

wick. It will be at Mascarene, Charlotte County. There are eleven members there now. Capt. S. Dick found it was necessary for the Disciples of Christ to have a meeting house, so he headed a list with \$100, and from friends in New York, St. John and at home, he has raised \$600.00. He gives the land also. The materials are all bought and a neat house will soon be finished and paid for. Now for a grand opening and a meeting that shall result in great good to the people there and great joy to Captain Dick, because his efforts will be crowned with success.

To the Churches in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick,

GREETING :

Another year has rolled around and again we ask for a collection in aid of our International Home Mission work.

Do you know they have been working forty-six years. During this time they have sent out hundreds of preachers, there have been thousands of additions and new churches have been organized all over this continent.

They helped preach the gospel here before the American war.

Lately they have spent \$1,300 in these provinces.

They are spending \$550 this year.

We want them to continue to aid us.

We trust every church will take up a collection in May and send it to B. L. Smith, Y. M. C. A. Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, and thus show that we appreciate what they are doing for us, besides being sharers with them in their grand work for the Master.

Home missions is the base of all our missionary work.

If you fail to give you lose an opportunity to do good.

Be generous, help others and thus lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

J. S. FLAGLOR,
Secretary.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$120 12
St. John, Main St. S. S.,	4 02
" Coburg St. Mission Band,	3 80
Kingston, N. S., Ellis Ford,	1 00
Taunton, Mass, Isabel D. Dewar,	50
Roslinale, " Miss A. Freeman,	1 00
Milton, per Miss A. A. Cyllie, ..	3 50
Leonardville, per Wm. Kay,	2 00

\$435 94

J. S. FLAGLOR,
Treasurer.

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

Extract from a letter to Mrs. J. S. Flaglor, received from Miss Graybiel, missionary in Mahoba, N. W. P., India, dated February 1st, 1897.

MY DEAR SISTER,—

It seems good to be writing to you again after so long a time. In hearing from and writing to those who are beloved in the Lord and in his work, I always feel the bonds of Christian fellowship and service growing stronger and sweeter. Yes, dear sister. it is

indeed terrible to see the distress about us and have so little ability to relieve it all. This morning already (I am writing before breakfast) a woman has brought her baby, about two years old, to give away that its life may be saved. The child is utterly naked and the woman is clothed in the merest of rags. Yesterday four children were offered us. What today may bring before its close only God knows, but our hearts are sure to be wrung at the sight of misery we are utterly unable to relieve.

There is a government poor house in the town. When I visited it a few days ago there were said to be between seven and eight hundred famine victims in it, about one-third of them children. The buildings are temporary sheds. The food seemed good as native food goes, but, of course, it was not very liberal in quantity. Even these meagre provisions are costing the government large sums of money considering its resources. The opium crop from which large revenue has been derived has been almost a failure of late, and many are wondering if He who rules in the affairs of men is not punishing the rulers as well as the ruled, for the iniquitous opium traffic that has been carried on so long to the ruin of at least two nations, India and China. Surely this famine is opening up to the church wonderful opportunities. We cannot expect that the adult India of today will become Christian, but our greatest hope is in the coming generation; and now it seems that India is offering us her children to save them from starvation. Surely, but has not God a deeper purpose in all this?

I shall send very shortly now about twenty girls to another mission because of lack of room here. It is an undenominational mission, for which I am thankful.

We expect to enlarge our orphanage so we can take in more children during the year, and in the meantime I am a sort of forwarding agent to transport those destitute children from heathenism to where they will have Christian training.

You have mourned with us over Miss Frost's long and serious illness and you will rejoice with us in her gradual restoration to health and strength. She cannot yet walk but is gaining daily and we are hoping to see her on her feet before very long.

Affectionately yours in faith and service,
MARY GRAYBIE.

RECEIPTS

Previously acknowledged,	\$180 43
Eldon, P. E I., A Sister,	2 00
St. John, Ladies' Aid, Feb,	2 05
" " Mar., ..	1 45
Coburg St. S. S.,	3 10
Halifax, Ladies' Aid, ..	6 71

\$196 40

SUSIE B. FORD, *Treasurer.*
Waverley,
Halifax Co., N. S.

Children's Work.

Address all communications to Mrs. D. A. Morrison, 139 Queen Street, St. John, N. B.]

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—

Some of you are forgetting me, I am afraid, for I haven't heard from some of the bands for a long time. Can't you all wake up and send me a letter this month? I have heard lately from the Summerside "Sunbeams" and from the "West Gore "Golden Rule" Band. Both these Bands are working faithfully. And the leader of the Lord's Cove Band writes me that we may count on at least \$25 from their

Band this year. Isn't that a good large sum? Can't some more of our Bands follow their example and decide among themselves just how much they think they can earn for our work this year? then you will have something definite to work for, and if you go beyond your pledge, why so much the better.

The circular letter has reached St. John again, and we were glad to open it, but I want to hear personally from all our Bands—Halifax Band send me a letter and tell me about your work. I hear you have been transformed into a Junior C. E. Society. I like the change and I hope you will have one meeting every month a missionary meeting. And Milton "Daily Workers" and Summer-ville "White Stars," are you still working and shining for Jesus? I don't believe I have had a letter from either of you for several months. I have heard indirectly from my little friends the "Willing Workers" in Westport, but I would like to get acquainted with the new secretary if he will only write me a few lines. And then I want to hear from the "Golden Circle" in Kildare and the Charlottetown Band. Now I hope I will get a whole shower of letters this month and I will answer them as fast as I can.

We have lately changed our day of meeting from Wednesday to Sunday afternoon in our St. John Band and we like the change very much.

Your loving friend,

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

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Previously acknowledged,	\$73 94
Charlottetown, Golden Link Band,	1 00
West Gore, Golden Rule Band, ..	2 00

Total, \$76 94
SUSIE B. FORD, *Treasurer.*
Waverley,
Halifax Co., N. S.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Brothers Fullerton have sent in their third subscription. If there were a few more like them we would soon have sufficient funds. Besides the amount they have subscribed to this fund, these brethren have done good work in their community by circulating a number of our best books and distributing many valuable tracts. If our position is not understood in their neighborhood they will not be to blame. Brother J. W. Gates has written to us saying that he will probably start for the provinces about the 20th of this month (May) and that he will be ready to take up the work as soon as he arrives. We are in need of funds in order to place our Brother in a position to do good work. If any of the brethren and sisters have made up their mind to subscribe to this fund they will greatly benefit the cause by remitting at once. This is a critical time for the work. If we do well now the work may be placed on a firm basis.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$16 50
David and George Fullerton, Pictou, N. S., ..	5 00
A Brother, New Glasgow, P. E I., ..	1 00

Total, \$22 50
O. B. STOCKFORD,
Secretary-Treasurer.

St. John, N. B.