

It is said that "a good treasurer should have a warm love for figures" Sister Susie B. Ford certainly makes a good treasurer, and the report she was able to present must have made her a very happy one. As you will see by her report, the total amount received, including last year's balance, was \$402.94. And the balance on hand this year is \$76.07.

TREASURER'S REPORT—WOMAN'S WORK.

To the Sisters of the Maritime C. W. B. M.:

The Treasurer respectfully submits the following reports of all monies received and disbursed during the past year, from Sept. '94 to Aug. '95. Our woman's work has grown slowly but surely—beginning with less than \$100.00 the first year, and reaching nearly \$400.00 in this its fifth annual report. Our Children's Work has also grown during the two years of its existence, showing us what the children can do. New bands and new friends have enlisted in the work, but a few of those who helped last year were not heard from this. We gladly welcome the new friends, but cannot afford to lose our old ones. It is the faithful continuance in well doing that keeps our work advancing.

The receipts are as follows:

<i>Cash Received.</i>	
Balance on hand September 1st, 1894, ..	\$77 56
Cornwallis, N. S., Woman's Auxiliary, ..	8 79
Halifax, N. S., Woman's Auxiliary,	14 08
St. John, N. B., Woman's Auxiliary,	\$25 45
St. John Sunday School,	57 63
do. Individuals,	87 00
	128 00
Kempt, N. S., Woman's Auxiliary,	4 00
New Glasgow, P. E. I., Church,	55 50
Summersville, N. S., Y. P. S. C. E.,	1 00
Lord's Cove, N. B., Woman's Auxiliary, ..	20 00
Milton, N. S., Woman's Auxiliary, \$40.50	40 50
do. Sunday-school,	3 10
do. Concert,	5 02
	49 22
Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sunday-school,	7 00
Eldon, P. E. I., a sister,	2 00
Tryon, P. E. I., a sister,	2 00
Maitland, N. S., Frank McDougall, }	1 00
do. Raymond McDougall, }	1 00
do. Alexander McDougall, }	1 00
East Point, P. E. I., sisters,	4 00
Westport, N. S., Woman's Auxiliary,	4 8.
Newport, N. S., Young People,	3 00
Summerside, P. E. I., Y. P. S. C. E.,	3 00
Miscellaneous friends,	3 50
Annual collection at Milton, Sept. 04,	21 86
	325 38
Total amount received for year,	\$325 38
With balance on hand, Sept. 24, 1894, ..	402 94
	728 32
Total received from Nova Scotia,	\$ 77 44
" " New Brunswick, ..	140 08
" " P. E. Island,	73 50
Miscellaneous,	25 36
Total,	\$325 38

<i>Cash Paid.</i>	
Jan. To Miss Fleming, treasurer,	\$125 00
May " " "	162 00
" " " "	25 00
Orders and postage,	1 50
Mar. Secretary, for leaflets, ..	50
" " postage, etc.,	2 00
Treasurer, " "	78
	316 87
Total,	\$316 87
Cash on hand,	\$76 07

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The financial report of the children's work was equally encouraging, as the following shows:

TREASURER'S REPORT—CHILDREN'S WORK

Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1894,	\$ 30 25
Halifax, N. S., O Gin San Band,	0 01
Westport, N. S., Willing Workers \$3.06,	4 47
Children's day 51 cents,	5 66
Lord's Cove, N. B., Little Workers, \$3,	12 00
Children's day \$2.00,	4 00
West Gore, N. S., Golden Rule Band, ..	3 00
Summersville, N. S., White Star Band	5 00
\$2.00, Children's day 34 cents,	2 00
Arthur Leslie \$1,	1 00
Kildare, P. E. I., Golden Circle Band, ..	5 00
East Rawdon, N. S., Cheerful Gleaners	5 00
Band,	33 46
Milton, N. S., Daily Workers,	2 00
St. John, N.B., Wide Awake Band, \$23 01	1 00
Portl'd Sunday-school, \$1 50, Mite	5 00
Boxes \$2.95, Miss M. Morton, \$6. .	2 50
Maitland, N. S., Frank, Raymond and	2 00
Alexander MacDougall,	1 00
Woodville, N. S., Busy Workers,	5 00
New Glasgow, P. E. I., 10 little ones, ..	2 50
Miscellaneous, A friend,	2 50
	\$100 48
Total amount received for year,	\$130 78
With balance on hand Sept., 1894;	\$ 50 86
Total amount rec'd from N.S.,	89 12
" " N. B.,	8 00
" " P. E. I.,	2 50
Miscellaneous,	2 50
	\$100 48

<i>Cash Paid.</i>	
Feb. To Miss Rioch, ..	\$30 00
Aug. " " ..	30 00
For orders and postage,	70
Dec. Supt. for leaflets,	1 00
To Supt. for postage, etc.,	1 90
Treasurer for postage, etc., ..	45
Total,	04 11
Balance on hand August, 1895,	\$66 02

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These reports having been received, the meeting proceeded to the election of officers, and the following were re-appointed: President, Sister Carrie Payson. Vice-Presidents for Nova Scotia, Sisters H. L. Wallace and M. Freeman; for New Brunswick, Sisters E. Christie and L. Leonard. Secretary, Sister J. S. Flaglor. Treasurer, Sister S. B. Ford. Superintendent of Children's Work, Sister D. A. Morrison.

The Committee on Resolutions—Sisters Freeman, Lockwood and Holden—brought in their report, in which they recognized the loss the Church of Christ in these provinces had sustained in the death of Sister Gates; thanked the editors of THE CHRISTIAN for the space granted them; recommended that greeting be sent to the sisters in Ontario and to the C. W. B. M. when it meets in Dallas; expressed full confidence in Sister Rioch, whom they are helping to support in Japan. These resolutions were unanimously carried.

It was decided that in the future, as the money has to pass through the hands of the secretary of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, it be sent by the Maritime treasurer direct to Bro. A. McLean, instead of sending it to him through the Ontario sisters. But the amounts sent will be reported to the treasurer of the Ontario C. W. B. M.

As more money has been raised by the children than is needed to support the little Japanese girl whom they have adopted, it was decided to extend the work by adopting a child in India, which means an annual ex-

penditure of about \$25.00, and also by taking a ten dollar share in the new home that is being built there under the guidance of Sister Graybiel.

Sister Ethel McDougall of West Gore, read a splendid paper on "The Importance of Children's Work and How to Make it a Success." We hope in the near future to let our readers enjoy the reading of this paper. Following this came a very appropriate song by the Halifax Children's Band.

Having, in the afternoon, gotten through with the more strictly business part of their programme, the sisters devoted the evening to awakening a wider interest in the perishing millions in heathen lands. The introductory exercises were conducted by Sister J. M. Ford of Milton.

The President, Sister Carrie Payson, then read her address, in which there was a grateful recognition of God's favor in the past, and a desire for his continual guidance. The key-note was "Forward." The address is here given:

SISTERS AND FRIENDS,—We have gathered here to-night to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the Christian Women's Board of Missions of the Maritime Provinces.

Swift indeed has been the flight of time, but the speed of the years matters not, the question that concerns us is: Have they been profitably employed? Have we given ourselves without reserve to the great work of extending Christ's kingdom?

In the work of our beloved C. W. B. M. we can see many signs of promise. The society is growing in numbers and usefulness every year. The Lord has also wonderfully blessed the work of our missionary in Japan. Several have already learned to love the true God through her teaching. The children of our mission bands are doing a grand work. It has only been two years since they attempted systematic work for missions, but they have surprised many of the older ones. God has crowned and blessed the work done by the lambs of his flock. Reverently, and with hearts filled with gratitude, would we ascribe unto our King all the honor and praise for what has been accomplished "in his name."

You have heard our treasurer's report read today. It shows that our funds are steadily increasing. Our secretary reports an increasing interest in all departments of our work. This is what we are anxious to see, there must be a steady growth. We cannot be satisfied with past attainments. We are not to forget that a very important part of our work is "to cultivate a missionary spirit." We are just beginning to learn that it is only as we cultivate the missionary spirit at home that we can sustain missionary enterprise abroad. But how is this spirit to be cultivated? This is the question that is asked again and again. Many are still indifferent to the Master's command: "Preach the gospel to every creature." My own experience has taught me that the only way to become interested in this work is to acquaint ourselves with the needs. Is there a woman in the Church of the Living God who can turn a deaf ear to the cries of the heart-broken widows of India? Is there a Christian mother who can be indifferent to the unhappy lives of the children in heathen lands? Surely not. A great amount of so-called indifference is really lack of knowledge. This is the work of the C. W. B. M. We must put missionary literature within the reach of all. We are to educate the children, get them to take and read the missionary papers. Many of our sisters can be reached in this way.

"Great trees from small acorns grow." Who can tell what a work may be done by the C. W. B. M. of the Maritime Provinces? Look at the "McAll Mission," "The China Inland Mission," or the wonderful work of Dr. McKay on the island of Formosa. Small indeed were the beginnings, but only God himself can estimate the amount of good that has been accomplished through these agencies. It is faith that we need—such a faith that will lead us to say: I will give up all for Christ's sake. When we can say this, then and only then will our lives become fruitful.