

In a private letter just received from Rev. W. S. Whittier, who has been doing an excellent work in Australia in the Home Mission Field, organizing new congregations he says: "I spent an evening recently with dear old Mrs. Geddie who is quite active. It was just one of the romances of mission life as I got her to dwell on her departure from Halifax in a packet to Boston, the search there for a passage further, the trip of months to the Sandwich Islands, and the stay among the missionaries there. It was a pleasure to her to hear from them as I had spent a night, on the voyage from San Francisco to Australia, with the oldest of the missionaries there well known to Mrs. Geddie.

"I had Rev. H. A. Robertson of Erromanga up a few days with me" (Mr. R. has been in Australia on furlough) "and I was with him at Paramattas. I saw the report from Truro of Mrs. Robertson's death, and indeed she was very ill for a time.

Now that it is becoming a matter of less time than in the old "Dayspring" days, I may manage to take a run over to the island before leaving this South land" Apart from the officers and men of the first Dayspring we do not know of any from our church who have visited this our first foreign mission field. If Mr. Whittier succeeds in doing so it will be both cheering to the missionaries and interesting to the church at home.

One of the items of business transacted at the Presbyterial meeting of the W. F. M. S. at Stellarton, was to recommend each of its 30 auxiliaries to write some one of our missionaries or lady teachers during the year. This is to be a part of its work without expecting any answers from the missionaries. A most admirable plan. Let other Presbyterials do likewise and the missionaries will be all the more gladdened and cheered in their work.

The great interest in the discussion of Revision of the Confession in the Presbyterian Church of the United States has centered in the Presbytery of New York on account of

the size and importance of that Presbytery. The majority there was in favor of Revision. In the three Presbyteries of Philadelphia, however, the result has been different, the aggregate vote there being fifty-four for Revision against it one hundred and fourteen.

If Mr. Moody excels in anything it is in intense earnestness, simple faith, knowledge of Scripture and loyalty to it, and strong practical common sense. Concerning *Church Fairs* he gives no uncertain sound. He pronounces them an "abomination." "The idea," says, "of raffling and voting for the best-looking man, and having the girls all sell cigars! Better you should worship in a barn than resort to any such methods."

Rev. P. M. Morrison writes that during the next few weeks, up to the first of May, some \$2000 must be received for the Home Mission Fund that it may close the year free of debt. \$5,264.00 has already been received for this Fund during the year. It is doing a grand work and is worthy of our most generous support. \$3000 has been given by the Maritime Provinces to Home Missions in the North West in response to Mr. Robertson's appeals. This is generous but we must not forget our own Home Mission Field. But a short time remains before the close of the ecclesiastical year for congregations that have not done so to forward their gifts for this good work.

Thanks to the friends who so kindly returned copies of the February MARITIME.

### Maritime Notes,

D Housie College receives \$10,000 by the will of the late John P. Mott. If a few of our wealthy men when making their wills would remember Pine Hill substantially it would be a deed well done.

The Manse at Souris, P. E. Island, the home of Rev. J. G. Cameron, was burned on the night of the 12th Feb. Most of the furniture was saved.

Rev. T. H. Murray, of Lower Musquodoboit, who was injured by being thrown from his carriage, is making rapid progress toward recovery.