

Home Mission Notes.

Brother Hines writes: "Bro. Murray's meeting of five weeks closed today, Dec. 14th. He preached 37 sermons, made 70 visits, baptized 8 and two were restored. Collected \$14.00. He has put our little church in a splendid condition, and caused a deep interest on the part of the people. A good work has been done that cannot be reported." Another letter from Bro. Hines says that on Sunday, the 22nd, they had 3 more additions, and that if Bro. Murray was there many more would unite with them. We are indeed glad to hear such good news, and it proves that the money given to aid this little band was well spent. This is another meeting that will not cost the Board anything, the church and Bro. Murray having met the expenses. Bro. Murray volunteered to do this work and deserves all the credit for it.

Bro. Blenus reports a good interest in Halifax. They expect to raise their apportionment as over half is now promised. The attendance at the Lord's Supper this month has averaged fifty-one; and two of the Sunday evenings the attendance has been far above the average. Bro. Blenus hopes soon to see the fruit of his labors.

Bro. Stevens is much encouraged over the outlook in Pictou.

The work in Portland goes on very well. Two additions by letter this month. The first contribution from the Ladies' Aid is acknowledged this month. Surely we have reason to be thankful for such cheering reports.

Bro. R. Jackson who was once president of our Board has remembered us again. We see from the cheque he sent that he is assistant cashier of the Pomeroy Bank. If all our young men who have moved "over the line" would follow his example what a large sum we would have to acknowledge.

G. A. Hoffman is one of the best preachers in Missouri, and Bro. Capp told him about what a fine climate we had down here; while corresponding with your Secretary Bro. H. mentioned this. Your Secretary told him that Bro. Capp was right, that this was one of the finest places in the world, and now we are glad to announce that Bro. Hoffman will be at our next Annual and will hold one or two meetings while here.

We have several urgent appeals for aid but lack of funds prevents us from granting aid. How long is this to continue? Many of our churches have not sent us a dollar since the Annual. Brethren this ought not to be.

We are glad to receive so much this month but it only meets our expenses for one month and a half. Quite a number made pledges at the Annual but only a few have paid. It would help us greatly if the others would respond. We generally think of settling our accounts at the end of the year.

A happy new year.

J. S. FLAGLOR, *Secretary.*

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$166 02
St. John, Mission Band,	4 00
Coburg St. Sunday-school,	14 40
Main St.	5 00
" " Woman's Aid,	1 80
Leonardville, per Wm. Kay,	1 00
Pomeroy, Iowa, R. Jackson,	5 00
Lord's Cove, D. F. Lambert,	6 00
" per	14 00
Milton, per M. G. Freeman,	3 00
Gulliver's Cove, meeting, per H. Murray,	14 00
Westport, per E. A. Payson,	9 00
Southville, per H. A. Devoe,	2 00
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J. S. FLAGLOR,
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Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

DEAR SISTERS.—Sister Rioch writes that she is now in Akita with Mr. and Mrs. Stevens. She finds it quite like her native climate and hopes soon to grow strong again. She tells of the almost total destruction of the Josie Smith Memorial Chapel caused by an earthquake, and makes an appeal for help to rebuild it. We trust that many will respond to this call.

The sisters of the Main Street Church, St. John, have organized a Woman's Auxiliary Society, and on Monday evening the 28th held their first meeting. An interesting programme was carried out. One sister spoke on the work of our home mission board and what it is endeavoring to accomplish. Another told of the foreign work, giving an account of our missionary and her labors. This Society will work for both home and foreign missions. The collection amounted to \$2 80. The officers are: President, Mrs. D. A. Morrison; Vice-president, Mrs. Armstrong; Secretary, Miss N. Whelpley; Treasurer, Miss A. Purvis.

Our hearts were again gladdened by receiving the generous donation of \$25 from our brother who has so often before remembered our work in this way. Although this brother has met with severe losses during the past year, yet he does not forget the Lord's work. May some who are not assisting in this missionary work be led to do so by the worthy example mentioned. The money has not been coming in as we would like to see it since the annual meeting.

This is the season of giving gifts, let us not forget the one who has given to us the best gift, and who daily gives us all things richly to enjoy.

MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR,
Secretary.

WOMAN'S WORK.

DR. NINA STEVENS.

There is no work that calls for the interest, the prayers and the sympathy of Christians and of the missionary more than woman's work.

When Christ came into the world there were so many anxious to serve, and among them a goodly number of women. Were not these truly missionaries? Anna the prophetess coming that instant, gave thanks likewise unto the Lord and spoke of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

As Jesus went about preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God the twelve were with him; and certain women which had been healed—they rendered him service. The woman of Samaria testified of him. The Syro-phœnician woman gave the greatness of her faith, and the woman whom he forgave so much gave her love and tears. How our Lord delighted to accept these services. Note his words when Mary anoints his feet, and when the alabaster box of precious ointment is poured upon his head. Also when the poor widow casts in her mite. More than all else he values love. He shows his glory by taking the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and has he not taken the weak things of the world to con-

found the things which are mighty. It was a woman who first proclaimed his resurrection. Again we read "In the upper room the apostles continued in prayer and supplications with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit." Again, "On my servants and on my handmaidens will I pour out my Spirit." In apostolic salutation they are greeted as fellow-labourers and fellow-prisoners.

We know of the wonderful work of the Moravian church women, and I need not speak of Anne Judson and Mary Moffatt and others who braved so many trials in missionary life.

When it was suggested to carry the gospel by women to the women in the far east, the wise men said it was visionary. Lenpolt once remarked that if twenty-five years before any one had hinted that such work would be done as has been done in India, he would have replied "all things are possible with God, but I do not expect such a glorious event in my day." But seeing how hapless and helpless were the women, the work was undertaken, and what has God wrought?

We are interested and deeply interested in woman's work the world over, but especially does the work in Japan appeal to us. In 1889, I believe it was, Gracey said, "Japan is ripe for the Christian religion as no other nation on the globe, and it is possible that Japan may become Christian by royal decree in a day." About the same time Prof. Knox said that Japan would not need missionaries after 1900. And our own Brother Smith at that time said that in five years the missionary might unfurl his flag and go home. Since then a tide of opposition has set in and now we would not dare predict how long our stay will be, especially we who work among the women, for although the women of Japan occupy a higher level than women of any other eastern country, they have not been emancipated.

In old Japan even women occupied a prominent place. Of one hundred and twenty-three sovereigns nine have been women. And in literature, poetry and art, the women have had no small part, and yet she is in a state of greater helplessness than outward appearances would indicate. This low state of woman is due to the heathen religion. In Buddhism there is no salvation for woman unless she be reborn a man.

The government is now educating the girls as it has not done before, but that does not lead them to Christ or prepare them for eternity. Along the line of education and Christian training, of inestimable value have mission schools been. The Christian thought and impulse received there will be as lasting as eternity. The eagerness which the women manifests for study, and the effort they are making to rise gives us a rich soil for work. In many hearts there is a longing for Christ, an aching void, and they do not know what they want. An old lady said to me not long ago, "of course I must believe in Christ for my life is so lonely." Oh how that great loving heart would comfort all such, but they will not. If we can say with Ezekiel, "I sat down among them and wept," so will their hearts respond. Who has such an opportunity as the medical adviser. To whom will a woman tell her sorrows, her desires, her hopes, as she will to her physician who may lead her and teach her of him who is able to supply all her needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

I would use the ministry of healing for winning souls to Christ. It surely disarms prejudice and wins the way to homes and hearts. The first applicants to the dispensaries are the poor and we have them with