

pose. In all the design, the aim is to get a suitable auditorium, where conveniently all can see and hear, and that at no extravagant outlay. The plans and specifications are out, and in our next we shall be able to state who is the successful tender, and the actual cost. Meantime we would ask every sympathetic friend not to be idle, but at once to purpose in their heart, and plan in some way or other, directly or indirectly, to give us some aid in and for the work. Some who have no faith, save as outward evidence kindle, say ah! ah! where can a people and congregation like them hope to get the means. But in God we hope and trust, and believe that the work and record of the past will assist us in no small measure to obtain the aid and practical help of the people. That outside our own church and congregation, denominational lines will be forgotten and the true and broad sympathy of Christianity will be so shown, that all creeds and classes will encourage us in this work, which is not prompted by a spirit of aggrandizement, but from the actual necessities of the case we have hope that, even from the broader standpoint of citizenship and on account of the utility of the work in the past and its continued missionary character, not a few will aid us, and will show the solidity of their good wishes by sending them in metal, or in the form of current notes. We would hereby make an earnest appeal to every reader to do what they can to aid us in the material upbuilding of a house for the Lord. It is not intended as a conservative meeting place for the few; but where the poor and stranger can come and welcome, and find a pleasant attractive service, regardless of apparel or purse. In winning souls God has greatly owned and blessed the work at the Tabernacle in times past, and in loving dependence upon the same grace for future success, we plan to seek the salvation of the people by lifting up Christ.

RECEIVED donations towards clearing lot, and thus aiding the Building Fund. We would here state our first endeavour is to raise sufficient to meet in full the mortgage on the lot, to this end we need to collect about nineteen hundred dollars more than we now see or have in hand. If this is paid off our way will be open to go forward with the new building. Mr. Reuben Hart made the writer glad by saying, "well go to work and I will give you \$100 toward the debt on the lot, and then we will see about the building. It was generosity in a few words, and the latter part of the sentence is no small incentive to hope and expectation.

The Lord only knoweth how hard, and yet how pleasant has been the task of collecting the funds to advance the structure to its present conditions. It has cost self-denial in many respects; but it was for God and the people. To meet ready helpers is a stimulus to faith. The widow of one of our first members, the other day, before leaving for the United States, out of her very limited income and from her hard earnings sent her mite and said, "my heart is with the dear old Tabernacle interests." We have received the following cash:—Mr. James Hubley, \$5.00; Miss Emily Smith, U. S., \$5.00; Mr. James Hurshman, \$1.00; Mr. H. Davies, \$1.00; Miss Francis' S.S. class, \$1.00; Mrs. M. Kvanoski, \$1.00; Mrs. L. L. Barnes, \$2.00, Per A. C. Collishaw, Mr. G. H. Starr, \$10.00; two friends 50 cents each; Mr. Thomas, 25 cents.

PERSONAL KINDNESS.—Mr. J. McLearn sent up a joint of meat. Mr. J. E. Roy brought from Bermuda a cedar from which he had made a handsome walking-stick, and we thank him for sending the same to Mizpah Cottage. "Some of the fish I caught,"—from Mr. Spry, Mrs. Manuel, 1 doz. and Mrs. Burgis, 3 doz. eggs, Mr. W. Davies, 1 doz. ties, etc. Mr. J. M. Peck sent from Hopewell, N. B., half-dozen trees, to BUDS AND BLOSSOMS, and we trust before many years to bear fruit in the garden, wherein we plan to grow the useful and beautiful.

HOME MISSION AND TRACT DISTRIBUTION.—For this purpose we have received papers from Miss A. Jackson, Miss A. H. Smith, U. S., Maggie McEchran, Mrs. W. Crocker, and a generous supply from Mr. Templeton, Manitoba. It will be seen the contributions come from far. Still we cannot meet the demand. When we commence our floral distribution, we shall need more. Please do not tear up or waste good and instructive papers or magazines. Send them to us and we will pass them on. During the month we have scattered 3,700 pages of BUDS AND BLOSSOMS, 3,975 pages of other papers and tracts—7,675 pages. We trust in God for supplies for this work, and also for the support of the young sister taken into our home to aid in this and other service for Christ.

THE TABERNACLE FLOWER MISSION.—We are planning to continue and enlarge the work. We hope the Floral Band at Wolfville, under the leadership of Miss Bass, will continue

to supply us with text cards. Could not others at a distance help in this work and by taxing their loving and christian ingenuity help to furnish us with an abundance of cards. The field is enlarged and now having the pony to assist us, we can better collect flowers from various parts of the city and hope friends will grow a few flowers on purpose for the mission. Should any like to aid they can do so. It is a great pleasure to the workers to be able to put in the baskets something besides flowers, especially for the infirm and aged in the poor-house. Many of them, though of various creeds, doubtless love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in sincerity and in truth. We are glad to acknowledge a package of flower seeds from Vick, the well known florist of Rochester, U. S. This is a repeated kindness, and the unfolding flowers will more beautifully speak thanks, than we, not being so well versed in the language of flowers as their dono. We generally obtain a generous gift of plants from another friend for the mission work and hope they will come in due time.

Members received during May, by baptism, 2; letter, 3. B. AND B.—The following in paying for B. and B. sent \$1.00. We credit 25c. to our free list. Louis Griffin, Mrs. S. Whidden, W. Sherwood, Frederick Byer, Phil. Myers, Mrs. S. Poole, Mr. DeYoung, Miss A. H. Smith, Rev. J. Somer, D. W. Morton, 50c., Mrs. A. H. Ross, Mr. Bray, 2s.

MISSIONARY DOLLY has proved herself far more useful and better in every way than we anticipated. We find her very active in the stable as well as out, and are glad some of the young men propose to help look after the feed-box. The pony seems determined to make up for the short commons of the past. At first we felt a little anxious about the kind of creature we had, but now its rough and shaggy coat is almost entirely gone. The improvement is very marked in its condition, whilst time and experience only makes us increasing thankful for such a willing and kindly little helper, it seems adapted in every way for our work. The pony is so gentle that there is no danger to the boys who are delighted to attend her. At any time oats are acceptable. One sister who sent \$5.00 for oats last month, will notice perhaps, we used it for other purposes. There are still wants to be supplied as the means come in. Yes, it is sweet to live by faith, and see the gracious growth of opportunity for usefulness, and to note the strange way in which the Lord rewards his servants.

Kazubazua, April 20th.—Inclosed please find \$2.00 towards your Tabernacle Fund. I wish I had ten times that amount to send; but I am a very poor woman, having been unable to walk for nearly 9 months from sore knee trouble, and through the prayers of God's people and the loving kindness of the Great Physician, I am able to rise and walk. Thanks be to God for His great mercy. My heart seems bursting with gratitude. What shall I render to Him for all His benefits to me. Pray, pray for me that my faith may be increased, and that the last vestige of this sore trouble be removed, that I may be sanctified soul and body. Yours truly, Mrs. L. L. BARNES.

Orange Blossoms.

May 5th, Edward Isnor and Ada Manuel, both of Halifax, were married by the Rev. J. F. Avery, at the residence of Joseph Manuel, Halifax, N. S.

May 26th, Herbert Hughes to Bessie Pickren, both of Halifax. By J. F. Avery.

FADED LEAVES.

Died May 20th, Mrs. Isabel Wood, aged 73 years. This was the brief notice we saw in a St. John, N. B. paper. But it calls to our mind a loved sister in Christ, one among the faithful who aided us in starting the Lord's work and interest in Halifax, and from whom, after her removal, we often had kind and cheering words and the widow's mite to aid BUDS AND BLOSSOMS. It is painful to strike her name from the list; but in the better country, she is now in the joy of her Lord. She has gone home to be forever with the Lord.

Died, May, 14, Alvin, DeLap, Lynn, Mass., U. S. Died, at French Village, N. S., April 29th, Allan McDonald, in the 68th year of his age. It was a pleasing testimony to see his friends gather from far and near, and to hear them say, "he was a good man, willing rather to suffer wrong, than do another hurt in any way." Verily a good name is better than riches. Especially when that name is written in the Lamb's book of life, as were the name recorded above. Their lives to witness. Reader, say, are you ready? Prepare to meet thy God! Would sudden death be sudden glory?