

Then we remember that she does not shine by her own light, but by light borrowed (or reflected) from the sun. Even so, as Christians, "we have become illuminated," as Paul says, and shine by light borrowed (or reflected) from the Sun of Righteousness.

As we turn again to view the moon, we observe a dark shadow slowly creeping over her until finally she is completely enshrouded in it. What is the matter? The earth has come between her and her source of light (the sun) and she becomes darkened. And as true Disciples of Christ we must "watch" lest "the world" come between us and our source of light (Christ) and we become again lost in the darkness of sin. Thus the degree of brightness may be determined by considering what does or does not tend to intercept the light. If our lives are centered in His—if our joys, our sorrows, our ambitions are His—then our lights will "shine out in the darkness," and our acts will bear silent, yet effective, testimony for Him. Generally speaking, our lights will become radiant by doing and giving, by going or sending. As far as our energies or our dollars go, thus far will our lights penetrate.

What is true of individuals, is also true of churches. The activity of the church in all matters pertaining to the advancement of Christ's Kingdom on earth, determines her brightness. Her light may be dim, and her influence local, or her radiance may reach from shore to shore. Shall we be content to dimly shine, or shall we put our hearts into the work, and make it pleasing to the Master.

From every part of America comes the call for help. Shall we not heed it, when Christ emphasizes benevolence. (Eph. iv, 28). In our own provinces a great work may be done for "the fields are white with harvest" (John iv, 35). Shall we aid in the good work, and so "lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven?" (Matt. vi, 20). Or, shall we pursue an indifferent course, and allow our lights to grow dim? "To the work! To the work!" "Wist ye not that we should be about our Father's business." Then if this is our Father's business, it should receive our *first* attention, and *best* efforts. May God help us to open our eyes to duty and our hearts to the work, that the cause of home missions may yet surpass our loftiest ambitions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

Expect great things from God.
Attempt great things for God.

\$400 for Foreign Missions in 1900.

"The love of Christ constraineth us."

AUXILIARY PROGRAMME FOR AUGUST.

THE BLACK MAN'S BURDEN.

Song—"From Greenland's Icy Mountains"
All rise and read, in concert, Acts xvii: 24-28
Followed with prayer by leader.
Song—"Tell Me the Old, Old Story." To be used in connection with the poem, "The Black Man's Portion in the Word."
Scripture Lesson—Jer. xxxviii: 7-13; xxxix: 15-18; Luke xxiii: 26; Acts viii: 26-40; Mal. iii: 10-17.

Reading of Poem—"The Poet and His Song."
Original Paper—"Our Work in Jamaica;" eight minutes.

Prayer for our missionaries in Jamaica.

Discussion—The relation of the Jamaica work to the Southern Christian Institute; five minutes.

Brief sketch of Booker T. Washington, told by a member.

Prayer for the missionaries of the Christian Church in Africa—Royal J Dye and wife, E. E. Paris, Frank Lea and wife.

Prayer for our Jamaica boys at Eureka and at Southern Christian Institute and their faithful instructors.

Business period.

DEAR FRIENDS,—You will be pleased to hear that Miss Graybiel, our returned missionary from India, has decided to attend our annual meeting at Westport. She has spent thirteen years in India and was there during the famine of '97, so she comes to us fully prepared to tell of the condition of the people in that country.

Many of us are still feeling the influence of her visit to us eight years ago and we believe the inspiration of her consecrated life will remain with us for years to come.

We sincerely hope that our sisters will make an extra effort to attend the convention this year. I wish it were possible for every one of you to meet this noble woman who has counted it a privilege to be allowed to give up so much for Christ's sake. It will surely do us all good and make us see how narrow and useless our lives are if we are giving anything less than our best to the Master.

"We want among the victor throng
To have our names confessed;
And hear the Master say at last,
Well done; you did your best."

We have only a few weeks in which to prepare for our annual meeting. May I not ask each one of you to make our coming convention the subject of your most earnest prayers?

Hoping to meet very many of you at Westport, and praying that God's richest blessing may rest upon us, and His Spirit direct in all things.

Yours in service.

CARRIE F. PAYSON.

At the regular meeting of the Halifax Auxiliary of the C. W. B. M., held June 3rd 1900, the following resolution was unanimously passed, and a copy ordered to be sent to Bro. Nelson Graham and one sent to the CHRISTIAN for publication.

Inasmuch as we have been called to mourn the loss of our dear Sister Graham, one of the charter members of this society, and who was always interested in this, as in every good word and work of the church. Therefore be it resolved, that while with a deep sense of our own loss, we do hereby express our sincere sympathy to Bro. Nelson Graham in this his great affliction, and assurance of our prayers that he may be comforted and sustained by the consolation of the gospel, the hope that cheers us along this little while of meeting our loved ones, and enjoying our loved ones in that life that knows no ending

ANNIE FORD.

Halifax, June 1st, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported,	\$173 62
Tiverton—	
Ladies' Auxiliary,	2 00
St. John—	
Coburg St., Ladies' Auxiliary,	1 70
	\$177 32

SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer.

Port Williams, Kings Co., N. S.

Our year ends August 31st. All money to be credited on this year's account must reach me by that date.

Children's Work.

[Address all communications to Children's Work to Mrs Frank Richardson, Richardson, Deer Island, N. B.]

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS:—I must say I was rather disappointed last month over our financial report. I fully expected we would about reach our apportionment. I had a report from our treasurer this month, and I see a number of our Nova Scotia bands are holding back to the last, but be sure and do not hold back too long, for the books are closed the last of August, and our children suffer in proportion as we withhold. I had a letter from Miss Rioch this month, and she says that O Mitsu San is now quite a large girl, and no longer a child, when such thirty dollars was all required for her support. Now that she is larger and everything in Japan so much higher, it will require forty or forty-five dollars henceforth for her support. Now this is a matter to which we must attend. You must all feel that she is your adopted sister and whatever she requires we have a right to supply.

Will all the bands be ready to send in their yearly report early in August as the accounts close the last.

Your Step-mother.

MRS. FRANK RICHARDSON.

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported,	\$70 36
Westport—	
Miss H. Stevens S. S. Class,	2 00
	\$72 36

SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer.

Port Williams, King's Co., N. S.

Died.

STEVENS.—The subject of this notice, Sister James Stevens, was born in Kings Co., N. S., June 9th, 1831, and died at the home of her daughter, Sister H. L. Wallace, Montreal, June 7th, 1900. She was baptized by Bro. D. Crawford when 19 years old, and was a faithful follower of Jesus to the hour when she was called to be with Him whom she had so long loved. August 4th, 1852, she was married to Bro. James Stevens of Newport, Hants Co., N. S. and settled on the Stevens' homestead where they lived until about ten years ago, when they sold the farm and moved to Halifax. Uniting with the Christian church in this city they were amongst its most faithful friends and always took a deep interest in its welfare. Stricken with the disease which slowly but surely wore out the strength of this mother in Israel, she was for a long time unable to go to the house of God. This she felt very keenly, for her place in God's house was never vacant when it was possible for her to be present. A little over a year ago Sister Stevens went to Montreal with her daughter, whose precious privilege it was to nurse a darling mother down to her last moment in life. Sister Stevens has left an aged and devoted husband, a son and daughter, to mourn the loss of one they loved very dearly, and a host of friends and relatives mourn with them one whom they have long known to be a true friend and a lover of all that is pure and good. But we sorrow not as those who have no hope, but look forward to the time when we shall again meet our loved ones in that land that knows no parting. Till then we wait and hope.

E. C. FORD.

St. James Street Christian Church,
18 St. James St., Roxbury, Mass.

J. H. Mohorter, Pastor.—RESIDENCE, 23 Akron Street, Roxbury. Study Hours, 8 to 12 A. M.
Church Services—10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school 12.15 P. M. Y. P. S. C. E., 6.30 P. M. Friday Evening Prayer-meeting, 7.45. All are invited to attend those services.