

when we too could graduate and enter more entirely into the work of life. But yet we dread the day, for it shall tear us from the dearest spot on earth—except home. Eight of the graduating class received honors.

Bethany grows and will grow in usefulness and greatness, and in the esteem and love of all who know her, and none know her but to love her. Notwithstanding the financial depression the attendance is almost as great as last year, while the prospects for a large increase next year are most encouraging. During the war, the darkest days of the institution, Campbell said that Bethany College depended not for her existence on any man, living or dead. Time has proved this true, and she must go on, for her every finger points and her every influence lights the road to heaven, and God upholds her outstretched arms.

E. C. '97.

Bethany, W. Va., July 13, 1894.

Home Mission Notes.

Our year's work is about to close, and we feel thankful that so much has been done for Home Missions this year. We hope a large number of our best workers will go to Milton and help make this annual the best in our history. Without doubt, the letters from the churches will be most encouraging. The Home Mission and other reports will show that good work has been done. The speakers will enthrall us for greater efforts than ever. Our friendship will be drawn closer, and our communion sweeter. So let everybody who has the cause of Christ at heart, come and enjoy the blessings of an annual meeting.

PERSONAL—It is now four years since the writer unwillingly undertook to act as a member of the Home Mission Board. He thought then, and knows now, that a more capable person should have been chosen to such an important position. He takes this opportunity of thanking those who have helped him in his work; also those who have contributed for the support of the gospel during this time. He trusts the brethren will come prepared to elect a new member, so that the work will be done better in the future than it has been in the past. Believing my retirement is in the interests of the Home Mission work,

I am, yours respectfully,

J. S. FLAGLOR.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$627 16
St. John Mission Band—	
Per Miss Janet Lingley,	1 70
Kempt—	
Per H. E. Cooke,	34 00
Tiverton—	
Per H. A. DeVoe,	4 00
Brooklyn, Hants Co.—	
Mrs. Dr. Minard,	50
Milton—	
Per Miss Collie,	3 50
Halifax—	
Per C. C. Rowlinson,	25 00
Keawick—	
Per Miss G. Wilson,	2 00

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J. S. FLAGLOR,
Secretary.

Post Office, St. John.

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

DEAR SISTERS—The time for our annual meeting is drawing very near, and I trust that very many of you are planning to attend. It seems to me that none can afford to miss these meetings who can possibly be present. You will see by the programme, as published, that they promise to be

very interesting. Milton is known to be one of very best places to hold our annual meeting, and the brethren and sisters there are very anxious to have a large attendance and a very successful meeting. You can encourage these brethren, and add greatly to the interest of the meetings by your presence; and we believe you will go away feeling much stronger to take up the work that lies before you in the coming year.

MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR,
Secretary.

During the last month there was a sum sent to me for the Foreign Fund, the circumstances concerning which were, to me, very touching, and I thought others too would appreciate it.

The sum is that credited to Harry N. Corbett. Some time ago, his mother was reading to him, her only child, Miss Riech's letter, as published in the CHRISTIAN. He was very much interested, and said, "Ma, we should do something for that mission. I have a little money saved, and we can send that."

Very soon after that, God called him home, and his mother looking at the money as sacred, has sent it as he would have wished. "Though dead he yet speaks."

There is another matter of which I wish to speak. Will those who intend sending money to be entered in this year's report, kindly send such sums by the third week in August, as the books will be closed after that, and reports made out for the annual.

SUSIE B. FORD.

REPORT FROM OUR MISSIONARY.

Tokio, Japan, April 16, 1894.

To the Ontario and Maritime Provinces Christian Woman's Board of Missions, Greeting:

Dear Sister.—One more year has rolled away and you have again met together to help each other with words of love and cheer, to look back on the work that has been done for Christ in the past, and thus encouraged to make greater efforts for the coming year to extend His Kingdom and to hasten the time when the glad shouts of praise shall rise only to Him who liveth forever and ever, from every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation, when none shall say, "know the Lord," for all shall know him from the least unto the greatest. May God's blessing rest abundantly with you all, in what is said and done for his dear name's sake.

In giving you an account of the work of the past year, it would be impossible to give it otherwise than in connection with Miss Oldham's, as our work is so closely connected; therefore the following is not an account of my work but of our work.

About the time that you were met together last June, we had the privilege of receiving six girls into our home.

This is no small care, for we knew little of the language, and less about the native food and clothing; however, after much waiting we succeeded in getting a suitable helper.

When school began in September, we, with the helper and another assistant, took the girls through the several branches of the ordinary Japanese public school, besides the regular Bible training.

In January we were called upon to transfer the girls, who, with removals and additions numbered nine, to Miss Wirick, so that we might have more time for the study of the language.

Since coming here, six scholarships for Japanese girls have been entrusted to us. May the Lord bless this his work, and may they always be in his keeping that they may be ready to tell their less fortunate sisters what great things He has done for them.

We have three charity-schools entrusted to our care. These are situated in the poorest part of

the district around us. The buildings are not very suitable. We are hoping that money may be sent, that suitable ones may be erected. They, at present, meet the demands of many who wish for an education, and are too poor to attend the government schools.

They also give us the opportunity of reaching the children—and what more important work could be done? Indeed it is conceded by all workers on the field to be the best way of leading these people to Christ. Through the children we reach the parents, not a few of whom have been led to know and accept Him as their Lord, through the little ones reciting at home what they have been taught in schools; and when they see us treating their little ones kindly they will often come in to listen at the meetings for grown people.

The school on Uri Cho was, when handed over to us last June, situated on the Goken Cho. There were one hundred pupils in attendance, taught by two teachers, and everything was in a most prosperous condition.

In a few months on account of persecution the attendance dropped to less than thirty. We were, at last, compelled to remove to the Uri Cho in January, where we have fifty-five pupils enrolled, with a daily attendance of forty.

The Sunday-school held here has an average attendance of thirty-five. In this place also our Evangelist has recently started a meeting for the parents on Saturday evening. This point is in every way encouraging, and we expect before long to have as large a number attending as on Goken Cho.

The school on Tana Machi was opened the latter end of April, and is taught by Miss Oldham's language teacher. This school is situated in a little valley, or hollow rather, where the most abject poverty exists and where the people, I venture to say, had never seen a missionary before, much less heard the story of the cross. There was no school of any description in the vicinity, and the people welcomed with delight this opportunity of sending their children to learn how to read and write. There are fifty on roll, with an average daily attendance of forty-five.

The Sunday-school at this point has an average attendance of eighty; sometimes there are as many as a hundred scholars. At the meeting for the parents as many as six attend, besides twenty-five or thirty children. At this meeting there are some enquirers, and we hope soon to reap some sheaves for the Master.

Our third school is situated on Matsagawa Cho. When first it came under our care, besides the day-school and preaching one night a week, there was a night school. In September, on account of financial troubles, this school was to have been closed, but we managed to keep it open by dismissing the two teachers, closing up the night-school and meeting, and procured the services of a good Bible-woman, who took charge of the day-school.

This day-school, last June, had twenty-three in attendance. Now thirty-four are enrolled with an average attendance of thirty-two. The Sunday-school here has always been prosperous. We seldom have less than sixty present, and generally seventy and over.

Until January last it was taught by the eldest girl in our home, but since then our Bible-woman has it in charge. In all of these schools, as soon as a child is able he is taken away and sent to work to earn the family rice; so we are always seeing some leave and others taking their places. With the assistance of the Bible-woman we opened a woman's meeting one afternoon in the week. This a most pleasing part of our work. Generally six, and often as many as eight women are present, besides a number of our grown girls and children.

They seem to listen attentively, and we are praying for them.