

and these are not separated from the Churches; they show the life in the Church. The visit of Bro. Northcutt to the Provinces, and the impetus which he gave our work, forms a bright chapter. He is lovingly remembered by all. The Annual Meeting at Deer Island, and the P. E. I. Meeting at Montague, seem to tell of the rising of the tide. More churches are becoming interested in the general work. Four of our young men—three from P. E. I., and one from N. B. are studying for the ministry who were not a year ago. The interest in Foreign Missions has greatly increased, as is shown by the more generous giving to this most laudable and important work. Taking the merest glance at the book for the year, we find much to be thankful for. But there yet remains a great deal to be done. A forward movement should be the cry of every Disciple of Christ in these Provinces. There are opened fields on every hand. We should unite to gather in the sheaves. New churches ought to be organized and new houses erected. There should be an enlarged liberality in view of the needs of the Home Mission field. Every Church that loves the souls of men should become a partner in this work. Foreign Missions, too, should be upon the hearts of all, and if it gets there it will soon get into the pockets. Let a more prayerful and concerted effort be made. In all departments of Christian activity, let us seek for a great expansion, and the closing days of 1894 will be bright with success, and will be indicative of greater triumphs.

Home Mission Notes.

Some have supposed the large meetings have ceased because none has appeared lately in the CHRISTIAN. The following will show that good work is still being done:

Place.	Preacher.	Additions.
Girard, Kansas,	Harlow,	106
Webster City, Iowa,	W. A. Foster,	152
Phillipsburg, Kansas,	Erwin,	102
Nevada, Mo.,	Boles,	108
North Topeka, Kansas,	Romig,	477
Dewese, Neb.,	Hedges,	103
Newton, Kansas,	Rose,	120
Nashville, Tenn.,	Lloyd,	103
Cameron, Mo.,	Ely,	104
Toledo, Ohio,	Updyke,	181
Masillion, Ohio,	do	124

Bro. H. Murray, in another column, gives a full account of the meeting at Summerville. \$30 00 of the Mission Fund was paid to help hold the meeting. We think this is mission work, and believe the money well spent. Bro. Ford says "Much good has been done that cannot be reported. The brethren there are loud in their expressions of satisfaction and pleasure as to the results, and say as much has been done as they hoped for. The influence of this little church is widening every year, and in the near future they will be the leading church in that locality."

All will be glad to know that a preacher, Bro. Baker, has been decided on for Halifax. Bro. J. H. Hardin has approved of him, and we expect he will be in Halifax in a few days. He is a graduate of Spurgeon's College, and Bro. Davis of Dallas, Texas, speaks very highly of him, he says. "Bro. Charles Baker, the young Baptist preacher, trained in Spurgeon's College, of whom I spoke recently as having joined the Central Church, has decided to give himself entirely to the preaching of the Word. He has resigned a good position and salary, and is now ready for vigorous work. He is unmarried, is about thirty-three years old, is a fluent, forcible, and pleasing speaker, and is as full of zeal as an egg is of meat. That he will do good—great good—I have no doubt, and any church needing such a man should write him at once, for he will not be idle long. Bro. Northcutt's meeting of 23 days at Nashville, Tenn., resulted in fifty additions. He is now

holding a meeting in Carthage, Ill., and in January will hold one for the Central Christian Church in Cincinnati. Our own Bro. J. A. Lord is pastor there, and they ought to have a grand meeting.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, St. John Y. P. M. B.:	\$163 33
Per Miss Bertha W. Barnes,	5 25
St. John Sunday-school, Lords' Cove:	18 84
Per R. E. Stevens, Tiverton:	3 49
Per H. A. Devoc, Milton:	1 00
Per Miss A. A. Collic, Sun merville:	4 25
Per E. C. Ford,	17 25
	\$218 29

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Foreign Missions.

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

We would like to remind our brethren of the sermon on and collections for Foreign Missions, on the first Lord's day in the year.

We trust that those Churches especially, not already contributing, will in this way assist us.

MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR, Secretary.

RECEIPTS

Previously reported, Halifax:	\$97 92
Women's Auxiliary, Milton:	1 88
Woman's Auxiliary, St. John:	9 00
Women's Auxiliary, Sunday School,	3 00
Lotote Sunday-school,	3 25
	1 00
	Total, \$116 05

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Previously reported, Halifax:	\$13 44
Mission Band, Westport:	1 18
Mission Band, St. John:	1 14
Wide Awake Band,	10 49
	Total, \$26 25

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Children's Work.

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While we are all busy with our Christmas work, it is also the time to be about our Father's business; we ought to feel especially active in the Lord's work at this joyful season.

I have not yet heard from all the Bands, but shall hope to in the near future, as I have written to all in the past week. I received a very bright little letter from the ten year old secretary of the Westport Willing Workers. They have an enrolment of twenty-five, and intend holding a concert or open meeting after Christmas.

Our Wide Awake Mission Band held a missionary concert, and realized ten dollars from the silver collection. Can't some of the other Bands do something in the same line? Almost every one is willing to go to the children's meeting or a children's concert, and do not object to the silver collection.

We have below Miss Rioch's letter to the children.

Mrs. D. A. MORRISON, Sup't Children's Work.

7 E noki Machi, Ushigome tu, Tokio, Japan, October 28, 1893.

DEAR CHILDREN—How often you think of the work here in Japan, and sometimes of me too, yet I have never even let you know I appreciated it. Well, I do indeed. It is a real inspiration to me to know that even the children of Canada offer up so many prayers for the work and for me that I may be worthy of you all and of my Saviour, who gave himself for me.

It is rather a puzzle to know what to tell you that will interest you most. I have already told you of my Charity school. By the way, I shall send you in this letter a copy of their poemanship. You must know the little boys and girls here write with brushes. Their ink is in sticks which they rub down with a little water on a stone. Then when the water is sufficiently black, they are ready to write. I might add that they generally got more on their hands and face than on their papers. The paper they use is made of a kind of mulberry bark with rice flour mixed in. When I told them I was to send their writing to America, they all looked so happy and wrote their very best. The Japanese are always fond of hearing about America. That is the one country they dream of. Almost every boy I have met has the one ambition—that of going to America—constantly before him.

Not far from Tokio, on the sea coast, is a little village called Ramakura. Thousands of years ago it was Japan's capital. There are now only a few old temples to show what grandeur has faded away, and our friends never tire of telling us of its greatness and of the brave men who lived and fought then. The one thing that attracts most attention is the statue of Buddha Daibutsa, as it is called. It stands facing the sea shore, towering above most of the surrounding trees. I shall send you a picture of it to give you a little idea of its size. Inside of the figure is a temple with many shrines. They allowed us to enter. We ascended a stair which leads to a platform situated near the shoulders of Buddha. After giving a passing glance at the images, one gets tired of looking at them here. We spent the rest of the time we were in regretting having left our pocket knives at home, we wished to scratch our names on the inside of his kimono (dress) as so many others had done before us. It had been made with their own hands, therefore treated as such, with little or no reverence.

While in Ramakura we saw hundreds of pilgrims come to worship at this noted shrine. Most of them seemed to think the most that was required of them was to drop their pennies in the large box in front of this image; for although they folded their hands and bowed their heads it was done with a careless bored expression, and their devotions did not last more than a second, when they spent the rest of their energy looking at and admiring this magnificent piece of workmanship.

To-day I can give you no more news, as the mail leaves in a short while, and there are other letters to be written. Let me know what you would like to hear, and I promise at my earliest opportunity to write you.

Hoping this may find you all well, and still working hard for your Master,

I am your loving missionary to Japan, MARY RIOCH.

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Last month we published the paper read by Sister S. B. Ford, on "Foreign Missions" at the Annual Meeting. This month we publish Sister Morrison's paper on "Children's Work" which she read at the same meeting.

When asked to write this paper my first impulse was to refuse, but someone has said—"never lose an opportunity to improve," and so it is with the double motive of endeavouring to be of some slight service to those assembled here, and of better fitting myself for the work my Master would have me do, that I have consented to place on paper a few of the thoughts which have been helpful to me.

When I think of the subject before me, I ask,— "where shall I begin?" So much can be said of the children's work that I mentally look around not knowing from which point to start.

Too long we have been leaving the burden for those who are old in service to bear. It is only within the last few years that the young people,