

to our brethren who have so generously assisted us.

From our first organization we longed to be able to do some work in the dark places of the earth, and we are especially thankful that in the past year this desire has become an accomplished fact, and our dear sister is in Japan, earnestly working for the Master. As you are aware, our sisters of the Maritime Provinces co-operate with us in Foreign Mission work, and lovingly call Sister Riach, "The Canadian Christian Women's Missionary." Our Children's Bands are also nobly assisting us in this work.

Mrs. Flaglor, Cor. Sec. of C. W. B. M., of Maritime Provinces, sends the following report:

"We have in the Maritime Provinces about thirty churches; Nova Scotia, fifteen; Prince Edward Island, ten, and New Brunswick, five. Seventeen of these churches are now contributing to the foreign work. In Nova Scotia ten are assisting, Prince Edward Island five, and in New Brunswick two. Only six auxiliaries have been organized as yet; the other churches collect in various ways. We feel very much the need of an organizer, and believe that if we had one many more could be enlisted. We are continually urging organization as a means of procuring regular and systematic giving. We trust that many more will see its importance and that we may be able to report next year that not only about one-half, but that all our churches are engaged in this work. We have four children's bands: two in New Brunswick and two in Nova Scotia. This work is just beginning to claim the attention of our sisters, and we believe before long they will see in it grand possibilities for training the young. You will see our growth more plainly if I tell you what our last report was—we had then ten churches assisting, and two bands. In the eight months from time of our organization until June, we had raised \$73. In the past year we have raised about \$160. You will see that we have gained some ground, but do hope for more advancement in the coming year; the interest is deepening and widening and we know will bear fruit. We intend at our yearly meeting to have some one appointed to take charge of Children's work; also hope to have some one, as organizer, visit at least some of the churches. Many of the seventeen churches that have contributed to this work are not doing so regularly, but have taken up collections at special times. We feel greatly encouraged by the results already accomplished, and look forward to the future with much hope. When we consider that two years ago there was so little being done for and so little interest in the work, we feel like thanking God that He has used these weak efforts put forth to the awakening of so large a number as already see their responsibility, and we ask Him for more strength, more wisdom and consecration that we may work more earnestly in the coming year, and that we may see many, many more coming up to the help of the Lord in His work."

Japan.—"To the C. W. B. M. of Ont. and Maritime Provinces, Greeting.—Am reminded by the beautiful flowers blossoming on all sides that summer will soon be with you, though my letters from home speak of sleighing and skating. With summer comes the "June meeting," and the thought fills my heart with gratitude and love to the many dear friends who will meet together in Christian love and sympathy to discuss ways and means of extending the Lord's kingdom. It hardly seems possible that a year has passed since I was speaking with you all face to face. Never will I forget the many expressions of love and sympathy I met from you all, and have since continued to meet throughout the whole year. From the time I reached Japan and even before I started on my journey every mail brought me some kind letters from friends in my own dear country and also from friends in the United States. Those of you who have been far away from home can guess how I appreciate them. God has abundantly blessed me in giving me so many friends, for in Japan, too, has He given me some very near and dear ones. We missionaries find sweet companionship together. There are times, for instance, after entertaining Japanese classes nearly all day for a week or so, when one feels they must get away from it all, for a little while, and enjoy the society of those of their own country.

Our mission has a monthly prayer-meeting on the first Saturday of each month; it is a day looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure by us all. It is now nearly six months since we sailed up the beautiful bay of Yokohama. God truly has been with me and blessed me above all that I could have asked or thought. Though I have seen the only dark days of my life in Japan, yet there have been many, many truly happy ones, and I have grown more and more to trust and love Him who is our refuge and our strength, and to know that underneath are the everlasting arms to sustain and keep me from all harm. I at first made my home with Miss Harrison for a short time, then with Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, with whom I came to Japan, and who put me, as it were, under their wings, and have been like a second mother and father to me. God alone knows how much I owe them. With regretful hearts, for we had passed so many happy days under their roof, Miss Oldham and I left them the 1st of March to move into our own home. The Board had written us to take on Miss Harrison's work when she should return home. She expected to leave the first part of April, but has been let hitherto. It was therefore necessary for us to seek and make ready a home for the girls under her charge and also to choose one near her charity schools, in connection with which she has a Sunday school and preaching once a week. . . . We are already becoming acquainted with the people of the neighborhood. When we arrived first the children greeted us by the usual rhyme we hear shouted after us no matter what part of the city we may happen to be in. The only words we can make out are "foreign cat." This they have stopped shouting and greet us now with a pleasant smile, and often give us presents of flowers. A large number have called on us; it has been mostly students, as we live not very far from a large school. The women never think of calling. Most of these students merely board in the city, their home being in the small cities and country. We always enquire of them whether their homes are in the city or not, or if they have any lady friends living in the city, and if so to bring them and let us become acquainted. We have thus already met five ladies living not far from us. We consider this very fine, as it is almost an impossibility to get acquainted with the women here. We have already returned these ladies' calls, and I hope through them to get acquainted with many more, and when we have our Bible-woman to hold women's meetings, and also go to see them in their homes and talk to them of Jesus and His love.

After being in our home a little over a month, and still not being able to find a suitable Bible-woman, we decided to have preaching on Sunday evenings with Miss Oldham's teacher as chief speaker. . . . Our meetings have been well attended; quite a number of those who come are neighbors. One young man told us, through our teacher of course, that his mother had sent him, that she felt interested in the meetings and would have come herself only she could not speak to us. We gave him a tract, and told him if he returned it, he could get another. He asked if he might come during the week to do so. Two or three days later he came, and as we had more leisure that day, we had quite a pleasant chat. He told us his mother was a very pious woman and wanted to know about the Christian religion. He himself also was interested. He got his tract changed and told us his mother asked us to call. We did so a day or two later. Miss Wirick kindly let her Bible woman come with us. We found they lived quite close in a beautiful home, the garden of which is the prettiest we have seen since coming here, which is saying a good deal. We were received in true Japanese style. During the course of the conversation, our helper gave the old lady a little insight into our religion. She asked us if we would lend her a Bible. We sent one down the same morning. Next day her son brought us an immense bouquet of flowers and they both came to the next Sunday night meeting and listened so intently to every word that was said. We have students who come to enquire also, some for the pure sake of argument, which the Japanese delight in, others for the English they may pick up; others who come honestly and ask us

to explain difficult passages and who tell us they are trying to live better and would like to become Christians.

My Sunday school is encouraging also, one sees the same faces there every Sunday. Last month thirty five had attended every Sunday in the month and therefore received a pretty picture card that came from America. They place twice as much value on these cards as on the ones made in Japan. When I pass along in the neighborhood of the school, am greeted by many little heads, bowing almost to the ground, and sometimes they will run a block to do so. Next month we expect Miss Harrison's girls. Also we each take a charity school of hers under our charge. . . . The poor people among whom the charity-schools are placed are very thankful to us for giving their children an education and they stop us on the street sometimes to thank us. The other day a man stopped me. . . . He started to talk quite quickly. I told him I did not understand, so then he talked slowly, and I managed to make out that he was thankful to me for allowing his little child to come to the Sunday school and day school. I told him in good English we were only too pleased to have him attend the school. He bowed deeply and proceeded on his way. I think God lets little things like this come up to encourage us, for we need it sometimes so much. Just before the man came up I had been feeling a little discouraged and his word of thanks was like a bright ray of sunshine to my heart. With much love, and hoping that this June meeting may prove to be even, if it is possible, more happy and profitable than any preceding ones, I remain your loving sister in the work.

MARY M. RIOCH.

Tokio, Japan April 25th, 1893.

Word has since been received that Sister Riach now has the little girl she was so desirous of adopting. A brother has already pledged for the support of this child.

Minneapolis.—Last Nov. and, Bro. J. B. Lister wrote that he found the salary of \$500, for which he was engaged, insufficient. The sisters, feeling anxious to supplement what he was receiving, sent out special appeals to private individuals, and thus raised an extra fund of \$42.50. This sum and a case of goods were sent him about Christmas-time as a donation. In March he resigned the work, and closed his labors April 13th. Bro. Brown, of Warton, kindly offered to go up there during his holidays and complete Bro. Lister's year, thus giving time for the selection of a successor. Bro. Darroch has sent a report stating, "I enclose you report or financial statement of receipts and expenditure of the church here from the time Bro. Lemon came here until Bro. Lister left. Bro. Brown was delayed on the road and did not preach his first sermon until May 21st. The brethren here are more than pleased with him so far. He gave us two beautiful sermons last Sunday, and from present prospects we are expecting an increase in our audiences for the future, and if we can get the people out to hear, it is easy to teach them our plea. . . . It is our prayer that our Heavenly Father will bless Bro. Brown's labors here and that our little church may be strengthened and prosper under his care. . . . We hope you will have a good and harmonious meeting at your convention, and that success may crown your labors and meditations.

Yours in the good work,
E. J. DARROCH.

Acton.—This auxiliary has suffered heavily in three deaths and four removals. They feel a deep interest, and say: "We will do what we can to help along the good work. We are sorry we cannot pledge anything for next year. We will not forget 'Children's day,' last of June."

Aylmer.—The sisters here, not seeing their way clear to organize, after consideration thought it would be better to have a missionary meeting once a month for the whole congregation, a collection to be taken up.

Aurora.—There are nine members in this band. They are assisting in the foreign work and hope to do more next year than this. Gave \$5 this year for Foreign Missions.

Blenheim.—Eighteen members in band; paid \$20 as auxiliary dues and \$6 from foreign pledge cards, \$2.50

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE ONTARIO CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31st, 1893.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year (Foreign Mission Fund)	\$229 75
Rec'd from The Children's Mission Bands of Ontario (Foreign Mission)	300 00
C. W. B. M. of the Maritime Provinces " "	\$165 00
Individual Contributions from Prince Edward Island " "	53 00
Sunday Schools of Ontario " "	39 28
The Auxiliaries " "	75 80
Individual Contributions " "	262 50
Sale of Photographs	3 00

Amount collected during the year for Foreign Missions \$98 58

Total \$1,128 33

Rec'd from The Auxiliaries for Home Missions	\$379 77
Individual Contributions " "	24 21
Collection at Annual Meeting, Bowmanville	18 75
Donation Fund (Minnedosa Missionary)	42 50

Amount collected during the year for Home Missions 465 23

Total \$1,593 56

PAYMENTS.

Miss Mary Riach, Missionary to Japan, Traveling Expenses and Outfit, \$321 10	
Salary account	350 90
	\$672 10

John B. Lister, Missionary to Minnedosa, Man., Salary account	\$258 72
Donation Fund	42 50
	301 22

Miss Mary Graybiel, Buffalo, Traveling Expenses, etc., to Bowmanville Annual Meeting	20 00
Sundries (Printing and Commission to Bank)	3 69
	\$23 69

Total \$997 01

Balance—Foreign Missions \$456 23

Home Missions 140 32

\$596 55

ASSETS.

Cash Balance in hands of Treasurer \$596 55

Unpaid Pledges 146 00

Total 742 55

CHILDREN'S WORK.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$369 55
Interest	2 00
Mission Bands, during the year	175 13
	\$546 68

PAYMENTS.

Paid O. C. W. B. M. for the support of Miss Riach in Japan	\$300 00
Books for Miss Riach's work in Japan	30 00
Nankin Hospital	6 05
Support of "Wang," Chinese boy	20 00
Sundries	1 23
	\$357 28

Balance on hand \$189 30

JENNIE FLEMING, Treasurer.

collection C. W. B. M. day. Also assisted with missionary outfit. Pledge \$20 for next year.

Bowmanville.—A membership of twenty six, paid pledge \$25. Gave \$6 toward missionary outfit. Report says, "Our meetings have been generally well attended as well as very interesting and profitable."

Creemore.—Sister Fisher sends pledge of \$5 and paid \$5 this year.

Collingwood.—Still very earnestly engaged in the work. Paid \$7 this year.

Cherrywood.—One sister working with Pickering church; she is also making a missionary quilt and sent Treasurer \$1.

Everton.—This band's pledge of \$30 is fulfilled. Have used the pledge cards and raised \$9.40 this way. Membership, twenty-six.

Erin Centre.—This band numbers twenty one. Have sent Treasurer \$23 this year, and pledge \$25 next.

Erin Village.—Nineteen members in band, two have moved away. Have raised \$25 this year and hope to do the same next.

Galt.—This brave little band continue to help the good work forward under many disadvantages living so far apart. Paid \$6.65 this year.

Guelph.—This band has been able to send \$20.00 to Treasurer. We should all unite with them in saying, "We trust that the auxiliaries all over the province have been blest in the work during the past year, and are ready and willing to begin another year's work with a prayer that the loving Master, who has blessed us in the past, will bless our work in the future."

Georgetown.—Has been heard from; they promise further report at Convention. Intend organizing a Children's Band.

Hamilton.—Organized with eight sisters in October; now number twelve. March report states: "To-day we had a most pleasant meeting, every member

being present." Subscribed \$8.90 to Treas. Pledge \$14.00 for next year.

Int. Bridge.—The Secretary says: "Shortly after the organization of our church here, which was not quite a year ago, we formed our auxiliary to C. W. B. M." Have seven members. Have raised \$9.00; pledge \$5.00 for next year. They use programmes from CANADIAN EVANGELIST and find them very helpful.

Iona.—A sister writes: "We rejoice in learning of the success and prosperity of the sisters' work, and we also send our love to Sister Fleming. We are greatly interested in the continuance of the work." Paid \$4.00.

Kilbyth.—Observed O. C. W. B. M. day and contributed to Miss Riach's outfit. Raised \$13.75; also \$10.00 Foreign Mission pledge.

London.—This auxiliary has doubled membership since organizing a little over a year ago, and now numbers eighteen. Their report says: "Our aim has been and is to arouse within ourselves a keener appreciation of the importance of the work by becoming better acquainted with the needs of the benighted in our own land and in the lands beyond the sea." Paid \$6.00.

Lobo.—Present membership of the band, 23. Have paid \$53.25 this year and assisted on missionary outfit. Pledge \$30.00 for next year. This band "makes use of programme in Tidings and EVANGELIST, choice depending on circumstances." Their interest in missions was increased by a visit from Sister Graybiel in November.

Minnedosa.—Report says: "Although we are small in numbers, yet we trust that we help by our efforts in the great missionary field. We number only three at present, but, if we meet in the name of the Lord, our labor will not be in vain. May the work go on till the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Nassagaweya.—Some of the sisters here work with Everton.

Owen Sound.—This Band "realized an improvement in the monthly meet-