

I cannot do it justice. I refer to Christian Citizenship.

This is a part of Christian Endeavor work that has been altogether neglected in the Maritime Provinces chiefly, I believe, for the want of some one to take the lead. What has been said of it at times has to a great extent been misunderstood.

The idea of Christian Citizenship is not to make Christian Endeavor a political force, only so far as its influence may be thrown on the side of right against wrong. The main idea is to awaken Christians to the position they occupy and arouse in them enough loyalty to righteousness and truth to induce them to take an active interest in the government of their country.

Never before I think has it been so true that men receive nominations and are elected who are the choice of only a small minority and that minority in most cases not composed of the better class of the people.

There is great need of Christianity in the politics of our country. And how shall this be brought about?

The "Christian Citizenship" movement aims to arouse the Christians of every community so that they will take an interest in and labor for the nomination and election of men to all positions of trust that we can depend on to rule righteously.

It aims to make the electors familiar with the men and measures that they are called on to vote for so that an intelligent and honest vote may be given.

It aims to arouse Christian sentiment in the people so that they will protest against all evil measures that are introduced into our parliaments.

If the Christians of our Dominion had all acted thoughtfully and conscientiously in the late election on Prohibition, what would the result have been? Not a meagre majority of 12,000 but a majority so large that no political leader would have dared to disobey it.

And here I might say is a work for us to perform at once. The Prohibition question is not settled. Let petitions go to Ottawa signed by as many Christians as possible, setting forth their views on this question and our representatives there will be forced to give it their attention. Neither political party will grant what we want in this matter until they realize that we are in earnest in what we demand. Then and not till then will they pass a prohibitory law, and until such a law is passed the Christians of Canada are responsible for the sins that are being committed as a result of the *rum traffic*.

In many of the states of the Union Christian Citizenship has been responsible for the repeal of many evil laws as well as for the passing and enforcing of many good ones, and yet it has only begun its work there.

At the next Maritime Convention of Christian Endeavor to be held in Sackville, N. B., August 15th to 17th, Christian Citizenship is to have a prominent place on the programme, and it is hoped that the work will receive such an impetus then that its influence may be strongly felt during the coming years.

But let us as Christians not wait for this or any convention before beginning to work. Let us act in our political life as we act in our Christian life. In other words, let us labor to bring into our national life that righteousness which exalteth a nation; so shall this Dominion be placed in the forefront of the battle which is being waged against sin and Satan. "Let us vote as we pray."

Home Missions.

Address all communications and remittances to W. A. Barnes, Secretary, 228 St. James Street, St. John, N. B.]

Evangelist Whiston preached in the Main Street Christian Church three Lord's day afternoons during the month of March, and also every night during the first week in April to large congregations. He also preached at Silver Falls on the 10th.

Any of our churches desiring Evangelist Whiston to hold a meeting with them should correspond with him at Pictou, N. S. He is holding a meeting there, which will probably last three weeks. This opportunity may not be available for some time; and it would be for the best interests of the cause of Christ if he could be kept in the provinces for some months.

Good news from Pictou! Three confessions and meeting still in progress. Probably Bro. Stevenson will come and help in the meeting.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. D. Fullerton is ill with pneumonia. Bro. Wm Murray is in Newport, N. S.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$452 41
Tiverton, N. S.—	
K. Outhouse, pledge at annual,	2 00
Mrs. K. Outhouse, "	1 00
J. Clifford, "	1 00
Mrs. Milton Outhouse "	1 00
Per Mrs. K. Outhouse, pledges,	3 85
Per Mrs. Ralph Israel, "	3 50
Per Mrs. Fred. Cosseboone "	2 90
Taunton, Mass.—	
Miss J. D. Dewar,	50
Westport—	
Per Miss Carrie Payson,	5 00
Miss Isma Hicks, pledge at annual,	1 00
Miss Carrie Payson, "	1 00
Sandy Cove, N. S.—	
Miss Maggie Leary, pledge at annual, ..	2 00
St. John, N. B.—	
Mission Band,	3 82
Sunday school,	7 86
Lord's Cove, N. B.—	
Per H. F. Lord,	12 00

\$500 84

W. A. BARNES, Secretary

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported, ..	\$237 00
St. John—	
Coburg Street, Ladies' Auxiliary,	2 00
Main Street, "	4 35

\$245 95

Transferred to Children's Fund 1 00

\$244 95

SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer.

LeTete, Charlotte Co., N. B.

Children's Work.

Address all communications to Mrs. D. A. Morrison, 291 Germain Street, St. John, N. B.]

DEAR GIRLS AND BOYS,—

Now is a good time of the year to waken up to new plans and fresh endeavor in our Mission Band work. As we look around everywhere we see Mother Nature at work, renewing the earth's covering; over the hills and the valleys she is quietly spreading her carpet of green; the trees are being decked

with tiny leaves; all things look bright; the very air seems to have a new freshness. Shall we be the only ones who are not awakening to new life and activity? Let us, too, begin our work afresh, and put a spring-time endeavor into our labors.

Your loving friend,

MRS. D. A. MORRISON,
Sup't Children's Work.

Attention! Band Leaders! It is time to prepare for the Children's Day exercise—for the first or second Sunday in June. I want to ask that all our Bands should give the exercise this year and take up the collection. The collections must be sent to our own Secretary, Mrs. Stevens. Please do all in your power to make the meeting interesting and to raise a good collection.

MRS. D. A. MORRISON.

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported,	\$23 84
Charlottetown—	
"Links of Truth" Band,	1 00
St. John—	
Wide Awake Band,	8 20
Westport—	
Willing Worker's Band,	92
Self Denial Offering,	1 13
Newport—	
Miss Hattie Stevens' S. S. Class,	1 00

\$36 09

SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer,

LeTete, Charlotte Co., N. B.

Married.

HICKS-HOYT.—At the residence of the bride's parents, in LeTete, N. B., on the evening of April 19th, by R. E. Stevens, Mr. William H. Hicks and Miss Dora May, eldest daughter of Peter Hoyt, jr.

CLIFFORD-McKAY.—At Tiverton, N. S., Byron Clifford, son of Deacon John Clifford, and Maggie McKay, were married at the home of the bride's parents, April 8, 1899. J. W. Bolton officiating.

Died.

OUTHOUSE.—Ethel, second daughter of Deacon Milton and Maria Outhouse, died April 9, 1899, of consumption. She was a bright young sister, only 17 years 9 months 23 days old. She was an earnest Christian worker in the church, always ready to do her part. She expressed the hope of eternal life, and died trusting in Jesus as her Saviour. She was an active member in the Sons of Temperance, also helped in the Band of Hope. Both of these orders attended the funeral in a body. Our loss is her gain. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, J. W. Bolton.

THERIO.—Ruth C., daughter of Elder Thomas Ossinger, Tiverton, N. S., died April 14, 1899, of consumption. She died trusting in the Lord. She was baptized by Elder E. C. Ford, when he was the pastor of the church. She leaves two children, her husband having passed away a number of years ago. She was 32 years 8 months 16 days old. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor, J. W. Bolton.

SHAW.—The following brief note, which tells its own sad story, came to us a few days ago from our dear Bro. and Sister Will F. Shaw, of Walnut, Ill.: "Our darling Dale, so precious, loving, confiding, patient, pure and true, went home to Jesus yesterday at 11 a. m. Our hearts ache with a longing that nothing but heaven can ever fill. We take the precious body to Putnam for burial to-morrow, and will bury Saturday morning. You will excuse more now, for our hearts are too full for utterance." To those who knew little Dale, and to the many friends of Bro. and Sister Shaw, this will come as sad news indeed. Dale was an extremely bright child, about two years and five months old. He was in Halifax last summer with Bro. and Sister Shaw, and endeared himself to their many friends here, who deeply sympathized with the afflicted parents in this their hour of sore trial. For about ten long weeks they watched faithfully and tenderly by the sick bed of their precious child, and fought hard for his life. But God has taken this dear one to himself, which will bring heaven nearer to the hearts of these afflicted parents than ever before. May the God of all grace comfort and sustain the hearts of these sorrowing parents, and help them to realize that while the child cannot come to them, they can go to the child. The writer joins with the many friends of Bro. and Sister Shaw in these provinces in deepest sympathy, with the prayer that they may be able to look up to him from whom cometh their help.

E. C. FORD.