

New York; and woman has taken up a line of systematic work. They are sustaining from their own funds in foreign fields, missionaries, teachers, native agents, physicians, schools, orphanages, hospitals and dispensaries. The Woman's Board of Missions of North America alone raises annually \$800,000. Even the children are joining the ranks. What an army of little workers are ready to be formed into "Mission Bands!" And how delighted they are to work, only start them! If any one doubts, just visit our Mission Band of little workers, ("which forms the first or most easterly link of the chain of Mission Bands reaching from St. John to Los Angeles, Cal.") and see what pleasant meetings they have. When asked to meet and help us this evening, they gladly consented and before you they stand to raise their voices for Home Mission work. R. McKenzie in his history of the nineteenth century says, "In the foremost rank of powers destined to change the face of the world stand Christian Missions." And Mr. Froude (historian) says, "All that we call modern civilization, in a sense which deserves the name, is the visible expression of the trans-forming power of the gospel." And, now, what is Christian missions? We refer you to the great commission, Matt. xxviii. 19-20, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost," &c.

But first it is our duty to do what we can for our own neighbors. And, dear sisters, each can work with a missionary spirit. Bring some disciple who has not enlisted in our ranks, or some friend to our meetings and try to do them some good. You have felt the joy of sins forgiven. Oh! tell it to others, get them to come and share the blessings which believing and obeying the commands of our Saviour bring.

Our object and hope in the near future is to have an Evangelist in the field who will devote all his time in preaching the gospel of God's dear Son, and would earnestly wish the aid and assistance of all our sisters in our Home Missionary efforts.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

This Society was first organized in September, 1884. Since that time we have met regularly once a month. At the first meeting, there were nine members present; there are now seventy-seven, with an average attendance of sixteen. Several of our sisters are not able to be present, but do not forget their monthly contribution.

There are many friends that are not members of the Society, but are interested in the work, and have also sent their monthly offering. We are pleased to have others think of us in this way. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

The object of this Society is for the present, at least, entirely for Home Mission. What we may do in the future, we cannot say as yet, but we hope, with God's blessing, to lend a helping hand, at no distant day, to Foreign Mission also.

Dear brothers, sisters and friends, our blessed Saviour, who gave His life a ransom for many, and who will have all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth, before He left the earth, commissioned His twelve Apostles to "Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." And the Apostle Paul, writing to the Roman Brethren, asks these questions: "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent."

It is the purpose of the Society, as soon as the finances will permit, to have a missionary in the field. We hope you will assist us by contributing generously to this good work, remembering the

words of our Lord, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

I regret that I have to announce the death of two of our members within the past two months. I allude to Sister McCutchin and Sister Johnston, both of them well-known to most all of you, although, through ill-health, they were not able to meet with us personally, yet they never forgot the day on which we met and always sent their contributions.

I would also state that the amount now in the Treasurer's hands is \$230.05, twelve dollars of which was contributed by the Little Workers.

Respectfully submitted,  
 JOSIE E. BARNES,  
 Secretary.

TEN VOICES AGAINST DANCING.

BY SIMPSON ELY.

The testimony here given against dancing has never appeared elsewhere, but was prepared for this tract. It comes from our leading preachers, editors and educators, and should be respected by all the members of the church.

B. W. JOHNSON, Editor of the *Christian Evangelist*, says: "Dancing destroys spirituality. I have never known a dancer who was a devout Christian. Many of the dances are sensual and indecent. The thoughtless will not discriminate. Dancing is a dissipation. Like drink or gambling it grows on its votaries till it absorbs them."

D. R. DUNGAN, President of the Bible College, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa: "Dancing is an enemy to good health. I do not speak of some utopian dance in the open air, in daylight, conducted by religious people; but the dance as it is—with its excess, its late hours, fatigue, perspiration, cooling suddenly in the hall, unusually light clothing, make it ruinous to the health of thousands."

N. S. HAYNES, Ex-State Evangelist, of Illinois: "The tendency of dancing is toward frivolity, worldliness, lust, lewdness and hell."

F. G. ALLEN, Editor *Apostolic Guide*: "If the Bible does not condemn dancing, then it does not, for the same reason, condemn the cock-pit in the church-yard on the Lord's day. Christ forbids anything that detracts from one's influence for good. Dancing does this: hence it is forbidden."

R. C. BARROW, State Evangelist, of Nebraska: "I have noticed that people lose interest in Christianity when they become interested in dancing. Take from dancing all that belongs to Satan's kingdom—the tendency to lust and libertinism—and there is nothing left to make a dance of; and eliminate its patent, glaring, transparent tendency toward an unholy and unlawful association of the sexes, and there will be an end of dancing."

F. M. RAINS, Corresponding Editor *Christian Standard*: "Dancing conduces a neglect of business, and squanders money and time to no good purpose. It leads to immorality and crime. The truly devout never engage in it; the irreligious and immoral generally do."

R. E. DUNLAP, corresponding Editor, *Apostolic Guide*: "Dancing destroys Christian reputation. The sinner sneeringly points out the dancing Christian as an example of Christian (?) propriety. Herein Christ is dishonored. Its history condemns it. For every reason favorable to the growth of a pure, moral Christian character, I would reject it from the category of things permissible."

ISAAC ERRETT, Editor *Christian Standard*: "Dancing becomes an infatuation that leads on to other missteps and evils of a serious character. Under its least objectionable forms, it is still an amusement that depends for its attractiveness on the mingling of the sexes. If the sexes were required to dance apart, dancing would soon cease."

J. W. McGARVEY, Professor in the Bible College Lexington University: "Dancing for amusement has been characteristic in all ages of the wicked and not of the pious. The churches in which dancing has been most freely tolerated have always been those with the least amount of piety. The practice has uniformly proved detrimental to Christian character, and thus the tree is condemned as evil by its fruits. It is included in the 'rev- elry' which is expressly condemned in the Scriptures. Gal. v. 21; Peter iv. 8."—*Atlantic Missionary*.

Faith puts a strengthening plaster to the back of courage.—*Spurgeon*.

None are so truly courageous as those who are truly religious.—*Wm. Secker*.

To the flippant objection that God has no need of our learning, Dr. South replied: "Much less has need of your ignorance."

When we pray to be helped we should ask for the improvement of the faculty that will enable us to help ourselves. It is not a new use of conscience, judgment, imagination, we need, but a better use of them.

MARRIAGES.

BOVVER-BAKER.—At New Glasgow, P. E. I., on the 15th of March, by D. Crawford, Mr. F. Bover to Miss Theresa Baker.

McMAHON-HOLMES.—At LeTete, N. B., on March 19, by J. A. Gates, Mr. William McMahon to Miss Sarah Holmes.

MORAN-OUTHOUSE.—At Freeport, Digby Co., N. S., Feb. 25th, by E. C. Ford, Mr. John Moran, of Freeport, and Mrs. Irene Outhouse, of Tiverton.

DEATHS.

MOREHOUSE.—At Tiverton, March the 8th, Nancy M. the beloved wife of Bro. A. Morehouse, aged 35 years leaving a husband and four children to mourn their loss. Thus another of our number has passed over the river we trust to swell the number of those whose robes have been washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb.  
 E. C. F.

Tiverton, March 23, 1886.

POWELL.—At Long Island, on the 16th of March, Ella L., daughter of Benjamin and Lavina Powell, aged 13 years. This dear little girl had suffered much during her short life, but all was borne patiently. None but those who have passed through like trials know the sorrow of the hearts of these parents. May God sanctify this affliction to them; and may they so live as to meet their darling child where there is no death.  
 E. C. F.

Tiverton, March 23, 1886.

McCUTCHEIN.—On the 3rd of March, after a lingering illness, Sister Elizabeth McCutchin, widow of the late John McCutchin, aged 89 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ for nearly 32 years. She had passed the threescore years and ten and was a ripe sheaf garnered in. Although her eyesight failed her during her illness, she could repeat many portions of God's Word which she had learned when young in the divine life. Her confidence was strong in the Lord, and she was ready to depart and be with Christ which is far better. "The path of the just is as the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day." A. B.

JOHNSTON.—Sister Susan E. Johnston, notice of whose death was given in a former issue of this paper, became a member of the Church of Christ in this city 19 years ago. During her long and tedious illness she was patient and trusted in her Saviour. She knew in whom she had believed; and that He was able to keep that which she had committed to Him against that day. One of her favorite hymns was, "We speak of the realms of the blest, that country so bright and so fair," &c. She leaves a devoted husband, two children and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss.  
 A. B.

DIAMOND.—At Milton, P. E. I., Sister Matilda A. Diamond, wife of Bro. John R. Diamond, in the 61st year of her age. She had in early life, after the example of pious parents, joined the Methodist Church and served the Lord according to her knowledge. About 16 years ago she had after carefully and prayerfully studying the Word of the Lord been convinced that she should obey His positive command in baptism. About this time Bro. S. B. Tyler was preaching in Charlottetown, and she attended with her husband, who was astonished and delighted one night to see his beloved partner step forward at the invitation and make "the good confession," which she held fast faithfully till death. Those who witnessed her Christian life and zeal for the Lord and His cause, and also saw her last hours, will not forget her firm faith and rejoicing hope till she passed away to be forever with the Lord.  
 D. C.