

the foreign field. China was proposed. We at once corresponded with Bro. A. McLean and Sister O. A. Burgess, who gave the names of two sisters, the one in Iowa, the other in New York. One had made no preparations, the other would go only for a limited time, hence neither could be accepted. Through our correspondence in *The Canadian Evangelist*, Sister Mary M. Riach of Hamilton, Ont., offered herself for the work. Having learned from different sources of her fitness for the position, after careful and prayerful consideration, she was selected as our first missionary from Canada. As before stated China was our proposed field of operations, but through a correspondence with our sisters in the Maritime Provinces we found that they had a decided preference for Japan, owing to their first lady missionary, Mrs. G. T. Smith, having given her life for Japan, and they felt that where they could raise one dollar for China they could raise five for Japan. They were willing to co-operate with us, providing we took Japan as our field. Under the circumstances we thought best to do so. Mrs. J. S. Flaglor, Cor. Sec. C. W. B. M. of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia sends the following report:—

To The O. C. W. B. M.:—

Dear Sisters.—The beginning of our foreign missionary work in these provinces dates back only to one year ago, when at the annual meeting in Toronto a brother and sister from St. John, after listening to the stirring missionary appeals and being requested by your Prov. Sec. to try to do something for this work in their home church, returned full of enthusiasm in the cause. A short time afterward, and at their suggestion, the Secretary O. C. W. B. M. wrote a letter to the present secretary of our society, asking that she endeavor to enlist our sisters in this work, and expressing the desire that all the sisters in the Maritime Provinces assist the Ontario sisters in sending a missionary to the foreign field. This appeal being published in our paper, *THE CHRISTIAN*, reached all our sisters in these provinces, and when the churches of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia came together in annual meeting in September last at Westport, N. S., the sisters who were interested in this foreign work decided that something must be done, and if we would do efficient work we must organize. We accordingly did so with the hearty sympathy and wise assistance of our brethren, especially the preaching brethren, and with the understanding that we co-operate with the O. C. W. B. M. The desire was also expressed that our offerings should be devoted to the work in Japan. After this organization, the secretary wrote to the churches, nineteen in number, asking their help and urging upon them the necessity of blessing others if we would ourselves be blest. Ten have responded in an encouraging manner, for although the sum raised is not large, yet, considering the fact that it is only about eight months since our organization, and that our churches almost without exception are weak, we feel thankful for the degree of success that has already attended our efforts, and are hopeful for the future. Letters were also sent to five churches on Prince Edward Island, asking their co-operation in this work. One of them has responded, and is now helping us by their contributions. We now send \$94.00 to your Prov. Treas.

We hope that by keeping before our brethren and sisters this subject, and the great need of their assistance in carrying on the work, that all will realize that they have a responsibility resting upon them, and that each succeeding year will show a decided increase in interest, and reports of better work done for the Master in this direction.

We entered into this work believing it to be of the Lord's, and claiming his wisdom and guidance, and leaning upon "the strong" for strength; and we hope ever to go forward, thus realizing that when we "Go," as he has commanded us, that his promise to be with us always will be fulfilled in us; and that we shall be fruitful because abiding in Christ, and He abiding in us. May we consecrate ourselves afresh to his service, believing that He can make even our weak efforts mighty in dispelling the darkness of heathen lands, and through us may bring souls to the foot of our loving Saviour.

A letter received from Sister Graybiel contains the following:

I will be very pleased to come to your annual meeting in September, and am looking forward with much pleasure to meeting my brethren and sisters in the Maritime Provinces. I am exceedingly anxious to be used of the Master to promote

the interests of His work wherever He may lead the way. We had a most enjoyable meeting at Bowmanville, full of good things and pervaded by a spirit of deep earnestness and interest in the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. I am happy in the prospect of visiting and making personal acquaintance with you in the east. May the blessing of the Lord attend you in planning for the work of the future. There is inspiration in the thought that it is "the work of the Lord," and that we are but "workers together with Him."

As you will see Sister Graybiel expects to be with us in September, and we feel sure that all will be benefited by her visit, and now, Sisters, our part of the work will be to procure the amount necessary to defray her expenses. She says: "I would gladly come to you without charge if that were possible. But it will be necessary that you bear travelling expenses, beyond that whatever you are able to do will be perfectly satisfactory."

It may be necessary that we make some sacrifices in order to accomplish this work, but we believe that it will be money well invested and will be economy in the end, as it will do more for the cause of foreign missions in our provinces than we could accomplish in years without such help as she will be able to give us by giving us all a deeper insight into the condition and needs of those whom we are desirous of helping, and by awakening an interest in many who hitherto have not seen their duty in this direction.

Will not all who are interested in carrying the Gospel to the heathen, help us by sending contributions to pay these expenses? A small amount from each will be sufficient. Will you not, after reading this, at once enclose to the Secretary something for this purpose? However small it may be, it will be thankfully received, and will help in our plans for the furtherance of the cause of foreign missions.

The sisters who are most deeply interested in the foreign work are also deeply interested in home, and are desirous that the home work shall not only do as well as before its beginning, but shall do much better, believing that God's blessing will rest upon those who attempt great things in His name. At the organization of this society the hope was then expressed by its promoters that it should never detract from the work of helping the weak churches in our own land, and we are still desirous that this shall be the case, and that the offerings for foreign work shall be a special offering.

Bro. Smith, of Japan, says: "If we subtract from the amount now given for local church, or home missions, the amount we give for foreign work, we are really laying nothing on the altar for the redemption of the lost nations. Let it be a real special offering, consecrated with a fervent prayer for the missionary and the people whom he is striving to lead to Christ.

The fewness of the churches in your provinces and the constant emigration from them might well be an excuse for confining your efforts to the needy fields of your home land. But such is not Christ's way; such is not the law of growth and development.

The churches of Macedonia were poor, yet out of their great affliction and deep poverty their liberality rose supreme. I feel sure that the reflex influence of foreign missions will bring down a blessing from Him who giveth the increase far greater than if the same amount were used for home work.

These quotations express the views of those interested in this work, and their prayer is that God will bless every effort for the salvation of souls, whether at home or in the foreign field.

MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR,  
Sec. to C. W. B. M., N. B. and N. S.

From the Report of the Sunday-school Committee, read at the annual meeting of the Disciples of Christ held at Bowmanville:

We are pleased to have a good report from the school in St. John, N. B. This school stands first in finances, contributing \$131.98 for home support and \$52.37 for home missions.

#### GULLIVER'S COVE BUILDING FUND.

##### RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged, . . . . .	\$34 50
Tiverton, N. S.—	
Sister Smith, . . . . .	1 00
Lockport, N. S.—	
Bro. H. N. Warlow, . . . . .	2 00
Total, . . . . .	\$37 50

Again we thank those who have contributed to this fund; and we hope many more will open their hearts and pockets to help us build this house, in which the ancient gospel will be preached. Much more is needed, and we trust much more will be given.

H. A. DEVOE,

Treasurer.

Tiverton, Digby Co., N. S.

#### Died.

WEST.—At Cold Brook, Kings Co., N. S., May 21st, 1892, Mrs. Mary A. West, the beloved wife of Nathan West, Esq., aged 71 years. Sister West was baptized by W. W. Eaton more than thirty years ago, and though living a long way from the privileges of the church, she ever maintained her loyalty to Christ and His word, and when the end came she was able to say she was ready, for she knew "whom she had believed, and was persuaded that He was able to keep that which she had committed unto Him against that day." An aged husband and two sons and two daughters are left to mourn the loss of a faithful wife and an affectionate mother. But they "sorrow not as those who have no hope." E. C. F.  
Port Williams, June 21, 1892.

OUTHOUSE.—At Tiverton, Digby Co., N. S., on the 22nd inst., after an illness of years' duration, Rachael Ousinger, beloved wife of Bro. Robert Outhouse, aged 84 years, leaving a very large circle of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. H. A. D.

OUTHOUSE.—At Tiverton, Digby Co., N. S., on the 2nd of May, Earl Vincent, only son of Simonson, Jr., and Ermina H. Outhouse, aged 10 months. H. A. D.

THARIO.—At Tiverton, Digby Co., N. S., on the 7th inst., James Willis Thario, aged 11 months, son of Sister Ruth and the late James Thario, and grandson of Elder Thomas Ossinger. H. A. D.

OUTHOUSE.—At Tiverton, Digby Co., N. S., — infant son of Bro. and Sister Dantford Outhouse, aged two weeks. May the sad loss of these dear children draw the hearts of the sorrowing parents closer to Jesus, and may the loss of the aged remind us all of our dying condition so that we may prepare for the end. H. A. D.

BOYER.—Sister Mary Boyer, wife of Deacon Robert Boyer, late of Lot 48, died at her daughter's, Marshfield, on the 12th of May, in her 77th year. She was the oldest daughter of Alexander Crawford, and for over fifty years a member of the Church of Christ at Lot 48, where her father preached eighty years ago and immersed the first persons ever immersed on P. E. Island. She was helpless for a year before her death, but happily resting on her Saviour's promises and patiently waited for His call to be with Himself. Several of her children, members of the same church, has preceded her to the happy land. It is a sweet reflection that the children and children's children of Elder Alex. Crawford are following him one by one to that place which Jesus has gone to prepare. Bro. Boyer is left lonely in his old age, but it is only a little while till he too shall see the Lord. D. C.

CHING.—Sister Mary Ching, of East Point, P. E. I., entered her rest on the 13th of April, aged 85 years. In her youth she had embraced her Saviour. She was a true member of the church at East Point. It could be said of her, "She had brought up her children" (who walk in the ways of the Lord) and "she had entertained strangers" with rare hospitality. When we last saw her in October she was totally blind, but cheerfully resigned to the will of the Lord. D. C.

STEWART.—Sister Maggie, wife of Bro. Jason Stewart, Red Point, P. E. I., died April 5th, in her 28th year and less than a year after their marriage. This case was particularly sad. She was of a sweet and amiable disposition, and their short union was very happy. She gave birth to twins, one of which survives her. After this her only sign of consciousness was an affectionate embrace of her sorrowing husband before she left him to be with Jesus. D. C.