have not paid up to date, will greatly lessen our work by forwarding the amount due as soon as possible. Let all bear in mind that the balance after the printing, mailing, and incidental expenses are paid goes to further the work of home missions in P. E. I., N. S., and N. B.

The *Christian Standard* says: "Bro. Burnes was indeed a tower of strength among the churches of the Maritime provinces. . . He had been a supporter of the church in the chief city of his province from the beginning, and had much to do with its present prosperity and growth. The *Standard* joins with his numerous other friends in extending to his family and congregation the sincerest love and sympathy."

The National Missionary Conventions of the Churches of Christ will, this year, meet at Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 14-22. The Christian Women's Board of Missions will hold its sessions first, and be followed in the order named, viz.: the Foreign Christian Missionary Society and the American Christian Missionary Society.

C. T. Paul, editor of *The Christian Messenger*, Toronto, has been chosen to succeed W. J. Lhamon as minister to the Cecil St. Church, Toronto. On Lord's day, Sept. 12th, he was formally set apart to the work of the ministry and welcomed to his new position. "On the occasion he preached an able and eloquent discourse on the message of the pulpit—which should be, first and always, to preach the word."

Some of our most successful missionaries in the foreign field, such as Dr. Macklin and Dr. Butchard in China, and Miss Mary M. Riach in Japan, have gone out from Ontario churches. We notice in *The Christian Messenger* that David Riach, a brother of our missionary in Japan, expects to enter upon mission work in India next year; also that F. E. Headen, who is laboring at Bridgeburg, plans to sail on Oct. 1st, for the mission field in South Africa.

For several years the Foreign Christian Missionary Society has been trying to raise \$100,000. Last year a large gain was made, but the total amount fell some thousands of dollars below the line aimed at. This year up to Sept. 20th, (or ten days before the year close) the total receipts were \$103,042.06. As the *Christian Standard* fittingly says: "We congratulate all who have taken any part, upon the splendid victory won; and in view of the close financial condition of the country, it is no small achievement."

We have examined the "Junior Endeavor Manual, with helps for Mission Bands and Circles," prepared by Jessie Brown Pounds and Mattie Pounds, and believe it will be a great help to any one who is interested in work along these lines. Many young persons in our churches, who would like to take up work with and for the children but who feel incompetent, will find this book just what they need. It can be obtained for only fifteen cents from Miss Mattie Pounds, 160 North Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Ind.

We believe in J. A. L. Romig's plan of evangelization. He goes into a town, lays siege, and before he leaves organizes a strong church. Then he attacks another town. Thus he entered Charleston, S. C., where there was but a handful of Disciples. Thus he went to Altoona, Pa., where he has now been for eight or nine weeks. The latest report states that there have been 183 additions. This is the way for us to enter some of our thriving towns. We now have a good tent, the Mission Board is trying to get a first class evangelist, and next summer we hope to see a good work done. Bro. Romig may possibly be secured for the work.