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ANNUAL MEETING.

Held at Leonardville, Deer Island, August 6th to 9th.

The Annual Meeting of 1897 has come and gone, its influence has already been felt among our churches, and the prospects are that the ensuing year, 1897-98, will be the beginning of a forward movement such as the Christian Churches of these provinces have never seen. God grant that it may be so.

Was the meeting a success? Read the account of the work planned and the funds raised. Judged by these practical matters, we see reasons to agree with the constantly expressed opinion—"the best we have ever had." The majority of the delegates arrived at Leonardville Friday afternoon. The published programme did not call for any meeting until 7 00 p. m., but at about 3 o'clock the first gathering was held. Bro. R. W. Stevenson led the devotional meeting, beginning with the triumphant song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Bro. R. H. Bolton of Everett, Mass., preached a helpful sermon from Col. i. 28.

Friday 7 p. m. devotional service led by Bro. H. Minnick.

At 7.30 p. m. Bro. J. A. Lord preached to a packed house. His sermon on Romans xiv. 7 was full of sturdy, manly and vigorous sentiments which stirred the heart, enlarged the sympathies and stimulated all to greater efforts for the salvation of the world.

Bro. Ryan announced the following committees: (1) Nomination of Convention Officers. (2) Order of Business.

Saturday, 9 a. m. devotional meeting led by Bro. Cooke. 9.30 a. m. business meeting with Bro. Ryan presiding. Bro. J. E. Barnes being absent through sickness, the minutes of the last meeting were read by Bro. Stewart.

Committee on Nomination of Convention Officers reported as follows; *President*, H. W. Stewart; *Vice-President*, R. E. Stevens; *Secretary*, J. S. Flaglor. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Order of Business received and adopted.

The following visiting brethren were invited to a seat in the convention: J. A. Lord of Cincinnati, Ohio; R. H. Bolton, of Everett, Mass.; H. Minnick, Lubec, Me.; and H. E. Cooke.

Appointment of Auditing Committee: Bros. E. F. Burnaby, B. D. Lingley.

LETTERS FROM THE CHURCHES.

PLACE.	Members.	Value of Church Property.	Baptism.	Other-wise.	Deaths.	Letters etc.	Missionary Offerings Home.	Missionary Offerings Foreign.	Sunday-School.	Teachers and Officers.
Burt's Corner, N. B.	35	400 00	19	2	3	7	\$312 00	\$211 00	150	19
Coburg St., St. John, N. B.	409	10,000 00	11	3	1	1	10 25	19 00	20	4
Cornwallis, N. S.	100	2,000 00	1	1	1	1	3 00	5 00	22	2
Elmsdale, N. S.	17	1,000 00	1	1	1	1	4 00	9 00	20	3
Kempt, N. S.	65	5,000 00	1	6	1	10	60 00	50 00	80	9
Halifax, N. S.	94	5,000 00	2	1	3	5	6 00	6 03	40	3
Leonardville, N. B.	148	1,400 00	1	1	1	1	43 00	42 00	75	8
Lord's Cove, N. B.	163	3,300 00	1	6	1	1	31 34	41 08	177	20
Main St. St. John, N. B.	511	1,500 00	8	1	2	1	19 00	21 85	12	2
Shubdenacide, N. S.	100	1,500 00	3	1	1	1	48 52	40 66	50	9
Thorton, N. S.	28	6,700 00	30	1	1	1	44 00	14 00	123	14
Milton, N. S.	222	1,000 00	5	1	1	1	1 50	1 50	40	3
Pictou, N. S.	15	850 00	1	1	1	1	1 50	1 50	40	3
Silver Falls, N. B.	25	1,000 00	1	1	1	1	1 50	1 50	40	3
Southville, N. S.	30	1,000 00	1	1	1	1	1 50	1 50	40	3
Upper Nine Mile River, N. S.	15	600 00	6	1	1	1	1 50	1 50	40	3
West Gore, N. S.	106	1,300 00	6	1	1	1	1 50	1 50	40	3
Westport, N. S.	81	1,600 00	11	1	1	1	1 50	1 50	40	3

Appointment of Committees: Ways and Means: D. A. Morrison, E. A. Paysou, Geo. Fullerton, E. C. Ford, O. B. Stockford.

Place: W. H. Harding, H. Carson and A. Armstrong.

Resolutions; T. H. Blenus, J. Chas. B. Appel, J. W. Bolton.

REPORT OF MARITIME UNION COMMITTEE.

Bro. Stevenson stated that on July 11, the P. E. I. churches met at New Glasgow to consider the proposition of union with the N. S. and N. B. Mission Board, and a resolu-

tion was passed to the effect that the union be effected on condition that the P. E. I. churches have a representative on the Board and that the Island receive the aid of an evangelist in proportion to its contribution.

He thought that the P. E. Island churches as a whole were in sympathy with the movement and he felt that it would result in great good to the three provinces.

Bro. Jeffrey said he had but to echo what had been said by Bro. Stevenson.

Bro. E. C. Ford made a motion that a special committee be appointed to consider the matter and that Bro. Lord should be asked to meet with it. After discussion by Bros. Ryan, Morrison and Harding the motion was carried. Committee appointed: Bros. Ryan, Harding, Stevenson, Jeffrey, Blenus with advice from Bro. Lord.

Bro. Flaglor moved the appointment of a committee to confer with Bro. Lord on the grants received from the American Christian Missionary Society, and the sending of an evangelist to these provinces. Motion carried. Committee appointed: Bros. Ford, J. W. Bolton, Stevens, Stewart, Appel, Blenus.

The following letter from the church at Cornwallis was read:

To the Brethren assembled in our Annual Convention at Leonardville, N. B.:

I am instructed by the Church of Christ in Cornwallis to say, that whereas our Bro. Frank C. Ford has consecrated his life to the preaching of the gospel, and has completed the course of study preparatory to this work; and whereas, he has been a member of this church for ten years, and enjoys the confidence and Christian esteem of his brethren, we do hereby humbly request the brethren assembled in our annual convention to set him apart to the work of the ministry by the laying on of hands and prayer, that he may go forth endorsed by the brotherhood, as he is heartily endorsed by this church.

Done by order of the Church of Christ in Cornwallis.

TOBIN S. LOCKWOOD,
Secretary of Church.

There was considerable discussion as to whether this was in the province of the Annual Meeting. It was the general opinion that the local church was the proper power for this work, but on account of peculiar circumstances an exception might be made in this case.

Bro. Ryan moved that a committee of three be appointed. Carried. Ordination Committee appointed: Bros. Harding, Stevens, Stevenson.

While waiting for the report of the Auditing Committee, Bro. Fullerton made a suggestion which was as seed in good ground, viz., that an evangelist be engaged and that a tent for his use be secured.

Report of Home Mission Board received :

HOME MISSION REPORT.

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

DEAR BRETHREN,—The Secretary of your Home Mission Board respectfully submits his report for the year ending July 31st, 1897.

Only two meetings were held this year; a short one at Shubenacadie with one addition and a longer one at Gulliver's Cove with ten additions. Both were without cost to the Board.

The work at Halifax and Pictou has been faithfully performed; while there has not been much increase in numbers, their liberality has increased which indicates more interest and spiritual life.

Brother Blenus has kept himself and church before the public by many addresses and timely articles in the newspapers. He has also greatly helped the little band at Elmsdale.

Brother Stevens has with energy and success pushed the work in Pictou County, which has increased, our receipts and has been of great help to the people where he has labored.

The work at Main Street, St. John, under Brother Appel shows an increase in numbers, liberality and zeal. He is now using all his powers to raise funds to complete their new house of worship which is greatly needed.

The time, labor and money given to these places will yield a good harvest, and "having put our hand to the plough we should not look back," but continue to assist them until they can walk alone.

Again we remind you of the liberal amount given to our work by the American Christian Home Missionary Society. Every church should take up a collection and send it to their Secretary, B. L. Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Let us in a substantial manner show our gratitude and co-operate with them in their grand work.

A word in regard to our finances. Some churches, schools and societies have failed to give anything this year, some have fallen off a little, others have increased their offerings. So on the whole this has been one of our best years for giving without the churches getting any help in return.

We earnestly appeal to every church, school, auxiliary, society and band to give our home work the first place in their hearts and efforts and make the coming year our most successful.

May it be truly said of us "that we are examples to all them that believe, and that from us sounds out the word of the Lord."

J. S. FLAGLER, Secretary.

St. John, N. B., August 3rd, 1897.

Statement showing amounts contributed and places from which received for the years ending July 31st, 1896 and 1897.

	1896	1797
Milton,	\$39 45	\$38 32
do. Sunday-school,		5 00
do. Y. P. S. C. E.,		5 97
Halifax,	323 06	25 00
do. Sunday-school,	3 11	
Cornwallis,	14 50	10 00
Westport,	18 67	33 00
do. Sunday-school,	1 25	
do. Young People's M. S.,		3 00
Tiverton,	6 00	10 00
do. Woman's M. S.,		4 05
do. Young People's M. S.,		2 00
Southville,	10 25	2 00
Kempt,	4 00	
do. Woman's M. S.,		2 00
South Range,	18 00	18 00
Summerville,	2 00	
do. Mission Band,	1 00	4 00

	1896	1897
Shubenacadie,	\$15 00	\$8 94
Newport,	6 00	20 00
West Gore,	18 00	29 00
Pictou,	4 00	
Upper Rawdon,		2 00
Nine Mile River,		25 00
Gulliver's Cove,	9 00	12 00
River John,		5 00
Elmsdale,		6 06
Nova Scotia Individuals,	3 50	12 00
P. E. Island "		10 00
United States "	5 50	58 37
St. John, Coburg St. S. S.,	68 81	52 71
do. do. Mission Band,	58 45	6 00
do. do. Jo. Individuals,	46 00	10 00
do. do. Main St. "		6 33
do. do. Woman's Aid,		15 21
do. do. Sunday-school,	13 89	
Silver Falls,	5 00	
Keswick,	2 25	
Letete,	21 00	1 00
Leonardville,	9 00	7 00
Lord's Cove,	71 75	38 00
Profits from CHRISTIAN,		38 00
Annual Meeting—Halifax and West Gore,	44 36	72 62
	\$855 60	\$596 58

Place.	Preacher.	Days.	Sermons.	Cost.	Baptized.	Other Additions.	Total.
Shubenacadie	Stevens and Manifold,	7	8	\$ 12 00	1	2	10
Gulliver's Cove	H. Murray,	33	37	26 00	8	1	10
St. John, Main St.	R. W. Stevenson,	30	6	12 50	1	1	1
" "	W. Murray,	45	12	18 75	8	6	14
" "	J. C. B. Appel,	260	74	106 25			
Pictou	H. Wallace,	18	6	12 00			
" "	R. E. Stevens,	334	96	186 64			
Biency S. House	" "		4				
River John	" "		7				
Pictou Road	" "		1				
Hudson	" "		2				
Halifax	T. H. Blenus,	365	109	256 00	1	6	7
Elmsdale	" "	1102	387	\$630 14	19	15	34

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Aug. 1, 1896, Balance from last Report,	\$57 79
1896-97, Cash received from Sec'y,	596 58
	\$654 37

Expenditures.

Paid T. H. Blenus, Halifax,	\$256 00
R. E. Stevens, Pictou,	186 64
H. Wallace, Pictou,	12 00
J. C. B. Appel, Portland,	106 25
W. Murray, Portland,	18 75
R. W. Stevenson, Portland,	12 50
H. Murray, Gulliver's Cove,	26 00
Stevens and Manifold, Shuben-	
acadie,	12 00
Secretary, postage,	5 00
	\$635 14

July 31, 1897, Balance on hand,	19 23
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The apportionment and how it was responded to.

	Amount asked for	Amount paid
Pictou,	\$5 00	\$20 00
Silver Falls,	5 00	
Keswick,	5 00	
Gulliver's Cove,	5 00	26 00
Southville,	10 00	2 00
Summerville,	10 00	
Upper Rawdon,	10 00	
Shubenacadie,	10 00	8 94
Kempt,	10 00	4 00
Back Bay,	10 00	
South Range,	15 00	18 00
Newport,	15 00	
Letete,	25 00	1 00
Cornwallis,	25 00	10 00
Halifax,	25 00	25 00
Portland, Main Street,	25 00	31 54
Leonardville,	30 00	7 00
Westport,	30 00	36 00
Tiverton,	30 00	16 05
West Gore,	40 00	20 00
Milton,	60 00	49 27
Lo,d's Cove,	60 00	38 00
St John, Coburg St.	150 00	107 08
* Nine Mile River,		2 00
* River John,		12 00
* Elmsdale,		5 00

* No definite sum asked for.

This report audited and found correct.

E. F. BURNABY, } Auditors.
B. D. LINGLEY, }

Report of THE CHRISTIAN :

To the Disciples of Christ of N. S. and N. B.:

DEAR BRETHREN,—The financial manager of THE CHRISTIAN herewith submits his report for the year ending July 31st, 1897, as follows :

Receipts :

Balance from last year,	\$ 56 90
Received for subscriptions,	385 00
Received for extra copies,	1 24
Total,	\$393 23

Expenditures :

Paid for Printing,	\$240 00
Postage,	8 55
Post cards,	2 00
Printing cards,	65
Printing bills,	65
Collecting,	6 60
N. B. and N. S. Mission Board,	38 00
P. E. I. Mission Board,	19 00
Total,	\$315 45

Balance on hand,	\$77 78
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Audited and found correct.

E. F. BURNABY, } Auditors.
B. D. LINGLEY, }

Bro. Blenus suggested that Bro. Lord be asked to give the meeting some information regarding the work of the A. C. M. S.

Bro. Lord stated that the aim of the Society was to give help at strategic points for the most part through the State Mission Boards. He also spoke of the wonderful possibilities of the great west and north-west. Urged the wisdom of twenty or twenty-five delegates being sent from the Maritime Provinces to the General Convention in Indianapolis in October, in order that the workers on both sides of the line might get better acquainted with each other. It was especially important for the Canadian churches in order that they might know the evangelists, etc., and be better fitted to judge which would be best suited for the work in the Provinces.

The financial statements of churches being aided by the N. S. and N. B. Mission Board were read :

HALIFAX—		<i>Expenditures :</i>	
Preaching, ..	....	....	\$300 00
Current expenses, ..	....	....	241 33
Building Fund, ..	....	....	108 75
Missions, ..	....	....	108 10
Building Fund Main St Church, St. John,	....	....	5 00
Sunday-school expenses, ..	....	....	23 98
			<hr/>
			\$737 16
Regular collections, ..	....	\$574 57	
PICOU—		<i>Expenditures :</i>	
Preaching, ..	....	....	\$275 00
Missions, ..	....	....	70 00
Current expenses, etc., ..	....	....	76 00
			<hr/>
			\$381 00
<i>Receipts :</i>			
Received from N. S. and N. B. Mission Board,	\$178 64
Received from American C. M. Board,	219 00
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			\$397 64
MAIN STREET, ST. JOHN—		<i>Expenditures :</i>	
Preaching,	\$643 22
Missions,	73 22
Building lot,	680 15
Rent, janitor, hymn books, Bibles, etc.,	259 63
Sunday-school expenses,	41 80
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			\$1,697 52
<i>Receipts :</i>			
Collections,	\$989 91
Women's Aid,	128 01
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Total from Main street, Coburg Street Women's Aid,	\$205 00	
H. M. Board of N. S. and N. B.,	137 50	
West Gore annual meeting, churches and individuals, for lot,	237 10	
Help received,	579 60	
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			\$1,697 52

Saturday 2 p. m., devotional service led by Bro. Frank Ford.

At 2.15 Business meeting. Minutes read and adopted.

Union Committee reported :

The brethren in annual convention at New Glasgow, P. E. Island, through their delegates, having expressed the wish to co-operate with us in our home mission work (in response to an invitation extended by the brethren of N. B. and N. S., at their annual meeting in Halifax), on condition that they have a representative on the Executive board, and also that the labors of an evangelist on the Island be in proportion to the money paid by the Island.

We, your committee, do respectfully recommend that this union be effected.

Committee : M. B. Ryan, R. W. Stevenson, W. H. Harding, G. A. Jeffries, T. H. Blenus.

Objection was taken to the conditions imposed by the P. E. I. churches, but after a long discussion the report was adopted by a vote of 13 to 3.

Ordination Committee reported :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINATION.

Your committee beg leave to report that the ceremony of ordination be performed at the close of morning service on Lord's day, and that Bros. Ford, R. H. Bolton and Ryan officiate in the service.

We also recommend that in future if young men wish to give themselves to the ministry, that the home church to which they belong set them apart by ordination.

Committee : W. H. Harding, R. W. Stevenson, R. E. Stevens.

Report adopted.

Bro. Harding called the attention of the meeting to the application for ordination of

Mr. Summerly. Referred to Committee on Ordination.

Ways and Means Committee reported :

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

Your Committee on Ways and Means submit the following report :

We recommend that grants be made as follows :

Main Street Church, ..	....	\$150 00
Pictou, ..	....	200 00
Halifax, ..	....	250 00

The amount granted to Halifax to be on the following conditions: If the church at Elmsdale should unite with Halifax in support of preaching, the amount contributed by them shall be credited to the Home Mission Board after expenses are paid. Further, that the apportionment plan be continued as in the past, and that monthly collections be taken, as far as possible, in all churches and Sunday-schools; where this is not convenient, that collectors be appointed in each congregation.

We also suggest that a general evangelist be employed, and that the collections to be taken at the meetings to-morrow be donated (after all necessary obligations are met) to the support of said evangelist. Submitted by

D. A. Morrison, E. C. Ford, E. A. Payson.
Geo. Fullerton, O. B. Stockford.

After the grants were adopted a doubt was expressed as to the ability of the Board to undertake the additional expense of an evangelist. The majority of the brethren seemed to believe that with the inspiration of a good evangelist at work among the churches there would be no difficulty in raising the amount needed. Report was adopted.

At 3 30 Address on Christian Giving by Bro. W. H. Harding. The speaker pointed out the lack of business principles usually found in church finances, emphasized the need of systematic and consecrated giving, and of the spirit of sacrifice.

The discussion was participated in by Bros. R. H. Bolton, Stevenson and Lord.

Saturday 7 p. m. Devotional service led by Bro. Appel.

At 7.30 Sermon by Bro. Lord on "True Greatness," Matt. xx. 21. The highest position is obtained only through service. Jesus was Lord of all because of his humility and death. Selfish seeking always causes trouble. Ten out of the twelve apostles were jealous and miserable because of this mother's request.

The Ordination Committee reported :

ORDINATION COMMITTEE REPORT.

Your committee beg leave to report that after examining Mr. Summerly's credentials that we do not find them sufficient to warrant us in recognizing him as a minister of the gospel. Should he at any time produce satisfactory credentials, we would do all we can to aid him. Your committee would also recommend that churches be careful how they secure preachers about whom they know nothing.

Committee - W. H. Harding, H. E. Cooke, R. W. Stevenson, M. B. Ryan, Harry Minnick, E. C. Ford.

Action on this report was deferred until Monday.

Sunday. Sunrise prayer meeting led by Bro. Harding. This service was well attended and proved to be most helpful. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," Rom xii. 1, was the subject chosen.

At 10 30 sermon by Bro. E. C. Ford, "What is Truth," Jno. xviii. 38, I Tim. iii. 15. Bro. Ford emphasized the need of faithfulness to the truth as we see it in the Scriptures.

At 11.30 ordination of Bro. Frank O. Ford. Bro. Ryan read the letter from the Cornwallis church requesting the meeting to set apart to the ministry Bro. Frank Ford.

Bro. E. C. Ford then read II Tim. ii. Bro. M. B. Ryan gave a clear and forcible address on ordinations. Ordination is a New Testament institution and therefore should be practiced by the Church of Christ. Although this institution is quite simple it has been mystified by the teaching of some, and some things have been added to its practice the authority for which is not to be found in the Scriptures. The objects of ordination are two fold: (1) Recognition by the church of the fitness of the candidate for the work of the ministry; (2) a formal induction into the services of the ministry. Ordination is not intended to convey any power or virtue which the candidate does not possess. Apostolic succession cannot be gathered from the teaching of the Scriptures on ordination. It is a proclamation by the church of their opinion as to the qualification of the candidate. Although thus formal it is also a solemn service. Churches should examine very carefully the character of the candidate. The speaker then commented on the solemn duties connected with the life of one who has given himself to the ministry.

Bros. Ryan, R. H. Bolton and E. C. Ford united in the laying on of hands, Bro. Bolton offering prayer and Bro. Ryan delivering the charge.

At 2 p. m. H. W. Stewart led devotional exercises, after which there were brief and interesting talks on the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper was then partaken of.

At 3.45 J. A. Lord preached a logical sermon on "the Love of Christ constraineth Us." Great persons are moved from within, they are not governed from without. The successful life is the life of impulse. A slave works because he has to work. The free man works for love. Love knows no law.

During the afternoon about 175 delegates came over from Lubec, Me. The church not being able to hold all who would attend the services, overflow meetings were held in the Methodist church (which was kindly opened to the members of the convention), and in the open air. These meetings were addressed by W. H. Harding and J. W. Bolton. At the same time Mrs. D. A. Morrison gave the children a chalk talk in the school building.

At 7 p. m. J. A. Lord preached a powerful sermon on The Freedom of the Truth.

An overflow meeting was held in the Methodist church, Bro. Stevenson preaching on "Behold the Lamb of God."

Pledges and contributions for the purchase of a tent were taken at the close of both night's services; \$125 was raised.

Monday at 9 a. m. devotional service led Bro. J. W. Gates.

The Christian.

ST. JOHN, N. B., - - SEPTEMBER, 1897.

EDITORIAL.

REST FOR THE WEARY.

Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your soul. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Matt. 11 : 28, 29, 30.

Two facts are sufficient to show the importance of this rest. 1st. It is the Son of the living God who urges the weary to accept of it. 2nd. It can only be found in him. Come unto me, etc. Either of these parts claims most attentive consideration, the two combined makes inattention unpardonable criminality. No word can describe his guilt who turns away from him who speaketh from heaven.

Let us notice :

I. Who are the persons Jesus calls to him for rest.

II. On what terms does he promise that rest.

I. Who are the persons Jesus calls to him for rest. It is all that labor and are heavy laden. It has often been described as persons under deep conviction for sins, who have been thus convicted by the law of Moses and who are striving and laboring and praying for an assurance of God's pardoning love but not finding peace to their souls. It has been taught that Jesus invites such and only such to come to him for rest. If such was Jesus' meaning how many would he find in his day thus convicted? How many in every age and in every place are thus convicted of sin and thus laboring for rest? But Jesus invites all and sends his gospel to every creature.

Again, what gives us a deep conviction of sin but the gospel of Christ, whose first fact is "That Christ died for our sins," etc. The same fact which describes our deep guilt, declares the wonderful love of Christ in dying for that guilt. The law of Moses could never so convince us of our sins as the amiable Son of God dying for them, and for this reason the gospel is Christ's first message to be preached to sinners. The apostles were never sent to preach the law of Moses, first or last, but to preach the gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, and by it the Holy Spirit convinces the world of sin as well as of righteousness. Those who labored and were heavy laden were not those who were under conviction of sin, but those who were seeking to satisfy their minds' craving with the perishable things of earth, spending their money for that which was not bread, and their labor for that which satisfieth not. All that class of disappointed laborers Jesus invites to him and promises them rest to their souls. Their ever expanding minds he is able to fill and delights to satisfy forever, and with the throbbings of eternal love says "Come unto me," etc.

II. On what terms does Jesus promise that rest?

1st. He commands the weary to come unto him. Many are not satisfied with the weary *doing* anything, and contend that Jesus must do it all so as to have all the glory. The whole history of Jesus refutes and exposes this error, so does that of his apostles. Jesus commanded the man with the withered hand, first, to stand forth, and he did so. Then he told him to stretch forth his hand; he did so and was healed. He could heal him without the man moving if he pleased, but he did better. It was far better for the man to hear and believe and obey Jesus, and show others his trust in the Divine Healer, than if no command was given. It was more glory to Jesus to treat the man as an intelligent, responsible being, destined to hold an eternal companionship with himself, than to treat him as an irrational animal, or a mere machine. So, also, he commanded the blind man to wash in the pool, who gladly obeyed him, and was made whole. And so Jesus commands the heavy laden to come unto him and find rest. Both the disabled and the blind man knew that neither the stretching out the hand nor the washing had in them a merit. All merit was in Christ, but they were glad to obey him and give him all the glory. The weary and heavy laden, when they put all their trust in Jesus, are glad to do whatever he may tell them to do, knowing that all merit is in him alone.

No command can be so sweet as that of Jesus to sinful, disappointed wanderers, "Come unto me," etc. You are unhappy because you are from home and among deadly enemies. My Father sent me to die for you that he might honorably pardon you and bring you back to his favor. Come unto me that you may have his favor and rest at home. When sinners understand that sweet command and gladly resolve to turn from their sins to Jesus, they are glad, glad that he died for their sins and offers to save them. He that comes to God, or to the Son of God, must believe that he is and is, a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

2nd. Jesus' second command here is: "Take my yoke upon you," etc. Jesus has a yoke by which those who believe in him with all their heart and resolve to forsake their sins are united to Christ. Many are in the dark as to the meaning of Christ's yoke, and we often hear of a number of yokes, such as the yoke of repentance, of self-denial and the yoke of prayer, etc., etc. Now the yoke of Christ means one thing, and not many. The Jews knew the meaning of a yoke. A literal yoke was an instrument that joined together two oxen for training and work. They also had figurative yokes, such as Moses' yoke or the yoke of bondage, which was circumcision, which neither they nor their fathers were able to bear. (Acts xv. 10, Gal. v. 1.) They as a nation were under the Roman yoke or government.

When Christ spoke of his yoke he meant

one thing and not a dozen. He meant an instrument or institution by which those who came to him were legally united to him or put him on. What was the first thing which those who came to Christ did? They were baptized by Jesus' command. The Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, etc. John's disciples said to him of the Christ, "The same baptizeth and all men come to him." But to put this matter beyond dispute we will place in one column from the record of the same Evangelist what Jesus told his apostles to teach the people, and in an opposite one what he told the scholars or people to do. (R. V)

To the Teachers, Matt. 28.

1. Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations.
2. Baptizing them unto the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
3. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you.
4. And lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world.

To the Scholars, Matt. 11 :

Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you.
And learn of me.
For I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

By thus comparing what Jesus told his teachers with what he said to the scholars, the way for the weary and heavy laden to come to him and find rest to their souls seems as plain as it could be made. To further confirm this we can read what the teachers did say to them and what they did do who came to Jesus and found rest.

They taught the nations who Jesus was and what he had done and suffered to put away sin, that these sufferings were for their sins. How God had accepted of his death for them, and was now reconciling the world unto himself in Christ, not imputing unto them their sins. Told his terms of salvation. Those of the nations who believed in Christ, and made up their minds to turn from their sins and become his disciples, they baptized into the name of the glorious three.

After they had thus taken the yoke they taught them all things which Jesus had commanded them.

These commandments we find in his sermon on the mount, his conversation with the disciples after Judas had gone out to betray him and interspersed throughout his whole history. To show the beauty and blessedness of his commandments he set the example in all that he enjoined on his disciples.

We find the apostles teaching Jesus' commandments in their letters to the churches. These commandments are not grievous, they are all given to benefit the disciples as well to glorify the Master.

Jesus makes a distinction between his yoke and his burden. He says my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. His yoke is his own positive institution in which the believer puts him on and is initiated into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. That yoke is plainly understood it is easily put on, and on this very account has been reproached and rejected. Yet when John hesitated to baptize Jesus he said, "Suffer it to be so now for *thus* it becometh

us to fulfil all righteousness," and John suffered him. He does not even say *thus* it becometh *me* to fulfil all righteousness but *thus* it becometh *us*, both the master and his disciples. His burden is all that he commanded his apostles to teach those that are yoked to him. The more faithfully these commandments are kept the more peace of mind they bring. Christ is so precious to the true believer that his daily cry is "Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee." His own footsteps mark the paths his saints should tread. These paths shine brighter and brighter until the perfect day, and as the meridian is approached the voice from the other shore rings loud and clear, "Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

ANNUAL MEETING.

(Continued from page 3).

At 9.30 business session.

Committee on Place of next Annual suggested Tiverton. Report received.

Good Literature Committee made an encouraging report. More than \$300 worth of books were sold and a large number of subscriptions obtained for THE CHRISTIAN.

Of the books sold, "On the Rock" had the largest sale; "Tribble's Sermons," "Orthodoxy in the Civil Courts," and the "Life of Knowles Shaw" also sold well, but the high price of the volumes published by our companies is a serious hindrance to a large circulation.

The amount of assets over liabilities was \$49.43. The report was adopted.

Special Committee to consult with Bro. Lord in regard to evangelist and grants from A. C. M. S. for the provinces, reported that these matters had been left with the Home Mission Board.

Nomination Committee reported as follows: H. W. Stewart, President; R. W. Stevenson, Vice-president, J. S. Flaglor, Secretary; Geo. F. Barnes, Treasurer. These, with Geo. Fullerton, to constitute the Executive Board. Report adopted.

Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That this convention desires to put on record their high appreciation of the generous hospitality of the people of Deer Island;

2. *Resolved*, That our thanks be extended to our Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship.

3. Seeing the great benefit derived by the work in the Maritime Provinces through the help of the A. C. M. S., and appreciating the visit of its honored president, who has added so materially to the interest of our gathering, and has also given us a true understanding of the society's work; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention, by a standing vote, desires to thank Bro. Lord, and through him to convey to the Board of the A. C. M. S. our warmest gratitude, and to pledge ourselves to continue presenting the board's needs with the aim of increased contributions for this society.

4. *Whereas*, Our beloved Bro. James E. Barnes, secretary for so many years of this convention, being unable to attend on account of sickness; and *Whereas*, We have missed his genial presence and wise counsel; and

Whereas, We desire to express our appreciation of his long and faithful service; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention tender to him our heartfelt sympathy while we beseech the throne of grace for his recovery.

5. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Convention be extended to the railroad and steamship companies for their courtesies.

This report was adopted item by item, Bro. Ryan leading the convention in prayer in connection with the fourth resolution.

The Good Literature Committee of last year was re-elected.

Bro. Harding moved the appointment of a committee to commemorate in some suitable manner the jubilee in ministerial service of Bro. Donald Crawford. This motion received the very hearty approval of the convention. Committee appointed: Bros. Ford, Blenus, Ryan, Stevenson and Harding.

Programme and Rates Committee appointed: Bros. Morrison, Manifold, Burnaby, Blenus and J. W. Bolton.

The secretary reported \$125.48 as amounts contributed to the Tent Fund. Moved and carried that this money be paid to the Home Mission Board Treasurer, George F. Barnes.

Report of Ordination Committee in regard to Mr. Summerly carried.

R. H. Bolton, of Everett, Mass., extended to the members of the church in the Maritime Provinces an invitation to attend the New England convention, and James A. Lord cordially invited them to the general convention in the United States.

In connection with the report of the Ways and Means Committee, a question arose as to the making of grants. This led to considerable discussion, and finally the following motion was carried:

The Executive Committee shall prepare a statement of the grants they deem advisable, and shall submit the same to the Committee on Ways and Means. The churches receiving grants shall have notice of these intended recommendations of the Executive three months before the time for the annual meeting.

The convention then adjourned.

C. W. B. M.

The annual business meeting of the Maritime C. W. B. M. was held at Leonardville, Deer Island, Aug. 7th, 1897. After singing and prayer the minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Election of officers: President, Miss Carrie Payson; Vice-Presidents for N. S., Mrs. H. L. Wallace and Mrs. Horace Cole; Vice-Presidents for N. B., Mrs. Frank Richardson and Miss Annie Edmonds; Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Flaglor; Treasurer, Mrs. Susie Ford Stevens; Superintendent of Children's Work, Mrs. D. A. Morrison.

Report of Secretary was very encouraging. Two new societies had been organized, making a total of ten.

Miss Mary Rioch, missionary in Japan, is being supported by the Ontario and Maritime C. W. B. M., each pledging \$300, half the amount of her salary.

C. W. B. M. day was more generally observed this year than ever before.

Enlargement is the watchword for the next year. Efforts should be made to help in other fields beside that of Japan.

Treasurer reported total receipts \$320.29.

Paid Miss Mary Rioch,.....	\$300 00
Leaflets	2 00
Postage, Stationery, etc.....	4 92
Balance.....	13 37

\$320 29

Superintendent of Children's Work reported that the children were supporting two children in India and one in Japan. After these claims were met there would be a large balance. Total receipts \$198. It was decided to send the balance to assist in the enlargement of the India orphanage, a work undertaken by the United States children's mission bands.

Lord's Cove has the banner band this year. Letters read from auxiliaries at Halifax, Tiverton, Westport, Coburg St. and Main St., St. John. Verbal reports of the work at Lord's Cove, Leonardville and Corwallis.

Resolutions were passed:

(1) Thanking the editors of THE CHRISTIAN for space allowed C. W. B. M.

(2) Expressing unbounded confidence and high appreciation of Miss Mary Rioch, missionary in Japan.

(3) Instructing the secretary to send greetings to the C. W. B. M. conventions meeting in Ontario, in Indianapolis and in P. E. Island at the respective dates.

(4) Asking the brethren to give the C. W. B. M. an evening meeting at the next annual, and if possible arrange the programme so that our business meeting shall not conflict with any of the regular meetings.

Proposed and carried that a committee be appointed to prepare a constitution for the general society, this committee to report at the next annual C. W. B. M. meeting.

Meeting then adjourned.

C. W. B. M. ANNUAL MEETING.

MONDAY, 2.00 P. M.

After the devotional exercises, which were conducted by Mrs. M. B. Ryan, the president, Miss Carrie Payson, took the chair. The minutes of business meeting were read, followed by a reading by Mrs. J. W. Bolton, which was very touching indeed. Bro. J. C. B. Appel then favored us with a solo, which was greatly enjoyed. Bro. J. A. Lord was then called on and gave a very earnest, impressive and helpful address along the line of C. W. B. M. work, telling something of what had been accomplished and what yet remains to be done. A quartette sang sweetly the hymn, "Peace, Sweet Peace." The meeting now took another turn, and was thrown open. Facts and incidents relating to missions being asked for, several responded, and much information brought out. Carrie Payson told of the work in our Provinces, Mrs. M. B. Ryan of C. W. B. M. work in the United States, Miss Evelyn Burnaby told of the opening of China—the great progress of the gospel there and the millions yet unsaved; little Miss Marion Trecarten recited very sweetly "Our beloved C. W. B. M.," J. S. Flaglor spoke of heathens who were a few years ago cannibals, who are now giving largely to feed the starving ones in India, also of the great sacrifices made by some of our missionaries in going to foreign fields, Miss Graybiel and Miss Rioch being specially

mentioned; Mrs. Frank Richardson told of Africa and its large area yet untrod by Christian feet. M. B. Ryan gave some startling facts and figures, showing the magnitude of the work before us; Mrs. Morrison spoke about India, her vast population and great needs; D. A. Morrison told of one of our own people who had gone from Nova Scotia and had died on the field, and of the impression his life and death had made; Mrs. J. S. Flaglor gave an extract, showing the infanticide and terrible cruelty to children practised in some heathen lands, asking that more be done to save these parents and children; E. C. Ford spoke of his deep interest in this foreign missionary work; Miss Lylie Hoyt told of the work in Japan, of the great need of more laborers. James A. Lord then made an appeal for funds to carry on this work, and a collection amounting to thirty dollars was taken.

HOME MISSIONARY RALLY.

Monday 7 p. m. This the last meeting of the Annual was in some respects the best. The church was crowded to the doors with a deeply interested congregation.

"Main St., St. John, as a Mission Field" was the subject of Bro. Appel. He touched on the many reasons for encouragement and thought that if the tent and the evangelist could be sent to the assistance of this point, there would be a great ingathering of souls. The church building will be erected but the question arises how many of our churches and members will have some part in its erection.

"Pictou, as a Mission Field" was the subject that brought earnest words from Bro. Stevens. The field is somewhat difficult on account of the strong conservative feeling prevalent, but there are signs of encouragement.

"Halifax, as a Mission Field" brought Bro. Blenus forward. While there might not be much in the way of additions yet the work was in a much stronger condition than last year, and the people were learning the blessedness of helping others. Contributions had been sent to the Home Board, the A. C. M. S., the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, Armenian Relief Fund and the Building Fund of Main St. Church, St. John. The debt on the church has also been reduced by more than \$100.

Bro. Flaglor gave some very interesting facts with reference to the past seven years' work of the Home Mission Board. 56 places have been helped, 46 preachers employed for a total of 3505 days, 1744 sermons, 377 additions, cost \$5,315.00. Total expenses \$44.32 or $\frac{1}{4}$ of one per cent! 99 $\frac{1}{2}$ of every dollar contributed went directly into the field. Four new churches and one hall have been opened for worship; 5 churches and 4 Sunday-schools organized; 4 churches and 2 Sunday-schools re-organized.

Bro. Lord gave one of his ringing addresses calling for enlarged interest in the needs of world-wide missions.

Bro. Stevenson made a short speech, but he will live long in the memory of those who were present by his successful plea for funds for the work. In response to his bright, winning appeals more than \$300 was received in cash and pledges. Another two or three such efforts and he will be looked upon as the F. M. Rains of the Maritime Provinces.

After a few parting words from some of the delegates and the reply of Bro. Ryan on behalf of the home churches, the Annual Meeting of '97 came to a close.

Here and There at the Annual Meeting.

J. Barry Allan sang solos at several meetings.

Towards the close of the convention quite a large number of lilies were seen in the hands of certain delegates.

The S. S. Cumberland was the scene of an animated discussion on the return trip—Christian preachers versus an Adventist minister.

Some of the delegates reached the conclusion that rowing boats are not the best places for practical jokes—and the cold sea water helped to impress the fact.

The "sardine" fishing was a sight not to be forgotten. A few of the early arrivals witnessed the wonderful hauls. Ask Barry Allan about the "scales!"

Two cottage prayer meetings were held by the Endeavorers, Sunday night after the services of the day. Would it not be a good thing to have an Endeavor session at next Annual Meeting?

The moonlight sails to Richardsonville were very enjoyable. The delegates who boarded there and at Lord's Cove had much to say about the pleasure lost by the Leonardville "boarders."

The Misses Snyder of Worcester, Mass., added much to the interest of some of the meetings by their singing. Mrs. Snyder also showed her willingness to assist the work by responding to Bro. Stevenson's appeals.

There is no need to absent oneself from the meetings in order "to see the sights." At least that was the opinion of some young lady delegates—they wished to see more of Deer Island and went before breakfast.

A large party of delegates visited Lubec while waiting for the S. S. Cumberland. The Christian Church has a pretty and very convenient building. It is to be hoped that the Macedonia cry from Eastport will soon reach these disciples and bring a Paul or a Timothy with the primitive gospel to the "port."

The College of the Bible, Kentucky University, was represented at the Annual by eight of her alumni and undergraduates. Among the preachers were J. A. Lord, H. Minnick, H. W. Stewart, R. E. Stevens, J. Chas. B. Appel, and Frank Ford. The undergraduates were represented by W. H. Allen and J. W. Gates. An announcement was made of a K. U. Rally and it brought many pleasant remembrances. Plans for some very definite work were talked over.

Correspondence.

HUNTER AND CROSSLEY'S WORK AT MILTON, N. S.

The work done by Hunter and Crossley at Milton can never be estimated. The work was of that character which cannot be reached by the pastor of a church. Revival seasons have visited Milton but they have always confessedly fallen short of the completion of work desired by all. At their close there have always been those left out on the wrong side for whom every effort seemed to be made in order that they might be induced to take their proper place in the Christian ranks. Now this has been reversed and the latter class referred to have become Christians to the joy and rejoicing of Milton. Eighteen heads of families have stepped over the line into the Kingdom. Will some one accurately estimate what that means? While these eighteen were not for they were against. These men were all good citizens, but this fact only made their indecision in the matters of Christianity a stronger opposing force to Christian work in Milton. Take this opposing force up, now turn it over into the Kingdom for Christ, who again can estimate this force converted to Christ?

Upon the Sabbath following the close of Hunter and Crossley's work, the Baptist church at Milton received forty-four by baptism. The Disciples' church baptized twelve while over thirty were restored to both churches. The Congregational church had several additions to its numbers. Outside of the eighteen already mentioned the others were mostly young. To witness this large ingathering was admitted by general consent to be the spectacle of a life time. It is the universal opinion of Milton that its people have never received a greater blessing. Some of the general points of this blessing received are first: The spirit of unity pervading this community. Never before has Milton had such an object lesson of union of effort producing such wonderful results. Pastors and people worked hand in hand and heart to heart. When friends came to Christ all mingled tears of rejoicing. For the time being all were as one church, and he who said "Be ye one as my Father and I are one," blessed his own prescribed conditions to the saving of souls who had been despaired of as hopeless. Whenever in after years any thing shall arise to disturb this unity of the spirit so long desired and so earnestly prayed for, reference may be had to this work to re-establish harmony. It will never be forgotten in the life time of the present generation.

The second point of interest is a spirit of universal working. Every Christian has been at work doing something for the Master, and it has been his and her delight to do the work. Those have been moved to do kinds of Christian work which hitherto they thought impossible for them to do. Work in the enquiry meetings, speaking to neighbors,

asking for prayers for husbands, fathers, wives, children, all this with a new found joy which defied any thought of who might hear or what they might say. All of these kinds of Christian work have been done in the families, on the streets, in the churches, wherever men and women have met, young or old, in all places, the one anxious question was always, "Are you coming to Christ to-night?"

A third point of interest in the work was the persistent effort manifested. To know Hunter and Crossley as men was to love them and whenever they enter the hearts of their fellows they come to stay. This same staying spirit they evince in their Christian work and they have the happy faculty of imparting it to their co-workers. It is agreeably amazing how soon one converted under these evangelists is ready and willing to go to work. Such an one's conversion was no sooner assured than he would become the instrument of leading another to his new found Saviour. In some instances this was the case with father and son. They were thus twins in Jesus rejoicing together in the new kingdom. Nor did this interest in the work slacken during the meetings. The last meeting was of more spiritual interest than the first, and although Mr. Hunter had to go away according to previous appointment, Mr. Crossley kept up the interest and the work with unabated zeal. Nor have they taken the interest away with them, their works still follow them in Milton and many are still testifying to the work carried on in their hearts. While we do not wish to idolize Messrs. Hunter and Crossley, we believe themselves and their work in Milton should be so spoken of as not to be condemned by faint praise. Not so much for the men's sake as for the work's sake. How is Christian work to progress if it is to be killed with Christian indifference? No doubt there are sufficient Christian forces in the world today to convert the world; but the great desideratum is Christian unity. Unitedness in purpose to accomplish this great and desirable work by unitedness of effort. When this principle is universally acknowledged and universally acted upon, then will there be an universal church, universal salvation and the world saved. Some of the greatest opposition to such work as Hunter and Crossley are doing comes from Churchism. And there is a spectacle like this in and our world still, "If you are not going to be saved my way you shall not be saved at all." This is now the last barrier to the world's conversion.

MILTON.

Home Mission Notes.

A large sum was pledged at Leonardville and we can count on it being paid, as only one dollar that was pledged at West Gore is unpaid. Now the P. E. Island brethren will come to the front in giving. In coming to the union they have got "better terms," for all they contribute is to be spent on the Island. This is not the agreement between N. S. and N. B. Bro. Stevenson said, "It is better to have union this way than not to have it at all." May the Lord bless this coming together and prosper us exceedingly. We missed Bro. H. Murray, but the grand reason in Milton made his absence excusable. Bro. Devoe could not attend, but, as usual, his pledge for ten dollars was made. Bro. Lord put life into everything, except the

things he wanted to see pass away, and to them he dealt death blows. His talk on enlargement was full of encouragement. Everybody must be won for Christ. Anything that is not growing is dying. Let us be up and doing, this is no time to sit idle. The work must and will be done; if we are not faithful God will give the vineyard unto others and turn us out in dishonor.

Bro. Geo. Fullerton boomed the purchase of a tent, to be used where we have no house of worship. Through Bro. Blenus and Craig, of Halifax, we have bought a tent, and it is now ready for use. It's all new, only used a few weeks; it is fifty feet in diameter, there is a large lamp that lights it well; there are seventy-three seats, each seat will hold five persons, and are comfortable; they fold up, can be easily moved, and freight on them will be low. The tent's pegs are all iron, and the side curtains are well supported by side attachments of wood. The owner paid \$260 and sold it to us for \$100 as he had to return to England. Will all who pledged to pay for the tent please send as soon as possible, as we had to borrow some in order to make a cash payment.

Bro. Romig cannot come until next year when he will be glad to serve us. We hope before next month to secure an evangelist.

RECEIPTS.

July.

Previously acknowledged,	\$580 03
Milton, Sunday-School, per J. M. Ford, ..	5 00
" per Miss M. G. Freeman,	2 50
Cambridgeport, Mass., R. A. McPhee, . . .	3 00
Tiverton, Woman's Aid,	4 05
South Range, H. A. Devoe,	2 00

Total for year, . . . \$596 58

August.

Annual Meeting Leonardville—Collection for evangelist,	\$79 86
Cash paid J. A. Lord, travelling expenses, ..	56 00
Balance on hand,	\$23 86
Annual Meeting, for general work,	\$19 89
" Geo. Fullerton, ..	10 00
" D. L. Martin,	5 00
" Allan Gates,	2 00
" M. B. Ryan,	2 00
" Mrs. Snyder,	2 00
" Miss E. Christie,	1 00
" " C. F. Payson,	1 00
" " L. Clark,	1 00
" " M. Trecartin,	1 00
" Mrs. Wuggoner, ..	1 00
Leonardville, per Wm. Kay,	3 00
Cornwallis, A. Block, per E. C. Ford, . . .	5 00
" E. Etherington,	1 00
Ferington, Nev., Samuel Nelson, ..	1 00
Lord's Cove, D. F. Lambert,	10 00
" Mrs. Frank Richardson,	5 00
Milton, per Miss M. G. Freeman, ..	3 00

\$73 89

TENT FUND.

Geo. Fullerton, ..	\$20 00
H. W. Stewart, ..	10 00
D. F. Lambert, ..	5 00
D. A. Morrison, ..	5 00
R. E. Stevens, ..	2 00
R. Outhouse,	1 25
S. Leonard,	1 00
Mrs. Conley,	1 00
Capt. Bubot,	1 00
H. Minnick,	1 00
J. S. Flaglor,	1 00
W. H. Harding, ..	1 00
Miss Compering, ..	1 00
J. Lawson,	1 00
P. L. Trecartin, ..	1 00
Mrs. Murray,	1 00
Ezra Leuman,	1 00
Friend,	1 00
W. Wentworth, ..	50
Friend, ..	50
Collection, Leonardville, ..	3 48
" Lord's Cove, ..	8 00

\$67 73

J. S. FLAGLOR, Treasurer.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS.

Amount received in July not before reported.

Previously acknowledged,	\$254 18
Westport, C. W. B. M. collection,	50
Halifax, Ladies' Auxiliary,	13 28
Cornwallis, Ladies' Auxiliary,	10 72
St. John, Coburg St., Ladies' Auxiliary, ..	2 45
	\$281 08

August.

Bal. on hand, August 1st, 1897, ..	\$13 37
Collection at Leonardville,	30 00
Milton, Ladies' Auxiliary,	8 75
Lord's Cove, C. W. B. M. Day collection, ..	7 00
Leonardville, Ladies' Auxiliary, ..	9 00
Cornwallis, A. Bligh, per E. C. Ford, . . .	3 00
	\$57 75

SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer.
Pictou, N. S.

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Amount received in July not before reported.

Previously acknowledged,	\$100 72
Westport, "Willing Workers,"	2 50
West Gore, "Golden Rule Band,"	8 00
Int. to August 1st,	71
	\$120 08

August.

Balance on hand Aug. 1st., 1897,	\$167 82
Leonardville, Mission Band,	1 30
Lord's Cove, Mission Band,	2 00
Halifax, Junior Endeavor,	8 00
Summerside Sunbeam Band Gues,	40
Some little girls of Band Star,	1 00
	\$7 00

SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer.
Pictou, N. S.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET.

H. W. Stewart, the pastor of the church, is taking his vacation. W. S. Leonard of Lubec, Me., is supplying the pulpit.

The Misses Graybiel, sisters of our missionary in India, worshipped with us Lord's day, August 8th.

A large number of the delegates who were on their way to the Annual at Deer Island, were at our prayer meetings on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, August 3rd and 5th, and also on their return.

Miss Nellie Flaglor, daughter of our esteemed Bro J. S. Flaglor, left on the 30th inst. with a number of other young ladies, to attend the normal school at Fredericton, followed by the good wishes of all.

Bro J. W. Gates was at our prayer meeting on Thursday evening and left next morning for Deer Island where he will remain a few days. About the 8th of September he will go to the Bible College to resume his studies. May he study to show himself approved unto God; a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Bro. Frank Ford was at our prayer meeting on Thursday evening, August 26th. He left for his home in Cornwallis on Saturday morning.

We regret to say that our beloved Sister Gertrude Robertson passed away on Lord's day, Aug. 22nd, after a short but severe illness. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved family.

The death of our esteemed and beloved Bro. James E. Barnes occurred in this city on Lord's day morning, August 29th, at a quarter to nine o'clock, after a few days illness. He had been a faithful member of the church for fifty-seven years, and also superintendent of the Sunday-school for over forty years.

Sister Henry Robertson died suddenly at her home, King Street East, on the 12th of August, aged 77 years. She has been a member of the Church of Christ for a number of years, and devoted to his cause, and was always in her place in the Lord's house when she was able. W. A. B.

SILVER FALLS, N. B.

The work at this place is going on much the same as usual. Good interest is manifested in our meetings, especially in those of Lord's day evening. Bro. W. H. Harding preached for us on the evenings of July 10th and August 10th. The brethren were very much pleased with his discourses. O. B. S.

MILTON, N. S.

As others have written concerning our grand and glorious meeting led by the Evangelists Hunter and Crossley, we will offer but a few lines.

We have baptized fourteen and given the hand of fellowship to twenty-two, among whom were eighteen heads of families, and who were among the intelligent, influential men of the place, who, we predict, will be a great help to the church of Christ. We have had meetings with a greater number of converts, but we never had a greater meeting. It outweighs and outmeasures all former meetings in depth and breadth and power. We could fill a book with the good and grand things of this meeting. Never did we see a more beautiful sight than the baptism of forty-four precious souls by the two Baptist preachers. The writer read the scriptures containing the passages on baptism. Mr. Day offered the prayer, then Mr. Archibald and Mr. Day, one after the other, in regular order, baptized the candidates on the confession of their faith in Christ into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All was done in complete order without any undue fussing or busting, and all was quiet by the immense crowd who witnessed the scene. The work is not yet done. We baptized two yesterday, one of whom was a respected venerable citizen of seventy-eight years. And there are others yet to come. What a blessed, glorious meeting! If my pen could speak what a shout you would hear! Never will we forget Hunter, Crossley and Hurd. However much or little we might differ with them in their theological views, we shall ever admire their pure motives, their devotion and consecration and their wonderfully successful efforts in reaching and moving the hearts of the people. We bless the Lord that he put it into their hearts to come to Milton. H. MURRAY.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

CENTRAL CHURCH.

One addition by confession and baptism from the Bible school. Bro. F. O. Norton, on his way back to Missouri, gave us two stirring sermons. It is to be hoped that for the sake of the cause that he will decide to give himself wholly to the ministry of the word. The attendance, in spite of the summer holidays, is still on the increase. GEO. MANIFOLD.

A SEASON OF REFRESHING.

M. B. RYAN.

The annual meeting recently held at Leonardville was a season of refreshing to the churches on Deer Island. We had long looked forward to it, sometimes with joy at the prospect of meeting so many earnest workers for the Lord, and sometimes with misgivings lest we should not be able to act the host satisfactorily. The coming of the brethren and sisters confirmed our joy and dispelled our fears. We found that all had come intent, not upon their own pleasure, but upon the Lord's business. By their cheerful and helpful presence they made the matter of entertainment a pleasure instead of a burden, and we were sorry they could not have prolonged their stay. Very many have expressed the wish that the meeting could be held here again soon.

The presence of so many co-workers for even so short a time has strengthened our faith and given us new courage to go on. The spiritual uplift of such a meeting is a

great blessing to any community, and we feel grateful that it has come to us this year.

We rejoice too in the forward steps taken at the meeting for the advancement of the work. We trust that the coming year may be one of large effort and rich success in the Master's work in these Provinces.

When we do anything for God, the very least thing, we never know where it will end, nor what amount of work it will do for him.—Faber.

Doing is the great thing; for if, resolutely, people do what is right, in time they come to like doing it.

Married.

HENDERSON-BOLES.—In St. John, August 18th, 1897, by J. Chris. B. Appel, Emory Branscombe Henderson and Olive Winifred Boles, both of St. John.

LOCKHART BONNELL. In St. John, on July 28th, by H. W. Stewart, William Lockhart, of Milford, St. John Co., and Mabel Bonnell, of St. John.

Died.

BARNES.—On Lord's day morning, August 29th, Bro. James E. Barnes, at the age of 74 years, "finished his course with joy." (Fuller notice later). H. W. S.

ROBERTSON.—On August 21st, Sister Gertrude A., daughter of George F. Robertson, Esq., Burn Brae, Upper Loch Lomond, St. John Co., ceased from her labors here at the early age of 27 years, leaving her devoted parents and loving brothers and sisters to toil on a little longer, without her cheering presence and inspiring example. Several years ago while in St. John, she began attending the Coburg Street Christian Church. She was impressed by the simplicity of the gospel, and sought by personal interview to learn more concerning the plan of salvation. When fully convinced as to her duty and privilege, she desired to confess Christ publicly and to publicly put him on in baptism. The joy she then experienced was such as only the true lovers of the Lord feel; and from that day she went on her way rejoicing. Three of her sisters, animated by the same sincere desire to do and be what the Lord commanded, studied the gospel carefully and followed her example. Sister Gertrude was a choice spirit, seeking to adorn the gospel of her Saviour and desiring to be conformed to his image. The loved ones left behind can cherish her memory and regard her not as lost, but as gone before. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." R. W. S.

ROBERTSON.—In St. John, on the morning of August 12th, Sister Robertson, widow of the late Henry Robertson, closed her pilgrimage of 77 years, and entered into rest. She was the daughter of the late John Blackadar of Her Majesty's Dock yards, Halifax. In early life she came to St. John, where for many years her husband carried on an extensive business, which she successfully continued for some time after his death, twenty-three years ago. Soon after her arrival in this city she became a member of the Church of Christ and met with the few faithful disciples who then held services in a hall on Charlotte Street. During the years that have since elapsed, she was loyal to her Master and deeply interested in the progress of the truth. She loved the kingdom of Christ, she held fast the glorious gospel of the blessed God. Grounded and settled in her convictions by a diligent study of the Bible, she had no sympathy with any who would deceitfully handle the word of truth. Full of integrity she loved righteousness and gloried in its triumphs, she hated iniquity and rejoiced in its overthrow. During the earlier years of the writer's ministry in this city, she was among the most faithful attendants on the services of the Lord's house. Her place at his table was seldom vacant. In later years, owing to increasing infirmities, she was often missed, and for the last year or so, she has been unable to meet with her brethren and sisters in the public assembly of the saints. Now, we feel assured, she has gone up higher to join the general assembly in heaven. Besides many friends who held her in high esteem, she leaves behind two sons (both in the United States) and two daughters (both members of the Coburg Street Church, St. John). They sorrow, not as those who have no hope. They rejoice, that, when the Master came she was ready, and has entered into the rest prepared for the people of God.

"O sweet will be the welcome day,
When from her toils and woes released,
My parting soul in death shall say,
'Now Lord I come to Thee for rest.'" H. W. S.

JEWEL.—On the 16th of July, at Hopedale near Hunter River, in her 21st year, Sister Janie, a pious daughter of William and Mary Jewel, after an illness of two years. Three years ago, when Bro. H. Murray was preaching at

New Glasgow, Janie, with a number of others, gave her self to the Lord, and from that time till he took her from earth she was enabled to honor his name. All who saw her in her sufferings could clearly see the power of Christ in her cheerful resignation to his will and her readiness to speak his praise. A few days before her death she told us she would like to live for the sake of friends who were so very kind to her, but all would be well, remarking, "the last three years have been the happiest of my life."

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