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Within the last few weeks, Gen. F. M. Drake has given \$10,000 to missions—\$5,000 to home and \$5,000 to foreign. This is large giving, and it should stimulate others who are as able to give, to do likewise, and those who are not as able, to do what they can. It would not require very many men like Bro. Drake to make it easily possible for the Foreign Board to get the \$150,000, and the Home Board the \$100,000 which they need for this year.

In this number H. Murray is trying to solve a perplexing problem. What do you think of his solution? Are there not the same "crude and undigested conceptions of truth and duty" in the United States where we have had a "phenomenal increase?" Be that as it may, this is true: If the Disciples of Christ in these provinces had that spirit and earnestness and consecration that Bro. Murray pleads for, we would see the phenomenal increase for which his heart yearns.

Do you know anything about the home department of the Sunday-school? It aims to bring the benefits of the school to those who cannot go to it. The regular lessons are studied weekly, the collection is taken up, the books and papers are distributed. It is a splendid thing for city Sunday-schools, some of which have 200 or more members in this department. It can be successfully carried on in the country, even in the winter when many schools disband. Are you enough interested in it to wish to know how to conduct it?

"Resolutions" ought to result in something or they should not be presented or adopted. What are we thinking about? Some of those resolutions concerning Home Missions that were passed at the Annual Meeting at Tiverton. We wonder how many of the churches have adopted any systematic way of raising money for this work. We are also anxious to know what the Sunday-schools are doing. Perhaps a curiosity as to what efforts the preachers and elders are putting forth is not unpardonable. Keep an eye on the receipts for Home Missions and see what is being contributed. You will need three eyes to see what some churches are giving. You will need a microscope too.

### News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.  
COBURG STREET.

Bro. R. F. Stevens preached at both services on Lord's day, October 29th.

Bro. Wm. Murray was at the prayer and social meeting Thursday evening, November 3rd, and Bro. R. W. Stevenson at the young peoples' meeting on Monday evening, November 7th.

Bro. Herbert Johnston, son of Deacon Jas. J. Johnston, has secured a lucrative position in Nelson, British Columbia. He was secretary-treasurer of our Sunday-school. At the Sunday-school on Lord's day (30th) the superintendent expressed his regret at his leaving us and wished him prosperity in his new home. Also at the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting on the 31st an address was presented to him, to which he feelingly replied, after which

the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," was sung.

We all regret that our beloved pastor, Bro. H. W. Stewart, through failing health, has been compelled to seek the more congenial climate of the south for the winter months. The church has granted him six months' leave of absence that he may regain his health. He will leave here about the first of December.

Bro. Howard Murray, of Milton, N. S., will occupy the pulpit during Bro. Stewart's absence.

Bro. George Manifold, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., was at our prayer-meeting on Thanksgiving evening, 24th.

Miss Riach arrived in our city from Westport on Thursday, 24th. On Friday evening she gave an address to women only in the Sunday-school room on her work in Japan and the customs of the people in that country.

On Lord's day evening we expected that she would conduct the service, but owing to the terrible gale which blew a chimney from an adjoining house through a window in the main audience room and in the Sunday-school room, that meeting had to be dispensed with.

Sister Vanwart, of Fredericton, N. B., met with us in our prayer-meeting on Thursday evening, November 25th.

The Coburg Street church school-room was crowded on Tuesday evening, the occasion being a farewell to Elder H. W. Stewart, who goes south on six months' leave of absence, and a reception to Miss Riach, returned missionary from Japan. W. A. Barnes presided, and the meeting opened with the singing of the hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." L. R. Morton, the secretary of the church, read the following address:

TO ELDER H. W. STEWART:

Dear Brother,—Having learned with deep regret that consideration for your health necessitates your absenting yourself from us for some months, we, the members of the Coburg Street Christian Church, desire to express in such slight degree as our weak language may convey, our full appreciation of your services of faithfulness and love for the past seven years.

We would wish that you should carry with you in your journeyings the assurance that your sincerity and singleness of purpose have not been unnoticed, nor your industry and faithfulness under trying conditions unappreciated, by those who have enjoyed the pleasure of sitting under your ministry.

From the beginning, and throughout the whole course of your stay among us, we have recognized that your ministrations have been invariably characterized by an earnest desire for our spiritual welfare, and an unswerving loyalty to the Master's service; and now as you are about to be separated from us for some months, and the truth, that "we value blessings as they take their flight," is forced upon us, the many truths with which you have refreshed our souls, and the many ways by which you have strengthened our faith, recur to our minds; and we feel that we have been built up indeed by your ministry, and much blessed by your loving and faithful pastorate.

We have ever realized that your sermons were always intended to contain, and did contain, food for the upbuilding of our spiritual life, and that through all the years you have been with us, you have faithfully fulfilled the injunction of our Saviour to Peter, "Feed my lambs."

If at times you have felt discouraged, and deemed that the Christian growth, that should attend upon your efforts, was not apparent, we feel that the fault is ours, and that we have not been that strength and inspiring influence to you, that, in view of the many helps you have given us to grow in grace, we should have been, and now as the time of parting approaches, we realize that we have failed in appropriating the blessings that were ours. Nevertheless, we are keenly conscious of the many ties of endearment that have knitted our hearts to yours in Christian fellowship.

And now, in conclusion, we wish you God speed, good health, stout heart and pure soul, that you

may long continue to be a blessing and a strength to others.

You carry with you our warmest love and best wishes, and if you do not carry with you other blessings, that should go with a man on his pilgrimage of life, we trust that you will exonerate us from all blame, for that which may well be our misfortune, but is not our fault; and that, remembering that life is full of possibilities, you may not despair of attaining in a warmer climate, and under sunnier skies and new associations, that blessing, which, though not obtained in the past, may yet be hopefully looked for in the future, and that you, returning, may bring with you strength, health and happiness.

On behalf of the church,

L. R. MORTON, Secretary.

Bro. Stewart highly appreciated the expressions of kindness set forth in the address. When he returned he trusted it would be with renewed health and the power to do better work.

A duet by Bros. Manifold and Appel followed, Bro. George Barnes presiding at the organ.

Mrs. J. S. Flaglor read an address to Miss Riach, the missionary, welcoming her to the city.

Miss Riach appreciated the kindness and consideration of the ladies, not only of St. John, but of the Maritime Provinces.

After a solo by Bro. Manifold, Miss Nellie Johnston, on behalf of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, read an address to Bro. Stewart, regretting his departure, and expressing the hope that he would soon return fully restored to health.

Bro. Stewart replied in appropriate terms.

Miss Riach sang a hymn in Japanese, translated direct from the hymn, "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us," after which she exhibited a number of Japanese curios and gave a brief sketch of her work.

At the close of the speeches refreshments were served.

The work of Bro. Stewart in his seven and a half years as pastor of Coburg street church has been most gratifying. Two hundred and fifty persons were added to the church; a church at Silver Falls was organized with a membership of thirty-five and a building erected and paid for; a church organized in the north end, a lot bought and paid for. Bro. Stewart has had charge of the geography department of the New Brunswick Sunday-school normal work, he was superintendent of the Christian Endeavor Union for the province, also office editor of THE CHRISTIAN. In all, Bro. Stewart has been an untiring worker and a most liberal giver. Bro. Stewart is a native of P. E. Island.

MAIN STREET.

The evangelistic services closed November 6th, after three weeks of great interest. Bro. Stevenson's sermons were helpful and instructive to the members as well as to the outsiders, so that the church has been built up in her faith as well as increased in numbers. The preacher's earnestness and zeal were not rewarded as we would have expected by large additions but we rejoice in the very manifest good that has been accomplished. There were five additions. One other made the good confession but did not continue in well doing; having begun to run well, she turned back, declining to be baptized and to enjoy church fellowship. During the last week of the meeting, Bro. R. E. Stevens was present and gave effectual help in the devotional services, special singing, etc. Bro. Wm. Murray was with us one service and made a soul-stirring appeal at the close of the sermon. Since the meeting closed there have been two more additions, one being a great-grandmother 77 years of age. She was formerly an Episcopalian but has attended the services the past two winters