

Home Mission Notes.

PLACES	PREACHERS.	ADDITIONS.
Munz in, O.,	B. J. Sawyer,	99
Lehigh, Iowa,	Brown and Finch,	92
Richmond, Mo.,	S. M. Martin,	112
Lafayette, Ind.,	Bro. Coombs,	105
Flushing, O.,	Hedges and Coan,	139
Youngstown, O.,	Darsie and Anderson,	149
Larned, Kan.,	J. A. L. Romig,	142

Eight hundred and thirty-eight additions at seven places is encouraging; and here is an item that should make us glad:

"One year ago in London, Ont., there was five or six Disciples not organized and without any church property. Now there are over fifty Disciples well organized; a Sunday-school with seventy members, and a fine house of worship."

The mission boards of Ontario and the United States have been and are helping the brethren in London, hence their remarkable success.

Let us in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick do likewise, that is, unite our time, talents and money, on any one point, and we will see just as good results.

Did you read in the last CHRISTIAN the letter on "Cheerful Giving?" If not, get the paper and read it. If every Disciple will read it carefully, there will be a large amount given for our home mission work. We hope "Layman" will write again on this subject, and thus help our mission work.

Our new mission point, East Ferry, contributes liberally. Bro. Devoe will hold a series of evening meetings there, and we pray that many shall turn to the Lord.

We are still corresponding about an evangelist and hope soon to get one. We have engaged Bro. R. Stevens to work in the field during his vacation this summer. Bro. Stevens is one of our most faithful workers and will strengthen the cause wherever he may labor.

Bro. J. B. Wallace, a worthy consecrated preacher of the Gospel, has passed away. He was a good man and full of the Holy Spirit. He shall now "shine as the stars forever and over," because he turned many to righteousness. The anchor of the soul—HOPE—will comfort Sister Wallace and family in their sorrow.

The brethren at Gulliver's Cove have asked the Board to send Bro. Devoe there to hold a meeting. The Board will do as requested and will pray for success to attend their united efforts. The Board will be glad to respond to appeals such as this every month. Do not be backward about asking for help. Those who contribute to this fund want to see it spent in doing good and building up the cause of Christ.

Bro. R. Jackson, the president of the Board, spent three days in St. John this month. Bro. J. is in Belleville, Ont., attending a business college, he hopes to graduate in about four months. He expects to visit Toronto to hear Hall and Hutto, and Bowmanville to hear Martin and Castin. He hopes to attend the June meeting at Bowmanville. The knowledge he will get from attending these meetings will be of great help to us in our mission work.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters and after many days thou shalt find it." This is what we are doing in the mission work, and we are sure to see great good result if we give liberally and expend wisely, in order to win souls for Christ.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$191 92
St. John—	
Cohurg St. S. S.,	12 06
Y. P. Mission Band,	3 40
East Ferry, N. S.—	
Per H. A. Devoe,	10 00
Southville—	
Per Mrs. Gates,	3 00

Cornwallis—	
Per Miss S. Ford,	6 25
Tiverton—	
K. Outhouse,	50
Milton—	
Per Miss Freeman,	3 27
W. report—	
Per Miss Porter,	1 00
Total..	\$231 40
St. John, N. B.	J. S. FLAGLOR, Secretary.

Foreign Mission Notes.

We believe that our brethren and sisters will be very much pleased to hear that there is a prospect of our having Sister Mary Graybiel to attend our annual in September. She is one of our most devoted and faithful laborers in foreign fields and one of the best known missionaries in the world. The following was received from her:

Dear Sister in Christ,—Your letter came to hand this morning. Such letters are always received with thanksgiving. Nothing is more precious to me than to know that the interest in missions is broadening among our people, and that sympathy for the perishing is developing into the practical. I quite agree with you that indifference is mainly due to want of knowledge of the condition and needs of the world and our own personal responsibility in the case. I am unwilling to believe that we, who claim to be Disciples of Christ in name, as well as in deed and truth, love our Master any less than others who have been more active in carrying the Gospel to the heathen. I thank God that an awakening to a sense of our responsibility has begun, and the end is not yet.

In reply to your question, as to whether it would be possible for me to attend your annual, I can only say that I know of nothing now that would interfere. I shall be pleased to make the acquaintance of our brethren and sisters in the east, if the Lord opens up the way for me to do so. I wish to make a long journey and tell as much as possible. Now, as to expense, I should be glad to come to you without charge, but this is impracticable. It will be necessary that all travelling expenses be met, but beyond that I leave all to you, assuring you that whatever you are able and willing to give will be entirely satisfactory.

There was one expression in your letter which recalled the many times in India when I had felt "shut out from the world and shut up to Christ." There are times when the burden of the work so weighs upon the soul, when we do so feel our insufficiency and that all human help is unavailing, and then we learn what it means to trust in Christ's unfailing strength and grace. Do we not need to know just that always and everywhere?

May I not hope to hear from you again about the annual meeting? Believe, me with earnest Christian love and greeting.

Yours, in the work,
MARY GRAYBIELE

Sister Sinclair, assistant corresponding secretary O. C. W. B. M., writes: "I am glad to say that a dear young sister in Hamilton, Ontario, offers herself as a missionary for Japan. She has excellent references, will probably be accepted and is ready to go at once. We had a visit from Bro. Meegs of China, he had only two weeks to spend in Canada, he spoke for fifteen churches. Eternity alone can tell the good his visit will do. He held his audience spell bound for an hour and three quarters at a time. Trust we all feel more deeply our obligation to aid in the work of Foreign Missions."

The sisters will all be much pleased to hear that there is a good prospect of having our Canadian missionary in the field at once.

We see what a deep interest the Ontario churches have taken in a returned missionary, and we believe should sister Graybiel visit us a like interest would be awakened.

Sister Lena Leonard, who has been visiting St. John, reports that the sisters at Leonardville have decided to organize a Foreign Missionary Society.

Twelve of the sisters have banded together to carry on this work, which will be taken up early in the spring.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY. "I speak to each individual. There is one soul—a soul which must live forever; a soul for which your Saviour bled; a soul which can feel, and suffer, and enjoy as well as you. There is one such soul that depends for salvation on you and on you alone. After all that benevolence has done, or can do, millions will still remain unenlightened. Select one of these and reflect that for you it is to say whether that soul shall receive offers of redeeming mercy! You can do this, humble as may be your means. For you, therefore, O that the Holy Spirit would write this on your inmost heart! For you it is to say whether at the last day there shall be upon your head the guilt of its blood, or the glory of its redemption. God waits for no sluggard, no vain promises. The night cometh. Yea, there is an awful night that will shut down with blackness and darkness on all delaying souls. What thou doest do quickly."

"It should not be forgotten that the term Foreign has no place in the Scriptures in connection with missions. Neither has the indifference to the fate of the heathens, of which this term was born. The very name *Foreign Missions* is a reproach to the Christian world, which so far forgot its commission as to leave the heathen to shift for themselves. We shall never have a full return to primitive Christianity until we know no difference between Home and Foreign missions."

Here is good news from Japan where the Canadian sisters hope soon to have a missionary at work helping to turn the natives from darkness to light, from Satan to God.

"Reports from Foreign Missions begin to bear the familiar marks of our home despatches:

HUNGO TOKYO, Japan, Feb. 2.—Four baptized last week, and five last night. I have three preachers, besides the leper hospital, so I preach twice on Sunday nights. I am going north 200 miles on the invitation of a farmer, who, though five years a Presbyterian, came to me to hear our position more thoroughly, to be immersed, and to ask me to preach in his town. He had heard of us from the preacher who converted him, but who united with us just a little over a year ago. We have also just received an excellent preacher from the Greek Church.

GEO. T. SMITH.

Whatever may have been the doubts of any, as to the success of foreign missions, they will soon be dispelled by news like this. Let it be borne in mind that the great work of our foreign missions has been to get access to the people—to overcome the bars of language, custom and thought. This done, the old gospel is as powerful as it has been everywhere else. And those who believe that faith comes by hearing should be the first to appreciate the difficulties to be overcome.—*Standard*.

Mrs. J. S. FLAGLOR,
Secretary.

FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD.

(Notes from Mrs. Durand's letters.)

HURDA, INDIA, Nov. 19th, 1891.

How I wish you could be with us, or see us, Christmas day. We will have all the schools meet at a given place and march to our house, singing while marching appropriate hymns. Then after the devotional exercises will give every child a present, and prizes to many. We have at least 450 in the schools and we may count on an extra hundred or two turning up on the "Bunah Din," that is the big day, or Christmas. Some of the children will be about half clad in neat, clean garments, others with a dirty cloth about the hips, and others perfectly nude. To those that have no clothing, we will give garments and the others a toy, and for prizes we give books, or something quite nice. Poor little darlings, I have seen tears of joy glistening in their eyes when they would come forward to receive their presents. They are very much like children at home until sin has been instilled into them and their little minds poisoned by these wicked customs.

Our babes are thriving beautifully. The little one is a great big fellow now and so very sweet and good. Mrs. Wharton and Miss Robinson have prophesied that he is going to make a great and