

now my hands will be more than full. Evangelistic work is, of course, the most pleasurable work of the missionary, but as the school work *must* be done and I am the only one here to do it, why there is no choice in the matter. I shall, however, still keep up the work on Matsagawa-cho, but will not be able to give it the attention it should have, nor will I be able to extend this work, as I had hoped to do. God knows best. If it be his will that I train these girls to be worthy laborers in his vineyard, who will say it was in vain? Pray for us, dear sisters.

Wishing you all a very happy, prosperous and bright new year, I am,

Yours lovingly,
M. M. RIOCH.

FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged	....	....	\$154 09
Cornwallis—			
Woman's Auxiliary,	....	....	2 54
St. John—			
Sunday School,	....	....	4 43
Total,	....	....	\$161 06

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Previously acknowledged,	....	....	\$41 78
St. John—			
"Wide Awake" Band,	77
East Rawdon—			
"Cheerful Gleaners" Band,..	2 00
Total,	\$44 55

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News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

On the 10th, Bro. Blenus, who came home to rest, preached in the morning. In the evening Rev. Mr. McKinnon, of the Congregational Church, preached for us, and Bro. Stewart preached for his congregation. Mr. McKinnon gave us a fine discourse on "Enoch walked with God." This exchange is new for us; but we think it did good. How can we expect union unless we begin to get together.

On the 18th the Portland S. S. held its anniversary, which was a decided success. Sister A. Wilson trained the scholars and prepared the programme. Bro. Blenus presided. The refreshments were of the best, and there was enough for all. Collection was over \$12.

On the 16th the brethren from Silver Falls came in and took out about sixty to hear sacred songs and readings by the scholars of our three schools. It was a beautiful night, every one enjoyed the drive, the concert was first class and the proceeds over \$22.00.

Bro. Frank Gates has joined William and Allen in attending business college here.

Sister Mabel Belyea is now organist of the Portland S. S., Sister V. Frizzel having moved to Carleton.

Bro. Gibson, of Melrose, Mass., worshipped with us on the 24th. He united with the church before he left St. John.

We are pleased to know Bro. C. H. Leonard's health is improving in Pasadena, Cal.

Letters from Sister Garrity say that she is once more settled in Berkeley, Cal.

Again we are called on to mourn the loss of another old faithful member, Sister Gibson. She united with the church here fifty-seven years ago. She was always interested, always in attendance, always prompt in her support of the cause. The following incident shows her promptness, thoughtfulness and love. A few days before she passed away she sent her subscription for THE CHRISTIAN (which she always kept paid a year in advance) saying, "When I am gone (which will soon be) send THE CHRISTIAN for the balance of the year to Sister _____," naming a good sister who does not get the paper. She had a tender care for others all through life, and now she is with him who will tenderly care for her through a blissful eternity. Truly, "we sorrow not as those without hope."

TIVERTON, N. S.

Two confessions and one baptism since last report. Our congregations are generally large and meetings interesting at our appointments at this place. We prefer a steady growth and every day life in church work to seasons of revival with long intervals of apparent deadness between. Yet we did earnestly hope to have Bro. Blenus with us for a season and to see a big meeting at Tiverton before spring. So many leave home for the summer that chances for meetings are not so good between March and November.

We rejoice at the grand work done on Deer Island, and think it only right that our evangelist should be first sent to points having no regular preacher. We will do our best to help hold up his hands, through our Home Mission Board, at all times and places, and gladly welcome him to Tiverton when our turn comes around, and in the meantime do our best to serve our Captain and win other precious souls to his kingdom.

The Sunday-school at South Range recently held a concert under the leadership of Bro. Albert Marshall, the superintendent of the school. Quite a lengthy programme was carried out, much to the credit of both superintendent and scholars.

We hope in our next to be able to send some interesting items from Gulliver's Cove. We planned to have spent a season with the brethren there before this, but have been prevented by rough weather and lack of personal strength.

H. A. DEVOE.

WESTPORT, N. S.

We have been holding special meetings for the past three weeks. Our interest (considering the odds we have to contend against) has been very good indeed. One noble young woman made the good confession and on Sunday the 18th was buried with her Lord in baptism. Others have manifested a desire to do likewise, but have not yet decided fully. Our meetings were well attended and the interest good.

H. E. COOKE.

HALIFAX, N. S.

We are glad to be able to report a steady growth in the work of the Lord in this city. Since beginning our meeting three weeks ago there have been five additions—four by confession and baptism and one from the Baptist. There are others who, we hope, are not far from the kingdom. Bro. Shaw is doing a good work here in Halifax, and is already filling a large place in the hearts of the brethren, and is deservedly esteemed very highly for his "work's sake." Bro. Shaw needs no praise, as his earnest work here speaks more loudly than anything that may be said by me. But since he has come here as a stranger, I feel it due to him, and to the brotherhood who are assisting to sustain the work of the Lord in Halifax, to say that in him they have an earnest and faithful workman in whose hands the cause of Christ is sure to prosper. The brethren here are united and working for the upbuilding of the kingdom. During this short meeting, notwithstanding the very rough weather we have had, the attendance of the brethren has been all we could expect and very encouraging. The short social meetings we have had after the preaching have shown a deep interest on the part of the church. I can say now, as I said last spring when here, that it was never my good fortune to work with a more earnest and faithful band of brethren than I find here in this city. I think, too, that their labor has been blessed almost beyond what we could expect, and with so faithful and capable a man as Bro. Shaw in the lead, greater success may be confidently looked for.

The fine and growing Sunday-school is a future in itself, to say nothing of the new people who are coming to us, some of whom are coming into the church, and others, we believe, are not far away.

The brethren are hoping for much good to result from the annual to be held here next August; for

this let us all work and pray. The brethren here will need the help and encouragement of the brotherhood for some time yet, and we trust that the work here will not be forgotten in our prayers and substantial aid. Several of the workers have gone from here during the year just closed who are greatly missed, but the Lord will raise up others to fill their places.

E. C. FORD.

February 22nd, 1895.

CONFIDENT OF VICTORY.

Our Lord is spoken of us sitting at the right hand of God, henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. He is waiting patiently and confidently to see all nations bow before him. He must reign till every enemy is put under his feet. The Scriptures speak in the most confident tone of his universal triumph. Kings may take counsel against him. He that sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision. The mental attitude of prophets and apostles was one of expectancy. They had no doubt of the issue. We have every reason for confidence. We must look for opposition. The opium curse, the liquor traffic, and the slave trade lie in cold obstruction across our path. Be it so. Obstacles as serious as any that confront us now have been taken out of the way. The signs of the times are all propitious. The harvest of the earth is overripe; it is for us to cast in the sickle and reap. Of the issue there can be no doubt, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

There is a good story of the great London merchant, Henry Thornton, who, in the days when Wesley preached and Simeon prayed, combined practical business with practical piety, and is known as the author of "paper credit," as well as of "family prayers," which is somewhat to the point.

A London clergyman was on his way to Mr. Thornton's office to ask for a donation for foreign missions, when he heard that two of Mr. Thornton's ships had gone to the bottom of the sea. He proceeded to the merchant's office with some misgivings, but, to his surprise, Mr. Thornton gave him a very liberal donation. "Mr. Thornton," said the parson, "I suppose the report of your great losses is not correct, judging by your response to my appeal?"

"It is quite true, my dear sir," responded the Christian merchant. "I have just heard of the loss of two of my ships, and it reminds me that if I don't make haste, the Lord may deprive me of all my wealth before I have done much good with it."

GULLIVER'S COVE BUILDING FUND.

Previously acknowledged,	\$244 43
Tiverton, N. S.—			
H. A. D.,	1 00
Gulliver's Cove—			
Church, per J. Reid,	19 00
Total,	\$264 43

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Treasurer.

Tiverton, N. S.