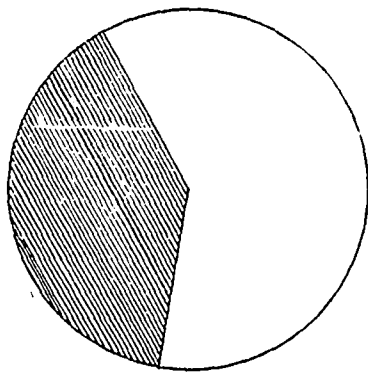


REMARKABLE GROWTH.



The above circle represents the 2,900 churches that contributed to Foreign Missions last year. The gray section represents the 1,200 churches that were contributing five years ago. The white section represents the 1,700 contributing churches that have been enlisted during the past five years. It will be seen the number of contributing churches has been more than doubled in five years.

The March offering for Foreign Missions is again at hand. Shall we not make a bold, united and persistent effort to enlist every church during this glad Jubilee Year? This ought to be done, for—

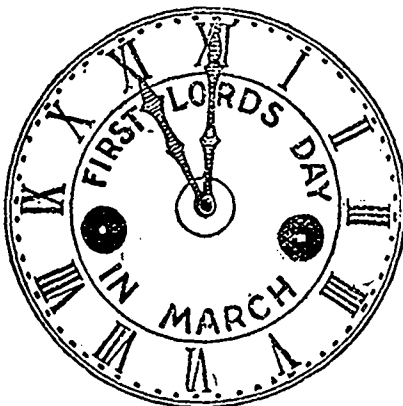
1. A church must be a missionary church if it would be a Church of Christ.
2. The Foreign Society has now 204 workers in foreign lands, including native evangelists, or 41 more than one year ago.
3. New missionaries are to be sent to Africa, Japan and other fields during the year.
4. Cuba is to be entered. Two missionaries will be sent to Havana soon.
5. Missions is the work of the Church of Christ.
6. Our greatest shame as a religious people is the comparatively few churches that are contributing to Foreign Missions.

Begin to make announcements and other preparations at once. We furnish *March Offering Envelopes*, the March offering number of the *Missionary Voice* and *Pastoral Letter* (for preachers only), all free of charge. Order now!

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Children's Work.

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DEAR GIRLS AND BOYS,—

One half of our year's work has passed, and a glance at our Treasurer's report will show that we have not been working as earnestly as we should. In order to raise the money for the support of O Mitsu San, Gulabi and Gerould we must start this new year of 1899 with a fresh determination to do more work this year than we did last year. When our annual report goes into the annual meeting next August, we want to see that we have gone ahead and not gone behind in our efforts.

Most of you have had the pleasure of meeting our missionary, Miss Rioch, and hearing from her own lips stories about the children in far-off Japan. I am sure such a meeting must have made you feel like working harder than ever in your mission band work.

We are glad to hear of a new Band organized at Charlottetown since Miss Rioch's visit there. We welcome you to our numbers and pray that you may be able to do a great deal for the mission cause.

I want every boy and girl in our mission bands to pray for the work. Let each one of us ask our Heavenly Father what more WE can do, and when we find something that we CAN do, let us do it with all our might, and ask God to bless our efforts.

Your loving friend,

MRS. D. A. MORRISON,  
Supt. Children's Work.

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported, . . . . .	\$0 14
Lord's Cove—	
Mission Band, . . . . .	4 60
Westport—	
Willing Workers, . . . . .	1 00
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SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer,  
Willow Park,  
Halifax, N. S.

Married.

MOREHOUSE-PUGH.—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Morehouse on January 2nd, Judson Morehouse and Lizzie Pugh, both of Westport. J. W. Bolton officiating.

Died.

LAWRENCE.—At Burt's Corner, York Co., N. B., on January 2nd, in the 22nd year of her age, May, wife of the late George E. Lawrence and daughter of Bro. John M. Jones. Her husband died in the Klondike gold regions about two months previous to her decease. They leave two little children. Mrs. Lawrence was a member of the church at Burt's Corner, and was baptized by Bro. H. W. Stewart five years ago. Being of a kind and gentle disposition, she won for herself many friends both in and out of the church. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." O. B. S.

PUGH.—On December 29th, 1898, Arthur Pugh died of consumption at Westport. He left a wife and two children to mourn for him. Funeral services were conducted by R. W. Stevenson and the writer, J. W. Bolton.

BUCKMAN.—On January 13th, Catherine, wife of Roland Buckman, at Tiverton. The sister died of consumption, being 47 years, 8 months, 25 days old. Funeral services were held by J. W. Bolton.

BLACKFORD.—On January 18th, infant son of Hadley and Lillie Blackford, of inflammation, aged 8 months, 7 days, at Tiverton. Services were held by J. W. Bolton.

McGEE.—At Bliss Island Lighthouse, on December 24th, Bro. Jos. E. McGee fell peacefully asleep after a brief but severe illness. A few months ago he went to the hospital in St. John for treatment, but soon returned, having been assured that local physicians could do as much for him as anybody, after which he gradually succumbed to the fatal effects of Bright's disease. Deceased was a son of James and Priscilla McGee, of Back Bay. About sixteen years ago he was baptized by Bro.

Jos. Gates, and united with the church in Back Bay. Deceased leaves a wife and two young children, together with father, mother and two brothers and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. He was a kind husband, a dutiful son, a valued neighbor, and a good citizen. His funeral was largely attended, the Independent Order of Foresters marching in procession and reading a burial service at the grave. A memorial service was held on January 8th with a funeral address. R. E. STEVENS.

JACKSON.—At New York, December 25th, 1898, aged 39 years, Mrs. Annie Jackson, the beloved wife of Bro. Stayley Jackson, Cornwallis. Sister Jackson went to New York for special treatment, and after submitting to two operations passed quietly away on Christmas day. Her trouble was such that the doctors assured her she could live but a little while as she was and there was great danger in the operation. But with strong faith in her Saviour she decided to take the chances, but the trouble was too serious a nature for her to rally, and she passed into the spirit land, leaving a husband and many friends to mourn their loss. Sister Jackson was a member of the Baptist church, but worshipped quite regularly with us during the eleven years and more that I was with the church in Cornwallis. She was a woman of excellent Christian character, and interested in all that was good. During all the years we lived near her home we found her a true friend, and with her many friends we shall miss her very much. Our sympathy goes out for the afflicted. May God comfort them. E. C. FORD.

FLAGLOR.—In this city on January 21st, Ella Marguerite (twin) daughter of Bro. and Sister James S. Flaglor, aged 9 months.

FLAGLOR.—In this city on January 29th, James Douglas (twin) son of Bro. and Sister James S. Flaglor, aged 9 months.

HOLDER.—On Thursday morning, January 5th, of congestion of the lungs, Arthur Vernon, only child of Bro. and Sister Geo. E. Holder, aged 7 months.

OWEN.—In the death of Sister Matilda Owen, which took place at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Fenwick, Apohaqui, N. B., the Coburg Street Christian Church, St. John, has lost a faithful friend and zealous worker, and the family circle of children, grand-children, and great grand-children, now misses the bright pure light that has gone out. Sister Owen was the widow of the late William Owen, and for many years was a resident of this city. Her relation with the Church of Christ here dates from of old; and during these years of cloud and sunshine she kept herself in the love of God. She was a diligent Bible student, and her mind was well stored with the sacred word. Up to a short time before her death she regularly attended the Sunday-school, besides being present at the two services on the Lord's day. She was a loyal supporter of missions, both at home and abroad; and was interested in the temperance movement, being an active member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She was kind to the poor and faithful in her visits to the sick, the sorrowing, and the aged. She was gentle in her judgments, having that charity which covers a multitude of sins. She took no delight in discovering and publishing the weaknesses and frailties of others. It was her pleasure rather to encourage the faint-hearted and support. She was a good woman, faithfully serving her God here and confidently expecting to dwell with him in the better, brighter world to which she departed on December 14, 1898, in the 78rd year of her age. H. W. S.

MURRAY.—Our step-mother, Mrs. Nancy Murray, of Milton, ended her earthly labors Jan. 23rd. She was 88 years old the 11th day of January. She was sick only one week and did not suffer much during that time. She lived a quiet, peaceful Christian life, in the enjoyment of the very pleasant home of her brother, Uncle Abner Harlow. Her last visit on earth was at our home on Christmas day, and it was a pleasant visit long to be remembered. She was to our family all that a mother could be. Not one unpleasant reflection to disturb the remembrance of our sainted mother. She died a peaceful, happy death in the blessed assurance of eternal life. She was the last charter member of the Milton Christian church. Mother is gone, her life work is done. Her departed spirit has found its sweetest peace. Her feet are no longer weary. The storms and chills of earth-life have all spent their force. Her voyage is ended, her heart is anchored in the haven of rest.

"Help thine afflicted ones, Oh Lord,  
Thy chastening rod to bear;  
That in the spirit land,  
Meeting at Thy right hand,  
Twill be our heaven to find  
That she is there."

H. M.

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