offering to Mrs. R. Stevens, Pictou, N. S., as econ as possible.

Wishing you all abundant success in all that you may undertake, I am, Your loving friend,

MRS D. A. MORRISON.
Surt. of Children's Work.

### Notes from Our Workers

Riverside, Hants Co., N. S.—Hattie E-Mason, an earnest little worker, fourteen years old, organized a mission band, which is called the "Buds of Hope. During the winter they have been forced to discontinue their meetings, on account of bad roads and weather, but they hope to get to work again very soon.

West Gore, Hants Co., N S .- This welcome news came from West Gore: We have only two who are taking the "Junior Builders," but we are trying to get some more subscribers. We gave an entertainment during the Christmas holidays and took up a

collection amounting to \$2.37.

Summerside, P. E. I.—The president of the "Sunbeam" band writes: We are doing a good work. We have only missed one meeting since we organized. We intend to celebrate our birthday, in March, by having a concert. At our last meeting we had twenty present; dues amounted to 65 cents.

Lord's Cove, Deer Island. N. B.—This band reports fifty members on the roll, and nineteen dollars raised since September last.

Westport, N. S .- The "Willing Workers" write that they had only one subscriber to "Junior Builders," but have six names to send in now.

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Susie Ford Stevens, Treasurer.
Pictou, N. S.

## Book Reviews.

"THE LIFE OF ALEXANDER CAMPBELL," by Thomas W. Grafton. Cloth; 234 pages. Price, \$1.00 Christian Publishing Company, St. Louis, Mo. Biography is one of the most interesting of studies. The fascination with which the history of great men holds us is wanting in the consideraor great men holds us is wanting in the considera-tion of many other subjects. While different temperaments create in students preferences for diverse branches of learning, all should be more or less interested in the lives of the greatest of their kind. The influence of those around us touches us at every point; and our characters are especially affected by the great of our race. No matter how much we may differ in spiritual, intellectual or physical ability, we are nevertheless creatures subject to like passions. Although we may bring diversified talents and widely different circumstances to their solution, yet the same great problems confront all humanity. Then, again, the great achievements of our fellowmen cannot but raise our admiration.

Of all great men, those of the leaders of religious thought must be given the foremost place; for religion alone effects the most vital departments of our life.

Two things at least are essential to a good biography—a great life and a true writer. The life of Alex. Campbell will be considered by our brother as furnishing a fine subject for a sketch. Those who read this book will, I feel sure, regard Bro. Grafton as a pleasing and interesting writer. The book ought to prove an excellent popular biography. The style is spirited, clear and enter-

taining. Starting with the boyhood and youth of Mr. Campbell the writer carries us through the

trials and triumphs of the great reformer's career with an interest that never lags

In a plain simple way are set forth the condition of Christianity in America at the beginning of this century and the story of the carnest search of the Campbells (father and son) after the remedy for the then religious difficulties. The solution of the problems then before the church required men of sincerity, strong in intellect, courage, faith, and with minds free from the trammels of tradition. These qualities Alex. Campbell possessed in no small degree The carnest and unbiased manner of investigating facts, strong faith, and the keen analytical and reasoning powers which Mr. Campbell brought to the solution of the great religious questions of his day are told in a striking manner. With absorbing increst we follow Bro Grafton as he depicts the preacher, writer, debater, teacher and conversationlist. In all these Mr. Campbell excels. His home life, deep devotion and piety are also beautifully set forth.

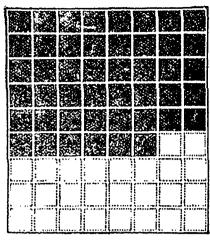
That Alex, Campbell was a truly great man will clearly appear on an examination of the mighty change that the principles which he championed have already wrought in the religious world. The plea for Christian union, the call for an unprejudiced interpretation of God's Word, and some of the doctrinal propositions which he expounded, such, for instance, as the distinction between the law and the gospel, have already made a marked impress upon the world. Some men are great because they have successfully fought certain errors peculiar to their own age. Campbell is great because he ably championed principles that will apply equally to all partions of this dispensation. No man, probably since the days of the Apostles, ever more ably advocated the cause of pure Christianity than did he He was not, indeed, more worthy than many who preceded him. But building upon the labors of other seekers after truth he was able, because of their efforts, to obtain a better view of the " perfect law of liberty." The only way to accomplish this is to humble ourselves in the presence of God's Word in order that it may have "free course and be glorified" This is the keystone to Campbell's greatness. Casting aside all pre-conceived ideas concerning the truth, he placed himself in a position to be carried whithersoever the Word of God led him. This is the cure for all disorders God led him. This is in the body of Christ.

It is given to some to possess as grand reasoning powers, to others the spiritual insight and pure religious devotion, to others the eloquent manner of presenting the truth in preaching, teaching and defending by oral debate, to others the convincing defending by oral debate, to others the convincing style of writing, to others the great capacity for work, to others the honesty and freedom in examining the truth, that this great man possessed; but very rarely do we see these qualities all so harmoniously combined as in him. Great men are but seldom evenly balanced. Their greatness, indeed, often arises from an abnormal development of some particular talent. This means the impoverishment of other talents. Mr. Campbell was not faulty here. In all his character there is was not faulty here. In all his character there is a roundness and completeness that is truly refreshing This case only be accounted for by his com-prehensive grasp of the truth. He was truly free from all narrow party sectarian spirit. He advo-cated all of what is now generally conceded to be essential to the plan of salvation; and in doing so presented the only true ground for Christian union While he probably erred in other particulars, yet he pointed out the broad principles through which the truth is to be acquired. His place in the history of the restoration of pure Christianily will appear, I confidently believe, more clearly as we attain to a better knowledge of the truth.

The volume contains a portrait of Mr. Campbell and an excellent introduction by Prof. H. L. Willett. It is neatly printed on good paper, with clean type, and is undoubtedly a fine piece of workmanship.

The book, while designed mostly for the young,

will nevertheless be found instructive and interesting to all. For those who have not money enough to buy nor time enough to read Dr. Richardson's two large volumes, this work will make a good substitute. It will also prove a valuable contribution in support of the principles for which we contend. All our Lord's day schools should have a large circu-O. B. STOCKFORD.



REMOVE THE BLACK SQUARES.

We have in round numbers, in this country, 7,200 churches. Each square in the above diagram represents 100 churches. There are 72 squares, representing 7.200 churches. The white squares represent the churches that gave to Foreign Missions last year; the black squares those that did not give. It will be seen that there are 26 white equares and 46 black ones; that is, 2.586 contributing churches and 4614 churches that did not contribute. We have more than doubled the number of white squares during the past four years. We ought to remove a very large number of black squares this year.

Let us not fail to reach at least 3,000 contributing churches March 6th. No church that has a spark of missionary interest should fail now.

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