

tury closes, we will be in the front rank notwithstanding all the efforts that have been made to make us out a small people. Yes! We are the people. What a glorious plea we have. All Christians united—God's word the basis. What a great work there is ahead of us, and how we should work to accomplish it. If a merchant has an article to sell that he is confident will be just what he recommends it to be, he will advertise it and talk it up on every occasion. He will do all in his power to bring it before the people. Now we have something we can recommend, let us bring it before the people on every possible occasion in every legitimate way. Begin with yourself. Are you regular in your attendance at the meetings? are you giving anything toward the support of the gospel? or is your money going into the bank, etc. Are you trying to get people to attend the services of the church? Do all your family go? Will any of those you love go to hell? Will one soul be saved by your instrumentality? Do you ever talk with your neighbors about the position of the Disciples of Christ and the grand work they are doing? Do you invite anybody to hear your minister preach the gospel? Do you know how much better he can preach when he knows that all the church members are helping him and praying for him, for he cannot do it all? But I must stop asking questions, as my mind is full of these kind of things. I do think that we ought to all work more earnestly in the future than in the past. The brethren in this county are planning some great things for God during the present year.

There is another point I intended to speak about, and that is the idea that our ministers are ignorant, not educated; but I will speak of this in my next, for I see by the figures at the top of this page that my space is about filled up.

W. H. HARDING.

West Gore, Hants Co., N. S.

Home Mission Notes.

There were six baptized and seven restored in the meeting held by Bro. Blenus at Leonardville. He is now on Deer Island, and has had Bro. Burris of Bowmanville, Ontario, with him over two Lord's days. It is hoped Bro. Burris will locate on Deer Island. At Leonardville, on the 24th, there were three confessions, and two at Lord's Cove. Bro. Blenus plans to hold a meeting at Letete in a few days. We are glad to receive such a large amount from the brethren on Deer Island. In addition to this, they paid Bro. Burris about \$50 00 for travelling expenses.

Bro. Ford's meeting in Halifax resulted in four additions, and the church greatly strengthened.

Lubec, Maine, has made a heartfelt appeal for us to send Bro. Blenus over to help them. Bro. Minnick has offered his services in return.

Keswick is calling for Bro. Blenus also. Brethren, let us have the wisdom and

strength to go in and possess the land. Last year, the Disciples of Christ in America gave \$680,000.00 for home missions. Is it any wonder that during the past four years 229,000 have been added to their numbers. The Methodists had 350,000 additions during the same time, but they outnumber the Disciples four to one. In regard to Home and Foreign Missions, the Disciples gave last year over \$900,000.00. While the Methodists are four to our one, they only gave twice as much for Missions. But there was this difference. We gave \$8.00 for home to \$1.00 for foreign; while they gave \$8.00 for foreign to \$1 00 for home missions. Let the good work go on, and it will; for when the pure gospel rules the life, it will open the heart so that all will give liberally, and multitudes shall be added to the saved.

Bro. Ford has gone to visit Bro. Fullerton in Pictou. We have made him an offer that we hope will enable him to take up the work there.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged	....	\$308 25
St. John—		
Mission Band, per Miss Lingley,	....	3 87
Per A. B. Wallace & Co.,	....	1 50
Milton—		
Per Miss Freeman,	....	4 08
Per Miss Freeman,	....	8 85
Kingston, N. S.—		
Ellis Ford,	....	50
Westport,	....	3 00
Halifax—		
Per W. F. Shaw,	....	25 00
Tiverton—		
Per H. A. Devoe,	....	2 85
Lord's Cove—		
Per T. H. Blenus,	....	60 00
Per D. F. Lambert,	....	5 00
Leonardville—		
Per T. H. Blenus,		48 81
South Range—		
Per H. A. Devoe,		1 00
Keswick—		
Per Miss Wilson,		1 00
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EVANGELIST'S REPORT.

During the month of January I held a meeting of four weeks with the church at Leonardville, Deer Island. I preached during that time, forty-seven sermons, visited thirty-seven families, baptized six, and reclaimed seven others, and aided in the reorganizing of the officary of the church. During the same month, I also attended one funeral, and solemnized two marriages. Although holding two services a day for four weeks, the interest of this meeting was intense to the close. Many, during the last few nights, meeting nearly an hour before time for service, in order to procure seats. The church was greatly strengthened. The Sunday school took on new life, and the new converts immediately took a deep and public interest in the work of the church, I am now very strong in the hope, that but a very short time will elapse, before a good strong man is located on this Island. The churches are ready and negotiations are under way.

Evangelistic work is largely, if not altogether lost, if not succeeded by regular pastoral work.

Our collections for the work, appearing elsewhere, will speak for themselves. I found the people ready and willing to respond to the calls of the mission work. Some, who have never to the present been contributors to the general work, have decided in its favor on its merits, and will be among our best future supporters. A little thoughtful talk, a little gracious patience, and the evident fruits of consecra-

ted labor, go a long way toward converting a thoughtful man or woman to duty.

My next meeting will be with the church at Letete and vicinity, where the church has fallen somewhat into the background, but I have the assurance that we can have a good meeting.

T. H. B.

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

JAPAN LETTER.

TOKIO, January 9, 1895.

To the O. and M. P. C. W. B. M.:

DEAR SISTERS,—The old year has gone with its cares, its disappointments, its pleasures; the new year has opened with its fond hopes that great things may be accomplished for the extension of Christ's kingdom during the year.

A retrospect of the work of the past year is in many points satisfactory. The children in the charity schools are cleaner, more orderly, and what is best of all, have learned many sweet lessons about the Saviour who loved little children. Many of them, too, have been little missionaries to their own homes. In calling on their parents during the past six months many of them told us how their children had told them of Jesus and his love, and some were eager to learn more. Many of them so poor they could not put aside the work to attend the meetings, were rejoiced to have us come and see them and tell them still further of this strange story. One woman, who comes to the meetings as often as her work will allow, told us how her little boy had told her about Christ and urged her to come and hear the teacher tell more. She seems very much interested, and we hope to see her soon become a Christian. To-day two of our oldest girls told my helper they wished to be baptized, but their fathers would not allow it. Their mothers, one of whom generally always attends the meetings, are quite willing. But here in Japan a woman's voice has little or no weight. I hope to be able to tell you in my next that we have prevailed upon their fathers to allow them to do what they feel and know to be right. Both of the girls have attended the school over a year and are well acquainted with their duty.

We had such a nice woman's meeting this afternoon. They listened to the lessons so attentively. They are now able to sing a little, and they do try so hard to spell out the words. We always close with the Lord's prayer in unison, and nearly all of them have learned it, and it does sound sweet to hear them lift up their voices in praise to him who alone is worthy of adoration. May the time soon come when they will not only praise him with their lips, but will acknowledge him to the world with both lips and actions.

Our other meetings are well attended, especially those in our own home. The meeting on Lord's day morning for preaching and the observance of the Lord's Supper will from the next Sunday meet in the new chapel in the neighboring ku. This meeting, when handed over to me first, had about eight members, who meet regularly every Sunday, but now we seldom have fewer than twenty-four. Then, besides members, we very often have two or three visitors.

At the last meeting of the Mission Board on the field here, I was requested to take back the girls in the Home by the end of March. Miss Oldham did not wish to have this form any part of her work but wishes to give her whole time to evangelistic work. On account of Miss Wirick's early departure for America, it will be impossible for them to allow me one more year to devote to the language, as was decided at first. So you see in a very short time