

among the children. She showed that by means of kindergarten work they could reach the better class of society; and that the success of the future depended very largely on the education and training of the children. She said the old adage was just as true in Japan as in America:

"The hand that rocks the cradle,  
Is the hand that rules the world."

These Christian ladies during their short stay in this section of the Island have made many warm friends, and their visit will not soon be forgotten. Although the weather was somewhat disagreeable, yet the meetings were well attended.

A. N. SIMPSON.

P. E. I. ISLAND.

Miss Riach and her travelling companion, Miss Payson, visited nearly all the churches on this Island and held meetings in each, at which the former gave much valuable information respecting Japan, its idolatry and what the Gospel of Christ is doing for its people. Her mission being principally to heathen women and children, she describes their conditions publicly to the women of America. We have no doubt but these visits will do much good in awakening a deeper interest in the churches on behalf of Foreign Missions, while the cheerful Christian deportment of the Missionary spreads sunshine around their pathway.

D. C.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

CENTRAL CHURCH.

Bro. W. T. Jelly who has been preaching at Shubenacadie, N. S., passed through on his way to St. Thomas, Ont., to enter the college there for another two years.

Bro. Howard Murray favored the prayer meeting on Sept. 28th, with his presence and gave a very helpful address.

The Quarterly Meeting has come and gone. The two Lord's day evenings we had an attendance of nearly 150. Bro. D. Crawford preached the first Sunday at both services. It was a source of deep thankfulness and great rejoicing to have him with us again.

Bro. A. N. Simpson was in attendance at most of the meetings and also spoke at one of the afternoon sessions.

R. W. Stevenson preached on Tuesday evening and continued the meeting till the following Wednesday week. A splendid interest was created and all regretted that, owing to other engagements, Bro. Stevenson had to close the meeting. There were three additions, two being from the Bible School. One thing was made manifest—that it is now possible, with judicious advertising and earnest, prayerful work, to command a good hearing.

We have been blessed with the visit of Miss Carrie Payson, the honored President of the Maritime C. W. B. M., and Miss Mary Riach, our returned missionary from Japan. The spirit of missions among the brotherhood will receive a considerable impetus as a result of the tour which these two sisters have made of the churches in this Province. Meetings were conducted for the women and children, and among the latter a Mission Band was organized.

On Wednesday night, October 20th, a Missionary Rally was held at which a goodly number of strangers were present. Miss Payson gave a very interesting paper on the work of the C. W. B. M. Miss Riach's address on Mission Work in Japan made a deep impression on many hearts, as she revealed the great need of the myriads who were yet in infamy, wretchedness, and despair, without

God and without Christ. Thousands of tongues are eloquently pleading, saying, "Haste! Come over and help us" May the cry fall on willing ears and meet with a generous response. Bro. Simpson, in his inimitable way, gave some startling statistics. Fancy, brethren, twenty-five million dollars spent in the States for chewing gum annually, and a paltry five million for Foreign Missions! The offering for the work among the women of Japan amounted to \$725. Quite an interesting feature of the meetings was the singing of some familiar hymns by Miss Riach in the Japanese language.

Bro. Murdoch McLeod has been very ill with typhoid fever. His genial presence, as well as that of his sister-wife is very much missed. We are glad to report that he is on the road to recovery.

GEO. MANIFOLD.

HALIFAX CHURCH BUILDING FUND

1897.	
Aug. 9	Bro. James Lord, Richardsonville, N. B. .... \$ 2 00
" 31	Sister Fannie Brown, Halifax, collected..... 10 00
Oct. 12	T. H. Blenus, collected..... 10 00
" 27	" " "..... 11 00
Nov. 4	E. C. Ford, Cornwallis, ..... 1 25
10	T. H. Blenus, collected, ..... 2 00
10	Daniel McLean, Cornwallis, .... 1 00
23	T. H. Blenus, collected ..... 10 00
Dec. 2	" " "..... 8 00
17	" " "..... 7 00
17	Sister Fannie Brown, collected.. 10 00
26	Coll. at Christian Church, North St. 9 28
Jan. 5, 1898.	Sister Christie, St. John.... 1 00
Feb. 2	E. C. Ford, Cornwallis, ..... 1 25
Mar. 12	Sister Fannie Brown, collected... 10 00
May 6	Bro. E. C. Ford, Cornwallis, .... 1 25
July 30	Sister Fannie Brown, collected... 10 00
Oct. 13	Cash received from Ladies' Aid Society..... 140 00
Total \$245 01	

To all whom it may concern: I have given an account of moneys received since August 9th, 1897, toward paying off the debt on the Halifax church. You will see by the above that the amount received was \$245.01. This has enabled us, with the amount we had on hand, to pay off \$260 of the mortgage, also leaving a balance of about \$30 in Savings' Bank. The mortgage on the church property is now \$1,590. This is quite a heavy debt for a small church to carry; and I would now make a last appeal to the brethren to continue your assistance to the church here, so that their hands may be freed from this debt. Then they will be able to support a preacher of the gospel, and will not have year by year to make an appeal at your annual gatherings.

The church here has now appointed Bro. James Wallace (one of its deacons) as treasurer. You will please send your contributions to him in the future. His address is 258 Maynard street Extension. Thanking you from my heart for your liberality in the past.

HENRY CARSON.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 21, 1898.

The receipts for foreign missions from October 1st, 1897, to June 23rd, 1898, amount to \$78,273.53, a gain of \$8,249 62 over the corresponding time last year, although there is a loss in bequests of \$5,601.40. These are certainly encouraging figures.

The churches, as churches, have given this year \$41,642 44, or a gain from the churches alone of \$5,712.20.

PROMISES OF THE BIBLE.

The apostle says they are "great and precious." Like blossoms in spring, they hang in rich profusion upon the tree of life. They are never false, but develop into the richest harvest, making glad the heart of the reaper here and hereafter. Upon those who are in a condition to receive, they are given by the all-wise and loving Father without stint.

Do we desire safety, we may find it "under the shadow of the Almighty." Are we "hungering and thirsting after righteousness," we shall be filled. Are we mourning on account of human woe, "we shall be comforted." The father will give us "beauty for ashes, and the oil of joy for mourning." To those who sit in darkness, "light has arisen." To the tempted, a way of escape is promised. "He is a sun and shield, and no good thing will he withhold from those who walk uprightly." These promises are to be enjoyed only by such as are submissive in will, and obedient in life. "The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land." "Blessed are they who do his commandments; they shall have a right to the tree of life, and shall enter through the gates into the city." The crown is promised to those who are faithful unto death.

These promises are as sure as the seven-colored bow which rests against the storm cloud—the seal of God's covenant with every living creature for all time. The life of every faithful child of God is a demonstration of the faithfulness of him in whom we trust. Until the unbeliever can furnish one example of failure, all who are faithful to the Christ may rest in the peace of God. To every loyal Endeavorer the bright and brightening constellation of graces that lights up with its rare lustre the otherwise dark pathway from time to eternity is but the reflection of those mighty truths of God which shine as a light in a dark place. Therefore "be not weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap."—S. F. Fowler in *Christian Standard*.

THAT YE MIGHT BELIEVE.

An exchange refers to a good work accomplished by Matthew Arnold, whose influence in general was so opposed to evangelical truth. The work referred to, was the conversion of Charles Reade. The famous novelist and dramatist was a mere worldling and of course ignorant of the Bible. Mr. Arnold once urged him to read through the sacred Book as though he had never read a line before, saying that it would astonish him. Mr. Reade took the advice and entered upon the task with his usual zeal and energy. The result was that he was not only astonished, but deeply and spiritually impressed. He found the Scriptures full of a mighty convincing power which he was unable to resist; so he became an humble believer.—*Zion's Herald*.