

To be without it for two weeks is bad enough, but what would it be to be without it altogether? And if those who read it now, value it, would not many who do not see it, be glad to have it come into their homes? and reading in it of the work being done and of the present needs of the fields, would they not be more completely enlisted in the work? Besides, would not many find, closed up between the first page and the last, much that would stimulate them and strengthen their faith and build them up? Was it not wise then for the brethren at Milton to recommend that a special interest be taken in the paper, and that an earnest effort be made to extend its circulation. Whenever a Disciple of Christ is found in these provinces, there also should be found a copy of THE CHRISTIAN. And since the price for the whole year is less than one cent per week, there seems to be no reason why every family should not take it. Not only should there be an earnest effort to extend its circulation on account of the good it may do directly, but also on account of the indirect results that accrue from an increased subscription roll. We presume our readers know that the balance, after the bare expenses of publishing and maintaining are paid, goes to mission work—one-third to P. E. I. and two-thirds to N. B. and N. S. If a special interest be taken in the paper, and an earnest effort made to extend its circulation, there is no reason why it should not have 1,200 subscribers by the time the next annual meeting comes round.

Original Contributions.

TESTS OF DISCIPLESHIP.

The disciples are tested by their works and words of love for Christ. Why should we be so inactive when we have the words, "Ye shall know them by their fruits?" How are we to be known by unprofessioners if we are not bearing fruit to the honor and glory of God? There are two important reasons why we should bear this fruit as disciples of Christ; first, because it glorifies Him, and secondly, because it proves our discipleship. "Herein is our Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be my disciples." (John xv. 8). Who would not glorify Christ by such a work and desire the honor of being a disciple of such a Divine Being? Does Christ demand too much when He says, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Is it too much to devote our lives to His service who will bestow on us eternal ages of salvation? Christians are exhorted to be "always abounding in the work of the Lord,"—to be rich in good works, and to offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. If we should praise God forever, it would be comparatively nothing to the unnumbered blessings we are enjoying at the present time.

In bearing much fruit God is honored. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Being the Father's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, "let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." This command came from Christ's own lips, and if we heed it, others who do not fully appreciate this "Divine light" may be led to say, "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all."

"I am the vine, ye are the branches." As the vine dresser is desirous of having strong, healthy, productive vines, so Christ wants us to be strong in Him and in the power of His might, and to be

"fruitful in every good work." Often when an opportunity offers to let some fruit fall from our lips, we refuse; thus losing forever one of the golden moments by our failure to bear fruit to the honor and glory of God.

"Sow thy seed, be never weary;
Let no fears thy soul annoy;
Be the prospect never so dreary,
Thou shalt reap the fruits of joy."

The apostle in Eph. v. 9 comprehends the fruits of the Spirit in three things—"goodness, righteousness and truth." And if we cultivate such, we glorify Him who has led us from darkness to light.

This is the test of the disciple; and let us produce such fruits for Christ that He may give us a glorious inheritance as He says unto us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." A. C. M.

News of the Churches.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETY OF THE
COBURG STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

This society met in the vestry on Thursday afternoon, September 27th, 1894. The meeting was opened by singing the hymn, "Have you sought for the sheep that have wandered," and reading the twenty third chapter of Matthew's gospel in rotation. Prayer was offered by Sisters Miles and Tennant.

Minutes of the last meeting was read and approved.

A report of the past ten years, giving an outline of the work done, was then read by the Secretary, and it was moved and seconded that it be accepted.

The treasurer's report was also read, and it was moved and seconded that it be accepted.

It was moved by Sister Morrison and seconded by Sister Emma Christie, that the report be published in THE CHRISTIAN.

Sister W. A. Barnes was chosen President; Sisters Miles and Christie, Vice-presidents; Sister Morrison, Secretary; and Sister Ethel Barnes retains her office as Treasurer for another year.

A collection was taken, amounting to \$14.00.

The meeting closed by singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Dear Sisters,—We have assembled here to-day to celebrate the tenth anniversary of our society. In looking back on the past ten years we have much to be thankful for and much to encourage us. We have accomplished something by our meeting and working together every month. We have contributed towards the support of some of our preaching brethren and helped to sustain the North End mission, and now we are waiting anxiously to secure an evangelist for the home field.

While we thank God and take courage, we would not forget that there are some who are not with us to-day who were with us ten years ago, those who were warm, earnest friends of this Society—Sister Barker, Sister Ashley and Sister James E. Barnes.

The Woman's Missionary Aid Society of the Coburg Street Christian Church was organized on the last Thursday of September, 1884. There were present at that meeting Sisters James E. Barnes, Owen, Sutherland, Martin, Barker, Hopley, Christie, Clark and W. A. Barnes. The following officers were elected: Sister Martin, President; Sister Ashley, Vice-president; Sister Owen, Treasurer, and Sister Barker, Secretary.

After the officers had taken their seats, the members present agreed to give ten cents a month for home missions. The time and place of meeting would be the last Thursday of the month in the vestry of the meeting-house.

Our President, Sister Martin, having removed from the city, Sister J. E. Barnes, by request, acted as President for the remainder of the year.

In September, 1885, Sister Owen was elected President; Sister J. C. Wilson, Vice-president; Sister Ethel Barnes, Treasurer, and Sister W. A. Barnes, Secretary. At this meeting there were twenty-three members present.

In 1890 Sister Blackadar was elected President; Sisters J. E. Barnes and Owen, Vice-presidents.

In 1892 Sister Miles was elected President; Sisters J. E. Barnes and Owen, Vice-presidents. The Secretary and Treasurer have held their offices for nine consecutive years.

During the past ten years we have collected \$1,125 83.

The Society was organized for the purpose of home missions, but as the work grew and its success exceeded our expectations, it was thought advisable to contribute to the foreign work also. So at one of our meetings held on the 2nd of November, 1891, it was unanimously resolved that we have a separate fund for foreign missions. We have received for that fund since then \$67 58

RECEIPTS.

Cash received,	\$1,125 83
Interest	178 27
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	\$1,304 10

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid J. A. L. Romig,	\$180 00
" J. H. Hardin,	60 00
" North End Mission	116 00
" H. A. Northcutt,	150 00
" W. J. Lhamon,	125 00
" T. H. Capp (E. F.),	12 25
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While it affords us all great pleasure that we have accomplished much, yet we should not be satisfied with the work of the past ten years, but this should give us renewed zeal and a greater determination to do more in the future for him who gave his life freely for us all, and who commanded his apostles to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

In conclusion, it is our privilege, yes, our duty, to do all the good we can, for the "years are passing by."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. A. BARNES,
Secretary.

HANTS COUNTY, N. S.

Our annual has come and gone, and I think we are all the better for it. I had never been to Milton before, and on my way there I made up my mind that I would write about the dark, dreary stage-ride into Liverpool, with its attendant dangers and discomforts. I thought of writing about the quiet stillness that reigned in that old town, unbroken by the shrill blast of the locomotives or the rumble of car wheels. But when I got among the brethren in Milton I gave it up, and now I feel like writing about what a grand place it is to go for an annual meeting. A great many of the brethren and sisters told me that although they had never seen my face, yet I seemed like an old acquaintance, because they had been reading after my pen so much, and the many kind words of appreciation received made me feel like trying harder than ever to make my monthly letters to THE CHRISTIAN more interesting and profitable. It seemed to me I never realized before what a large audience I spoke to every month—how many good brethren I was in touch with in this way. Now, brethren and friends, I want you all to feel that I am writing to you as individuals. I think Christians should feel an interest in each other. I shall live in hope of again seeing the brethren in Milton and enjoy their hospitality. I made my home while attending the meeting at Bro. Howard Murray's, who, with his kind hospitality in life, made my stay very pleasant. We shall not soon forget this meeting.

We had a visit from Bro. T. H. Blenus, who preached for us in West Gore and Newport on Sunday, 16th ult. We enjoyed his visit very