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## THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Tiverton, N. S., August 12-15, 1898.

The Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ of N. B. and N. S. was held with the church in Tiverton, N. S., commencing Friday, August 12th. The church made careful preparations for the meeting, heartily welcomed the visitors on their arrival, and bountifully entertained them during their stay. The church at Westport was most largely represented at the convention, and the Southville church holds second honor. The weather during the meetings was damp and foggy, so there was no temptation to go sight-seeing, until about the close of the convention, when the sun's welcome face was seen, and Tiverton, resting beautifully on a plain between hills and Petite Passage, was spread before us.

Many of the delegates reached Tiverton on Thursday morning, 11th, and in the evening there was to have been a session of the Ministerial Association, but papers that papers that the programme committee had asked for were not present. At 7.30, however, a largely attended and deeply interesting devotional meeting was held, H. Murray leading.

### FRIDAY.

10 A. M.—On Friday morning a short social meeting was conducted by H. W. Stewart, which was followed by a session of the Ministerial Association. J. W. Bolton read an excellent paper on "Pastoral Work," discussing not so much its importance, which is generally admitted, as its methods. A long conference followed, during which all the speakers spoke of the paper in high terms of commendation.

At the close of this conference the business session of the Association was held, H. W.

Stewart, the president, being in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting not being present, the secretary, W. H. Harding, gave a verbal report. The following officers were elected for the new year. President, H. W. Stewart; Vice-president, Geo. Manfold; Secretary, J. W. Bolton. The officers are a committee to arrange a programme for the next meeting.

2 P. M.—In the afternoon a half-hour's praise and prayer service was led by Geo. Manfold. This was followed by an instructive, suggestive sermon by E. C. Ford, on "Development," his text being, Ma. iv, 25-29. He sketched the development of the Christ, from the time the promise of a deliverer was given in Eden, till Jesus was born; outlined the development of the church, from its small beginning in Jerusalem to its vast proportions and power to-day; and spoke of the development of Christian character, from the babe in Christ to the full grown man or woman.

7.30 P. M.—The sessions of the convention did not begin till Friday evening. The devotional half hour was admirably conducted by J. Chas. B. Appel. Then came an address of welcome from the pastor of the Tiverton church, J. W. Bolton. We were welcomed to the Island (for Tiverton is on an island), to the church, and to the homes of the brethren and friends. H. W. Stewart responded for the visitors.

After a sweetly sung solo by J. Barry Allan, R. B. Ray, of Milton, preached a stimulating sermon on "Fruit Bearing," from the text: "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit." John 15:8. He showed how God's glory here depends upon our fruit-bearing; spoke about the absolute uselessness of the fruitless branches, explained and illustrated the importance of complete union with the vine; told how the old, natural wood must be cut away that the new may be grafted in; and urged his hearers to bear fruit just where circumstances placed them.

At the close of this service the following committees were appointed: Nomination (of Convention Board) J. Chas. B. Appel, E. A. Payson, and K. Outhouse; Order of Business: Geo. F. Barnes, L. S. Ford, and H. Murray; Auditing: J. M. Ford, and T. Lockwood.

### SATURDAY.

9 A. M.—The devotional meeting on Sunday morning was conducted by H. E. Cooke, and was a good preparation for the business session which opened at 9.30. The president was in the chair. In the absence of the Sec'y, Geo. F. Barnes was appointed Sec'y pro

tem. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The report of the committee on Order of Business was presented and accepted. The Nominating Committee recommended the following Board of Officers: President, Hiram Wallace; Vice-President, H. Murray; Secretary, Geo. F. Barnes. The courtesies and privileges of the convention were, on motion, extended to Rev. C. E. Pineo, Baptist minister of Westport, who was present.

The report of the secretary of the Home Mission Board was then called for. It was as follows:

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*To the Disciples of Christ of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick:*

DEAR BRETHREN—The Secretary of your Home Mission Board submits his report for the year ending July 31, 1898.

During the year—besides the regular work at Halifax, Pictou and Main Street, St. John—Bro. R. W. Stevenson held a meeting at Pictou, which was a great help to the cause. Five were baptized. It was the first immersion in Pictou for many years, and created a great stir.

The Milton church has helped support Bro. F. C. Ford at Summerville. He was assisted in a meeting by Bro. H. Murray, which was a great success. Seven were baptized. These meetings were without cost to the Board.

Bro. W. H. Harding held a meeting at Mascarene, organizing a church, to which there was one added, and dedicating their fine new house of worship.

Bro. J. A. Lord, editor of the *Standard*, gave our annual meeting a great up-lift, and assured us of the support of the American Christian Missionary Society.

A special fund was raised at the Annual, out of which Bro. Lord's travelling expenses were paid; also helped support Bro. Harding at the Mascarene meeting.

The society mentioned above should continue to receive the hearty support of our churches. Let us remember their liberal aid to Halifax and Pictou, and show them, in a substantial way, that we are grateful for their assistance, and that we desire to co-operate with them in their great work.

The "Tent" fund started at last Annual has enabled us to purchase a good tent, which we hope will be often used in the preaching of the Word.

The P. E. Island churches have a snug sum to their credit, and the way is now clear to employ a general evangelist for the Maritime Provinces.

Your Board could have secured the services of J. A. L. Romig, W. A. Foster, M. B. Ryan, W. H. Harding and others for special meetings last year, but for various reasons were unable to suit all the parties interested.

The "Board" decided to recommend that the grants for next year be \$150 each to Halifax, Pictou and Main Street, St. John, N. B.

In resigning this office, which I have held for eight years, there are three causes for