

Home Mission Notes.

Bro. Cooke reports four weeks' work at Southville: "preached thirty sermons, baptized two, collected \$14.03. It was a glorious meeting, and the church bids fair to become very strong. The past two summers I have visited them occasionally, and baptized fourteen."

At the request of the Mission Board, Bro. Stewart visited Keswick, N. B., on the first Lord's day in November, and remained until Wednesday. Preached five sermons, baptized two, and received more than enough to pay expenses. The people have written us, asking for his return, saying that he is just the man for the work. There is a fine chance for a large ingathering at Keswick, and we hope to get some one to hold a meeting there.

We have been trying in every way to get a preacher for this field, but so far have not succeeded. Those who answered our advertisement have not been thought suitable for this field.

Bro. J. H. Hardin notifies us that at a meeting of the G. C. M. C. in Cincinnati, Nov. 19th, they appropriated \$250 00 to help Halifax sustain a preacher for a year, beginning January, 1894. This is good news, and all should be glad to see this evidence of their good will and desire to unite with us in the work.

Bro. Northcutt is now holding a meeting in Nashville, Tenn. His meeting at Mexico, Mo., lasted five weeks, and 137 were added to the church. The *Ledger* says: "Never within the history of the church at Mexico, has a meeting with such marked results been held. Its influence has apparently permeated every home. To the sweet voice of his Christian daughter, Miss Mary, may be attributed no small part of Elder Northcutt's wonderful success. She, by so many of the Christian graces that adorn the female sex, has in addition, a sweet voice which is all attuned to the glory and praise of God, and she uses it to make others happy in his service."

We hope to have these consecrated workers hold some meetings for us before the next Annual.

The time for giving presents draws near. We hope many will remember this Fund, and thus help to build up the cause in our Home Field.

Wishing all a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$125 00
Tiverton—	
Per H. A. Devoo,	2 00
Lord's Cove—	
Per D. F. Lambert,	4 50
Halifax—	
Per E. C. Ford,	10 00
St. John Y. P. M. B.—	
Per Miss B. Barnes,	4 30
Southville—	
Per H. E. Cooke,	14 03
Milton—	
Per Miss A. A. Collie,	3 00
Keswick—	
Per H. W. Stewart,	5 50
	\$168 33

J. S. FLAGLOR,
Secretary.

Post Office, St. John.

In a private letter from our faithful missionary at Nankin, China, F. E. Moigs, he says: "We have been so pressed for means that we have not had any peace. I have known hard times at home, but never anything to compare with what I have seen here." The work in China has been hindered for lack of money.

We have an organization in China known as "The Central China Christian Missionary Convention." The fifth annual meeting was held at the Christian hospital, Nankin, China, April 20th, 1893. We have four stations in China and three out-stations; twenty-three missionaries and six native helpers; 19 additions last year; 65 pupils in day school, 170 pupils in Sunday-school. This work must not be allowed to suffer for lack of support.

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

Your secretary, having received a very pleasing and interesting letter from our missionary, Sister Rioch, gives the following extracts:

"How pleased I was to hear of your Annual Meeting being a success, and to think that those dear children are to adopt a little girl! I should say that they are very courageous, as \$60 is not a small sum to raise each year. I shall take the responsibility gladly, yet prayerfully, and trust that you will all pray for me. I feel so little able to do such a grand noble work. Is it not strange that I, who am merely a babe as yet in Christ, should be chosen for such a responsibility? O that I may lean on Christ sufficiently to carry it.

"Tell the children that I shall not be in a hurry to take their little girl, but shall be patient if they can be, so as to get the very best one I can; and when I have found her, I do trust that she may turn out to be all that they can desire, that she may do much good in this land. . . . How thankful I was to hear of the good work done by Bro. Northcutt. You must all have been greatly strengthened. Does it not do one's heart good to see souls come to Christ, earnestly striving to hear and obey his will? Will it not be grand when all Canada is for Christ? than which country it seems to me there is none better."

During the last month six dollars was given to your secretary to be used in the support of the little girl whom Sister Rioch is to take and train for a Christian helper, and whom the children of the Maritime Provinces are pledged to support. This money was the proceeds of a parlor concert held by one of our little girls, Miss Zela Morton, who had herself trained the little ones who took part and prepared a very pleasing programme which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Do not others see in this a suggestion as to ways in which money could be raised for the spread of the gospel in heathen lands, much needed information given and a deeper interest in the souls of the perishing awakened. We trust that we will hear of other missionary concerts during the coming winter.

Mrs. J. S. FLAGLOR,

Secretary.

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported,	\$38 80
St. John:	
Woman's Aid,	4 05
Sunday-school,	3 47
Corwallis:	
Women's Auxiliary,	2 60
Summerville, Q. Co.:	
Per Mrs. L. Hupman,	1 00
Lord's Cove:	
Women's Auxiliary,	8 00
New Glasgow:	
Per D. Crawford,	40 00
	\$97 92

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Previously reported,	\$9 92
St. John:	
Wide Awake Band,	52
Miss Zela Morton,	6 00
Leonardville:	
Willing Workers,	6 00
	\$22 44

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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Money for Foreign Missions? Why there are heathen enough at home!" How often we have heard persons say this when asked to help by giving a small sum for missions.

The puzzling question why so many Christians have so little interest in missions, never received a better answer than this: "Because they have never invested any principal in them." It is with missionary work as with anything else. Those who know little, care little, and give little. Those who know most, are most interested, and give liberally. Study the needs of mission work, both Home and Foreign, and see what effect it will have on you and your pocket-book! There is one thing certain; if after a thorough study of the work from all standpoints, you still will not enter into it with heart and hand, mind and pocket-book, you will be either thoroughly hardened or thoroughly uncomfortable.

Our blessed Lord died for the redemption of the whole world. It has become our precious privilege to become acquainted with this great salvation; it is more our glorious privilege to have some little part to do in the spreading of it, and so to fulfil the desires of our loving Saviour's heart.

But says one, "What good is the little I can do? What good will one small society do?" And with these small excuses we try to evade our duty.

As well might say, what was Livingston against so many? But when we see the results of his work we cannot but admit that the work of one person, if done in the service and for love of our Master, is a mighty power in the world. Listen to the words of this same man: "People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa—say rather it is a privilege. I never made a sacrifice." On his last birth-day, he wrote these memorable words: "My Jesus, my King, my Life, my All; again I dedicate my whole self to Thee. Accept me gracious Father, and grant before another year I may finish my task. In Jesus name I ask it."

So also was Wm. Carey, whose name and works are known all over the Christian world. And again, Dr. Paton, who during thirty-four years of work in the New Hebrides with other missionaries, has had 14,000 converts. Can we hide ourselves under so weak excuses any longer? Say rather:

"I am only one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do;
What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do."

If we look at our own missionaries! Their lives filled with work and sacrifices are telling for good, surely. But oh! the Macedonian cry they are sending to us, "Come over and help us. There is so much to do, so many are dying around us, and our hands tied for lack of helpers." Can we hear their call to us, and go on in the same indifferent way? If so, when in the great day of accounts, we meet our Heavenly Father, how will we answer the question, "Where is thy brother?" We cannot, dare not say, "I am not my brother's keeper." Don't say, my work and what I can give is so small that it is not worth while offering. Each one has a work to do, and if we neglect ours, the chain of workers is broken, and souls that might be saved by or through us, are going farther and farther away from God. God's work wants live, whole-hearted, self-sacrificing Christian men and women.

As a people, we talk a great deal of the "Great Commission;" "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." Are we doing it? The doing is the practical side of the question. And there is room enough for all of our work.

There are 1,423,000,000 inhabitants in this world of ours. Of these, over 900,000,000, are not living in a civilized condition. Religiously, the world is divided as follows: Roman Catholics, 198,000,000; Mohammedans, 170,000,000; Protost-