

given the Board any encouragement financially or otherwise? If you will look at the receipts from month to month, you will see that we do not receive enough to keep our three missionaries paid up. There was about \$463.00 pledged at the annual at St. John, but very little of what was pledged has been paid. Brethren, remember your pledges and send them to the Secretary as soon as you can.

After corresponding with a number of preachers for the work in these Provinces, Bro. A. Martin, of Muncie, Ind., General Evangelist of the Christian Church, has been engaged by the Board and will commence work about the 15th June. He has held meetings in more than a dozen States and in Canada, and was for four years an evangelist in England as a representative of the F. C. M. S. He recently held a meeting at Bloomfield, Ind., with 37 additions—30 baptisms. He is now in a meeting with the church at Oden, Ind., where H. C. Buchanan, formerly a member of the Coburg Street Christian Church, is pastor.

Evangelist Romig's meeting still continues at the Main Street Church, North End, this being the fourth week. Owing to the crowded condition of the hall the first three weeks, it became necessary to admit children with their parents only; but in the afternoon at four o'clock, a very interesting service was given for them—the evangelist asking them questions on the Bible and having them repeat passages of Scripture. He uses a powerful double dissolving lime light stereopticon to illustrate hymns, parables, and teachings of Jesus.

**A SUGGESTION TO CHURCHES HAVING NO MINISTERS.**—We submit the following programme as a suggestion. Write to Benj. L. Smith, Y. M. C. A. Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, for help on the proposed topics and for envelopes in which to make a good offering. Advertise your meeting well; tell the people you will have a good programme and a good meeting:

*Programme for Home Mission Day.*—Hymn,—"My Country, 'Tis of Thee!" Scripture Lesson; Prayer for Home Missions; Hymn, "Ho, Reapers of Life's Harvest!" Address (seven minutes) "Our Work in Canada;" Hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story!" Address (seven minutes) "What our Home Board is doing in the United States;" Hymn, "Shout the Tidings of Salvation;" Address, (seven minutes) "Relation of Home Missions to all our work;" Hymn, "I Gave my Life for Thee!" Address (five minutes) "Our Duty towards Home Missions;" "Offering for Home Missions; Lord's Supper; Hymn; Benediction.

**A FOOLISH FISHERMAN.**—A man went fishing with a substantial pole of local church, a weak line of home missions, and a heavy bait of foreign missions. At the first throw into the water the weight of the bait broke the line, foreign missions was soon swallowed up, home missions crippled, and the local church rendered unserviceable.

Many churches are using a very frail line and making great efforts to get a large amount of bait on the hook. We must have good bait, and plenty of it, if we will catch the souls of men; but if the line of home missions is ignored, it will break, foreign missions be lost, and the church left hopeless.

GUY W. SMITH,  
Oakland, Cal.

**EXPANSION.**—The whole work needs expansion—wide expansion. It should be enlarged now, and without delay. The love of Christ constraineth us, the needs of the

church impel, the fields call us to larger and better things than we have ever done before, the expectation of Christ waiting to see the travail of his soul and be satisfied—all summon us to deeper sacrifice and larger sacrifice.

**A GOOD WORD ABOUT PORTO RICO.**—I am not a member of the Christian church, but I have recently visited Porto Rico and investigated the Christian work being done there. The work of your missionary, J. A. Erwin, is the most successful work done in Porto Rico to-day. His school, the reading-room, the church services, are all well attended and patronized. I congratulate you on the work you are doing in Porto Rico.

MRS. D. YATES.

**INSURE VICTORY.**—There should be a stirring of conscience and a renewal of zeal in the great offering for home missions. Our Lord is not willing that any should perish. Our home missionaries have shown themselves very successful in bringing men and women to Christ, making a record far beyond that of any other religious people, and now this work comes again before the churches in an earnest plea to be entrusted with the means of the brotherhood to greatly enlarge the work.

The people should know what is being done in home missions. Last year 2,995 churches made offerings, aggregating \$33,968.32 to this work. Our home board supported 129 missionaries and teachers, these had 9,996 additions to the churches, averaging 77½ additions for every missionary sent out—a record without a parallel, the nearest approach to it being the home missionaries of the Lutheran churches, with an average of nineteen additions for each missionary sent out. Can we not send more missionaries into so fine a harvest field?

America is certainly ripe for the plea of primitive Christianity. Ought we not pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into the harvest, and then labor and plan and pay to help the Lord do this great work?

What is done should be done quickly. The time of the offering is the first Lord's day in May. Let the preparation already begun continue until the offering is taken.

Despise not the day of small things. From faith's view point we must look to the future. We need not strain our faith to see America with 100,000 million population, to see our brotherhood numbering 2,000,000 people, if we only have faith enough to support our Home Mission Board in the effort to win this land to our great plea for New Testament Christianity.

God has had our Anglo-Saxon race for ages in the training-school; for thrift, for dogged perseverance, for wonderful inventive power, the world has never seen the equal of the Anglo-Saxon. Under all this is the bedrock of morality, that derives its inspiration from Jesus Christ; it is the religion of Jesus Christ that has made the Anglo-Saxon the conquering race, not merely by free democracy, but free Christianity has made America great. Let us live to make America free indeed; our home offering is a splendid opportunity to combine Christianity and patriotism.

There is no gospel so worthy to be preached as the simple gospel of the New Testament; no people should be so missionary as those who are simply Christians. Holding these truths to be self-evident, it is our duty to light up every dark place of our land with our plea for primitive Christianity.

RECEIPTS.

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Miss Jessie Devoc, South Range, . . . . .	1 00
Miss Mary Cossaboom, . . . . .	1 00
H. A. Devoc, . . . . .	5 00
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W. A. BARNES, Secretary.

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

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"The love of Christ constraineth us."

AUXILIARY PROGRAMME FOR MAY.

Topic: The Hope of the Resurrection.  
Song—"The Angels that Watched Round the Tomb."  
Concert Reading. Matt. xxvii:1-10.  
Song—"He is Risen, He is Risen."  
Prayer by leader or pastor.  
Scripture quotations from each one present concerning the topic. Job xix:26; Psa. xvii:15; Isa. xxvi:19; Dan. xii:2; Matt. xxii:31; John v:28; xi:23; Acts xxiv:15; Rom. viii:11; I Cor. xv:20-23; Col. iii:4; I Thess. iv:14, 15; I John iii:2.  
Let one skilled in word-painting give the typifying of the resurrection as found in Ezek. xxxvii:1-10.  
Circle of prayer, remembering our precious children, that in the fresh, sweet springtime of their lives they may be led to Him who shall be their life forever.  
A string of Easter pearls. Let each one be prepared to give a choice thought on Easter, selected or original.  
Song—"How Calm and Beautiful the Morn."  
Closing circle of prayer, remembering our faithful missionaries at home and abroad.

**DEAR SISTERS**—Another letter from Sister Rioch. I am sure you will all rejoice because of the good news that it brings. Souls are turning to the Lord in Japan, and you who are making it possible for Sister Rioch to teach and lead them to his feet, have a share in the glorious work. Let us pray earnestly that God will use use her and use us more and more, that He will let us indeed be co-laborers with him in saving Japan. Sisters, the time is passing rapidly. Only about four months of our missionary year yet remain. Shall we not this year raise \$400.00. You know that our motto is, "Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God." Let us attempt greater things in the coming months. I know that it means much of labor and self-denial, as well as consecration to carry on this work; but it means too that it is labour and self-denial for Christ's sake, and that alone should make it a joy to us.

Yours in Christian love,  
MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR.

To the M. P. and O. C. W. B. M.:

The plum trees have been out in all their fairy-white and pink dresses, some weeks back, and many other trees are beginning to show what they can do in the way of color. Suddenly this afternoon heavy clouds gathered and here we are in a regular old-fashioned snow-storm. White is pretty to be sure, but my, so out of season, that is, white snow, you understand. What a state the roads will be in by to-morrow. No bicycling for a week at least.

Some weeks ago, the weight of the disappointment in the failure of good results, after many years "of work of faith and labor of love," in a particular department of the work, seemed greater than I could bear. I felt I must tell you all about it that you may share it with me and know how to pray for me in the way I needed it most. I had for