

quiet and lonely. It will make me work harder, so as to shorten the time when they shall return.

"The Board has decided that they be sent to the best Japanese school for secular branches, Miss Wirick to give them Bible training at home.

"My helper is about to leave me to go to Yokohama to act as Bible-woman for Mrs. Garat. I am sorry to lose her, but she feels it her duty to go, and I believe it is. I hope I may get another who will do her work as well."

I am certain that the entire sisterhood will agree with me in saying that in giving our missionary more time for the study of the language, the Foreign Missionary Board has done a wise thing. With the amount of work on her hands, combined with the entire care of four girls, and a share in the care of those living in the house (ten or twelve, I am not sure which) belonging to the mission, it was impossible that much progress could be made.

—L. V. Riach, in *Evangelist*.

We are glad to learn, through Bro. Harding, of the deep interest taken in foreign missions by our brethren and sisters in the church at Tignish, P. E. I. They have already contributed quite an amount to this work, and are taking steps to increase their offerings.

In response to Bro. McLean's call for a foreign missionary rally in our churches, the Coburg street church held one on Friday, the 16th ult. Very interesting addresses were given on the work in India, China and Japan, also on the history of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. Bro. Stewart gave us a very stirring address on the large place the missionary idea has in the scriptures, also the world's need of the gospel. Several prayers were offered for the workers in the different fields that their labors would be blessed of God, and appropriate hymns were sung, making the meeting a very enjoyable as well as a profitable one. This rally was not intended as a means of raising money at the present time, but to awaken more interest and to give more information in regard to the work our brethren and sisters are striving to do in those benighted lands. Yet it was thought best to take a collection, to be sent to the Foreign C. M. S. for the general work. Collection amounted to \$20.00.

We were much pleased to find in our Sunday afternoon collection in January a sovereign, and in the February collection a piece of gold of the same value. Also to receive from a brother who had been reading in THE CHRISTIAN of our missionary and her work, and who wished to have a share in it, a ten dollar gold piece. In our collection at missionary rally a ten dollar bill was also found. The cause of missions must lay very near to the hearts of those who are willing to give thus liberally that the good work may prosper.

Mrs. J. S. FLAGLER,
Secretary.

RECEIPTS.

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| Previously acknowledged, | \$126 47 |
| St. John— | |
| Sunday-school, | 7 25 |
| Woman's Aid, | 1 75 |
| A Brother, | 10 00 |
| Eldon, P. E. I.— | |
| A Sister, | 2 00 |
| Lord's Cove, N. B.— | |
| Woman's Auxilliary | 5 00 |
| Tignish, P. E. I.— | |
| Y. P. M. Band | 9 00 |
| A Friend, | 3 00 |
| Total, | \$164 47 |
| CHILDREN'S WORK. | |
| Previously acknowledged, | \$26 66 |
| St. John— | |
| Miss H. Banks' S. S. class, | 1 00 |
| A Friend, | 1 13 |
| Total, | \$28 79 |

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Children's Work.

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No letters from my girls and boys this month! I will expect a heavy mail next month. I hope you have all received sample copies of missionary magazines by this time, and will soon make your choice and send in your subscription for one paper at least. I think our own *Little Builders at Work* is an excellent little paper—containing plenty of news, hints to leaders and programmes for missionary meetings. I would advise leaders to try and get a club of five, or more, and thereby get the reduced subscription rates.

I am mailing some leaflets this week which I hope will be of use in your meetings.

I received a letter from Mrs. J. L. Black, National Superintendent of Children's Work in the United States. I think I cannot do better than give you some extracts from her letter—they may help us to feel the kinship existing between us and our American sisters.

MY DEAR SISTER,

Through our National Corresponding Secretary, Sister Lois A. White, I have just learned of you as Superintendent of Children's Work of the Maritime Provinces. Indeed, it makes me very happy to know that our sisters just across our northern border are so fully awake to the importance of training the little ones, while in their most susceptible years, in laboring for the salvation of souls. I wish I had time for a long letter to you to-day from a heart overflowing with zeal in this work; for I have been a worker in children's bands long before they were made auxiliary to the C. W. B. M., and know from experience the blessings to the children and to the church at home, as well as those in distant lands, which result from this work.

Will you not exchange and send me every helpful thought from your side of the fence? I shall hope that you will represent the young peoples work of the provinces in our Builders' paper. I think it will add to the sense of "fellowship" if our children grow up with the feeling of acquaintance and unity of purpose which an interchange of news through the little paper would give them.

What ever be the ultimate outcome of the political questions affecting the provinces and the States, please let us personally consider that you and I are "annexed," and let us strive toward unity and prosperity in training our young people in personal "grace and godliness," and in the zeal for saving souls.

Your sister in loving service.

Mrs. J. L. BLACK,

New York City.

Such a letter should cheer us in our work, and spur us on to renewed efforts.

I am anxiously waiting to hear from our new band at West Gore. Remember this interchange of letters helps us all.

Mrs. D. A. MORRISON,
Supt. Children's Work.

Married.

LATIMER-TYRE.—In St. John, on February 22, 1894, by Henry W. Stewart, Mr. William Latimer and Miss Deborah Tyre, both of St. John.

Died.

BENNINGSON.—At her residence, 1161 Market street, Oakland, California, February 15th, at 8.30 a. m., Marion, the beloved wife of Edward Benningson. Deceased spent the earlier years of her life in this city amid a large circle of friends. She leaves six children and several grandchildren.

MACKAY.—At New Glasgow, P. E. I., on the 17th of February, 1894, Bro. Alexander MacKay, in his 48th year. He was afflicted for years with consumption, which he bravely resisted till the last three months of his life. Within four years our brother buried his wife and four children, all, except an infant, members of the church of Christ. Two years ago he married Sister Annie Linn, who has faithfully attended to the wants of his

family and ministered uniringly to his comfort till the last. She and four children, three of them minors, are left to mourn their great loss. May a Father's gracious promises be theirs to enjoy. Bro. MacKay has for several years filled the deacon's office with fidelity and will be greatly missed by the church. D. C.

EATON.—Tuesday, February 13th, at No. 3911 Indiana avenue, Chicago, Sarah A. Eaton, widow of W. W. Eaton, a native of Eastport, Me., and for many years a resident of this city, aged 82 years.

LECAIN.—At Kentville, N. S., December 29th, 1893, Gladys, daughter of Bro. and Sister A. LeCain, aged five years and six months. Little Gladys was a remarkable child of her years, and filled a large place in the hearts of her parents, and it was among the hardest experiences of life for them to give her up and say, "Thy will be done." She came to earth, filled her little mission and left at the call of the Master for a higher sphere than this, leaving with those who loved her so tenderly a legacy of precious memory which the changes of time will never efface. Those sweet little hymns she used to sing, such as "Precious jewels" and "Jesus loves me," will have to those afflicted parents a meaning now that they never had before; and whenever they hear them sung their hearts will be lifted heavenward whither their precious jewel has gone to be over with that Jesus who love us so tenderly and said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." E. C. FORD.

FARQUHARSON.—At the age of 75 years John Farquharson, Esq., died at his home, in Mount Herbert, Lot. 48, Sunday, February 4th, 1894. Mr. Farquharson was an earnest, honest man, and highly esteemed by all in the community where he resided. He loved his Bible, he loved all good men, he loved God; and trusting in His love and mercy, and in the merits of a Saviour's blood, he passed down into the cold embrace of death, looking for a better resurrection. His beloved wife survives him. With Christian fortitude she bears her loss, because she knows whom she believes and that He is able to keep every treasure until the great day of gathering home. One son, also, and two daughters (out of a family of seven) remain, with a large circle of friends, to mourn the loss of a loving father and a true friend. His heart, his hand and his home were ever open to relieve the wants of the needy or the wayfarer. Hospitality was emphasized in his life, and now we trust he has found an entrance into everlasting habitations. O. B. E.

MCDONALD.—On the 5th of February, 1894, at his residence, Montague Bridge, Duncan McDonald, Esq., passed to his rest at the age of 66 years, after an exceedingly painful illness of more than four years continuance. Bro. McDonald was an active member of the church of Christ in Montague; and that he was always ready to bear the heavy end of the burden, in carrying on the work of the Lord, those who were co-workers with him can testify; and, by experience, we know that one great desire of his heart was to throw sunshine on the pathway of the preacher of the gospel, dispel the clouds which sometimes gather, and give encouragement in seasons of difficulty and trial. He was a true friend, a faithful Christian, a loving husband and a kind and tender-hearted father; and how he was respected as a neighbor was manifested by his remains being attended to the last resting place by the largest funeral procession which ever passed out of the village of Montague. Bro. McDonald was attended during his long illness by his faithful Christian wife, who survives him, and who, through weary days and sleepless nights, is worn down to almost the last degree of physical endurance. My desire and prayer is that she may be spared to comfort, and direct as far as necessary, the three sons and two daughters who are also left in sorrow and without the counsel of a wise and loving father. Bro. McDonald was also a member of the Masonic Fraternity, the members of which society showed him brotherly kindness during his illness and did him honor in the last sad rites. I am not a Freemason, but one thing I desire to record here: it is simply this: My conviction is that in the life of our deceased brother there was no conflict. His allegiance to Christ did not suffer by his connection with the secret order, nor was his fidelity to the secret order marred by his allegiance to Christ. He now rests from all his labors and his works do follow him. He will long live in the hearts and memories of many besides his family and immediate friends. O. B. E.

ASHLEY.—One by one God's people are being gathered home. They are closing the fight in victory and entering into rest. The Church in St. John has been called on to give up Sister Ashley, the devoted wife of Bro. Jas. Ashley. She had been poorly for some months, but towards the end of January her disease assumed a more serious aspect and she passed away on the 9th of February, after some days of great pain. She was born in St. John, 62 years ago. More than thirty years have passed since she united with the Church of Christ here and in all these years she has proved the genuineness of her profession by the purity of her character, the loftiness of her aim, and the worthiness of her life. All who know her say she was a good woman, and she was good because she was a partaker of the Divine nature and was being changed into the image of Him in whom there was no guile but who spent his life in doing good. Sister Ashley belonged to that class who value at a great price the privileges of the Lord's house, and the associations of the Lord's people. She loved the Church, she prayed and worked for it. She did what she could and her works follow her. Her husband lingers here in comparative feebleness, missing her presence, her cheerfulness and her kindly care, but he trusts in her Saviour and hopes to meet her by and bye. By a former husband she leaves a daughter who was away and failed to receive the parting blessing, but arrived in time to take a farewell look. In the land where sorrow enter not and partings are unknown, may they meet and dwell forever. J. W. S.