

### Maritime Secretary's Report From Dec. 16th, 1895, to Feb. 5th, 1896.

Assisting the New Glasgow Association in opening of new building and work.

Assisting at Truro during Evangelist Gale's visit. Attending the re-union meeting of the workers.

Helping the District Work Committee in re-Corresponding Membership work.

Attending three Y. P. S. C. E. Local Union conventions, the Grand Division and the week of prayer meetings at New Glasgow.

Met with Finance Committee, preparing letter from them to Associations, and have worked almost constantly at finances since 1st December. This meant typewriting names, and copying lists into index books, and much detail work. Through the goodness of God and the kindness of friends, \$600 was raised.

Issuing prospectus and advertising matter, writing for the paper, and meeting with the Publication Committee. Meeting with Boys' Work Committee to plan for further work.

Printing and mailing 2,576 circular letters. Wrote 519 letters and postals, and had 40 talks on association work with that many men. Attended 2 Board meetings. Spoke at 3 young men's, 1 boy's, 5 prayer, 1 mission, and 3 Y. P. S. C. E. meetings. Distributed 93 pamphlets on the work, attended 4 Committee meetings, and wrote 10 articles for the press.

Have kept in touch with the Associations on the field.

Have enlisted all the helpers I could.

Travelled 353 miles.

### Office Secretary.

At the last Maritime Committee meeting this matter came up—was thoroughly discussed. The need was apparent, if the Maritime Secretary, whoever he be, was to do work that would tell in wider circles, his hands must be freed from the never ceasing detail of the office work, so necessary in a work of supervision.

The Committee approved of securing an assistant, and referred the matter to the Finance Committee for their ratification, should the way be open financially for the employment of an assistant secretary. At the Finance Committee meeting the matter was brought up and final action deferred, simply because the money was not in sight. It would be a relief if some one whose purse is not shorter than their love for young men, would step in and say to the Committee "go on and I'll settle the salary." Where is he?

### College Movement.

It is doubtful if any branch of association work has shewn such marvellous growth and is likely to have such far-reaching influences as this movement in our colleges and universities.

Very few were in existence in 1877; the number in that year reporting reaching only 26 associations with a membership of 1300 in all North America. Now there are few, if any colleges of note, where associations do not exist, and it is safe to state, when we include the Indian and Foreign College Associations, which are the outgrowth of our International Committees work, that in 1895 there would be at least 625 associations, with a membership of 37,000.

In 1894 it was reported that 3,400 college men had been influenced to become christians, and this number would be largely increased in 1895. Within the last few years, upwards of 20 have a quired buildings, and 30 others raising funds to erect buildings costing from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

The threefold object of this work is: 1st. To help unite the christian men of the college world. 2nd. To establish and promote the religion of Christ in the lives of college men. 3rd. To equip and send forth leaders to extend the Kingdom of God throughout the earth.

The closer our college associations stick to these three cardinal principles, the greater will be their success.

Then there will go out from among them year by year, laymen, calculated to be leader of laymen in the extension of our Redeemer's Kingdom.

This work has reached all our university colleges, and very encouraging reports were received at the recent convention held at Mount Allison; from Acadia, Dalhousie, Prince of Wales, Mount Allison, Pictou Academy and University of N. B.

The representatives from these associations were all anxious to do aggressive work. The aim of this conference seemed to be to study the field and the work, to know what was to be done and how to do it. This should be the important feature in all our work, and actuated by such motives, the great head of the church, through the agency of the Holy Spirit will surely lead on to victory. May prayers ascend from every christian reader that there may go out from these various institutions christian men, imbued with the Spirit of Christ to take their stand for Him in the business marts, the medical, the legal, and in fact, all professions; men of strong faith to see the final overthrow of Satan's Kingdom, and the establishing of the Kingdom of our God!