

Our Treasurer sent me the other day a very encouraging statement for the first quarter of our Convention year. No doubt before you read this, you will have seen for yourselves how much we have improved during the past few years. Talking and urging, urging and talking has accomplished something. It is no longer the heavy strain upon those in charge to know how we are to meet the first quarter's liabilities. We are all beginning to feel the burden and trying to share the responsibility. She writes: "This is the first time that we have ever written four figures under our *first quarter's receipts*. It is a pleasure to the mother when the child gets out of short clothes. It is a joy to us that our beloved is stepping forth into larger things. We have gotten away from playing tit, tat, toe, three in a row. May we never grow weak enough to return." To this we reply amen, and amen.

Jesus said: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me." Do we really believe that we are sent of God to do this work?

Let us remember as we go about our daily toil, that it is not the task, which counts in His eyes, but the joy and strength of our glad service, saying Master "This is my best.

"Make life a ministry of love and it will always be worth living."

When reading the other day of one of the Judson's and the agony of soul through which she past when parting from her little boy, in order that she might remain and tell the story of Jesus to India's children, I could not help wondering if there were any of us that knew the meaning of sacrifice. A *living* sacrifice for Christ is what our Father asks.

"Are we shining for Jesus, dear ones
Or has your lamp grown dim?
Can we truthfully say that we wait Him?"

To

"Deepen all the work, O Master,
Strengthen every downward root.
Only do thou ripen faster,
More and more, Thy pleasant fruit.
Purge me, prune me, self abase,
Only let me grow in grace."

I have not written you of figures, nor told you many facts of India's need, for sometimes I fear we listen and read as to an idle tale. They are so far away we cannot realize the awful suffering of our less fortunate sisters

But I wish I could make you see Jesus as you did when you first gave your heart to Him. When you resolved to devote your life to His service, no matter what it cost. The cares of

the world, the pleasures and pastimes, the deceitfulness of riches, how they choke the spiritual life of God's children, We often re-echo the words of King David "Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, so shall I teach transgressors Thy way and sinners shall be converted unto Thee." "Lest we forget Lord, lest we forget," ought to be the cry of every contrite heart as we think of mercies past and the tendency there is in the mad rush for something, we know not what, to crowd the Lord Jesus to one side and reach after vain things.

"Do we know what it is to have those
Strange soul-depths, restless,
Vast and broad,
Unfathomed as the sea:
An infinite craving for some infinite stilling?"

If so, then perhaps we can repeat the last of that stanza.

"But now Thy perfect love is perfect filling!
Lord Jesus Christ, my Lord my God,
Thou, Thou art enough for me."

Of one thing we are sure, God bids thee labor. "Go ye into all the world," was His last command. He knows the place is thick with thorn and brier.

M. E. HUME,
Prov. Sec. for N.S.

Receipts.

Received from—	F.M.	H.M.	TOTAL.
W.M.A.S., Nova Scotia.	\$391 76	\$99 99	\$491 75
" New Brunswick	148 65	56 85	205 50
" P. E. Island.	80 01	18 39	98 40
Annual Meeting Collection			44 45
Women's Meeting, Truro			9 06
Refund, Miss Filmore			55 00
Donations			11 00
Tidings			11 75
Annual Reports			2 25
Leaflets			6 07
Mission Band Treasurer			105 40

\$1040 63

Disbursements.

Paid—		
Treas. F. M. Board		\$2262 50
" Home Missions, N. S., and P. E. Island		200 00
" Home Missions, New Brunswick		75 00
Printing and expenses on Annual Reports		60 45
Corresponding Secretaries		7 00
Provincial Secretary, New Brunswick		6 00
" Nova Scotia		9 00
Printing Tidings and Leaflets		13 00
Postage, Mission Band Leaflets		5 00
Editor LINK (expenses)		1 50
Drafts, Discounts, Postage		2 26

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