

*Record*, to take up this particular department in connection with the Mission.

I gave a complete and most minute list of articles of property and Mission Goods so indispensable in the proper working of a Mission station.

For full and particular information upon this subject, I would refer the friends of the Mission to the back numbers of the *Record* for this winter. To the U. P. *Record* I would also refer you, as my information therein contained is perhaps still more minute.

However, there can be no harm in repeating a little of what has already been given, and therefore I would state that you cannot send too much grey *calico*, printed cottons, blue and grey *drills*, red *cottons*, or cheap *check shirts*. Next in value comes light undressed grey, brown or white Nova Scotian *homespun*, and then *check cotton shirts*, and blue *drill pants*, and white *straw or chip hats* for the men, and *cotton skirts, jackets*, and white or colored *hats* for the women.

Then you cannot err in sending small *hatchets*, sheath and clasp *knives*, *scissors*, *beads*, *harps*, small round *looking glasses*, *needles*, *pins*, *thread*, *buttons*, *metal oil lamps*, *rat-traps*, *soap*, *combs*, and *carpenters' tools*. Don't send much clothing made up; it is best in webs. Don't send anything "to fill up a mission-box not quite full"—such, for example, as *beaver hats*, *riding-spurs*, *paper shirt collars*, *fishermen's boots*, *soldiers' coats*, *kid gloves*, *soldiers' caps*, *stockings*, *stocking-yarn*, *knitting-needles*, *babies' cast-off garments*.

I feel quite sure our dear friends in New Brunswick, P. E. Island, Cape Breton, and Nova Scotia, will provide as liberally for the Mission this summer as they did last, and articles just as suitable. Better Mission Goods, or more suitable than those sent out by Mr. Goodwill last autumn, I never saw.

I will (D. V.) continue my New Hebridean Sketches in the June number, but had to break off this month in order to make room for this letter, which at the present time, I suppose, is of more importance.

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N. B.—See February number of *Record* for a full list of mission goods, garments for the natives, and general barter.  
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### City Missions in Halifax.

SEVEN years ago there was only one City Missionary in Halifax. Now there are five, and two Bible Women, and there is abundant work for all of them. Members of the old City Mission Committee who used to find it hard work to raise the salary of one, must ask with some curiosity how it is that so many labourers are now easily supported. The explanation is that special denominational action has been combined with the general work.

The old committee had made many an effort to raise enough for a second missionary, but could never succeed. So, six or seven years ago, the three congregations of St. Matthew's, Chalmers', and Poplar Grove, proposed to engage a second, if the Committee would still keep on the first. This was agreed to, but very soon after, the first, seeing the chances of being maintained to be but slim, resigned, and the city was no better off than it had been. But a beginning had been made in a right direction; and St. George's Church, aided slightly by St. John's, appointed a second, who is in the field to this day; and then the Methodist Churches appointed a third missionary. In the meantime the Ladies' Bible Society engaged a Bible-woman to do the kind of City Mission work that "the missing link" shows can be best done by women; and as this succeeded, Poplar Grove Young Men's Association engaged a second Bible-woman, and, in consequence, took a smaller share in the support of its City Missionary, while St. Andrew's Church came in to fill the gap thus made.

The next step was made by Mr. Jost. He built on Barrack street a handsome brick and stone mission-building, with rooms in the basement for a missionary, at a cost of \$12,000; selected a lay missionary, gave up the control and management to a small general committee, and said to the religious public,—“Will you support him?” The response has been all that could have been expected. The expenses have been met