

But a wiser man than Solomon is in full accord with him. Jesus left no command that we should remember His birth. We don't even know the time of the year much less the day of the month when the star became fixed over the city of David and Christ the Lord was born. But we know when He died and when He rose again, and He desired that on the first day of the week His disciples should come together to remember that His body was broken and His blood shed for them. His true, loving children will not forget this last command.

SECTARIANISM has few earnest defenders now. There was a time—and not so long ago either—when more were ready to uphold than condemn, when it was looked upon as scriptural, Sectarian and regarded as a help to the conversion of the world, rather than as a hindrance. Many may still think it an unavoidable state of religious complexity, but none as a desirable one. There is reason for rejoicing in the fact that in all inter-denominational meetings favorable reference to the union of God's people seems to strike a responsive chord in the hearts of all who are laboring for the conversion of the world. Not long ago, when a prominent preacher said with a thrice-repeated emphasis that for the world he would not leave his denomination, but for Christ he would gladly forget it, he was greeted with such a demonstration of approval as must have convinced him, that many besides himself were longing for the time when Christ would be all and in all.

Home Mission Notes.

Bro. H. Murray reports a good interest at River John. We hope to see in the near future the cause there greatly strengthened. Bro. H. Murray is now on Deer Island, and we look for good results from his visit. We would say to the brethren there, that he has been sent in the spirit of love to do what he can to make them stronger in the faith, and to win sinners to Christ. We hope all who love our Lord, and who desire to see souls saved, will hold up his hands in preaching the gospel.

Bro. Stevens sends good reports from Letete and Back Bay, and at the annual meeting the report from there will be gratifying to all.

Bro. Cooke is in Halifax, and that noble band is working hard to get a house of their own to worship in. Brethren, remember Halifax, and give all you can to aid them in their worthy efforts. The receipts this month are very encouraging, thanks to those who keep this fund before the churches, and do so much hard work in collecting. We should all help these workers. They are "willing workers." They are "doing His commandments," and will receive the glorious reward.

The "annual" is near. We hope to see all our churches represented. Come! help us plan better things for next years work. Come! aid us by your knowledge of the needs of your churches. Come! and rejoice with us over the good that has been done in the past. Come! filled with the spirit of Christ, and you will be a blessing to us all. Come with us, we will do you good, and you will go home filled with zeal in the Master's work.

SPECIAL:—Will those who have been forwarding from the churches to this fund kindly send in all money in hand by the 20th, as THE CHRISTIAN will be issued a week earlier. This is the last month. We hope the contributions will be larger than usual.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$340 38
River John, per H. Murray—	
Church, . . . . .	8 20
A McNab, . . . . .	1 00
J. McNab . . . . .	2 00
Mrs. J. Carruthers, . . . . .	3 00
A. Sellar, . . . . .	2 00

Halifax—	
Per H. Murray, . . . . .	7 00
Letete and Back Bay—	
Per R. Stevens, . . . . .	4 89
Westport per Miss C. Payson—	
Church, . . . . .	1 20
Willing Workers, . . . . .	1 80
Tierton per H. A. Devoc—	
Church, . . . . .	1 50
Sunday School, . . . . .	4 00
Mrs. W. Outhouse, . . . . .	1 00
Southville—	
Mrs. M. E. Gates, . . . . .	1 00
Milton—	
Per Miss Collie, . . . . .	4 30
Cornwallis—	
Per Miss Ford, . . . . .	7 25
Total . . . . .	\$390 52

J. S. FLAGLOR,  
Secretary.

Foreign Mission Notes.

The Annual is near at hand and Sister Graybiel will be with us to give us instruction about the work and the needs of the heathen people. She will fill us with greater zeal to turn them from idols to serve the living God. She will help us to carry out our marching orders, which are, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

We hope all who can will come and hear this consecrated sister, besides hearing the good and able brethren who will speak to us at the Annual. We will be more interested than ever in our meeting, as Sister Rioch will most likely be on her way to Japan to help in bringing Japan to a knowledge of the truth. We hope every sister in Canada will have a part in this good work. None need lose the blessings which comes from making sacrifices to help lift up and bless our down-trodden sisters in Japan. Come, then, to the Annual; you will help the church in St. John; you will help the home mission work, and you will also help us in the Foreign Mission Society.

Mrs. J. S. FLAGLOR, Secretary.

We have just a few words to say to the sisters. One year more has almost passed away, with its many opportunities for giving and for doing good. A number of churches, and also individual friends, have responded to the call for help in our Foreign Mission work, and although the sum received is not large, yet we feel encouraged to work on. But there is yet time to send in a considerable sum to swell that already received for the work.

If those who intend sending more of their money for the carrying on of this grand work will kindly send in the same at least by the last week in August, it will be a great convenience to the treasurer.

Remember, this will be the last chance for this year, and let your contributions be liberal, in proportion as we would see the work increase.

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RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$94 47
St. John—	
Per Mrs. Flaglor, . . . . .	2 25
Cornwallis—	
Per Miss Reid, . . . . .	3 65
Summerside—	
Per Mrs. Hupman, . . . . .	1 00
Montague—	
Per Miss C. Stewart, . . . . .	1 00
Shubonacadie—	
Per Miss O. Wallace, . . . . .	4 35

106 72

SUSIE B. FORD,  
Treasurer.

Port Williams, N. S.

ECHOES FROM THE GREAT CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION IN NEW YORK.

During the lifetime of our young Society the question of Christian union has attracted more interest than ever before since the Reformation. I wish to call attention to the immense promotion of Christian unity by the increase of interdenominational intercourse which has been brought about by our societies. The ecclesiastical projects have all been cold, faulty, pragmatistical schemes, binding people together with external cords. The work in this direction by the Y. P. S. C. E. has been more effective than all other things combined, because it has been spontaneous, spiritual and Christly.—Rev. Dr. Deems.

The Christian Endeavor Society has come into the church to-day for the purpose of creating union. I am not afraid that the Christian Endeavor Society will break down too much the high fences that sectarian denominations have put up between each other. No; the time has come in the history of man when God has said, "Unite, unite." If any denomination is afraid to have its principles come into active comparison or into active investigation, then it is behind the age. I would not for the world forsake my own denomination; I would not do it for the world, but for Christ I would forget it all. The Christian Endeavor societies have come to put benches alongside these sectarian fences, to enable us all to look over, and to see that God has other sheep and other folds, of which heretofore we have known but little.—Rev. Dr. Conwell.

At St. Louis two years ago a badge banner made up of badges from hundreds of societies, was displayed amidst much enthusiasm. Acting upon the suggestion made by a delegate, it was decided to place that banner for one year in the custody of the State, Territory or Province that should show the greatest proportionate increase in its number of local societies during the coming year. Oklahoma carried that banner away from Minneapolis, having made a wonderful record, increasing her list in one year thirteen times. Oklahoma is here to-day, and brings her banner; and, notwithstanding she has more than thrice as many societies as she had at Minneapolis, she cannot take the banner back this year, for another has outstripped her. The banner for the greatest proportionate increase of societies made this last year goes across the imaginary line to Manitoba, where Christian Endeavor, like their wheat, is graded No. 1 hard. Oklahoma makes the next best showing, then North Carolina, Idaho, and Prince Edward Island, in the order named.

You will remember that at St. Louis it was also decided that another badge banner should be made and given at Minneapolis to the State, Territory or Province that should show the greatest absolute gain in one year. Pennsylvania captured that banner, and it has been displayed at many a convention within the Keystone State during the last year. She, too, notwithstanding a great record again this year, will have to relinquish its possession, and turn the banner over, not to another State, but to a Province, Ontario! Ontario has made a net gain of 372 societies. That is the progress made in one year. Pennsylvania is next, and very close, with 366; Ohio, with 302, is third; Iowa, with 238, fourth; and Indiana fifth, with 235, and so on down the long list.—From Secretary Baer's Report.

And now, in the name of truth in love, the truth of our divine-human Saviour, the love that we all have for Him and for each other, I present this banner to that State which has made the greatest