

## Home Mission Notes.

At Nashville the Home Mission Convention elected Bro. J. H. Hardin as Chief Secretary, Bro. J. Moffett having declined to be elected again. Bro. Moffett is an untiring worker and gave great satisfaction. His mantle falls on worthy shoulders, and from what we have seen of Bro. Hardin he will be all that is required for this important office. He writes us: "I am looking for a man for your field. I can get lots of men, but I want to send you the *right* one. I hope to do so before long. I also hope that our 'Board' will be able to come to your help in the home mission work."

The Christian Women's Board of Missions, which met at Nashville, Tenn., October 15th, reports the total amount raised this year as \$52,307.00. This is nearly \$10,000 more than was raised the previous year. Seventeen years ago they raised \$1,200. They have raised since their organization (eighteen years ago) \$351,000. What a grand work is this. May their wonderful growth continue.

The 15th annual meeting of the Christian Missionary Society of Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia was held in Washington October 11-13. Sister Graybiel was there and delivered two addresses. Reports showed 20 churches and missions; additions 480; membership 2,885. \$3,714 was raised for Home and Foreign Missions. Fifteen years ago they had 8 churches and missions, 1,400 members, and raised \$300.00 for missions. It is said that much of this progress is due to the missionary society and could have been accomplished in no other way.

The Kansas Missionary Convention met at Kansas City, October 1st. Report said, "The past year has been the most successful in the history of the State Missions, the result being: 12 churches organized; 2,500 additions; and 28 preachers located.

The Georgia Missionary Convention opened September 20th at Atlanta. It was the largest delegation, the most beneficial meeting ever held in that State. Between two and three thousand dollars were raised for home missions with good prospects for more. Bro. T. H. Blenus was elected president. He made a strong address on "The need of an educated ministry."

Bro. Romig writes in the *Standard*, "In June I held a meeting at Salina, 25 added; in July at Herington, 13 added, and raised \$1,850 for land and building; in August in South Wichita, 14 added; and now at Burrton, 31 added in two weeks, good prospects for more." Glad to know of Bro. Romig's success.

At the Missouri State meeting the secretary reported, "At ten meetings held during the year there were over 2,000 additions. The net increase reported for the state is 7,282. Adding this to last year's membership we have a total of 122,739. Net gain in churches 46, making 1,300. Net gain in Sunday schools 105, making 1,000. Net gain in church buildings 52, making 875. Net gain in preachers 62, making 693." This is a marvelous growth and no doubt will continue. We ought to remember that there was a time in that state when the Disciples were no stronger than they are in these provinces today. If they have grown so strong why can't we do so? We have the same grand plea for union. Let us continue to labor, and God will give the increase in due time.

Attention is called to the amount received from Letete. We hope that all our churches will follow this good example. They have no preacher, but they are willing to help others have one.

Bro. Devoe reports in reference to the work at Gulliver's Cove: "I have labored two weeks, result: house dedicated, communion established, one reclaimed, and six baptized were given the

right-hand of fellowship, a grand interest was awakened." This is good news, and should encourage us all to greater effort in the Master's cause. Remember there is about \$150 debt on the house at Gulliver's Cove which has been assumed by one brother. He is trusting and praying that the Lord will open the hearts of His people so that they will send him the means to pay this debt. We believe that his prayers will be answered by God's people because they read, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." You know the needs of this earnest little band of Disciples. Do not delay but lift this burden and thus strengthen them for better work in the cause you love.

Last year by the faithful preaching of the gospel sustained by the Home Mission Fund there were sixteen added to the churches. Two months of this year have not yet passed and sixteen have been added already. Seeing the good that follows by uniting our means and efforts let all who love our Lord give something and do something towards making our home mission work the grand success it ought to be.

RECEIPTS.		
Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	75	15
St. John—		
Young Peoples' M. B., . . . . .	3	30
Sac City, Iowa—		
R. Jackson, . . . . .	50	
Milton—		
Per Miss A. A. Collie, . . . . .	3	75
Letete—		
Per Miss E. Matthews, . . . . .	11	00
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	J. S. FLAGLOR,	
	Secretary.	

## Foreign Mission Notes.

Sister Riach sailed from San Francisco on the 15th for Japan.

Those who were present at the O. W. B. M. meeting during our Annual will remember that a letter was ordered to be sent to her expressing our appreciation of the sacrifice she is making, and our best wishes for herself and for her work. An answer has been received, but as she was about starting when our letter reached her, it is necessarily very brief. She promises us a longer one as soon as she is settled in Japan.

These are a few extracts from her letter— "My dear sisters, I am in receipt of your kind message. It is a pleasure to feel that my sisters in the lower provinces are so interested in my work. I hope that you will never forget me in your petitions at the Throne of Grace, and never forget especially the success of my work. With much love to you all, I am your sister in Christ, MARY M. RIOCH."

We have heard with much pleasure of the good work being done by Bro. Weaver in collecting for foreign missions. Of late P. E. I. has raised about \$100 for this work. It is only necessary that this subject be brought before our brethren, as Bros. Crawford and Weaver are doing, to meet with a ready response. Our people do not love the Lord or the souls of men less than others who are doing a greater work than we in sending the Word of God into heathen lands. May the example of these churches provoke us to do greater things for the Master.

As a result of the interest awakened in the foreign work at the Annual, and Sister Graybiel's visit combined, we are to have in the Coburg Street Church a monthly meeting in the interests of foreign missions. We are not organizing as there is already a Woman's Aid Society here in the interests of the home work, and at its meeting a collection is taken up for the foreign work. But we intend holding a meeting at which there will be much of interest

and instruction to the old as well as the young. Missionary readings and dialogues with addresses and papers on the work in the different places, with recitations, will constitute our programme. Our first meeting is to be on next Lord's day immediately after Sunday school, and promises to be very interesting. A collection will be taken for Sister Riach.

Can not a number of the churches that have not organizations start a similar meeting? A little work by one or two sisters can accomplish this, and, not only can quite a sum be raised in this way, but the amount of missionary education imparted will be invaluable to our work in the future.

MILTON, N. S.

Since attending the annual meeting and hearing of the consecrated sisters who are making such sacrifice to bring souls to Christ, it makes us feel that our work is small. Yet our society is doing well, with a good attendance. Sister Annie Collie has been chosen president.

CORNWALLIS, N. S.

The sisters here have organized a society in the interests of the foreign work. Sister S. Lockwood was chosen president; Sister Hattie Stevens, vice president; Sister Lila Jackson, secretary; and Sister Clara Wood, treasurer.

The sisters here are full of enthusiasm, and there is every prospect of good meetings. They will meet monthly.

This is encouraging. The first, we, hope of many that will follow as a result of Sister Graybiel's visit and the awakening that has been going on in our churches of late. Can we not have a number of reports like above in the next CHRISTIAN?

Dear sisters, it is our power to do a grand work in the coming year. Let us give to God the best we have, and let Him use us in bringing about the time when every nation shall acknowledge Christ, and accept His salvation.

Mrs. J. S. FLAGLOR,  
Secretary.

## REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

Dear sisters of the Maritime Provinces:

As you are aware our society is but one year old, but notwithstanding this fact at the time of writing this, the first annual report, it is quite strong and vigorous. At the time of its organization our methods of work and plans for the future were very indefinite. A number of the sisters had felt for some time that this work was calling for the assistance of every follower of Christ, and they were desirous of having a part in this work of bringing souls from the darkness of heathenism into the glorious relationship of children of God. But without organized effort it was impossible to do the good that we otherwise might.

And so believing that God was willing to use our weak efforts, and trusting Him to lead us, we took up the work and through the year have been learning His will.

He has been leading the way and we have been striving to follow, until now we have a definite object and definite plans. A deep interest has been awakened and the prospects for the future are bright and encouraging.

Immediately after our organization, as was requested, the secretary corresponded with Bro. Smith, of Japan, and with the O. O. W. B. M., with the result that the officers of this society decided that we should unite with the Ontario sisters in sending a sister to Japan, who should be the Canadian Christian Women's Missionary.

Your secretary also corresponded with the different churches in these Maritime Provinces, and endeavored to impress upon them the importance of this work, asking their assistance in our under-