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THE ANNUAL MEETING.

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

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

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

FRIDAY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY.

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

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

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

regret on my part. The first is to leave the Board when it is in debt; the second is the circumstances that compel me to give up the work; and the third is that I have not done more in the interest of Home Missions.

We know not what the future holds for the cause in these provinces, but we hope that success will attend our efforts in the cause of Christ. "Let us quit ourselves like men and be strong."

Appended are financial and statistical statement for the year. J. S. FLAGLOR, Secretary.

St. John, N. B., August 5th, 1898.

Place.	Preacher.	Days.	Sermons.	Cost.	ADDITIONS.		Total.
					B'przd	Others	
Halifax	T. H. Blenus	283	90	\$199 50	4	6	29
Elmsdale	do	4	3	..	..	..	10
do	W. F. Shaw	45	15	..	..	..	19
Pictou	do	365	119	166 62	5	7	29
Main Street, St. John	R. E. Stevens	365	104	125 00	3	8	29
Summersville	J. C. B. Appel	150	40	45 00	1	1	11
Mascarene	F. C. Ford	30	35	20 00	..	..	11
Deer Island	W. H. Harding	10	10	*56 00	..	..	29
	J. A. Lord	1248	520	\$612 12	..	..	29

*Travelling expenses to Annual Meeting.

Statement showing amounts contributed and places from which received for the years ending July 31st, 1897 and 1898.

	1897.	1898.
Milton	\$38 32	\$17 90
Do. Sunday-school	5 00	..
Do. Y. P. S. C. E.	5 97	..
Do. for Queens Co.	..	45 00
Halifax	25 00	21 00
Cornwallis	10 00	31 75
Westport	33 00	28 00
Do. Young People's M. S.	3 00	8 00
Tiverton	10 00	9 50
Do. Woman's M. S.	4 05	..
Do. Young People's M. S.	2 00	3 00
Southville	2 00	4 00
Kempt	..	4 30
South Range	18 00	11 00
Do. Mission Band	4 00	..
Shubenacadie	8 94	..
West Gore	20 00	12 00
Pictou	29 00	20 00
Gulliver's Cove	26 00	..
River John	12 00	7 00
Nova Scotia Individuals	6 06	3 00
P. E. Island do.	12 00	..
New Brunswick do.	..	0 50
United States do.	10 00	19 50
St. John, Coburg St. S. S.	58 37	35 46
Do. do. Mission Band	52 71	49 05
Do. do. Individuals	6 00	23 00
Do. Main Street do.	10 00	23 00
Do. do. Woman's Aid	6 33	10 50
Do. do. Y. P. S. of C. E.	..	4 00
Do. do. Sunday-school	15 21	10 90
Mascarene	..	3 50
Lctetc.	..	3 00

	1897	1898.
Leonardville	7 00	8 00
Lord's Cove	38 00	42 49
Profits from CHRISTIAN	33 00	51 86
Annual Meeting—West Gore and Leonardville	72 62	*99 75
	\$596 58	\$609 96

and \$59.73 for "Tent," making \$159.48 collected at Leonardville.

Examined and find the within correct.

J. W. FORD, T. S. LOCKWOOD, { Auditors.

On motion the report was adopted.

The treasurer's report was then presented :

HOME MISSION FUND

1897 Receipts.	
Aug. 1. Balance on hand	\$ 19 23
Cash received from J. S. Flaglor	530 10
	\$549 33

Expended

Paid T. H. Blenus, Halifax	\$199 50
R. E. Stevens, Pictou	166 62
J. C. B. Appel, Main Street St. John	125 00
F. C. Ford, Summersville	45 00
J. S. Flaglor, Postage	5 17
Annual Meeting, "	1 00
	542 29
Balance on hand Aug. 1, '98	\$ 7 04

Amounts due for June and July.

R. E. Stevens, Pictou	\$ 33 34
W. F. Shaw, Halifax	31 50
J. C. B. Appel, Main Street, St. John	25 00
	\$ 89 84
Cash bal on hand	\$ 7 04
Due by Board	\$ 82 80

TENT FUND.

Receipts.	
Cash received from J. S. Flaglor	\$118 23
Expended.	
Paid for Tent	\$100 00
" Insurance Policy	2 00
" Postage	50
	102 50
Bal. on hand Aug. 1, '98	\$ 15 73

P. E. ISLAND FUND.

Cash received from J. S. Flaglor	\$ 45 53
(all of which is in hand.)	

EVANGELISTS' FUND.

Receipts.	
Cash received from J. S. Flaglor	\$ 79 86
Expended.	
J. A. Lord's travelling expenses	\$ 56 00
W. H. Harding, at Mascarene	20 00
	76 00
Bal. on hand Aug. 1, '98	\$ 3 86

G. F. BARNES, Treasurer.

This report was also adopted by the meeting.

The financial report of the churches of Pictou, N. S., and St. John, N. B., are as follows :

Your missionary desires to submit the following report :

Received for services in Pictou, since Aug. '97:	
From American Board	\$209 32
" Provincial H. M. Board	166 62
" Pictou Mission	174 40
Total	\$550 34

In addition Pictou has provided for incidental and running expenses	\$ 72 00
Baptistry (about)	30 50
Protracted meeting	50 00
Contributed to Foreign Missions (March collections)	17 27
To Foreign Missions (Ladies' Auxiliary)	9 73
To American H. M. S (May collections)	21 63
Provincial Missions (including contributions at conventions)	27 00
Tent fund	22 00

Besides private donations to various objects, such as "Crawford Jubilee Fund," and Halifax Building Fund," etc

R. E. STEVENS, Minister.

We beg to report favorably on the above account.

J. M. FORD, T. S. LOCKWOOD,

Financial report of the Christian Church, Main Street, St. John, N. B., August, 1897-August, 1898 :

Received.

Collections	\$ 611 81
Individual contributions to Home Missions	26 00
Ladies' Aid Society	172 60
Y. P. S. C. E.	8 00
Coburg St. Ladies' Mis'ary Aid Society	174 00
" " Sunday School	15 00
N. S. and N. B. Home Mission Band	125 00
	\$1,132 41

Paid.

Minister	\$ 641 65
Rcut	156 00
Care of Hall	35 80
Missions, Foreign	39 79
" Home	48 40
Bibles and S. S. Supplies	11 10
S. S. Library	21 00
Repairs of organ and Incidentals	16 80
Ladies' Aid Furnishing Fund	160 00
Cash in Hand	1 87
	\$1,132 41

Building Fund.

Receipts	\$135 40
Paid on Building Plans	\$118 40
Balance in Hand	17 00
	\$135 40

The report of the secretary-treasurer of the Good Literature Committee was next called for. We give it here :

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

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

The Secretary-Treasurer of your Committee on Literature respectfully submits the following report :

Receipts.

Balance on hand Aug. 1, 1897 (date last report)	\$ 10 82
Subscription	1 00
Received from sale of books and tracts, and subscription to Standard	161 60
Total Receipts	\$173 42

Expenditure.

Paid Christian Pub Co.	\$ 98 73
" Standard	30 21
" Henry Carson	5 00
" Postage and M. Orders	2 21
" Duty	11 03
" Freight and Carriage	4 63
" Railway Charges	0 50
" G. Manifold, Invoice for Customs	0 25
Total Expenditure	\$152 56
Balance on hand	\$ 20 86

Assets.

Cash on hand,	\$ 20 86
Value of books and tracts on hand,	32 17
Amount due for books sold and delivered,	21 10
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	\$ 74 13

Books and tracts bought and received :

Books from Christian Pub. Co.,	104
Books from Standard Pub. Co., about.....	26

Total number books received, ..	130
Number tracts from Christian Pub. Co.....	286
Number tracts from Standard Pub. Co.,	27

Total number of tracts received, 313

While we received a balance of \$10.82 from last year, we also had liabilities to the extent of \$41.14. We have not any liabilities this year. Last year our assets exceeded by \$49.43 our liabilities. This year our assets are \$74.13 clear.

O. B. STOCKFORD,
Sec'y.-Treasurer.

You committee beg to report favorable on the report within.

J. M. FORD, }
T. S. LOCKWOOD, } *Auditors.*

The report was received after a discussion by a number of brethren, who sought to show the importance of the work, and urged a more liberal support.

The following is the report of the financial manager of THE CHRISTIAN :

To the Disciples of Christ Assembled in Annual Convention in Tiverton, N. S. :

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS : The financial manager of THE CHRISTIAN begs to submit his report for the year ending July 31st, 1898 :

Receipts.

Balance from last year,	\$ 77 78
Received on subscriptions,	337 30
" " for extra copies,	1 50
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	\$416 58

Expenditures.

Paid for printing,	\$240 00
" " collecting,	7 70
" " postcards,	3 00
" " printing cards and bills,	3 25
" " postage,	9 01
" " photo-engraving,	6 50
" N. B. and N. S. Home Mission Board,	51 86
Paid P. E. I. Home Mission Board,	25 93
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	\$747 25

Balance on hand, \$ 69 33

HENRY W. STEWART,
Financial Manager.

Tiverton, Aug. 11th, '98.

Examined and find the within report correct.

J. M. FORD,
T. S. LOCKWOOD,

This report also was received after some discussion as to the value of the paper, and how best to increase its circulation

All these reports were examined by the Auditing Committee and found correct.

Church letters were next called for. As usual a number of churches failed to respond, among them being LeTete, Back Bay and River John. This makes the following tabulated statistical statement incomplete.

CHURCH.	MEMBERSHIP.		GAINED.		LOST.		MISSEY OFFERINGS.		SUNDAY SCHOOL.	
	Resident.	Non-Resident.	Baptisms.	Other.	Death.	Other.	Home.	Foreign.	Scholars.	Teachers and Officers.
Milton, N. S.	224	Included 30	14	9	3	1	\$22 90	\$71 10	112	12
Hullfax, N. S.	62	Included 30	1	1	1	4	19 00	16 63	60	9
Tiverton, N. S.	100	15	3	1	1	1	14 00	4 33	50	5
Port Williams, N. S.	30	15	6	1	1	1	39 33	37 01	50	2
Pictou, N. S.	18	3	1	1	1	2	43 00	10 35	37	2
Kempt, N. S.	51	26	2	1	1	1	12 00	28 20	55	3
Westport, N. S.	25	22	1	1	1	1	36 00	31 20	65	3
Elmsdale, N. S.	17	1	5	2	1	1	13 00	2 00	40	2
South Range, N. S.	49	1	1	1	1	1	4 00	1 00	10	1
Shubenacadie, N. S.	25	6	2	1	1	1	3 85	3 85	35	2
Southville, N. S.	12	4	7	1	1	1	10 00	10 00	20	2
Upper Nine Mile River, N. S.	4	6	1	1	1	1	60 00	102 50	103	5
Summersville, N. S.	245	20	95	11	5	5	3 00	2 00	150	20
Lord's Cove, N. B.	11	150	9	5	5	5	314 00	131 38	65	15
Mascaene, N. B.	225	62	17	5	1	3	19 50	47 15	173	8
St. John Koburg Street.	99	6	3	5	3	3	43 40	39 70	52	6
Burt's Corner, N. B.	35	6	2	5	1	3	2 00	2 00	173	8
Leonardville, N. B.	99	6	3	5	1	3	19 50	47 15	173	8
St. John, Main Street.	52	6	3	5	1	3	43 40	39 70	52	6
Silver Falls, N. B.	52	6	3	5	1	3	19 50	47 15	173	8

Geo. Mainfold, who was present at the Crawford Memorial Service, held in New Glasgow, P. E. I., last December, gave an interesting account of this historic event.

The following committees were then appointed by the President: Resolutions: H. Murray, J. W. Bolton and H. E. Cooke; Obituaries: H. W. Stewart, L. S. Ford and Geo. Manifold; Time and Place: O. B. Stockford, Josiah Wallace and Tobin Lockwood. The meeting, having done a good morning's work, then adjourned.

2 P. M.—In the afternoon the devotional meeting was conducted by F. C. Ford. The key-note was "Abounding in Work." At 2.30 an open parliament on "Training Converts" began, J. Chas. B. Appel leading. After a brief address by the leader, the subject was discussed by W. H. Harding, E. C. Ford, H. Murray, H. Wallace, H. W. Stewart, H. E. Cooke and F. C. Ford. In a few closing remarks the leader skillfully grouped the various suggestions that had been made.

3 P. M.—At three o'clock business was resumed. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. The following committees were then appointed: Nomination (of Home Mission Board): E. C. Ford, W. H. Harding, John Ford, E. A. Payson and K. Outhouse; Ways and Means: H. W. Stewart, E. C. Ford and H. Murray.

A general discussion on the importance of our home mission work ensued, during which Geo. Manifold reported that at the convention of the P. E. I. brethren, held in Mont-

ague in July last, the churches there decided to co-operate with N. B. and N. S. in securing an evangelist. The Island brethren have \$250.00 on hand for this purpose.

7.30 P. M.—Saturday evening was taken up by the public meeting of the C. W. B. M. in the interest of foreign missions. The introductory devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. M. Ford. At their close the President, Miss Carrie Payson, read her carefully prepared annual address, in which she spoke of what had been done and what yet remained to be done, and pleaded for a deeper interest in the work. Brief addresses followed, — E. C. Ford speaking on the "Educational and Spiritual Value of the C. W. B. M.;" Geo. Manifold on "The Needs of the Fields;" J. Chas. B. Appel on "The Command Go;" R. B. Ray on "The Motive of Missions;" and H. Murray on "Giving." Between the addresses there was special music—solos by Mrs. Dora Outhouse and J. B. Allan, and a duett by Geo. Manifold and J. C. B. Appel. The collection amounted to \$20.00.

A sister in the Southville Church who had more love for the heathen than she had money to give for their conversion, used her spare moments in making a quilt which she donated to the work. Three hundred dollars were quickly and quietly raised to purchase it. The money goes for missions, and the quilt to some poor person.

SUNDAY.

6.30 A. M.—At six o'clock on Sunday morning the church bell sounded out the announcement that in half an hour the early morning prayer-meeting would begin, and at that hour a congregation that taxed the seating capacity of the church was present. This meeting, so largely attended and so interesting, lasted for one hour, and was led by J. B. Allen. Having enjoyed this rich feast of spiritual food we separated to feast on more natural things.

10 A. M.—At ten o'clock J. M. Ford opened a helpful devotional half hour—a fitting prelude to the service that followed. The Lord's day morning sermon was preached by Wm. Murray. His subject was, "The Opening of the New Will," and his texts, Heb. 9:15-17; 8:12, 13; 10:9. He explained the need of the Testator's death; spoke of Jesus appointing his executors—the apostles; showed that only such portions of the Old Testament as were repeated in the new are of force; told how the apostles were divinely inspired for their duties as executors; and urged those, who had not taken advantage of their privileges under the provisions of the will, to comply with the divine conditions of their bestowal.

2 P. M.—The devotional meeting on Sunday afternoon was largely attended, and at its close a young lady responded to the invitation of the gospel when the leader of the meeting, L. S. Ford, gave the opportunity. It was a beautiful sight, with special circumstances that enhanced its beauty.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER, 1898

EDITORIAL.

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest. Eccl. ix : 10.

Other books treat of time, the Bible explains time and eternity, both of which are to us immeasurable. Our time may last for a few years or end at any moment, so that we can no more tell the length of time than we can the duration of eternity. Our life is given us as a stepping stone to eternal life, and this is one of the passages which points out the sure places for our feet and the eternal consequences of a mistake.

We are here urged to do whatever work we find to be good, and assured that there is no such work nor planning in the grave. Jesus confirmed and illustrated this truth when he healed the blind man. He says "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." What Solomon calls the *grave* Jesus calls the *night*, referring to the space between death and the resurrection. The doctrine that Jesus' spirit went and preached to the spirits in prison while his body was in the grave, is clearly refuted by both Solomon and Christ. One says there is no work there, the other says, "when no man can work." However sweet may be its enjoyments, night is the time to rest not to work. Many may be deceived by thinking the day is given to them for Christian enjoyment rather than for Christian work. Jesus first did good then rested in the grave, then came forth to the resurrection of life; and his true followers do whatever their hand finds to do, rest in the grave, and his voice will call them forth to the resurrection of life. "These are they that follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth." When the word of God thus calls us to do things with our might we ought to know what they are; not every thing that comes in our way, but the things we believe he approves. Some of these the Bible mentions by name, others are too numerous to be thus specified. When Paul tells the Philippians the things they were to do, he puts them in classes thus: "Whatsoever things are true—honest—just—pure—lovely—of good report." Each of these six classes might claim one hundred duties. How would it do for Paul to mention by name these six hundred duties when telling these people and us what is right for us to do? This will show the folly of refusing to do anything unless that thing is mentioned in the Word of God.

Jesus tells his disciples many things they are to do to others, but concludes thus: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them; for this is the law and the prophets." This command of Christ is easily understood and most safe to obey. He teaches us that it is always lawful to do good.

A tremendous evil is now encouraged by the law of this Dominion. Nearly every public crime in the land can be traced directly or indirectly to the liquor traffic, to say nothing of the unspeakable sufferings and wretchedness it brings to families and individuals. But a few men are making money out of the traffic and many more are encouraging them in it.

This traffic rests on two pillars, the lust of *gain* and the lust of *appetite*. When both seller and buyer have an interval of justice they will acknowledge this fact. The former will say "I know it is not just in me to take from my neighbor the money his hard labor has earned to supply his real needs and those of his wife and children, and give him in return what does him no good, but harm. *But my love of money makes me do it.*"

The latter will say "I know it is unjust in me to give the saloon-keeper the money my family needs for that which only robs me of all that is worth keeping. My dearest friend on earth whom I promised before God and men to love and make happy I injure in every way and am bringing her down to a premature grave. It is unjust to my children, who are as bright as other children, but are by them despised, and are clothed with rags on account of him whom they once loved and respected, but whom they now dread and expect sooner or later to lay in a drunkard's grave. Oh! it is not just to my wife and children; and as to myself, it destroys both body and soul. Can that man be happy whom God says shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven? In his soul is a constant tumult; his very *delirium tremens* is the prelude of the undying worm. *Yet I buy the liquor to gratify the very appetite which itself fosters.*"

This is a critical and important time. In a few days the vote for or against prohibition will be taken, and every elector in Canada will be asked whether he wishes the dreadful flow of intoxicating liquor to be aided or forbidden by law. Rum sellers will leave no stone unturned to defeat prohibition. It matters not how many men and homes are ruined, how many murdered by rum, nor how many houses or towns burned, these men want money and their logic is "give, give." Many of the buyers, too, will aid them in the struggle. And what is still worse, they have the aid and co-operation of many who acknowledge the evil of the traffic and deplore the ravages of alcohol. Even some who claim to be the preachers of righteousness are not ashamed to array themselves against prohibition and urge others to vote against it. The strongest argument they bring against a prohibitory law is that *it would be broken*, seeming to ignore the fact that every law can be, and in some cases is broken. A law that could not be broken would be perfect nonsense. Parliament might make a law forbidding a man to carry his neighbor's house and throw it into the river, but who would admire such a law, because it could not be broken? Would these logicians condemn and abolish the laws against murder

and theft because men will sometimes steal and murder? Yet this is where they place themselves in opposing prohibition.

Considering the zeal and money and determination of rum sellers in opposing prohibition, and how liable some from all classes are to aid and abet them in the struggle, how necessary it is for the friends of humanity, of right, and of justice to be awake and exert themselves to save this Dominion from the everlasting disgrace of proclaiming to the nations our determination to uphold the reign of rum and ruin! There are enough to give an overwhelming vote on the side of right *if all would come nobly forward on the 29th and vote*. Future generations will look back to this day either with joy or regret. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge in the grave whither thou goest."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

As an answer to kind enquiries coming from many quarters respecting my health, I have this to say: I had a sore on the side of my nose which for several years baffled all attempts at healing. At the repeated recommendations of Bro. Howard Murray, I went in May last to meet Mr. Frederick Böhner, of Martin's River, Lunenburg Co., Nova Scotia. On the 23rd of May, he met me at Mahone Bay and put on a small plaster which after ten weeks, came off taking the cancer all with it, and the cavity it left is now filling up most satisfactorily. I never lost an hour's sleep from any pain the plaster gave. I would recommend any person troubled with cancer to apply at once to Mr. Böhner who is moderate in his charges and most successful in his cure. I met him at Mellen's Hotel where I had kind treatment and had only to remain four days. D. CRAWFORD.

We have just received the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society's Committee in Japan. Our work began in the Sunrise Kingdom in 1883. The report is published in Tokyo. It shows 16 American missionaries and 8 native preachers and helpers. The membership is 484, or a gain of 125 during the past year. There are 22 Sunday-schools with 690 pupils; 7 day schools, with 321 pupils. There are 8 houses of worship and 40 meeting places. Altogether the report will compare favorably with many state reports in this country, where the gospel has been preached so long. The report is adorned with three admirable illustrations of our missionaries and the churches and schools of Japan. A card addressed to A. McLean, Corresponding Secretary, Cincinnati, Ohio, will secure a copy free of charge.

Several excellent "original contributions" are crowded out this month but will appear in the October CHRISTIAN.

The secretary's report of the C. W. B. M. business meeting has failed to reach this office, but our readers may expect a full account next month.

Notice that the Home Mission Board has a new secretary, W. A. Barnes, St. John. Send communications concerning home missions to him; also all remittances for the same

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

(Concluded from page 3).

The afternoon sermon was preached by Hiram Wallace, his text being the question of Saul of Tarsus "What Shall I do, Lord?" Acts 22:10. The writer regrets that circumstances prevented his hearing this discourse, but he was told that it was a logical, scriptural and instructive presentation of the plan of salvation. At its close a young lady confessed her Saviour.

The Christian church being insufficient to accommodate the gathered, and still gathering throng, an overflow meeting was held in the Baptist church, near by, which was kindly opened for the occasion. Here H. W. Stewart preached on the "Conditions of Christian Growth."

At the same hour, in the Temperance Hall, a Children's Service was being held. The appointed leader of the meeting was not present, and so the expected chalk-talk was not heard, but an interesting meeting was held. After introductory exercises there were recitations by two girls. Mrs. J. M. Ford told about Miss Rioch and her work in Japan. There was also a short address by Mrs. E. C. Ford who organized the children's band in Tiverton two years ago. Miss Payson spoke about the building in India which the members of the Junior Societies and Mission Bands of the Christian Church are erecting, and towards which the children in the Maritime Provinces have given \$75.00. At this meeting the names of ten new subscribers to *The Junior Builders* were received.

At the close of these three meetings, which were being held at the same hour, the brethren and sisters in Christ gather in the meeting-house of the Disciples to remember their Elder Brother's death. Wm. Murray and E. A. Payson presided. The attendance was large and the service solemnly impressive.

6.30 P. M.—On Sunday evening one hour was given to the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting. The appointed subject for the day, "Exalt Christ," was the theme of the meeting. Appropriate hymns were sung, passages of scripture read, prayers offered and testimonies and exhortations given. Mrs. Roome was the leader.

The preacher for the evening was R. B. Ray. His sermon had for its text, I Cor. xvi, 13, and was a loud call for loyalty to the old gospel and earnestness in sounding it out. The message was a timely one, impressively delivered. The Programme Committee displayed excellent judgment in selecting the preacher for the occasion, and he showed equally good judgment in choosing his theme.

At the same hour an overflow meeting was held in the Baptist Church, which in turn overflowed—into the street. The preacher here was W. H. Harding, and his subject was "The Sin Against the Holy Spirit."

MONDAY.

At eight o'clock on Monday morning a large assembly had gathered at the beach.

A solemn stillness, broken only by the voice of prayer and song, hung all around. The two young ladies who on the Lord's day had confessed the Christ were to be baptized into his death. Like one of old and many since, they went down into the water and were baptized; they came up out of the water and went on their way rejoicing.

9 00 A. M.—The Monday morning devotional meeting was conducted by J. B. Prince. It was well attended and very helpful. At 9.30 business became the order of the day. The minutes of the last session were approved.

The committee appointed to nominate the Home Mission Board presented their report as follows:

Your Nominating Committee would beg leave to recommend for a Mission Board the following: H. W. Stewart, Chairman; W. A. Barnes, Secretary; Geo. F. Barnes, Treasurer; L. S. Ford, Milton, Queens Co.; R. W. Stevenson, P. E. Island.

E. C. FORD,	} Committee.
W. H. HARDING,	
J. M. FORD,	
E. A. PAYSON,	
K. OUTHOUSE.	

The Board, as named, was unanimously elected.

The Committee on Ways and Means made the following report:

1. Your Committee on Ways and Means recommend: I. That \$150 be appropriated to Halifax; \$150 to Pictou; and \$150 to Main Street, St. John, as suggested by the Home Mission Board.

2. That each church be asked to contribute a definite amount to the Home Mission Fund.

3. That all our preachers and elders be requested to pledge themselves to use their best endeavors to raise these definite amounts from their respective churches.

4. That we unite with the P. E. Island churches in securing an evangelist as soon as possible, who shall hold protracted meetings and instruct the churches in systematic and proportionate giving.

HENRY W. STEWART,	} Committee.
HOWARD MURRAY,	
E. C. FORD.	

This was adopted by sections and as a whole.

The Committee on Time and Place gave this report:

Your Committee on Time and Place of next annual meeting beg leave to make the following recommendations:

First. That the time of the opening of the annual meeting be changed from the Thursday before the second Lord's day in August to the Thursday before the first Lord's day in September.

Second. That next year's meeting be held with the church at Cornwallis, if convenient for that church.

O. B. STOCKFORD,	} Committee.
JOSIAH WALLACE,	
TOBIN LOCKWOOD.	

After a free expression of opinion, in which no one favored an earlier date, the first section was unanimously adopted. The second section was also adopted after some conversation about alternative places. Should Cornwallis be unable to entertain the convention, the officers of the convention are to arrange for the place of meeting.

The Committee on Obituaries presented a lengthy report, in which the names of the late J. E. Barnes, of St. John, Allan Minard, of Milton, B. H. Ruggles, of Westport, Joseph Wood, of Cornwallis, and C. H. Leonard, of St. John, were mentioned, and other faithful ones remembered. The report was adopted by the congregation standing, while Howard Murray led in prayer.

The following is the report of the Committee on Resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this convention put itself on record as favoring a Prohibitory Liquor Law for our Dominion, and that we interest ourselves in the coming Plebiscite.

2. *Resolved*, That we tender our hearty thanks to the railroads, steamboats, and coach lines, and also to the proprietor of the Goodwin House for courtesies to the delegates of this convention.

3. *Resolved*, That we express our satisfaction and gratification to the brethren and friends in Tiverton for their kindness and unstinted hospitality.

4. *Resolved*, That we also extend our appreciation to the Baptist brethren for the use of their church house, and to the Sons of Temperance for the use of their Hall.

A resolution was passed expressing deep appreciation of the faithful services of J. S. Flagler, the former secretary of the Home Mission Board, and regret because of his retirement from that office.

W. H. Harding, H. Carson, Geo. Manifold and O. B. Stockford were re-elected the committee on Literature, with power to add to their numbers.

On motion it was decided that the balance in the tent fund be paid into the Home Mission Fund.

J. S. Flagler, E. C. Bowers and O. B. Stockford were appointed to arrange the programme for next meeting. The business having been completed the meeting then adjourned.

[The report of the C. W. B. M. business meeting has not come to hand, but will appear next month.]

2 P. M.—On Monday afternoon a large assembly gathered to hear a chart sermon by W. H. Harding. His subject was the Three States of Man—the present, the intermediate and the future. On a large blackboard he had put a simple but suggestive diagram that could be plainly seen by the audience. This calling in the eye to help the ear made it very easy to follow and to remember the speaker's train of thought.

7 P. M.—The devotional services on Monday evening were conducted by O. B. Stockford. The central thought was, appropriately, love. Then came the Home Mission Rally. The president made a short but pointed opening address. After singing, E. C. Ford spoke on Our Plea. A quartet, consisting of J. B. Allan, J. C. B. Appel, Geo. Manifold and F. C. Ford, then rendered a beautiful song. H. W. Stewart told of Our Field. Then came a short solo by Mrs. Dora Outhouse. Geo. Manifold next pointed out Our Duty. This was followed by a solo by J. B. Allan. After an address by H. Murray on Money and Missions the collection was taken.

The total amount received for Home Missions, at the various services, was \$44.00. After the collection Bro. Murray called for pledges, to be paid within one year. These came in quickly, and from every part of the house, until \$209 had been promised. The meeting was most enthusiastic.

The time for the farewell had come, in fact had about passed. The hour was late. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the members of the Tiverton church for their splendid hospitality. Many wanted to give personal expression to their gratitude for the many kindnesses received. To Bro. Bolton, the pastor of the church, is the convention particularly indebted. He labored hard to have the convention in Tiverton, and from the time when the place was definitely decided upon until the opening day he was untiring in his efforts to make the meeting a success. Throughout the convention he was untiring in his endeavors to promote the comfort of the visitors.

A closing hymn "God be with you till we meet again" was sung, H. Murray pronounced the benediction and the convention was closed.

Correspondence.

DEER ISLAND LETTER.

On Sunday July 31st, I had the pleasure of preaching in Lubec. Bro. Harry Minnick is the preacher here and he is in the hearts of all the people. At present he is away and Bro. Davis fills his appointments. Bro. Davis preached in Lord's Cove and Leonardville the same day that I was in Lubec. I enjoyed my visit among the brethren very much. My home was with Capt. George McFadden, who, with his excellent wife, made me at home. I was sorry to find that Sister Minnick was so poorly. I also met Bros. Will Allen and George Edgecombe, two young men who are in attendance at the Bible College at Lexington. Bro. Allen will graduate next spring and will come east if there is an opening. I liked what I saw of him and think he would be a good yokefellow.

A goodly number of our Deer Island people were disappointed in not getting to the annual meeting at Tiverton. However, we will have to do the next best thing, so do not be surprised if you hear tell of a "Quoddy Bay Meeting" in the near future.

After the meeting at Tiverton, I went to Westport and preached two evenings for the brethren there. I had not been here for ten years, and was very glad to renew old acquaintances. I made my home with Capt. A. Payson, and both he and his wife were very kind and made my stay very pleasant indeed. I met Capt. Payson about ten years ago, and a friendship was formed which has lasted all these years; he is a brother of Bro. E. Payson who has served the church in Westport for so many years as an elder.

Bro. Foster Calder preached for the church in Leonardville several times; the brethren were well pleased with him.

Mrs. Frank Richardson, who has been

away for some time, has returned and is much improved in health. We welcome her back again.

Mrs. M. B. Ryan expects to leave us soon. We shall miss her and hope that she may be successful in the Master's work in her new home. Both Bro. and Sister Ryan have places in the hearts of the people here that will not soon be lost.

I am at present in West Gore, Hants Co., but will return to Deer Island 1st September.
W. H. HARDING.

BY THE WAY IN FLORIDA.

I have up to date received about fifty letters and postal cards from friends of the "soldier boys" in camp here, introducing them to my notice and requesting me to call on them in camp. This I have done as rapidly as time and opportunity would allow. Bro. Marion Boles, one of our leading preachers in Southern Illinois, is here as chaplain of the 9th Illinois regiment. In company H. of the same regiment the 1st lieutenant is Bro. Geo. E. Day, a most excellent preacher, and till war times, pastor of the Fairfield church, Ill. In the same company is Bro. Wood, 1st duty sergeant, another excellent young preacher, and, I am informed by Bro. Boles, one of the finest exhorters of Southern Illinois. In every regiment stationed here, and there are now about twenty-four, we have numbers of young Church members, so that it is no exaggeration to say that we have in all probability about two or three hundred members of the Christian Church now in "Camp Cuba Libre."

Yesterday the writer was requested to assist in the distribution of New Testaments at one of the Division Christian Commission Tents. About four hundred testaments had been sent to this tent. I arrived at the tent about 9.30 in the morning, and after a few words to the "boys" assembled, I personally gave away about one hundred Testaments, and with each a copy also of hymns for tent and camp use. Those who assisted in the work probably gave away as many more each. I asked each young man, as he came forward to receive the book, to read it carefully and prayerfully. It gave me no little satisfaction to see these soldiers wending their ways to their different tents, carrying with them the Word of the living God. No one was given a book that did not wish one.

I preached at the tent of the 1st Wisconsin to a fine audience Tuesday, August 9th.

Chaplain Boles and numbers of the young Christian brethren are helping us in our city work while here, while we reciprocate by aiding in the work at the camps. It is mutually beneficial.

Our work in this city moves along encouragingly. We had two additions at the close of the evening service last Lord's day, a gentleman and his wife.

Chaplain Boles preaches for us next Lord's day evening, and a selected chorus of young men from the 9th Illinois Regiment will sing at the evening service.

I have before me a package of about twelve or thirteen well-written letters from the Junior Endeavorers of the North Street Christian Church, Halifax, N. S. I am very proud of these little letters, and may our Heavenly Father abundantly bless the little writers.
T. H. BLENUS.

Jacksonville, Florida.

Original Contributions.

GIVING.

H. MURRAY

Why should every Christian give liberally to the Lord? Because the Lord has commanded it. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as the Lord has prospered him." "Every man as he purposeth so let him give." "Give and it shall be given unto you." "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thy increase." Much more might be produced of like import which show that this commandment is written bright and large all over the pages of the Bible and is sufficient to convince those who love the Lord, that the duty of devoting a liberal portion of their income to the cause of Christ is as essential and important to their salvation as any command the Lord has enjoined.

In former times bitter complaints were raised against the importance that was given to baptism. It was necessary then to make very prominent that command, because its place and importance were not understood. Now we hear complaints against the prominence given to this subject of our offerings to the Lord. But we must not let this discourage us. We must earnestly contend for this duty until all see its importance and understand that their eternal salvation depends largely upon this duty of seeking the salvation of others, that to withhold their substance is to keep forever closed the gate of mercy on mankind. "For how shall they believe unless they have heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" There is pressing need, just now, of constant agitation on this subject. When we find one who is indifferent along this line of duty, we should interest ourselves in his behalf and seek to reclaim him, and save him from himself.

Sunday doses are not enough; but homeopathic doses should be administered every day in the week until a cure is effected.

Please do not be alarmed. We have not put on the "war paint," but that charity that hopeth all things; and our hope is bright and our expectations are from the Lord that we shall see great advancement in our offerings to the cause of God and humanity.

We never felt so desperately in earnest over this subject as we have since our last annual meeting. We have the bits between our teeth and there is no stopping us now, till all know their duty from the least to the greatest. It is as clear as the shining sun, that unless we are willing to devote a reasonable portion of our means to carry on the Lord's work, we shall have to repeat our failures, and cover our profession and our plea with shame and disgrace.

It was shown at our convention that one cent a day from each of our two thousand disciples in the two provinces would give us seven thousand, three hundred dollars an-

nally,—enough to meet all our home demands and a thousand dollars, at least, for missions. All are ready to say "this is too small; two cents a day is low enough," so we think. Now suit your action to your judgment and give the two cents a day and we will pay all running expenses in our home churches, employ two first class evangelists, and build a meeting house every year!! Some one is saying that "Quite a number of our brethren are giving ten per cent of their income annually, and that is little enough for any one to devote to the cause of Christ." We are glad to know this and to know that the number who are pledging ten per cent are increasing and are getting their eyes open to the fact that the Bible teaches the ten per cent offering.

Others again are saying and believing they are too poor to give much to the Lord. This is a sad and fatal mistake. It is true, as has often been said, that we are too poor not to give. We are casting doubt on the promises of God when we say we are too poor to give. The reason we are poor is because we do not give. There is no such thing as a person ever becoming poorer by giving to the Lord. The Bible abounds with the promises of God to the liberal giver, showing that instead of the giver becoming poorer he becomes richer in all things; but in his withholding his gifts he becomes poorer. If any one doubts this let him say it out loud and we will very soon produce the promises that prove that liberal things are to the liberal given and poverty to those who withhold their gifts.

News of the Churches.

**St. JOHN, N. B.
COBURG STREET**

Bros. Geo F. Barnes, Henry W. Stewart, O B Stockford, J. Barry Allen and Miss Bertha W. Barnes were delegates to the annual meeting at Tiverton.

Sister Wisdom, of Halifax, N. S., is visiting her son in this city and has worshipped with us on several occasions.

Bro. Geo Manifold and Bro. Howard Murray, who attended the annual, returned to P. E Island on Thursday, 18th

meeting Monday evening, 22nd, and Bro James

Bro. A B. Wallace was at our Young People's Prince, of Bridgewater, N. S., was at the prayer and social meeting Thursday evening, 25th.

MAIN STREET.

Bro. Appel was a delegate to the annual meeting at Tiverton, N S. He is now enjoying his vacation.

Bro. Stewart, Bro. H. Murray and Bro. Manifold were present at the Young People's meeting on Wednesday evening, 17th, and by their prayers and exhortations added to the interest of the meeting.

CORNWALLIS, N. S.

The first Lord's day in August we closed our labor with the church here, at least for a time. The day was fine, a good congregation came to hear our closing words, and in the afternoon it was our privilege to bury with her Lord in baptism an intelligent young lady, who had come to learn the way of the Lord more perfectly, and whose heart was open to attend to the things the Lord had commanded. Thus closed our more than eleven years labor with these people whom we love dearly and for whom we shall ever pray.

Though we are leaving this field of labor, our interest in the cause here is as keen as at any time in our lives. We fully believe a change will be helpful to all concerned. It is in the power of the brethren here to secure a faithful workman to carry on the work of the Lord, and we feel sure they will prove themselves equal to the occasion. The names of Bro. H Murray and Bro. R. E. Stevens have been mentioned in this connection; the church extended to Bro. Murray a unanimous call. We regret that he was not in a position to

give a decided and favorable answer to this call. So soon as the brethren here heard that Bro. R. E. Stevens had resigned at Pictou, and not getting encouragement from Bro. Murray, they at once proceeded to secure Bro. Stevens. How they will succeed yet remains to be seen. Either of these brethren would receive a hearty welcome here, and could do a good work. How rejoiced I would be to see either one of these faithful and true men at work in this field, in which I am so deeply interested, and in which we have spent nearly fourteen of the thirty-one years of our ministry. We have labored twenty-nine of those years in the two places; first here in Cornwallis, the two first years we were in the work, then fifteen years in Westport and Tiverton, and now between eleven and twelve years here again. The other two years were spent at Montague, P. E I.

We are giving up the work here at the call of the church in Halifax and those interested in the work there. It is no light thing to sever our connection with these dear friends who have been so kind to us all these years. We are leaving at peace with everybody, and with many expressions of regret that we are going.

Our son, F. C. Ford, is home with us for a few days before we break up our home, which has been our earthly heaven for all these years. He preached very acceptably to a large congregation here last Lord's day. Many are the expressions of appreciation I hear from those who heard him. He will be with the brethren here over next Lord's day, when he will return to his work in Queens Co. We are in hopes that Bro. William Murray will be able to come up here for a while soon, and feel sure he will be able to do good and will enjoy the work here. The brethren will also enjoy him.

We began our work in Halifax last Lord's day, the 21st of August. It is too early to speak of the prospects of success. We go trusting in the Lord, in whose cause we are at work. The work is the Lord's and we are only servants. May he give us wisdom and strength sufficient for our day.

Bro. Will F. Shaw came down to Halifax this summer to spend his vacation, and never was a visit more timely and more welcome. Bro. Shaw has a large place in the hearts of the Halifax brethren. This was very manifest the first Lord's day he was with them, when every family among our brethren in the city was represented in the congregation. Bro. Shaw's faithful work there this summer is highly appreciated by the brethren, and will make my work much lighter than it otherwise would have been.

At the present time quite a number of the members of the church are away from the city, but we hope in a few weeks they will all return, and by the blessing of God we shall have some success to report.

My address until further notice will be 287 Gottingen St., Halifax, N. S. E. C. FORD.
August 21th, 1898.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

Over one hundred delegates were in attendance at the annual meeting.

About forty went from Westport to Tiverton to the annual meeting.

About \$270 were raised for all purposes during the meetings.

The school trustees gave us the privilege of using the school house if necessary.

The Sons of Temperance in Tiverton tendered us the use of their hall during our sessions.

Sisters Maggie Larry, Sandy Cove, and Isma Hicks, Westport, were baptized Monday during the annual.

The Baptist brethren in Tiverton very kindly offered us the use of their house of worship during the meetings.

The disagreeable weather enabled the men folks, in Tiverton, to attend the meetings more than they could have otherwise.

The brethren and sisters in Westport had the pleasure of hearing Bro. W. H. Harding preach Monday and Tuesday nights after the annual.

Bro. Geo. Manifold, assisted by Bro J. Chas B Appel, preached in the Freeport Baptist church, Sunday August 14th.

The church house in Westport has been papered and re-painted inside. The platform was lowered one step and re-carpeted.

We are glad the sun shone one day, at least, so the visitors could not say that the sun never shines in Tiverton.

One said Tiverton is certainly to be congratulated on her unselfishness in entertaining the annual at a time which did not suit her.

We were pleased to have with us Bro. C. E. Pineo, pastor Baptist church in Westport and Bro. L. J. Tiugley, pastor Baptist church in Freeport.

The people in Tiverton are very much pleased with the congratulations of their visitors on the appearance of their church house since being repaired.

Monday was the only bright, sunshiny day of the convention, and many visitors seized the opportunity of visiting the light-house in the afternoon.

Bro. H. E. Cooke and wife spent a few days visiting old friends in Westport after the annual. The people were pleased to hear him preach again.

One visitor remarked that they were entertained so royally, that he did not know what it would have been if the annual had been held in September when provisions were plentiful.

The writer was sent as a delegate to Digby by the Sons of Temperance of Tiverton, to attend a convention of the temperance workers of Digby Co. The county was organized and plans laid for securing a favorable vote in the coming plebiscite.
J. W. BOLTON.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

CENTRAL CHURCH.

Returned from a very pleasant visit to St. John. While absent the pulpit was supplied by Bros. Herb Martin and R. W. Stevenson. The change made a decided improvement in attendance.

Bro Martin left on the 23rd inst. for Lexington, Ky. Our best wishes are with him for his success.
GEO. MANIFOLD.

CROSS ROADS, LOT 48, P. E. I.

Am laboring with the church in this place. Attendance at meetings small. Sunday-school started.

"Hope is the anchor of the soul."

A. N. SIMPSON.

EAST POINT, P. E. I.

Have made one visit to the church in this section of the Island. Average attendance at the meetings. One confession.

"Throw out the life-line across the dark wave,
There is a brother whom someone should save."

A. N. SIMPSON.

Home Missions.

(Address all communications and remittances to W. A. Barnes, Secretary, St. John, N. B.)

HOME MISSION BOARD, 1898-99.

- Henry W. Stewart..... *President.*
- Howard Murray..... *Vice-President.*
- George F. Barnes..... *Treasurer.*
- W. A. Barnes..... *Secretary.*
- L S. Ford and R. W. Stevenson.

The annual meeting at Tiverton, N. S., was one of the best held for some years. A great interest was shown in the home mission work. In response to a call for pledges, \$208 was pledged. The sum of \$150 each was voted for the churches at Halifax and Pictou, N. S., and the church at North End, St. John, N. B., respectively.

If the brethren carry out their intentions, the Board will be able to have an evangelist in the field at an early date. He could visit the churches that are unable to support a preacher, and the work of home missions being brought before them, a large amount of money might be raised. It has already been said that the time has come for an earnest evangelistic effort all along the line, and we should do all in our power to aid in this work.

The Committee on Ways and Means recommend that the plan of apportionment be continued. A circular will be sent to each church showing the amount they will be asked to contribute. It is hoped this matter will be attended to promptly, so that the Board may know how to plan the work for the year.

The churches of P. E. Island have \$250 toward the support of an evangelist.

Bro. R. E. Stevens, of Pictou, N. S., has tendered his resignation to take effect September 30th, 1898.

Bro. E. C. Ford has resigned his pastorate in Cornwallis, N. S., and taken up the work in Halifax, N. S.

We ask for the new Board the support and encouragement that should be given, remembering that it is the Lord's work; and if we go forth with oneness of purpose a very encouraging report should be given at the end of the year.

RECEIPTS—July.

South Range, H. A. Devoe,	\$5 00
“ per “	1 00
Cornwallis, A. Bligh, per E. C. Ford,	5 00
“ E. C. Ford,	3 75
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TENT FUND.

Cornwallis, Miss L. Jackson, per E. C. Ford, \$0 50

All of the above are included in the total receipts reported at annual.

RECEIPTS—Annual Meeting.

Balance brought forward,	\$19 23
Collection at Annual,	46 20
Balance from Tent Fund,	15 73
Mr. Eldridge, Sandy Cove,	1 00
Mr. B. Powell,	1 00
Mrs. Wilson, St. John,	1 00
A Friend, St. John, N. B.,	10 00
Kendrick Outhouse, Tiverton, N. S.,	1 00
Tobin Lockwood, Port Williams, N. S.,	2 50
Daniel McLean, Weston, N. S.,	2 00
F. B. Small, East Ferry, N. S.,	1 00
Mrs. Sarah Puyson, Westport, N. S.,	1 00
Hiram Outhouse, Tiverton, N. S.,	3 00
Miss Louie Outhouse,	1 00
Miss Annie McKay, Digby, N. S.,	1 00
Mrs. Jas. Ryan, Liverpool, N. S.,	2 00
Mrs. Geo. Finnegan, Freeport, N. S.,	1 00
E. Burnaby, Milton, N. S.,	2 00
Mrs. (Dr.) Minard, Brooklyu, N. S.,	50
R E Stevens and wife,	10 00

\$122 16

W. A. BARNES, Secretary.

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

DEAR SISTERS,—The news has come from our annual convention that the Maritime C. W. B. M. had a very interesting meeting. The addresses, the singing and other exercises were of a high order and were enjoyed by all.

The treasurer's report was especially encouraging. Thank you. You have done well. Will you not endeavor to make a still greater advance in the coming year?

Sister Lila Jackson, of Cornwallis church, was chosen as your secretary for the coming year. I am sure that she will serve you faithfully, and do all in her power to promote the interests of the work.

I trust that you will show to her the same kindness that I have ever received in this work which has been such a pleasure, and which I reluctantly give up.

With best wishes for the work, for our new secretary and each dear sister,

I am yours in His service,

MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR.

RECEIPTS.

Received after report sent.

Total reported,	\$285 69
Cornwallis, Ladies' Aid,	14 22
Tiverton, Ladies' Aid,	2 00
Westport, Y. P. M. S.,	2 00
St. John, Coburg St. Ladies' Aid,	1 00
New Glasgow, Miss Simpson,	2 00
Halifax, Ladies' Aid,	12 00

\$318 91

Amount received since August 1st.

Collection, convention, Tiverton,	24 40
Lord's Cove, Ladies' Aid,	3 85
Milton, Ladies' Aid,	3 00
Pictou, Ladies' Aid,	75

\$32 00

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Pictou, N. S.

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Received after report sent.

Total reported,	\$140 35
Riverside, Buds of Hope Band,	1 20
West Gore, Golden Rule Band dues,	2 20
“ “ Birthday Box,	1 30

\$145 05

Received since August 1st.

Lord's Cove Mission Band,	1 73
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COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

The prospect for good work during the coming year is bright. Bro. Carson will continue to labor for us. Bro. Byron McDormand, of Gulliver's Cove, has kindly consented to canvass that place and allow the Committee to retain all profits. Our brother has the thanks of the Committee for his efforts to serve the good cause. Are there not other brethren who will use some of their spare time in this good work.

We hope to be able to report next month success from another brother who has taken the field for us.

We think that it is time now that our churches entered more into the work.

O. B. STOCKFORD,
Secretary-Treasurer.

DANGER IN DELAY.

There is no habit so fraught with evil consequences as that of "putting off." It brings sorrow and disappointment to this life, and when—as is too often the case—it sets aside the matter of personal salvation until a "more convenient season," it brings a peril as long as eternity.

The steamship "Central America," on a voyage from New York to San Francisco, sprang a leak in mid ocean. A vessel, noticing her signal of distress, bore down toward her. Seeing the danger to be very great, the captain of the rescue ship spoke to the "Central America":

"What is amiss?"

"We are in bad repair, and going down; lie by till morning," was the answer.

"Let me take your passengers on board now."

But as it was night the commander of the "Central America" did not like to send his passengers, lest some might be lost; and thinking the ship could be kept afloat awhile longer, replied:

"Lie by till morning."

Once more the captain of the rescue ship cried, "You had better let me take them now."

"Lie by till morning," was sounded back through the trumpet.

About an hour and a half afterward her lights were missed; and though no sound had been heard, the "Central America" had gone down, and all on board perished just because it had been thought they could be saved better at another time.—*Young People's Weekly.*

Married.

NORTON-DEWAR.—Married at New Perth, P. E. Island on the 18th inst. at the home of Robert Dewar, Esq., his daughter Catherine Knox Dewar to Mr. Edgerton Seymour Norton of Brudnell. The ceremony was performed by R. W. Stevenson, pastor of the Christian church at Montague, in the presence of many of the friends and acquaintances who showed the high esteem in which the bride was held by many beautiful and valuable presents.

Died.

THOMPSON.—Mary Catherine Thompson died at Tiverton, N. S., July 28, 1898, aged 29 years, 4 days. She leaves behind a husband and three children, besides others to mourn her loss. She belonged to the Christian church at Tiverton. She was prepared to go to her final reward. We all hope to meet her again. The funeral services were conducted by the writer assisted by Rev. Mr. Webb. J. W. B.

HOWARD.—Died at Kingston, Lot 31, P. E. Island, on Sunday, July 24, Sister Mary McKinley, beloved wife of the late Bro. Charles Howard, in her 84th year. Sister Howard and her daughter and son-in-law were baptized at North River in November 1863. The next year she joined the church in Charlottetown, which was organized just after Bro. Franklin's visit. Though living at a distance from a church of the Disciples, she remained a true and faithful member, always ready to encourage and aid others in good work. By the grace of the Saviour she maintained a Christian life until he called her to himself. She leaves five daughters, three on P. E. I. and two in the United States, and a large number of grand and great grand children. D. C.

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