

of funds. Notice our balance on hand is getting less. It makes our hearts ache to say "we can't help you." How long, my brethren, will this be so? We have insured the tent for \$150. Please notice that there is considerable due in pledges yet. Do not wait until the end of the month but send now when you feel the necessity of helping on the good work. The eleventh hour laborers said "No one has asked us." You can't make that excuse about our mission fund, you have been asked times without number.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$119 06
St. John, Coburg St. Mission Band,	4 35
Westport, per E. A. Payson,	5 00
Waverley, Mass., Miss A. Wallace,	5 00
Milton, per Miss Fregman,	5 00

\$138 41

J. S. FLAGLOR, Secretary.

P. E. ISLAND FUND.

Previously acknowledged,	\$12 92
Tyron, per H. E. Cooke,	2 00

\$14 92

J. S. FLAGLOR, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance Oct 1st., 1897,	\$38 29
Received in October,	19 35

\$57 64

Expended.

Halifax, October,	\$21 00
Pictou, "	16 66
St. John, Main St., Oct.,	12 50

\$50 16

Balance on hand, 7 48

J. S. FLAGLOR, Secretary

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

EXTRACT FROM MISS RIOCH'S LETTER—JULY 11.

An old Otta San (lady) who had come for so long to our meetings was baptized last week. She also led a poor blind man into the way of faith, and he wants to become a Christian too. They intended being baptized together, but he was prevented from coming then, but will as soon as he has leisure. He is an *amma* (a man who gives massage), and very busy. We generally find him out when we call to see him. He had been coming to church pretty regularly for a good long while before I went away, and has been coming since I came back. They always feel that a certain missionary is interested in them, and they attach themselves to us.

MARY M. RIOCH.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$60 33
Tiverton—	
Ladies' Aux.,	2 50
St. John—	
Coburg St. Sunday-school,	2 02
Lord's Cove—	
Ladies' Aux.	6 00

Total, \$70 85

SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer,
Pictou, N. S.

Children's Work.

Address all communications to Mrs. D. A. Morrison, 291 Germain Street, St. John, N. B.

DEAR GIRLS AND BOYS,—I think I have got something that will interest you this month. It is an account of Japanese children written for you by our missionary, Miss Rioch. Next month she will give you something about our little girl whom we are educating. Be sure and watch for it.

Your loving friend,
MRS. D. A. MORRISON,
Supt. Children's Work.

JAPANESE CHILDREN.

Before having had the pleasure of seeing for myself I read in a large book on Japan, written by a learned doctor who had spent some years in the flowery kingdom, that Japan was a Paradise for children. Well, if my little readers think getting everything they ask or cry for, having countless toys to break (for Japanese toys need only to be looked at to crack and break they are so flimsy), and stuffed with sweets all day, is Paradise, then we would agree with him. I don't want to hear any dissenting voices, for it is not nice to disagree with one's elders.

Till the age of five or seven the little tots live on candy or milk—meals at all hours, minutes I should say, to be more correct. Oh! the candy-man does a flourishing business, and is a widely-known person in Lilliputian Japan. There are many different varieties of him, but we will only find space for a description of one of them this time. Early in the morning, before setting out for a day's peddling, our candy-man makes a lot of little paper Japanese flags—a square of white paper with a red sun daubed on in the centre—puts them on little wooden sticks, and at the top of these wee flag-staffs he perches a candy bird. Then, when this is all done, he takes the little flag-staffs and sticks them thickly around a round, shallow tub. Then he puts this on his head, making a very pretty head-gear I can tell you; takes up his bamboo flute, calls his wife and assistant, who don their queerly bent-up straw hats, which are large enough to serve for parasols, tuck up their dresses in their belts, so they can walk easily, and they all three are ready to start. The wife of the candy-man carries a *samisen* or three-stringed musical instrument, while the assistant carries a little cup-shaped metal bell, which he strikes with a hammer, and, last but not least, as you will see presently by the way he flourished it, a fan.

They saunter along leisurely—that is the way everything is done here—until they come to a large street, where, as a matter of course, they spy some children (for the streets are the play-gardens here), and the music begins. They twang, whistle and tap, mincing along, singing a sort of jingle, keeping time with head and feet, while the children come flocking from far and near. When a goodly number has collected the assistant takes out his fan, opens it with a flourish, and gives what we shall call a fan-dance, which the others play for him. This lasts but a short time, when down comes the tub off the other man's head, and the

children crowding around him, the little flags are soon exchanged for coppers, and the happy little mites have run home to show mamma their pretty candy toys. But, oh dear! The candy bird has hardly ceased to exist and the flag thrown down in the mud when here comes the wheat-candy man, and this means money's worth sure enough, and oh! mamma! please give me a cent, quick!!!

MARY M. RIOCH.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$7 00
Milton—	
"Daily Workers Band,"	6 00
Mattie Burnaby's Star,	1 00
Lord's Cove—	
Mission Band,	6 00

\$20 00

SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer,
Pictou, N. S.

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S WORK.

Your treasurer submits the following reports of all money received and spent since last Convention. The children's work is very encouraging in Charlottetown, Kildare, St. John and Summerside, and filled up stars are sent to me. Lord's Cove is the banner band for this year.

REPORT.

Balance on hand Sept., '96	\$ 77 44
Lord's Cove Mission Band	\$ 46 38
Tiverton Mission Band	3 50
West Gore Golden Rule Band	18 00
Halifax Junior Endeavor	11 43
Summerside Sunbeam Band	6 51
St. John Wide Awake Band	12 05
Moncton, personal contribution	1 50
Summerville White Star Band	2 00
Westport Willing Workers	9 25
Kildare, personal contribution	1 00
Charlottetown Golden Link Band	2 00
Interest	71
Total received	\$120 93

193 37

With balance on hand	\$ 44 18
Received from Nova Scotia	66 53
" " New Brunswick	9 51
" " P. E. Island	

Cash Paid.

Oct. 3rd, Miss White, for Gulabi	30 00
Postage for same	8
Other expenses for postage	97
Total	\$ 31 05

Balance cash on hand Aug 1 1897 . . . \$167 32

SUSIE FORD STEVENS,
Treasurer.

Married.

KITCHIN-BROWNS.—In St. John, on Oct. 27th, 1897, by Henry W. Stewart, Walter A. Kitchin, of Fredericton, to Annie S. Brown, of St. John.

Died.

GREENLOW.—At Tiverton, N. S., Oct. 6th, 1897, William Greenlow passed away. The brother suffered and died from a cancer. He was 56 years old, and for many years was a member of the church. He died trusting in the Lord. His companion and children have lost a dear friend, but have the hope and assurance of meeting again if faithful. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Bro. Devoe. J. W. BOLTON.

WEAVER.—On Oct. 12th, 1897, Bro. J. Weaver died in Tiverton, N. S. He lived to a ripe old age, 93 years, and, like Moses, almost to the last, his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. For a long time he has been a member of the church, and lived an honest, upright, Christian life, respected by all. He leaves three generations to mourn his loss. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor, assisted by Bro. H. A. Devoe. J. W. BOLTON.