

and relative. From that time forth he was most faithful in his attendance at the social means of grace, as his uninterrupted series of class tickets from 1848 to 1887 will show. He was a man of large means, which of late years he did not allow to accumulate, as it was his delight to scatter benefactions all along the path of life. The following extract, taken from the *Halifax Morning Herald's* report of the funeral services, which were conducted by Rev. Mr. Brecken, assisted by Rev. S. F. Huestis, will be interesting here. Mr. Brecken said:—

“Ready to sacrifice his own feelings and desires for the general good; conservative in standing by the old and tried landmarks, yet never afraid to launch out into any new undertaking that promised good results for the cause of God; cautious, yet always liberal and progressive, and ready to lead the way by making a sacrifice for the sake of progress. He was a missionary collector for a great many years, esteeming it an honor to be engaged in that somewhat arduous, sometimes thankless work. He has collected all the missionary moneys for the South Circuit for a long time, and kept a list of each year, jotting down items of interest connected with his labors. Some of the last matters on his mind, that claimed attention a day or two before he died, related to this work, which his strength did not permit him to finish this year. The first General Conference appointed him to its General Board of Missions, and he and the Rev. S. F. Huestis were joint treasurers for Nova Scotia. . . He will be best known, however, for his systematic and liberal giving. For a number of years he has contributed to Christian and benevolent objects all his income above the necessary expenses of living. He made it a rule some years ago to accumulate no more, to add nothing to his principal. He seems to have followed Mr. Wesley's advice to the rich. I venture to state that if Mr. Starr had laid by his yearly income, as some do, his estate would by this time have doubled its present value. He was wise in being his own executor in benevolences. He was paid with the joy of it, too. I could tell also of many little acts of kind and thoughtful attention and relief. . .”

In his will, which is of considerable length, though also of great clearness, a large circle of friends and many benevolent enterprises have been remembered. Mrs. Starr, of course, receives the bulk of what is left during her lifetime, but numerous are the names mentioned besides, and at her death much more will be forthcoming for friends and worthy institutions. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church and the Woman's Missionary Society are to have their shares, the former \$3,000 and the latter \$500, in the final distribution. Other funds of the Church are also remembered.

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IT is somewhat surprising that while women have so rapidly and so successfully, and withal so quietly, taken such advanced positions in the mission field and