us always. However, last year half who came paid for medicine, but O Kumi San taught Christ to them all alike and at every

opportunity.

I had under my care a woman who was partially paralyzed. She hated Ohristianity but in her distress sent for me. She is recovering—her daughter, a young lady, attends our meetings and we may visit that house and teach any time. An old man who had put his wife away, married his son to the daughter of his concubine and was making his living by selling girls, grew sick and sent for me. Before we left the house he showed a desire to hear the gospel, but death claimed him in a few days. Some one said, "The old devil is dead," but I thought what a blessed thing that God was more merciful than man. Who can say that the opening of that house may not be the salvation of that family. The son attends church services when he can, and his children come to Sunday-school, and it is another home to which we are always welcome.

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A woman with heart disease came to us—face expressionless and blank. After coming some time a change seemed to come over her. Her face brightened up and she came in smiling. Do you think that change was due entirely to the change in her body? No, the light was beginning to dawn in her soul.

It has been said that the Japanese physicians can supply the need in Japan, therefore medical missionaries do not pay. From a professional standpoint I do not belt ve we have enough good Japanese doctors in this country and I know not enough Christian ones. No country is better provided with free dispensaries than England and America and we have only to investigate to see how effectually they aid in bringing the tidings of salvation to the most degraded and sunken. If in our own highly favored land they so successfully carry the gospel message, can any one question or doubt the need in all mission fields.

We need native physicians who will do mission work—women with character, education and consecration.

Being the only woman in our station last year, that branch of mission work by which so much good has been and is being done in this country, I mean school work, had to be neglected. Our weekly woman's meeting after which we had a mother's meeting was successful. There was an average attendance of twenty all winter and spring. The knitting and sewing class also was well attended.

The enlightment of girls who must marry soon after leaving the Sho Gakko (common public school) has an important place.

The bitter want of a knowledge of hygiene calls for light. The nurses' training class gave a good opportunity. These girls were taught the care of the sick in the home, care of home and little ones, cooking, massage, and if they went out to nurse, the importance of demanding respect, for that is one sorrow we have to bear—the nurses have a bad reputation. My desire is to train women for nurses who will be also Bible women.

I found that on our evangelistic trip this spring that by advertising a mother's meeting, we got the women interested, and they soon asked questions not only on points of health but on religion. It was sometimes difficult to keep the men out, for if they came the women ceased to show any interest.

There are none but God's messengers who bring light and joy, and I praise him that he has thought it worth while to call me who am the less than the least of all saints to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

We have worked for God, let us leave the results with him.

WOMEN'S WORK.

Previously acknowledged,	\$84	53
Tiverton, Ladies' Aid,	5	00
St. John, Ladies' Aid,	1	80
" Sunday-school,	4	35
Lord's Cove, Ladies' Aid,	6	00
St. John, a Brother,	25	00
" Coburg St. Sunday-school,	3	70
" Miss		
Emory's class,	8	75
" Coburg St. Woman's Aid,	3	00
" Main St. " "	_	15

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Children's Work.

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DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,-

The glad Christmas time has just passed and good wishes and gifts have been exchanged. May all our gifts remind us of the one great gift given to us so long ago by a loving heavenly Father. And now at the beginning of the new year, as we think of making new resolutions, we can see many things in the past year that we might have improved upon; so let us as mission band workers see what new resolves we can make and keep for 1897.

Our missionaries have often asked us to pray for them in their work, and for the poor darkened ones who know nothing of a glad Christmas time or the birth of a Saviour who came to fill their lives with brightness. Let us resolve to remember them in our prayers every day during 1897. Let us all resolve, too, that we will secure one new member for the mission band during the coming year. If we will carry out this resolve see what the result will be when 1898 comes around; our united membership will be just double what it is today, and our offerings will be correspondingly increased.

It is not well to make a multitude of resolutions and then forget to keep them, so let us see if we cannot keep these two and our lives will be the happier for having done

And now dear girls and boys, I will give you my new year's wish for you all. It is in the 3rd Epistle of John, 2nd verse.

Your loving friend, Mrs. D. A Monnison. Sup't Children's Work.

CHILDREN'S WORK.

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St. John, N. B.

Total,\$12 50 O. B. Stockford, Scoretary-Treasurer. MAIN STREET CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

Previously acknowledged,	\$605	66
Collected by J. W. Barnes,	20	00
" by D. A. Morrison,	5	00
" by Mrs. "	5	00
E. Stockford by B. D. Lingley,	2	00
O B Stockford by J. S. Flaglor,	4	35
A Sister by H. W. Stewart,	1	00
A Brother, F. Village, by H. W. Stewart	10	00
A Bro. and Sister, Rolling Dam,		
by H. W Stewart,	5	00
Miss A. Hill and Mrs. C. A. Wanamaker,		
Nauwigewauk,	2	00
Interest per J. S. Flaglor,	5	81
St. John Wide Awake M. B per Mrs.		
Morrison, :	5	35

Total, \$671 16 J. S. Flaglor, Treasurer.

Married.

STEWART-BAKER -At the Revere Hotel, Charlotte-town, Dec. 11th, 1896, by O. B. Emory, Cyrus N. Stewart, Esq., Red Poine, Lot 46, and Miss Hattie M. Baker, daughter of Benjamin Baker, Esq., North Lake, Lot 47, P. E. Island.

MEALEY McDONALD. — In St. John, on Dec. 24th, 1896, by J. Charles B. Appel, May McDonald of St. John, to Roderick A. Mealey of Belleiele, N. B.

ROBBINS-LEAMAN.—In Tiverton, N. S., in the new home of the bridegroom, Dec. 23rd, 1896, Norman Robbins and Linda Leaman. The parties were both of Tiverton. J. W. Bolton officiated.

Died.

STOCKFORD.—On Dec. 27th, 1896, at the home of her uncle, Bro. Isaac St ekford, St. John, Dora May, daughter of David W. Stockford, Gagetown, N. B., passed away, being at the time in her 21st year. Her illness was of short duration but the pain she suffered was indescribable. The kindness of friends and the doctor's skill gave her but little relief and she prayed that the end might come. It came and found her trusting in the Christ whom she had confessed about three years before in St. John At that time she was full of life and strength, and it seemed as though many years would be hers. Death was not then in her mind. She knew that she needed Christ in life and when death was coming near she knew whom she had believed. To be prepared to live is to be prepared to die. A short service was held at her uncle's house on the evening of her death, and on Monday morning her body was sent to the home of her childhood for interment. May those upon whom this sorrow has come, find in Christ the comfort they need, for in him alone it can be found.

"He helped his saints in ancient days

"He helped his saints in ancient days
Who trusted in his name,
And we can witness to his praise—
His love is still the same."—H. W. S.

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Christie - After a short illness, Josephice (Josie) daughter of John Morrison and wife of Bro. R. A Christie of St. John, on Nov. 30th, 1896, and in the 26th year of her age, closed her earthly pilgrimage and entered into rest. She celebrated the sixth anniversary of her marriage only a few weeks before. The house that was then full of rejoicing is now filled with sorrow. Three little boys are early left without a mother's care, and only one perhaps is old enough to carry far into the future the memory of a mother's love. Loving ones will watch over them, but there is no hand like the hand of a mother to guide the fect of childhood. A few months after her marriage, Sister Christie united with the Coburg Street Church, being baptized by Bro. T. H. Capp. Owing to the sacred duties of home she was able but infrequently to attend the house of God, but she looked forward to the time when her place could be filled as regularly as in other days. Her place shall be forever vacant in the meeting-house on earth; but in the Father's house on high we believe it shall be forever filled. And may the family circle now broken here, be there completed once more. May the sorrowing husband and friends find in the promises of God a balm for their wounded hearts.

H. W. S.

Outhouse.—At Tiverton, N. S., Dec. 5th, 1896, Mrs.

OUTHOUSE.—At Tiverton, N. S., Dec. 5th, 1896, Mrs. Vicy A. Outhouse, wife of Herbert Outhouse, ended her earthly career at the age of 31 years, 3 months. She leaves a family of three children. She was a fine Christian woman and a member of the Christian church in Tiverton. She suffered greatly with that dreaded disease consumption, but in the midst of it all she trusted in Jesus, and said she was not afraid to go and meet her maker. The funeral services were largely attended by sympathizing friends.—J. W. Bolton.