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made and made as large as possible. Pictures of places, persons, animals, plants, costumes —in fact everything that can be put into a picture—must be made or obtained and used; for lessons are learned more quickly and surely through the eye than through the car.

The superintendent must include all the classes in his brief reviews, causing each individual to be on the watch for a direct question. These are some of the things that make a school interesting.

With a superintendent and teachers whose aim is to teach the children to love Christ and to work for him, the school cannot fail to be interesting in the best way and with the best results.

Rome Mission Notes.

WELL DONE.—Halifax has paid her apportionment in full. Private letters from them say that the outlook was never better and that Bro. Blenus is doing grand work.

Bro. Hiram Wallace's visit was greatly enjoyed and Elmsdale was benefitted by Bro. Blenus preaching three times on Sunday.

Bro. Blenus was too sick to preach on the I4th but the meetings were well attended and interesting.

Westport is coming up to our help in a liberal way.

When the preacher and the church work and give there is no trouble about raising funds.

At the annual \$48 was pledged by individnals, \$20 of this amount has been paid. It would be well if all who pledged could p.y up.

Coburg Street Sunday School pledged \$50. They have paid over \$30. Milton Sunday-School pledged \$5 we would be glad to hear from them.

Since last month the profits from THE CHRISTIAN have been paid over to us which has been of great help in time of need. This should cause all in arrears to pay what is due for they get a good paper and the profits are used to preach the g-spel in these province.

Bro. Stevens is working away in Picton with a good degree of success in regard to attendance and interest. He also preaches at River John, Picton R and and B gmy, where he is greatly encouraged. He intends preaching at another point where they are anxious to hear.

A word in regard to Portland. The attendance and interest in the Suiday-school and all the meetings are good. The collections are large for forty members, not half of whom are wag carners. The total collections last year in addition to what was paid on the lot were \$750 Four have been idded to the church since Bro. Appel came and we are sure of others.

In Halifux, Pictou and Portland the preachers and church members are working with a will and feel sure of success. We need \$250 yet to make good our pledg s to them. What say you, will you help? "I firmly believet hat the very intensest and

ceaseless consecration of every energy of our being to the effort to do first what the Master has for us to do, is the secret of a quiet, unmingled, percential joy of the heart, to be found in such service alone," -McAll.

One of our good sisters said that the writer of these notes "is the greatest beggar" she ever heard. A story is told of a faithful preacher who was incessant in his appeals to the church for home and foreign missions. At one time after a most fervent appeal for funds to aid the foreign work, a member sarcastically said "Well when you are gone we can truly say, "And it came to pass that the beggar died." The preacher with tears in his eyes, for he felt the *spirit* of the remark, said "I will not object to those words if you will finish the sentence—' and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bossom.'"

Here are some of the things I have been begging for, more money to pay our preachers better salaries, more money to help weak churches, more money to establish the cause in new places, more money to make the strong churches stronger, more money that more souls may be won for the Master. More money because if you give it, God will bless you and you will help others.

RECEIPTS.

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Previously acknowledged,	\$ 268	10
Leonardville, per Win Kay,	1	00
Westport, per E. A. Payson,	5	00
Halifax per W. J Messervey,	25	00
St. John, Mission Band,	6	50
" "M," Main Street,	5	00
Profits from CHRISTIAN,	38	00
Milton, per Miss M. G. Freeman,	8	00
South Range, II. A. Devoe,	2	00
" per "	4	00
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Post Office, St. John.

foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M. Expect great things from God. Attempt great things fon God.

DEAR SISTERS,-1 have extracts from another letter received from Sister Rioch, telling the good news that our dear missionary is much improved in health. I know that you will all rejoice. Pray earnestly for her, not only that she may speedily grow strong, but that she may be guided, especially at this time, in all her undertakings for Christ in that land and in her field of labor. At the executive meeting held in St. John he officers of our society decided to ask every juxiliary to report at least half-yearly, these reports to be brief and as interesting as possibly, so that we could publish in our missionary column This would keep us in touch with one another and would be a source of strength to all Please send us your report We should be talking about and planning for C. W. B. M. day; we want to make it the greatest day we have ever known. It is to be observed on the first Lord's day in July. Let us all be ready.

We trust that all our churches will respond to the appeals that are being made for the March offering. MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR,

Scoretary.

ARITA. January 3rd, 1897.

MY DEAR SISTER, — Your letter came to hand on Christmas eve, and I enjoyed it more, I think, because it came then. You know that we far-off ones get just a little home-sick about that time, and to get a good mail from home, as I did, why it is the next thing to being home itself, and having a nice chat with you all.

Yes, I heard about your annual meeting, and was so glad to know that you had done such good work for the Master. I was also very much pleased to hear of your confidence in me. I really have tried to do my best, and one likes to know that their efforts are appreciated. You certainly had a good missionary meeting. The more the people know of the heathen lands the more interested and zealous they will become. I never realized the difference between a Christian and a heathen country till I came here. My ! such a difference. The difference between light and darkness.

When I read of the grand efforts you dear people are putting forth for the Master it makes me feel very unworthy. * * When I reached here, October 24th, I was

so broken down in health that a walk around the block at a slow pace thoroughly tired me, so that I would have to lie down and rest when 1 got back. I have gained so much in this nice bracing air that now I can walk for two miles at a smart pace and come back refreshed. Dr. Stevens has been like a dear mother to me. Thanks to her treatment and care, I feel entirely well now, excepting my head, which is gotting better nicely. The doctor now allows me to study a short time every day. I have not had a sign of another attack of neuralgia since summer. All the trouble came from my nerves, which are much stronger. I expect to begin work this month, perhaps a Sunday-school and distribution of tracts at first.

1 am very happy up here in this home. Mr. Stevens is just as kind as his wife, Dr. Stevens, and O! the need is so much greater here. Think of being the only missionaries within a hundred miles radius, and that thickly populated. Many of the believers brought into the church when Bros. Smith and Garst and Misses Harrison and Johnson were here have fallen away; only a remnant remains. This is caused by the missionaries leaving the field and going to Tokis, some six years ago. Surely we have virgin soil to work on; but we know that the fervent prayers and consecrated lives that have gone up to the throne on high as sweet insense will bring for in harvests; but O! the workers are so few.

I do not know yet whether I shall remain note or return to Tokio. I love my work there very dearly, for there I have done four years of seed sowing, and would gladly have the joy of reaping. But I am here as your representative, and want to do only what is best for the work.

I have visited J sephine Smith's grave. It is well kep', and in the spring will be well tooked after, I assure you.

It is very cold here, the wind sweeps along as if it would blow us away. Indeed, it shakes our house like an earthquake. When we get into our foreign house we will be free from that, however.

With much love to all, I am your sister, MARY M. RIOCH.

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