

we gave out 7,310 pages. We had two women's meetings a week, three Sunday-schools, two knitting classes, a Y. P. S. C. E. on Sunday afternoons; and the Ladies' Aid Society, composed of members of the church, met on Mondays. This society spent one hour once a month in religious exercises for our spiritual up-building.

Besides, I had three music pupils who took one lesson a week, also a few English classes.

When this reaches you it will be just five years since I had the pleasure of talking to you face to face. *I do earnestly hope and pray* that you will send out a young lady to be with me for the coming year, that she may be able to keep on the work that I have started, and allow me to return home next spring. I do so long to see my friends again, and then, too, I shall be able to give an account of myself in person at our next June meeting.

Please do not disappoint me again about a helper. I shall pray and look for her to come everw day.

Your co-laborer in the gospel,
MARY M. RIOCH.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$219 88
Summerside—Y. P. S. C. E.	2 00
St. John—Coburg St. Sunday-school,	2 55
“ “ Woman's Aid,	1 80
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	\$226 18

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

I. More than seventy dollars (\$70) lacking the three hundred (\$300) pledged at the last Annual!

II. Very little over *one* month in which to raise this amount!

III. Are we going to take a step backward and close the year in debt for the first time?

IV. The books close the last of July. Kindly send all money intended for *this* year's work by that time.

V. Send to address as given below.

SUSIE FORD-STEVENS.
Pictou, N. S.

Children's Work.

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

AN APPEAL

TO THE JUNIOR SOCIETIES OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR AND MISSION BANDS.

The famine in India is causing great distress throughout much of that country. Very many of the inhabitants are dying of starvation. Millions of people are wholly dependent upon government aid for food. Some weeks ago a missionary wrote from one of the stations: There are now many millions of people receiving government aid, and the numbers are increasing by a quarter of a million weekly." While so many are being cared for by the British government, yet many others are dying of want. The children whose parents have died of the famine or of the plague, which has resulted from it, are in especial need of care. They cannot provide for themselves, and do not know how to obtain government aid. They are sent to the missionaries at the various stations. Those who can be housed and fed, can be taught about Jesus Christ and trained for Christian service. Our missionaries are anxious to keep and care for the children

who are sent to them, but the orphanages at Bilaspur and Mahoba are full to overflowing. Because the need of the work is so great it has been decided to enlarge the orphanage at Mahoba *at once*. We all sympathize with India in her dire distress. We should all do something to relieve this distress. The best possible opportunity for giving aid will be found in caring for these helpless children. Let every boy and girl in the societies and bands do something for this work in the next few weeks. There are a thousand Junior Societies among our churches that do nothing for missions. No society is doing what Jesus would like to have done excepting when the members are helping to send the gospel to all peoples. There will never be a more worthy cause than the enlargement of this orphanage which will enable some of India's helpless children to be cared for and taught about Jesus Christ, and we want every Society and Band to have part in it—yea, every member of every Society and Band. Some of the children cannot do much toward it, yet all can do something. There should be at least a thousand boys and girls who can give a dollar each for this work. There are many good ways by which children can obtain money to give to a good cause. Let the money be sent in the name of the Band or Society which will then be given credit for it upon our books and upon our Roll of Honor to be shown at the National Convention; but send the name of every boy and girl who raises as much as a dollar to me. May we not have a thousand names in the next few weeks? And will not *your* name be one of the thousand? This money and all other contributions given by the organizations in our Young People's Department should be sent to Miss Lois A. White, 306 North Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind.

MATTIE POUNDS.

National Supt. of Junior Societies of Christian Endeavor.
306 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind.

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Previously acknowledged,	\$52 04
Summerside—Sunbeam Band	1 21
Lord's Cove—Mission Band,	16 00
West Gore—Golden Rule Band (Feb),	2 00
“ “ “ (June),	4 00
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Total,	\$105 25

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Pictou, N. S.

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HOW WE HAVE GROWN.

It is now announced that we number more than a million in the United States. This ought to be a sufficient text for a little sermon. While there have been eras and eddies, impulses and hindrances, the progress has ever been right onward. We have suffered no serious diversion, no division. We are better united today than the day we became a distinct people. We are growing more rapidly now than at any other time; and our work is more permanent, positive and fruitful than ever before. The reasons for this very remarkable advancement give serious concern to our religious neighbors, and demand just as serious attention at our own hands.

We have kept a great plea constantly before the people. We have held up the Christ

as the ideal character, the one authority in Christian doctrine, the one founder and head of the church. We have exhibited the New Testament as the only authorized canon of Christian faith, polity and practice. We have pointed to the Christ and the Christian Scriptures as furnishing the only acceptable ground for the union of God's people. We have pled with unabating power for the restoration of the Apostolic conversion, the Apostolic church and the Apostolic life. Whatever may have been our success in the practical work of restoration, the plea is the true one and the effort the right one; and the event has demonstrated that opposition is powerless to stay its progress. If we have not reached the goal, it remains only to be said that we have done what an honest human endeavor could do in the right direction; and we have only to press on to fulfill a mission in the earth than which nothing can be higher. If any one should essay to suggest that we yet lack anything, we are not so arrogant as to deny it; but even in that case, we have occasion of rejoicing that our spirit of free investigation and our liberty to accept new truth, are the most favorable conditions to improvement.

We have been actively evangelistic. It may not be said that we have worked up to our strength, that we have saved as many souls as we might have saved, that we have discharged our full responsibility in this matter; but it is nevertheless true that few people have been more diligent and none more successful. In recent years, necessarily, more time has been required of the preachers to feed the sheep, and less time could be spent upon the mountains; but during this later period, the wonderful growth of the missionary spirit among us has greatly helped to sustain our evangelistic enterprise and has accelerated our rate of increase. Fortunately, many of our preachers are learning from experience what they failed to notice in the New Testament, that active evangelism in the local congregation is an indispensable condition of success in pastoral work. It is becoming clear to many that the army is not in camp, under guard, ruled only by restraint and punishment, but in the field where organization is needed rather to push the enemy than systematically to repress an inevitable 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.*

THE SECRET OF PEACE.

Do not be discouraged at your faults; bear with yourself in correcting them, as you would with your neighbor. Lay aside this ardor of mind which exhausts your body and leads you to commit errors. Accustom yourself gradually to carry prayer into all your daily occupations. Speak, act, work in peace as if you were in prayer, as indeed you ought to be.

Do everything without eagerness, in the spirit of grace. As soon as you perceive your natural impetuosity gliding in, retire quietly within, where is the kingdom of God. Listen only to the leadings of grace, then say and do nothing but what the Holy Spirit shall put in your heart. You will find that you will become more tranquil, that your words will be fewer and more effectual, and that, with less effort, you will accomplish more good.—*Fenelon.*