

Home Mission Notes.

SPECIAL ATTENTION! We ask all our churches to take up a special collection in May for home missions, and send to J. H. Hardin, Y. M. C. A. building, Cincinnati, Ohio. These brethren are aiding the work in Canada. They have done us a vast amount of good this past year at considerable cost to them. They are pledged to give \$250 00 a year to support a preacher in Halifax. Bro. Northcutt's work here cost them \$150.00. We ought to give them a large collection—to show we appreciate their kindness, to show that we want to continue our co-operation with them, and above all to show our love for the cause of Christ. Let us show that we are as liberal, according to our means, as any part of America.

We notice in the Standard that the Sunday-school at Westport has contributed \$6.00 to the G. C. M. Fund of the United States. This is a good collection, and a good work is helped along.

The Coburg street Sunday-school sends a good collection to our fund, as it does every quarter.

The Sunday-school in Halifax intends to take quarterly collections for our fund. They began the first Lord's day in March, and we acknowledge the amount—\$7.10. Remember this school is only about one year old, and has a small membership. All things considered, this is the best yet for any of our schools. We hope all our Sunday schools will follow the good example of Halifax and St. John.

The first half of our year has passed and we have received \$317.00. Our expenses have been a little more than that. In the meetings held and assisted by the "Board," forty-five have been added to the churches. So far, this is much better than last year. The brethren will notice we are not receiving as much as we are paying out. We hope those who have been giving will give more liberally, and many who have failed to give will at once contribute something for our home mission work.

The meeting at Westport was a grand success—nineteen were added to the church. The Board assisted this meeting to the amount of thirty dollars. The church in Milton, for letting Bro. Murray go, and Bro. Murray, for holding this meeting, deserves the thanks of the Disciples in these provinces. It was a good work and well done.

A good sister, who does not want her name known, has given \$5,000 for the support of the Bible chair at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Bro. F. M. Rains went to Frankford, Mo. to open a church. They wanted \$3,000 to pay the debt. He raised \$3,178; and at Ruskville, Ind., they wanted \$13,000. He raised \$15,571, a pretty good collection for one day.

The following meetings were taken from the last four numbers of the Evangelist, St. Louis, Mo. Twenty-three meetings with 3,142 additions is encouraging:

Place.	Preacher.	Additions.
Gibson City, Ill.	Creighton	107
Taylorville, "	Pearl & Weedon	164
Bloomington, "	Cilliland	312
Ancena, "	Wright	119
Decatur, "	Hall & Hackleman	202
Mackinaw, "	Stewart	107
Delaver, "	Boyer	104
Bristow, Iowa	Devoe	105
Farragut, "	Omer & Quick	102
Osceola, "	C. C. Marrison	102
Centerville, "	Morris	131
Hutchinson, Kan	Lockhart	106
Lyons, "	Rose & Rogers	125
Ezbon, "	LeBaron & McPherson	101
Neodesha, "	Harlan	130
Sedalia, Mo.	Myers	135
Carthage, "	Speck & Birdsall	151
Elwood, Ind.	Schofield	150
Delphi, "	Boyer & Millard	100
Sherman, Tex.	Larimore	140
Fairbury, Neb.	Putnam & Kirk	137
San Bernardino, Cal.	Martin	107
Aberdeen, S. D	Romig	189

Sister Page, the oldest member of the Norfolk Church of Christ, is a remarkable woman. She is

ninety-six years old, and has been blind for twenty-nine years. Her memory is excellent, and she converses on all topics, especially the origin and miraculous progress of the Disciples of Christ. She was a charter member of the first organization, effected by A. Campbell, and has lived to see the little body of twenty-nine, with which she identified herself, encircle the globe and stand prominently among the various religious bodies of earth—over a million strong.—*Norfolk Christian.*

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$287 62
St. John Mission Band—	
Per Miss B. Barnes,	3 45
St. John Sunday-school,	15 42
Halifax, "	7 10
" Per E. C. Ford,	25 00
Westport—	
Per H. Murray,	30 00
Tiverton—	
Per H. A. DeVoe,	1 75
St. Croix, N. S	
Mrs. M. Sanford,	50
Southville—	
Wm. Gates,	1 00
Milton—	
Per Miss A. A. Collie,	3 50
Lord's Cove—	
Per R. E. Stevens,	2 50

\$377 84

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

SERVICE.

Dear Sisters,—I have been reading a very helpful leaflet, "The Responsibility of not Doing," and I want to give you two or three quotations from it.

To do is to live, to refuse to do is to die. When we do the best we can, the responsibility is God's; when we refuse to do, the responsibility is ours. Everywhere this is true—in our homes, our work-rooms, society, church, in all the interests of life. The responsibility of not doing is loss of power to us, and serious loss to the world. Is it not true that the responsibility of not doing is that of defeating our great purpose of Christ's life on the earth? We cannot realize the weight of this responsibility until we catch the spirit of the Master's teaching, until we see that the law of loving, self-denying service is the law of this kingdom. Then, heaven really begins here, and this life is but the vestibule of that larger life beyond. Then one is ready for every work to which the Master bids him go. Hearts and hands and purse are at the Master's disposal for any form of loving service.

Sisters, let us give ourselves to the Master for loving, self-denying service during the remaining months of our missionary year. Do you realize that six months have already passed? When the importance of the work comes to me with greater force than usual, this always comes to strengthen me—"workers together with God." What a privilege to be a worker with God! And then with Him all things are possible. With this assurance we ought to be willing to undertake greater things "in His name." Cheering words come to me from so many sisters. God is indeed blessing their efforts. Let us work and pray that all may know Him—whom to know aright is life eternal. Yours in the Master's service,

CARRIE F. PAYSON.

Westport, N. S., Feb. 16, '94.

We have received the following letter from our sister in Japan:

You remember in a former letter I spoke of some students from the school not far from our home coming to ask us to teach them the Bible? We had become acquainted with them through their attendance at the Sunday services. Most of them

were already Christians, seeking after more light, especially the leader of the party—Kairai San by name. He it was who banded together the few Christians that belonged to this great Buddhist school, and seemed to watch over them with a fatherly interest. He induced them, for some of them were becoming weak, to come to his room for prayer and reading of the scriptures every day, and when he heard of us, he immediately sought means of becoming acquainted and enlisted us in his self-imposed task. We were, as may be supposed, glad to teach them—yes, to teach them the whole of the gospel as it is in Christ. As a result, for the last month this young man has had a stern conflict with himself. Before he, or in fact any of them, had met us, they had never heard of the immersion of a believer as Christian baptism. He saw, after his attention was drawn to the fact, that that was the only true baptism. Yet, he said, "My mother and sister were not immersed. Shall I have to leave them?" At last, one morning during the week of prayer, he came to say he was ready. The same afternoon we had the joy of seeing him buried with his Saviour in baptism and rise to walk in newness of life with him. He is like a different person, he is so happy, and how hard he is working with the others to get them to see as he sees. He brings them to us to talk to, and where they do not understand English very well he takes them to Mr. Garst.

There is one student I would like to mention particularly. He was a scoffer, but Kairai San induced him to join our Bible-class. He probably came for the sake of the English he would learn. He has ceased to scoff, and told us at the last meeting that he felt nearer to God than he had ever thought possible. He wishes, however, to study longer before casting in his lot with us. Besides these signs of Christ's growing kingdom, others of our missionaries have reaped bountifully for Christ, till we exclaim: "What has God wrought!"

The charity-schools, Sunday-schools and women's meeting are about the same, interest good.

My new Bible-woman comes next week. Was so sorry to lose my old one, am afraid it hinders the work in the women's meeting, where we had hoped to claim two souls for Christ.

The Sunday-school in our house increases every Sunday.

Dear sisters, don't cease praying for all of us.

Your loving sister in Christ,
MARY M. RIOCH.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$164 47
St. John—	
Sunday-school,	3 10
Woman's Aid,	2 05
Halifax—	
Per Laura Blois,	2 81
Milton—	
Per Zola Collie,	7 00
Tryon, P. E. I.—	
Mrs. John Crawford,	2 00
Mrs. Bell,	1 00
Total,	\$182 43

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Previously acknowledged,	\$28 79
St. John—	
Wide Awake Band,	33
Gracie Johnston,	1 00
Halifax—	
Mission Band,	1 38
Lord's Cove—	
Little Workers,	5 00
Total,	\$36 50

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Children's Work.

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I cannot complain for want of news this week; the letters have rained upon me in the last three weeks, and that is just what I like to see.

We are glad to hear that Sister Cooke is recovering from her illness.

The Westport Willing Workers held an "open meeting" on February 28th. After scripture reading and prayer the children took part in some