

As many as ten students, some of whom are Christians, who attended our meetings asked us to form a Bible class and teach it to them. We complied willingly. They attend a large school not far from us. Out of five hundred pupils not more than seventy-five are Christians, the rest are Buddhists. The school closed this week, however, and our few friends called to say "Good bye" for the summer, as their homes are all outside of the city. One young man, than whom a better, more zealous Christian I have never met, told us he was only going to take two books with him for the vacation, these were the Bible and Longfellow's poems.

Our charity schools and Sunday-schools in connection are progressing finely.

We are both pegging away at the language every spare moment, but many, many times grow weary and discouraged at the progress made.

Now I must close or I shall weary you. Many kind wishes of love to you all.

Your sister in the work,

MARY M. RIOCH.

This letter of greetings from the Ontario sisters arrived too late to be read at our meeting. We know that the sisters will be pleased as they read it, and very grateful for the kind wishes expressed.

A letter sent by Sister Lediard, on children's work, also came too late.

BLENHHEIM, Aug. 28th, 1893.

To the Sisters of the Maritime Provinces in Convention, GREETING:

We, the sisters of Ontario, would gladly be with you as you are met together planning for the furtherance of the Master's work, but as this may not be, we take this way of assuring you that we are deeply interested in the work for which you are planning. As year by year you come up to those annual gatherings, and we are learning more about your "labor of love," our interest is increasing. Now, especially is this true since we are doing a common work—striving to uphold the hands of our dear sisters in Japan. Now we rejoice together that already the work is bearing fruits.

As you strive to send the bread of life to others, may your own souls be refreshed. May you return to your homes strengthened and encouraged.

BELLA SINCLAIR,

Cor. Sec'y O. C. W. B. M.

MARITIME C. W. B. M. TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Sisters, greeting:

Our Father has granted us to see the close of another year of work. We are glad to report a decided improvement in the financial line, at least.

Whether we have given, as "unto the Lord" freely, systematically and lovingly, will have to be decided by our own hearts.

While we are glad to see so many more taking an interest this year, yet we feel that all are wanted to help in this great work. There is so much to do, and so little with which to do.

The following report is respectfully submitted by your Treasurer:

Cash received:	
Balance on hand, September, 1892,	\$24 07
Halifax, N. S.,	3 60
Vanceboro, Maine,	1 00
St. John, N. B.,	59 02
Nauwigowauk, N. B.,	30
Shubenacadie, N. S.,	11 00
Summerville, N. S.,	3 00
Milton, N. S.,	38 00
Cornwallis, N. S.,	22 05
Westport, N. S.,	11 45
Southport, P. E. I.,	5 00
Mosherville, N. S.,	75
East Point, P. E. I.,	23 00
Leonardville, N. B.,	5 00
Edon, P. E. I.,	2 00
Maitland, H. Co., N. S.,	2 00
Kempt, N. S.,	2 00
Smithville, N. S.,	5 00
Tignish, P. E. I.,	7 00
Lord's Cove, N. B.,	2 56
Montague, P. E. I.,	23 00
Unknown friends,	12 00
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	\$262 80

Total amount raised for year,	\$238 73
Nova Scotia has given,	98 85
New Brunswick, "	66 88
P. E. Island, "	60 00
Vanceboro, Me., "	1 00

Cash paid out.	
To Miss Fleming, Treasurer O. C. W. B. M.	
December 1892,	\$75 00
February 1893,	35 00
May 1893,	55 00
For orders, postage, and Treasurer's expenses,	3 00
Secretary's expenses,	5 00
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Total,	\$173 00
Balance cash on hand,	89 80

SUSIE B. FORD,
Treasurer.

LORD'S COVE, N. B.

Dear Sister,—As requested, I send to you the following report:

Our society, which was organized at time of annual meeting, now numbers thirty-two members. Our meetings, which are held the first Tuesday in every month, are very interesting. The officers are: President, Mrs. Frank Richardson; 1st Vice-president, Miss Lillian Lambert; 2nd Vice-president, Mrs. James Felix; Secretary, Miss Dora Lord; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Maude Cooke; Treasurer, Mrs. D. F. Lambert.

We believe that by perseverance and striving always to do our very best, we shall succeed in doing a good work in this direction.

We held a supper last night, the proceeds of which amounted to over \$40—to be used in repairing the old church, making it suitable for our meetings.

The general interest in church work here is good. We have splendid social meetings. Bro. Stevens, I think, is doing a good work.

Your sister,

LILLIAN A. LAMBERT.

HALIFAX, N. S.

A number of the sisters of Halifax met on Sunday afternoon, the 15th, and organized an auxiliary C. W. B. M. with fourteen members. The officers appointed for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. H. Carson; Vice-presidents, Mrs. A. E. Craig and Mrs. S. Cormack; Recording Secretary, Miss A. E. Barrett; Treasurer, Miss Laura Blois; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. L. Wallace.

We think in a short time quite a number more will join our auxiliary. Saturday afternoon, the 21st, the children met and organized a Mission Band with nineteen members. The officers were appointed from among the children. Two of the sisters met with them to help plan their work.

In this way we hope much good can be done, not only by the little we can collect for missions, but we trust homes in this city can be reached in this way and many children brought to know Jesus and His love. Our numbers are small as yet, but we think we have a good field for work.

MRS. H. L. WALLACE,
Corresponding Secretary.

No. 1 Belle Aire Terrace, Halifax.
October 22nd, 1893.

These reports from the sisters are very encouraging, also from the children's bands. We are hoping for still more in the near future. If we are to succeed in our undertakings, we shall need the help of all. Won't you give us your help?

MRS. J. S. FLAGLER,
Secretary.

RECEIPTS.

Collection at Annual,	\$26 52
Picture Fund,	3 85
Lena Hanley, Kempt, Q. Co.,	1 00
A Sister, St. John,	1 00
Women's Aid, "	1 85
Sunday-school, "	4 58
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	\$38 80

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Wide Awake Band, St. John, N. B., \$0 92

Will the sisters take notice of the Treasurer's change of address. This will be, for the winter at least,

Susie B. Ford,
No. 1 Belle Aire Terrace,
Halifax, N. S.

Children's Work.

[Address all communications to Mrs. D. A. Morrison, 137 Queen Street, St. John, N. B.]

Having returned from our "annual" with renewed strength and purpose, now is the time to begin in earnest at the children's work. The outlook is encouraging. Two new Bands have been organized since September—one in Halifax, nineteen members, and another in Lord's Cove, forty-nine members. We would like to hear of more; every church should have a Children's Mission Band.

We have undertaken the adoption of a little child in Japan, the cost is \$60 a year. To raise that amount all the Bands must work and help. I would like to hear from the different Bands. Will the secretaries please write and tell us how their Bands are prospering?

MRS. D. A. MORRISON,
Sup't Children's Work.

Original Contributions.

INFLUENCE OF WORDS AND ACTIONS.

Let your light so shine. Matt. v. 16.

Our happiness here depends largely upon what we say and do. We should be careful how we speak and act in this world. We cannot accomplish much good with the tongue unless Christ makes it talk. Our acts and words will always crush out sunshine and deposit darkness instead unless Christ is the motive power. In the battle of Israel and Amalek, while Moses held up the rod that God blessed and governed, the battle went in favor of Israel, but when he let it drop the Amalekites prevailed. Moses' arms being wearied, Aaron and Hur held his hands up until Israel won the victory.

Let us imitate this and try and stay some weary arm in the battle for God and the right. At the great Chicago fire a humble home was burning and at the garret window was seen a beautiful little girl. Who will volunteer to act in such a critical moment? was the question of many a heart. As the glare of the burning building brought the horror of the scene vividly before the gazing multitude, a young man rushed to the front and by means of a ladder was soon to the window. He raised it to enter when the flames met him with almost irresistible force; he hesitated, but a voice from below rang out a word of encouragement, a sustaining cheer, and he rushed in and brought the child safely down amid the applause of the burning street. When we speak, let us speak for a purpose, let us be ready with a word of cheer to stay the drooping courage of those who are ready to fall. On a beautiful summer's morning a little boy and girl went out to stroll among the wild flowers. The little girl soon gathered a beautiful bouquet, but the boy, being indifferent, let the opportunity pass away unused. On their way home they met a stranger, who spoke kindly to the little girl because of the beautiful flowers she had gathered. They journeyed on until they arrived home. The father took the little daughter to his arms and spoke words of loving commendation for her diligence. But the boy went away with a feeling of sadness, such as the guilty alone feel when precious moments are squandered, wishing he had spent his time to better advantage. Let us remember we are gathering trophies for Christ, we cannot afford to be indifferent.

A brother carrying some needed articles to a poor family that resided in a certain city was met by a lawyer. The brother told him his mission and that he could not be detained. The lawyer bade him go his way and remarked, "That is religion on logs."