

The colleges in Kentucky University have closed till September. Nelson Stevenson of P. E. I. and Geo. D. Weaver of N. S. received the degree B. A. in the College of Liberal Arts, and Alex. Simpson of P. E. I. and F. C. Ford have graduated from the College of the Bible.

The Queen's Jubilee celebration is now over. The state recognized the occasion in a fitting manner and the churches, at was meet, gave honor where honor is due. Many practical lessons can be drawn from the Queen's life as truly as from the life of Queen Esther or the Queen of Sheba. Having made prayers and supplications for the Queen for many years, it is but fitting that thanks should be rendered to Him who has permitted her to live so long, and reign so well.

O. G. Hertzog, the financial agent of Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio, expects to be in St. John, Lord's day, July 4th. He is on his way to P. E. I. to attend the Association at New Glasgow. As he is one of our ablest preachers, we believe that he will be of great service to the cause of our Master while on the Island. It would be well if he could be induced to remain in the provinces till the N. B. and N. S. Convention in August. The presence and aid of the editor of the *Christian Standard* and of the financial agent of Hiram College would give our work a great impetus.

Home Mission Notes.

Last month we went into debt, this month we have gone deeper. My brethren this ought not so to be. Our year closes this month (July); will you bear this in mind and at once send a contribution so that we may close our accounts with all debts paid.

Just now we have been talking loyalty to the Queen and the nation, and our hearts have been stirred. I would that I could stir the hearts of the Disciples of Christ in the provinces on this Home Mission subject. You can show your loyalty to Christ and his kingdom in no better way than by aiding this fund. We have calls for help on all sides, and but for lack of funds we could reap a rich harvest. The great commission said, Begin at Jerusalem, then Judea—their home, those who were nearest and dearest to them, those in whom they were most interested. These provinces are to us Jerusalem and Judea. Let us put forth our greatest efforts here, then we can do more for the regions beyond.

A word in regard to the pledges made at the Annual. This is the last month to pay them in. Of the \$106.00 pledged \$91.00 has been paid, and there is no reason why every dollar should not come in.

J. S. FLAGLOR, St. John, N. B.

Dear Sir,—I enclose you one dollar (\$1) in aid of the home mission fund. My first contribution to the fund, but *God* helping me it shall not be the last. I very much approve of work being done.

Yours in Christ,

A BROTHER.

New Glasgow, P. E. I.

The above tells its own story. Are there not many who will follow this good example? You have never given before; do so now and

help us meet our obligations. Need we remind you that you are meeting *your* obligations when helping in this way. You are your brother's keeper.

We are glad this brother says, "I very much approve of the work being done." Do you approve of it also, if so help it along.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$408 37
River John—James Carruthers,	5 00
St John—Coburg St. Sunday-school,	12 45
" Mission Band,	5 10
" Main street, "M."	5 00
" Main St. Sunday-school,	3 61
Elmsdale—A McNeil,	5 00
Newport—Mrs. Dr. Minard,	50
Milton—Per Miss M. G. Freeman,	3 10
New Glasgow, P. E. I.—A Brother,	1 00

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J. S. FLAGLOR,

Treasurer.

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

DEAR SISTERS.—Are you all preparing for C. W. B. M. day? Good meetings can only be secured by thorough preparation. I trust that every meeting held on that day will reflect the spirit of the great missionary; that much information regarding our work and its needs may be given and an intelligent interest awakened in many hearts.

You will be glad to learn that arrangements have been made for the return of our beloved missionary in May next, for a well earned and much needed rest. We will look forward with pleasure to meeting her and hearing from her own lips of the work she has been doing, in which we are so deeply interested.

The time for our Annual Meeting is drawing near and we should begin to prepare. Please get your reports ready at an early date, also send money on hand to the Treasurer that your receipts for the year may be as large as possible.

I am sure that all the sisters join me in very best wishes for the future happiness of our esteemed treasurer and husband.

MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR,
Treasurer

REPORT FROM JAPAN.

TOKIO, April 29th, 1897.

To the C. W. B. M. of Ontario and the Maritime Provinces:

MY DEAR SISTERS,—It is with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret that I submit this fifth annual report to you; of pleasure at the thought of you all meeting again full of thanksgiving to God for his many mercies to us all during the past year, with strong resolutions to plan and work for the up-building of his church on earth during the coming year; of regret that this my report should show so little done for the Master.

Last spring, as you know, I was broken down nervously, which culminated in severe attacks of neuralgia of the stomach. I went to the mountains for the summer months, July and August, thinking that that would build me up. Instead I grew worse. After consulting with two physicians, and acting on their advice, I divided my work among some of the other missionaries who came forward with kind offers to help, and went

up to Akita in the north for a rest. As a consequence I have come back feeling well and thoroughly like my old self again. The rest from responsibility and care was just what I needed. The experience in the work which I gained while in the north are invaluable to me, and I feel that in no sense was it a waste of time.

From the time of last report till the second week in October I had charge of the charity school on Matsugae Cho, with Sunday-school and woman's meeting in connection with it. From then on, Mrs. Guy kindly took charge. The attendance in the day school, as always, is even more than we can conveniently accommodate. The same pupils come steadily till old enough to help earn the family rice, when they are taken away, but not before their minds are stored with many precious seed-truths of the gospel which will bring forth fruit in its season.

The Sunday-school has these same children with many more besides.

The women's meetings are always well attended and by the same faithful ones. We have prayed for and with them for a long time now, and the harvest cannot be far off; yet we must be patient, for results are with Him.

What is most pleasing to me is to see the three women who are Christians so faithful and growing daily in their Master's likeness, and bringing up their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

The girls in my home were taken care of by the missionaries. I brought one of the older ones up North with me. She grew in experience and womanliness while there, and we grew inseparably fond of each other. Two other of the older girls that were with me last year are now teaching school, one in the Government schools, the other in a poor school conducted by one of our missionaries. In this way they are not only supporting themselves but helping the other members of their families. Another is married and making a happy home for her husband.

The Bible woman's training school was taught three afternoons of the week by Miss Miller, one of our independent missionaries, until lately when her hands became so full with her own mission duties that she found it impossible to help longer. The women did not live in her home, but came for their lessons, so are now a little scattered, but we hope to remedy that and get started to work again very soon.

The industrial department was doing nicely till the beginning of May, when the teacher left, having secured a better position. It was kept on until the end of May. All the girls and some of the women had learned to embroider to the point where they use silk thread with cotton cloth. Only one got on as far as to embroider with silk on silk. The term before that they learned to knit, to crochet, and to hemstitch.

While in the North, I was not altogether idle, though for about two months I did nothing but rest. I might have returned sooner to Tokio so far as my health was concerned, but we were snow-bound, the mountain roads being impassable during the winter and the ships do not sail.

I had a very happy time while away, and will not soon forget Mr. and Mrs. Stevens' kindness.

While there I helped Mrs. Stevens in her work. We made in all, with the students' help, though mostly done by ourselves, seventy-seven calls (a call in Japan is anywhere between one and a-half hours to three hours long) one thousand two hundred and ninety-three door calls, inviting the women to the meetings and distributing tracts, of which