

man with these fast flying hours of youth. "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth."

But youth has more than a past history; it has present capabilities, and I believe it is offering its best to the century in return for its royal welcome. When Paul would describe his perfect willingness to be and do what Christ desires, he says, "I follow after that I may comprehend (that for which I am apprehended) in Christ Jesus." So I believe our youth to-day grasp the situation and willingly lend themselves to the demands of the times. So youth has to-day ready to devote to the world's needs an educated mind, such as youth has never before possessed; an enlarged knowledge, broad, full conceptions of the present, such as the more advanced in life seldom have. They live nearer to the future, just as aged men stand nearer to the past; all their training has been given them to fit them for this future, and so no one can meet the world's need like the young. Then they bring enthusiasm to their work and its value in life's battles must not be underestimated. It is theirs by national right, it is God's gift to the young, as experience and caution belong to the aged. Experience belongs to the past. Enthusiasm looks to the future, they rarely go together, yet the highest results are only reached when they go hand in hand. So youth and age both have their place. But the youthful habit of planning and acting without stopping to look at all sides of a question is not without its advantages, and is sometimes wiser than the habit of maturer minds, of so closely reviewing the past, and so carefully calling to mind its mistakes, that it fears to act at all. Youth makes mistakes, it is true, but youth is doing something, while it makes mistakes it is unhindered by painful experiences. Age is less likely to make mistakes than youth, because it does less to make mistakes over, being sometimes hindered by the very fulness of its experience. Youth has a supremacy over age, too, in this sense, that it has a better understanding of the times with which it has to deal, and this fact is being better understood every day; men and women are needed for the present and the future, and are being chosen, not for what they have done, but for what they can do; so the youth of to-day are filling responsible positions once held exclusively by the advanced in life. But this is no reflection on the aged. Their experience is a valuable commodity and should be at the service of the young everywhere, and let no young man or woman despise or ignore it, for it is not in the divorcing of enthusiasm and experience, not in the separation of aged and young as though their interests were foreign to each other that good can come, but in the blending of both. The work of aged men is not at an end, but it is to be done in connection with and in addition to that of the young; so let the young man learn, "not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think," but let him reverence the aged and sit at his feet and learn from the rich experience of the past how best to improve the future.

I note in the third place the equipments needed. It is threefold: Mental, physical and spiritual. Of mental training let every young man secure the very best within his reach. Knowledge is power. There is no good excuse for ignorance to-day. Of physical fitness let a word or two suffice. Keep pure, avoid sin, be sober in all things. Remember that your body is the handiwork of God, fearfully and wonderfully made; it is the "temple of the Holy Spirit. If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy."

But mental and physical equipment will not by themselves secure the highest good: pure noble actions can only spring from a pure and noble soul. Men must be not only clever, but good; not only wise, but godly. Are you a Christian? If not you never can be a success. You are not what the world needs, it is Christ-like men and women, of honor, truth and purity. Men and women who can do right, when to do wrong is both easy and pleasant; men and women who have convictions of duty built on the word of God, who love God and their fellows more than themselves.

Where can such lessons be learned? Only in the school of Christ. In the school of sin and self-indulgence you can learn no lesson that will fit you for life's duties and responsibilities. Keep sin out, it is easier than driving it out; yield your life to the Christ of God; let the Saviour take possession of your powers and your life shall be an abounding success here and be followed by the glory and reward of the life to come.

### Home Mission Notes.

Good news. In response to Bro. Hardin's appeal at Chicago in the missionary convention, there was received in cash and pledges nearly \$13,000 for home missions. This is good, because the night before about \$12,000 had been raised for foreign missions. In spite of hard times \$30,000 was raised during the meeting in Chicago for our different funds.

Bro. Northcutt is preaching twice a day in Mexico, Mo. At the close of the third week seventy had been added to the church.

Latest advices from Bro. Romig's great meeting at Topeka, Kansas, state that there had been 470 additions. This meeting had been held in a tent, and they will move from it into a fine new house of worship.

It is generally believed the G. C. M. convention will give \$250 to help support a preacher in Halifax this year. Halifax had made an offer to Bro. H. T. Morrison.

Bro. Cooke is in a meeting at Southville. Bro. Howard Murray and E. C. Ford will hold a meeting at Summerville, Queens Co., in November. The Home Mission Board gives \$30 in support of both meetings. They have also pledged a like sum to Gulliver's Cove and Kempt, Queens Co. They have promised Bro. Ford \$10.00 per month; he is to preach at three or four points near Port Williams. It is expected the collections from these points will almost pay the cost.

Of course if Halifax secures a preacher the request of the annual will be complied with, that is, \$25 a month to help support him.

We are sorry to know that Bro. W. Murray has left Letete and Back Bay. We expected a good winter's work done there by him.

We welcome Bro. Harding to Hants County and pray for blessings on the work there.

Glad to see that our ex chairman has not forgotten the fund. Hope his example will help others to go and do likewise.

#### RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, ....	\$90 85
St. John Mission Band, ....	5 40
Elder T. B. Knowles, St. Thomas, Ont., ..	2 00
Westport, per Mrs. Cooke, ....	3 50
H. T. Morrison, Halifax, ....	10 00
Elder Boyd, do, ....	5 00
Milton, per Miss A. A. Collie, ..	3 00
R. Jackson, Pomeroy, Iowa, ....	5 00
Cornwallis, ....	5 25
Coldbrook, Sheffield Mills, Steam Mills Village, ....	5 00

\$125 00

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### Foreign Missions.

#### Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

Tokyo, Japan, )  
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Dear Sisters of the Maritime Provinces:

I am reminded by your worthy secretary that the time of your convention is fast drawing near. Let me wish you every success in all you undertake. May it be the best of all previous conventions. My prayers will be with you as yours have

been with me during the past year. It has, indeed, been a strength to me to know that I have not been forgotten by you all at the "throne of grace."

Since writing my last letter to you there has been quite a change in our quiet home. The Board has put under our charge six girls who were formerly under the care of a missionary who is at this time on her way home for a rest. The little girl I have taken makes seven, and we get three more this week. We expect in a month or more to have at least fourteen, so you see we have our hands full, especially when not one in the house can speak both English and Japanese. We have found it impossible to get a helper, but have the promise of one at the end of this month, whether we get her or not remains to be seen.

Miss Oldham and I have secured four scholarships, with the promise, if possible, of a fifth from friends in the States. Could not Canada make an effort in this direction? The hope and aim has been, and is, to work up a school for educating girls to be "Bible women," and also ultimately to have such a school as will enable us to compete with the other schools here that we may solicit the patronage of the public that may daily hear the teachings of the Bible.

There is nothing here so much needed as this school for girls. For instance, for the past five months we have been trying in every possible way to secure the services of a tolerably competent woman as a helper. Our efforts as yet a fruitless. Even if we do succeed in getting one, she will have been trained in sectarian doctrines, and it is a common saying here, "You can turn a man, but a woman never." Not forgetting, of course, the requisite number of exceptions to prove the rule. If we wish, and we simply cannot do without good Bible women, we must train them for ourselves.

It is the opinion of those who have been here any length of time, and also the opinion of the natives themselves, that school work is the great method of reaching the people here in Japan, where education is so much sought after. The other denominations who have been here before us saw this and have built many large schools. Their influence is telling for good throughout the whole empire. For example, take the Doshisha school, the largest and most flourishing Christian school in the country, founded by a Dr. Nishiwa, a native, who, when a boy, found an old Dutch testament. After stumbling through which, with his slight knowledge of the Dutch language, ran away from his home and country when the penalty was death, determined to learn more of this strange God. He met with kind friends in America, who gave him every opportunity of satisfying his great thirst for knowledge. Before leaving for his native country, he having secured pardon, pleaded with his friends to stretch out a helping hand to his dying countrymen. The result was Doshisha. No man can measure the good done by that school alone. Go where you will throughout the whole empire and you meet with those who have attended there, and they one and all are good Christians, with the great aim and hope that Dr. Nishiwa bequeathed to them that, or bringing their dear, dear Japan to Christ.

Take our charity schools, it is only where we have these that we can get a good, regular attendance at our Sunday-schools, and any kind of an attendance at our weekly Bible meeting.

The Buddhists have seen what a great power this has been, they have since started schools, charity ones as well, all over the city, and as they are wealthy and powerful it makes it hard to compete with them.

The missionaries have started summer schools at the prominent watering places, the Buddhists have done likewise. The missionaries have started young men and women's Christian associations and temperance societies, the Buddhists have started similar ones.

Since Dr. Clark was here in the fall the Y. P. S. C. E. has met with wonderful success, their first convention being held at Kobe this month. We have a fine flourishing one ourselves, meeting at Mr. Stevens' home. Our helper was selected as delegate. He left Tokyo yesterday for Kobe. We are now waiting to hear of the Buddhists starting a young people's society. They meet us on every hand. There is no time for slumber. Let us work while it is called to-day, for the time cometh when no man can work.

As a result, or partly the result, for they had both heard of Christianity before, of our night meeting in our home, two, a young man and woman, have confessed their Saviour and have been buried with Him in baptism and risen to walk in newness of life with Him.