

Hotherington were the features of the meeting. Bro. Hotherington, now 90 years of age, said: "I am glad to be here. This, no doubt, will be the last annual I'll be with you on earth. But be faithful—Christ's yoke is easy and his burden light," etc. Bro. Minard, too, referred to the pleasure he had in serving the Lord; exhorted the brethren to be faithful, reminding the younger ones that the older ones were passing away, and that upon their shoulders would fall the responsibilities of carrying on this glorious work. The meeting closed by singing, "Lord at his closing hour," etc.

But I must draw these notes to a close for reasons given at the beginning of this letter. But before doing so, will say:—

1. The weather was just perfect; (2) The meeting was equal to any of our former ones, and that is speaking volumes for it; (3) The hospitality of the Milton brethren was the peer of any we ever experienced; (4) Bro. H. Murray did his best to make the meeting a success, and his efforts were crowned with victory; (5) The best of feeling prevailed throughout the meeting; though questions involving difference of opinions were discussed, there was not an unkind expression used, and this is as it should be; (6) The presence of Brother and Sister Bruce of Eastport, and Brother Darst and wife of Boston, added very much to the interest of our annual; (7) The management of our mission work in these two provinces is now in new hands. (8) The importance of the educational fund was discussed and a board appointed to call and disburse its funds for the education of young men; (9) What a profitable thing it would be if the brethren thus find it impossible to attend our annuals by reason of an over rush of business, could be induced to forward to one of the funds, say the educational, the amount of money it would have cost them to attend the annual; they would then have on hand the amount earned by staying home; (10) Our trip home was indeed a pleasant one. Here is the *Sun's* correspondent's letter to that paper,

The Disciples of Christ of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick held their annual meeting with the church at Milton, Queens Co., N. S. The following is almost a complete list of the members:

Halifax—R. Carson, Mrs. H. Carson, Mrs. Cormick, Miss Wallace, Geo. Wallace and N. Graham; Cornwallis—Elder E. C. Ford and wife, A. LeCain, F. Ford, A. L. Etherington, R. Jackson, R. Stevens, Mrs. Woodworth, Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. F. Wood, Mrs. Stevens, Miss Burbidge, Miss Jackson; Bridgewater—S. Nelson and wife, J. Prince; West Gore, N. S.—Elder J. B. Wallace and wife, J. Simms and wife, L. Wallace; Newport, N. S.—Miss A. Stevens; Northfield—J. Rawding and wife; Brookfield, N. S.—T. Freeman; Grafton, N. S.—W. Freeman, Miss S. Freeman; Harmony—S. Freeman, Miss Whitman; Kempt, Queens Co., N. S.—Elder C. Freeman and wife, E. Cushing and wife, J. C. Wilson and wife; Southville, N. S.—A. Gates; South Range, N. S.—B. Sabin; Tiverton, N. S.—Elder H. A. Devoe; Westport, N. S.—Elder H. E. Cooke, Elder Payson and wife, Elder Peters, E. C. Bowers, Mrs. G. Bowers, Mrs. C. McDormand, Miss C. Payson, Miss E. L. Peters; Summerville, Queens Co., N. S.—R. Hoskins and wife, J. Hoskins, N. Hupman and wife, C. Hupman, W. Clancy and wife, Mrs. Mailman, N. Clancy and wife, Miss J. Hagan, R. Leslie and daughter; St. John—Elder T. H. Capp, Elder J. E. Barnes and wife, W. A. Barnes and wife, J. S. Flaglor; Deer Island—Mrs. Conloy, Miss Richardson; Keswick—Miss Lizzie Garraty; Boston—Elder E. W. Darst and wife, F. Etherington and wife; Lawrence, Mass.—Mrs. H. McDonald.

Rev. J. E. Bruce and wife, of the Eastport Christian Connection, were visitors. Mr. Bruce preached two learned and powerful sermons, and

Mrs. Bruce enlivened and instructed the meeting by intelligent and witty remarks. All agreed that they added greatly to the success of the meeting.

At 7.30 p. m. on Friday the meeting was opened with a song service, led by Mrs. E. W. Darst. The following songs were sung: What a Friend We have in Jesus, Happy Day, Work for the Night is Coming, Love to All. Mrs. Darst, when reading the songs, made earnest, soul-stirring and helpful comments. The singing was most hearty and general. E. W. Darst preached on the Work of Faith, Labor of Love and Patience of Hope. After the preaching, the following committee on arrangements were appointed: Elders E. C. Ford, H. Murray, J. E. Barnes and Bro. E. C. Bowers.

SATURDAY

at 10 a. m. a social meeting was held by Elder E. C. Ford. This was an inspiring meeting, the speaking and praying being very fervent. H. B. Ford and J. S. Flaglor were appointed auditors.

At 3 p. m. Mrs. E. W. Darst, of Boston, spoke on foreign missions. She gave facts and figures in support of this work and appealed most touchingly to the hearts of the sisters to organize an auxiliary to the foreign society, so as to help raise the heathen women out of darkness into light. Mrs. Bruce, of Eastport, spoke in favor of women doing more and taking a higher stand in all good work than they had ever done. E. W. Darst also made a strong appeal and called for a collection for foreign work. Although the members were not prepared they collected \$21.50.

At 7.30 p. m. E. W. Darst preached on "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." Christians should minister and if needed give their lives for others.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

On Sunday morning early prayer meeting was led by R. Stevens, about 75 being present. This meeting was well conducted and a great success.

At 10.30 a. m. there was preaching by Rev. Mr. Bruce on Repentance needed by the state, church, and individual. He gave a beautiful description of the character and preaching of John the Baptist. The speaker defined repentance as a change of mind manifested in a change of life. At the close of the sermon the Lord's Supper was partaken of by a large number in a most impressive manner, Elders J. B. Wallace and Jabez Freeman presiding.

The Sunday school opened at 3 p. m. with a short song service, Miss Tillie Freeman playing the organ. Addresses were made by Mr. Darst on How to conduct a school, the International lessons and Y. P. Society of Christian Endeavor; Mrs. Darst on how to teach, and Mr. Bruce on teachers. These addresses were entertaining and instructive and will be a great help to the school. After the school was dismissed Mrs. Darst again addressed a large audience on foreign missions. This was one of the best, if not the best address of the meeting. She won all hearts in favor of the work and no doubt a good work will follow.

At 8 p. m. E. W. Darst preached on the great commission of Christ, in which he set forth what an alien had to do to become a Christian, and made an earnest appeal to sinners to do what the Lord required.

By invitation the following sermons were preached in the undermentioned churches: At the Methodist church in Liverpool in the morning E. W. Darst preached from the text "They have taken away the Lord." Infidelity, Rationalism, so-called friends of Christ (Unitarians, Liberalists, Theologians), church authority, ritualism and sensational preaching had tried to take away the Lord. What the Christian world needs is to be more Christian. Aliens need Christ.

At the Liverpool Congregational church, T. H. Capp preached on Growth in Grace. In the even-

ing in this church H. E. Cooke preached on living after the Spirit Life and after the Flesh Death. In the evening at the Liverpool Baptist church T. H. Capp preached on the Prodigal Son, dwelling on how the father received him. In the evening at the Liverpool Methodist church, H. A. Devoe preached on the leaven of the Gospel hid in the heart produces a radical, gradual, final and manifest change in the individual. In the evening at the Milton Congregationalist church, Rev. J. E. Bruce preached on Life more abundantly than ever in Christ.

MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

At 10 a. m. the meeting was opened and E. C. Ford was elected president for the 13th year. The minutes of last meeting were read by the secretary, J. E. Barnes, and were approved. Reports were not received from all the churches. Twelve churches in Nova Scotia and four in New Brunswick reported 1,453 members, 84 additions, 20 deaths, 14 removed, and 903 members in the Sunday schools. Reports from the treasurers of CHRISTIAN, home mission and educational funds showed total receipts \$490; paid out \$394; balance on hand \$96.

The following was appointed the missionary board: G. F. Barnes, R. Jackson and J. S. Flaglor.

At 3 p. m. quarterly meetings were appointed as follows: Dec., 1890, with the church at Kempt, Q. Co.; March, 1891, at St. John; June, 1891, at Shubenacadie, N. S. Elders H. Murray and T. H. Capp were chosen a committee to arrange for the next annual meeting. A resolution was passed instructing the churches concerning the next census. Elder T. H. Capp was given control of the educational fund. A resolution was passed advising the churches not to allow strange preachers to conduct services unless they have church letters. A recommendation was made that young men studying for the ministry should attend the colleges in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in preference to those in the United States. The churches were asked to organize better and do more for foreign missions. H. Murray, T. H. Capp and W. A. Barnes were appointed to prepare a programme for the next annual meeting, and H. Murray to preach the next annual sermon.

At 8 p. m. the annual missionary meeting opened, E. C. Ford president. E. W. Darst told how to organize for work and made a strong plea for more money for missions. Rev. J. E. Bruce told about the success he had had as a missionary. R. Stevens spoke of a good start for the year being made at Milton. Mrs. Darst spoke briefly and encouragingly. Mrs. Bruce told of Elizabeth Fry's work, and said it required disinterested love to make any work a success. T. H. Capp, as usual, was mirthful and made some telling points for mission work. E. W. Darst, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Milton church for their royal hospitality, and Elder H. Murray for his unceasing attention to the wants of the visitors.

A feeling of gloom was cast over this meeting by the announcement of the death of the aged and beloved wife of Elder Minard. J. E. Barnes, on behalf of the meeting, expressed the feelings of sympathy and regret at the loss of such a well-beloved member of the church. E. W. Darst led in a heartfelt prayer for the bereaved husband. All Hail the Power of Jesus Name was sung at the close. While the audience was retiring the choir sang God be with You till We Meet Again.

The meetings were earnest and enthusiastic and largely attended.

Mrs. Darst organized an auxiliary to the foreign missionary society. Mrs. J. Ford is president; Miss Collie, vice-president; Mrs. Kempton secretary, and Mrs. H. B. Ford, treasurer. Mrs. Capt. Kempton is leader of the Y. P. mission band, and Mrs. J. Morton, assistant leader. There were over 100 visitors present on Sunday. Milton is a pretty town, and a better place to visit is hard to find. I look forward with pleasure, hoping to attend another annual meeting at Milton. X.