

cause for coadjutors; let him persevere, persevere, persevere, and God will raise him up friends and assistants." We are engaged in a "good cause," and we are glad the brethren are coming more and more to our assistance. We hope to see a united brotherhood in our Home Mission work. "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Let us then help all we can to sow the seed of the kingdom, and we will see a glorious ingathering. "Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Our labor shall not be in vain. God knows what we are doing to spread His truth. May we all be counted among His laborers.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$147 33
St. John—	
Y. P. Mission Band,	2 91
Southville—	
Per Mrs. Gates,	2 00
Nauwigewauk—	
Per Bro. Wannamake	3 00
Westport—	
"Willing Workers,"	1 00
Per Miss Porter	65
Milton—	
Per Miss Freeman,	3 50
South Range,	1 88
Per H. A. Devoo—	
B. Sabean,	1 00
J. H. Shortliffe,	1 00
A. Marshall,	1 00
J. Zeigler,	2 00
Tiverton,	1 87
" Young People's Society,	1 50
Total..	\$170 67
J. S. FLAGLOR, ST. JOHN, N. B.	

Foreign Mission Notes.

Owing to sickness and other causes we did not take up a collection for Foreign Missions in the Coburg street church on the first Lord's day in the year as requested. But on Lord's day, January 24th, Bro. Stewart preached a very interesting and instructive sermon on this work. He spoke of its small beginning; of its remarkable growth; of the small number who are Christian, even yet, compared with the number who are heathen; of the millions going down to death daily, without God and without hope; of the small amount given for missions, when compared with other expenditures; of the great responsibility resting on the Christian world, and of the need that they awake to that responsibility lest they be under condemnation.

I think that we all realized more fully our duty and will be more anxious to assist in sending the glad tidings of salvation to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The collection amounted to \$10.00.

A number of letters have been received in answer to those sent to the churches by the secretary. All of which are encouraging.

Sister Sabean, of South Range, writes: "I feel very much interested in Foreign Mission work and will do all I can. We are few in number and so scattered that it would be almost impossible to organize; but I will collect all that I can, praying that the Lord will prosper the work of the Foreign Missionary Society."

Sister Cassie Stewart, of Montague, P. E. I.:

"We, as a church, have not done much for Foreign Missions, but hope that we are awakening to a sense of our duty in this respect. We have not yet decided how the work will be carried on, but will do so soon, hoping that God will bless every effort for the advancement of His kingdom."

Sister Lord, Tryon: "We are at present helping at two mission points, one where a few brethren are, without a church organization; the other in the Indian Territory. We would not like to give

up either of those, and as we are few in number do not feel that we can help this work. Hoping that the work of the Lord may be blessed."

Sister Wallace, West Gore: "My heart is in unison with yours in this great work of Foreign Missions. I will bring it before the sisters, hoping that they may earnestly and prayerfully consider the matter that we may have a ready response.

There are a number of other churches that have taken up the work, but have not reported. Will every society, or sister, collecting for Foreign Missions, kindly report to the Secretary? The constitutions for organizing will be sent very soon.

FROM JAPAN.

Strange questions arise in the minds of the Japanese in regard to the Christian religion. "Is Moses God?" asked a Japor. "No, why do you think so?" "Because you speak of the ten commandments of Moses, and the first one says, 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me.'"

"Is that true?" said an old lady when she heard that there is only one God, "I have always thought the more gods I worshipped the better. I'll go and sweep them all away."

"I suppose," said a barber, as he scraped my face with a razor which took hold with greater avidity than it let go, "I suppose that it costs a great deal of money to enter the Christian Church?"

"Why does God permit evil?" puzzles many, as it has from the days of the Greeks.

We were invited out to dinner. Besides the main house there were three small houses within the yard. The yard was broken by artificial hills, between which a stream flowed in which there were a number of fish. We went to one of the summer houses and found chairs and a table provided, such things Japanese do not customarily use. Tea and cakes were served first, the Japanese sensibly take dessert before they have a full meal of solid food. Then came boiled chestnuts and sweet potatoes, cuttle fish, exceedingly tough, and a dish very palatable called "steamed teacups," eggs, forming a custard, three or four different kinds of fish, mushrooms and leaves of a seaweed were the ingredients which are put into a cup and steamed. Raw fish cut in small slices, bamboo shoots, oranges, no larger than the end of a man's thumb, seaweed, cherry leaf tea and custard completed an enjoyable meal.

One of our brethren paints flowers on silk. If he would not put his seal on merchants would pay two or three times his price, then they would affix the counterfeit seal of some noted painter of ancient times and sell it at a higher rate, but he would not consent to such dishonest practices. A Chinaman sells at the same price he pays, his profit is in short weight. There is no cure for these things but the Gospel.

"We Japanese cannot do business as fast as you Americans," said a cultured Japanese to me in faultless English. "In Corea," he added, "it is ten times worse. A Corean will start out with a small basket to make some purchases, he will ask the price of an article and try to get it cheaper, then go some other place and in an hour or two return and buy. In that way he will use up a whole day. Time is not counted as of value." This gentleman was trying to secure a lot for a chapel. It is necessary for me to keep in the back ground, for if it were known that a foreigner is the real buyer the price is much higher. I wanted to push things—hence the above remark. The delay was fortunate. The contract was made, money to bind the bargain was paid, a few hours before the time appointed to go to the court house to make the bargain complete a fire started in the adjoining house and fifteen houses, including that one, burned to the ground. The rumor is that the owner wishes us to pay \$100 anyhow, and such is the indefiniteness of the Japanese language the contract can be interpreted to say that we had bought, or that we would buy.

G. T. S.

Married.

McKAY-LING.—By D. Crawford, on the 24th of December, at the residence of the bride's father, Alexander McKay, and Annie, sixth daughter of Mr. Jacob Ling, all of New Glasgow, P. E. I.

Died.

CAMPBELL.—Sister Janet, relict of the late Bro. James D. Campbell, after a short but severe illness, passed quietly to rest on the evening of Jan. 11, 1892, aged 71 years, leaving five daughters, four sons and a large circle of relatives and friends, in and out of the church of Christ, of which she was a faithful member, to mourn the loss of a loving mother, a true friend, an obliging neighbour and a faithful Christian. Being possessed of a clear mind, her faith in the Christ was well grounded, and, therefore, sustained her well in the closing hours of life. To the care of the ALL-FATHER, we would commit her loved and sorrowing ones at home and abroad. Sister C died at her home, near Commercial Cross, Lot Fifty-nine, P. E. I.

O. E. E.

HINES.—Brother Jacob Stanel Hines, of Gulliver's Cove, Digby Co., N. S., has passed from the activities of this life. He died Dec. the 18th, at the advanced age of eighty-five years and three months. When Bros. Crawford and Garrity came into this county to make known the gospel in its simplicity and purity, Bro. Hines was among the first to give them sympathy and shelter. Notwithstanding the interest he took in our plea, he did not himself obey the gospel till he was in his seventy-second year. From the time when he gave up to Christ, till death relieved him from his sufferings here below, God's word was his study and delight; he was anxious to find out the will of God, that he might walk therein. Now he has gone, we trust, to be with Christ, which is far better. He leaves a wife, two sons and daughters, with a large number of grand children to mourn their loss. His children are all Disciples of Christ. May the comforting influence of the gospel of Christ be with those who remain.

J. A. GATES.

Weymouth Bridge, December 29th, 1891.

SMITH.—At Cavendish Road, P. E. I., on the 26th of December last, Sister Isabella Smith, the beloved wife of Bro. George McKay, aged 54 years. She was a member of the church at New Glasgow for over 20 years and always exhibited in her deportment the power and purity of the religion of Christ. She was cheerful and intelligent, and it was pleasant and profitable to be in her company, especially near her end. She met the last enemy with a cheerful confidence in her loving Saviour.

D. C.

HOWARD.—At Westport, N. S., Dec. 21st, Sister Charlotte Howard, beloved wife of Bro. William Howard, in the 49th year of her age. Sister Howard was indeed a great sufferer, but the cheerfulness and Christian patience she exhibited through it all is beyond expression. Her faith in a loving Saviour was unwavering. She calmly passed over the swelling tide without a murmur. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. Our heartfelt sympathy we extend to the sorrowing ones. May God in his loving mercy comfort their hearts.

H. E. C.

COOK.—Mrs. Anna Cook departed this life on Jan. 15th, 1892, aged 56 years. Deceased was ill only a few days, and bore her sufferings with that degree of Christian fortitude and composure which had characterized her life. Too much cannot be said or written in praise of this estimable lady. She obeyed the Gospel many years ago; since which time she has been the exemplary Christian. She was a member of the church of Christ at Lord's Cove. Not a cold indifferent member, but a warm, zealous and energetic one; always to be found at her post of duty, and ever ready to assist in every good work. The church has lost an excellent member; the children a careful, devoted and painstaking mother; forgetful at times of her own ease and comfort to secure them to her children; and the community, a firm friend and neighbour. We will all miss her very much; and outside her immediate circle of relatives and friends, no one will miss her more than the writer, who is indebted to her for so many favours shown, and kind words spoken. Sunday, Jan. 11th, a cold but pleasant day, a large concourse of people gathered at the late home of the deceased to pay the last sad rites. Sadly we laid her away in the quiet grave, to await the "resurrection of the just." "Her memory is blessed."

F. O. OVERBAUGH.

Lord's Cove, N. B.

YOUNG.—At Everett, Mass., January 16th, 1892, Sister Jessie Young, beloved daughter of Bro. Jesse Peters, formerly of Westport, N. S. She was willing to depart and be with Christ which is far better.