

Bro. Devoe is in a good meeting at South Range. At last reports there were nine additions. We are glad to know he has fully recovered his health and will be able to work harder than ever in Digby County.

Bro. Cooke has made his regular visit to Southville where he baptized one. He is now at Kempt, where we look for a good and needed work to be done.

Surely we ought to be thankful for these good reports and glad that we have been able to help on the cause. There are some who have not sided at all and others who can aid more. We ask them to come up to the help of the Lord.

## RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$410 79
St. John Mission Band—	
Per Janet Lingley, . . . . .	3 40
Milton—	
Per W. J. Lhamon, . . . . .	80 00
Lord's Cove—	
Per R. E. Stevens, . . . . .	5 04
Summerville—	
Per Mrs. Hupman, . . . . .	1 00
Westport, . . . . .	3 00
Milton—	
Per Miss Freeman, . . . . .	2 83
Keawick—	
Per H. W. Stewart, . . . . .	10 00
Halifax—	
Per E. C. Ford, . . . . .	25 00
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## Foreign Missions.

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

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

(A paper read before the Cornwallis W. F. M. A.)

Our blessed Lord died for the redemption of the lost world. With the same love he to-day still longs for the salvation of the sin-ridden and perishing of every land.

It has been our precious privilege to become acquainted with this great salvation; it is more our glorious privilege to have some little part in spreading it, and thus fulfilling the longing desire of our Saviour's heart.

This is the chief object of foreign mission work. Not merely that people in Japan, China, India, Africa may be rescued from heathenism and all its degradation, but that our loving, patient Saviour may "see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied."

"We are not asked to give to the heathen, but to lay an offering at the feet of Jesus Christ for the furtherance of his work among the heathen." Giving in this way makes our work for Jesus a constant means of help and grace to each one of us.

It is estimated that three-fourths of all church members are women; therefore, three-fourths of Christian work depends on women. What will become of our part of this work if we devote our time and attention to pleasure solely? Dare we even spend all our energies upon our home and household duties? We have other work to do, too, for the sin-sick and heart-sick are to be brought to him who said, "Come unto me and I will give you rest."

Is this work to be done without any assistance from you, my sister? You pray daily, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Can you continue to pray thus and then refuse to do all in your power? Can you fail to speak a word? Certainly, if this is really your petition.

Has his kingdom come to you? Does he reign within you? May he put forth his power through you as through those who are in heaven? This

prayer is for the whole earth. What are you doing to have the will of God obeyed by the six or seven hundred millions who have not heard of Christ? Do you know that four hundred million heathen women—our sisters—are walking side by side with us to the bar of God's judgment?

To all these questions each heart has its own response and each soul its own responsibility.

Many are saying, "We have heathens all about us," and "charity begins at home." Well, there is a great deal of truth in this saying; grant it, "beginning at Jerusalem" the gospel did its first gracious work for those about the birth-place and early home of Christianity. But the direction was to preach the gospel in Jerusalem, then Judea, then Samaria, and then unto the uttermost parts of the world.

AT THEIR OWN COST.—In the good time to come, when the claims for foreign missions are better understood, many rich men and women will be found willing to go out at their own expense. Already 125 such have gone from Great Britain.

RICH, THOUGH POOR.—At a missionary meeting in Paris a poor, blind woman gave twenty-seven francs. "You cannot afford so much," they said. "Yes, I can," she answered, and explained that her fellow-workers (at plaiting straw) used twenty-seven francs worth of oil for light. She, being blind, did not need a lamp; so she gave the money to send light to the dark heathen lands.

TOO HOLY.—A Mohammedan objected to the Bible. "It is too holy, if we took it up we could not cheat, nor lie, nor get on in business."

RAPID GROWTH.—It is only twenty-five years since the first building was erected in Tokyo by Christians. They have now ninety-two churches and halls.

GENERAL CONVERTS.—In Japan a workman gets twelve cents a day, yet native Christians last year gave over \$100,000. If Americans gave as much in proportion, their contribution would be increased ten fold.

THIS ONE THING I DO.—A Japanese preacher got a salary of twenty yen a month. He was offered a school at sixty yen a month. He refused, saying, "I am here to teach Christianity." Again they said, "We will give it to you if you will teach but two hours a day." Though he had to support a wife, four children and a sister, he again said, "No, I have given my whole time to the work of preaching Christianity."

## RECEIPTS

Previously reported, . . . . .	\$191 18
St. John—	
Sunday-school, . . . . .	2 31
Woman's Aid, . . . . .	2 75
Cornwallis—	
Woman's Aid, . . . . .	1 00
Summerville, Q. Co.—	
Per Mrs. Hupman, . . . . .	1 00
Lord's Cove—	
Woman's Aid, . . . . .	9 00
	\$207 24

## CHILDREN'S WORK.

Previously reported, . . . . .	\$42 05
West Gore—	
Mission Band, . . . . .	2 00
Lord's Cove—	
Mission Band, . . . . .	3 00
St. John—	
Wide Awake Mission Band, . . . . .	1 36
	\$48 41

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## Children's Work.

(Address all communications to Mrs. D. A. Morrison, 26  
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I wonder if any of our girls and boys have ever read the story about the little English drummer boy, who was captured by one of Napoleon's generals? When brought before the great Emperor, Napoleon told him he believed he was a spy. The lad replied that he was only a poor drummer-bey. "Then, if you are," said Napoleon, "play the call." The boy did so. "Now the 'retreat'," said Napoleon. But the boy replied, "Nay, sire, I don't know that; we English never do retreat." The Emperor was so pleased with the little fellow's brave answer that he gave him his freedom and sent him back to his own army.

Don't you think that would be a good thing to have said of us as missionary workers? "We mission bands never do retreat." And we might make up our minds to carry that out in any good work that we are engaged upon. What do you say, girls and boys? Shall we take that as our motto—that we shall never retreat?

Miss Riach has sent us a little basket full of Japanese things, and you will all have the pleasure of seeing them, as fast as the mails will carry them from one band to the other.

Your loving friend,  
MRS. D. A. MORRISON,  
Supt. Children's Work.

## SILVER FALLS BUILDING FUND.

One of Miss Lamont's contributors to the Silver Falls house was credited with one dollar too much. She acknowledges the following received since: E. C. Bowers, M. P., \$1; Miss Mary A. Robinson, 25c.; Miss S. M. Lamont, \$3.

## Selected.

## THE KILKENNY CATS IN CHURCH.

Everybody has heard of the famous cats of Kilkenny:

"Each cat thought there was one cat too many;  
So they quarrelled and fit,  
They scratched and they bit,  
Till, excepting their tails,  
And some scraps of their nails,  
Instead of two cats, there want any."

Now that is a genuine, fac simile picture of a church quarrel and its results. It is a sad y true representation of the way far too many churches meet their death. It seems strange that there should have been need for an apostle's warning against Christians "biting" and "devouring" one another. For wolves to devour sheep is no special wonder; but for sheep to devour one another is monstrous and most astonishing. Yet Paul seemed to foresee that this most unnatural of things would transpire, and therefore wrote a most definite and forcible warning: "But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another." And sad to contemplate is it how many, many churches, since these words were written, have met their death in this unnatural, savage-like, cannibalistic manner!

They say that there is a star-fish in the Caledonian lakes sometimes dredged up from the deep water. It looks firm and strong, most compactly knit together. But the moment that you pull off one of its branching limbs, no matter how small it may be, the singular creature begins itself to dislocate the rest with wonderful celerity of contortion, throwing away its radiate arms, and jerking from their sockets its members, until the entire body is a shapeless wreck and confusion of death, and nothing remains of what was one of the most exquisitely beautiful forms in nature save a hundred wriggling fragments, each repulsive and dying by suicide.