

Home Mission Notes.

The General Christian Missionary Society, or Home Mission Society of the United States and Canada, reported at Nashville at follows:

Number of missionaries and agents employed for whole or part time,	67
Number of days of labor,	17 542
Number of sermons and addresses,	6,795
Number of additions,	2,364
Number of churches assisted,	165
Number of new points visited,	69
Number of new churches organized,	27
Received from mission stations,	\$17,298
Received from general collections,	21,523
	\$38,821

They say, "We need \$50,000 annually to carry forward efficiently our present missions and to make appropriations in answer to appeals already in hand." We have appealed to them for aid in our field and we hope all our churches will take up a collection and help them to raise the amount they so much need.

The Board of Church Extension also reports as follows: This fund is to be loaned to help weak churches build houses of worship. Interest on loan to be four per cent, and loan not to exceed one-fourth of the cost of property. This fund was started in Springfield, Ill., October, 1888, only four years ago.

Receipts for first year,	\$12 305
" " second "	15 622
" " third "	18 289
" " fourth "	21 760
Loans returned,	13 652
Interest paid on loans,	3 778
Total receipts,	\$85 406

Loans granted 129, amounts paid,	57 805
" " 52 to be paid,	25 900
181	\$82 705

The state associations are growing in strength and efficiency, as the following summary for year ending October, 1891, shows:

Number of missionaries for whole or part time,	338
" " days service,	47,586
" " additions,	19,104
" " new places visited,	352
" " meetings,	1,796
" " churches organized,	172
" " Sunday-schools organized,	320

Total raised for evangelization and for support of pastors,	\$136 609
Total for local work,	162 118
Total raised,	\$298 727

The following was reported at the Iowa State Convention: Disciples in Iowa, 31,687; preachers, 207; State missionaries labored 2,576 days; preached 1,633 sermons, and there was 1,109 added to the churches. The convention was held in August last, and since then there has been 400 additions.

Bro. Romig's meeting at Burrton, Kan., resulted in 72 additions.

Brethren, we are still trying to get a suitable evangelist for this field. The following quotations from letters received will show how hard it is for us to get what we want. Bro. M. B. Ryan, now in Milwaukee, Wis., writes:

I do not now think of any man available for your work whom I could recommend for immediate engagement. "Good" men, such as you need, are not, as a rule, lying around loose in the United States, and it takes, of course, some time to detach one who has a present engagement. There are plenty of men, whom I know, who would probably go at your call, but I could not recommend them for the work. If I should learn of any one whom I could recommend, and who would go there to labor, I shall most gladly put you in correspondence with him. * * * I am glad, indeed, to hear of the good work going on in your home church and hope it may continue. We read THE CHRISTIAN with a great deal of interest. I think it a great

credit to our brethren in the provinces to publish so excellent a paper.

Hoping that you will secure some good man for your evangelistic work, and that great prosperity may attend all the churches, I remain very truly your brother.

Bro. J. H. Hardin writes:

I have been trying to secure you a man and thought till this morning I had him, but the one I chose writes me that he cannot be released at present from his engagements. But I will not cease my efforts. I think I can succeed soon. Ask the brethren not to be impatient. I could get any number of men, but not such as I know the field demands.

Bro. Darst also says:

I received your letter and tried to get Bro. Smith to go down and help you, but failed. He could not leave his work long enough for that. I do not know any other suitable man for the work there who is in a position to take it.

The General Christian Missionary Convention voted to unite with you of the provinces in support of an evangelist. I hope you will be able to secure a suitable man soon.

If I learn of such a man I will let you know. Bro. W. L. Bowell, of Haverhill, takes our work here Dec. 1st. We are hoping for great things.

All seems well here at the Tabernacle. Our two missions are doing nicely. We are planning for great things from the Lord this winter.

The Lord bless both your work in St. John and in your evangelistic efforts. We must pray the Lord of the harvest to send us laborers.

Give my kindest regards to Bro. Stewart and Bro. Barnes, and all who remember me. The Lord bless all your efforts.

Let us all unite in our prayers and contributions that great success may attend our efforts this coming year.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$93 75
St. John—	
Young Peoples' M. B.,	2 25
Westport—	
Ladies' Aid Society,	3 00
Milton—	
For Miss A. A. Collie,	4 00
	\$103 00

J. S. FLAGLER,
Secretary.

Maritime Women's F. M. Society.

Your secretary having received a very encouraging, helpful letter from Bro. Donald Crawford, takes the liberty of publishing a few extracts from it:

"I am very much pleased with the beautiful photo of our Canadian Missionary to Japan. When I sent our offering from New Glasgow, I told Bro. McLean that I wished it to go to the support of Sister Rioch, and that it it were better he would put it to the credit of your society. His answer was that it was all right, and that as money was needed it was timely. I feel glad, dear sister, that you are so interested in this foreign work, and pray that you will be abundantly successful. I believe that in proportion as we feel for, and support foreign work, will God bless and prosper us at home. It would give me great joy to see our sisters on P. E. Island all heartily engaged in mission work. There are places on this Island where it would be much more convenient for them to meet for missionary work than in this locality; yet I am not without hope that here, ere long, we may have something of the kind.

We held our first monthly missionary meeting in the Coburg Street Christian Church on last Lord's day in October, which proved to be very interesting. Bro. Stewart, who presided, gave a short address, in which he said that the object of these meetings was to assist Sister Rioch in the work of trying to bring souls to Christ in Japan, and that there was great need for our assistance. Miss Maggie Barnes then sang very sweetly a missionary hymn. Mr. J. Barry Allen then read a touching story, show-

ing how one little girl, converted from heathenism, lead many others to Christ, and thereby a church was planted in that heathen village. Eight little girls followed, telling what each of the letters spelling the word "missions" represented. A collection was then taken, amounting to \$3.60. Following this, Miss Mabel Boyne read an original poem, written by one of our sisters, and at the earnest request of a number she has consented to have it published in our missionary column, her only desire and prayer being that God in some way will use it for His honor and glory:

WHY I SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN MISSIONS.

As I listened to the story
Of the Christ who died for me,
How He left His throne in glory
For the cross on Calvary.

Then my heart was filled with longings
For those souls who have not heard
Of this precious, loving Saviour,
Or His Father's Holy Word.

And the question came, O! Christian,
Can you sit, with folded hands,
While the souls of men are dying
In those distant heathen lands?

When you sit around His table,
Feeding on the bread of heav'n,
Hear you not those millions pleading
That this bread to them be given?

Souls are living,—yes, are dying,
In a darkness dark as night;
Dark because that Christ's disciples
Have withheld from them the light.

When Christ said, "Go teach all nations,
Then He gave this work to us,
Shall we be like slothful servants,
Or shall we fulfil this trust?

God could bring these nations to Him,
Without our help; yet He
Deigns to ask for our assistance,—
Asks that we co-laborers be.

Christians, do you see the honor
Christ is asking you to share?
That of peopling those bright mansions
He has gone on to prepare.

Father, help me spread the story
Of a Saviour from above,
Send some light into the darkness,
Help some souls to share Thy love.

May Christ be my only passion,
May my life be hid in Thee;
In the cross of Christ, my Saviour,
May my glory ever be.

Then my lips shall tell of Jesus,
Then my heart with praise o'erflow,
Then my life be spent in helping
Other souls Thy love to know.

REPORT FROM WESTPORT.

Dear Sisters,—

We were so rejoiced to hear that an auxiliary had been organized at Port Williams, that we thought it might gladden your hearts to know that our society at Westport is growing spiritually, I trust, as well as numerically. Four new members have recently joined with us. Bro. Cooke has been away from home two weeks. The first Sunday in November the prospect for our morning meeting was not very bright, as so many of the brethren were away. But the sisters came up nobly to the work and said, "We will have our missionary meeting in the morning instead of the afternoon." And we had a very interesting meeting, all seemed to enjoy it. And while we feel thankful that others are joining with us in this grand work, we are mourning the loss of one of our most devoted workers—Sister Chas. Pugh. The first member of our auxiliary called to her reward. And as plainly as the message said to her, "Come up higher," it comes home to us to-day, "Be ye also ready."

May the Lord help us to be more useful in His service.
Yours in the work,
CARRIE F. PAYSON.

CORNWALLIS.

The sisters of Cornwallis have organized an auxiliary C. W. B. M. in accordance with plans made at the annual.

We held our second meeting on Sunday, November 20th. In spite of the rain there were nine sisters present, and a very profitable hour was spent.