

"The reason O Gin San looks so old is that her hair is done up, as all girls wear it, even if they are but four. She is not old in years, but quite grown up for them. Am sorry I have not time to write to every band. If the girls were living with me as formerly I could tell them much more about her, but as it is I see her but seldom. Am glad to say, however, she has seemed quite contented and happy lately. She did well in her examinations. She is rather a painstaking student. By the way I never told the children she was near sighted, and when studying finds it necessary to wear glasses. She is always neat in her dress and appearance; has rather a fine presence for a Japanese woman. They all affect the meek and lowly so much, but O Gin San has an air of her own—a little like what we would call independent. I rather like it in her. She needs all of it when she begins to work in earnest for her Master, as the time of persecution has not gone past.

The girls are all doing well, and I have some things more to sell you of O Gin San. Mrs. Garat made up a box of old clothing for the sufferers from the recent great earthquake up in the northern part of the island, and the girls in the "Home" were asked if they would like to contribute. They all did so, very liberally too. All the old things they had, that had grown too small for them they gave. O Gin San had a day or two before this received thirty cents from her brother, and besides the clothes she gave, she gave ten cents of this. That was quite a little for she may not receive another cent for many a day yet.

I am glad you have some more picture cards for me, as my stock is nearly exhausted. It is indeed sweet of the girls and boys to give all their pretty cards for the children here. I can assure them that the little ones here appreciate them fully."

Lovingly your sister,
MARY M. RICH.

FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$135 86
Halifax,	7 73
Miss Clara Henry,	25
St. John—	
Sunday-school,	4 35
Women's Auxiliary,	1 75
East Point—	
Mrs. Benj. Obing,	2 00
Miss Emma Morran,	2 00
Total,	\$153 94

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Previously acknowledged,	\$30 27
Halifax—	
"O Gin San" Band,	1 75
West Gore—	
Mission Band,	4 00
St. John—	
Wide Awake Band,	76
Milton—	
Mission Band,	5 00
Total,	\$41 78

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SCHOOL OF THE EVANGELISTS—FOR POOR YOUNG PREACHERS.

January 31st will be the second anniversary of the moving of the first load of lumber for the building. One would suppose that the work was begun in an unfortunate time, but the Lord has sustained us in every trial. We began the work without capital, and there have been entrusted in our hands for it, probably twelve or fifteen thousand dollars. The building now occupied, accommodates for every purpose, about eighty men. It will be full by the time this sees the light. These young men represent about twenty-five States; fully fifty of them are dependent on me, and they could not have any chance of an education to-morrow morning if it were not for me. Industrial Hall, nearly ready for the roof, will accommodate forty men. These young men support themselves by working on the farm, in the barn, and in the kitchen. If their labor fails to bring them enough to eat they fall back on me, and I fall back on the promises of God. Brother, sister, the south must

be evangelized. Note this: With all this fifty hearty young men to feed, it frequently happens that my funds are below the dollar mark. Think of me! Many brethren are helping me on the following offers:

I. "Gideon's Band," three hundred who agree to sell one dozen copies of my book, "Out of Darkness into Light," and send the \$6 00 to the work.

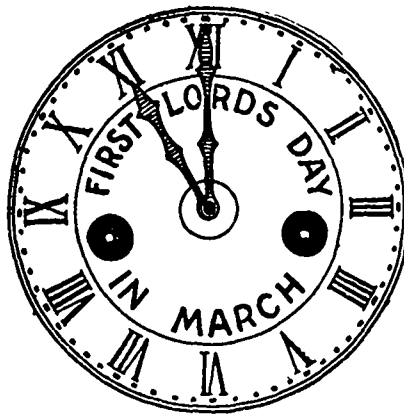
II. Others agree to sell one dozen copies of the "Great Controversy," and send us the retail price (\$6 00) and 35 cents in stamps, and receive a Teacher's Bible and the Emphatic Diaglott, as a premium. I will send the dozen books on either offer to any one who desires it, prepaid, on sixty days time.

If you wish to see these books before ordering, I will send them prepaid for \$1.00.

I stand pledged before God and man to invest in this work every dollar placed in my hands, from whatever source. Does this work appeal to your heart? Faithfully your brother,

ASHLEY S. JOHNSON.
Kimberlin Heights, Tenn.

THE TIME.



It is well to have the time of the MARCH OFFERING for foreign missions definitely understood by every church, and every member of every church. The time for the annual offering in all the churches for foreign missions is the first Lord's day in March.

Frequent announcements should be made from the pulpit, in the prayer-meetings, in the social meetings, and in the endeavor meetings. Do not permit anything to interfere with either the preparation or the observance of the day. Prepare for it with all the enthusiasm you would for a church dedication, or protracted meeting, or a convention. Observe it as a great day, a day of royal, hearty service unto the Lord. Have a definite programme for the day, and permit nothing to interfere with it.

The TIME is important. There is wondrous power in unity of action. There is great interest and the most thorough preparation for a political election on a definite day. Those who have this work at heart cannot afford to be indifferent to the time agreed upon.

If 2,000 of the most interested churches will observe the offering the first Lord's day in March, it will be an easy matter to secure 1,000 additional.

The success of the work this year depends, in a large measure, upon the action of the interested churches at the time appointed.

Let every church begin now to lay by in store to be ready when the time comes. Make due preparation, as you would to meet any other financial obligation. Remember the TIME

A. McLEAN.
F. M. RAINS.

The man who repents on his sick bed, from which he recovers, generally backslides before he pays his doctor's bill.

If there was less quarreling among the ninety and nine, the shepherd would have more time to find out what sheep were lost.

COMFORTED.

Sitting alone by the window,
Watching the sunset fair,
Thinking of the home over yonder
And the loved ones gathered there.

In my Father's house are mansions,
Many mansions, bright and new,
And to each of us his children
Comes the promise all so true:

Fear thou not, for I am with thee,
Peace and rest I freely give,
To the mourner special comfort,
Jesus died that we might live.

Sitting alone by the window,
Still watching the glowing sky,
But my heart is sad no longer,
The Master himself draweth nigh.

MAY A. ROBINSON,
Portland, Maine.

SELF-HUMBLING.

"Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart." Observe the argument here. Men are unwilling to come to Jesus because it involves the self-humbling. They think they sacrifice their manhood by becoming meek and lowly, that is, by laying aside pride and self-sufficiency, and by becoming submissive to God in all things. Such Jesus addresses with an argument unanswerable.

He, the man Christ Jesus, was meek and lowly. Did he lack any element of true manhood? Nay, he was the truest specimen of man that ever trod the earth. Even infidels have confessed this, and admired this sole perfect specimen of humanity. To you, O proud man, Jesus speaks and says, "Come unto me and humble yourself. By doing so you will not lose, but gain, true manhood, for I am meek and lowly." Surely it is no mark of manhood to swear, to drink, to give away to passion, to live a selfish life. Any fool can do those things with as great a facility as you. It is no sign of manhood to swell with pride. Satan can beat you at that business. When you swell with pride you are most like the devil.—H. M. Scudder.

HALIFAX BUILDING FUND.

Previously acknowledged,	\$1,541 21
Sister Sarah Wisdom,	5 00
Total,	\$1,546 21

HENRY CARSON,
Halifax, N. S. Treasurer.

Married.

STEVENSON-BULMAN.—At the residence of the bride's father, by D. Crawford, on the 26th of December, William Howard Stevenson to Sophia Jane, second daughter of Mr. Reuben Bulman, all of New Glasgow, P. E. I.

McLEAN-YEO.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the second of January, John William McLean, of New London, to Dilliah, second daughter of Mr. George Yeo, of Bradelbane, P. E. I.

DEWAR-McCALLUM.—At the residence of the bride's father, John McCallum, Esq., January 3rd, 1895, by O. B. Emery, Mr. Peter Franklin Dewar and Miss Christina Ann McCallum, both of Southport, Lot 48, P. E. Island.

THOMPSON-THURBER.—At Westport, Digby Co., N. S., December 22nd, 1894, by H. E. Cooke, Mr. Arthur Thompson, of Westport, to Miss F. E. Thurber, of Freeport, N. S.

CAIN-THOMPSON.—At Westport, N. S., January 1st, 1895, by H. E. Cooke, Mr. James A. Cain, of Yarmouth, N. S., to Miss Lizzie B. Thompson, of Westport, N. S.

Died.

POWELL.—At Freeport, Digby Co., N. S., Bro. Willoby Powell, in the 83rd year of his age. Bro. Powell was one of the oldest residents of Freeport. He became a member of the Christian church upwards of forty years ago, and remained true to the cause until death. The writer conducted the funeral.—H. E. Cooke.