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## NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, for the year 1897, will be held with the church at Leonardville, Deer Island, commencing on Friday, 6th day of August next.

M. B. RYAN,

J. E. BARNES,

Secretary.

Chairman.

## NOTES AND NEWS.

There are important notices in this paper for those who are going to the Annual Meeting at Leonardville, Deer Island. Read these carefully, and act accordingly.

THE CHRISTIAN for August is issued one week before the usual time in order that the readers may have the information about the Leonardville meeting which it contains.

C. C. Rowison is now preaching for the 56th Street Church, New York, with a view to taking the work permanently. As he has lately taken to himself a wife we send him our congratulations.

In the programme of the N. B. and N. S. meeting as given last month several serious mistakes occurred. Bro. Ford, and not Bro. Lord, is to preach the sermon on Sunday morning. The mistake arose out of similarity of the names.

The *Christian Guide* says that "G. N. Stevenson of Prince Edward Island, who recently graduated from the College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., will teach at Hazel Green Academy, during the coming year. He will also preach for neighboring churches."

We notice in the *Christian Standard* that "Ernest E. Crawford, minister for the church at Rudolph, O., and Miss Fannie Gittens, of Pittsburg, Pa., were married by S. M. Cook at the residence of J. W. Knight at Trombley, Ohio, June 28, 1897." THE CHRISTIAN sends best wishes.

The Christian Publishing Company, St. Louis, will soon issue from their press A. McLean's new book, "A Circuit of the

Globe." It will contain 62 chapters, about 400 pages of printed matter, and over 100 full page, half-tone illustrations. The book is written in a fascinating style and gives an account of the habits, customs and peculiarities of the countries through which he passed.

The *Christian Oracle* says: "That Mrs. Selina Huntington Campbell, the widow of Alexander Campbell, died June 28th, at Bethany, W. Va., at an advanced age, being near ninety years old. She was married to Alexander Campbell in 1828, and was a lady of marked intellectual ability.

Will those who send in anything for publication in THE CHRISTIAN please address it to THE CHRISTIAN, Box 56, St. John, N. B., and not to the office editor. He is sometimes away when the paper is made up, as was the case last month, and as will likely be the case next month; and whenever this occurs some one else has to act as office editor

We are pleased to notice that the brethren on P. E. I. had an excellent meeting, and one of the surest signs of its excellence were the confession of Christ by some in attendance. We congratulate the churches upon the appointment of Bros. R. W. Stevenson and G. A. Jeffrey to represent them at the meeting on Deer Island. If there's strength in union, why should not the three provinces co-operate in home mission work.

We give our readers some suggestive, timely articles this month from some of our thoughtful brethren. It is quite evident that we ought to plan for a much more successful work than we have hitherto done, and we should seek and adopt the best way to accomplish it. These articles will surely put our readers to thinking over this matter, with the result, we hope, that they will come to the meeting with some ideas tending to the proper solution of this problem.

R. H. Bolton, pastor of the Church of Christ, Everett, Mass., and editor of *The New England Messenger*, hopes to spend a week or ten days in Westport, N. S., with his son, and afterward attend the Annual Convention at Leonardville. The brethren of the provinces will gladly welcome our talented, consecrated brother; and when he has paid us one visit we think he will be constrained to repeat it frequently.

The Illinois Christian Encampment is to be held in Eureka, July 26th to August 1st. Among the speakers are Mrs. O. A. Burgess, Mrs. Candace Lhamon Smith, Pres. J. H. Hardin, Pres. B. J. Radford and A. McLean. Robt. T. Matthews, Chancellor of Drake University and E. B. Barnes, minister at Normal, are to preach the sermons on Lord's day. We are pleased to see Bro. Barnes in such good company.

The programme of the Ministerial Association is published in this issue. The sessions will begin on Thursday, August

5th. As no boat goes from St. John to Eastport on that day, those going to this meeting by the International steamers shall have to leave this city on Wednesday morning's boat. We do not think that many besides the ministers will be able to spare the time to attend this meeting.

Those going to the Annual Meeting from Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and places in New Brunswick along the Intercolonial Railway, will have to remain over night in St. John—Tuesday night, if they go to the Ministerial meeting, and Thursday night if they go only to the Annual Meeting. If these delegates will send their names to H. W. Stewart, Box 56, St. John, N. B., before August 1st, and state when and how they are coming, he will see that entertainment is provided for them. If you expect to come, send him your name *at once*.

The International C. E. convention was held at San Francisco early in July, and was attended by nearly 30,000 delegates, about one half of whom were Californians. Prominent places on the programme were given some of our preachers, including E. L. Powell, B. B. Tyler, A. B. Philpott, and H. L. Willett. Each morning during the convention the latter conducted Bible studies which were largely attended. The report of the General Secretary, J. W. Baer, shows that in the number of societies the Presbyterians still lead with 5,531. The Congregationalists come second with 4,156, and the Disciples of Christ third with 3,208.

Some people's holiness takes a peculiar way of manifesting itself, so peculiar, in fact, that we are compelled to doubt whether it be what it professes. When "holiness" talks about "keeping the Sabbath," and then runs Sunday excursions, we must be permitted to judge the tree by its fruit. This may be a very good way of making money, and it also gives the worldly minded a chance to have a cheap picnic on the Lord's day; but we very much doubt the propriety (to put the matter mildly) of children of God taking the wages of unrighteousness. We like the holiness that shows itself in having no fellowship with the works of darkness but rather reproves them. We are not to do evil that good may come.

We notice that many churches are at work trying to deepen their spiritual currents, trying to increase the consecration and godliness of the members. This is well. If all professing Christians were what they should be, it would be a much easier matter to reach the unsaved. The money needed would be forthcoming and the world would not be stumbling over unconverted church members. The evangelist that very many churches need is one who will set before them the true ideal, and help them to realize it. The days of the evangelist who adds vast quantities of wood, hay and stubble should be quickly terminated; *i. e.*, his days as an evangelist. He does the church an almost incalculable injury, and the greater his success the more the church is to be pitied.

"Plain Talks to Young Men" is the title of a little book written by Peter Austie, editor of the *Christian Tribune*, Baltimore Md. The subjects treated are dancing, the theatre, gambling, swearing and cursing, lying, and Christian service. The book is written in a bright, entertaining style and is easier read when once begun than put aside. It will do young men good to carefully peruse this book. If we could, we would cheerfully present a copy to young men who are neglecting the Christian service, or indulging in these sins; or who are in danger of this sin of omission or these sins of commission.

The world is moving. The Episcopalians used to be the strictest sect. Great emphasis was put on consecrated ground and buildings and upon old formal ways of conducting worship. It seemed sometimes that they thought it would be better to let souls be lost than to change forms and methods. But in St. John an Episcopal rector is actually holding open air meetings after the regular Sunday evening services, and he is conducting them in a way that proves him to be a lover of souls more than of rituals; to have greater respect for the command of him who said, "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind," than for the wish of an ecclesiastic who would have public religious services conducted in consecrated buildings and there alone. We admire the courage of this man who has introduced a new order of things among the Episcopalians. He has good precedents for his open air meeting—even that of John the Baptist and of Jesus the Christ.

### News of the Churches.

#### ST. JOHN, N. B.

##### COBURG STREET

Bro. O. G. Hertzog, of Hiram College, Ohio, spent Lord's day, July 4th, in our city. He preached for the Main Street Church in the morning and for the Coburg St. Church in the evening. At the conclusion of the sermon he spoke of the educational advantages of Hiram College. He left on the Intercolonial Railway on Tuesday morning to attend the Annual Meeting at New Glasgow, P. E. I. He returned on Tuesday, 13th, and preached the same evening.

The first meeting of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions was held on Lord's day afternoon, July 4th, Sister Flaglor presiding. Meeting opened by singing the hymn, "Far, Far Away in Heathen Darkness Dwelling," prayer by Bro. Stewart, reading the Scriptures by Sister Dickson, Sister Edwards read a paper on "Unemployed Talent in the Church." Bro. Appel sang a solo. Sister Ada Emery read the tract "Tell it Again." Bro. Hertzog gave an address, in which he spoke of the noble women who are doing such a grand work for missions, and also said that he had the pleasure of attending the first meeting of the C. W. B. M.

Bro. W. H. Harding of West Gore spent a few days in our city last month. He was at the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting on Tuesday evening and presided at our prayer meeting on Thursday evening (15th), and preached at Silver Falls on the following evening.

Bro. Herbert Emery, Jamaica Plain, is visiting his parents in this city.

The Coburg and Main St. Sunday-schools held their annual picnic at Hodgson's Grove on Kennebecasis Island, Thursday, July 22nd. The steamer Aberdeen conveyed the scholars and friends from the grounds. There was a large attendance and a very enjoyable time was spent by all.

Bro. J. B. Allen is spending his vacation in the celestial city (Fredericton).

Sister Jas. J. Christie and daughter Emma are spending a few weeks at Mascarene, Charlotte Co., N. B. Sister L. A. Miles is also spending a few weeks at her home in Milton, N. S.

#### MAIN STREET.

W. H. Harding attended our Y. P. S. C. E. meeting on Wednesday evening, July 14th.

On July 14th our Y. P. S. C. E. elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Bro. B. Langley; Vice-President, Sister Nina Whelpley; Secretary, Sister Maggie Roberts; Treasurer, Sister Mary Hurd.

Bro. O. G. Hertzog, of Hiram, Ohio, preached for us on Lord's day morning, July 4th.

July 4th being C. W. B. M. Day, we held our first meeting.

#### BURT'S CORNER, N. B.

The writer visited the church at this place toward the close of June and remained one week. As the season was unusually busy only two meetings were held during the week, but three were held on Sunday. These three were all held in different places, — Jones' Forks in the morning, Dorin Ridge in the afternoon and Burt's Corner in the evening. The first was held in an unfinished union house, the second in a school-house, and the third in the Baptist meeting-house. There was a good attendance of interested hearers at all these meetings.

The house which the Disciples of Christ are building is slowly approaching completion. It will not be ready for occupancy before the late fall or early winter. The brethren are paying as they go; and as times are hard they do not go very fast. The house can be finished and furnished for about \$400, and the church is thinking of raising a loan for this amount and putting the house in readiness for use. This is probably the wisest thing for them to do. Once they get into the house they shall not find it hard to clear off the small indebtedness.

The church is alive. In its membership it has some of the best material, and with patient, prayerful labor a church can be built up there that will be as a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hid. When this house is completed a young man who is not looking for a salary larger than he could get when starting in any profession, could live very comfortably among these good people, preaching at the three places mentioned above. And if he had any genuine, Christian zeal, he would find many places round about where he could sow the good seed.

H. W. STEWART.

#### WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

On June 27th C. W. B. M. day was observed in Tiverton. In the morning the pastor preached a missionary sermon, and in the evening the auxiliary had charge of the services. The readings given by the sisters were splendid. The exercise, "The little lights," by the children, was made real by lighted tapers and was full of interest. The audience showed its appreciation by a liberal contribution.

In Westport the regular day, July 4th, was observed as C. W. B. M. day. The auxiliary had charge of the morning hour. A good-sized audience greeted them and they acquitted themselves well. The president, Sister Carrie Payson, made an interesting speech in regard to the work in the Maritime Provinces. A number of readings were also given. In the evening the pastor preached a missionary sermon, the contribution of the evening being given to the sisters to aid them in their work.

Sunday afternoon, June 27th, the writer, by request, preached the annual sermon to the Independent Order of Foresters in Tiverton. The court was present in a body.

Before Sunday-school, July 4th, Lyman Pugh was baptized in Westport. I am told it is very unusual to have a baptism on these islands in the summer time.

The Young People's Missionary Societies in both churches are doing finely. The Westport society, which was organized first, raised \$6.00, which it divided between home and foreign missions. The Tiverton society raised \$2.00, which it sent to the home mission fund.

Mr. Greenlow, Tiverton, is still very poorly.

J. W. BOLTON.

#### HALIFAX, N. S.

Our work has been somewhat interrupted during the past month by the sickness and death of my father and a painful case of illness in our own home here in the city.

Bro. W. J. Messervey, one of our indefatigable members, is absent for a few months on a visit to England and the Channel Islands.

Bro. Loran DeWolf, whom the writer baptized less than a year ago, gave us a call, and worshipped with us once this week. We were anxious to locate our talented young brother in Halifax, but he goes as a teacher to Milton soon. Our loss is Milton's gain. Halifax seems to be a radiating centre. This retards our growth, but aids other places.

While absent at the death and burial of my father in Cornwallis, Mr. Algernon J. Pollock, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, who is at present holding evangelistic services in a tent in this city, preached once very acceptably in the North Street Christian Church.

The writer is under promise to preach a week or ten days at Elmsdale after harvest.

The picnic of the North Street Christian Church Sunday-school will be held on the 30th at Heffer's grounds, Bedford Basin.

Distance and the time of year would seem to be reasons for a comparatively small delegation from this part of Nova Scotia to the annual.

We have been the recipients of most friendly and tenderly sympathetic letters from several of our former fields of labor in the United States during the anxious days and hours of the past few weeks. True friendliness supports and strengthens the mind, alleviates the pains of life, and renders the present state, at least, somewhat comfortable. "Sorrows," says Bacon, "by being communicated grow less, and joys greater." A sympathizing heart finds an echo in sympathizing bosoms that bring back cheering music to the spirit of the lowliest. We are thankful for our true friends.

T. H. BLENUM.

#### CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

##### CENTRAL CHURCH.

The writer is back at his post again greatly improved in health. Thanks to the kindness of Bro. Henry W. Stewart and other friends in St. John.

Bro. O. G. Hertzog, on his way to New Glasgow, addressed the congregation at prayer-meeting, and the following night he spoke at Cross Roads, Lot 48. His presence and stirring addresses were very helpful, and truly his coming to the Island was providential in every way.

The church has extended to me a unanimous call to labor with them in the proclamation of the gospel, and I have accepted the work.

Bro. Wm. Gates spent two days with the brethren in Cross Roads and Charlottetown. His efforts among the Island churches generally in selling some of our representative literature has succeeded beyond our most sanguine expectations. May the Lord bless and prosper him in our prayer.

The annual meeting at New Glasgow was a great success. The Lord heard and answered our prayers for wisdom, grace and strength. Two of the five who made the good confession during the meeting and put on Christ in baptism, namely, Bros. Chas. H. Chandler and Leonard McKay, will unite with the Central Church.

GEO. MANIFOLD.

#### SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

The weather on the Island is very warm, and the crops are coming on splendidly. The farmers are assured that the Divine promise (Gen. x. 22) shall stand.

Our town today presents a lively aspect, as the provincial election is being held. The contest is sharp, but victory can be with only one party. How different the conditions of grace upon which the salvation of the soul is possible. All who are willing to contend lawfully may win.

The P. E. I. annual is over, and it was the best one in the history of our cause here. Bro. O. G. Hertzog contributed much to its success. He is a strong man in the gospel of grace. He is genial, sterling and godly. His sermons were of a very high intellectual type, and full of clear-cut gospel truth. Our work on the Island is encouraging. We hope for success. God grant us patience.

The idea of co-operating in home mission work meets with much favor. Bros R. W. Stevenson and G. A. Jeffrey were appointed by the meeting at New Glasgow to attend the Annual of N. B. and N. S., at Leonardville, Deer Island, to more firmly lay the basis of union with the churches of these provinces. H E C.

**Home Mission Notes.**

All is well. Thank you, my brethren, you have enabled us to meet all expenses. It makes us glad to see such a general response to the last call. Adversity shows us who are our true friends. Besides the money received the accompanying words of encouragement and cheer were a great source of pleasure.

This closes the secretary's and treasurer's seventh year on the Board. We have failed to accomplish many things that we thought we could in the interest of the work, yet the brethren have put in our power to do much good. We have kept our returns this year different from the other years; that is, the amounts contributed at the places assisted have not appeared in our accounts. If they were added to this year's receipts they would be the largest of the seven.

Halifax, Pictou and Portland will have financial statements at the annual, and it will then be seen that they have paid about \$1,000.00 for preaching, which would have appeared in our receipts and expenses if we had continued the method of the previous years. If we had continued it we would acknowledge about \$1,600.00 this year instead of \$600.00.

A word in regard to our annual. The P. E Island churches are seeking union with us in our home mission work. Important questions will arise in regard to future plans of work and ways of raising means. The best men should be chosen to lead the churches in these vital matters. So come to the annual and give us the benefit of your judgment in regard to the plans proposed. Bro. J. A. Lord, President of the American Christian Home Mission Society will be there and it will be well for us if we can show him that this is one of the best places in America to sow the seed. If we convince him that we do the work decently and in order, that we are deeply interested in restoring primitive Christianity, that there will be a good return for all the means expended, and that we are able and willing to help push our home mission work, no doubt he will secure the aid we so much need from our brethren over the line. So then do not let a little business or money prevent you from coming up and showing your interest in winning great victories for the Master in these provinces.

**RECEIPTS.**

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$509 13
St. John Mission Band, . . . . .	3 05
"    A Sister, . . . . .	1 00
"    W. F. Leonard, . . . . .	5 00
"    Main St Ladies' Aid, . . . . .	1 25
South Range, H. A. Devoc, . . . . .	2 00
Pictou, . . . . .	10 00
Leonardville, A Sister, . . . . .	2 00
Lord's Cove, Mrs. F. Richardson, . . . . .	1 00
"    per D. F. Lambert, . . . . .	15 00
River John, A Helper, . . . . .	2 00
Kildare, P. E. I., Mrs. S. Rayner, . . . . .	1 00
Cornwallis, per E. C. Ford, . . . . .	10 00
West Gore, Josiah Wallace and wife, . . . . .	5 00
Westport, per E. A. Payson, . . . . .	6 00
"    Y. P. Missionary Society, per J. W. Bolton, . . . . .	3 00
Tiverton Y. P. Missionary Society, per Miss A. J. Cossaboon, . . . . .	2 00
Swampscott, Mass, Eldc. Wm. Murrny, . . . . .	1 00

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J. S. FLAGLOR, Treasurer.

**Foreign Missions.**

*Maritime C. W. B. M.*

*Expect great things from God.  
Attempt great things for God.*

DEAR SISTERS,—The time for our annual meeting is very near, and I trust you are all making preparations for it. Many preparing to be present, others to have a good report there, and still others praying earnestly God's blessing upon our gathering together.

The programme committee expect to have a very interesting C. W. B. M. meeting on Monday afternoon. A new feature will be an open parliament, conducted by the president and participated in by quite a number of others.

Our annual meetings in the past have been a great source of inspiration and spiritual uplift, and we feel sure that this will be another grand meeting. We want you all to come, and to come with the desire to make this the very best meeting we have yet held.

Please send report by some one coming from your society, or to the secretary.

Mrs. J. S. FLAGLOR, Secretary.

St. John, N. B.

Ladies' Aid Societies and Mission Bands, please take notice! All money to be entered in this year's report *must* be sent so as to reach Pictou by the 31st of July at the very latest.

There is still quite a sum lacking the amount pledged at West Gore.

SUSIE FORD STEVENS.

**RECEIPTS.**

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$226 18
St. John—	
Coburg St. Ladies' Aid, . . . . .	1 85
"    C. W. B. M. Day, . . . . .	7 70
Main St Ladies' Aid, . . . . .	1 25
Lord's Cove—	
Ladies' Aid, . . . . .	5 00
Westport—	
C. W. B. M. Day, . . . . .	3 50
Young People's Missionary Society, . . . . .	3 00
Tiverton—	
C. W. B. M. Day, . . . . .	4 10
Ladies' Aid, . . . . .	60
Summerside—	
C. W. B. M. Day, from C. E., . . . . .	1 00

\$254 18

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

**Children's Work.**

Address all communications to Mrs. D. A. Morrison, 139 Queen Street, St. John, N. B.]

**'97 ROLL OF HONOR.**

Among the churches of Christ there are 124 junior societies of Christian Endeavor which are enrolled on the '97 Roll of Honor of the United Society of Christian Endeavor. It is required that "an Endeavor Society shall have contributed \$10.00 or more for missions through the channel designated by the church to which the society belongs," in order that it may be enrolled upon this Roll of Honor. As by common consent of our various boards, the junior societies are asked to contribute to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, only the names of those societies which sent the required amount to this Board are found upon the Honor list.

The C. W. B. M. will have a Roll of Honor for its young people's department, which will

be exhibited at the general convention next October, and will be preserved among the archives of the Association. They feel that it would be discouraging to the small societies and bands in poor churches to only enroll those who contribute \$10.00 or more. So they will enroll all who make an offering for missions through this channel, and will give them credit for the full amount contributed. As the juniors are asked for the famine-stricken land of India, it is hoped that the more than 800 societies which have so far given nothing, will send an offering before September 30th, and so be given a place upon this Roll of Honor.

MATTIE POUNDS,  
National Supt Junior C. E. Societies.

Indianapolis.

**CHILDREN'S WORK.**

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$105 25
St. John—	
Wide Awake Band (March) . . . . .	35
Wide Awake M. B., . . . . .	2 62
Tiverton—	
Mission Band, . . . . .	1 50
Total, . . . . .	\$109 12

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

FORD-STEVENSON.—An extremely pretty wedding in which Miss Susie Ford of Port Williams and Rev. R. E. Stevens, pastor of the Disciples church, Pictou, were the contracting parties, took place at Port Williams yesterday afternoon at 2 p. m., in the presence of a large number of invited guests. Kind friends had made the room in which the ceremony took place a perfect bower of loveliness with flowers and other decorations, a beautiful bridal bell, the work of Mrs. G. H. Illsley, being suspended above the happy couple. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. C. Ford, father of the bride, assisted by the Rev. H. Murray, of Milton, Queens County.

The bride, who was dressed in beautiful cream cashmere with cream moire silk and lace, was attended by her cousin, Miss Evelyn Barnaby of Milton, Queens Co., and Miss Winnifred Stevens of Halifax, cousin of the groom, as bridesmaid. Miss Barnaby was robed in pink crepon and lace; Miss Stevens in cream muslin with lace and ribbon; both were charming. The groom was supported by Mr. Edward Fullerton, of Pictou, and Mr. Carl Wallace of Halifax. As the bridal party entered the parlor they were greeted by the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Kisboro Illsley. After the ceremony a reception was tendered the happy couple and party, after which they left to take the afternoon train for Halifax, where a second reception was tendered them at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wallace, cor. of North and Gottingen St. This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will leave Halifax for Pictou, their future home. The bride was the recipient of a large number of valuable presents testifying in a marked degree the esteem in which she was held by her large circle of friends. The WESTERN CHRONICLE unites with whole community in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Stevens every happiness that long years of married life can bring them.—*Western Chronicle, June 27th.*

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## EDITORIAL.

## EUROPE'S FIRST CONVERT.

About seven or eight years after Barnabas and Saul were sent forth as missionaries by the Holy Spirit from the church at Antioch, the latter carried the gospel into Europe. Many were the obstacles he met in his onward march. His burning anxiety to preach Jesus in Jerusalem and tell his own conversion and the love of Christ to his countrymen was not gratified. He was now even forbidden of the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia, and when he attempted to go into Bithynia the Spirit suffered him not. What was he to do? Every door seemed closed against him. But he found by experience that as high as heaven is above the earth, so are God's ways above his ways. His will and wisdom and ways failed that God's might triumph. His defeat in Asia was but a prelude to his victories in Europe, where he was to light the lamp of life, never to go out till it shone into every corner of the earth.

Neither time nor space permits a notice of the interesting history of Paul's call to preach the gospel in Europe. We hope the reader will carefully consider it. Its truth is stranger and infinitely grander than fiction.

We find the apostle in Philippi. Not even a synagogue is there in which to speak to the Jews on the Sabbath, but on this the only day in which Jews meet, he speaks to a small company of women by the river side. The men of the place were somewhere else, but Paul and his companions spoke to the women. Lydia, a merchant lady, heard them, and the Lord opened her heart so that she attended to the things spoken. It does not say that the Lord opened her heart before she heard the gospel, or that he inclined her heart to give the apostle a hearing, but he opened her heart so that she did some thing or things. Although words without knowledge have been multiplied to make her case a mystery, nothing can be plainer than the simple narrative. While Paul was preaching the gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation to every believer, the Lord opened her heart so that she attended to the things, or did what Jesus requires every believer to do when he said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Attending to the things which were spoken of Paul is coupled with "when she was baptized and her household, she besought us to come into her house," etc. This makes plain the things which she attended to. She first gave herself to the Lord and then to the ministering of the saints and every good work. The Lord opens the heart of every one who honestly and earnestly hears the sweet, sweet story of Christ and him crucified. Lydia was one of these. Preachers should be earnest in prayer for God to open the hearts of their hearers and thankful when it is done.

A woman was the first in the transgression and generally is the first to receive him who was made of a woman, made under the law, etc. His is the only system which removes from woman all shame and sin, and exalts her to stand at the side and near the heart of honorable manhood. How significant the fact that a woman was the first in Europe to receive the salvation of God! We live at a time when a woman is not inferior to any mortal in morality, in authority, and in the affections of the human race, and one that has reigned long enough to see the gospel spread over the earth as no other has ever done.

Many have tried to prove infant baptism from the baptism of Lydia's household. We remark, 1st. Infants and household are not the same; 2nd. There is no hint of infants being in Lydia's household. No hint of her having either husband or children, young or old. 3rd. To show who made up her household we read verse fortieth: "And they (Paul and Silas) went out of the prison and entered into the house of Lydia, and when they had seen the BRETHREN, they comforted them and departed."

## Original Contributions.

## CHRISTIAN BENEVOLENCE.

T. H. BLENNIS.

Of all the virtues of the human character there is none more exalted and noble than that of benevolence. The man whose feelings are alive to the sufferings and misfortunes of his fellow beings, whose heart is ready with its sympathy, and whose hand is prepared for its succor, has a redeeming spirit within him whose influence will aid in purifying his soul from many of the errings incident to human frailty and the weaknesses so natural to moral depravity. It is the filtering stone of the imperfections of our nature, which suffers all the purer principles to pass onwards with the current of our life, but throws back the grosser and more selfish passions; and he that possesses the true spirit of benevolence, though he may have wandered from the straight path of moral duty, is not, and cannot be the irreclaimable, lost and forsaken being spoken of in the Holy Scriptures. He is still thousands of moral miles ahead of the being whom it would be sacrilege to call a man, and flattering to designate as a brute, whose whole existence from the helplessness of infancy to the feeble tottering of decrepitude, from the cradle to the sepulchre, has been passed without the offering of a single sympathy, or the boon of a single comfort towards his fellow travellers on the road to eternity. What though he may have worshipped no false gods, committed no murder, borne no false witness against his neighbor, nor taken from him that which belonged to him, still he has neglected those duties imposed upon him alike by the precepts of Holy Writ and the principles of human morality.

I am writing of the true spirit of benevo-

lence, that which finds its way into the chamber of the dead and dying, which lurks amid the by-ways of human existence—which comes amid the watches of the night and under the veil of darkness, which letteth not the left hand know what the right hand doeth—which "does good by stealth and sighs to find it fame"—not that illegitimate and purse-proud spirit, which is to be found vaunting itself in the highways and most frequented places at high-noon, with the trumpet of ostentation sounding its approach and the criers on the housetops proclaiming, "Look, he giveth!" It is the secret, yet consecrated hidden gift, the kind, honest, heartfelt offering, the fostering and unpretending sympathy: *these* are the attributes of that virtue, which stand first on the list of human perfections.

How brilliant, how permanent, how lasting is the fame, the character, the reputation of the spirit of benevolence. The man whom this heaven-born grace has adopted as her own child never blasts by the operation of a malignant passion the hopes and prospects of a fellow, he never knows or practices the subtleties of an intrigue which may dash with gall the cup of a friend, because perchance that friend is an obstacle in the path of his ambition. He, in short, has no recollections to agonize his heart or to disturb those placid and lasting enjoyments which spring, Minerva-like, armed, full-grown and enlightened from the head of charity. He can step forward from the rank of his fellow citizens in the possession of the grandest gift a human being can aspire to—the love of his fellow-man, and we see his brow encircled with an honor the most dazzling that a human being, accountable to his Maker, can wish for—a wreath woven by the hand of charity.

This noble passion of our nature is calculated, in the excellency of its original purity, to assimilate men to angels. It is that feeling of the heart upon which the Almighty smiles with complacency, and which being subject to no mutations, neither the obliquities of education, nor the vacillating opinions of men, can change, nor mar one feature in its heavenly aspect.

## IS IT TRUE?

H. MURRAY.

We noticed in reading the last number of THE CHRISTIAN a deficit in our mission fund. Why is this? Is it true that the Disciples in our provinces are not sufficiently interested in the cause of missions to devote their offerings for its support? We are slow to believe this. We have no reason to suppose that the Disciples in our provinces are any the less willing or any the less able to support the cause of Christ than our brethren in other places where the mission cause is successful. Why then is it that there is such a paucity of funds, if not for a lack of interest?

Let us seek the cause of success of others. Why is it that the American Home Mission Board has been so successful in the last year or two, in squaring the old accounts? Because they have a live man who is giving his time to this work, constantly presenting and agitating the claims of missions. He is filling the homes with letters and cards and envelopes in all shapes and forms, besides making a personal canvass among the

churches. The American Mission Boards have learned the lesson that we must all learn before we can prosper; *i. e.*, that it requires some one to *push* the work and make it a specialty, to keep the subject of missions before the minds of the people.

Our experience and our observation have taught us that even in our local church work, unless we have some one who will take on the financial interest and push it, there is never any success in that line. In the churches where the offerings are a success, it is not because the people are more able or more willing to give, but because they have a financier, one who takes a special interest in the work and keeps it moving.

Here is one special and supreme need just now. One who will devote his time to agitating and educating the people, on the subject of missions and soliciting their offerings, both by personal canvass and mission literature.

It may be said that the preachers should attend to this work in their own congregations. This is much easier said than done. The preachers in our provinces with a few exceptions, are in an attitude that forbids them from having much to say on the financial question. It is a position not easily reached for a preacher who is "out-at-the-elbows" to advocate the necessity of giving without conveying the idea that he is speaking one word for missions and two himself.

It is the humble judgment of the writer that no better or more needed work could be done in the interest of missions, than a constant, direct and personal work along this line, in educating the churches, securing their co-operation and elevating the standard of mission enterprise, by one who is able and willing to devote his time to it. When this is done we will find that our provinces are not one whit behind other countries in their devotion and consecration to the work of God.

#### A SUGGESTION.

E. C. FORD.

As the time draws nigh for holding our annual meeting those interested are thinking and planning as to the best way to advance the interest of the cause committed to their trust. These meetings being largely a committee of the brethren "on ways and means" to advance the cause of Christ in these provinces, every church should see to it that some of her best and most earnest workers were encouraged to attend. It would also be very helpful if those who attend those meetings were authorized by the churches they represent to make some suggestion, or offer some plan by which the cause of Christ may be more rapidly advanced.

Considerable progress has been made in the last decade, but nothing to what there would have been had there been that hearty co-operation of the churches that the cause demands. If the several churches would take on the responsibility which is not only

their right, but duty, those who have the work in charge would be able to accomplish a far greater work than has yet been done in these provinces. But before this will be done there must be some faithful missionary work done among the churches. The one great need of to-day is, that the churches be awakened to a deeper interest in the cause we plead outside of their own localities. Too many are seemingly satisfied to exist, and put no effort to spread the simple gospel of Christ, as it is our duty to do.

Now the question is, How can we interest the churches in this work and secure their hearty co-operation in the future? The circumstances being favorable the resident preacher can do much along this line. But as some of them are situated it is difficult to accomplish much in this direction. Then, again, we have been trying this plan for years, and the churches, with but few exceptions, and they are noble exceptions, too, are not alive to the necessity of their taking hold of this work as its needs demand.

Now my suggestion is that a good man be secured to take on just this kind of work, whose duty it shall be to visit the several churches to stir up their pure minds in the way of duty, to enlist the sympathy and substantial co-operation of all the churches in our home mission work, and to set in order, as far as possible, the things that are needed.

There are weak churches that could be greatly helped by a little timely aid in securing for them needed labor and helping them to get into the work. This is purely and scripturally the work of an evangelist, and without such work things will be likely to go along in the slow way they have been going for years. This evangelist may hold special meetings when the circumstances are favorable, but his first and especial work should be to awaken the churches to a sense of their duty and stir up a greater missionary spirit both in the churches and among the preachers than now exists.

In suggesting the employment of an evangelist for this work, I would not be understood to encourage the withdrawal of needed aid from any of the mission points now being assisted, but rather in addition to this to put a regular evangelist in the field to do this much needed work, which, it is believed, would greatly strengthen the hands of those who conduct our missionary affairs, and enable them to do much more in the way of establishing the cause in new fields, and at the same time would do much good among the churches thus visited.

I am simply suggesting this for the consideration of the brethren who will soon be gathered in our annual meeting. It has generally been thought the first duty of the evangelist to hold meetings, and if additions could not be reported the work would be voted a failure. To my mind this is only secondary. First let us get the churches at work and the additions will take care of themselves.

I wish all our churches would take this suggestion into consideration and come up to our annual prepared to take some action in this matter. We are doing well even under present circumstances, but we can do very much better.

#### A FINAL WORD.

JAS. DICKINSON.

I am pleased to hear that no one is troubling Bro. Stevenson in Montague, and not only pleased, but delighted, that such union exists between the minister and the brethren in the church there. I hope this union will continue to grow, that that church will be like a city set on a hill; that it will not only shine in and around Montague, but will extend its glorious light over all this fair island.

I am sorry that I overlooked the work done by Bros. Crawford and Knox. Far be it for me to ignore the work of any man, much less the work of those worthy men, who toiled and sacrificed so much for the cause, and were not satisfied to sit down and enjoy the fruits of other men's labor.

Bro. Stevenson says that there were only about forty members in New Glasgow church when Bro. Crawford located there, and in a few months the membership was doubled. Does Bro. Stevenson mean to say that this rapid growth was caused by Bro. Crawford giving his whole time to the work of the ministry, or does he mean to say that Bro. Crawford located with the church in New Glasgow at this time as a minister of the church under engagement. If he does, I am not surprised that he holds the views he does regarding the minister and his calling.

There is much more in Bro. Stevenson's letter that I might refer to, but as it is mostly personal I think it will be better for the cause that I should let it pass, for I am certain that it will not be interesting to the intelligent readers of THE CHRISTIAN. If Bro. Stevenson enjoys such style of writing, I do not object.

#### Correspondence.

##### THE P. E. I. ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting on the Island is now past. It was a very pleasant one. The weather being very fine helped to make the meeting a success. No better place than New Glasgow could be found for such a meeting. It is the home of our aged and much esteemed Bro. Crawford, who has done so much for the cause of Christ.

The church, which is new, is a model one. Then the brethren are very kind; and the writer has no hesitation in saying that all the visiting brethren and sisters were well cared for, for which they gave a hearty vote of thanks at the close of the meeting.

All the preaching brethren on the Island were present, also Bro. O. G. Hertzog, of Hiram College, Ohio, and F. T. Norton, Missouri.

On Lord's day Bro. Hertzog preached at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. At the 3 p. m. meeting a young lady came forward and confessed Christ.

Bro. Hertzog is a very forcible preacher. All who heard him were well pleased with his manner of presenting the truth. Bro. R. W. Stevenson preached at 7 p. m. At

the close of the sermon, which was grand, indeed, another young lady came forward and confessed her Saviour before many witnesses.

On Monday forenoon the business session was held. Bro. Emery was elected moderator and the writer re-appointed secretary. After the reading of minutes, reports from the churches were presented. Bro. R. W. Stevenson submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. Egerton Norton, and supported by others:

"Whereas, We all realize that the Island brotherhood has not been as aggressive as it should, and as the necessity of co-operation becomes more apparent, and as there is strength in union;

"Be it resolved, That this meeting recommends that the churches of Christ in this province co-operate with the churches in the other Maritime Provinces in home mission work."

Bro. Stevenson had the pleasure of seeing his resolution carried.

Two delegates to attend the N. B. and N. S. annual were appointed, viz.: Bro. R. W. Stevenson and the writer.

Bro. Hertzog preached again at 7.30 p. m., and in response to the invitation three young men made the good confession. Thus our meeting was brought to a happy close.

G. A. JEFFREY.

Summerside, July 19, 1897.

#### GATHERED FRAGMENTS.

The Hants County co-operation was held with the church in Shubenacadie on June 25-28. The weather was just right and there were representatives from all the churches in the county. We had some splendid social meetings. One of the most pleasant features of these meetings is the greeting of friends and brethren who have not met for months, perhaps years.

Everybody seemed happy and we had a good illustration at this meeting, from more standpoints than one, of the old saying, "How sweet and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity;" and we felt like saying with Paul, "Let brotherly love continue"

On Lord's day the house was crowded. Bro. Hiram Wallace preached morning and evening. Bros. John McDougall and George Wallace presided at the Lord's table, and altogether we had a general good time. The brethren at Shubenacadie gave the visitors a hearty welcome, and entertained them as Hants County people can. Next year the meeting is to be at West Gore.

The question of the hour is, "Are you going to the annual on Deer Island?" Some are, some are not; but perhaps you cannot because of your business or other matters. Well, do as a brother, with whom I was talking the other day, said he was going to do, send five dollars to the mission fund. There may be one hundred people who could do this. Just think of our work starting out with five hundred dollars on hand.

One day last month a number of friends gathered at the house of Bro. George Wallace, in Rawdon, and presented the writer with an address and a purse of money. I appreciated

their efforts very much, and pray that these friends may be blessed temporally and spiritually.

At my present writing I am in St. John, N. B., and expect to remain in New Brunswick until after the annual. I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Hertzog and hearing him preach on Tuesday evening (13th); on Wednesday I attended the Main street prayer-meeting, and I expect to enjoy this evening (Thursday) with the brethren on Coburg street. To-morrow evening I am to preach at Silver Falls. The brethren in New Brunswick are aggressive and also progressive in the good sense of the word.

I will tell you more next time.

W. H. HARDING.

West Gore, Hants Co., N. S.

#### A FEW PLAIN WORDS ABOUT THE ANNUAL.

1. The hospitality of the Deer Island people is freely extended to all genuine delegates and visitors to the meeting. If you have no higher motive in coming than to take an excursion and have a good time, there will be no room for you.

2. Entertainment will be gladly provided for all who notify us beforehand that they are coming. Don't come with the idea that you can find a place to stay, with friends or acquaintances, without notifying them in advance. Your friends may have others assigned to them, and you will impose upon them by crowding in on them. We cannot guarantee entertainment except to those whom we expect.

3. Don't bring the babies. They can come when they grow up. In the meantime the room is needed for older folks.

4. The steamer "Arbutus" will meet the delegates who arrive on the International steamer on Friday at Eastport, conveying them to Leonardville, and returning them to Eastport on Tuesday morning, August 10th, for a round-trip fare of twenty-five cents. Take the "Arbutus" and buy round trip tickets good to return Tuesday morning.

5. It may be necessary for us to lodge some of the delegates at Richardsonville and Lord's Cove. The steamer "Arbutus" will make regular trips between Lord's Cove and Leonardville for all the meetings, enabling the delegates to get backward and forward without inconvenience and at small cost.

6. We believe you will come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. We expect a blessing from your presence in our midst. In return it will be a pleasure for us to minister to your temporal needs, and we gladly bid you come.

7. Send a postal card, not later than August 1st, to the address below, stating when and how you will come. You will see full directions about routes and rates elsewhere in this number of THE CHRISTIAN.

Hoping to meet and greet you at the annual, I am, very truly,

Your Brother in Christ,

M. B. RYAN,

(Deer Island). Lord's Cove, N. B.

#### PROGRAMME FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

LEONARDVILLE, N. B., AUGUST 6-9.

##### FRIDAY.

7.00 P. M.	Devotional Services.....
7.30 "	Words of Welcome... M. B. Ryan Sermon..... J. A. Lord Announcements.....

##### SATURDAY.

9.00 A. M.	Devotional Services.....
10.00 "	Report of Committee on Nominations and Election of Convention Board. Report of Committee on Order of Business. Business.
2.00 P. M.	Devotional Exercises.....
2.15 "	Business.....
3.30 "	Address on "Christian Giving" W. H. Harding. Discussion.....
7.00 P. M.	Devotional Services.....
7.30 "	Sermon..... J. A. Lord.

##### SUNDAY.

A. M.	Sunrise Prayer-meeting.....
10.30 A. M.	Sermon..... E. C. Ford
3.30 P. M.	Opening Services..... Short Talks on the Lord's Supper—its place, significance, power, helpfulness, etc. Communion.....
6.30 "	Devotional Services.....
7.30 "	Sermon..... J. A. Lord.

##### MONDAY.

9.00 A. M.	Devotional Services.....
9.30 "	Business.....
11.00 "	Address, "The Church's Mission in the World."... T. H. Blenus Discussion.....
2.00 P. M.	Devotional Services.....
2.15 "	C. W. B. M. Meeting.....
7.00 "	Home Mission Rally..... Farewell.....

#### PROGRAMME OF MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

LEONARDVILLE, N. B., AUGUST 5, 6.

THURSDAY, 2.30-5.00.

- (1) The Ministerial Dead Line—How Avoided..... W. H. Harding.
- (2) How to Reach Men..... J. W. Bolton.

7.30-9.30.

- (3) The Minister in Society, or the safe ground between being an iceberg or a geyser..... R. W. Stevenson.
- (4) Congregational Missionary Zeal—How best Awakened..... R. E. Stevens.

FRIDAY, 9-12.

- (5) How to Secure a Working Church..... J. C. B. Appel.
- (6) A Successful Protracted—What and How..... M. B. Ryan.

Elders of the respective churches are invited to become members and take part in the discussion of the essays and addresses.

R. W. STEVENSON, President,  
GEO. MANIFOLD, Secretary.

## HEAVEN.

"Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." These are not very popular sayings with the multitude—the very great multitude—who believe in all sorts of communism. The communist is one who seeks—if that word "seeks" be not taken to represent too much of industry and steady purpose—a heaven of wealth so cheap that all can enter in. It must be easy of approach to the loafer, the tramp and the pleasure seeker; and the communist longs for such a state of easy prosperity, forgetting that if it could be realized it would be worth just what it costs—that is, nothing at all. Yet with this axiomatic truth staring them in the face—if truth can stare at all it would do so at such fellows—the heedless multitude clamors for a wealth so cheap that the indolent and shiftless can afford it, and idolizes the men who preach such an easy gospel. A good many, who could tell these deluded dreamers better than that; who could show them—if they would see—that the thing is impossible; that wealth is the product of toil, still refuse to see that the same law holds in the intellectual realm. Many are looking here and there for a cheap and easy education—for a college that will graduate them in a few short terms, and give them a culture so cheap that it may be secured by the dunce, the dude, and the devotee of pleasure. There are a good many who could tell these dreamers better than that, who are, nevertheless and neverthelwiser, looking for a heaven—the eternal spiritual home—so cheap and easy that all may enter without trouble. They demand and applaud the preachers whose gospel embraces the sordid self-seeker as well as the missionary and the martyr. Yet it is plain that, either there is no such heaven as these evangelists promise, or—if there is—the missionary and the martyr pay a great deal more for it than it is worth. If there be a broad, smooth down grade way into the heaven of wealth, or learning, or fame, or into the heaven of heavens itself, there can be no wisdom in striving to enter the narrow, rugged and uphill way by which so many have gone. But all experience unites with revelation in declaring that the way to any excellence, any real reward—any heaven—is straight and narrow, and the many are continually missing it. This is not only a truth of revelation but a fact of experience, and of all unprofitable controversies the quarrel with facts is the most unprofitable.

Since the way to heaven, then is a narrow, up-hill way, the matter of motives becomes all-important. It used to be thought practicable to flog a boy into the heaven of culture, and to scold him into habits of industry. But while punishment may guard against dereliction, it can never prompt to duty. Penalty may prevent crime, but never can be a motive to righteousness. Herein is the law weak. The old brimstone preaching

frightened multitudes away from the brink of hell, but did not invite or lead them to heaven, and being left leaderless they went forth into the wilderness without a Moses—if we may in the license of figure mix type and antitype in this fashion. All steady progress must be maintained by the attraction of the end, not the initial impulse of the start; and if we ever go on to perfection the motive of the going will not be found in repentance from dead works, nor in any of the fundamentals of doctrine or duty by which we are made free from sin, but in the attractiveness of our Leader and the desirableness of the home which he has prepared for us and himself in the many-mansioned dwelling. The great and ultimate motive in any complete career resides not at the *terminus a quo* but at the *terminus ad quem*; and the Christian must be kept in the way of life more by the attractiveness of heaven than the hideousness of hell. There must even come a time when the latter ceases as a conscious motive—when perfect love casteth out fear. Ask yourself, then, not how much you hate the devil, but how much you love Christ; not how much you dread hell—for fear has torment—but how much you desire heaven.

Heaven is but a weak motive to many, because their idea of it is so wholly negative. To them it is only a place of refuge from toil, or pain, or anxiety, or loneliness, and of course they only turn to it when they are tired, or sick, or worried, or deserted. But it does not happen to the average man or woman to be in these conditions long at a time, and so the striving to enter in is very spasmodic with a good many. They seem to make a little progress in times of affliction, out of sheer desperation, but give up as soon as relief has been found. Yet this is an element of the desirableness of heaven that should be uppermost occasionally in our lives. The weary wayfarer as he approaches his home is very likely to long for his rest, and as he becomes more and more weary this will seem more and more its chief attraction; but if this were all of it he might as well put up at the inn—and better, for there he would not be disturbed by domestic cares. If this were all of it, he would want to be gone as soon as he should be rested and filled. From the notion some seem to entertain of heaven I suppose that as soon as they rest up a little they will desire to get out and ramble again. The downiest bed is but a prison to him who has had his rest. He is unfit for the duties, and much more for the blisses, of domestic life, who looks upon home simply as a refuge from hunger, and weariness, and outside troubles; and he is unfit for the duties—for these must be—and more unfit for the blisses of heaven, who regards it simply as a refuge from worldly ills—only as a great asylum for the vanquished and the discouraged. Christ says, "Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest," but that is not all he has to give, and when one has had enough of that it is a very undesirable commodity. If heaven is to be a motive to lofty aspirations, and noble constant endeavor, it must, like home, be some-

thing more than a lodging-house—a place of eating and sleeping. There must be wrought into our idea of heaven something more positive and enduring than this, and something more lasting too, than the comparison between its glory and earth's gloom. I doubt not that

When out of the bliss of that God-lighted clime  
We look back on these threatening cloud-banks of  
time,  
We shall find that these shadings of misery here  
Were for back-grounds for pictures of happiness  
there.

Heaven's rest will be better for toiled-filled years;  
Our eyes shall be brighter for bathings of tears;  
The clear River of Life shall be sweeter for those  
Who have drunken the deepest where Marah out-  
flows,  
And the Christ shall be dearer because of the fall,  
And the Father be nearer—the All-and-In-All.

But heaven's chief delight will not be in the contemplation of pictures, however glorious and historic; nor will its most permanent delight be found in the sense of a comparison of experiences which must vanish as the after experiences lengthen. There is vastly more in heaven than we find in our philosophies, or even in our faiths oftentimes, but we will reserve this side of the question for future consideration.—*B. J. Radford.*

## EVERY DAY WORKERS.

The church is yet to learn that its chief work is to be done by consecrated men of ordinary calibre. Great speeches never marshalled a host. An eminent Scotch divine, getting into the pulpit after a week's elaboration of a learned discourse, forgot it entirely and was compelled to give a plain talk, which, under God, swept half his audience into the kingdom.

There is an absurd call in the church to-day for what are called "big guns," and but little appreciation of well loaded rifles. The "Swamp Angel" in the last was was a failure. It proposed to do great things, but after awhile they found it was cracked and were afraid to use it lest it blow up. So, while men of but small capacity are doing their work well, and make no fuss about it, we have a few "big guns" half cracked with conceit about themselves, and they blow up just when they are wanted for important service.

The nuisance of the church to-day is ecclesiastical "Swamp Angels." Dr. Chalmers' astronomical sermons "make us see stars," but we suppose there were at the time of their delivery uncelebrated ministers of Christ in Scotland who were bringing more souls to the Saviour. Patrick Henry's speech did good in the Virginia legislature, and was of service in giving us when boys something to practice on at the country school-house till the dinner pails along the wall shook with the cry of "Liberty or death," but there were men who could scarcely say a word in public who did as much service when in Independence hall they put their names to the document that declared our national deliverance.

We must all lay hold of the work. If the ranging conflagration of sin is to be put out it will not be by one fireman standing with a big horn making a great racket, but by men, women and boys bringing what water they can—some in hogsheds, some in pails, and some in small dippers, every one doing what he or she can, God helping all the time. "Not by might or by power, but by my spirit," saith the Lord.—*Christian Herald.*



## WON BY A WELCOME.

There is nothing in the world more winning than sympathy and friendliness. Many a one has been led to understand God's willingness to receive, from the cordial welcome given by his children. Some of us may take a hint from the experience of a young man who with his wife strayed into a church service in a great city where they were strangers.

There were neither of them Christian—rather, both of them carelessly unchristian. With the services they were not especially impressed. But after the service, as they were standing about looking at the church, a gentleman approached them, and flinging his arm over the shoulder of the young man, welcomed him and his wife in a way so genuinely cordial that the hard edge of their strangeness was at once smoothed away, and the young couple were sure somebody had real interest in them. "We'll go to that church again," they said together after the warm welcome. They did. It was not long before both husband and wife accepted Christ as their Saviour and their Lord, and united with that church. Almost penniless, and obscure, and quite disheartened, that young man was on that night when so warmly welcomed. To-day he is a member of a firm which flings the meshes of its business all over; and he is now one of the best and most winning of Sunday-school workers and superintendents.—*Young People's Weekly.*

## "NEVER SIR."

If every Christian who trims his lamp and keeps the oil of grace up to its full supply is such a blessed benefactor to others, what a terrible thing it is for a Christian to let his light burn low or go out entirely! A traveller who once visited a light-house in the British Channel said to the keeper "But what if one of your lights should go out at night?" "Never," said the keeper, "never—impossible! Sir, yonder are ships sailing to all parts of the world. If to-night my burner were out, in a few days I might hear, from France, or Spain, or from Scotland or America, that on such a night the light-house in the channel gave no warning, and some vessel had been wrecked. Ah, sir, I sometime feel, when I look at my lights, as if the eyes of the whole world were fixed on me. Go out—burn dim—never, sir, never!"—*T. L. Cuyler.*

## IMPORTANT.

Persons going to the Annual at Leonardville, from places in N. S., P. E. I. and in N. B. along the Intercolonial Railway, will need to be in St. John on Thursday evening, August 5th, in order to go to Eastport on the following morning by the steamers of the International S. S. Co.

The International S. S. Co. will give return tickets from Eastport to St. John free to those paying full fare from St. John to Eastport. Certificates will be given by Secretary at the meeting.

On purchasing tickets for St. John by the Dominion Atlantic Railway, ask for certificate from the ticket agent. This when properly filled in and signed by the secretary of the meeting will allow purchaser to return free.

Those who come by the Intercolonial Railway should purchase a first-class ticket to St. John and at the same time ask for a Standard certificate. If ten persons hold these certificates, properly filled in and signed by the secretary of the meeting, return tickets will be issued free.

## COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

The Literature Committee can report good progress made during the month. Bro. Gates' success has exceeded the expectations of all.

Since last report Bro. Gates was ordered \$69 85 worth of books for New Glasgow and Summerside. He has, including subscriptions for CHRISTIAN, taken orders for \$70 worth at Montague, \$50 worth at East Point and \$20 worth at Charlottetown. He left the Island on July 16th for home, where he may do some canvassing.

Bro. Gates is well pleased with the reception accorded him by the brethren and sisters where he has gone.

We have not been able to follow the plan most prominently advocated at our last annual, viz., that of circulating our literature among outsiders. The principal reason for this has been because, through lack of funds, we were compelled to seek the most ready sale for our publications. But while our sales have therefore been very largely among our own church members, this has been a much needed work. Our success so far justifies us in believing that the work of canvassing outsiders may be successfully entered into next year.

O. B. STOCKFORD,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

St. John, N. B.

## MAIN STREET BUILDING FUND.

With this month begins the report of receipts for the building itself. The \$985.20 already collected has just met the expenses of the lot on Douglas Avenue, and with thankful hearts we begin the second and greater part of the work.

Let us hear promptly from all the friends of apostolic Christianity who read this. If you can send a contribution now, do it—it is needed. If you cannot forward a subscription at this time, write us that you will do so, and give the amount and date when it may be expected.

Main St Sale (balance) . . . . .	\$3 00
Collected by Mrs. W. H. Torsey, . . . . .	5 10
Hants Co. June Meeting, held at Shubenacadie, per W. H. Harding, . . . . .	8 00
Lord's Cove, Mrs. Frank Richardson, . . . . .	1 00
Anonymous, . . . . .	25
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	\$17 35

ABEL ALLAN, Treasurer.

154 Metcalf Street, North End.

## Married.

STEVENS-FORD.—At Port Williams, Wednesday, June 2nd, by E. C. Ford, assisted by H. Murray, Susie B., daughter of E. C. Ford, and Rupert E. Stevens, of Picton.

## Died.

O'BLENUS.—At Woodville, Kings Co., N. S., July 10, 1897, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Allen Morton, Bro. Thomas O'Blenus, in the 82nd year of his age. A good man and one who loved the truth has passed "over the river." Bro. O'Blenus was baptized by Bro. Benj. Howard nearly sixty years ago. The writer has known him for more than thirty years, and has ever found him a true friend, and one who loved the gospel, which gave him so much comfort through all his Christian life. His trials through life have been many, but he never gave up the faith, but felt it his only hope. He was a deacon of the Church of Christ, and officiated in this office until his failing health prevented him meeting with his brethren. He was highly esteemed by his brethren and respected by all. His last sickness was very severe, but was borne with a Christian resignation that only those whose trust is in Christ can realize. He died at the home of his daughter, Sister Morton, who, with her sister, Mrs. Minard, did all that loving hearts and willing hands could do to relieve his great suffering. But on the morning of July 10th he passed away in the sure hope of eternal life. He is the father of our Bro. T. H. Blenus, who also was with him in his last hours. Before his death he selected to be sung at his funeral those beautiful words in hymn 237 of Christian Hymnal:

"How blest the righteous when he dies,  
When sinks a weary soul to rest"

This beautiful hymn so fitly expressed his feelings, and was so real in his death, when like a tired child he fell asleep in Jesus to await the trump of God to call the dead to life. Three daughters and three sons mourn the loss of a kind father, but "they sorrow not as those who have no hope."  
E. C. FORD.

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