

solemn thing. But it shows its potentialities, too, since it is possible for us to now give wings to words that will carry blessing through all succeeding years, and to start influences which, like a river, will deepen and widen, gather volume and force, until the sea of eternity is reached.

The Saviour condemned those who stood on the corners of the streets to be seen of men. Their aim seemed to be to obtain a reputation for a sanctity upon which they had no claim. Their successors in these days are among those who are always wanting to know what man will say rather than what God will think. There is a tendency to deflect the rays of the search-light of a scrutinizing world; and hence it often happens that there is a strong contrast between what some men are and what they appear to be. When alone, the circumstances are changed. The closet life and the condition of the heart are related to one another as the stream and the fountain. Alone with God there is no motive for deception; nothing can be gained by maintaining a disguise. A bad man dreads to be thus alone; a good man, even in a prison cell, can find a deep spring of comfort to which he may continually resort. And the good of earth, not from necessity, but from choice, spend a great deal of time away from the world and near their God. Jesus at the commencement of His ministry set the world an example by rising up long before the sun and departing to a solitary place for prayer; and when the shades of his darkest hour were gathering He sought to be alone, and so, saying to His disciples, "Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder," He went a little further and poured out His supplications with strong crying and tears. He who follows the Saviour will be safe. No one ever became an immoral man if with frequency and regularity he entered into his closet, and with a true heart prayed to his Father who sees in secret. No one ever went back into the world to feed on its husks and be clothed in its rags if he maintained his secret intercourse with God. Apostacy in many cases begins with the neglect of the closet. Where does it end? Take heed, then, unto thy ways.

Home Mission Notes.

We are glad to say that Bro. S. W. Leonard will be with the churches at LeTete and Back Bay during his vacation. We have the same arrangement with him that we had with Bro. Stevens last year. We hope his labors will be blessed and that all will work with him faithfully in order to build up the cause there.

Bro. Carson reports Bro. H. Murray labored in Halifax five weeks; preached ten sermons; one addition; collected \$30.00; received \$55.00.

Bro. D. Crawford labored in Halifax five weeks; preached seventeen sermons; four additions; collected \$25.00; received \$50.00.

Both the brethren made a large number of visits and preached at points in Hants Co. Bro. Ford was with them on Lord's day the 25th.

We fully expect Bro. Northcutt to be in Halifax the third Lord's day in July to continue a meeting for a month. Let all pray for God's blessing on their efforts to turn men and women to the Lord.

J. H. Hardin acknowledges the receipt of \$3.00 from Leonardville, \$10.00 from Halifax and \$30.00 from Cuburg street, St. John.

We hope all our churches will take up this collection and forward to him.

| RECEIPTS. | |
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| Previously acknowledged, | \$251 49 |
| St. John— | |
| Sunday-school, | 10 16 |
| Y. P. Mission Band, May, | 3 71 |
| “ “ June, | 4 17 |
| Milton— | |
| Per Miss Freeman, | 2 10 |
| Halifax— | |
| Elder H. Murray, | 30 00 |
| Elder D. Crawford, | 25 00 |
| | \$326 63 |

J. S. FLAGLER,
Secretary.

Post Office, St. John.

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

All will be glad to know that the Ontario brethren and sisters have held a very enjoyable and profitable convention, and express the opinion that it was the best June meeting ever held by the Disciples in Ontario. You will also be much interested in the financial report of the foreign work, which shows the funds to be in good condition, and that the contribution from the Maritime Provinces has grown from \$94.00 last year to \$218.00 this. The report is as follows:

| RECEIPTS. | |
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| Balance from last year, | \$229 75 |
| Received from the Children's Mission Bauds of Ontario, | 300 00 |
| C. W. B. M. of the Maritime Provinces, | \$165 00 |
| Individual contributions from | |
| P. E. Island, | 53 00 |
| Sunday-schools of Ontario, | 39 28 |
| The Auxiliaries, | 75 80 |
| Individual contributions, | 262 50 |
| Sale of Photographs, | 3 00 |
| Am't collected during the year, | 598 58 |
| Total, | \$1,128 33 |

| PAYMENTS. | |
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| Miss Mary Rioch, Missionary to Japan, travelling expenses and outfit, | \$321 10 |
| Salary account, | 350 90 |
| | \$672 10 |
| Balance, | \$456 23 |

The following resolutions, in each of which we are deeply interested, were passed at that meeting. The words of sympathy expressed in regard to the loss which we have sustained in the death of our dear Sister Barnes will touch a tender chord in every heart:

Resolved, That this Convention express their appreciation of the letter of greeting and reports of the C. W. B. M. of the Maritime Provinces, and that we also express our sympathy and regret in the loss of our beloved Sister Barnes, late Vice-President, and that many of us have exceeding pleasant recollections of her helpful presence at our Convention in Toronto two years ago, and not till we gain the home where our abiding will not be measured by days or years will we fully understand all the good done by the labor and examples of such noble Christian women.

Here also is a copy of a resolution in reference to Sister M. Rioch:

Resolved, That this Convention send to our beloved missionary, Sister Mary Rioch, an expression of our sympathy in her work and of our full confidence in her ability to fulfil all the desires of the sisters who contribute to her support, and we pray that the Saviour for whose sake she is passing the best years of her bright young life in a heathen land may be more to her than the kindred and friends she has left, and that the kind Father in heaven will "keep her as the apple of the eye, that He will hide her under the shadow of His wing," and that He will be unto her as the "shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

CHILDREN'S DAY.

One has said: "The reason that so many Christians have no interest in missionary work is because they have never invested any principal in it."

Now we are very desirous that all our children (as well as the older ones) shall have a deep interest in our missionary, Sister Rioch, and her work, and believe that there is no better way to awaken such interest than by giving them an opportunity to send an offering toward her support. Many thousand dollars are given every year by the children.

They are building churches and hospitals, also sustaining missionaries in different fields.

Last year in the United States our Children's Day collection amounted to over \$20,000.

All the Sunday-schools in Canada are this year asked to set apart one day on which the children shall bring their offerings. We would ask that each superintendent bring this matter before his school and that a collection be taken, thus giving to the children an opportunity to manifest the interest they already feel in our work in Japan, and awakening in them a deeper interest.

The first Lord's day in July has been set apart for this collection to be taken in the Maritime Provinces. Will not every school respond? Sister Sinclair, Corresponding Secretary O. C. W. B. M. by request sends the following:

CHILDREN'S DAY COLLECTION.

We always love to think of the origin of children's day; of how Bro. Garrison's children sent an offering with him to the missionary convention, saying, "We want this to go to the children who know nothing about Jesus." Thus the thought ever clings about the offering, as the Sunday-school children save their pennies, that it is for the reason they too want to help in sending the story of "Jesus and His love" to those who know it not. Our sisters in the Maritime Provinces unite with the Sisters of Ontario in sending a missionary to Japan, and we feel sure the Sunday-school children will gladly share in this work by sending an offering. We would urge the superintendents and teachers to encourage the children to prepare for this collection.

Having received letters from all parts of our provinces expressing the pleasure and profit derived from reading Sister Rioch's letters, we gladly publish another:

TOKIO, Japan.

To the C. W. B. M. of Ontario and Maritime Provinces, GREETING:

Am reminded by the beautiful flowers blossoming on all sides that summer will soon be with you. With summer comes the "June meeting," and the thought fills my heart with gratitude and love to the many dear friends who will meet together in Christian love and sympathy to discuss ways and means of extending the Lord's kingdom. It hardly seems possible that a year has passed since I was speaking with you all face to face. Never will I forget the many expressions of love and sympathy I met from you all, and have since continued to meet throughout the whole year. From the time I reached Japan, and even before I started on my journey, every mail brought me some kind letters from friends in my own dear country and also from friends in the United States. Those of you who have been far away from home can guess how I appreciate them. God has abundantly blessed me in giving me so many friends, for in Japan, too, He has given me some very near and dear ones. We missionaries find sweet companionship together. There are times, for instance, after entertaining Japanese classes nearly all day for a week or so, when one feels they must get away from it all, for a little while, and enjoy the society of those of their own country. Our mission has a monthly prayer-meeting on the first Saturday of each month; it is a day looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure by us all. It is now nearly six months since we sailed up the beautiful bay of Yokohama. God truly has been with me and blessed me above all that I could have asked or thought. Though I have seen the only dark days of my life in Japan, yet there have been many, many truly happy ones, and I have grown more and more to trust and love Him who is our refuge and our strength, and to know that underneath are the everlasting arms to sustain and keep me from all harm. My Sunday-school is encouraging also, one sees the same faces there every Sunday. Last month thirty-five had attended every Sunday in the month and therefore received a pretty picture card that came from America. They place twice as much value on these cards as on the ones made in Japan. When I pass along in the neighborhood of the school, am greeted by many little heads, bowing almost to the ground, and sometimes they will run a block to do so. Next month we expect Miss Harrison's girls. Also, we each take a charity school of her's under our charge. The poor people among whom the charity schools are placed are very thankful to us for giving their