

Original Paper—"Is My Daughter Worth More in God's Sight than India's Daughters?"

Discussion.

Business period.

Roll-call—respond with Bible quotations.

Reading of minutes.

Report of Junior work.

Reports of other committees.

Requests for new members.

Closing song—"There is no Love like the Love of Jesus."

Benediction. All repeat Num. vi: 24-26.

(Since June is the most delightful month in which to hold social gatherings, we would suggest that every Auxiliary, which has not already done so, shall hold such a gathering with a view to awakening a deeper interest and enlisting new members.

DEAR SISTERS,—I think I cannot do better than to quote from a sister whose heart is in this work and who stands ready to help in every possible way: "Do you know there will need to be a big move all along the line, and a move all together as well? Nearly nine months of our missionary year passed and very little money collected. How can the balance be raised during the remaining three months? As I said above, by a gigantic move all along the line. That is by every auxiliary member trying to bring in new members, increasing their own dues, or otherwise by grand endeavor striving to increase the auxiliary funds.

"We have a good many churches in the Maritime Provinces without a Ladies' Missionary Society. It ought to be some one's duty to organize new societies. I would suggest that the vice-presidents of the different provinces undertake this duty. In order to carry this out successfully we need a large number of auxiliary constitutions printed."

We thank God for the sisters who are doing so much to bring about the desired results, but we want every sister to have a share in this work.

We were glad to hear such good news from Pictou—auxiliary re-organized with eighteen members.

South Range, too, has given us just such an example as we need. They find it impracticable to organize an auxiliary, but have sent an offering, and will continue to contribute to the general fund. Are there not sisters in many of our churches who can assist in this way? The work is of God, and as Christian women we cannot do less than reach out to help those less favored than ourselves. The very spirit of our religion demands this of us.

Have we forgotten our watch-word—\$400 for foreign missions in 1900? This is not the time for defeat. We must go forward. Let us make one strong united effort during the remaining months of our missionary year. And, sisters, let us remember that our help cometh from above. Through Christ we can do all things.

Yours for more consecrated service,

CARRIE F. PAYSON.

Wolfville, May 19, 1900.

#### EXTRACTS OF A LETTER RECEIVED FROM MISS MARY RIOCH, OF JAPAN.

MY DEAR SISTER—I was so pleased to get your dear kind letter. I would have written, but I am so very busy. My evenings are all taken up teaching and Sunday afternoons, so that I find writing much harder than ever. My mornings, when possible, are full of studying. As you know, I expect to go into the school work next fall; so that with the preparations for that with my other work, I am busier than ever. Then the afternoons are given up to visiting and teaching. For the past two months have been teaching in

the evening a young girl who lives in the neighborhood, and sometimes one of the girls who is developing into a first class Bible woman. I teach her almost everything before she teaches it. Besides she has an hour's instruction in the Bible every day. She is teaching in my school in the afternoons. She is a great comfort, and our prayers and labour in her behalf have not been in vain.

"O Mitsui San" is very sweet as she always was. Her face is sunny enough to dispel any clouds no matter how dense. She is quick and clever at her studies.

I am taking another child. I really did not intend doing so, but it seemed as if the Lord wished me to. Her mother is one of the Christians at the school and is dying of consumption. The child has no one to take care of her. Her father hates her and treats her badly, just because the child is a girl, you know. I am trying to get the Ontario children to support her. She is only four years old, and by taking her when young, I hope to really make something of her. It will be a great care, but that is what I came out for.

The Japanese woman, whose child I take, is just as patient and sweet as she can be; yet her husband is cruel and cross and threatens to leave her. My girls and I try to comfort her. Why is it that in sorrow we always come nearer to our Master? We ought to enjoy Him as much in our joys and pleasures, but I don't think we feel as near to him as when in trouble.

Yes, indeed, we do hope this terrible war will soon be over. As General Grant says, if I am not mistaken, "war is hell." Then when one thinks of the fatherless families, one is taken from the scene of action to the humble cot where a widowed mother weeps.

Yes, my work at present is the same as before, with some extra added. I expect, however, in the fall to be in school work, which will mean being busier than ever, and not the joy of doing direct missionary work. Sometimes I get very discouraged, for, as I told you, the work among the women is bound to be one of very small visible results. Some who never miss coming to our meetings are Christians at heart, but are prevented by home influences from becoming Christians in name. Others, of course, do not realize what they are rejecting. Two women are nearly, if not altogether, ready. I am praying for them. One of them will find it difficult on account of her husband, but I hope she will have strength of character enough to come out boldly for her Master.

I have been trying to write a letter every month for the papers at home. Sometimes I have not been successful. I always address them to the Maritime Province ladies as well as the Ontario women, and request that a copy be sent to you.

Yes, thank you, the CHRISTIAN comes regularly. I enjoy it so much now that I know mostly all the contributors.

I thank you all for your kind wishes for the new year. May you all, too, have a bright, prosperous new year. All the girls are well. I take another little lamb into our fold to-morrow, or next day. Of course you must know that my girls do not always do just as I could wish, and I have a good deal of care in that way; but I think I understand my Saviour's heart when we do wrong better since I have had the girls. Sometimes one feels like giving up when we remember how often we pain the dear Saviour's heart, and what would happen us if he were to grow tired and throw us off.

Well, I must close. Please give my best love to all the sisters.

Ever your loving sister,

MARY RIOCH.

DEAR SISTERS—Children's Day is just at hand. I trust that many of you are preparing for it.

It should be made a great day for the children. It is the one day in the year when they have a part in the exercises. Will you not observe this day either on the first Lord's day in June, or if not possible, then on the first Lord's day when possible.

It can be made very interesting and helpful to the children, to the Sunday-school and to the missionary work. Do not fail, dear sisters, to enlist the children, especially do not fail to observe Children's Day this year. The Coburg Street Sunday-school is preparing. They are practising the exercise, "Silver Bells" and find it very attractive. These exercises will be sent by F. M. Ruess, Box 884, Cincinnati, Ohio.

MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR.

Pictou Auxiliary has been re-organized with a membership of eighteen. A society at Cross Roads, P. E. I., has become Auxiliary to the Maritime C. W. B. M. There are twelve societies existing in these provinces. How many are working? One thing to live, another to progress.

Kindly give your careful attention to the Treasurer's report found in this month's CHRISTIAN. How near are we to the \$400.00 mark? How long have we to reach it? and what sacrifice are you making to help in its success?

L. N. JACKSON,

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

#### RECEIPTS.

Previously reported, .....	\$138 24
Southville—Ladies' Auxiliary, .....	90
St. John—Coburg St. Ladies' Auxiliary, .....	2 25
Westport—Ladies' Auxiliary, .....	2 00
South Range—Collected by Jessie Devoc, .....	3 00
Interest, .....	33

\$146 72

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#### Children's Work.

(Address all communications to Children's Work to Mrs. Frank Richardson, Lord's Cove, Deer Island, N. B.)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—I think it needless to write any thing to you this month, as I have just completed my twelfth letter to the different bands (and several to places where we have no bands), reminding you all of the first Sunday in June.

I do hope that in the next CHRISTIAN we shall see a report from every band. How encouraging that would be, and how that ninety dollars would decrease.

I told you Lord's Cove Island Workers were to have a concert. Well, I am proud of their success. Under the efficient training of our president, Miss Cadwallader, we had one of the most successful concerts in the history of our Band. About thirty took part in the concert, and the selections and music were good and well rendered, and the collection amounted to thirteen dollars.

I hope others will follow the good example. Do not forget the promise I made the first of the year, viz.: If any Band would take the Banner Band from Lord's Cove, I would add one dollar to theirs. Which will be the Band?

MRS. FRANK RICHARDSON.

#### RECEIPTS.

Previously reported, .....	\$46 51
Charlottetown—"Links of Truth" Band, .....	1 00
St. John—"Wide Awake" Band, .....	1 65
Halifax—Junior Endeavor, .....	1 00

\$50 16

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