

Home Mission Notes.

Below is a list of good meetings, which shows that our people are gaining additions very fast. The United States Census Commissioner says: "The Disciples" from 1880 to 1890 increased 210,000 members—a gain of 83 per cent, which is greater than any other religious body." All the indications point towards a far greater increase from 1890 to 1900.

Place.	Preacher.	Additions.
Colusa, Cal.,	W. A. Gardner,	113
Cythiana, Ky.,	Martin and Easton,	143
Madison, Ind.,	J. V. Coombs,	203
Guthrie, Ok.,	H. A. Northcutt,	139
Marshalltown, Ia.,	G. L. Brokaw,	136
Panbury, Conn.,	W. L. Bowell,	101
Des Moines, Ia.,	J. Small,	260
Ulysses, Kan.,	A. Newby,	115
Crescent City, Ok.,	W. S. Rehooor,	129
South Bend, Ind.,	J. V. Coombs,	169
Brunswick, Mo.,	B. F. Hill,	134
Quitman, Mo.,	J. P. James,	111
Boone, Ia.,	W. A. Foster,	155
Clarinda, Ia.,	G. L. Brokaw,	124

As the United States Mission Board has decided to send one of their best evangelists here, and help to support him, it will be interesting to know that they are only carrying out the plans adopted by them before the civil war. From their reports we learn that in 1858 W. W. Eaton spent five months in Nova Scotia, and this mission was self-sustaining. From 1859 to 1861 Wm. Paterson, John McDonald, George Garraty and John Knox were employed in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. There are no particulars of the work done by these men; but the secretary reports for the year 1860, "All our home missions have been successful and prosperous beyond anything we have been able to report in any previous year. Work has been done in thirteen states, one territory and three British provinces. Twenty-six churches have been organized, and more than 1,000 persons baptized. The next year there were 929 baptisms, 1,404 other additions, and thirty churches organized." Samuel Lowery (colored) labored among his people in Canada. The older brethren will remember these preachers and the work they did.

Would it be too much to say that our present standing is due largely to efforts put forth by these men? We trust the work now about to be done will be as productive of good, and hope all our churches will join hands with our United States brethren in this effort to build up the cause in these provinces. There is no better way to show your appreciation of this more than by contributing liberally to these home mission funds. In union there is strength, let us unite our forces.

At the time of this writing Bro. Murray has been eight weeks in Halifax. A little over half of his expenses has been borne by the "Board," or committee, if you please to call it so. The Board is not able to do all it would like to do for Halifax, because they have not the funds to do it with. So far this year we have paid out more than we have received. In fact we have drawn on last year's balance and the profits from THE CHRISTIAN. We have been strongly urged to do more for Halifax, because they need it, and are worthy. They have a heavy burden to bear, and are working hard to make success sure. We ask all who want to see them succeed to send contributions right away. If you do not respond to this appeal for help, we must take it for granted you are not in favor of establishing a strong church in this large city. We urge you, we beg you, to give liberally, so that a grand work may be done in Halifax.

Reports of work done in Halifax for the Home Mission Board:

H. W. Stewart, two weeks in February, 11 sermons, 42 visits, 2 additions, \$8 00 collected. Salary and expenses, \$42 60.

H. Murray, six weeks, beginning first Lord's day in March, 22 sermons, 106 visits, 1 addition, \$30.00 collected. Salary and expenses, \$81.00.

These reports speak for themselves, and we publish them to show that something is being done in and for Halifax.

F. M. Rains says: "If the General Missionary Society had a hundred evangelists like H. A. Northcutt, we would shake this continent from one end to the other."

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$183 92
St. John, Y. P. Mission Band,	4 85
Halifax, Per H. Murray,	30 00
Tiverton, Per H. A. Lovoe,	1 50
Milton, Per Miss M. S. Freeman,	2 20
Total,	\$227 47

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Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

In a very interesting letter received from Sister Graybiel, she states that owing to a cold and constant speaking she has been forced to rest awhile; she hoped to begin work again by April 1st. She says, "THE CHRISTIAN comes regularly, and I watch for tidings, especially in department of C. W. B. M. work." What a tie is this common work of ours, binding together hearts that but for it would never have known each other.

Mrs. J. S. FLAGLOR, Secretary.

FROM JAPAN.

To the Woman's Board of Ontario and the Sisters of Maritime Provinces:

DEAR SISTERS,—Have received your kind letters, for which receive my grateful thanks. It is a pleasure to know you all take such a deep interest in me, your missionary. I hope I may have strength for all that is required of me. Now concerning the little girl I wrote you about, and in whom you have taken such a lively interest; a little after my letter to you was posted the child was to be sold. We took her in. Before the letter could have any more than reached you, Miss Harrison had secured a scholarship for her. I was just a little disappointed, for I wanted you good women at home to support her and put her under my care, but Miss Harrison comforted me by telling me there were hundreds of such cases in Tokio. So I thought if a scholarship were secured from you, why there would be two instead of one saved. Have been looking around, or rather some of the older missionaries are looking for me, but as yet my search has not yet proved successful, as I am hard to suit.

After looking a little on the affairs of Japan, have come to the conclusion that I not only want to rescue a soul, but would like the child to be bright and intelligent above the average, as I wish to make a good Bible woman of her. We missionaries can do without them. As we have no schools for training girls for helpers, excepting Miss Harrison's, whose girls are all too young as yet, we, of necessity, have to get our helpers from the Sectarian schools. The churches of the said schools use up their best helpers themselves, so if we want good, earnest helpers, trained in the whole of the gospel, we must train them for ourselves. Am expecting any day to come across my little girl.

Now you all, I dare say, would like to know how I employ myself during the, which seems to us, short days. They certainly are so busy that time seems to fly. By 6 30 in the morning we are eating breakfast, from then till 10 30, study; 10 30 to 12 o'clock, recite to my teacher; after dinner, recite another hour. Then I take a little rest. Three days in the week teach English from one to two hours, it is as you, I suppose, know, necessary for us to teach English in order to secure passports. These English classes last from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock. Then I take my constitutional. Get home in time for supper, after which I either read or write letters and look over my lesson for day. On Sundays go to my Sunday-school, which, by the way, is progressing finely. It was started but two months ago with about fifteen pupils, we now have from thirty-six to forty. What a dirty little crew they are, to be sure; they are a fair sample of what Dickens calls "the great unwashed." Their little black eyes are bright and intelligent withal. How they do screech the hymns; the louder the better. I remonstrate; they do their best to sing softly,

which generally ends in a louder screech than before; I subside. Then after dismissal I take a Kuruma to Mr. Stevens' meeting-house for the observance of the Lord's supper and preaching. Then I have the afternoon and evening to rest if I do not care to go out and visit any of the other missionaries' meeting places.

We have had two snow storms since I wrote you last. The last was at least a foot deep. It has not all yet disappeared. It reminded me so much of my own dear native land, Canada. Now I must close, as it is bed time. So good-night all, and hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Your sister in the work,
MARY M. RIOCH.

P. S.—If any of you have suggestions to offer, I should be pleased to receive them.
M. M. R.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$149 75
Shubonacadio—	
Per Miss Wallace,	4 00
Total	\$153 75

SUSIE B. FORD, Treasurer.
Port Williams, Kings Co., N. S.

Married.

WILSON-LAMBERT—At the home of the bride's parents, Lambert-town, Deer Island, N. B., March 4th, 1893, by E. C. Ford, James J. Wilson, Esq., of Leonardville, and Ethel St. Clair, eldest daughter of A. C. Lambert, Esq.

Died.

McDONALD.—Dear little Arthur, the infant son of Bro. Nelson McDonald, aged about eleven months, was taken from them very suddenly. Inflammation of the bowels was the disease. April 12th was the time of his death. May the God of all favor comfort their hearts in this time of trouble, and may they think of the reunion in the sweet by and by, when the sorrow and sadness will all be over.
J. A. GATES.

PARKMAN.—At South Rustico, P. E. I., on the 1st of April, in her 66th year, Mary Jane, wife of Deacon Wm. Parkman. Sister Parkman had been a member of the Church of Christ at New Glasgow for near forty years, holding fast the beginning of her confidence steadfast unto the end. She was a true Christian, with a Christian influence, and had the satisfaction of seeing her three children and son-in-law and daughters-in-law all members of the church with her. Her last sickness was severe, but she bore it with cheerful patience and resignation to her Father's will.
D. C.

ANTHONY.—A sad occurrence took place in the family of Bro. John Anthony, of Newport. His eldest son Wilber, twenty-seven years old, who had been laboring in the States for about six years and was at home in February to visit his mother in her sickness, shortly after his return he took a severe pain in the head, which proved to be an abscess on the brain, which resulted in death after eight days of severe pain. The body was brought home on the 10th inst., and on the same day was laid in the cold and silent tomb. May the friends look to Christ as their only comfort.
J. A. GATES.

CUNNINGHAM.—Bro. Robert Cunningham had been unwell for several months, but his sudden death at his home in St. John on the afternoon of April 6th was altogether unexpected. It found him prepared. His lamp was burning. His eyes were not heavy with slumber. In the days of his youth he remembered his Creator. He confessed his faith in Jesus and stood with the people of God. In his walk and conversation he sought to glorify his Divine Father. In God's house his seat was seldom vacant. He has now gone to his reward. For thirty-nine years he dwelt among men. Eternity he will spend in the better world. Behind he leaves a wife and a large family of small children. May they all meet him by and by.
H. W. S.

CAMPBELL.—Sister Donald Campbell died at her home, Montague, P. E. I., March 2nd, 1893. She was baptized by Dr. Knox, October 16th, 1840. During the fifty-three years of her Christian life her hope was ever bright and her faith ever strong in Jesus as her Saviour. A long procession followed the remains to the Brudnell Cemetery, and as we placed her body in the grave we remembered that Christ, by His resurrection, had taken away the gloom. This thought brightened our hope of meeting her again in heaven.
G. D. W.

POOLE.—Mrs. Eva Poole died on April 13th, 1893, at Montague, P. E. I. She was born in 1867, and was baptized by Bro. R. W. Stevenson in 1885. Death is not a respecter of persons. It exults in its triumphs over those in the prime of life who are quietly resting in the hope that many years are to pass away before they are called from their earthly home. It respects not the family circle, but with a ruthless hand snatches away the one most loved.
G. D. W.

POOLE.—Again death has invaded our community. This time it has claimed as its victim Bro. Frederick Poole. He departed this life April 16th, 1893, at his home, Brudnell, P. E. I., at the age of 71 years. Bro. Poole has long been a member of the Church of Christ. He was called last autumn to serve the church at Montague as an elder, but never acted in that capacity, as he was immediately taken ill and never after enjoyed meeting with his brethren to worship. He died as he lived, trusting in Jesus.
G. D. W.