

## Home Mission Notes.

Place.	Preachers.	Additions.
Toledo, O.,	Updyke & Hawes,	120
Atlantic, Ia.,	Whitehead & Coon,	101
Paris, Ky.,	Martin & Easton,	143
Pleasant Hill, Mo.,	H A N rhealt,	355
Bedford, Ia.,	Martin & Easton,	113
Cameron, Mo.,	G F. Hall,	101
Chillicothe, Mo.,	Boyer & McCluskey,	118

Over 1,000 additions in eight meetings is a good showing, especially during a presidential campaign.

All will be glad to know that Bro. Fullerton, of Pictou, is able to be out again. He expects to finish the house he is building next season. It has a stone foundation, is boarded in and the roof is shingled. It is 70 feet long, 35 feet wide and 26 foot post. There will be two halls, one 45x30 and the larger one will be 70x35. Certainly this is good news, and all will be glad to hold up Bro. Fullerton's hands in preaching the gospel. Let us make his prayer ours. He says, "May I be able to do something for His honor and glory and the advancement of His cause in this place."

The brethren in Halifax and Bro. Hardin, of Cincinnati, have been trying to get Bro. Chase (who retires from the governorship of Indiana, January 9th, 1893), to come and open the new house in Halifax and continue a meeting. Bro. Chase was willing to come, but could only remain a few days. So it is thought best not to invite him, as it is a long journey and would cost too much for so short a time. Bro. Hardin says, "I asked Bro. Chase to agree to undertake a number of meetings, consuming several months. Had he been free to do this, I should have recommended that we help to sustain him. But he cannot do this. So here ends another one of my efforts to secure an evangelist for the provinces. But I will not give it up, I will keep drumming at it till I get one." The receipts show that many have remembered this fund in the past month. We hope that many more will begin the new year by a contribution to the home mission work.

Wishing you all A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$102 95
Maitland, Hauts Co.—	
Mrs. D. McDougall, . . . . .	2 00
Westport—	
Per Miss Nettie Bailey, . . . . .	2 00
St. John—	
Sunday School, . . . . .	12 36
Mission Band, . . . . .	2 73
Levete—	
Per Miss Matthews, . . . . .	75
Southville—	
Mrs. M. E. Gates, . . . . .	7 50
Milton—	
Per Miss Collie, . . . . .	4 75

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J. S. FLAGLER,  
Secretary.

Post Office, St. John.

Of one thing I feel sure, nothing could be better for arousing the spiritual life of a congregation, and leading it to a higher life, than the cultivation of the spirit of missions. The progress of the kingdom of God in the world is a study well calculated to enlarge the mind and soul, and rescue torpid congregations from their self-satisfied ease. What a power for good would be our home millions of Christians, if really alive to their privilege and duty in helping forward the work of God in all lands.—A. M. Mackay, of Uganda.

If there be some weaker one,  
Give we strength to help him on;  
If a blind soul there be,  
Let me guide him nearer Thee.

—J. G. Whittier.

## Foreign Missions.

## Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

## FROM JAPAN.

160 Benten Machi, Ushigome Ku,  
Tokio, Japan.

To O. C. W. B. M. and Maritime Province Sisters:

DEAR SISTERS: I have been in my new home a week to-day. God has been very good to me in granting me, not only a pleasant passage, but also many kind friends on my arrival. Miss Oldham and myself have taken up our residence with Miss Calla Harrison, than whom a kinder, more loveable friend it would be hard to find. Her home consists, besides ourselves, of five little girls, who are supported by different churches in the States, and a man who teaches for her in one of her charity schools in the morning and does chores for her in the afternoon. She also has a helper who comes on Friday and returns Sunday evening after the service. Her work is to make a home and training school for these young girls. She is always willing to increase the number when some person takes upon themselves to support them. The cost of one girl is \$60 a year. We must have women helpers, and, as we can get no good ones, we must train them for ourselves. It is necessary, also, to get them when they are young and have them under our personal superintendence from morning till night, for the wickedness of this immense city is not even dreamed of in our own dear country. O pray that I might be the means of bringing one soul to the foot of the cross, and to remain steadfast.

There is one poor little girl who has been brought under our notice that we would like to take in. Her father is a jinriksha man. He has four children, and the mother has lately died. They are in abject poverty. He is perfectly willing for us to take her, thereby laying aside all claim to her in the future. Could you get no person in our vast Dominion to adopt her? I should take such pleasure in being her guardian, her teacher, her foster-mother. If she is not taken in she will likely be sold to train as a dancing girl, which means to be lost. Aye, more than lost, for it means not only lost for this present world, but lost for the world to come. Oh, Christian women of Canada, did you know the lot of the women here and their utter depravity, you could not sit quietly there in your comfortable homes and not do something to help them. It makes my blood chill to think of it—but enough.

Miss Oldham and I carry on Miss Harrison's work when she leaves for her home in the spring. May I do my part to my utmost ability. Miss H. has given each of us one of her schools to superintend, and an English class. On Monday we start our study of the language with a competent native teacher; so good-bye laziness.

Your loving sister in the work,

MARY M. RIOCH.

P. S.—Write soon. How I long to hear from you, you cannot guess.

We are sure that all will be pleased to hear that our dear sister has arrived safely and is taking up her work. There is one thing in her letter to which I would call especial attention. It is the little girl of whom she spoke. I have learned since this letter was written that seeing the terrible danger that threatened her, should there be any delay, Sister Rioch could not wait to hear from the home churches, or individuals, but has taken upon herself the responsibility of adopting this child, hoping that we will help to bear, at least a part, of the expenses. If not, she says she will bear them all herself. The amount needed would not seem much if all

the churches in Canada will do a little; but it is large for one sister. Sister Sinclair, of O. C. W. B. M., writes that she is bringing the matter before the churches in Ontario.

Can we not interest the children in this work? It would be very easy, as they like to hear of, and work for, the children of heathen lands. Or, is there any of our brothers and sisters who would like to adopt the child? Perhaps from some of your homes has been taken a little one whom you had hoped would become useful in the Master's vineyard. Can you not take in the place of your dear one this little heathen child to train for Christ, so that it may do the work that perhaps your own would have done?

Many are doing this and feel that it is the very best investment possible. For when those children shall have become able to tell the gospel story to their own people, there is no estimating the number of souls that shall be won to Christ through them.

You will be glad to learn that we have received from Bro. Weaver \$23 00 from the church at East Point, P. E. I.; also on Christmas eve \$10.00 from some one unknown, accompanied by the prayer that God will bless the foreign mission work. The Lord is truly opening the hearts of his people.

On the last Lord's day in November we held our missionary meeting in Coburg street church. Collection amounted to \$2.60.

On Christmas day we held another very interesting meeting, Japan and Sister Rioch being the subjects. Letters were read from our missionary, which were much enjoyed. Collection amounted to \$3.36.

## RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$61 25
St. John—	
Sunday School, . . . . .	3 36
Woman's Aid, . . . . .	1 90
Little girls in Miss Bank's S. S. class, . . . . .	53
An unknown Sister, . . . . .	10 00
	\$77 04

SUSIE B. FORD,  
Treas. C. W. F. M. S.

[In last month's acknowledgements Jessie A. Stewart, Southville, \$5 00, should have been "Jessie A. Stewart, Southport, P. E. I.]

## News of the Churches.

## ST. JOHN, N. B.

The past month has been one of great sorrow, yet amid it we have cause to be glad for the blessings that has come to us. Sister Barnes has gone to her reward, and we cannot estimate the loss we suffer. We do not sorrow as those without hope in Christ. She lived to see what she had labored for accomplished. She saw her children pillars of the church and their children turning to the Lord, having been brought up in His nurture and admonition. She saw the house of God (that she had toiled for and given so freely to build) filled with eager people listening attentively to the word of the Lord. She saw a band of young, consecrated people working for Christ and His church, and fitting themselves to carry on the work in this city. She saw additions every week to the membership and new scholars coming into the Sunday-school. She saw the church willing to give to every good work; living in peace and growing in faith and love. Seeing this, her last days were her best days, for they were full of rejoicing at the success of the truth.

During this month we have had four additions to the church and thirteen new scholars in the Sunday-school.

We had another pleasant visit from Bro. Bowers.