

We should say to ourselves, "This is my business as much as the person who suggests the idea, and I am going to help on the cause by contributing what little I can spare." But some will say, "I am not able to give much, and what little I have to give is not worth giving. If I can't give largely I'll not give at all." Now this is a mistake. If we are all waiting until we get rich to give, I am afraid the work will suffer. Let us give our cents, never mind the dollars. Look at the ship the Sunday-school children built with their pennies for foreign missions. And just so would we be able to build up in this province of ours if we gave our cents to the mission cause.

No doubt but that there are many liberal brethren in this province of ours, who would give largely they were canvassed personally, and conversed with on the subject of missions at home. I have made up my mind at some future time to call on all the brethren in the provinces and see if we can't raise money enough to carry on the work effectually and will give notice in this paper before starting, so that all will have time to study their duty in this matter, and be able to give a decided answer when called upon whether they are in favor of supporting an evangelist in this province or not, and will also be prepared with their subscriptions.

Don't think that we are doing all we can for the cause, and there is no need of us giving more than we ever gave. We ought to try and make it a practice to give more every year. A man in business tries to increase his stock every year. The farmer clears more land and plants more every year. But the poor fisherman has to put up with his catch, large or small. I must say the fisherman is the most liberal man you ever met with, next to the sailor, and the two are the most poorly clothed and fed, and endure more hardships than any other class of laborers, yet they spend their money more freely than any other class of men.

If the brethren responds to the call there will be no need of calling on them; but should I start on this mission there will be no trouble, I presume, in getting a donation from the class of brethren spoken of by Bro. Burr. I know nothing about the liberality of our brethren more than what I see in THE CHRISTIAN. If all that the brethren give is recorded in THE CHRISTIAN, then I say, Shame on us as a people professing godliness. Holding the truth as we claim to do, and yet withholding the means at our disposal to bring men and women out of darkness into the true and marvelous light of God's dear Son. I say we ought to be despised for our meanness. Yes, a God will hold every one of us responsible for each neglect on our part. Religion in the head and in the heart will manifest itself in the pocket. If you want to find out how much religion a man has, touch his pocket.

W. J. MESSERVEY.

LIGHT AND LOVE.

"God is love." "I am the Light of the world." Two wonderful propositions! God is love and Jesus is light; so as God and His only begotten Son are one God, so love and light are one. Let us consider how love is light. God so loved the world that he sent His Son to be the light of the world. Thus the love sends the light and is the light. Think how the love of God prompts the ministers of the Gospel to carry light into dark places, to bring light to darkened intellects. Think how love inspires to deeds of heroism and self-denial, as light causes the seeds to swell and burst in their efforts to obtain more light by means of branch and leaves.

To love and light let us add liberty, the glorious liberty wherewith Christ doth make us free, free from sin. Light, love and liberty! Three priceless

gifts granted to every disciple; light to guide us on our way, love to encompass and shield us from danger, liberty to forsake sin and accept salvation. May we have grace to walk in the light, and love the liberty with which Christ has made us free.—*Christian at Work.*

THE N. B. AND N. S. MISSION BOARD.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following reports, audited and received at our Annual Meeting in St. John during the present month, gives the receipts and disbursements for missionary purposes in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia during the year from Sept. 6th, 1886—Sept. 5th, 1887.

This report, compared with those of former years, would lead some to suppose that there has been quite a falling off in our receipts. That less has been paid into the treasury of the Board, is true, but that less has been raised for missionary work in these parts is not true. The Sisters have a society of their own, with a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, collecting, retaining or disbursing their funds as they see fit.

In this report, a new feature is presented—that of a fund for the educating of young men for the ministry; the Board will see that money thus contributed is used for no other purpose. We have young men of talent, desirous of giving themselves wholly to the work of the Lord; but they realize their need of a better education, and not having the means of support, they cannot do what they would. Brethren, this certainly is a move in the right direction, will you not help to keep the thing moving?

During the year through the columns of THE CHRISTIAN, credit has been given to the persons herein named, with the exception of a few who have recently contributed to this all important work. For the want of space, we omit the dates on which the amounts were received.

Balance last year	Sept. 6th '86,	\$191 05	Church, Halifax, N S,	
Collection, West Gore	N S, Y M,	16 09	Aid Society, Milton,	27 00
Mrs H Eldridge, Sand	Cove, Digby Co, N S,	2 00	SS Class, Mrs Dedrick	5 20
D Fullerton, Pictou	NS	10 00	Church, Lords Cove,	2 00
Collection, Lords Cove	N B, Nov 21,	11 00	N B, June 25,	15 98
N B, Nov 26,	Collection, Back Bay,	2 00	Ch, Leonardville, N B,	6 50
N B, Nov 21,	Collection, Leonard-	20 00	Mrs A Cook "	1 00
ville, N B, Nov 22,	Collection, Kempt, N	10 13	G Leonard "	1 00
S, Nov 9,	S, Nov 9,	10 13	Mrs G Leonard, "	2 00
Collection, Summer-	ville, N. S., Nov 9,	10 13	Mrs H Leonard, "	1 00
Collect'n, Port-Moun-	ton, N S, Nov 9,	1 66	Int from Dom Bank	2 00
H Hill, French Village	N B,	4 50	YP Miss Fund St J, NB	10 90
G W Archibald, R	Island, U S,	50	2nd & 3rd years profits	196 07
J W Powell, Freeport	N S,	50	OF THE CHRISTIAN,	4 21
Willig Workers West-	port, N S	12 00	S S St John, N B,	4 21
			S S Class of Sister	1 25
			Kempton, Mil, N S,	2 00
			Class of Sister	2 00
			Dedrick's Mil, N S,	18 75
			I. A Society, Mil, N S,	5 00
			Friend, Westport N S,	2 00
			50 Mrs W Outhouse, Tiv.	2 85
			N S,	
			Col. Tiv. N S, Aug 28,	
				\$591 19

FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG MEN.

W J Messervey, Hx	1 00	E Payson, W'port, N S,	1 00
FK Etherington, Cam-	1 00	H Minnick, Lubec,	2 00
bridge, Boston Mass,	1 00	Maine,	
Mrs Etherington Cam-	1 00	J H Rogers, Swamps-	1 00
bridge Boston Mass,	2 00	cott, Mass,	1 00
G W Fullerton, Pictou,	2 00	H A DeVoe, St J, N B,	1 00
N S,	1 00	Harding, Halifax,	1 00
Mrs M A Messervey,	1 00	D Crawford, P E I,	1 00
Halifax,	1 00	F Lambert, Lord's	1 00
Mrs D Minard, Brook-	1 00	Cove, N B,	1 00
lyn, N S,	1 00	O B Emery, P E I,	1 00
W A Barnes, St J N B,	1 00	Sister Gates, Wey-	1 00
Mrs "	1 00	mouth, N S,	
G W Archibald, Woon-	1 00	Sister Viney Sturk,	50
socket, R I,	1 00	Gulliver's Cove,	
Mrs W Hewett,	1 00	G Leonard, Leonard-	1 00
R Hill, Nauwigewauk,	1 00	ville, N B,	
N B,	1 00	W Murray, East Mach-	1 00
J T Baker, P E I,	1 00	ias, Maine,	1 00
J Wallace, W Gore, N S,	1 00	H Murray, Milton, N S,	1 00
Ellis Ford, Mil, N S,	1 00		
J J Christie, St J, N B,	1 00		\$29 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

1886,			
Nov. 22, J A Gates, labor in	N S,	-	\$25 16
20, H Murray "	" N B,	-	83 00
30, H Murray "	" N B,	-	45 00
To travelling expenses in interest of Board, 3 11			
Dec. 9, J A Gates, labor in	N S,	-	14 84
13, H Murray, "	" N B,	-	20 00
23, P D Nowlan, "	" N S,	-	30 00
20, P D Nowlan, "	" N S,	-	20 00
1887,			
Mar. 18, H. Murray, "	" N S,	-	56 00
May 26, P D Nowlan, "	" N S,	-	25 20
June 17, H A DeVoe, "	" N S,	-	50 00
25, H Murray, "	" N B & N S,	-	56 00
July 5, H Murray, "	" N B,	-	30 00
S, P E I Mission Board, from profits of			
THE CHRISTIAN, - - - - 82 46			
Aug. 1, H A DeVoe, labor in	N S,	-	25 00
Miscellaneous Expenses - - - - 4 95			
Total Receipts, - - - -			\$526 72
Leaving a balance on hand Sept. 5th, 1887,			620 69
			\$93 97
			T. H. CAPP,
			Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF "THE CHRISTIAN."

Fourth annual report of the Treasurer of THE CHRISTIAN to the Home Mission Board of the Disciples of Christ of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, from October 1, 1886, to August 31, 1887:

Number of subscribers on list,	....	875
Number sent free,	....	50
Total,	....	925
Of this number—		
13 are paid to	1883	
98 " "	1884	
104 " "	1885	
228 " "	1886	
345 " "	1887	
80 " "	1888	

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report,	....	\$136 11
Received for subscriptions,	....	306 45
" advertisements,	....	45 00
		\$487 56

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for printing,	....	\$216 00
" postage,	....	9 14
Editors' expenses, etc.,	....	13 15
Paid Treasurer H. M. Board,	....	146 07
		384 36

Balance on hand, \$103 20

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. EDWARDS,
Treasurer.

Your Committee have examined the above and find them correct.

ELLIS FORD,
D. F. LAMBERT.

St. John, Sept. 1st, 1887.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY 1886-87.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The "General Society" held quite a successful session at the Annual at West Gore, Hants Co. The President, Vice-President and Secretary were present.

The President opened the meeting with singing, and with reading a portion of Scripture, prayer by the Vice-President, then report of Secretary, and reading of letters from the Aid Societies of Milton, St. John, Tiverton, and one Aid was formed at Leonardville, (reported in CHRISTIAN since last meeting). After the reports were read, quite an informal talk, in which several of the Brethren took part.

The Sisters of West Gore there and then formed an Aid Society, their report has not come up to their own expectations, but we know that they are planning good work for the future, and we sympathize with them in the sorrow awaiting them. We are all young in this work; but I can speak for our Sisterhood of these Maritime Provinces, that they mean to go on and do much more. Our main trouble seems to be that we do not understand