

to Japan, and you can hardly imagine just how much we appreciate it.

We have even more at the Sunday-school than we had before the hot weather. The singing is not so good, for so many of our best singers have gone and are battling the cold world, with their hearts stored with many precious truths, I trust, to conquer it. The mothers come pretty faithfully to the women's meetings, though there is much sickness and distress caused by the hard times—the hardest I have seen in Japan. Oh, pity the poor and the fatherless in this vast city! We have hopes that some of the women will soon come over to the right and safe side, and walk the rest of their journey with their Saviour. The girls in the home are all well and happy, and one can hear their chattering and peals of laughter ringing through the house at any time.

Miss Oldham's arm is gaining in strength and she seems a little freer from her headaches. She expects to come home with me and I am trying to persuade her to come to the Ontario June meeting. I do want you to meet her and know and love her as I do.

Hoping that the Japan work is very near each and all of your hearts, and many times brought before the throne of grace,

I remain, your sister in the work,
MARY M. RIOCH.

In October we organized an Auxiliary to the C. W. B. M. with eleven members. The officers appointed were: President, Mrs. Stevens; Vice-President, Miss Horsman; Secretary, Miss E. Fullerton; Treasurer, Miss Etta Campbell; Lookout Committee, Misses Hattie Stevens, Ella Fullerton, Etta Hatt. We have held three meetings and are glad to report a growing interest and a prospect for a larger membership.

ELLA FULLERTON,
Secretary.

Pictou, N. S.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$82 51
St. John, Coburg St. Ladies' Aid,	2 50
Milton Ladies' Aid,	10 55

Total, \$95 56

SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer,
Pictou, N. S.

Children's Work.

Address all communications to Mrs. D. A. Morrison, 291
Germain Street, St. John, N. B.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—Christmas has come and gone and before you receive this letter the new year will have begun. As we enter the new year we should pause and reflect. Some one has said that we should not look backward but forward, but I think it is good to look back once in a while and notice the mistakes we have made, and if by looking back we learn to avoid making the same mistake in the future, it will not be time wasted. We made a good many resolutions last year, and when we begin to think of how many of them we have broken, we feel ashamed. But let us not be discouraged, for by "patient continuance in well doing" we will win glory and honour and eternal life. Now let us start this year with the determination to make one person better, and with each one let that one person be *himself* or *herself*.

Since writing to you last month I have heard sad news. One of our little workers in Westport—Alma Peters—has been called home by our Heavenly Father. Alma was not spared to work many years for the Master here on earth, but in her short life she made

herself beloved by those around her. She was a very active little member of the Mission Band of "Willing Workers" and she was in every way a *willing* worker. This is what one of her friends has written to me of her: "She was always such a comfort to the Band leaders. I never felt afraid to ask Alma to help me in any way for she was always so willing. One could hardly believe that one little girl—she was not quite twelve—could be such a great help to the leaders. She was a beautiful little singer, and we believe her voice is now ever tuned to sweeter music. "Even a child is known by its doings."

Dear girls and boys, let us all try to live so that when our Father calls us home we may be able to look back on a life spent in his service, and not in idle deeds.

Your loving friend,
MRS D. A. MORRISON,
Supt. of Children's Work.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$26 80
Interest,	2 35

\$29 65

SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer,
Pictou, N. S.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

There has not been as much work done since the Annual as we would like to have seen accomplished.

We hope to get a brother to take the field in Halifax and Hants Counties, N. S., before long.

The Y. P. S. C. E. Coburg St., St. John, has purchased Campbell's Christian System and the Campbell-Owen Debate for the St. John Public Library. This society always keeps on hand a good supply of tracts. Their example we believe should be followed by all our young people's societies.

Probably no branch of our work is so neglected as the distribution of our literature. If we wish to carry on an aggressive warfare in support of the truth we must not neglect this work, which in these days of general education is becoming a great factor in Christian progress.

We hope that the purchasers of books will pay our agents as soon as convenient as we are still behind in our accounts with the Publishing Companies.

We have received only one subscription since the annual.

RECEIPTS.

A. E. Coates, St. John,	\$1 00
-----------------------------------	--------

O. B. STOCKFORD,
Secretary-Treasurer.

AN APPEAL.

The churches throughout the Maritime Provinces are kindly asked to observe Educational Day in Canada, on the second Lord's day in January. The churches are requested to take a collection for the college of the Disciples, St. Thomas, Ont. This is the only educational institution in this country under the auspices of the Disciples of Christ. The number of students in attendance, and the results of the work so far, justify the effort made. Your attention is called to the following circular, and your help is kindly solicited. Any

help given to aid the Ontario brethren in this work will be very gratefully received.

In behalf of the Board,
T. L. FOWLER, Pres.

THE COLLEGE OF THE DISCIPLES.

Educational Day.

Dear Brethren and Sisters in the Dominion:

Upon this day our preachers are kindly requested to preach Educational Sermons, and the Churches, Sunday-schools and Endeavor Societies are asked to lift a collection for the support of the College.

The work this session is most encouraging. The number in attendance and the results of our efforts so far are very much beyond the highest hopes of the most sanguine.

Among the new students of this session are six young men who are preparing for the work of the Gospel. Two of these are from the States and one is from England. Several more will enter the beginning of the year.

The teaching staff consists of T. L. Fowler, W. D. Cunningham, Dr. D. McKillop, Dr. L. Luton, Miss M. Saywell and N. D. Wells.

Courses of Lectures on important subjects will be given during the session by the following, viz.: C. T. Paul, Geo. Fowler, R. W. Ballan, Judge Hughes and J. Tisdale.

Three of the students preached regularly during the vacation and fifty were added to the churches for which they labored. Several new places have already been opened and weak churches have been helped. We ask for your assistance, that we may do the same work for the whole Province. We aim to send able and earnest young men into every town and city, and into every nook and corner of our country with the Gospel of the Grace of God.

Will you help us in this work?

We ask for the co-operation of all who love our cause and who desire to see New Testament Christianity prevail.

Send all contributions to R. N. Price.

In behalf of the Board,
R. N. PRICE,
Financial Secretary, St. Thomas, Ont.

AGENTS FOR THE CHRISTIAN.

MRS. PETER CHING, Little Harbour, P. E. I. of
Lots 46 and 47.

MRS. O. M. PACKARD, 353 West 57th Street, N. Y.
W. R. McEVEN, Milton, N. S.

JAS. W. KENNEDY, Southport, P. E. I.

MAJOR LINKLETTER, Summerside, P. E. I.

ROBT. DEWAR, New Perth, P. E. I.

GEO. MANFOLD, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

J. F. BAKER, North Lake, P. E. I.

PETER A. DEWAR, Montague, P. E. I.

KENDRICK OUTHOUSE, Tiverton & Freeport, N. S.

GEORGE ROWERS, Westport, N. S.

D. F. LAMBERT, Lord's Cove, Deer Island, N. B.

MRS. C. H. CONLEY, Jr., Leonardville, Deer Island
N. B.

JOHN W. WALLACE, Shubenacadie,

ISRAEL C. CUSHING, Kempt, N. S.

W. J. MESSERVEY, Halifax, N. S.

GRACE WILSON, Burt's Corner, York Co., N. B.

W. R. WENTWORTH, LeTete, N. B.

W. T. JELLEY, St. Thomas, Ont.

More names will be added as they are appointed

ST. JOHN.

S. Kerr & Son **BUSINESS**
Proprietors. **COLLEGE**

The Best Place in the Province

for young men to get a good

Business Education.

STUDENTS MAY ENTER ANY TIME.

Business and Shorthand circulars mailed to any
address. No Vacations.

Union Street, Oddfellows' Hall.