

Sister Josephine Minard, Pres.; Sister Althea Murray, Vice-President; Sister Jennie Murray, Treasurer; Sister Mary Kempton, Secretary. We decided to meet the first Monday evening of each month—meetings opened by singing, reading of Scriptures and prayer, followed by missionary intelligence, and giving of our means as we could afford. We commenced our Society for the purpose of aiding Foreign Missions, and our meetings were made interesting by hearing of the work of our missionaries in Jamaica and Japan, and other places; and reading their very interesting letters. All through the winter months our meetings were well attended and much enjoyed by us. Knowing that the same Saviour who has so freely invited us to come to him and believe on him, has also said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and assured that we had his divine blessing in our effort, we felt desirous to help on the work in our small way.

Toward Spring Sister Murray received a letter from Sister Christie, of St. John, suggesting that we change our purpose and work for Home Missions in connection with the General Mission Board of N. S. and N. B. For some time we were undecided, as some of the sisters wished to continue as we had commenced; finally, however, we decided to make the change, and are now working for Home Missions. The subject of Missions, either Home or Foreign, should engage the earnest attention of every Christian. We all know there is work to be done in our own Provinces as well as in foreign lands, and we hope the time is not far distant when, by our united efforts here, we may be able to aid those who are so loudly calling us to come over and help them.

We were very sorry to part with our President, Sister Minard, who early in the Spring left us for a home in Haverhill, Mass. We have a membership of 27. We earnestly wish to continue this work through the coming year, and hope at our next Annual to be able to report an increased interest. We ask the prayers of our sisters that our little missionary meetings may prove a benefit to others, and a source of strength to our own hearts.

Received since Nov., 1884..... \$29 00
 " from Sister Didrick's S. S. class..... 4 00
 Total.....\$33 00

MARY P. KEMPTON.

SAINT JOHN.

The Woman's Missionary Aid Society of Coburg street Christian Church have had twelve successful meetings. In general, the sisters have enjoyed the mutual gathering together. The attendance has numbered as many as twenty-seven. We had a special meeting one evening during the Quarterly, which was well attended.

The sisters of the Society send greetings to the General Society Meeting at Milton, N. S.

A. E. BARKER, Secretary.

Saint John, N. B., Aug., 1885.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE W. M. A. SOCIETY OF COBURG STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH, ST. JOHN, N. B., FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 27th, 1885.

To the Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ assembled at Milton, N. S., Sept. 4, 1885.

The Society has to its credit in the Dominion Savings Bank the sum of \$138.29.

Deposited Dec. 29th, 1884..... \$36 00
 " Jan. 31st, 1885..... 8 00
 " Feb. 27th, "..... 16 00
 " Mar. 27th, "..... 23 06
 " June 27th, "..... 29 00
 Interest added, July 1st, 1885..... 1 29
 Deposited August 29th, 1885..... 25 00

Total.....\$138 29

The sum of \$8.30 received from the Little Workers is included in the above statement. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ETHEL BARNES, Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., August 29th, 1885.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

At the general meeting held at Leonardville, September 8th, 1884, the sisters met and organized a Womens' Christian Missionary Society to help on the work of Home Missions in connection with the general Mission Board of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Association, thinking that by more concentrated work on their part more could be accomplished.

Sister James E. Barnes was asked to take the Chair; then the officers for the year were elected; Sister James E. Barnes, President; Sister E. Ford, Vice-President; Sister Christie, Secretary; Sister Gates, Treasurer. They resolved to call the Society the Women's Christian Missionary Society: the general meeting to convene again at the next Annual, when reports would be read from the different churches. It was also resolved that the Secretary write to the sisters in the several churches and ask them to form Aid Societies, subject to the General Society. A good many have been written to, asking them to form Societies, but few answers have been received, stating that such Societies had been formed—yet, it is so new that we cannot wonder at the sisters not taking hold. We are in hopes the coming year that in many more churches the sisters will form such Societies for mutual benefit. If the sisters would have monthly meetings for prayer, songs, reading of Scripture, missionary news, and the gathering of such collections as they can lay by during the month, they will not wish, unless we are greatly mistaken, to discontinue them at the end of the year; such is the feeling of one Society at least.

I would mention here that I have had very pleasant communication with Sister S. E. Shortridge, Corresponding Secretary of the Christian Women's Board of Missions (also of the *Yidings*) and have received needed information about the work we were just starting here. Looking back over the year, there is no need to feel discouraged; instead we ought to feel like pressing on.

"Do thy duty—that is best,
 Leave unto the Lord the rest."

I am sorry not to be able to meet you in person at the Meeting, but hope and trust all will be strengthened to go on with the good work so fairly commenced.

I must not close without a word for the Little Workers who have sent such valuable testimony of their love for mission work. They still desire to work on. They formed their band last spring and meet semi-monthly—having reading of Scripture, singing, recitations, and work which they sell. Their meetings are quite interesting and we look to their growing up deeply interested in mission work of every kind.

In many churches there seems to be a desire to work for Foreign Missions. While this is desirable, especially when we think of the vast number of heathen women who depend for the Gospel upon the women of Christian countries, but first it should be our aim to spread the Gospel in our own Provinces, then we can work with a clear conscience for others. With this humble report I send earnest wishes for a happy Meeting.

Your loving sister in Christ,

EMMA CHRISTIE.

St. John, N. B., Sept., 1885.

The reports being read the President made some well chosen remarks on mission work—"The need of a missionary in our Provinces, not forgetting that we should do all we can to help the Foreign Mission. * * * We should not despise small things, if we could not give ten cents a month, give two, it all helps the good work. * * * God loves the cheerful giver." We cannot remember all the good things the President said, but they were all to the purpose. The *Little Workers* of the Coburg Street church was not forgotten.

Sister Etherington closed the meeting with prayer, after which we parted, feeling that we had spent a pleasant and profitable hour. Now, with an earnest desire to do all in our power to help along the work of Christ, we ask you, one and all, to help us by forming Aid Societies in every church.

Your Sister in Christ,

B. M. WILSON,

Secretary, *pro tem.*

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF "THE CHRISTIAN"

FROM NOV. 1st, 1884, TO OCT. 31st, 1885.

To the Home Mission Board of the Disciples of Christ of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia convened at Milton, N. S.:

Total number of Subscribers.....840
 (A gain of 112 since last report.)
 Paid up to the end of October, 1884.....177
 " " December, ".....71
 " " October, 1885.....250
 " " December, ".....84
 Number paid to different months in 1886.....65
 Subscribers whose subscriptions commenced at the first number and who have not paid anything....40

The balance is paid to different months in 1885 other than those mentioned above.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Treasurer, Oct. 31st, 1884.. \$0 20
 To amount received for subscriptions..... 262 75
 " " " advertisements..... 10 50
 \$273 45

EXPENDITURE.

Barnes & Co., for publishing.....\$192 00
 For postage..... 9 49
 One book for Treasurer..... 3 00
 Elder D. Crawford, for expenses..... 3 00
 " T. H. Capp, "..... 6 00
 213 49

Balance in hands of Treasurer..... \$59 96

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. EDWARDS,
 Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., Sept. 1st, 1885.

CURRENT EVENTS.

DOMESTIC.

The Nova Scotia apple crop is large, and the market is well supplied.

At a meeting in Portland on Monday night in aid of the families of the men drowned in the Humacao disaster, \$900 was subscribed.

The search for the body of Benj. Trefry, supposed to have been murdered at East River, near Yarmouth, has been resumed, and an early solution of this mysterious case is anticipated.

The smallpox is unquestionably spreading in Montreal. A statement appears in the *Quebec Chronicle* of Saturday to the effect that since the previous Saturday the nuns had discovered 116 families with 241 cases in them.

The Halifax City Council has voted to contract for a granite-faced dock, of at least 580 feet in length, 100 in width, and 30 feet depth of water. To the Halifax Graving Dock Company, which will build this dock, it agrees to pay \$10,000 a year for twenty years.

On Saturday at Regina, N. W. T., Big Bear was formally sentenced, by Judge Richardson, to three years in the penitentiary. Two-by-Two and others of Big Bear's band got two years. Red Eagle and four Sioux got three years, and five Cree who forcibly entered a house north of Broadview and stole a horse, colt and several oxen from Wiserman got three years.

The Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Co.

ESTABLISHED 1868.

Dominion Deposit, \$100,000.00
 Business done during 1884 amounted to . \$2,351,150.00
 Income averaging (per day) \$1,000.00

E. M. SIPPRELL,

MANAGER FOR N. B. AND P. E. I.