

ment in this fact, there is none for boasting." The receipts for the year were \$73,258.16, being an increase of \$15,903.15 over the preceding year. The churches gave \$30,697.63, the Sunday-schools, \$23,186.55, individuals \$11,028.90. Endeavor Societies, \$2,236.86; and \$2,758.22 came from miscellaneous sources. This past year, 1806 churches contributed, a gain of 592 over the year before. There was an increase in contributing Sunday-schools of 761, the total number being 2276. In Canada, thirty-six churches contributed this year—a gain of four over last; eighteen Sunday-schools—a gain of sixteen; six Endeavor societies—a gain of three; thirty-four individual offerings—a gain of one. The amount given during the year was \$3,475.66 against \$2,610.18, being an increase of \$835.18. What is this among so many poor dying millions, dying without Christ by thousands each day? And what is this compared with what is yearly spent in harmful indulgence, and sinful pleasure, and extravagant expense? Still Christian people are content to live unto themselves unmindful of those, their brothers and sisters, whose keepers they are. This society supports missionaries among the heathen in India, China, and Japan, and they also do work in Turkey, Norway, and England. The claims of Africa have been pressing upon them, and it has been decided to enter that field as soon as possible. There are millions there needing the gospel. The work in the heathen fields is multi-form. The people live in the most degraded condition, and body, mind, and spirit, have to be attended to. Jesus often reached the spirit through the bodily needs, and the missionaries follow His example. In three months in Mungeli, Dr. Hitt treated 1,467 cases. He is the only physician in 855 villages in that district. Men often come thirty to thirty-five miles for medicine. They have come to Dr. Durand as far as 300 miles for treatment. These consecrated medical missionaries have many a chance to drop a seed of truth which may be carried for many miles, and grow and multiply. Even lepers are being baptized. "The medical work breaks down prejudice, and opens cities, homes, and hearts to the gospel. The natives see that the lame walk, the blind see, the lepers are cleansed, and they are disposed to accept a religion which bears such fruit." The mind is not forgotten. It must be purified before the life can be pure. The gospel is the great purifying power; but it must reach the mind and heart. In India, Japan, and China, Bible and training schools have been opened where teachers and Bible readers are prepared for service. The aim is to train the natives for work among their countrymen. Notwithstanding the small force we have in the field, many souls have been won by the love of Jesus. The greatest work, however, has been in preparing for the future. These are sowing days. The reaping days are coming. He who helps now, shall rejoice then. He who is uninterested now, shall be covered with shame then.

### News of the Churches.

#### ST. JOHN, N. B.

All will be glad to learn that Bro. Stewart is able to be at work again. The three Sundays we were without a preacher proved that the young people as well as the old have the interest of the church at heart. Our social meetings were largely attended and were most helpful. When we remember that the desire is so strong to hear our best city preachers, and when we were without one it is something to rejoice over that our social meetings were attended by such large numbers.

Sister James Prince, who has been seriously ill, we are glad to know is improving.

Bro. T. H. Blenus preached for us on the 25th, in the morning on the Prayers of the Publican and Pharisee, in the evening on Christian Union.

We were all glad to see and hear him again. Mrs. Blenus and daughter are going to reside here and we have no doubt that they will also be of much help to the church.

We were pleased to see Sister Wisdom well enough to attend worship again.

Sister Garrity passed through St. John on her way back to California. We wish her a safe journey.

Bro. C. H. Leonard and family are in Southern California for the winter. He found our winter too severe for him. We trust that he will return with renewed strength.

We have had Bros. E. C. Bowers, M. P., Wm. Gates and A. Gates with us during the month.

Bro. A. B. Wallace of Halifax is still here pushing his business.

Everything indicates a good winter's work for the church here. Our school in Portland has had an average attendance of about 115 for some time.

#### HALIFAX, N. S.

The Union of Endeavor Societies and Epworth Leagues met in the North Street Christian Church on October 25th at eight o'clock. This Union consists of sixteen societies and about 1200 members. Delegates were present from nearly every society, and the comfortable audience room of the little chapel was filled to overflowing. Revs. Wright, Borden and Grierson gave interesting ten-minute talks on the topic, "Christ the Healer," and immediately following this a consecration meeting was led by Rev. Mr. Dunstan with a number of earnest prayers. Everyone enjoyed the meeting and a number from the different churches manifested their interest in our work by promising to visit us at our regular meetings.

We welcomed these people for the enthusiasm they brought—that enthusiasm which means Christ in the soul. We welcomed them because they came with Christ as king and the Bible as his mandate in that spirit of brotherhood for which our Saviour prayed "That they all may be one." We welcomed them because they were workers representing the greatest labor movement of the times—a movement never to end until every church member had become an earnest worker or heartily ashamed of his laziness; and prayed that the meeting might inspire all with more zeal for Christ and the Church.

The people in Halifax did not seem to have any definite idea of our plea among the denominations. Several have asked if we were not similar to the Quakers and Adventists. Brethren Ford and Rowison who preceded me in the work here did a great work in removing this fog which had surrounded us here and we hope that in the course of time the people will learn what we are and what we represent throughout the city. WILL F. SHAW.

#### MILTON, N. S.

Shakespeare says that "hanging and marriage goes by destiny." We have to say, if this is so, that destiny has been very kind to Bro. McEwan. He is now the half-part of a blessed man, left to be finished by one of Halifax's fair maids. They are well settled and beautifully situated in their earthly paradise. Pity the man who does not know by sweet experience, "that marriage gives to the tender and the good a paradise below." May the guardian angel o'er their lives presiding, doubling their pleasures and their cares dividing."

We tender our sympathies to the church in Halifax in losing Sister Wallace and congratulate the church in Milton in gaining her. Here is another striking evidence of the good results of our annual meeting.

Our church has another young man preparing for the ministry. Bro. Alfred Kempton is now at Bro. Ashley Johnson's Bible school in Tennessee. He writes that he is much pleased with the school and with the young men.

Fine prayer meetings last week. Both evenings were rainy and yet good meetings. Fine congregations on Sunday, and a large Sunday-school, and a very large Bible class. All departments are prospering except the department in the region of the pulpit. H. M.

### Home Mission Notes.

#### OUR EVANGELIST'S SALUTATORY.

As has been already announced through the columns of the CHRISTIAN, the writer has accepted the work of General Evangelist for the province of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, under the auspices of the Home Mission Board. It is hardly necessary for the writer to introduce himself to the brethren of these provinces, having been known to the most of the churches, personally, for a number of years.

In entering upon my duties, let me here write—I shall expect, as doubtless I shall have, the hearty co-operation of the brotherhood in both provinces. The work is yours, and mine, and the Lord's. Let us labor, not as a mere intellectually determined duty, performed in a heartless perfunctory manner—but looking heavenward as well as earthward, to eternity as well as to time, look upon this mission work as a work of holy consecrated inspiration. In close touch, and constant consultation with the officers of the Board, I shall labor together with them, to direct my energies in the field, in the most direct and efficient way to build up and strengthen the cause we so dearly love in this country. I shall not ask for your criticism, as, doubtless, I will get some of that without the asking—but, dear brethren, I do ask for your prayers, your confidence, and your heartiest support, that I may be in head and heart, in motives, in intelligence, and in devotion and energy, a workman of whom you need not be ashamed.

T. H. BLENUS.

Bro. Shaw's reports from Halifax are encouraging. Two, beside himself and wife, have been received into the church since he began to labor there. The attendance at preaching, prayer-meeting, and Sunday-school, is good, and the church is contributing liberally. Let us pray for them, at the same time not forgetting that they need our financial help.

It is with a great deal of satisfaction we announce that Bro. Blenus is at work on Deer Island, endeavoring to encourage the brethren there in their work of faith and labor of love. We trust that every Disciple of Christ on Deer Island, or wherever Bro. Blenus shall work for the Master, will aid him all they can to make his efforts successful. No man can do his best work unless he has the hearty undivided support of his brethren. Let us keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. Let us now strive together as one man for the faith of the gospel. Let us all rally around him and help him to wield the old Jerusalem blade against everything that is opposed to it.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—From this time, our receipts should be over \$120.00 a month to meet our expenses. Please watch them; and if you find them falling behind that amount, try and give more in order that we may meet our obligations to the faithful men who are trying to win souls for Christ and His church.

#### RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$104 13
St. John Mission Band—	
Per Miss Lingley, . . . . .	1 51
Portland Sunday-School—	
Per Miss A. Wilson, .. . . .	3 50
Tiverton—	
Per H. A. DeVoe, . . . . .	3 00
Halifax—	
Per W. F. Shaw, . . . . .	25 00
Milton—	
Per Miss A. A. Collio, . . . . .	3 00
Keswick, N. B.—	
Per Miss G. Wilson, .. . . .	1 00
Lord's Cove—	
Per D. F. Lambert, .. . . .	6 00
Total, . . . . .	\$147 14

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