

Home Mission Notes.

The meeting at Shubenacadie, conducted by Bro. Stevens, lasted only a week. There was one added by obedience. Wet weather interfered somewhat with the attendance.

Bro. Hiram Wallace remained at Pictou for three Lord's days in September and greatly benefitted the cause. Bro. Stevens resumes his labors there on October 4th.

Remember that each of the churches were asked to take up a monthly collection for this fund. The Sunday-schools and Endeavor societies are cordially invited to aid in this good work. Regular systematic giving in any church will result in large amounts being collected. Get into a regular order of collecting if you wish to help the cause in these provinces more than you did last year. Bro. Hines is remembering this fund again. He is desirous of a meeting at Gulliver's Cove.

When the people of God went into Canaan they were commanded to destroy all the inhabitants thereof, so that temptation and sin might be removed from the land, and that they might enjoy happiness and holiness. So we must do what we can to convert the people in our own land. If we fail in this, as did the people of old, we may be enticed into sin and fail to gain the "better land."

Come up then to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, ....	....	\$92 80
St. John, Mission Band, ....	....	5 00
" Coburg St. S. S., ....	....	10 00
" Main St. S. S., ....	....	2 58
Milton, per M. S. Freeman, ....	....	3 00
Gulliver's Cove, J. S. Hines, ....	....	5 00
		\$124 47

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.*

DEAR SISTERS,—We can hardly realize that another missionary year has closed and that the annual of 1896 is a thing of the past. We must work while the day lasts, for the night is coming when no man can work. Our meetings this year were inspiring and helpful. We will not soon forget the few days spent at West Gore. We regret that more of our sisters could not have been present. It was truly a time of refreshing from the hands of our Father. One of our sisters said she felt that she must be a better Christian after that meeting, and she longed to work more earnestly for Christ and the church. We come together in these annual gatherings to review the past and plan for the future, but the meeting is not a success unless we are made to feel our personal responsibility to God. It is a fitting time to give ourselves to the Master, saying, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

I know you are interested in the meetings of the C. W. B. M. I wish all our sisters could have heard Sister Ryan's paper on "Our Literature." It is time we were giving more attention to this important subject. There are so many things I would like to mention, but I can only speak of one encouraging feature of our business meeting—and that is the way our young sisters took hold of the work. It made our hearts glad to see them so willing to help in this great work.

You noticed in the last CHRISTIAN that we decided to keep the first Sunday in July as "Comrade Day." That should have read "Crusade Day." We propose to make this one of the best days in the whole year. On that day the work of the C. W. B. M. will be brought before the church, and during the following week every sister in the church will be asked to contribute to foreign missions. In order to make this a success we must have the hearty support of our pastors, and we know they will gladly help us in this work.

And now we have entered upon another year of service. I pray that God may show us how we can best honor and serve him. Let us live as if we knew this would be our last year on earth. And when we come up to another annual meeting may we be able to report many souls born into the kingdom.

Yours in the fellowship of the service,
CARRIE F. PAYSON.

Those sending money for Foreign missions will please notice the address as given below. All letters will be addressed to Waverley, but money orders will have to be drawn on Halifax—the nearest money order office—and then sent to my address.

Please remember that all Foreign mission money is sent to my address and not to St. John, as this latter makes extra expense.

RECEIPTS.

Collection at West Gore, ....	....	\$31 52
New Glasgow—		
From Church, ....	....	36 00
St. John—		
Ladies' Aid, ....	....	2 60
Westport—		
Ladies' Aid, ....	....	50
		\$70 62

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Lord's Cove—		
Mission Band, ....	....	\$1 88
Tiverton—		
Mission Band, ....	....	1 00
		\$2 38

SUSIE B. FORD, Treasurer.
Waverley,
Halifax Co., N. S.

Do not think any trial sanctified till you have a suitable frame for the trial whatever it be. Are you humbled? Are you prayerful? Are you submissive? Have you looked inward and confessed your sins? Unless affliction has brought you to this it has done you no good.

Let us remember that our usefulness as Christians depends far more on what we are than what we do.

Satan selects his disciples when they are idle, but Christ chose his while they were busy at work, either mending their nets or casting them into the sea.

FACTS THAT TELL.

In 1843 only six Christians could be found in the empire of China. Now there are 50,000 communicants.

Fifty years ago there was not a native Christian in the Friendly Islands. Now there are 30,000 church members.

In the New Hebrides fifty years ago there was not a Christian. Now there is said not to be a heathen.

There have been three millions of converts in the heathen world in the past 100 years.

There are now about one hundred thousand converts every year in heathen lands, or 274 every day, or 11 every hour in the day.

On the ground of statistical data it has been calculated that the traffic originated in the commercial world by means of mission work re-pays ten-fold the capital expended.

At the beginning of this century the Bible could be studied by only one-fifth of the earth's population. Now it is translated into languages that make it accessible to nine-tenths of the world's inhabitants.

Micronesia saw her first conversions to Christianity but a little more than a quarter of a century ago. Now there are forty-seven self supporting churches.

Pomare, the South Sea Island King, died at the age of seventy years. At his birth the first missionaries were just landing. At his death three hundred of the South Sea Islanders had become Christianized.

Seventy-five years ago there was not a convert in all Polynesia. Now the converts number 750,000. And they have sent a band of missionaries to other benighted tribes.

Japan had but ten Christians in 1872. Now there are 40,000. Buddhist priests have dwindled from 244,000 to 50,000—a most significant fact.

In Burmah, seventy years ago, there was not a single Christian. Now there are not far from 100,000. The Baptists alone have 500 churches and nearly 30,000 communicants.

Dr. Paton says of the New Hebrides—"Since I entered the field thirty-four years ago, by God's blessing on the united labors of our missionaries, He has given us about 14,000 converts, and about two hundred of them are engaged as native teachers.

In 1812, all Christian teaching was prohibited in India. Now the government in appreciation of missions, give large sums and valuable lands for the erection of hospitals, educational buildings, and for the support of medical missionaries. F. M. RAINS.

There is sanctity in suffering when meekly borne. Our duty, though set about by thorns, may still be made a staff, supporting while it tortures. Cast it away, and, like the prophet's wand, it changes to a snake.

Let me remember that I am nothing, have nothing, can bear nothing; and that my depending on myself is madness, and my depending on the Lord is heavenly wisdom.

Spiritual blessings are the best blessings; and those are blessed indeed who are blessed with them. God's blessings are realities and produce real effects. We can but wish a blessing; he commands it. Those whom he blesses are blessed indeed.—Henry.

Wonder not at your trial be they never so strange, and grievous and distressing. "All is well;" some secret end is to be answered which you see not. God is in all; the hand and love of a father is there.—Hill.