

Home Mission Notes.

"A CENTER ESSENTIAL TO A CIRCUMFERENCE — Influence extends from the centre toward the circumference. Power starts from the centre, even though it is manifest in every portion of the periphery. This is true with reference to the limitless sphere of the universe, and to the contracted sphere of the humblest individual. Until the world had a fixed centre, all was chaos. If the world should lose its centre, chaos would return. The man who does not love one person above all others, cannot have real love for all persons. There is no true feeling of human brotherhood in the heart of him who begins with trying to love everybody alike. When Jesus wanted his disciples to have and to show a missionary spirit, he told them to begin at Jerusalem, the home of their love, and to work out from that center to "the uttermost part of the earth." From that day to this no disciple of Jesus has been a good missionary, or has had the true missionary spirit, who lacked devoted love for his home fold. First the centre, then the circumference; not first the circumference, then the centre. He who does not love his own household first and best, does not love his fellow-men or his fellow-disciples with a true and increasing love. From the centre of love for one fellow-being, the increase can be unceasing toward the love of all beings, so long as the centre is retained. But when the centre is lost, progress is at an end, even though motion continues."

The above is from the *S. S. Times* and seems appropriate at this time to our home mission work.

We are in need of more funds at once in order to keep the pledges made at the "Annual." We think the brethren love the cause and will see that the good being done in these provinces is not retarded for the lack of funds.

We are pleased to see our smaller churches showing an interest in the fields we are aiding. It is a case of the less blessing the greater; and it is needed, for we are in debt again and want \$100.00 before the annual.

The reports are encouraging from all points. Main street, besides those reported last month, has had two more additions—one from the Baptists and one from Coburg St.

We are glad to know that our aged Bro. Fullerton is still spared to his family and to the extension of the cause in Pictou. May he live to see his hopes realized and be able to say, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for I have seen what I hoped for."

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$435 94
St. John—Main Street, Woman's Aid, . . . . .	3 28
Coburg Street, Mission Band, . . . . .	6 65
Kempt—Per Helen M. Freeman, . . . . .	4 00
Westport—Per E. A. Payson, . . . . .	6 00
Nine Mile River—Per W. H. Harding, . . . . .	2 00
Shubenacadie, " " " . . . . .	1 50
Milton—Per Miss M. G. Freeman, . . . . .	3 00
Pictou—Per R. E. Stevens, . . . . .	5 00
South Range—Per H. A. Devoe, . . . . .	1 00
Total, . . . . .	\$468 37

J. S. FLAGLOR,  
Treasurer.

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

DEAR SISTERS.—You will remember that at our last annual meeting there was a motion to set apart one day in the year for special effort in behalf of our C. W. B. M. work. A day on which we should strive to enlist all our sisters in working for and giving to Foreign Missions. It has been thought best to call it C. W. B. M. Day, and observe it on the first Lord's day in July, the day set apart by our American sisters for the same purpose. There is a large number in nearly all our churches who do not belong to our C. W. B. M., and are not specially interested in our work, perhaps because they have never been directly appealed to. Will you not each feel yourself commissioned to see just as many of those sisters as possible, and invite them to your meetings on that day; to contribute something for the work, and to join your society. Much depends upon the personal efforts put forth.

Where there is no society we ask the sisters who are interested to take up the work, to arrange for a missionary meeting, and to do all they can to make it a success. We ask all the ministers to preach on the subject of missions on that day, and to assist in every way possible in its observance. From the manner in which they have always encouraged and helped us in the past, we feel confident that they will willingly co-operate with us in this effort to enlarge our work, and to arouse a deeper interest in Missions.

There is need of earnest efforts on the part of each one, that we may be able to meet the obligations resting upon us. To do this quite a large sum must be raised before our annual meeting. Will you not each endeavor to make this, our first C. W. B. M. Day a success—a day far-reaching in its influence for good—a great day in the history of our missionary society.

MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR.

LEONARDVILLE, N. B.

Mrs. M. B. Ryan and Mrs. F. B. Richardson, of Lord's Cove, met at Leonardville, March 17th, with the purpose of organizing an auxiliary to the C. W. B. M. at said place. Several of the ladies met at the school house. Mrs. Ryan took the chair, and after the regular organizing work was done, the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. James G. Wilson; Vice-President, Miss Eva Lena Richardson; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Alonzo Leonard; Treasurer, Miss Ada Doughty; Secretary, Mrs. Elmer Richardson. Twenty-eight members were enrolled, who pledged themselves to give from five to ten cents. Only one copy of the *Tidings* is taken, and if any of the older societies have old literature, it would help us very much.

Lord's Cove has already contributed, and has promised to help us all they can.

We are looking forward to the annual meeting, when we shall all receive fresh courage, new inspiration, and a greater knowledge of the work in which we have enlisted.

Yours in the work,  
MRS. ELMER RICHARDSON,  
Secretary.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$196 46
St. John—Coburg Street Sunday-school, . . . . .	6 75
"    Ladies' Aid, . . . . .	2 20
"    Main Street, . . . . .	3 27
Milton—Ladies' Aid, . . . . .	6 40
Tiverton—Ladies' Aid, . . . . .	2 00
Westport—Ladies' Aid, . . . . .	2 75
Total, . . . . .	\$210 83

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Halifax Co., N. S.

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$76 94
St. John—Wide Awake Band, . . . . .	1 35
Charlottetown—Hazel Stewart's Star, . . . . .	1 00
Westport—Willing Workers, . . . . .	2 75
Total, . . . . .	\$82 04

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Children's Work.

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CHILDREN'S DAY.

The day is the first Sunday in June. It is important that every school observe the day. Each school is asked for a definite amount. Aim to raise your full apportionment, and place your Sunday-school on the roll of honor.

We have seven more missionaries in heathen lands than there were one year ago, and three more are to sail soon. It will require several thousand dollars more to support the work this year than last.

Send the names of all the children that raise \$1.00 or more and we will send certificates of membership in the one dollar league. The children planted our missions in heathen lands and they will see that the work is enlarged if given an opportunity.

Send the Children's Day offering promptly to F. M. Rains, Treasurer, Box 750, Cincinnati, Ohio, who will return a proper receipt.

MAIN STREET BUILDING FUND.

We have almost enough to pay balance due on lot. Will all give who can? We want to begin building this fall, and ought to have at least one thousand dollars to start with. Many have said, "As soon as you start we will help." Please remember that by aiding us now you will put us in a position to make a better canvass in the vicinity of the new house.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$771 53
Halifax—	
Mrs. Wisdom, . . . . .	1 00
Westport—	
J. W. Bolton, . . . . .	1 00
St. John—	
Coburg Street, . . . . .	32 85
Total, . . . . .	\$806 37

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