

RECEIPTS.	
Previously acknowledged,	\$688 37
Halifax—	
Per T. H. Blenus,	25 00
St John—	
Coburg street Sunday-school, ..	18 25
Main “ “ ..	3 79
Mission Band ..	4 55
A sister (for Portland)	5 00
LeTete—	
Elder Wm. Murray,	1 00
South Range—	
Per Elder H. A. Devoc,	1 00
Southville—	
Per Elder H. A. Devoc,	3 00
Westport—	
Per E. A. Payson,	5 00
Milton—	
Per Miss M. G. Freeman,	3 00
	\$682 96
	J. S. FLAGLOR, Secretary.
Post Office, St. John.	

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

*Expect great things from God.
Attempt great things for God.*

DEAR SISTERS,—The June meeting held this year at Toronto is over, and the sisters report a very enjoyable and profitable time spent together. The most important thing done was deciding that if funds could be raised another missionary would be sent out to learn the language and prepare to take up the work when Sister Rioch's time shall come to rest for a while. They think that one of the Maritime sisters should be sent this time, if one of them shall offer herself for this work. That it might be possible to send another worker, they held an open meeting, where Bro. Lhamon made a strong appeal for money, and ninety-three dollars in cash and pledges was received.

We trust that this matter will receive the serious, prayerful consideration of all our sisters, and that one of our number will be found willing to answer to this call, "Here am I, send me."

We publish Sister Rioch's yearly report to that meeting, which is of equal interest to us.

And now, dear sisters, our own annual meeting will soon be here, and we need to be making preparations for it. Will you not each endeavor to raise all the money possible during the time that is left and send to our treasurer? And will not the brethren and sisters who in the past have assisted by their individual offerings remember the work again before this year closes?

We wish to remind you of the reports which every society is requested to prepare and send to the annual meeting; also any question which any society or sister would like answered, if sent to the secretary as soon as possible would be given to some one to answer at our meeting. This has been suggested as a way of bringing about much information regarding missionary work, and we trust that several questions will be sent in.

MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR,
Secretary.

TOKIO, April, 24, 1895.

DEAR SISTERS—It is with much pleasure I present my fourth annual report for your consideration.

The past year has been one of trials, depression, and few triumphs; one in which I have never worked more unceasingly yet with apparently very little result.

My work, this year, as you know, has been almost exclusively among the Christian girls and women in the home with me—helping them to grow daily into the knowledge and grace of Him who lived and died for them,

and to prepare them to bring the blessed story to their sisters who are still sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. The rest of my energies have been devoted to the work among the children and their parents, especially the mothers, in the charity school on Matsugae Cho.

About the middle of last April, the Bible training school for women was started. The course of study consists of (1) general study of Old Testament, and its bearing on the New; (2) Life of Christ; (3) Acts of Apostles; (4) Epistles; (5) Ways and means of presenting the gospel to different classes of hearers, and how to meet objections to Christianity.

During the first session was assisted by Bros. Guy and Stephens one hour each per week. The second session by Mrs. Garst and Miss Johnson. Last month Mrs. Garst, being unable to continue her class, Miss Miller consented to take it. Mr. Azbill has been taking the class in the epistles for the past month.

At the beginning of the second session we found it necessary to open a secular department in a small way for those deficient in this respect. Two hours every morning is given up to this. The subjects taught are reading, writing, arithmetic, geography and history.

The attendance has varied from five to three—the present number, which is the lowest it has been. Two left last month—one to help her father and mother who had been working hard to keep her in the school, but her conscience would not allow her to see them sacrificing so much for her. She is a good, earnest girl, on whom it would be a pleasure to put a scholarship, were one forthcoming. The other was compelled to leave on account of persecution from outside acquaintances, who were no doubt jealous of her. As it involved some of the girls and myself she would not consent to stay, though she wished to do so very much, and told me with tears in her eyes when she left that she would always regard this as her home. They are both studying by themselves, and are helped on occasions with their studies by friends who know their story.

The examinations at the close of the completed terms showed hard conscientious study.

The girls in the home have been pursuing their secular studies in the government schools. For one hour each evening we study the life of Christ. On Sunday evenings we read stories in the Old Testament, it being too long and lonesome a road for us to attend evening services at the chapel.

All of the girls did well in their examinations. All but two received prizes, and one did so well she was put up a class, thus saving a whole year. Their Bible work was also very creditable.

As you have already heard the new building for the charity school is completed, and we are very comfortably situated. The attendance has grown considerably. The children come regularly through rain, snow, or sunshine. The mothers tell us at the woman's meeting of how every day their children tell those at home of the scripture story learned from the teacher in school. Just think of it, these little missionaries telling a sweet story of the Saviour's love daily!

The woman's meeting is very encouraging. The attendance has been good and earnest attention shown to the teaching. The three women who are already Christians have grown in faith and knowledge. They and their children attend all the meetings regularly. During the year three other women have wished to become Christians, but have been prevented by husbands and relatives. One has been forbidden to attend the meetings.

All the families have been visited many

times. My helper has done most of the visiting, my time being mostly occupied in the home.

The Sunday-school at this point is always good in attendance and interest. The same faces, with a few new ones, are always there.

In the Sunday-school in our home we have an attendance varying from ten to thirty.

And now just one word concerning the industrial department. Have gone slowly about this. Last October I was fortunate enough to secure the services of a competent teacher in knitting, crocheting and embroidery at a reasonable salary. The girls and women immediately began work. We received some Christmas orders for knitting and crocheting from friends. Just as these were about finished the teacher was taken ill with scarlet fever, and as most of the articles had been handled by her the orders had to be cancelled. Most of them, however, had learned to knit not only plain but fancy patterns, and to crochet. This month the teacher returned, and they are all learning embroidery. Their sitting-room looks quite like a workshop. After a while we hope to fill out orders for all kinds of embroidery.

In conclusion I wish to thank each and all of you for your prayers, comfort and help given so freely during the past year. May God's richest blessings attend you. We are not separated. We meet daily around the common mercy-seat.

Your sister in Christ,
MARY M. RIOCH.

I have received a very interesting letter from Mrs. Hupman, telling of the work of the "White Star Mission Band." This band has held a concert lately at which a lengthy and very interesting programme was carried out.

RECEIPTS.	
Previously acknowledged,	\$205 18
St. John—Sunday-school,	2 55
“ Woman's Aid,	2 15
Total,	\$209 88

CHILDREN'S WORK.	
Previously acknowledged,	\$59 52
Tiverton Mission Band,	2 00
St. John—"Wide Awake Band,"	1 08
Summerville—"White Star Band,"	4 00
Westport—"Willing Workers,"	2 50
Total,	\$69 10

SUSIE B. FORD, Treasurer,
Port Williams,
Kings Co., N. S.

Here is what *The Democrat Lever* (June 19) says of Bro. T. H. Capp, now pastor of the Christian Church in Plattsburg, Mo.:

T. H. Capp was unanimously recalled by the Christian church congregation, Sunday. During his short stay in Plattsburg he has endeared himself to the members of his church, and to the people of this city generally. He is a man of kind and tender feelings, high intellectual capacity and great learning, has a keen sense of the ludicrous, quick at repartee and exceedingly fond a joke. Altogether he is a rare combination both as a man and a preacher, and the Plattsburg church can consider herself blest in getting the services of such a man.

HALIFAX BUILDING FUND.

Previously acknowledged,	\$1,780 77
Sister Susie Ford, Halifax,	1 00
Monte Walker,	20
Total,	\$1,781 97

HENRY CARSON,
Treasurer,
Halifax, N. S., June 23, 1896.