

we are grappling with this question: How are we going to interest our young people, and cause them to become more consecrated to the work of the Master? There are various answers to this question. Of one thing I am sure, our young people have been neglected, and in many of our churches we have those who are careless and indifferent. Some tell us the church is all that is needed, and if they do not do right in the church they will not in anything else. This I believe is true. If the whole church did just as it should, we would not need any such things as temperance or benevolent societies or anything of the kind. The trouble is, the church does not do her duty. Some say, "start a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor." Then some answers, "There is no Scripture for it." Others say, "You are going to add something to the church the Lord never authorized." Some say in reply to this, "Well, the Christian Endeavor Society is doing a vast amount of good wherever it is working; young people become more interested in church work, attend the services better, it is a help financially, and as this is a good work, and as the Lord recommended the performance of all good works; therefore, the Lord recommends this." Now it seems to me, that while all this argument is going on we are losing time; our young people are waiting to see what is going to come out of it, and valuable time is slipping away from us. There are two questions that must be answered before this subject can be fully settled. Before I put these two questions, I want to make emphatic the fact, that we are talking not about a vital truth of the Bible, nor yet a fundamental principle of the gospel—simply a means to an end. The first question is: Are those churches that have their young people organized for earnest work, and have Sunday-schools, etc., the most active churches we have, the churches that help on the Mission work: in short, are they the most active in every good work? Or are those churches that depend on allowing a few of the older members to do all the work, who oppose all organizations, such as Sunday School, Christian Endeavor, etc., doing the most for Christ and the church?

The second question, I would ask, is: Is it better to have a young people's organization in which the young people are interested, and in which they are trained up to become active members in the church? or, is it better to let them go, and if they stand, all right, but if they happen to be weak, let them go? Where do they go, brethren?

W. H. HARDING.

Summerside, P. E. I.

Home Mission Notes.

Bro. Northcutt has been preaching nearly three weeks in Halifax and there has been three additions. We hoped to have seen more turning to the Lord; but the holiday and visiting season is very apt to turn our thoughts away from the Master's work. No doubt this is why the church and Bro. N. did not see many seeking the kingdom of heaven. They are satisfied that a grand work has been done in removing prejudice and establishing our plea for union in the minds of the people. The audience increased all the time including many of the representative men of the city. Large numbers for the first time heard what we as a people are striving for.

The brethren believe they will yet reap a good harvest from this meeting.

Bro. Northcutt begins work in St. John the first Lord's day in August, when we hope to see a good work done. We ask all to pray for it, that our last meeting this year may be our best.

The churches at Letete and Back Bay have invited Bro. Wm. Murray to preach for them. They have asked the Mission to help them in supporting

him. We have promised them \$50 00, if they find it necessary to call on us. We hope Bro. William will accept their invitation. He can do a good work there, and they are anxious it should be done.

Let one of you that can come to the annual. There is a great work to be done in the coming year.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$326 63
Milton, per Miss H. Collier,	4 25
Profits from CHRISTIAN,	131 57

\$462 45

J. S. FLAGLOR,
Secretary.

Post Office, St. John.

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

According to the programme for the Annual Meeting the sisters are to have Saturday afternoon for their meeting. Our programme promises to be very interesting, as we expect to have a number of excellent papers and addresses, besides reports from all the churches assisting in the foreign work. We ask you now, dear sisters, to see that these reports are prepared and sent by one of your number, to be read at the meeting, or sent to the secretary.

All who are interested in the progress of the foreign work in these provinces will be pleased to hear of the interest manifested in Sister Rioch at the annual meeting of the brethren on P. E. Island.

A letter just received from Miss Rioch, says:—Two more, a young man and woman, confessed Christ, and have been baptized. This is good news. These converts are educated people. If our missionary does so well now, not being able to speak Japanese, what will she do when she can talk to them in their own tongue.

MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR, Secretary

St. John, N. B.

FOUR REASONS "WHY?"—Why take an interest in Foreign Missionary work? is the question that has been given me to answer. In thinking out the answer, reasons have multiplied. Indeed it is almost synonymous with the question—Why take an interest in Christianity? The reasons for the one will apply equally well to the other. But all have not yet so learned Christ—hence Foreign Missionary Work requires a line of special pleading.

1. It is a command from the king himself. Under the great commission, we must either go or send. One or the other, and nothing less is taking an interest in Foreign missions. The loyal subject needs but to know the command in order to obey. If Jesus died for the whole world our heathen brothers and sisters have the same right to the redemption that we have. Why keep them in ignorance? They are God's children, and are hungry and naked, and in prison, perishing in blackness of darkness. The thoroughly consecrated soul is not concerned as to whether they will have another chance after death. He is consumed with a burning desire to tell them now "the old, old story of Jesus and His love." He wants to relieve their physical sufferings. He wants to make them happier now.

2. Taking an interest in Foreign missions is a means of growth. All development is through activity. Stagnation means death always. In helping others, we ourselves are most blest. The desire grows within us to abound more and more in every good work, our sympathies are enlarged, and there comes home to us a bountiful harvest of gratitude to the Giver of all we enjoy.

3. Our interest in Missionary work marks the

measure of our appreciation of a Saviour. The heart that is full of love and joy must overflow. It can no more stay welled up than can the sparkling brook tarry at the fountain. Its language is ever, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

4. There never was a time when it was so easy to take an interest in Foreign missions, and so inexcusable not to do so. You can now either go or send with comparative safety to life. It was not always so. Foreign countries are more easy of access. Barriers of superstition and prejudice are giving way in places—governmental supports weakening. Different lines of Christian work are reaching out into the uttermost parts of the earth as never before.

Then, does not a lack of interest in Foreign missions argue ourselves out of joint with the times—so taken up with the things of time and sense that the day of the Lord may come upon us as a thief in the night?

"And the world passeth away and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."—MARY A SCHELL.

To the Sisters:—Another year is almost gone. We know that all are interested in our work. We hope that this last month will bring our receipts up. Those who have money to send will please send to me by or before the last week in August, as money given in after that will not be counted in this year's receipts. The books must be closed before the annual.

SUSIE B. FORD, Treas.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$191 44
Milton—	
Sunday School,	2 55
Port Williams—	
Per Miss Wood,	1 45
Southville, D. Co.,—	
Women's Aid,	2 00
St. John—	
Miss S. Lamont,	1 00
Women's Aid, June,	2 00
" July,	1 40
Sunday School, June,	4 00
" July,	2 00
Lord's Cove,—	
Sunday School,	2 56
Montague—	
Per G. D. Weaver,	23 00
Total	\$233 40

SUSIE B. FORD,

Port Williams, Kings Co., N. S.

Treasurer.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

We have had the following visitors during the month. Miss Lamont; Bro. Reid of Montreal; Bro. Bowers, Sister Hester Crawford of Ohio, Sister M. Belyea of Portland, Me.; and Sister Wisdom, of Halifax, who is to be with us for some time.

July 5th, Sister Hattie M. Clark was married to Mr. Daniel A. Morrison by Bro. Stewart. All join in wishing them the richest blessings.

Bro. Stewart left on the 6th for P. E. Island on his well earned vacation. He rested all a man of his nature could. From all reports he has not been idle.

On the 9th Bro. S. W. Leonard preached for us, and on the 16th and 23rd we had the pleasure of listening to Bro. G. D. Weaver. These young men gave us good sermons. Their earnest manner added greatly to the truths brought out. It made us glad to see such capable men coming up to take the place of our older preachers.

On the 30th we were without a preacher but had good meetings morning and evening, and considering the large number away there was a good attendance. We are looking forward to a grand meeting with Bro. Northcutt to lead it.