

tions by removals. We are saying good-bye to some three out of our already too small congregation this week. This is the discouraging feature of our work in this city.

A happy and prosperous New Year to all the readers of THE CHRISTIAN. E. C. FORD.
Halifax, N. S., December 27, 1899.

Home Missions.

Address all communications and remittances to W. A. Barnes, Secretary, 228 St. James Street, St. John, N. B.]

**\$1,500 for Home Missions!
500 Souls for Christ!**

A Happy New Year to all our readers! Do not forget the collection to be taken for the Home Mission work in these Provinces on the first Lord's day in February. Some of our churches have taken their first collection already, and if these are an indication we hope for a large offering.

It was stated in our last issue that Bro. Appel, when at the Jubilee Convention, had called on the secretaries of the A. C. M. S. He also had several conversations with the Society's Executive Board with reference to the mission work in these provinces. He also presented the matter at a special meeting of the Executive called to hear the various delegations, and on Thursday morning did the same before the Convention. At a rally of the Canadian delegates, resolutions were passed emphasizing the need of more effort being made in Canada by the A. C. M. Society. These resolutions were read by Bro. R. W. Stevenson, at one of the evening sessions of the Convention.

In corresponding with some evangelists, one of them writes, "My correspondence with you has stirred up my interest in your work. I think you publish a paper in St. John. I would count it a favor to receive a copy." The writer sent a copy to this good brother, and he replied, "THE CHRISTIAN came to hand this morning, and I am much pleased with its 'get-up' and spirit. It appears to be spiritual, catholic and progressive in tone, view of truth and spirit. If THE CHRISTIAN is a true index of the pulse of the brethren in the provinces, then there is a surely a bright future before you. Was particularly pleased with 'Notes and News' and H. Murray's article, 'Do we Need a Revival?' I enclose order for fifty cents."

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$143 01
P. McIntyre, part pledge at Annual,	1 00
Margaret Eldridge, Sandy Cove, N. S.,	2 00
Coburg St. Mission Band,	5 00
Lord's Cove—per W. H. Harding,	6 00
Letete, N. B.—per W. R. Wentworth,	7 00
Main St Sunday-school,	7 00
Halifax—per E. C. Ford,	20 00
	\$191 01

W. A. BARNES, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance last report,	\$20 25
Cash from Secretary,	26 01
	\$46 26

Expenditure.

Paid E. C. Ford,	\$24 50
" J. C. B. Appel,	20 00
" Express Order,	12
" Hymn Books, Pictou,	4 50
	\$49 12

GEO. F. BARNES, Treasurer.

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

DEAR SISTERS,—As this is the season for heart searchings and new resolves for the future, shall we now each resolve that our missionary work shall be nearer to our hearts this year than ever before; that we will give ourselves to Christ more fully for service? If we do this individually, and mean it, there will be no difficulty in raising the amount needed this year but we will rejoice in seeing larger things undertaken and accomplished in His name.

You will all be pleased to see Sister Richardson's paper which was read at the Annual Meeting. MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR.

MISSIONARY ZEAL.

Paper read at the Annual Meeting C. W. B. M., Oct., 1899.

A lack of missionary zeal seems to be the great drawback in many of our churches to-day. Let us look at the churches for a few minutes, retrospective and prospective.

In the former we go back to the birth of the church, and what did the churches do for many years in carrying out Christ's great command, "Go preach the gospel to every creature?" You answer very little was done until a few years ago, when people began to see that this command was a personal affair, and that the responsibility was as great upon them as the apostles.

Many of these old churches, and, in fact, many of the churches of to-day, are born live and die without an issue (if you will allow the expression). Now in life, its chief duty is to propagate, to increase the life of which it is a part. And so it should be with the church. It should not live for self, nor in self, but should organize and support other bodies, and thus extend Christ's kingdom to the uttermost parts of the earth. This is a true missionary spirit.

In looking at the prospective side of this question of missionary zeal, recall for a moment some church that is helping home and abroad. Is not that a typical primitive church, beginning at Jerusalem (or home) and stretching outward. Well, what is the present state of that church and what is its future hope? Is it not progressive and aggressive? Is it not the church of today and the father of many future churches? Now to which of these do you belong, the missionary or non-missionary?

I think I hear some one say, "Well, my sympathy is with the missionary church, but unfortunately I am identified with the latter." Now, my sympathizing sister or brother, do you not think it possible to do some missionary work even in your non-missionary church?

Do you know of some one who likes to read, send them some tracts—"In Hindu Lands," "Child Life in India," "Missionary Tidings," or many others revealing the condition of heathen lands. Are there not those who would give something to mitigate this condition by sowing the gospel, or could you not find half a dozen who would work with the C. W. B. M. for the extension of Christ's kingdom?

Dear sisters,—
There's much we can do if we work with a will;
No time to be wasted today,
The Master is ready our labors to bless,
And wages he offers to pay.

Let us then work the works of him that sent us while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported,	\$32 35
Tiverton—Ladies Auxiliary,	4 00
St. John—Coburg St. Ladies Aux.,	3 40
" C. W. B. M. Day, col.,	6 00
" Sunday-school,	1 25
Leonardville—Ladies' Aux.,	6 00
Southville—Ladies' Aux.,	1 05
" C. W. B. M. Day, col.,	2 25
	\$56 30

SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer.

Port Williams, Kings Co., N. S.

Children's Work.

[Address all communications to Children's Work to Mrs. Frank Richardson, Lord's Cove, Deer Island, N. B.]

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—The old year—1899—is gone forever, and it has taken with it some of our boys and girls. It has also taken with it its advantages and opportunities, and what we left undone in 1899 is lost forever; but we have before us now 1900, with more opportunities for working and giving than any previous year. As I write I stop and think: How shall I spend this year—for self or Christ? In reading this, let us all decide whether our time, thoughts and money shall be on self or others; for Christ said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto Me!"

I must compliment West Gore "Golden Rule Band" as the only band who has written to me, outside of the officers. I am pleased to hear from the boys and girls, and it helps me in knowing that we are all working together, for where there is union there is strength. I am expecting a letter from every band the first of the new year, and I hope not one of you will neglect to write and tell me how you are getting along in your work.

Before closing I would like to ask each band to make a Christmas offering this year. You know the season for giving and receiving presents is just over. Our hearts were all gladdened by some gift; and how pleased we were to know our friends had not forgotten us. Do you not think Christ would be glad to receive a gift from us, be it ever so small? Yes, much more so than we would. Then let every band, at the first meeting, make a special offering, and do good in all the ways we can.

MRS. FRANK RICHARDSON.

January 2nd, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported,	\$0 28
Leonardville—Happy Band,	2 00
Halifax—Junior Endeavor	1 25
	\$3 53

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After all, dear friends, the great underlying need of the church is Christ. We cannot truly serve until we are filled with the love and spirit of our Lord Jesus. We need to have him touch our fevered restlessness that we may be given a truer perspective of life; that he may point out to us what is worthy of our time and strength, since he can only accomplish his work through us.—Mrs. Louise Kelly.

I believe more in the providence of God and the answer to prayer. My appointment to Calcutta is an answer to prayer.

I am willing to give my life for God.—N. M. Ragland.