

### Financial Report

of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, 36 Brunswick Street, Halifax, N. S., from April 20th to May 20.

BY THE EDITOR.

#### Donations in money.

Mrs. Ritchie.....	\$5 00
"Swallows' Nest.....	3 38
Mr. Archer, 1st 60 Royal Rifles..	4 86
Poplar Grove Temperance Society	4 50
Miss Robbins ..	2 00
Mrs Morgan's Lecture at Wolfville	7 00
Collection after Mrs. Morgan's Sermon at Lawrencetown.....	3 50
Change refused by Sailors.....	0 82
Mrs. Morgan's Lecture at Bridge- town.....	1 85
Total.....	\$32 91

#### Other gifts.

Mrs. Foster, Books and Papers.  
Miss F. Pryor, Books and Spittoon.  
Mrs. Newcomb of Lawrencetown, 12 pairs knitted Socks, to be sold for the "Home."  
Miss Miriam Hayes of Hammonds Plains, A Rug, Bar of Soap, Pair Vase-mats, 2 Towels.

#### Expenses of the Home.

Coals .....	\$ 3 70
Attendance.....	4 00
Papers.....	0 70
Stationery.....	3 20
Sundries.....	1 53
Travelling expenses.....	31 25
Gas.....	16 30
	\$60 68

Our papers continue as before for the Reading-room, with the addition of *The Scottish American*, and *The Weekly Witness*, sent by Mr. Scott Hutton.

Ill-health compelled us to return from our Lecture-tour for a short rest, but we hope, if the Lord give us strength, to start again in a few weeks.

During the week of our absence, we were much encouraged by the kindness and interest of our country friends, as

well as pained by the coldness and insensibility of some from whom we expected a welcome for our Lord's sake. But in all this we are but sharing our Master's lot on earth, which we are glad to do if thereby we may point a single soul to His own way of salvation and to His home in heaven.

In our former Reports we omitted to mention a Box of Books and Tracts sent to the Home last summer by Miss Cramp, of Wolfville. We have well used her kind present, although it was overlooked in the acknowledgements.

We have also to thank the same lady for the very useful gift of a nice satchel which we received to-day (May 25) through Mrs. Selden, and which will be especially valuable when we take our missionary and lecturing journeys.

#### Spirited Behaviour of a Drummer.

"An English drummer, having wandered from his camp, and getting too near the French lines, was seized and brought before the French Commander, on suspicion of being a spy disguised in a drummer's uniform. On being asked who he was by the General, he answered, 'a drummer in the English service.' This not gaining credit, a drum was sent for, and he was desired to beat a couple of marches, which accordingly he did, and removed the Frenchman's suspicion. However he desired the drummer to beat a retreat. "A retreat, Sir," replied the Briton, "I know not what it is, nor is it known in the English service." This answer so pleased the French Officer, that he dismissed the drummer, and wrote to his General, commending his spirited behaviour."

He who has a thousand friends,  
Has not a friend to spare ;  
And he who has one enemy  
Shall meet him everywhere.

*Ali Ben Abu Talch.*