

Last spring we started an English Bible-class at the request of some students who attend a large university not far from us. There are at present fourteen members, with an average attendance of seven.

Last January we transferred our Sunday evening meeting to another place.

Last June a Sunday morning service was started for preaching and the breaking of bread. A small band of believers with some few others met with us.

The attendance at the Sunday-school in our house is very irregular. The priests, of whom there are dozens living within a stone's throw of us, induce the children, by telling them all sorts of stories about us, not to come. However, there are from sixteen to twenty-three of the children who have been coming regularly for the past four or five months. A few of those who came last year are returning. Then of necessity we have our English pupils. At present they number three.

Since beginning work in Ushigome Ku, we have had the joy of seeing five believers buried with Christ in baptism. One of these has not proved faithful, but the others are all striving to walk in newness of life with Him whom they have accepted as their Master.

And lastly, we are working hard at the language, trying to break down the wall that stands between us and these people. God has greatly blessed us in all that we have attempted for him.

May your prayers never cease to go up for us that God may so fill us with zeal and love for his lost ones in Japan that we may never grow tired or weary till all have acknowledged him.

With many wishes that this your convention may be filled with blessing for each and all, and with the prayer that you may not cease to remember me at the mercy seat, I am your loving fellow-worker in Christ.

MARY M. RICH.

Children's Work.

[Address all communications to Mrs. D. A. Morrison, 28 Dorchester Street, St. John, N. B.]

Our new Band at East Rawdon was organized on July 18th. I was so glad to hear from their leader, and such an encouraging report! The girls and boys have taken a fine resolve to begin with. They have determined to bring one new member each at their next meeting. They are going to meet every alternate Saturday. May they have every success in their new work.

I am waiting to hear from the Band leaders—will each leader send me a report as soon as possible!

I received the photos of O Gin San, and some specimens of her writing and drawing. I will send them to the Bands right away, I know you are all longing to see her face.

Your loving friend,

MRS. D. A. MORRISON,
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RECEIPTS

Previously reported,	\$232 24
Leonardville—			
Sunday School,	1 75
Lakeville, Kings Co., N. S.—			
Harry N. Corbett,	1 00
Total,			\$234 99

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Previously reported,	\$52 58
Summersville, Q. Co.—			
Mission Band,	1 00
Total,			\$53 58

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CHRISTIANS, OR DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

This people, numbering nearly a million souls, plead for the union of all Christians, to the end that the world may be evangelized. To secure this they teach that there must be a return to the principles and practice of the apostolic age according to the axiom: "Where the Scriptures speak, we speak; where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent." The following brief synopsis, comprehends substantially the conclusions arrived at in the application of the above axiom.

1.—That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired word of God, and that they are all-sufficient as a rule of faith and life. Hence all human creeds as tests of fellowship and bonds of communion are rejected, seeing that they cause and perpetuate division.

2.—That there is one God, the Father who created and sustains all things.

3.—That Jesus was God manifest in the flesh; that he died for our sins and rose again for our justification; that he ascended to heaven where he ever liveth to make intercession for us.

4.—That the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father, and in conversion and sanctification he operates through the truth.

5.—That Baptism is the immersion in water of a penitent believer, into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

6.—That the death of Christ should be commemorated on the first day of every week in the Lord's Supper.

7.—That the followers of Christ ought not to wear any names other than found in the New Testament, such as Christian, Disciple, etc.

8.—That the church consists of all the regenerate, and that these constitute one flock even as there is but one Shepherd. Our Lord prayed for the union of his followers that the world might believe. The Apostles urged the church to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Hence, sectarianism and denominationalism are necessarily unscriptural and essentially evil.

9.—That in the Christian system Christ is central and supreme. Christ himself is preached as the only Saviour of sinners and the only head of the church; hence, we call no man master neither Paul, nor Apollos, nor Cephas, nor Luther, nor Calvin, nor Wesley, nor Campbell; according as it is written "he that glorieth let him glory in the Lord."

10.—It is confidently believed that the position herein set forth is scriptural and the only practical basis for the union of all Christians. With a return to apostolic principles and practices, the divisions which are now the shame and weakness of the church would cease to exist, and the one great barrier to the speedy and complete evangelization of the world would be abolished. The men and means now needed to maintain sectarian and denominational establishments could be used in the regions beyond. A united church would be irresistible, and in a single generation could carry the gospel to every kindred, and tribe, and people, and tongue on the globe. Our Lord's prayer would be answered, and the world would believe. This is a matter of supreme moment, and no denominational associations, however sacred, and no vested interests ought to be allowed to stand, for a single instant, in the way of its consummation.—J. H. Hardin, in *Peculiar People*.

HALIFAX BUILDING FUND.

Previously acknowledged,....	\$1,530 21
July 19. Church at Summerside, P. E. I..		
Per H. W. Stewart,		5 00
Total,....	\$1,535 21

HENRY CARSON,
Halifax, N. S., July 24th, 1894. Treasurer.

THE SAFE CONFIDANT.

We want to tell some one. The child runs to its mother with the numberless smiles and tears of its little life. As we grow older we grow reticent. We crave the sympathy as before, but there is no such safe and certain place in which to seek it. In this bustling world we become sensitive to rebuffs, or we choose rather to bear our griefs alone than to add them to the burdens others must already carry. It is interesting to notice how soon the disciples caught the child-like spirit. Early in their Christian life they learned that they might tell Jesus. Not the least precious part in those three years of daily walk with him, was this privilege of bringing every grief, every perplexity, to the sympathizing Saviour. What better message could come to us. All the days of life lie hidden in God's hands. It is a solemn thought that we cannot see one of them. It would be a fearful thought if it were not God's hands that holds and conceals. They may be happy as we hope, they be sadder than we dream. But happy or sad, this is the thought to take with us; there will never be a day in our lives, never a single hour in any day, when we may not "tell Jesus."—Sel.

SILENT VOICES.

We are often enraptured by the eloquence of speech, and thrilled by the power of music. We mingle in the throng and commotion of human life. But there are higher pleasures than these. Silence has a tongue more potent than the jargon of human voices.

Go into the sick-room where, resigned and serene, the Christian lies awaiting the summons to come up home, the eye, the countenance, the expressive silence, tell an eloquent story where no word is uttered.

We saw a frail boy who had never walked a step, whom people pitied, and said "Poor fellow!" But he was always cheerful, and never complained of his lot, while others, who said he had a hard life wheeling about the room, worried and fretted over many things. And so his sweet and gentle life was an eloquent speech which no words can utter.

Go, then, to the graves where loved ones sleep. Some of them have long been there. The leaning stones and touches of time tell the story. But how we recall their unselfishness, their devotion! In the silence they are talking to us, though no words fall on our ears. How ambition and passion are rebuked as we stand by the graves of our dear dead, where dried leaves are rustling to remind us of our short stay, and where their silent voices—loving, pathetic, tender—are calling us away to the better and eternal life.—Selected.

Died.

BARNES.—This month we are called upon to report the death of Robert R. Barnes, who many years ago united with the Church of Christ in this city. After a painful illness of four months duration, which he bore with great fortitude and resignation, he passed away from the sufferings of earth. He was kind-hearted and generous. In him the sorrowing had a friend, the needy a helper, and the discouraged a sympathiser. He will be missed by those whom he loved and who loved him. But may we not hope that in the providence of Him who is too wise to err and too good to be unkind, we shall all meet in the city of rest and joy.—H. W. S.

SHORTLIFF.—At Central Grove, Dixie County, N. S., July 20th, Joseph Shortliff, in the 92nd year of his age. Bro. Shortliff retained his mental faculties to the last in a wonderful degree, and until the last two years enjoyed a great degree of physical health and strength. His death was purely one of old age, and he passed serenely into the unseen world with strong and unwavering faith in his Redeemer, leaving behind an aged wife, one daughter and five sons, together with many friends, to mourn their loss.—H. A. D.

DUNBAR.—At South Range, N. S., July 9th, Aleta, youngest child of Bro and Sister B. Dunbar, in the 3rd year of her age. She was a sweet flower, and it was very hard for her parents to part with her for a time, but they are confident it is for a time only, as our dear Saviour has told us, that "of such is the kingdom of heaven."—H. A. D.

STIRK.—At East Ferry, Digby Co., N. S., July 20th, of consumption, Sarah C. Smith, wife of Bro Joseph Stirk, Jr., aged 26 years, leaving two young children to meet the loss of a mother, but they are of those whom our Heavenly Father has promised to guard with more than earthly parent's love.—H. A. D.