

foot for the want of funds. I am sure we have fifteen hundred members in the two provinces who are able and willing to send us a dollar each. Will not each one who reads this send a dollar? If you have not one by you at the time, go earn one, beg one, borrow one, get it from your husband or father, or from your wife's egg money. All means of getting it for such a purpose are noble and blessed of God, except only stealing it.

Our members seem to forget the existence of the Board after the annual meeting, and indeed I do not wonder as the Board do nothing to justify their existence, and all because they never have a dollar ahead to do anything with.

That much good work is waiting to be done, is favored by the success at Back Bay, Westport and Pictou.

That we have a plea that appeals to the people is proved by the history of the movement in the United States the past twenty-five years. That we have not risen to the height of our privileges and responsibilities is proved by our own history for the past twenty-five years. Let us awake and take hold of the work with hearty interest and vigor. The "door of the 20th century" opens to us with all its possibilities and opportunities. What has been done at the places named above are only samples of what may be done at many other places. There is a lot more I would like to say on this subject, but I will leave it for some future occasion. I suggest that some of our ministers write some articles to awaken and encourage an interest in Home Mission work. If they can only capture the hearts of the brethren we shall feel that we have a mortgage on their purses. Then the money will come into the Board and you will see us "saw wood."
L. A. MILLES, *President.*

A Question?—If you gave to God in proportion as he gives to you how much would you give? If God gave to you in proportion as you give to him how much would you get? Can any of our readers answer this?

J. A. L. Romig, evangelist, commenced a special meeting at Pictou, N. S., March 4th. It continued for four weeks. Pictou was stirred. The meeting exceeded the greatest expectations and closed on Lord's day, April 1st, with 38 additions.

At Westport Bro. Murray was assisted in a meeting by Bro. Ford which resulted in 29 additions.

At Halifax, since Bro. Ford's return from Westport, there have been two confessions.

At Back Bay, N. B., in Bro. W. H. Harding's meeting (which was spoken of in our last issue), 47 additions.

In the Main Street Church, North End, we hope to have a great meeting. Bro. Romig will commence on Monday evening, April 2.

There appears to be a movement all along the line. We hope that the good news will stimulate the other churches to greater activity in the proclamation of the truth as it is Jesus, that at the end of the year the 500 souls may have been won for Christ.

We would remind those of our readers who gave pledges for our home mission work at the annual meeting in St. John last October. There are also a number of pledges made at the Annual at Tiverton which have not been paid. We hope these shall not be forgotten.

The A. C. M. Board reports that each missionary employed by it last year averaged 77½ additions to the church as a result of his years labor. This is without parallel in the

reports of any other religious body. It shows the adaptability and the adaption of the gospel of the New Testament to win men to his service.

We are glad to see that the American Home Missionary Society is making a call for another \$100,000 this year. The needs of the word demand that this much be raised. The brethren who are guiding the work say that, if they receive this amount annually, they will organize one hundred new churches a year. We in the provinces are being generously treated by this Society, and should plan to give our share of the \$100,000. More money has been appropriated for this year than ever before in the history of the Society, and the churches are relied on for help in this enlargement of the work.—R. W. Ballah, Ontario.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged.	\$280 42
St. John—	
Pledge at Annual,	5 00
Coburg St. Mission Band, ...	2 55
Main St. Sunday-school, ..	6 37
Southville—	
February col., per Mrs. H. E. Cooke,	1 50
Westport—	
A Friend,	2 50
February collection, per Miss C. McDormand, Agent,	6 58
Milton—	
Feb'y collection, per Miss C. M. Ford,	5 00
Leonardville—	
Dr. A. Murray, pledge at Annual,	2 50
Miss Carrie Conley, " "	1 00
Mrs. Elmer Richardson, ..	1 00
Mrs. A. Murray, ..	50
Church collection,	2 43
Mr. G. Johnson,	25
Mr. F. C.	25
A Friend, per Mrs. A. Murray, Agent,	17

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W. A. BARNES, *Secretary.*

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

\$400 for Foreign Missions in 1900.

"The love of Christ constraineth us."

AUXILIARY PROGRAMME FOR APRIL.

Topic: The Coral Builders of the Church.

Song—"He is risen! He is risen!"

Audience stand and repeat together: I am the resurrection and the life; He that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live. "And whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die. Believeth thou this?"

Let the leader respond: "Yea, Lord, I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, even he that cometh into the world."

PRAYER.

Song: "We are Builders in Sorrow or Joy."

Poem: "A Song at the Dawn" (Tidings).

Scripture lesson: "Childhood of Moses." Ex. i, 1-10. "Childhood of Sampson." Judges xiii, 2-15, 24. "Childhood of Samuel." I Sam. i, 24-28; ii, 15-24. "Youth of David." I Sam. xvi, 11-13. "Childhood of John." Luke ii, 25-32, 34, 40, 52

Poem: "The Coral Builders." Jessie Brown Pounds. (Tidings).

By a junior: What we have built. What we are building. What the church of the twentieth century may become through our building.

Select three sisters, one of whom is junior superintendent, to present these topics in short talks or papers.

Circle of earnest prayer for the young people's work, superintendents and leaders.

Business. Reports from Mission Bands.

Closing song.

BENEDICTION.

Every Auxilliary is responsible for the work of the children in the church. No junior superintendent should be considered competent to lead the children unless she is an earnest reader of the Tidings and missionary literature, and can instruct the children in this work.

Ignorance of our missions and missionaries, of the work expected of the juniors, should no longer continue. Let every leader "study to show herself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

TOKIO, Japan, Feb. 24, 1900.

To the Maritime Provinces and Ontario
C. W. B. M.

MY DEAR SISTERS,—Let me see, it is nearly three months since I wrote to you last, and it is only by taking time from other things that I get in this letter now. To make things more difficult just as I began to write, my fountain pen took a notion to be cranky. After trying to fix it, without success, for perhaps five minutes, I had perforce to resort to a common pen, and an old rusty one at that. Things seem to be possessed these days. Yesterday Miss Oldham and I were out calling on some of our Japanese friends. We had only made one call when my wheel collapsed. She, like the dear woman that she is, got out of her jinricksha and let the man pack it home again while we had to abandon our intention of going to see our friend who lives a great distance from us, and on whom we had been trying to call ever since I came back to Tokio. We made the best of it, however, and returned some calls nearer home. Well, I did not start out to give you a list of my woes, you all likely have more than enough of your own.

All December we were as busy as bees getting ready for Christmas. The different entertainments were a grand success, for we did succeed in making many happy hearts, and everyone felt the joy of the "peace on earth, good-will toward men."

The first two weeks of January we had a house full of company, for the school convention of all the missions in the empire, and our own annual mission meeting, were held here in Tokio.

By the way, it was decided in our mission meeting that Miss Clawson and I should start a secular school for girls this coming fall. She and I are to live in the house lately put up by Mr. Guy, and the school is to be built on to it. The grounds are quite large, and the situation is healthy and retired. It is also only a short distance from the Matsugae Cho school, so that will not have to be given up. This means, as you see, that Miss Oldham and I are to be separated. We both feel a little sad over it, as we have grown to be just like sisters to each other.

The weather this winter has been very severe. The proverbial old residenter says it has not been so cold for forty years. I cannot vouch for that length of time yet a while, but I can for the last seven. On this account I have done very little calling on the people during the past two months, for, as you know, we must take off our boots and wraps and sit in a room for an hour or two that never saw a stove. Besides, it is not considered polite to warm your hands over the brazier, that has at the most three little pieces of charcoal burning on a bed of ashes. We have had two or three nice days the latter part of this month, and we hope for spring weather to set in soon.

The meetings keep about the same as usual. One or two women of whom we had some hopes of soon becoming Christians seem to be farther away from doing so than ever. I