

or old? Old preferred. Begin sharp on time. Not over an hour in length. Singing often and lively. Blackboards. This was an interesting hour. 3 p. m., preaching by Elder J. H. Gordinier of Halifax. Topic, Preaching Christ, His life, death, burial, resurrection and ascension. 8 p. m., H. W. Stewart of John preached on Christian Union; its desirability, its feasibility and its great benefit. He showed that great strides had been made toward it of late years. There was preaching in the Baptist church at 10.30 a. m. by Elder Wallace from the text, If ye then be risen with Christ seek those things which are above; and at 7 p. m. by Elder H. Murray. Subject: The faith that works by love. All the services of the day were well attended and deep interest prevailed.

MONDAY'S MEETINGS.

Monday, 9 a. m. Business meeting opened — Elder E. C. Ford was elected chairman for the ensuing year. This is the fourteenth time. The Secretary, J. E. Barnes, read the minutes of last year's meeting, and they were approved. There are 22 churches; 15 reported a membership of 1307 — 800 in Sunday schools; 73 were added to the churches during the year. Home Mission Board reported that they had received \$500; expended \$359; balance on hand \$141. Twenty weeks' labor had been done for them, 120 sermons preached, and 28 added to the churches. J. Jackson, G. F. Barnes and J. S. Flaglor were re-elected as the Missionary Board. Elder T. H. Capp reported that the educational fund had received in the past four years \$514 and expended \$605; balance due treasurer, \$91. Elder Capp, on account of removing from the Provinces, tendered his resignation as co-editor of THE CHRISTIAN and as treasurer of the educational fund. Deep regret was expressed on account of his removal. A resolution was passed by a standing vote expressing the great confidence, esteem and love for Elder Capp, wishing he and family success and all blessings in his new field. H. W. Stewart of St. John and John M. Ford of Milton, Q. Co., were elected to take charge of the educational fund. Elders Crawford and Wallace were invited to membership in the meeting. They accepted and helped greatly by their wise counsel. J. E. Edwards, financial manager of THE CHRISTIAN sent in a model report. He had received \$495, expended \$403; balance on hand \$92. It was decided to divide the profits from this fund next year. Elder Crawford was tendered a hearty vote of thanks for his invaluable services as editor of THE CHRISTIAN, and the hope expressed that he might live long to successfully conduct it. Geo. F. Barnes of St. John was elected co-editor of THE CHRISTIAN. A vote of thanks was passed to J. E. Edwards for his services on THE CHRISTIAN. Adjourned to meet again at 2 p. m. Quarterly meetings were appointed as follows: December at Tiverton, March at St. John and June at Southville. Elders E. C. Ford and H. Murray were appointed to arrange the place of next meeting.

The chairman and secretary were appointed to prepare a programme for the next meeting.

Several places asked for aid from the mission fund. The Mission Board was authorized to show the importance of this field and its need to the General Missionary Board of the United States.

Votes of thanks were passed to the following companies: Weymouth S. S. Co., Bay of Fundy S. S. Co., Western Counties Railway Co., and Halifax and Annapolis Railway Co., for their reduction in fares to the delegates. At 3.30 p. m. the ladies organized a foreign missionary society. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. M. Ford; vice-president for New Brunswick, Mrs. J. E. Barnes; for Nova Scotia, Mrs. H. Murray; treasurer, Miss Susie Ford; secretary, Mrs. J. S. Flaglor. The ladies had a very interesting meeting, and have made plans for excellent work during the year. Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Flaglor and

Miss Payson were appointed to prepare a programme for next meeting. Mrs. Ford is a model president. It was not decided which country they would send aid to, but Japan seemed to be the favorite, although China had many strong supporters. The secretary was ordered to correspond with the Ontario and United States Foreign Missionary Societies. The bye-laws of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society were adopted.

Adjourned to meet at the next annual.

After this meeting a gale of wind with heavy rain came on and prevented a great many from attending the missionary meeting at 8 p. m. Elder Ford led the meeting. Instructive, interesting speeches were made by Messrs. Wallace, H. Murray, Stewart, W. Murray, Devoe, Cooke and Gordinier. J. B. Allen of St. John gave an appropriate recitation before the collection was taken up. A hearty, unanimous vote of thanks was passed by the visitors to the people of Westport for their unbounded hospitality and unceasing attention.

On Tuesday at 8 p. m. Elder H. A. Devoe preached to a crowded audience on "obeying the truth."

Elder Crawford was received with gladness. He is one of the first preachers of the Christian church to preach in Digby county. He has gone to preach at Southville, where he will meet seven of the eleven whom he baptized thirty-nine years ago. Three of them, among whom was Elder Steele, the first to be baptized, were at the meeting. Miss Susie Ford playing the organ and R. Stevens leading the singing, made the music all that could be desired. Every one voted the meeting a grand success, and its influence will be a benefit to all the churches. The visitors expected to leave Tuesday morning on the steamer "Weymouth," but on account of an accident she did not arrive until Wednesday night. This, with the tedious trip on her from Weymouth to Westport, made some dissatisfaction, but as all went home feeling happy, and as Mr. Burrell was so pleasant, this was overlooked.

NOTES.

Westport is on Briar Island, opposite Long Island; has a population of about 800 and showed a gain during the last ten years; has steam communication with St. John and Yarmouth three times a week. Fishing is the chief industry, in which an average business has been done this year. Visitors find as pleasant a people, and more comfortable homes than are generally found in fishing villages. They trade principally with St. John.

It is the home of E. C. Bowers, M. P. for Digby county. It was learned on Saturday that Mr. Bowers had arrived from Ottawa to attend this meeting, and all were glad to meet this genial Christian gentleman. His beautiful home was thrown open, everybody was made welcome and enjoyed his bounteous hospitality. On Wednesday the steamer "Weymouth" failing to arrive, Mr. Bowers ordered out his schooner "Magic" and invited all on board for Weymouth. Fifty-six accepted, and in a few hours were comfortably housed there. On the trip Mr. Bowers provided refreshments for the party and was untiring in his attentions. When nearing Weymouth, I. Cushing moved and H. W. Stewart seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Bowers. It was carried unanimously. Mr. Bowers made a suitable reply.

The Westport church has had the house artistically renovated. The ceiling is of wood, painted a pleasing color. The walls are neatly papered, and a handsome border surrounds the room. The new pews are comfortable and ornamental. The chandelier is very fine and the house well lighted. Good carpet cover the aisles and platform. Those who have done the work have shown good taste, and they now have a pleasant house

of worship. The repairs cost about \$500. The outside will soon be painted.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted during the meeting:

Moved by Bro. D. Crawford, seconded by J. E. Barnes, and carried unanimously:

Whereas, Our beloved Bro. Capp has since our last annual meeting removed from these Provinces to labor in a distant field and has recently tendered his resignation, both as Editor of THE CHRISTIAN and agent of the Education Fund;

Resolved, That this meeting expresses its high appreciation of Bro. Capp's faithful, wise and self-denying labors in both these departments. And although we cannot but deeply feel our loss in the removal of a servant of Christ so efficient and true we pray that God will abundantly bless him wherever he labors; and

Resolved, That should he again in the providence of God return to labor here he will be received with joyful satisfaction.

In closing, I will say the meeting was good in every way. Memories were revived and associations formed which will never be forgotten. All look forward to the pleasure of meeting at another annual.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD.

To the Disciples of Christ in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick:—

BRETHREN,—We were called on to assume the responsible duties of the Home Mission Board for the past year. We entered on the work with much fear; but finding that we had the help, advice and sympathy of many of our oldest and best brethren we were able to get on with the work much easier than we expected.

We have tried to rouse the brethren to greater zeal and to give more liberally to the mission work. The receipts show that much has been accomplished and we hope to see the contributions growing larger each year.

As advised on all sides we secured an evangelist from the U. S. You are all familiar with the work done by him. He labored four months and reported added to the church by baptism, 10; from the Baptists, 5; restored, 10; by letter, 2—Total, 27. He preached 107 sermons.

After Bro. Applegate's engagement ceased, we corresponded with J. A. L. Romig, of Kansas. We were about to agree to his offer to come and evangelize; when he informed us that he had decided to stay another year in Kansas.

The time of the annual being near we decided not to get any one from abroad for the present, but to get our preachers to labor for a month or more at points of their selection, where they thought a good work could be done. Bro. H. Murray spent a week at Nauwigewauk, but on account of not being able to get a suitable place to preach in had to give up the meeting, much to our regret, as we think there is a good prospect of organizing a church and building a house of worship there.

Bro. Ford spent a week at River John and baptized one. He then visited Bro. Fullerton at Pictou for a week. He has done much good at these points, and given us valuable information as to their needs. Many places have asked for aid and for an evangelist. We know with a good preacher in the field a grand work can be done.

We corresponded with R. Moffatt, Secretary of the General Mission Board of the United States, and are lead to think that if this meeting would take some action to place our needs, and show the importance of our field to the missionary meeting of the United States in October next, that they would send one of their evangelists here, or would aid us to support one.

We are deeply indebted to those who have so kindly given us advice and information, and also to those who have collected from the churches. To them is due the credit of the receipts being so much more this year than last. We hope and pray