

TOKYO, Dec. 1st, 1899.

To the Sisters of Ontario and Maritime Provinces:

MY DEAR SISTERS,—Being confined to my room today on account of a bad cold, I thought I could not better employ the time than by having a little chat with you all.

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My school is still going on in the afternoons. It has not yet been closed. We are particularly busy getting ready for Christmas. Most of the children are small and it is hard for them to learn to recite and sing. One of my girls who has been in our home ever since we came to Japan is teaching in the school and is doing a little Bible work with me as well. She is still in training, of course, but I am so proud of her, she is doing so nicely. She has such a good heart and everybody loves her. I often think of the time when, as quite a little girl, her father brought her to me and begged me to keep her as he was too poor. Dr. Stevens happened to be in at the time and says she, "The girl has a good face, take her by all means." I have never, not for one moment, regretted doing so. She is a bright star in our Saviour's crown and has done much for Him, though not quite seventeen.

You remember I told you the way we first started work in our home at Enoki Machi, and how the starting of the meetings led to our becoming acquainted with a Japanese young girl who was our first convert, and also how these meetings led to us starting a Bible class among some students. Well, when I was at home, one of these students, who became a Christian through our teaching, married this young girl. They are living in our neighborhood and come to church regularly. We look upon both of them as some of our dearest friends. Their little baby boy, however, persists in not making friends but cries lustily whenever he sees either of us. We are proud, too, of this one more Christian family in this dark land.

The "Black Death" gave us a fright at the beginning of the month, but the authorities have taken such precaution that it is nearly stamped out, though at one time it looked as if it were going to take deep hold. There have been only two cases during the past few days. None of the missionaries left their posts, though all schools and meeting places were closed and people dying within a few blocks of the Foreign Concession.

But I must close; the little girl that Miss Oldham is taking care of for Miss Johnson during her absence, is chattering away at such a rate in one ear that it is impossible to talk to you and listen and nod approval every now and then at the same time. She is only four years old and she thinks her story of great importance so we will continue our chat next month.

Dec. 4th.—My cold is almost better. Oh, pray for us every day. Pray for Japan. May the time hasten when all shall know Him whom to know is life.

Lovingly, your sister,

MARY RICH.

Previously reported, ..	..	..	\$50 30
Milton—			
Ladies' Auxiliary, ....	....	....	8 00
Lord's Cove—			
Ladies' Auxiliary, ....	....	....	17 50
Westport—			
C. W. B. M. Day collection, ....	....	....	7 26
St. John—			
Coburg Street Ladies' Auxiliary, ....	....	....	1 00
" " Sunday-school, ....	....	....	2 30
			\$62 36

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Children's Work.

[Address all communications to Children's Work to Mrs Frank Richardson, Lord's Cove, Deer Island, N. B.]

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS.—Another month has rolled its rounds into eternity since I wrote to you, but I trust and pray that the work you have done will tell in eternity.

I have not heard from as many of the Bands this month as I had hoped, nor of the result of your Christmas offering. Some did not understand what the collection was for. It was for the support of our three children, viz.: Gulabi, O Mitu San and Gerould. You know last year we were behind, which we do not want to be this. As yet, I have only heard from two Bands—Westport and Lord's Cove—the former raising \$1 95 and the latter, \$2 50. Before next month, I hope to hear from the rest. Until then, good-bye.

Your helper,  
MRS. FRANK RICHARDSON.

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported, ....	....	....	\$3 53
West Gore—			
Golden Rule Band, ....	....	....	3 00
Lord's Cove—			
Island Workers' Band, ..	....	....	9 00
Westport—			
Willing Workers' Band, ....	....	....	1 00
Tiverton—			
Blanchard Outhouse (mite box), ..	....	....	20
St John—			
Wide Awake Band, ....	....	....	5 00
			\$22 63

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MAIN STREET BUILDING FUND.

NEW YORK.—			
Mrs. O. M. Packard.....	.....	.....	\$ 1 50
LEXINGTON, KY.—			
Mrs. M. Thompson.....	.....	.....	1 00
NEW GLASGOW, P. E. I.—			
Mrs. Richard Bagnall.....	.....	.....	5 00
SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.—			
Mrs. J. A. Morrison.....	.....	.....	1 00
MASCARENE, N. B.—			
Mrs. S. W. Dick.....	.....	.....	1 00
ST. JOHN, N. B.—			
Robert Roberts.....	.....	.....	100 00
Malcolm Jones, per R. Roberts.....	.....	.....	5 00
Miss Maggie Roberts.....	.....	.....	5 00
Mrs. T. A. Israel.....	.....	.....	1 00
Miss Alice Purvis.....	.....	.....	2 00
Miss Fannie Holder.....	.....	.....	1 00
Parlor Concert, per Miss Annie Edmonds, and Miss Nellie Johnson.....	.....	.....	20 00
Collected by Mrs. Wm. Armstrong—			
H. Iping Hand Book.....	.....	.....	\$2 75
R. W. Stevenson.....	.....	.....	5 00
Gordon Waters.....	.....	.....	1 00
			8 75

The above acknowledgements show that the money needed last month has not been received. The amount contributed has not met the expenses of work done since the last report. There is still needed over one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to pay for work done and material used. We believe that the Disciples of Christ who read this will not neglect this struggling and self-sacrificing band of fellow-believers, but we write this to let them understand the true condition of the work. Who will come to the help of the Lord at this time?

Two of the young ladies of Coburg Street Church gave a practical proof of their interest as will be seen from the receipts from the parlor concert.

Married.

WAGNER-GREENE.—On the morning of Dec. 20th, 1899, at the residence of Mr. Harvey Lewis, of Danvers, Mr. Isaac W. Wagner, of Riverdale, Digby Co., and Miss Odessa Greene, of Hectanooga, Yarmouth Co., N. S., H. E. Cooke, officiating.

McGEE-HELLEY.—At the bridegroom's parents, Jeanette Helley, of Campobello, Charlotte Co., N. B., to John McJee, of Back Bay, Charlotte Co., N. B., Wm. Murray officiating.

Died.

McNEILL.—Died at New Perth, P. E. I., Wednesday, January 27, 1900, Barbara (McDonald), relict of the late John McNeill, Esq., who was for many years a teacher on the Island, and during life was beloved and respected because of his sterling character and the excellence of his work in the church, as well as in his life work in training the minds of the young. Mrs. McNeill has left seven sons to mourn, one of whom is an able, eloquent and successful preacher of the gospel in the Western States; Roland is a teacher on his native island, Caleb is a merchant in New Perth; and all bear the stamp of their early careful training, being highly respected in their several callings. Sister McNeill was in her eighty-third year at the time of her death. More than fifty years ago, at East Point, the home of her childhood, she became obedient to the faith; where, for years, and afterwards in the old church at Brunell, she enjoyed the ministrations of the late, lamented and highly eloquent, Dr. John Knox. After the church removed from Brudenell to Montague Bridge, she could not, because of physical infirmity, attend so regularly, and for some years did not go out at all, but she continued to the end in the faith of the gospel and quietly went to rest in the sure hope of a glorious immortality through him who gave his life that he might bring "life and immortality to light." God's own blessed dead (dead to us, but "all live unto him") go on to a higher life and a brighter day. They are beyond the reach of temptation, sin or pain. The weight of years can never cause the frame to bend, or the step to falter. There, "life is not a breath," nor can it ever yield to the chilling touch of death. So there is nothing to be regretted, when, "old and full of days, our Heavenly Father takes his own to himself, and to the enjoyment of that which a sin-tainted earth can never yield.—O. B. J.

DUNBAR.—At South Range, N. S., Jan. 24th, Barnabas Dunbar, in the 46th year of his age, leaving a sorrowing widow and ten children the unspeakable loss of one of the kindest of husbands and fathers. Bro. Dunbar was baptized by the writer eight years ago. He was a very great sufferer before his death for several days but bore it all without a murmur of impatience. May the consolation of God's precious promises sustain the bereaved ones in this their dark hour of sorrow and separation is our prayer. H. A. D.

SABEAN.—At South Range, N. S., Dec. 20th, Arthur Williams, infant son of Malcolm and Mabel Sabean, aged 3 months and 10 days. This is the fourth son these parents have lost at about the same age. While they are very sorrowful they are assured that their little ones are safe in the arms of Jesus. Of such is the kingdom of heaven. H. A. D.

MARSHALL.—At South Range, Jan. 24th, Tremont Marshall, aged 2 years, 7 months and 21 days, only son of Arthur and Margretta Marshall. Our brother and sister feel very sorrowful and we all feel to sympathize deeply with them in their loss of this dear child who was one of the sweetest and brightest of boys. He has gone to a better world and we trust his presence there will draw us all closer to Jesus Christ who saved him by the gift of his own precious blood on Calvary. H. A. D.

AGENTS FOR THE CHRISTIAN

MRS. PETER CHING, Little Harbour, P. E. I. of Lots 46 and 47.

MRS. O. M. PACKARD, 353 West 57th Street, N. Y.

JAS. W. KENNEDY, Southport, P. E. I.

MAJOR LINKLETTER, Summerside, P. E. I.

JAMES GORDON, New Perth, P. E. I.

J. F. BAKER, North Lake, P. E. I.

PETER A. DEWAR, Montague, P. E. I.

GEORGE BOWERS, Westport, N. S.

D. F. LAMBERT, Lord's Cove, Deer Island, N. B.

JOHN W. WALLACE, Shubenacadie,

ISRAEL C. CUSHING, Kempt, N. S.

W. J. MESSERVEY, Halifax, N. S.

STEPHEN WAGNOR, Riverdale, Digby Co.

GRACE WILSON, Burt's Corner, York Co., N. B.

W. R. WENTWORTH, LeTete, N. B.

W. T. JELLEY, St Thomas, Ont.

A. HANDSPIKER, Tiverton, N. S.

More names will be added as they are appointed

St. James Street Christian Church,  
18 St. James St., Roxbury, Mass.

J. H. Mohorter, Pastor.—Residence, 28 Akron Street Roxbury. Study Hours, 8 to 12 A. M.

Church Services—10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school 12.15 P. M. Y. P. S. O. E., 6.30 P. M. Friday Evening Prayer-meeting, 7.45. All are invited to attend these services.