

Maitland, Alex. McDougall,	\$0 50
" Raymond McDougall, ..	50
	1 00
St. John, Wide Awake Band. ...	\$9 27
" Christmas offering,	1 00
	10 27
Milton, Daily Workers Band, ..	11 69
Newport, Miss H. Stevens' S. S. class, .	2 00
Cornwallis, Few children (mite boxes)...	1 22
Balance on hand, August 31, 1899,	18 26
	\$120 75
Nova Scotia, ..	\$38 00
New Brunswick,	62 27
P. E. Island, ..	2 00
Banner Band for year—	
Island Workers Band.	
Cash Paid.	
Mrs. Moses, for Gulabi & Gerauld, \$60 00	
Cost of Drafts,	30
Mrs. Richardson, postage for year, 1 15	
S. F. Stevens, " " 40	
	\$61 85
Balance cash on hand,	\$58 90

Respectfully submitted,
SUSIE FORD STEVENS.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CHILDREN'S WORK FOR 1900.

To the Sisters assembled in Annual Convention in Westport, N. S.

GREETING:

Dear Sisters,—I beg leave to submit this my first report of children's work of Maritime Provinces.

I am sorry to say the work has not progressed as I had anticipated. Is it because we seem to be working alone, or is it indifference in the work? I am a great believer of *strength in union*, and I think if we were in closer sympathy with the American work and literature, we would perhaps do better work.

We have about two hundred and eleven members in our societies, and are asked to raise one hundred dollars, or a little more, this year, which would be one cent a week for each member, and yet we come to the Annual Meeting about twenty-five dollars in debt, unless some Bands are holding back until the very last, which I hope may be so.

I am glad to report Lord's Cove Mission Band as the banner Band again this year. They certainly deserve great credit. Out of the small amount raised they have contributed forty dollars.

Wishing you a grand and successful meeting, I am,
Your co-laborer,

ANNIE RICHARDSON.

The following is a Report of Bands heard from:

Lord's Cove, "Island Workers"—

Meetings held, 23.
Junior Builders taken, 20 copies. Increase of 14.
No. members, 62..... " 16.
Amount raised, \$40 00..... " \$21 02
Secretary, Grace Harding, Lord's Cove, Deer Island, N. B.

Halifax—

Meetings held, 40.
Junior Builders, 0.
Amount raised \$0.00 for Missions, \$3.00 for famine
Increase \$3 75.
No. members, 25.
Secretary, Willie Stuart, William St., Halifax, N.S.

Milton "Daily Workers"—

Meetings held, 5.
Junior Builders taken, 4.
Amount raised, \$7.37. Increase \$2.37.
No. Members, 27.... Decrease, 3.
Secretary, Myrtle McAdam, Milton, Queens Co. N. S.

Leonardville "Happy Band"—

Meetings held, 16.
Junior Builders taken, 5.

No. members, 22. Decrease 1.
Amount raised, \$10 00 Increase \$2 00.
Secretary, Annie Richardson, Leonardville, Deer Island, N. B.

St. John "Wide Awake" (not heard from)—
Junior Builders taken, 5.
Secretary, Miss Maude Boyne, Britain Street, St. John, N. B.

West Gore, "Golden Rule"—
Meetings held, 19.

Junior Builders taken, 1.
No. members, 32 Increase, 12.
Amount raised, \$6 00. Decrease \$4 00.
Secretary, Hattie Mason, West Gore, N. S.

Charlottetown, "Links of Truth" (Not heard from.)
Junior Builders taken, 1.

No. Members, 5.
Amount raised, \$2 00.
Secretary, Maud Stuart, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Westport, "Willing Workers"—
Meetings held, 10.

Junior Builders taken, 5. Decrease, 2.
No. members, 30.
Amount raised, \$8.00. Increase, \$4.10.
Secretary, Edna Collins, Westport, N. S.

Maitland, \$1.00.
Hattie Stevens, S. S. class, Newport, \$2.00.
MRS. FRANK RICHARDSON.

Greetings were read from Mrs. Moses, Secretary of American C. W. B. M., and from P. E. I. Association.

The report of Committee on Resolutions was received, viz:—

1. *Resolved*: That we the members of the Maritime C. W. B. M. send a message to our dear Sister Rioch in Japan expressing our confidence in her and assuring her that we earnestly pray God to give her strength and grace to work for His honor and glory.

2. *Resolved*: That we express to Sister Graybiel our pleasure that God has spared her to be with us in this meeting, and also our love and appreciation of her as a consecrated worker for Him.

3. *Resolved*: That we send Christian greetings to the National Convention of the C. W. B. M., to the Ontario C. W. B. M., and to the P. E. I. Association.

4. *Resolved*: That we extend our thanks to the editor of the CHRISTIAN for space allowed us in that paper.

Report from Miss Rioch was read as follows:—

To the Maritime Provinces and Ontario Christian Women's Board of Missions.

MY DEAR SISTERS:—It is with feelings of gratitude to our loving Master for continued blessings of health and many assurances of His love and presence that have guided and strengthened me through so many years that I submit my eight annual report for your kind consideration.

After an extended furlough at home in Canada, I returned to Japan the later end of September. The first few days were spent in receiving callers who came to welcome me back.

In about a week, thanks to the kindness of the missionaries on the field who took charge of my work, I had again entered into my regular routine of duties just as though I had never been away.

The little day school has forty-eight pupils. The building is too small to accommodate any more. The children are regular in their attendance and grow daily in both secular and spiritual knowledge. After the new regulations, the school was stopped as a school, but continued in the afternoon as meetings, with the full consent of the Dis-

trict officials. We have at last, however, received permission from the government, temporarily at least and we hope permanently, to continue as a Christian school. Besides the regular course of studies for public primary schools the Bible is taught one half hour every day, and habits of cleanliness, neatness, promptness and last but not least, truthfulness, are kindly but firmly installed. The visible results are very gratifying.

The closing exercises were held last month when eight pupils were graduated, some of whom, though mere children, are already apprenticed out to different kinds of trades, strengthened we hope for their future life by the knowledge of a loving Saviour. Eternity alone will show all the results from this work.

The meetings for the mothers of these day school pupils have been held without interruption one day every week. They are well attended and the lesson is listened to with rapt attention. Some of these poor ignorant women have been coming regularly for years. The word has been preached faithfully and as simply and earnestly as was in our power. Results however are meagre. Urging them to accept Christ as their Saviour ends only in driving them and their children away from the school and meetings, yet I know this is not from choice but from force of circumstances.

The Sunday school in connection with this school continues much the same as usual, not only the regular pupils but a great many other children find it interesting to come to listen to the sweet story of old.

In the home the girls have received regular Bible instruction besides music and English lessons. One of my girls is now teaching in the day school and helping me in the meetings and in visiting in the homes of the children. This is the second girl from my home who is doing regular Bible woman's work, which, to say the least, is very gratifying.

Recently I took a little girl of four years into our home. She is a great pleasure as well as a care. I have had some private English and Bible students this winter. Last month Miss Oldham and I started a woman's meeting in Ushigome chapel. It is held once a week. Though originally intended to build up the faith and knowledge of the Christian women in this district we have thought it wise to invite all the women in the neighborhood who have only heard the name of Christ called in derision. The meetings are exceptionally well attended. Miss Oldham had previously tried to hold these meetings, but owing to pressure of work at times had to be absent, in consequence of which the attendance gradually fell off till it was thought better to give up the meeting entirely. Besides my regular work in the home and school I have spent most of my spare time visiting the women in their homes and teaching them of the Saviour who loved and died for them.

Since my return I have had the pleasure of seeing one woman accept her Saviour and acknowledge him in baptism.

May I have the supreme joy of seeing results from this work, and may I still have the prayers of my brothers and sisters in Christ in the home land.

I have tried to be faithful to my mission.

Very sincerely,

Your sister in the work,
MARY RIOCH,

Tokio, Japan.

The meeting was addressed briefly by Miss Graybiel, Mrs. Stevens and Miss Payson, after which it was closed.

L. N. JACKSON,
Secretary.