

WOMEN'S WORK.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$148 78
Tyron—	
Mrs J J Crawford, . . . . .	2 00
Miss Hattie M Crawford, . . . . .	1 00
St John—	
Coburg St. Sunday School, . . . . .	9 08
"  Woman's Aid, . . . . .	1 10
Summerside—	
Sisters of Christian Endeavor, . . . . .	2 00
Kempt—	
Woman's Aid, . . . . .	4 00
	\$167 06
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CHILDREN'S WORK.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$37 01
Westport—	
Willing Workers, . . . . .	4 00
Summerville—	
White Star Band, . . . . .	1 00
Summerside—	
Sunbeam Band, . . . . .	4 00
Halifax—	
Junior Endeavor, . . . . .	1 81
	Total, . . . . . \$17 82
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MAKE IT A GREAT DAY.

The first Sunday in March must be made a great day in every church.

1. *Great and fervent prayers.* Only as we lean upon God can we do his work. The church must be strong in him. On that day let the mission fields be the prayer-book of the churches. Pray for open doors in each field where we have missions; in Japan, and China, and India, and Turkey, and Scandinavia, and England. And do not forget benighted Africa. Pray for the conversion of all men everywhere. Pray that the missionaries may be sustained. Pray that the church may have a larger vision and a deeper interest.

2. *Great Preaching.* Preach upon the Commission. Emphasize the great word "Go." Tell the people of God's purposes in all the ages. Tell them of the wondrous love of Christ for all men. This is the occasion for a really great sermon. Arouse the whole church. Stir the hearts of the people to their very depths. If the preacher is well prepared and full of the gospel, he will surprise himself and the church. The preacher that does not do well on that day will not preach very well on any other day. He can lift the whole congregation to a higher plane of spiritual living. It is the greatest opportunity he has during the whole year. This day helps to measure the power and growth of the preacher.

3. *Great Giving.* This is no day for small things. This is not a penny and nickel occasion. This is a day for \$100, \$50, \$10, and \$5 from individual Christians. Ask and expect large things. Let the people, like Joses of old, lay their possessions at the apostles' feet. Break all records this year. Forget all about your apportionment in an effort to double it and treble it. Increase the number of givers. Make it a day long to be remembered by large liberality.

4. *Great Enthusiasm.* Take the people to the very mountain heights of religious fervour. F. M. Dowling of Pomona, Cal., referring to the March offering, writes these eloquent words in the *Pacific Christian*: "How fervent ought the prayers to be, how jubilant the singing, how thrilling the sermon, how sweet the fellowship, how liberal the offering! It should be made a day of Pisgah experiences. Enthusiasm for the conversion of the world ought to run high. Zeal for the spiritual things of God's house ought to reach high water mark. When the day is done, it ought to enter into our individual lives and the lives of our churches as a mighty inspiration and remain while memory endures. It ought to be made one of the days of the Son of Man."

Do not fail to take the offering on time.

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THE SAVIOUR'S PARTING PROMISE

"Lo I am with you alway, unto the end of the world."

During the forty days between the resurrection and the ascension of Jesus, no lesson was more specially taught than this: That he could be present, though unseen by mortal eyes. He joined the two anxious disciples on the way to Emmaus, and talked with them, when their eyes were holden. He sat down to meat and as suddenly disappeared. Just as suddenly he appeared to the weary fishermen and taught them that he was interested in their struggles and could provide for their needs. How this must have impressed them in after years that his parting promise would be realized, though they saw him not with mortal eyes.

"I am with you." Why? Because you need my presence, my sympathy and my help. Because I came to seek and to save the lost, and you are my chosen apostles for this great work. Because my mission will be a failure if you are left alone, and because you can do all things and endure all things if your weakness is coupled with omnipotence. I will be with you alway to make all things work together for good; and to convert defeats into victories, crosses into crowns, shame into glory, and despair into hope. And was the promise only for the apostles? Primarily, to them, was the commission given and to them was this promise made. But surely the church must heed this commission and enjoy this promise, else is the mission of Christ ended.

And do we realize the ever present Christ in the work of his church? Jesus once "sat over against the treasury," and saw every offering that went into it and noted the two mites which was the most liberal offering, because it represented sacrifice. He sits over against the treasury now. He sees every offering that is made today. He notes the pennies that ought to be dimes, and the dimes that ought to be dollars. He sees the poor offerings of the rich, and the rich offerings of the poor, as he saw them then. He watches with deep sympathy the struggles of his disciples to overcome temptation in their unequal contest with the flesh and the world and lends a helping hand. He is present with the missionaries of the cross in the great

work of rescuing perishing souls and grants their prayer that "with all boldness they may evitable overflow of energy. Thus, also, instead of the preachers doing all the evangelistic work, the strength of the whole church is thrown into this channel. What a harvest will yet follow such an effort, time alone will reveal.—*Christian Evangelist.*

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

RECEIPTS.

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HILL-ROBERTSON.—On February 10th, 1897, at the residence of the bride's father, by Henry W. Stewart, Benjamin W. Hill of Nauwigowauk, Kings Co., N. B., and Jessie B., daughter of George F. Robertson, Burn Brae, Upper Loch Lomond, St. John Co., N. B.

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