

state till after the judgment; but these two men don't let a mere difference of opinion on a speculative question prevent their working together for the establishment of the principles of the gospel of Christ. We may have differences as to the best way of spreading the truth or of carrying on the worship to the Lord's house, but these and many such questions are of minor importance—more matters of opinion—and they should not be allowed to keep brethren and sisters from uniting to "contend earnestly for the faith (not the opinion) once for all delivered to the saints."

How scarce charity often is among those who apparently love the Book which says, "And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." We should not be too quick to attribute motives and

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condemn. Our differing from a person on some trivial matter is not sufficient reason why we should treat him unkindly, or entertain uncharitable feelings towards him; and especially it will not warrant our discovering fellowship, and treating him as an enemy. Only those who have denied the faith and become enemies of the cross of Christ should be cut off. Charity as an attractive power will draw more to Christ in a day than censoriousness will drive to Him in an eternity. He who prayed "that there be no divisions among you," also said, "let brotherly love continue," and when the exhortation is observed in the churches as it should be, the prayer will be answered. O for more of that charity that "thinketh no evil," but "suffereth long and is kind." For more of the spirit of Paul, who was willing to become all things to all men that he might save some. For the spirit that is more anxious to see grounds of union and co-operation than of division and dissension; that is more willing to ask, "In what way can I aid the good work? than, "In what way can I hinder it?" The love of God in our hearts should enable us to bury all mere preferences as to ways and means, and to combine all our powers in spreading the truth. God will not hold him guiltless who impedes the advancement of this good work.

In these provinces we now need to make an effort in which all our available resources shall be united in building up the cause of Christ. There must be co-operation and concentra-

Co-operation. Many places are asking assistance. Others would if they thought their requests could be granted. This

last year has been one during which the cause of God's people has advanced with a reassuring rapidity. New churches have been built, others are being erected. Evangelists have been sent among the churches, at their request, to strengthen and encourage them, and with gratifying results. But what has been done is but a small proportion of what is yet before us, and only a fragment of what could have been accomplished if every one had done what he could. It tells us, however, that the blessing of God will attend the efforts of His people to spread His truth and to honor His name. It urges us to go forward. It says to every man, Now is your time to co-operate with your brethren and sisters, and send your dollars either directly to the needy places or send them to the faithful brethren who for the past year have directed our home work, and who will see that every dollar you send is made to do good work in the vineyard of the Lord. At our Annual at St. John our mission work will receive considerable attention, as may be seen by consulting the programme. Let all our churches be well represented. Let every one pray now and continue to pray for the success of the meeting. Let us have unity in faith, liberty in opinions and methods, charity in all things, and co-operation in the work of the Lord.

Home Mission Notes.

Good reports come to us about Bro. Stevens' work at Leteto and Back Bay. We believe that a good work is being done, and hope to see many turning to the Lord before Bro. S. leaves there.

Everybody will be glad to see that the receipts are greater this year than last. We feel sure there has been more good done this year than last. Those who have contributed to this fund; those who have counselled us as to how and where it should be spent, will be glad to hear of the good results from our uniting our means and our knowledge in the interests of our Home Mission work.

It is expected that the Home Mission work will take greater prominence at the coming Annual than it ever has. Much of our power is wasted through want of co-operation. We do not concentrate our efforts as we might. There are many things to do that we all agree is right and ought to be done; but because we do not unite all our forces, they are left undone. Somebody is responsible for this state of affairs. And we will all be held accountable if we allow it to exist any longer. We believe and preach unity. In a multitude of counsellors there is safety. Our Lord prayed, not that one little congregation might be one, but that all who believed in Him might be one, that the world might be won to love Him. To do the greatest amount of possible good, we must unite our knowledge and means "in building up the waste places in Zion," "teaching others the way of the Lord more perfectly," and turning sinners from Satan to God. We are away behind our religious neighbors in our ways of propagating our religious belief. Let us, then, at this Annual, make a grand effort to put new life into all our church work. We hope every church will be represented at the Annual; if none can come, send a letter stating your views on these matters.

Brethren, in the name of the Master and for the good of our fellow-men come up to this meeting determined to unite all the powers within you for the strengthening of the Church of Christ in these Maritime Provinces. As another has said, "Let us lay aside every weight (of prejudice) and the sin (of stinginess) which doth so easily beset us, and join in this race of winning the world for Christ."

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, ....	....	\$390 52
Newport, N. S.—		
Mrs. Dr. Minard, ....	....	50
St. Martins, N. B.—		
J. McCutcheon, ....	....	50
Halifax—		
Per H. E. Cook, ....	....	25 00
Leteto and Back Bay, Nov. 1891—		
Per J. H. Gordinier, ....	....	30 00
Lord's Cove—		
Per H. Murray, ....	....	40 00
Leteto and Back Bay—		
Per R. Stevens, ....	....	6 48
St. John—		
Young People's M. B., ....	....	3 05
Sandy Cove—		
Mrs. H. Eldridge, ....	....	2 50
Southville—		
Per Elder Steele, ....	....	2 00
St. John Coburg Street S. S., ....	....	20 00
Total ...	....	\$520 55

J. S. FLAGLOR,
Secretary.

ON account of the CHRISTIAN going to press so early this month, some of our regular subscriptions have not arrived in time to be acknowledged.

Foreign Mission Notes.

Dear Brethren and Sisters, I want to make another appeal for the expenses of Sister Graybiel. Some have responded in an encouraging manner. But there is quite a large amount still to raise. I am sure that you will all feel more interested in Sister Graybiel's visit and her work among us if you have contributed something toward bringing her. We wish to thank those who have so kindly helped us and to ask that others will send at least a small offering towards defraying these expenses.

Mrs. J. S. FLAGLOR, Sec'y.

The church at New Glasgow, P. E. I., sends \$4 dollars to the Japan Mission.

"We are not in the church simply to increase its members nor to secure an entrance into heaven. Christ wants his members to work to spread the gospel, to carry the message. He says, Whom shall I send. Who will go for us. The work needs the help of every one, not one can be spared. Oh God forbid that any of us should be found sitting back with folded hands at ease in Zion, thinking only of selfish comforts while the heavenly call resounds through earth and air and sea. The call is heavenly, is divine. It is from Him who sitteth upon the throne.

We, my dear sisters, are the daughters of this great King, and to-day His call comes to us. Like loving children answering to a father's call, surely each heart will rise with joy responding, "Here am I send me." "What wilt Thou have me to do." Let us each rejoice that the fitness comes with the call; only be willing, willing to do what the Great Father wishes. Our Maker knows what we are. He requires only what we have. The willing mind is all that is necessary, for when that is truly found the Holy Spirit enters making our bodies His dwelling place. Then He uses our hands, our feet, our minds, our hearts, and transforms us into the image of Christ. As the artist copies your features on canvas, so if we are willing the Holy Spirit will transfer to the canvas of our hearts the lineaments of the Blessed One whose name we bear, thus fitting us to go about our Master's business as the Saviour did. It is not the most gifted naturally who always have the greatest success. God often chooses weak things for His service.

Bringing what we have and seeking the divine touch there is no telling what God may let us do for Him. Oh, sisters, beloved in Christ, let us bow our heads and lift up our hearts and cry with willing minds, Oh Lord, touch my lips with a live coal from off thine altar that my iniquity may be taken away and my sin purged so that I may be ready to answer to Thy call. "Here am I," send me. What wilt Thou have me to do.

It is wonderful how the Lord opens the way, when this cry goes up sincerely.

"I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"My child, you must My words obey,
My true disciple be;
Must choose the good, all evil shun,
Must live for Me and Me alone,
For I have died for thee."

"I thought His words were just and right;
Not hard nor grievous in my sight,
Were His commands that day;
Yet, when I sought to do His will,
Evil was present with me still,
Oft leading me astray.

"Then to my Lord I made complaint:
I cannot Lord, I am so faint,
My weakness is so great;
That often when I would do right,
And live well pleasing in Thy sight,
I do the wrong I hate.

"How graciously He answered me!
"The secret of the Lord shall be
With those that fear My name;