

**Home Missions.**

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**\$1,500 for Home Missions!  
500 Souls for Christ!**

"There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

We are somewhat disappointed in not having heard from all the churches in Nova Scotia and N. W. Brunswick concerning the special collection which was announced for the first Lord's day in February. We expected every church, large and small, to take this offering, and to give as the Lord has prospered them. At this writing we have received the offering from Pictou, Kempt, Halifax, Newport, N. S.; Coburg Street, St. John, Main Street, St. John, Silver Falls, Nauwigewauk, Mascarene and LeTete, N. B. Let the agents to whom the envelopes were sent bring this matter before their respective churches and act at once, so that in the next number of THE CHRISTIAN we can say, "Every church heard from!"

"Verily, I say unto you, whosoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her."

Lathrop Cooley is anxious that the work of preaching the gospel of the grace of God shall be continued after his departure, and to insure this he has given to the A. C. M. S. the sum of \$5,000 as a "Lathrop Cooley Fund." Its income will support a missionary for the coming years. The income of this fund is appropriated to the support of John C. Pounds as city missionary of Cleveland, O., and who entered on his work January 1st, 1900. A fifth fund of \$5,000 has been given by a brother whose name is withheld. This may be an incentive to some of our brethren in these provinces to do likewise.

Who will be the first?  
Bro. W. H. Harding is helping to win the 500 souls for Christ. He is in a meeting at Back Bay—a hard field—only two weeks old, with forty-one confessions, and a number reclaimed. "It is a grand thing to rally people to the cross of Christ."

The new church building at North End is nearing completion, and it is hoped will be ready the 1st of May, for occupancy. About \$2,000 is required yet. Here is an opportunity for those who have not given of their means, to do so now. Money is needed now to complete the work.

Bro. R. W. Stevenson, is now settled in his new home in Lansingburg, N. Y. The church at present meet in a hall. Their new house of worship is nearing completion, and President Zollars of Hiram College, will be present at its dedication, when it is completed.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged.	\$223 16
Pictou, N. S., Feb. collection	15 00
Kempt, N. S., Feb. collection	1 25
Silver Falls, N. B., Feb. collection	1 47
Mascarene, N. B., Feb. collection	4 07
Coburg St., St. John, Feb. collection,	16 77
Main St., St. John, N. B., Feb. collection	5 00
Nauwigewauk, Feb. collection	4 50
Coburg St. Mission Band, Feb. collection	5 05
Mrs. D. S. McDougall, Up. Selma, H Co., N. S.	1 50
	\$280 42

W. A. BARNES, Secretary.

**Maritime C. W. B. M.**

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

**\$400 for Foreign Missions in 1900.**

"The love of Christ constraineth us."

AUXILIARY PROGRAMME FOR MARCH.

TOPIC: EXPANSION.

Our Source of Revenue.

Opening Song—"Hark ten thousand harps and voices."

Audience stand, repeating the 1st psalm.

Leader follow in prayer

All unite in the song-prayer—"More love to Thee," sung softly with bowed heads.

MISSIONARY LESSON.

The Believer's Redemption—

I.—From what are redeemed?

1. The curse of the law. Gal. iii, 10, 13.
2. Condemnation, sin and death. Rom. vi, 14, 23.
3. Judgment. John v, 24 R. V. Guilt of sin. Eph. i, 7. Power of sin. Rom. vi, 14, 22. Presence of sin. I John iii, 2.

II.—By what are we redeemed?

1. Not by works. II Tim. i, 9.
2. Not by money. Isa. lv. 1; Acts viii, 20
3. By Christ. Gal. iii, 13.
4. By the blood. Heb. ix, 12; I Peter i, 18; Acts xx, 28.

III.—To what have we been redeemed?

1. Eternal life. I John v, 11; ii, 25.
2. An Inheritance Incorruptible. I Peter i, 3, 4.

IV.—For what have we been redeemed?

1. To live for Christ. I Pet. iv, 2; II Cor. v, 15.
2. To walk as He walked. I Pet. ii, 21.
3. To be ambassadors for Him. II Cor. v, 20.
4. To be trustees of the gospel. I Tim. i, 11; I Thes. ii, 4.
5. To sound the alarm to every sinner. Ezek. iii, 17, 18.
6. To be lights to the world. Matt. v, 13, 14
7. To be witnesses unto the ends of the earth. Acts i, 8.

Circle of sentence prayers that God will set us apart more completely for his work; that the world may lose its hold upon us.

Song—"My Jesus as Thou wilt."

Discussion of topic (Expansion).

Let three sisters be requested to prepare papers on the following subjects:

"How shall we secure more women for our C. W. B. M. work?" "How does expansion fulfil the great commission?" and "What are we doing to develop C. W. B. M. work in our Provinces?"

Appoint a committee to solicit for new members, also subscribers for *Missionary Tidings*, and a programme committee, urging them to do special work the coming month.

Business—minutes—collection.

Closing song—"I love Thy kingdom, Lord." Benediction.

DEAR SISTERS,—Realizing that the success of our C. W. B. M. work depends very largely on our meetings, and that the meetings in turn depend on a good, interesting programme, well carried out, it has been thought best, for the benefit of those who do not receive the *Missionary Tidings* to publish the programme given there each month, making such changes as will adapt it to our work. It will not be possible to supply material for the suggested papers in our limited space, but these can always be found in the *Tidings* and other missionary literature. There are sisters in all our churches who can prepare helpful, interesting papers, the preparation of which will prove a source of great benefit and blessing to themselves and their society.

Will you not then, dear sisters, give this

subject of programmes more thought, more time, more prayer, remembering that a good meeting is always the result of effort on the part of some one. Let the president appoint a programme committee to assist her in preparing for next meeting, and call them together at close of meeting to assign the papers and other parts to the different ones, thus beginning a month ahead and insuring a good programme.

While we trust that this plan of having a programme in this department will prove helpful, yet it would be much better were all to subscribe for the *Missionary Tidings* which is a very interesting paper published by our sisters in the United States. It would keep us in touch with the great work they are doing, which in itself would be an inspiration, besides having many helpful suggestions for the monthly meetings.

Yours in the work,

MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR.

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported, . . . . .	\$92 36
Kempt—	
Mrs. Mary Freeman, . . . . .	1 18
Leonardville—	
Ladies' Auxiliary, . . . . .	10 00
Tiverton—	
Ladies' Auxiliary, . . . . .	8 00
St. John—	
Coburg St. Ladies' Auxiliary, . . . . .	1 50
	\$113 04

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CHILDREN'S WORK.

Previously reported, . . . . .	\$22 63
Charlottetown—	
Links of Truth Band, . . . . .	1 00
St. John—	
Wide Awake Band, . . . . .	1 00
	\$24 63

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The great and grand lesson of the resurrection, as we find taught in I Cor. XV; is certainly a climax, but we must not suppose that the lesson of the 16th chapter is an anti-climax. Paul passes from the resurrection to the collection, making them equal in magnitude. Both are equal parts of Paul's message to his brethren. We are safe therefore in declaring that there is no lesson of greater importance than this lesson concerning the collection as found in this connection. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him." No one is left out of God's blessings and no one should leave his gifts out of God's needs. This giving is systematic, "Every first day of the week." It is not spasmodic or governed by our emotions, when some great speaker or some great gathering excites us to give, but it is the love of God and the love of truth that constrains us to do God's will and to give of our means as the Lord has commanded us and in proportion to our gifts by which he has prospered us. He who wilfully neglects this duty has no right to claim God's blessings or look for any salvation. To fulfill this command will give us all the financial assistance needed in our churches, and the \$1,500.00 we pledged for missions.