

## Home Circle.

Time flies, is an adage almost worn out with repetition. But it is only as we note the flight of minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years, we learn how quick its flight. The thought it is time to get another month's copy ready for the printer and reader stirred the thought another month has gone. How, to what purpose has it been spent? Friend consider, *Time was, Time is,* and quickly spends the *Time, when Time shall be no more.* Now is the accepted *Time* if we would work for Jesus.

When we pen our notes it is with a desire to praise God from whom all blessings flow, and to record as a wise recorder, the evidences of the continued goodness, grace and help of our God. It may be interesting to our many readers to know that we have tried to do our work in faith and to look specially to God for the means needed to sustain and carry on the various interests in connection with Christ's cause committed to our charge. The church work properly sustained by the weekly voluntary free-will offerings of the people, who meet and worship at the Tabernacle. These eleven years and more it has been left to the conscience of the givers, whether they would rob God, or cast into the treasury as the Lord prospered them, and in measure as his word demands.

Often with a changing congregation made up largely of passing strangers, the faithful few, not rich in this world's goods, have had their faith tried by the out-look, and have been tempted by outsiders to do as we do and keep a check for wet Sundays, etc., to keep delinquents up to the mark. But through a year, which in the beginning seemed destined to try us above that we were able, the Lord has proved the true helper, and our treasurer's financial report enables us to raise another Ebenezer, and to say all these years our God has supplied our need. Often we hear the wish expressed would God, we could arise and build the upper structure, especially now that the temporary roof begins to leak. Is it to stir our energies and faith. We are too poor, but our God is rich, we often think, he may use *Buds* as a medium of finding and communicating help unto us. At least every reader can pray for the work, and in some measure work to this end.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Tabernacle Treasurer's Report for six months ending Dec. 31, 1885.

#### Running Expense Fund.

Cash in hand in this fund per statement rendered June 30, 1885.....	\$317 84
Cash received Sabbath collections.....	573 20
Proceeds Strawberry festival.....	72 80
Wave offering.....	100 00
<b>Total cash paid out of this fund six months Dec. 31, '85.</b>	<b>823 19</b>
Cash balance in hand Dec. 31, 1885.....	\$240 65

#### Building Fund.

Cash in this fund per statement rendered June 30, 1885..	\$347 80
Cash received six months ending Dec. 30, 1885.....	205 00
<b>Total cash in hand Dec. 31, 1885.....</b>	<b>\$552 80</b>

#### Communion Fund.

Cash in this fund per statement rendered June 30, 1885..	\$119 40
Cash received six months to Dec. 31, 1885.....	22 10
<b>Total cash in hand Dec. 31, 1885.....</b>	<b>\$141 50</b>
Cash paid out of this fund six months Dec. 31, 1885.....	41 50
<b>Total cash in hand Dec. 31, 1885.....</b>	<b>\$100 00</b>

#### Home and Foreign Mission Fund.

Cash collected six months ending Dec. 31, 1885.....	\$15 73
<b>Total cash in hand in all funds Dec. 31, 1885.....</b>	<b>\$240 65</b>
Running expense fund.....	552 80
Building fund.....	100 00
Communion fund.....	15 73
<b>Total cash in hand in all funds Dec. 31, 1885.....</b>	<b>\$909 18</b>

The statement has been audited and found correct.

[Signed]

CYRUS HUBLEY.  
JOHN GASTON.  
WILLIAM T. FRANCIS.  
Auditors.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM DAVIES,  
Treasurer.

*Building Fund. Cash received for lots. We still have a lot of lots for sale. It will be remembered a year ago it was*

decided and determined to get rid of debt on the lot, so as to be free of ground rent. By plan the lot was divided into 600 lots to be sold at \$5.00 a lot, this would pay off the \$3000 owing. This is the meaning of our monthly acknowledgment of lots sold, will you not take a lot and set us free. We can then let a larger share of our liberality go into other channels.

Received for lots during the month per J. F. Avery from a widow, J. G., \$5.00; Aron Hubley, \$4.00 per Grace Muhlig for Infant class, \$5.00.

Mr. C. Hubley, \$5.00, per J. K. Hubley, Abbie Clawson, \$5.00 Miss Saleman, \$5.00, per W. Davis, from Chambers Blakney, for two lots, \$10.00, and also \$1.50 for foreign missions. When asked how could you afford and manage to give so much, the brother said, I have a box and drop in a little every now and then for this special object.

*Encouragement.*—On Jan. 10th, it was the pastor's privilege to baptize a young man whose father and mother, and grandfather and grandmother he had previously baptised. It was no small pleasure to extend the right hand of fellowship to one of the third generation.

*Friendly greetings and words which cheer.*—It gives us pleasure to find that our words and work are so highly valued and esteemed by others. It was specially comforting to hear that *B. and E.* had been directly instrumental in leading one to Christ, it gives new impulse for this service. The new year especially with on-larg-ed effort is a time of testing to faith, do not say, perhaps many will not renew. Then again, how do you expect to get enough new subscribers to recupe the outlay. Thank God if we do not succeed we shall feel disappointed, for we have in faith planned to expect and expand from the income of *Buds* even more than in the past. To this end we would ask your prayers and efforts. For should our way prosper we want to run the Mission press more this year. Had we sufficient means we think we see the way for enlargement of our service in Christ's Kingdom. We thank all who, by pre-payment and sending \$1.00 for *Buds and Blossoms* are helping us to this end. We credit them with 25c. each to our free issue and Mission press fund. Last year our income for this work was not at all equal to the outlay. Yet the Lord enabled us to meet and pay the expenses. Received since last acknowledgement, and we credit to each 25c., Mrs. D. McPherson, W. Myers, Mrs. G. Anderson, Mrs. E. Smith, Ehler, Mrs. Burgis, John Mathews, Mrs. S. Howe, Amos Robinson, H. Hubley, Dumbarton Station, S. Shaw, Mrs. Estano, Mrs. Pazyants, Miss Potter, Mr. Stolliday, C. P. Evans, Mrs. A. J. Onderdonk, J. P. Pipes, Mrs. J. Manuel. Received since Jan. 1st for 1886.—A. E. Steward, Mrs. C. Covey, Aggie Deachman, Capt. Hardy, Mr. Halliday, Mr. Gaston, Mrs. Wood, Miss Jost, Annie Hubley, Mrs. Ogiville, Mrs. E. Shaw, Miss M. Bars, Rev. P. Murray, C. A. Bowley. We shall be during the year glad to receive donations for the several objects, and work in hand as our friends may send and designate.

*The Ladies Home and Church Sewing Circle* are at work. God grant that they may be as successful this spring as last year. Donations will be reported next month.

*Received with thanks* for our own use, from a widow, a pair of gold framed spectacles; and from P. Myers \$1.00.

*Text Card and Floral Mission.*—In distributing cards sent by young ladies at Wolfville, we met at the door of the hospital the matron and asked her to take promiscuously any card. She drew one from the parcel and read thereon,

"For thy weariest day  
May Christ be thy stay,  
For the darkest night  
May Christ be thy light."

Zec. 14, 6, "At Eventide it shall be light."

We draw the bow at a venture, scatter seed, but the direction and increase is of God.

## Orange Blossoms.

*Marrried,* 12th Jan., Edward McLean, to Bessie Dimock, both of Mount Umiseke, Rev. J. F. Avery, at Mizpah Cottage Hall-fax, N. S.

## Olive Branches.

BIRTH.—January 14th, the wife of George Frazer (ex-Mayor) a daughter.

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