

Home Missions.

Address all communications and remittances to W. A. Barnes, Secretary, 228 St. James Street, St. John, N. B.]

Almost seven months have elapsed since the Annual at Tiverton. There were \$208 pledged at that meeting for the Home Mission work. Only one-third of that amount has been paid. Will all those who have not sent in the amount of their pledges do so at once, so that the Board can meet their current expenses?

Very few of the churches have responded to the circular letter, which was sent to them last September. Our brethren in the United States are going to raise \$100,000 for home missions, why can not the churches in these provinces raise \$1,000.

Bro. Stevenson, during the fourteen weeks he was in the field, created a good interest in the mission work. Calls have been received from churches for him to hold meetings with them, but he cannot go as he will continue as pastor of the church at Montague.

Bro. Robert F. Whiston, the "Boy Evangelist," who is now holding a meeting with the church in Haverhill, Mass., will begin a meeting with the Coburg St. Christian Church, Lord's day, March 5th. It may be possible to engage him for the home field.

The work in Halifax is progressing very favorably. Bro. Ford is full of faith, work and hope. Six persons have been baptized into Christ during the past month. In the six months he has been in Halifax he has had much to discourage him, but he has worked faithfully, and with the blessing of God he is now seeing the fruit of his labors.

Bro. Wm. Murray has been laboring a month with the brethren at Pictou, N. S. He reports an increase in the Lord's day evening congregations.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$375 31
Tiverton—	
Mrs. H. Outhouse, pledge at Annual,	2 00
Mrs. Geo. Outhouse, pledge at Annual,	1 00
Lyla B. Israel, pledge at Annual,	1 00
St. John—	
Coburg St. Mission Band,	4 18
Main St., Ladies' Aid,	2 65
Summerville, N. S.—	
Frank Ford, part pledge at Annual,	2 00
Noel, Hants Co.—	
Wm. Webb,	50
Halifax, N. S.—	
Per E. C. Ford,	9 00
Profits from CHRISTIAN,	30 00
	\$427 54

W. A. BARNES, Secretary.

A gentleman who was walking near an unoccupied building one day saw a stone-cutter chiseling patiently at a block of stone in front of him. The gentleman walked up to him. "Still chiseling?" he remarked, pleasantly. "Yes, still chiseling," replied the workman, going on with his work. "In what part of the building does this stone belong?" asked the gentleman. "I don't know," replied the stonecutter. "I haven't seen the plans." And then he went on chiseling, chiseling, chiseling. And that is what we should do. We have not seen the great plans of the Master Architect above, but each of us has his work to do, and we should chisel away until it is done.

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

LORD'S COVE, N. B.

Perhaps many, if not all, of our sisters, would like to hear what Lord's Cove is doing in missionary work.

We are glad to report a growth in our C. W. B. M. work. We have an active membership of about thirty members. We meet regularly every month.

We observed C. W. B. M. day in December and realized something over eleven dollars. We have made a plea for a good collection at the silver anniversary of the C. W. B. M., and unless our sisters are farther behind than they usually are at special collections, we hope to make a good report.

We have had Sister Ryan and family with us for the past five weeks. They have left for their home in Erie, Penn. We feel that our auxiliary has met with a great loss, but in the work that she has done here we know that our loss is some one's gain. May the God of all grace who has sustained them in their hours of prosperity and adversity be with them through life, and if we meet no more here, may it be our happy lot to meet above where all is joy, and peace, and love.

Our Auxiliaries have hardly got over the disappointment of not seeing Sister Rioch; and while we feel that her presence and talks would have been a great stimulus to us; yet our desire is to do more than we have in the past, to hasten the day when superstition shall be overthrown by the gospel, and degraded humanity shall enjoy our privileges.

I am glad to see another of our Canadian brothers (Bro. Manifold) giving himself to the foreign work, and I for one feel that we should have a share in this work. When I realize how little the Canadian brotherhood is doing, either for home or foreign work, I think we are "playing at Missions."

Let us awake to the fact that *we* and *all* we have belong to God, and let us use *all* in his service. MRS. FRANK RICHARDSON.

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported,	\$184 30
Lord's Cove—	
Ladies' Auxilliary,	11 00
St. John—	
Coburg Street, Ladies' Auxilliary,	3 30
do. Sunday School,	4 00
Halifax—	
Ladies' Auxilliary,	6 00
	\$208 60

SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer.

A man was once asked why he took so much pains to oblige others in trifles. His answer was in substance: I have neither the wealth, nor the intellect, nor the learning, nor the position to do big things for God or man, and so I take delight in doing any little thing to promote another's interest or enjoyment. In this way I may add to the sum of human happiness, and also recommend my Saviour to the attention of those who know him not.—*Christian Intelligencer.*

Children's Work.

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

DEAR GIRLS AND BOYS,—

I am anxious for all our Bands to make an extra effort just now to increase our offerings. I am going to send copies of a concert exercise for Easter to each of our Bands, and I hope every Band will try in this way to raise more money, and to awaken renewed interest in our Mission Band work. It is some time since I have had a letter from any of the Bands. I would like to hear from *all* the Bands right away.

Your loving friend,

MRS. D. A. MORRISON,
Supt Children's Work.

LETTER FROM THE MAHOBA SCHOOL.

The Mahoba School greet you with love. The rain is falling on the green trees and fields. There will be grain to make bread this year and it will be cheaper for the poor so they can have food. For this we have prayed. For this we give thanks to the Father of All. We know you have prayed for this too. Our lake is full of water.

We are learning different kinds of sewing, and we enjoy the sewing hour. We like our school very much. We meet in our new School Chapel for C. E. Society meetings. We miss our Bari Mama (Miss Graybiel), when she is in Deoghur. We are glad, though, that our friends there are to have a house, and a good school-house like ours.

Every day the monkeys come into our yard and give us trouble. They eat the corn in our own little gardens, and even snatch the bread from our hands.

We wish you could see the beautiful clouds we see at sunset time in the rain. Our trees and plants are growing.

We are happy when we hear that you pray for us, think of us, and love us, and we want to be good children. *Salaam!*

THE SKY GARDEN.

When "the sun has gone to the foreign land,"
And the clouds are rose and gold,
Lying in banks of color,
Beautiful, fold on fold,
The Indian children say with delight,
As the sunset rays illumine,
Ever in richer glow and gleam,
"The clouds are all in bloom!"

And never a brighter garden
Than the one in the western sky,
Crimson and pink for the roses,
In wonderful drifts float by;
Gold for the yellow of lilies;
Pansies in purple haze;
Fluff on fluff of lilacs,
And pink of hyacinthe sprays!

Yes, all the clouds are blooming
At the close of this mist-veiled day,
Bringing a glorious garden
From masses and banks of gray.
We watch the violets gather
In the cloud that purpling twines,
Then we see a drift of lilies,
As the evening star outshines!

—*Adelaide Gail Frost.*

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported,	\$14 74
Halifax—	
Junior Endeavor	5 00
Leonardville—	
Happy Band,	3 00
	\$22 74

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WILLOW PARK, Halifax, N. S.