

*THE WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.*

Dear Sisters,—You have seen by the last CHRISTIAN that at the annual meeting there was organized a Foreign Missionary Society, at which meeting a letter was read from Sister McClurg, Secretary to the Ontario Christian Women's Board of Missions, urging upon us the importance of foreign work and asking the sisters of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia to co-operate with them, they being especially interested in China.

The sisters all seemed anxious to take up this work, but Japan being dear to the hearts of our people, especially those of Nova Scotia, on account of the memory of the late Sister Smith, who gave her life to the work there, it was decided that if we could unite with the Ontario sisters, and still work for Japan, that we would do so.

We have communicated with Sister McClurg, and in answer she says: "We will gladly have you work through us for Japan, as Jesus died for those of Japan as well as China, and there are some of our people who will unite with you."

Dear sisters, we feel that this is a work that should be taken up by us. And shall we not each try to assist, even if but in a very humble way, in converting those benighted lands to Christ? The lack of interest in foreign work, in our churches, is not so much due to indifference as to a lack of knowledge as to the needs of those in heathen lands. A letter has been sent to Bro. Smith, of Japan, asking for information regarding that field and any suggestions that would be helpful to us. One of our sisters has said that as we are so anxious to impress the importance of the great commission on others, we should be very careful that we do not ourselves overlook the first part, requiring that we go into all the world preaching to every creature. We would ask every sister to help us in this work, by trying to awaken an interest in her church, by collecting, or in any way that may seem best.

Sister McClurg suggests that our children help in educating a Chinese boy whom they have adopted. She says that if the children will take up this work they will try to give us a special object for our money. They are trying to adopt another child.

Children become very much interested and a good work could be done through them, either for China or Japan.

We are especially anxious that this work should not in any way interfere with the Home Mission work, as at the present that is demanding much of our means, yet we do feel that since this good news of a Saviour's love has brought such joy and peace and blessedness into our lives we should be willing to pass it on to others less favored, even at the cost of some sacrifice on our part. There is a great responsibility resting upon us, as Christians, since through us the darkness of heathen lands is to be dispelled, if dispelled at all. I hope that we may each feel this responsibility and do all in our power to send light into some of the dark places of the earth.

Your sister in Christ,

MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR,

Secretary Foreign Missionary Society.

St. John, N. B.

All money for the foreign work should be sent to Miss Susie Ford, Port Williams, N. S.

The work of the Disciples in Japan is in a very prosperous condition, so much so that they have commenced the publication of a paper called *The Christian Journal*. One of its most interesting features has been a biography of Alexander Campbell, which has been translated into Japanese and published in chapters.

A missionary says: We are realizing, as never before, that we have no commission from our Lord to evangelize less than the whole creation.

The call for devotion to world-wide missions is not from men or societies. God is the author of Christian missions.

How can we be ignorant of the world's great need to-day and not at the same time be guilty of a great transgression? The sources of knowledge are abundant.

Knowing the crying needs of perishing millions, how great will be our guilt in the sight of heaven if we fail to do what we can.

*News of the Churches.*

ST. JOHN, N. B.

Bro. W. Bayard Craig, the successful preacher of Denver, Col., spent last Lord's day with us and preached most acceptably at both morning and evening services. He and Sister Craig have just attended the annual convention at Alleghany City, and speak of it as the most enthusiastic assembly ever held by our brethren. Among the preachers whom he met there was our Bro. T. H. Capp. We were delighted with Bro. and Sister Craig's visit, and hope when they next visit their old home they may be able to remain longer with us.

At a meeting of the Endeavor Society the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Mrs. J. S. Flaglor; Vice-president, H. W. Stewart; Secretary, Miss Hattie Clark.

Our prayer-meeting room has been recently painted and beautified, making it much more attractive and comfortable. Much credit is due the Sister's Sewing Society for the new carpet for the aisles.

Much sympathy is expressed for Bro. Stewart in the death of his mother. Bro. S. had only been able to be with her a very few days during the last four years, being engaged preparing himself for the ministry.

CORNWALLIS, N. S.

Bro. H. Murray is now with us and preached three times last Lord's day morning and evening at Lower Church St., and in the afternoon at Sheffield Mills. We had interesting congregations at each of those points. This week we have been holding meetings at Sheffield Mills, one of our regular preaching stations, but the weather being so very stormy the congregations are much smaller than they otherwise would be. But those who come listen with earnest attention, and we trust will receive the word gladly and be added to the saved. As Bro. Murray is doing the preaching, I need not say to those who know him that it is well done. E. O. F.

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GULLIVER'S COVE, N. S.

We made a short call of a few hours at this place a few weeks ago on our way home from Digby, but long enough to visit our aged Bro. Jacob Hines, who, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, is fast nearing the dark valley, but going down like one of old, saying: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me." After spending an hour with our Bro. talking and reading from the word of life concerning the unending life just beyond and asking God to give us an abundant entrance, we paid a short visit or call upon Bro. Staniels Hines and found him still hopeful for the future and anxious to aid in any movement towards the upbuilding of the cause of King Emmanuel at Gulliver's Cove.

H. A. DEVOE.

TIVERTON, N. S.

We hope in a few days more to complete the repairs and improvements that have been going on to our house of worship for several months past. We have added to the main building an entrance and tower about seventy feet in height, finished inside with a tastefully laid and stained wooden ceiling. The seventeen windows have all been tastefully furnished with blinds, the aisles carpeted and other pleasing features noticeable, not the least of which is a beautiful eight day clock, a present from a brother of Coburg Street church, St. John, whose heart and pocket are ever open to encourage every good word and work. We trust that from its present position it may tick off very many hours spent in acceptable worship to our God, and that those somewhat inclined to be tardy may be admonished by every tick that time not thus spent is time wasted. H. A. DEVOE.

SOUTHVILLE, N. S.

At our appointment for the present month we found this church as much alive and interested as ever in the Master's cause. Three young persons nobly confessed the Saviour and were buried with Him by baptism. Many more are expected to do likewise in the near future at this point.

H. A. DEVOE.

LOVE OF GOD.—A young man obeyed the gospel. At a gathering it was said he had become a "Campbellite." Several of those present began to question him concerning his faith and obedience. He opened the New Testament and gave them chapter and verse for all that he believed and for all that he had done in becoming a Christian. Finding themselves answered in a manner that they could not successfully gainsay, they began to leave him; whereupon one elderly man put his hand on the young man's shoulder and said to him, "Ah, my dear young friend, I see that you know nothing about the love of God—your religion is all head religion, and you know nothing about the love of God in the heart." The young disciple responded, "Well, do you know what it is to have the love of God?" "Ah, yes," was his response, "I have known for the last twenty years." "Then," asked the young man, "Will you please tell what it is?" The elderly man answered as he rubbed his right hand over the left side of his chest, "That is something, my young friend, which no one can tell; for it is a high and great mystery." "Well," said the young disciple, "herein is a marvellous thing. You say that I don't know what the love of God is, and you claim to have known what it is for twenty years, and yet you can't tell what it is." Ruffled by such a response, the old gentleman retorted, "Well, perhaps you can tell us." "Certainly I can," was the reply. "Oh, friends, friends, come here," said the elderly man to those who had commenced to leave. "Now we are going to hear this young man, who just the other day was dipped in the creek—we are going to hear him tell what the love of God is, a something that no man has ever yet been able to tell." In the meantime of this speech the young disciple had turned to John's first epistle, 5th chapter and 3rd verse. Then at the proper time he slowly read as follows: "For—this—is—the—love—of—God—that—we—keep—His—commandments,—and—His—commandments—are—not—grievous.—*Review.*"

How much of your money have you given to the Lord? He needs all that you can give and as much more multiplied by ten thousand, and when that has been paid as much more will be needed, multiplied by a million, and that by billions, and keep on multiplying and giving till arithmetic staggers and falls before God and worships. Till then the word needs all that you can give.