

Her addresses so pleased the church they asked her to preach for them. She complied; in a short time ninety-six were added to the saved. The church then ordained Sister McCoy to preach the Gospel. We think all will agree that those who "obeyed from the heart, were made free from sin," even though was a woman did the preaching.

We are again disappointed in not securing a preacher. We made a good offer to Bro. Bowell, who has just held a successful meeting in Haverhill, Mass, but he has decided not to come to Canada. We are now corresponding with others and hope to be more successful. In the meantime we are employing our own worthy preachers who can be spared from their churches for a short time. Bro. Devoe expects soon to begin work at Gulliver's Cove. Bro. Cooke is at Southville, and we are glad to know had three additions last Lord's day. Pray for the success of this meeting.

Bros. H. Wallace and E. C. Ford have been laboring with the church in Halifax and have aroused them to make another effort to firmly establish the cause there. They have asked the Board to help them support Bro. H. Murray in preaching the word.

Bro. Murray is there working with them trying to win souls to Christ. We hope the Nova Scotia brethren especially will contribute liberally towards building up a strong church in their capital city.

Bro. Rupert Stevens will spend his vacation with the churches at Letete and Back Bay.

The following important article is from the April number of the *Missionary Intelligencer*, the official organ of the United States Mission Boards:

The Disciples of Christ have some noble churches in the Maritime Provinces. New Brunswick has five, Nova Scotia, twelve, and Prince Edward Island, eight. These congregations have stood like adamant for the great principles we represent, and though they have few preachers, they are loyal and devoted.

These churches have sent by emigration a host of devoted disciples into many of the churches of the states, and especially into New England. Quite a number of these emigrant disciples are preachers, some of whom are numbered among our most prominent preachers in the United States.

The Maritime Provinces throw the doors wide open to the disciples, and I know no field that we could occupy to greater advantage than this. Besides, we are greatly indebted to this field. Their young preachers have come to the states for want of support, and the churches are in need of men for aggressive work. The provincial churches are now coming in line with all our missionary enterprises, and are getting that spirit that not only means help abroad, but success at home.

The great need of these provinces is evangelistic work. The united churches of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are endeavoring to secure an evangelist. Such a man could do a splendid work.

The G. C. M. C. should co-operate with these churches, and aid them in securing suitable men for this great field. Every dollar invested in the work in these provinces will produce a hundred fold, both for the provinces and the United States.

Action was taken at the last annual meeting to bring to their notice the needs and importance of this field, and we judge from the above article that they will soon send us aid in evangelistic work.

Before the civil war they helped support several evangelists in this field, and they should do so again, as it is of far more importance now than it was then.

RECEIPTS.	
Previously acknowledged,	\$231 40
St. John—Y. P. Mission Band,	2 50
Southville—Per Elder Steele,	3 00
Milton—Per Miss Freeman,	2 70

Total. \$239 60

St. John, N. B. J. S. FLAGLER, Secretary.

We wish it was otherwise, but we must call attention to the small amount acknowledged. We hope next month to make a better showing, at least we ought to.

Foreign Mission Notes.

O. C. W. B. M.

As the time of our Annual Meeting is drawing near preparations ought to be made. Existing circumstances have brought about a demand for a National Board; for while some of the provinces are now assisting us in raising means to send a missionary to the foreign field, others have declined to do so under a Provincial Board, but have expressed a willingness to co-operate under a National one. This Board will consist of members from each of the provinces. Difficulties loom up before us, some of which we may mention. 1st. The extent of territory over which we would have to travel to reach our yearly meetings. We could not expect to have these meetings always in Ontario. 2nd. We would wish to have the presence and hearty co-operation of our brethren at all our annual gatherings, and unless they extend their borders it would leave us alone in the National work. Let this suffice for difficulties. Now for the advantages. 1st. The hearty co-operation of our sisters in all the provinces. 2nd. The inspiration which the sisters of each province gain by coming in touch with each other. 3rd. The mutual interest which would naturally arise from being engaged in one common work. 4th. The adage that "Union is strength" fitly applies to this case. In regard to this matter we would suggest that the sisters—not only of Ontario but of all the provinces—would discuss the subject freely through the columns of *The Canadian Evangelist*.

You will have observed through the last issue of *The Canadian Evangelist* that one of our Ontario sisters, Miss Mary M. Rioch, of Hamilton, has offered herself as a missionary to the foreign field. She decided some time ago to devote her life to this work. The following words from the pen of our venerable and beloved brother, A. Anderson, will show the estimation in which she is held where best known: "The Rioch family are all good and pure without a single exception, and are an honor to our little congregation in Hamilton, and, so far as I can judge, Miss Mary is a good Christian lady. She is a teacher in one of our schools in Hamilton, has an education to fit her for that position; she is also a teacher in our Sunday school, and the children are very fond of her indeed. She is an amiable young sister, and will, in my opinion, honorably fill any position in which in the providence of God she may be placed, and I further think that your committee will act wisely in giving her the position she has applied for.—A. Anderson."

After mature and prayerful consideration your committee have decided to accept Miss Rioch's offer. If arrangements can be made to have Sister Rioch on her way at the June meeting, or soon after, it will be obligatory to have the funds wherewith to send her, on hand. We presume every church in Canada would wish to have a part in sending out our first missionary.—*Evangelist*.

These extracts from a letter received from Sister McClurg, will, we believe, be interesting to all:

It is getting near our convention, and we must be up and ready for it. Through your letter we have secured the services of Sister Graybiel for that occasion. I must say services, as it truly will be to us, but I know it is a pleasure to her. She will be with us on the 5th June, and remain till after Lord's Day according to present arrangements, I know that should you have her she will do you a vast amount of good.

I get letters from wherever Bro. Meggs has been, telling of the good he has done. When we meet with one who can tell us the practical side of missionary work, we hear something we never know, and if we have a heart, it must be touched with the reality that God has showered his blessings upon us, and "To whom much is given, much will be required."

You will see that we have accepted the offer of a dear young sister, Mary M. Rioch, of Hamilton, to go to the foreign field, so now we have the long looked for boon—a heart consecrated. She seems to be just what we have wanted. Surely the hand of the Lord has led us. We must now pray and work for the success of the undertaking, and ask God's guidance; and, dear sister, He will guide if we will follow. You will see that there is a movement on foot to form a National Board. Try to get some of the sisters to write through the *Christian Evangelist* what they think about this matter.

We want all who can to come to the convention. It will do us all good, and now that you have an interest in the foreign missionary, you will have a chance of seeing her before she leaves for Japan,

as she is to be there. In the report from your society we want every item of importance as we are now making history. We have good reasons to believe that this will be the best convention we have ever had, as besides those named we are to have Bro. Z. T. Sweeney and others.

In response to your appeal and the call in THE CHRISTIAN, we sisters of this church—Shubonacadio, Hants Co., N. S.—have pledged ourselves to send \$4 80 every three months for one year. We are so scattered that an organization such as you mention would be impracticable. However, we feel like doing something for so good a cause, and if we succeed in our efforts will try again.

Hoping God's blessing will rest on all our efforts, I am,
Your sister in Christ,
OLIVE WALLACE.

Y. P. S. C. E.

The annual meeting of the St. John local union, Y. P. S. C. E., was held in the school-room of St. John Presbyterian church on Monday evening, April 4th. The president of the union, Rev. G. O. Gates, was in the chair. A devotional meeting of much interest was held, after which the president made a brief verbal report, in which he stated that one year ago in the school-room of Germain Street Baptist Church five societies met and formed a union. Since that time two other societies have been added, large accessions have been made to all the societies and the increase in interest is certainly an evidence of God's blessing upon the work.

Reports from seven societies of the union were read, of which the following is a summary.

Societies.	Active.	Associate.	Honorary.
Germain Street Baptist,	36	17
St. John's Presbyterian,	44	17
Union St. Congregational,	35	21
Carleton Presbyterian,	14	18
Coburg St. Christian,	44	27	2
Reformed Presbyterian,	20	0
Carleton Methodist,	18	36
	211	136	2

The next business was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: John T. Purdon, President; Bro. H. W. Stewart, Vice-president; Chas. J. Morrison, Secretary; Donaldson Hunt, Treasurer.

The following report was read at the above mentioned meeting. It was freely admitted by all to be the banner report; and one was heard to remark, "That speaks volumes for the young people of that church."

The Y. P. S. C. E. of Coburg St. Christian Church begs to submit the following report:

Our society is eighteen months old; our charter membership was two honorary, twenty-five active, and fifteen associate; our membership now numbers two honorary, forty-four active and twenty-seven associate, making a total membership of seventy-three.

The society embraces eleven committees. Looking over the written reports for the year we find as follows:

1. Our Lookout Committee has done good work in increasing our membership.
2. Our Prayer-meeting Committee has selected topics and leaders for every meeting. They have also held several special and cottage prayer-meetings.
3. Our Social Committee's work is done chiefly in welcoming strangers to our meetings. They also prepared a reception on the arrival of our new pastor, which was largely attended and proved a success.
4. Our Sick-visiting Committee alone has made 322 calls, and about fifty calls have been made by the Calling Committee.
5. The Music Committee has been conducting weekly practices, which have produced a decided improvement in our congregational singing.
6. The Missionary Committee has, by writing and talking, aroused an increased interest in missionary work.
7. Our Tract Committee has distributed over 4,000 tracts.
8. We have also an Observation Committee, whose duty is the general supervision of all the other committees.
9. In summing up the year's work we can confidently say that inestimable good has been done to the members of our church—especially to the young members.

Our meetings are well attended, and the active membership pledge is well adhered to. I think our consecration meetings are bringing our young members into more vital connection with the church work, making their religion more of a reality to them than it hitherto has been.

H. M. CLARK, Secretary.