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NOTES AND NEWS.

A general evangelist is now at work in the Maritime Provinces. There was a long continued and loudly expressed wish that such a man should be at work. Now is the time for the churches to show the genuineness of that desire. What are they doing for his support? Let all the churches remember the Home Mission work.

Ernest E. Crawford has received, and accepted, the unanimous call of the Christian Church in St. Thomas, Ont., and has entered upon his work. He will also teach in the College of the Disciples in that city. The St. Thomas Times says: "He has made a most favorable impression on the congregation, who are to be congratulated on securing a man of his ability and consecrated attainments."

We see by the reports that the Misses Rioch and Payson have had a successful visit among the P. E. I. churches. They were well received and much encouraged. We shall now expect to see the manifestations of increased interest in Foreign Mission work in these churches. We look for great things from "the brethren who are sisters." The churches in Nova Scotia are now being visited.

There are interesting items of news concerning our churches that do not reach this office till too old to publish. For instance: R. B. Ray spent several months in Millon last summer, but not a word concerning him or his work there has appeared in THE CHRISTIAN. W. F. Shaw labored six weeks in Halifax, but nothing about his visit was sent till long after he had left.

A young man was habitually preaching very poetical sermons—pleasing the people, but not benefitting them. A minister of experience told him that if he would pluck some feathers out of the wings of his imagination, and put them in the tail of his judgment, he would do more good. Experience here uttered words of wisdom.

It was at the last supper. It was on the last evening of the Saviour's life. Jesus said to his chief ministers—his apostles—"A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye

also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another." If instead of love, there are bickering and jealousy, suspicions and imputations, contention and hatred, all men might safely conclude that they are not Christ's disciples. The same test applies today.

We learn from *The Christian Evangelist* that F. M. Calvin of Waco, Texas, thinks of going into the field to hold revival services in the churches. His special aim would be to revive the members, rather than to baptize sinners. He believes that if professing Christians were living soberly and righteously and Godly, many would accept Christ and come into the church, who find the inconsistent lives of not a few church members a stumbling block. We would like to direct Bro Calvin's attention to some churches in this country that need to be purified rather than enlarged.

General Drake recently gave \$1000 to aid in paying off the debt on the W. C. T. U. building, Chicago. He is one of the most liberal men in our brotherhood, giving largely to educational and missionary work. He has given, we think, \$100,000 to the College that bears his name. He is quoted in the *Christian Standard* as saying: "The saddest thing in the world is the way men give to support the work of the Lord. I have borrowed money to pay my pledges, and have given till I felt it, and I tell you I felt mighty good over it. I have been prospered as I have given."

The annual gathering of the Disciples of Christ, in convention at Chattanooga, Tenn., was a great success. Fifteen hundred delegates were present. On convention Sunday, the Protestant pulpits of the city were filled by our preachers. The communion service was held in the Auditorium in the afternoon. Over two thousand Disciples participated in it. The two days before were occupied by the sessions of the Christian Women's Board of Missions. During the year, the society received \$78,364.32 for home and foreign missions, and a deficit has been turned into a surplus. The four days following Lord's day were given to the societies whose work we report elsewhere.

A young Methodist preacher in Texas is in sore trouble, so the *Christian Oracle* informs us. He unburdens his mind in one of the papers of his denomination—the *Texas Christian Advocate*. The course of study for Methodist preachers included such works as Giekie's "Life of Christ," Stanley's "History of the Jewish Church," and Fisher's "History of the Christian Church." The young man says: "As a Methodist preacher, I am expected to go into the pulpit and teach that affusion is the primitive mode of baptism. But how can I do this when the studies which our authorities put in my hands, assert just the contrary? How can I say that immersion originated in England not later than 1633, when I am taught that it originated with John the Baptist? The same thing might trouble older men."

The Plebiscite recently held resulted in a good majority for prohibition. Every province but one called for the suppression and annihilation of the liquor traffic. Quebec—ignorant, superstitious, priest-ridden Quebec, voted for the continuance of the iniquitous institution. But, in the Dominion of Canada, precedent says that the majority shall rule. Benighted Quebec has no right to stay the march of moral and social reform when the Dominion majority goes that way. Let the voice of the people be heeded, and let Quebec be carried along on the march upward toward better social conditions and a higher civilization.

We have heard of a new club. It is called the Donkey Club. Its members are found chiefly in cities. A New England minister made an announcement like the following for the one connected with his church: "The regular weekly meeting of the Donkey Club will be held toward the close of this service. The members will gather on the sidewalk near the church door and wait for the service to be dismissed; they will pass remarks on the dispersing congregation, and then go home with the young ladies. Anyone who accompanies a young lady to church like a man, sits with her like a man, and goes home with her like a man, will be expelled from the club."

One of the foremost religious undenominational papers in the world, *The Outlook*, says: "The numerical increase of the Disciples of Christ is remarkable; for not only is the percentage of growth greater than that of any other of the large denominations, but, unlike them, the Disciples have no constituency from which to draw recruits by immigration." After stating that the Baptist and Methodist bodies each gain but one per cent; the Catholics, Presbyterians and Congregationalists, two per cent; the Episcopalians, three per cent; and the Lutherans four, the article continues: "But the Disciples of Christ report a gain of five per cent, which is more than double the average increase in the United States." Significant facts.

Isaac Selby was a noted Australian infidel lecturer—the Ingersoll of the country. He was a clever debater and a formidable antagonist. He and H. M. Green, one of our Australian preachers, had a debate, and he who had denounced creeds and Christians was won for Christ. When he showed the contradictions and absurdities of the creeds, Bro. Green said he was not defending what men said about the Bible, but the Bible itself; when he brought up the corrupt and cruel Christianity of the middle ages, Bro. Green replied that it was not so-called Christianity which he defended but the Christianity of the New Testament. The enemy of the churches concluded to study the Bible to see what it really taught, and was converted. He is now in the United States lecturing on "From Atheism to Christianity and What I Learned on the Way."

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET

Bro Wallace Bagnall has matriculated in the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N. B.

At the business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E., held on Monday evening October 10th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, A. E. Cones; Vice-president, Miss Nellie Johnston; Secretary, Miss Nellie Flaglor; Treasurer, Miss Emma Lynn.

Our young people intend taking up the study of "Missions" and the "Disciples of Christ" this winter. For this purpose a number of hand-books in connection with the Bethany C. E. Reading courses, on these subjects, has been procured. The study of the "Disciples of Christ" is to be taken up the second Monday of each month by the members of the C. E. Society, that of "Missions" by the members of the Mission Band at their regular monthly meetings.

We have had Sister Wood, of Cornwallis, N. S., at our Lord's day services during the past month. She has been visiting her mother, Mrs. B. Lowe. Sister Emma Christie is visiting friends in Boston.

Bro. Wm Murray met with us in our Thursday evening prayer meeting (27th). His earnest prayer and exhortation did us all good. W. A. B.

MAIN STREET.

Bro. R. W. Stevenson began the special evangelistic services with this church on Lord's day, October 16. He has now entered upon the third week. The attendance has been large and a good interest manifest. The good seed of the kingdom is being sown. One person has made the good confession.

We are glad to welcome our young sister Ray Currie home again from Boston.

Sister Alice Purvis, one of our faithful members, has gone to Lubec, Maine, where she will spend the winter. She is very much missed in our meetings.

NAUWIGEWAWK, N. B.

I have made several visits to this place and spoke to an attentive audience each time. The people seem anxious to have occasional preaching and come long distances to the services. A Sunday School is being maintained, which cannot fail to do good.

At the last preaching service an aged sister, Mrs. Thomas Purvis, was present, having walked there and back. She is in her 94th year and had not heard a sermon for a long time. She is a remarkably bright and active old lady.

The people in this vicinity would like to have another visit from Bro. Wm. Murray.

H. W. S.

HALIFAX, N. S.

The most interesting item we have to report is the visit of Sister Rioch, our missionary to Japan, and Sister Payson, the president of the C. W. B. M. for the Maritime Provinces. These sisters arrived here Saturday evening, and on Lord's day afternoon Miss Rioch spoke to the children after Sunday school. Her talk was very much enjoyed. In the evening we gave up the regular service to these sisters, who conducted a very interesting service. Sister Payson took charge of the meeting, and after a few well chosen remarks introduced Miss Rioch as the speaker of the evening. A good congregation had assembled to which Miss Rioch spoke for more than an hour. Her talk was deeply

interesting and instructive. All seemed much pleased and we feel sure a deeper interest will be taken in this work than ever before. Sister Rioch and Sister Payson will meet the ladies this evening, when the interest of the foreign mission work will be again considered. The visits of these consecrated Christian ladies can only result in good.

We have nothing new to report as to our work here. Our congregations are encouraging, and the brethren are united; but we are feeling somewhat sad over the loss of so many of our brethren and friends. Counting those who have already left, and those who will go in about a week, we are losing some fifteen or sixteen out of our congregation, ten of whom are members of the church and among our best workers. This is a serious loss and one which we will feel very keenly. But though these brethren are leaving us, and we will miss them very much, we believe they will not forget the little church in Halifax, and will continue to help sustain the work in this city.

E. C. FORD.

Willow Park, Halifax, N. S., Oct. 24, '98.

DEAR BRETHREN.—As the time has arrived for us to say farewell to the brethren of these provinces—we leave for the sunny land of Florida on November 2nd—we ask our interest in your prayers, that God may be with us and bless us in our work and labors of love. You will have our earnest prayers for the advancement of the Lord's work, not only in the city of Halifax, with which we have been connected from its infancy, but also for the cause of Christ in these provinces. We shall always look forward with pleasure to the monthly visits of THE CHRISTIAN, hoping occasionally to drop a line, which may be of interest to its readers, and the many dear brothers and sisters in Christ with whom we have associated these many years.

Your brother in the faith of the gospel,
HENRY CARSON.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

Bro L. S. Ford was in Tiverton recently on business,

Most of the Westport brethren are over at Grand Mannan fishing.

We were pleased to have Bro. John Ford spend two Sundays in Westport and one in Tiverton. It is estimated that there are 60 men and boys, of Tiverton, working away from home at present.

The writer and family returned from their vacation Oct. 12th. They report having a good time and improved health.

Westport feels highly honored in having one of her members, Sister Carrie Payson, accompany Sister Mary Rioch in her tour among the churches.

J. W. B.

SOUTH RANGE, N. S.

Two added by confession and baptism at our regular appointment, Lord's day, Oct. 2nd.

H. A. DEVOE,

WEST GORE, N. S.

We have much enjoyed of late a visit from Bro. H. Murray, who preached for us three Lord's days, and many of the evenings of the week. The time was unfavorable for a large hearing excepting on Sundays. The discourses were excellent, and were listened to by very attentive hearers. The church was edified, sowing for the future reaping and two young men obeyed the gospel.

On the 4th of October, at the home of Joshua Wallace, the bride's father, the writer, assisted by H. Murray, united in marriage Mr. George Gay, of Gay's River, and Miss Mary Wallace. It was a

very pleasant hour which we spent there. We were reminded by the mother of the bride that standing upon the same spot her husband and she were married by the writer thirty four years before.

We are now looking for a visit from Miss Rioch, our Japan missionary, who is making a tour of the churches in the interest of foreign missions. This is a very wise thing to do, to show us a live missionary and tell us if the heathen really needed missionaries, and if we ought to have any part in sending and sustaining them.

Bro. Harding's family left last week for Deer Island, their new home. Sister Harding made a great many friends while here, and with her children will be missed from church and Sunday school.

We are now looking in the not far distance for winter and indulging in an occasional shiver in way of anticipation. H. WALLACE.

CROSS ROADS, LOT 48, P. E. I.

The meetings here are well attended, and we are glad to see the interest that is manifested by all denominations. We must get the people's ears before we can get their hearts.

We have gotten in some new furniture and expect to have our new lamps in a few days—all of which will greatly add to the general appearance of things.

At the invitation of the gospel one responded and gave her heart to the Saviour, and on the following Monday was buried with her Lord in Christian baptism.

On Wednesday evening we had the pleasure of having with us Miss Mary M. Rioch, our missionary from Japan, and Miss Carrie Payson, President of the Maritime C. W. B. M. Sister Rioch has spent nearly six years in active service with the Japanese and comes back to her home prepared to tell the churches the exact condition of an idolatrous people, and their need of a loving Saviour. This she can successfully do, for she possesses the happy faculty for presenting facts in such a way as not only to instruct and edify, but also to awaken and arouse the deepest sympathy in the hearts of her hearers.

Perhaps it will not be amiss for me to relate a part of a conversation that I had with Miss Lavenia Oldham—Miss Rioch's co-worker in Japan—in Lexington, Ky. She said respecting Canadian foreign mission work with a good deal of emphasis: "The Canadian people ought to feel proud of their missionary in Japan, for she is one of the most beautiful women that I have ever been privileged to meet."

Miss Rioch's visit to P. E. Island has been productive of much good. Heretofore the churches have been looking through a glass darkly, but now they have seen her, whom they have been supporting, face to face, and having caught the missionary spirit as perhaps never before, they will readily respond when the cry comes across the wave from a benighted people, "Send us the light, send us the light!" A. N. SIMPSON.

EAST POINT, P. E. I.

The work here is progressing favorably. The audiences are increasing, and although a large majority of the members live a long distance from the church, still I am glad to be able to report that they consider it their duty to meet in the Lord's house, on the Lord's day, with the Lord's people.

We were much pleased to have with us on Sunday afternoon Miss Mary M. Rioch, our missionary from Japan, and Miss Carrie Payson, President of the Maritime C. W. B. M. Sister Rioch, in her usual pleasing manner, gave a very interesting address on her work in Japan, emphasizing more especially the great necessity of work

among the children. She showed that by means of kindergarten work they could reach the better class of society ; and that the success of the future depended very largely on the education and training of the children. She said the old adage was just as true in Japan as in America :

"The hand that rocks the cradle,
Is the hand that rules the world."

These Christian ladies during their short stay in this section of the Island have made many warm friends, and their visit will not soon be forgotten. Although the weather was somewhat disagreeable, yet the meetings were well attended.

A. N. SIMPSON.

P. E. I. ISLAND.

Miss Riach and her travelling companion, Miss Payson, visited nearly all the churches on this Island and held meetings in each, at which the former gave much valuable information respecting Japan, its idolatry and what the Gospel of Christ is doing for its people. Her mission being principally to heathen women and children, she describes their conditions publicly to the women of America. We have no doubt but these visits will do much good in awakening a deeper interest in the churches on behalf of Foreign Missions, while the cheerful Christian deportment of the Missionary spreads sunshine around their pathway.

D. C.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

CENTRAL CHURCH.

Bro. W. T. Jelly who has been preaching at Shubenacadie, N. S., passed through on his way to St. Thomas, Ont., to enter the college there for another two years.

Bro. Howard Murray favored the prayer meeting on Sept. 28th, with his presence and gave a very helpful address.

The Quarterly Meeting has come and gone. The two Lord's day evenings we had an attendance of nearly 150. Bro. D. Crawford preached the first Sunday at both services. It was a source of deep thankfulness and great rejoicing to have him with us again.

Bro. A. N. Simpson was in attendance at most of the meetings and also spoke at one of the afternoon sessions.

R. W. Stevenson preached on Tuesday evening and continued the meeting till the following Wednesday week. A splendid interest was created and all regretted that, owing to other engagements, Bro. Stevenson had to close the meeting. There were three additions, two being from the Bible School. One thing was made manifest—that it is now possible, with judicious advertising and earnest, prayerful work, to command a good hearing.

We have been blessed with the visit of Miss Carrie Payson, the honored President of the Maritime C. W. B. M., and Miss Mary Riach, our returned missionary from Japan. The spirit of missions among the brotherhood will receive a considerable impetus as a result of the tour which these two sisters have made of the churches in this Province. Meetings were conducted for the women and children, and among the latter a Mission Band was organized.

On Wednesday night, October 20th, a Missionary Rally was held at which a goodly number of strangers were present. Miss Payson gave a very interesting paper on the work of the C. W. B. M. Miss Riach's address on Mission Work in Japan made a deep impression on many hearts, as she revealed the great need of the myriads who were yet in infamy, wretchedness, and despair, without

God and without Christ. Thousands of tongues are eloquently pleading, saying, "Haste! Come over and help us" May the cry fall on willing ears and meet with a generous response. Bro. Simpson, in his inimitable way, gave some startling statistics. Fancy, brethren, twenty-five million dollars spent in the States for chewing gum annually, and a paltry five million for Foreign Missions! The offering for the work among the women of Japan amounted to \$725. Quite an interesting feature of the meetings was the singing of some familiar hymns by Miss Riach in the Japanese language.

Bro. Murdoch McLeod has been very ill with typhoid fever. His genial presence, as well as that of his sister-wife is very much missed. We are glad to report that he is on the road to recovery.

GEO. MANIFOLD.

HALIFAX CHURCH BUILDING FUND

1897.	
Aug. 9	Bro. James Lord, Richardson-ville, N. B. \$ 2 00
" 31	Sister Fannie Brown, Halifax, collected 10 00
Oct. 12	T. H. Blenus, collected 10 00
" 27	" " " 11 00
Nov. 4	E. C. Ford, Cornwallis, 1 25
10	T. H. Blenus, collected, 2 00
10	Daniel McLean, Cornwallis, 1 00
23	T. H. Blenus, collected 10 00
Dec. 2	" " " 8 00
17	" " " 7 00
17	Sister Fannie Brown, collected . . 10 00
26	Coll. at Christian Church, North St. 9 28
Jan. 5, 1898.	Sister Christie, St. John 1 00
Feb. 2	E. C. Ford, Cornwallis, 1 25
Mar. 12	Sister Fannie Brown, collected . . 10 00
May 6	Bro. E. C. Ford, Cornwallis, 1 25
July 30	Sister Fannie Brown, collected . . 10 00
Oct. 13	Cash received from Ladies' Aid Society 140 00
Total \$245 01	

To all whom it may concern : I have given an account of moneys received since August 9th, 1897, toward paying off the debt on the Halifax church. You will see by the above that the amount received was \$245.01. This has enabled us, with the amount we had on hand, to pay off \$260 of the mortgage, also leaving a balance of about \$30 in Savings' Bank. The mortgage on the church property is now \$1,590. This is quite a heavy debt for a small church to carry; and I would now make a last appeal to the brethren to continue your assistance to the church here, so that their hands may be freed from this debt. Then they will be able to support a preacher of the gospel, and will not have year by year to make an appeal at your annual gatherings.

The church here has now appointed Bro. James Wallace (one of its deacons) as treasurer. You will please send your contributions to him in the future. His address is 258 Maynard street Extension. Thanking you from my heart for your liberality in the past.

HENRY CARSON.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 21, 1898.

The receipts for foreign missions from October 1st, 1897, to June 23rd, 1898, amount to \$78,273.53, a gain of \$8,249 62 over the corresponding time last year, although there is a loss in bequests of \$5,601.40. These are certainly encouraging figures.

The churches, as churches, have given this year \$41,642 44, or a gain from the churches alone of \$5,712.20.

PROMISES OF THE BIBLE.

The apostle says they are "great and precious." Like blossoms in spring, they hang in rich profusion upon the tree of life. They are never false, but develop into the richest harvest, making glad the heart of the reaper here and hereafter. Upon those who are in a condition to receive, they are given by the all-wise and loving Father without stint.

Do we desire safety, we may find it "under the shadow of the Almighty." Are we "hungering and thirsting after righteousness," we shall be filled. Are we mourning on account of human woe, "we shall be comforted." The father will give us "beauty for ashes, and the oil of joy for mourning." To those who sit in darkness, "light has arisen." To the tempted, a way of escape is promised. "He is a sun and shield, and no good thing will he withhold from those who walk uprightly." These promises are to be enjoyed only by such as are submissive in will, and obedient in life. "The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land." "Blessed are they who do his commandments; they shall have a right to the tree of life, and shall enter through the gates into the city." The crown is promised to those who are faithful unto death.

These promises are as sure as the seven-colored bow which rests against the storm cloud—the seal of God's covenant with every living creature for all time. The life of every faithful child of God is a demonstration of the faithfulness of him in whom we trust. Until the unbeliever can furnish one example of failure, all who are faithful to the Christ may rest in the peace of God. To every loyal Endeavorer the bright and brightening constellation of graces that lights up with its rare lustre the otherwise dark pathway from time to eternity is but the reflection of those mighty truths of God which shine as a light in a dark place. Therefore "be not weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap."—S. F. Fowler in Christian Standard.

THAT YE MIGHT BELIEVE.

An exchange refers to a good work accomplished by Matthew Arnold, whose influence in general was so opposed to evangelical truth. The work referred to, was the conversion of Charles Reade. The famous novelist and dramatist was a mere worldling and of course ignorant of the Bible. Mr. Arnold once urged him to read through the sacred Book as though he had never read a line before, saying that it would astonish him. Mr. Reade took the advice and entered upon the task with his usual zeal and energy. The result was that he was not only astonished, but deeply and spiritually impressed. He found the Scriptures full of a mighty convincing power which he was unable to resist; so he became an humble believer.—Zion's Herald.

The Christian.

ST. JOHN, N. B., - - NOVEMBER, 1898

EDITORIAL.

VOLUME XVI.

This number begins Volume XVI of *THE CHRISTIAN*. In it we desire to record our ardent thanks to a kind Father who has preserved and prospered in until this day. He knows that it was not started for the love of money or of fame, but in the humble hope of showing that Christianity is so perfect that men can be Christians without being sectarians, and that a church can be a true Church of Christ without being a sectarian church. That the gospel of Christ, as he gave it to all nations by his apostles, is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.

We are thankful to subscribers who have aided in the circulation of *THE CHRISTIAN*; also to those who have assisted by contributing articles and church news, or otherwise. We feel as if we were just beginning a life for eternity, and that whatever our hand finds to do for the usefulness of the paper, or any other good work, we are to do it with our might. May we all feel that our salvation is nearer than when we first believed, and we are not of them who draw back unto perdition, but of those that believe to the saving of the soul.

Instead of the usual editorial, we copy for this month this article from the pen of J. J. Haley in the *Christian Evangelist*, believing it so good that even the readers of the original will be pleased to re-read it here:

IS THE WORLD GROWING WORSE?

According to such books as "Caesar's Column," and a more recent, but no less pessimistic production, entitled, "Christianity and Anti-Christianity," there is a gloomy future in the immediate front of the human race. One of these authors is a materialistic pessimist and the other is a spiritual pessimist, and while they go in at different holes they come out at the same place—a disastrous future for humanity. The world religious, the world social, the world industrial, the world political, and military, and cosmic, and all other worlds, are sadly out of joint and steadily growing worse. If one takes up a premillennialist journal he will find on a conspicuous page, in clear type, a miscellaneous collection of woes, calamities, accidents, crimes, such as earthquakes, cyclones, pestilences, famines, strikes, riots, insurrections, battles, murders, suicides, embezzlements, robberies, unsavory divorce suits and all other cosmic and human offences that can be gathered from the newspapers, hashed up in approved style, with this editorial interpretation appended or implied—"Didn't I tell you so? Don't you see that the world is going to the devil as fast as it can?" The infidel pessimist, with a materialistic and non-moral

conception of the universe, having no faith in God, in immortality, in moral responsibility, in the tribunal of conscience, in the eternal order that makes for righteousness, seeing manifestations of disorder in the world, and lawlessness in society, he is sure, in the absence of a moral brake, and moral direction, that the old machine is drifting helplessly toward the rocks.

Our distinguished editor, in conveying to me the request of a subscriber to write on the question that stands at the head of this paper, said it always reminded him of the other question, "Is God dead?" If there is a living God there is a living universe, an eternal Some-One, not ourselves, that makes for righteousness, and for life everlasting. The unflinching optimism of Israel's prophets, under the gloomiest of present conditions, was based upon a conviction that nothing could shake, that a living and holy God meant the world's future for his glory. They looked with an unshaken hope to the far-off divine event to which the whole creation moves, because they so clearly perceived the moral order of the world, and the immanence of God in all his works, that were the sure guarantees of the expected consummation. If God lives he must reign, and the reign of God means the ultimate triumph of righteousness.

It is highly probable that there is more wickedness in the world than there was a hundred years ago, and just as probable that there is more righteousness than at any previous time, but only for the reason, perhaps, that there are more people in the world than there used to be. It is true also that intensification and a bold aggression characterizes the activities of modern life, so that the wicked are more wicked and the righteous more righteous, than in our grandfathers' days. But this focalization of moral issues on burning centres, this mobilization of beast-power, and the armies of righteousness for the culminating conflict of the ages, is no proof that the world is growing worse. On the contrary it is a hopeful sign of the world's permanent betterment, unless God is weaker than the devil, the creed of a vile pessimism that no Christian can subscribe to. Last Sunday is the best the world ever saw, and next Sunday will be an improvement on last. There are more Bibles, more Christians, more churches, more missionaries, more Christian workers, more young people doing battle for the kingdom of God, a cleaner moral sentiment pervading public opinion than ever before. There has been more progress in science, art, education, religion, statecraft and in sociological appliances for the alleviation of poverty and the betterment of the masses, in the last fifty years, than in all the preceding centuries of the Christian era put together. As we look through the gate of the twentieth century, we can contemplate the dying century as a hundred years of amazing fruitfulness in facilities for the uplifting of mankind.

In studying the world's moral growth we

must not compare to-day with yesterday, nor this week with last, nor this decade with the one that preceded it. Long periods, centuries, cycles and millenniums must enter into the comparison. The mills of God grind slowly, if they do grind exceedingly fine. Compare the closing days of the nineteenth century with the days of bad eminence, when Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea. Compare this year of grace with two hundred years ago in the most civilized country of the world. Compare the reign of Queen Victoria with the reign of Henry the Eighth, or that of Queen Bess. They tortured heretics, burned martyrs and stuck the heads of men on iron pikes in the streets of London four centuries ago. To-day a man is fined or imprisoned for beating his horse in the streets of the English metropolis. Modern liberty has completely triumphed over the brutal despotism of the past. Look at the wars of Cromwell and Napoleon in contrast to the Hispano-American war, now happily brought to a close. Cromwell took off the head of Charles the First, and when the Royalists came into power they snatched the Protector's coffin from its tomb in Westminster Abbey, hung his mouldering body at Tyburn, flung it in a hole under the gallows, and stuck his head on a pole in Westminster Hall in London. Napoleon, after Waterloo, narrowly escaped death at the hands of his captors. The Duke of Wellington voted for his execution. Cervera, while a prisoner of war, was offered a mansion in the United States for his personal safety and as an inducement to become a citizen of the land of the free and the home of the brave! Two centuries ago pirates swarmed the seas to prey on the merchant marines of the nations. When belated Spain threatened to fit out vessels for privateering and the destruction of our commerce, civilization frowned it down. On our side the late war was the most humane and generous in the history of the planet. Such magnanimous treatment of a captured foe would have been impossible a hundred years ago. The next step will be disarmament and international arbitration as the method of settling disputes between civilized nations. Slavery is gone. Polygamy is going. The saloon is doomed. The agitation for the purification of politics is spreading. Temperance sentiment is growing. The kingdom of God and its righteousness is increasingly the theme of the pulpit. Applied Christianity is the goal toward which we are forging. The kingdoms of this world are destined to become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ.—*J. J. H.*

J. W. Gates who is attending the College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., spent the summer of 1897 acting as the agent of our Literature Committee. Last summer he spent in Kentucky, soliciting for *The Christian Guide*, which had offered board and tuition, for one year, to any student who would get one hundred and fifty new subscribers. Bro. Gates worked two months and sent in three hundred names.

THE WORK ABROAD.

The Foreign Christian Missionary Society gave an account of its stewardship to the churches at the late convention in Chattanooga, Tenn. The report is cheering, and will bring joy to those who assisted in sending the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

It shows that \$130,925.70 were raised for the work during the year—a gain of \$24,703.60 over last year. The watchword last year was, “\$100,000 for foreign missions by collections only.” The receipts, not including annuities and bequests, amounted to \$97,363.10. The churches as churches gave \$46,650.20—a gain of \$6,081.92. The Sunday-schools gave \$34,334.97—a gain of \$4,307.73. The Endeavor Societies gave \$2,127.76. From annuities and bequests \$33,565.60 were received.

The work in India has made marked advances. The number of baptisms is much larger than in any previous year. In several cases the membership of churches has been doubled. At Hurda and stations round about 42 were added. At Charwa 24 were baptized. There was an increase of 24 at Bilaspur. During the year 13 were baptized at Damoh. Sunday-schools are well maintained; that at Hurda has an enrolment of 360, and that at Mungeli (where the church membership has doubled) 175. Thousands of sick have been treated by the medical missionaries. Many more have been fed and cared for.

In Japan there are 9 organized churches, and 41 places at which meetings are held. During the year 129 members were added to the churches. The Sunday-school enrolment was 702. Six young men are studying for the ministry, and sixteen others are making a special study of the Bible. At the annual convention twenty-six young men came forward and expressed their desire to learn more about Christianity. Dr. Nina Stevens treated 1,715 patients. She reports a Sunday-school with an average attendance of 70. Miss Rioch reports a steady growth in most departments of her work. The Sunday services, prayer meetings and women's meetings show a gradual increase in attendance and interest.

The increase of membership in China for the year was 46 per cent. Preaching has been carried on in homes and market places, in chapels and hospitals, in villages and cities. Dr. Macklin reports an average of about 50 patients at the dispensaries daily. He preaches to these daily, and also to the in-patients, of whom there were 760. The patients in the hospitals have received 6,000 portions of scripture. James Ware has spent part of his time in helping to translate the Bible into the Shanghai dialect. Other missionaries have been busy preaching, baptizing and teaching the people. Some new churches have been organized.

In Turkey work is carried on in fourteen places. These report an aggregate membership of 586. G. M. Shismanian and Dr.

Kevorkian are the American-trained missionaries. There are also four unordained men preaching the gospel, besides two male teachers and three females.

The present membership in Norway is 886. There are twenty-six preaching stations. Work is also carried on in Sweden and in Denmark. The churches in England—some of them—have received support from the Society.

Since the last convention a number of missionaries have died. After five years faithful labor in India Hattie A. Judson entered into rest. A. F. H. Saw was called from China to the land where there is no more death. And Dr. H. N. Biddle, who sailed from Boston on March 6th, 1897, for the dark continent, has closed his labors in behalf of the benighted of Africa, before they were well begun. His companion, E. E. Faris, is now there alone. But that must not long continue.

Within the year twelve new missionaries were appointed, as follows: three for China, three for India, three for Japan and two for Turkey. Some of these have not yet started for their fields. W. D. Cunningham (who spent several years with the church in St. Thomas, Ont.), and his wife, have been prevented by sickness from starting to Japan. David Rioch (of Hamilton, Ont.), and his wife, Dr. Minnie Rioch, go to India to open up a new station.

With this increase of our missionary forces, we will hope for a still better report next year.

H. W. S.

AMERICAN MISSIONS.

At Chattanooga, Tenn., the American Christian Missionary Society submitted its report. This is the society of which Alexander Campbell was once president, and Benjamin Franklin, secretary. It was organized in Cincinnati in 1849, and is to celebrate its jubilee in the same city next year. In these years it has assisted in the organization of 2,185 churches, and its missionaries have baptized 87,547 believers. Through this society the churches have been doing a blessed work. As the result of co-operation they have been able to enter new fields and plant churches; they have also given timely support to weak congregations.

During the year just closed the receipts amounted to \$41,345.67—a gain of \$3,446.40 over last year. The number of preachers aided by the society was 71. The places they visited and labored numbered 377. They organized 58 churches during the year, and planned and assisted in building 28 places of worship. They preached 11,181 sermons, and as a result of their labors there were 6,247 accessions to the churches,—3,386 by baptism and 2,861 by letter and otherwise. Next year the churches will be invited to contribute \$100,000 to this work, that still greater good may be done.

The society is working all over the United States, and is also assisting in home mission

work in Canada—evidently not regarding us as foreigners. In the Maritime Provinces, it has given timely aid to Halifax and Pictou. Concerning the former, the report says: “T. H. Blonus resigned the work at Halifax May 1, 1898. He has been succeeded by E. O. Ford, a man whose praise is in all the churches. The Halifax church suffers much from the constant emigration of its members to the United States, but it is hoped that it will soon be able to assume self-support.” It says of Pictou: “R. E. Stevens has done faithful work here. He reports a church of nineteen members and a better feeling toward our people. The church in Pictou is the only church that stands for scriptural ordinances, given on the pages of the New Testament, for a region covering many miles. It is a light shining in darkness, and asks the Board to keep the light shining brightly. Bro. Stevens has resigned, and they ask that another minister be sent to them.”

H. A. Northcutt was a general evangelist working under appointment of the general board. He says: “My work this year has not been as fruitful in results as in previous years, owing, perhaps, to the war excitement. I have labored in six states and added 524 to the church—440 of these by confession and baptism. Raised for self-support, travelling expenses, etc., \$1,734. The outlook is good. I find the opposition to missions dying. We are growing—debating on religion less and living it more. I am pleading for more Christian living. To magnify the beauty of holiness is a constant aim in my work.”

The general report says: “An increase of our income to \$100,000 would enable us to quadruple our activities, with little increase of expenditure. God has honored this society and the brotherhood, whose servant it is, in using it for the advancement of his kingdom, and in the effort to make this goodly land more and more Immanuel's land. Many newly organized churches need to be encouraged and supported; many ripe fields need to be harvested. We should have a thousand missionaries under the direction of our Board.”

The first Lord's day in May is the time when the churches are asked to have this great home mission work weighing heavily on their hearts, that they may on that day give liberally and willingly toward its extension. The Sunday-schools have not been treated fairly in the matter. They have had no general invitation to share in the work. It is now proposed that there be a Children's Day for Home Missions, and that the third Lord's day in November be the date. This will bring the importance of the work at home to the attention of the children and will increase the funds for carrying it on.

H. W. S.

Last month we asked those of our readers who are in arrears to remit the amount due, and thus save us the labor of sending them financial statements. If you did not do so, you will probably find a reminder in this paper; and we ask you to kindly send, *at once*, the amount called for.

Correspondence.

DEER ISLAND LETTER.

During the summer I have been preaching here while my family were in Nova Scotia. This was not very satisfactory; so the church at Lord's Cove has bought a house for a parsonage, and I have been to Nova Scotia and moved my family from West Gore to Deer Island, and things are beginning to assume a very home-like appearance.

We experienced many kindnesses from the Hants County brethren while packing up and moving. Nearly seven years of my ten years in the ministry have been spent in Hants County, and during that time friendships have been formed that will continue in eternity.

We have also received many kindnesses from the brethren here while getting unpacked and settled down. Our prayer to God now is that we may be able to work together for the furtherance of the gospel; that Christians may be strengthened and sinners saved.

A number of enquiries come to me about this island from persons not acquainted with it. Deer Island is about seven miles long and about three wide, with a population of about sixteen hundred. We have two churches, one at Lord's Cove and another at Leonardville. These are about three and one-half miles apart, and have a total membership of about four hundred. There are several Free Baptist churches and two Methodist churches on the island.

The people, as a rule, are comfortably off, hospitable and social. In few places, either in city or country, will one meet a better dressed audience than at Lord's Cove. This holds good all over the Island. I mention Lord's Cove because it is the largest church.

I forgot to tell you in my last letter that Bro. Wm. Allan, of Lubec, preached on the island several times while at home on vacation. He is at present finishing his course of study in Lexington, Ky. All who heard him, speak highly of his efforts. We bespeak a bright future for him.

Correspondents will please address me at Lord's Cove, Deer Island, N. B.

W. H. HARDING.

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

We left Summerside, P. E. I., September 27th, with the intention of returning to the Island, but in learning that the illness of my better half prevented her from accompanying me back, then we were compelled to give up all hope of any further labor there this winter.

We were pleased with the encouraging prospect of success in Summerside. The longer we remained there the better pleased we were with the people and the more anxious we were to unite our labors with them in the work of the church. Every indication was favorable for an advance movement. We

visited the brethren in Tignish and Tryon, and although few, yet true to the cause, and very anxious and ready to do whatever seemed possible for the advancement of the church of Christ. We sincerely hope that a suitable man may be found to carry on the work in those localities. We enjoyed our labors while there and with the other churches we visited, and herein insert our modest testimony of regard for the brethren of P. E. Island with an earnest prayer for their success.

We had the privilege of remaining one night in Halifax at the very pleasant home of Bro. and Sister Harris Wallace. Bro. Ford is very hopeful of the success of the cause in that city. His hope and faith and devotion to the cause of Christ, with the history of his former labors, are sufficient to assure the success of the church in Halifax, and to secure the utmost confidence that all that may be donated to the cause in that city will be justly and wisely appropriated to the benefit of the church.

We came to West Gore, Hants County, September 30th. Made our home at the kind hospitable home of Bro. Josiah Wallace. This has long been the home of the preachers, the kindness and benefits of which are unstinted, and as free as the air we breathe. But the absence of one from that home, whom we so highly respected, leaves a sadness that time will never efface.

We remained over three Lord's days, preaching each Lord's day and a few evenings of two weeks. The busy times at the new railroad and the unfortunate condition of the weather with the dark nights made it quite impossible to hold a series of meetings. Two young men made the "good confession" and were buried with Christ in baptism, and are now happy in the service of Christ. Bro. Wallace is preaching for this church, and also for the church in East Rawdon and in Nine Mile River. His health is good and he is enjoying his work with these churches. The few weeks' association with the people here has very forcibly impressed us with what should be expected from a minister of the gospel. As Drummond says, "It is the man who is the preacher, not his words; his character is his message." It was Emerson who once said, "What you are speaks so loud, I can't hear what you say." While the cause here has received a set-back to its progress, and we emphasize this fact with tears, yet we believe good times will come again. We have as good and true brethren here as can be found, who are determined to see the cause advance in this part of the county.

With a field ripe for the harvest, and Bro. Hiram Wallace, whose wisdom and judgment and consecration to the service of Christ is beyond reproach, for their preacher, and whole-hearted brethren to stand by him, we may be assured that they will wisely shape and guide the cause into prosperity. Our hearty thanks are due to these brethren for the substantial benefit we received from them and the pleasant time we had with them.

We are now with our Bro. Wm. Murray at Bro. and Sister Martin Stevens, of Newport. This is another home of friendship and true fellowship, when one feels somewhat like the three disciples on the mount, who wanted to pitch their tents and remain there.

Bro. William has been here in Newport about three months, and the brethren would like to have him remain longer, but he feels that it is his duty to go further and fare worse.

We leave here for Cornwallis, where we hope to encourage the brethren in their efforts to build up the cause of God.

H. MURRAY.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Leaving Pictou, September 29th, with some regrets at our leaving friends who had greatly endeared themselves to us as fellow workers in a common cause, and because of laying down a work only fairly begun, we turned our steps toward Halifax. Here we spent a week very pleasantly, preaching twice on Lord's day and visiting friends and many places of interest during the week.

The church here has suffered much during the past few years through the abuse of misplaced confidence, and is now just recovering from the most cruel thrust of all. The most hopeful feature now, however, seems to be that there are no dissensions among them. They appear to be perfectly united, standing as one man and facing the future hopefully.

Leaving my better half here for a while, in company with my other travelling companion (my wheel) I went by rail to Elmsdale and wheeled myself down to West Gore. On my way down I fell in with Bro. Harding, who was moving his family and effects to Lord's Cove. Bro. H. gave me the impression that religion, and especially the advocacy of it, was fast becoming a lost art in Hants Co. But my after experience in the county quite changed my impressions and led me to attribute Bro. Harding's forebodings to the effects of parting from people with whom he had labored so faithfully and whom he had learned to esteem so highly. I found some of the people loud in his praise.

Bro. H. Murray was in the midst of a protracted effort with Bro. Wallace at West Gore. The weather was against them, but there seemed to be a growing interest, and on Sunday evening two promising young men confessed the Saviour. On Lord's day afternoon Bro. Murray drove to East Rawdon and preached to a good audience, while Bro. Wallace and the writer drove over to Riverside and spoke and sang the "sweet story of old" to a schoolhouse full, composed principally of men engaged in the construction of the new railroad. Bro. Wallace seems to be gaining a hearing among, and a place in the hearts of, this class, and to be greatly beloved by these brethren among whom he has spent some of his best days of service.

From here we wended our way to Newport, where we found Bro. Wm. Murray at his old tricks. Having completely captivated the hearts of the people, and apparently having convinced them, not intentionally, that Bro. Wm Murray was just the preacher for Newport, he was becoming possessed of his annual migratory spirit and talking of taking his flight to other fields in the immediate future. From here our good wheel carried us safely through to Port Williams, where we preached for the Cornwallis Christian Church last Lord's day. We found the church here mourning over the loss of their shepherd. But we are looking for Bro. H. Murray to come to the rescue this week, and for this mourning to be turned into gladness.

R. E STEVENS.

Cornwallis, N. S.

Home Missions.

[Address all communications and remittances to W. A. Barnes, Secretary, 238 St. James Street, St. John, N. B.]

Bro. R. W. Stevenson held a very interesting meeting in Charlottetown, P. E. I. the first part of October, which lasted nine days, and resulted in three additions.

He is now holding a meeting with the Main St. Christian Church (North End) which began on Lord's day, October 16th. Meetings are held Sundays and throughout the evenings of the week, except Saturday. A song service, led by Bro. Appel, precedes the preaching. The attendance has been large, and the preaching of the evangelist listened to with great attention. So far, one young woman has made the good confession.

Bro. Appel and congregation worked hard previous to the meeting to make it a success. A large illuminated sign, with the words, "Evangelistic Services" is displayed in the front of the Hall, so that the passer by may know of the meetings.

The week previous to Bro. Stevenson's coming, cottage prayer meetings were held every evening, in preparation for the work before the church in the coming weeks.

We are glad to see the increase in the receipts this month. Having our evangelist in the field now our obligations will be greater.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$126.91
Westport—per E. A. Payson.....	3.00
St. John—Coburg St. Mission Band (Sept)	5.55
“ — “ “ “ (Aug.)..	3.00
“ —Miss E. Christie.....	1.00
“ —Joseph Stockford.....	1.00
Lennardville—per Wm. McKay.....	2.50
Cornwallis—per E. C. Ford.....	10.00
E. C. Ford, balance pledge at Annual....	2.50
Geo. Manifold, Ch'town, P. E. I. “ ..	5.00
Miss M Kennedy, Ch'town, P. E. I. “ ..	5.00
Lord's Cove Sunday School.....	5.00
“ “ D. F. Lambert.....	5.22
“ “ Church.....	5.78
J. W. Bolton, Westport, N. S.	1.00

\$181.46

\$182.46

Financial Report of the Church at Halifax for the year ending August 1st, 1898.

Amount of Collections for all purposes \$649.00.

Expenses.

For Interest and current expenses.....	\$218.00
Paid T. H. Blenus for nine months labor..	295.00
“ W. F. Shaw for one and a half months labor.....	75.00

Paid Provincial Home Mission.....	21.00
“ American Home Mission.....	24.00
“ For other Missions.....	16.00
	\$649.00

The above report was not submitted at the Annual meeting. Through the kindness of Bro. E. C. Ford we are enabled to give it to our readers.

W. A. BARNES, Secretary.

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

SISTERS AND FRIENDS OF THE C. W. B. M.:

You would like to know something about our trip to P. E. Island and we would gladly give you a description of the pleasant days spent with kind friends, but lack of time and inability to express our appreciation of all that has been done for us make it impossible for me to give you anything but a faint idea of it all. Miss Rioch and I left St. John September 23rd. A number of friends came down to see us off, and they assured us that their prayers would follow us. Indeed we have felt all the time that earnest Christians were praying that God would abundantly bless our efforts to interest the people in foreign missions, and especially in the work of our own missionary. Upon our arrival in Summerside we were welcomed by Bro. H. Murray and Sisters Beattie and Conners. We held two meetings in the church; one for women and children Saturday afternoon, and a public meeting Sunday evening. We also organized an auxiliary, which we sincerely hope will be the means of bringing the sisters nearer to God and to each other. We were anxious to remain longer in Summerside, but the announcement had already been made that we would be at New Glasgow on Monday, so of course we must go. Our visit with Bro. and Sister Crawford was very enjoyable, and we felt that we received spiritual strength while in their home. Two meetings were held and a number of families visited. On Saturday we came on to Charlottetown in time to attend the Quarterly meeting. There we found the few faithful workers contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. Their discouragements are many, but God's promises are sure, and he has said, "My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Wednesday afternoon we went to Cross Roads, Lot 48. A meeting had been announced for that evening, and although the weather was anything but favorable, quite a number of friends came together, and we felt that it was good to be there. We pray that the message, as Miss Rioch gave it that night, may sink into the hearts of the hearers and bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God. Saturday we started for Montague. Our visit with the kind friends at this place was all too short, but the memory of it will remain with us and will ever be a pleasant recollection. We organized an auxiliary and hope to hear that the children's work is receiving the attention it demands. Friday found us on our way to East Point. We were told that the place was noted for its high winds, and after spending four days at Kingsborough we were quite willing to believe it. The stormy weather prevented us from getting around to see many of the people, but the kindness of friends, and the good attendance at the meetings, made us feel that our coming was not in vain. We

were delighted to see so many women and children at the meeting Monday afternoon. There was more money raised at East Point than at any other place on the island. Tuesday morning we started for Charlottetown. Wednesday evening at 6.30 o'clock we met some of the girls and boys and organized a mission band. At 7.30 there was a general meeting. This was our last meeting on the island, and the attendance and interest were good. The next morning we left Charlottetown for Nova Scotia. A number of friends came down to the wharf to say "good-bye" and extend their good wishes.

Everywhere we have been kindly received, and made to feel that "One is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren."

Shortly after our arrival on the Island we were told that it was the place for great men and fine horses. We are quite willing to believe this, as far as the men and women are concerned, if goodness is true greatness.

We are now in Nova Scotia and hope to visit a number of churches and meet the workers face to face. I know you will take more interest in the work after meeting Miss Rioch, and hearing her tell of her work in Japan.

May God add his blessing to all that has been done, for without it our efforts are powerless.

Yours in the Master's service,
CARRIE F. PAYSON.

Halifax, Oct. 25, '98.

DEAR SISTERS,—We are glad to report that Sisters Rioch and Payson are having a very successful tour. They have met with nothing but the kindest hospitality, have had good audiences, and quite satisfactory collections. They have organized two auxiliaries and a mission band on P. E. Island. At present, October 24, they are in Halifax, and will visit West Gore, Cornwallis, Milton and Digby Co. in the order named.

Will the secretary of each auxiliary please send me the name of her society and the names and P. O. address of its officers?

Yours in His service,
L. N. JACKSON.

Port Williams, N. S.

LORD'S COVE, N. B.

The Lord's Cove Ladies' Auxiliary begs leave to send its belated yearly report. Number of meetings held during the year, 11; members added, 7; lost, 1; members enrolled, 30.

Although the society expects to lose some of its active members soon by removal, yet it will go on to greater things under the care of its new officers and energetic leader, Mrs. Frank Richardson. The newly elected officers for the year are: President, Mrs. Frank Richardson; Vice-president, Miss Maud Lambert; Secretary, Mrs. Luther Lambert; Treasurer, Mrs. Alvar Lambert.

MRS. M. B. RYAN.

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported.....	\$32.00
Coburg St. Ladies Aux., St. John.....	4.80
“ Sunday School.....	2.21
Mrs. Shand, Windsor.....	1.00
Church collection, Summerside.....	6.10
Church collection, New Glasgow.....	5.00
Sunday School col. “ ..	4.00
Church collection, Lot 48.....	4.91
Church collection, Montague.....	5.45
Church collection, East Point.....	8.30
Central Church collection, Charlottetown..	7.20

\$80.47

SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer.
Willow Park,
Halifax, N. S.

Children's Work.

Address all communications to Mrs. D. A. Morrison, 29
Germala Street, St. John, N. B.]

DEAR GIRLS AND BOYS,—

You will be glad to hear of a new band organized at Charlottetown, P. E. I. I have not learned the name given to it as yet, but will look for a letter from the secretary in the near future. We welcome you to our numbers.

This month I have a copy of the India "Tidings," containing the children's number. I know you will all be glad to read extracts from this little paper published in far-off India by our missionaries and workers there. I will send half this month and reserve the rest until next month.

Your loving friend,

MRS. D. A. MORRISON,
Sup't Children's Work.

DEAR JUNIOR BUILDERS,—

You have been wondering perhaps what has become of the dollars you raised more than a year ago for a home for the missionaries at Deoghar.

The story of the long delay in getting the land would take more time and space to tell than I can give just now, so let me go on to the better part of my story.

To-day—Sept. 13, 1898—the first stones went into the foundation of the to-be bungalow. The bricks which your dimes and nickels have paid for, are being collected. The circular mortar mill, the like of which you have never seen, is in use every day and the work is really moving on.

As we stood by today while the big stones were rolled into place I thought of you, our dear Builders, and a prayer went up to the great Father for his blessing upon you every one, and that better, more beautiful than this building of stone and brick, so useful but to perish after all, may rise that spiritual building, God's own temple, in which may we each become a "living stone," fitly fashioned by his own loving hand.

MARY GRAYBIEL.

LETTER FROM MAHOBA SCHOOL.

The Mahoba School greet you with love. The rain is falling on the green trees and fields. There will be grain to make bread this year and it will be cheaper for the poor so they can have food. *For this we have prayed. For this we give thanks to the Father of All.* We know you have prayed for this, too. Our lake is full of water.

We are learning different kinds of sewing and we enjoy the sewing hour. We like our school very much. We meet in our new School Chapel for C. E. Society meetings. We miss our Bari Mama (Miss Graybiel) when she is in Deoghar. We are glad, though, that our friends there are to have a house and a good school house like ours.

Every day the monkeys come into our yard and give us trouble. They eat the corn in our own little gardens, and even snatch the bread from our hands.

We wish you could see the beautiful clouds we see at sunset time in the rains. Our trees and plants are growing.

We are happy when we hear that you pray for us, think of us and love us, and we want to be good children.—*Salaam.*

THE MUNSHIN'S (TEACHER'S) LETTER.

I pray to God for you that whatever you do for God may be pleasing in his sight and that he may bless you all the time. I teach

the girls and they are learning their lessons well. I am very pleased with them. May my greetings (Salaams) and love reach you.
PHULMANI BAI.

AN INDIAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Our Sunday-school meets at 8 a. m. Our attendance varies between 80 and 100 pupils. We have six classes and each one has a special name. My class is called "Springs of Joy" (in Hindu), the little ones are called "Heavenly Pearls." As the classes are called out they repeat the Golden Text in unison. From this one Sunday-school the light radiates into thirteen village schools. The children go around into the adjacent villages and sing and preach in their simple way. Some of the teachers go with the girls and boys but this is not a regular practice. They usually take the Bible lesson pictures with them and this keeps the interest of the villagers. It is very touching to see one little girl whose name is "Pyari." She is the untainted child of a leper. We took her on opening up leper work in Mungeli; two years ago, when I first came to Mungeli, she was one of my first scholars. She lived with her father and mother in a village near by. She was a gentle, sweet-voiced child of ten and I soon learnt to love her. Her mother was a leper, and oh, how I longed to separate little Pyari for I was afraid she would contract the disease. Her parents were not willing to give her up and she herself would not part from her mother. The days went by and God was working out his will in that little life. The famine came and during the first few months an epidemic of cholera. Pyari's father was the first to go. The support of the family was taken and the mother had to resort to the poorhouse. Before the father died he handed the daughter over to our care. In a few months the mother succumbed, and I well remember the evening I gave Pyari the sad news. With a trembling voice she said, "It is better so—my mother suffered so much." Her two younger sisters were brought to us and this little trio named *Pyari* (Love), *Gyani* (Wisdom), and *Asin* (Hope) have ever since been under our care. Pyari was baptized last November in our river here and now she goes every Sunday to the village to preach. She stands under a tree in front of the old home and sings in her pretty girlish voice. Her relatives and old friends gather around her and how gladly she tells them of Jesus and His love. Many a time when I call upon her to pray she remembers her relatives and asks that they might be saved. She loves her old home, and it brings back many a sad memory. All our girls love Pyari, she is a peaceful, gentle spirit, and promises to be a most useful worker in this district. God has gifted her with a pretty, soft voice and the people around like to hear her sing. *She has given herself to Jesus and He uses her.*

MRS. ANNA GORDON, M. D.

CHILDREN'S WORK.

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SUSIE FORD STEVENS, *Treasurer,*
Willow Park,
Halifax, N. S.

Sorrows humanize the race:
Tears are the showers that fertilize the world;
And memory of things precious keepeth warm
The heart that once did hold them.

They are poor

That have lost nothing; they are poorer far
Who, losing, have forgotten; they most poor
Of all, who lose and wish they might forget.

In these provinces there are now some churches without ministers, and some ministers without churches. This ought not so to be.

Married.

O'CONNELL-BUCKMAN.—At the parsonage in Westport on October 19th, George B. O'Connell and Carrie Buckman. The ceremony was performed by the writer in the presence of a few invited guests.—J. W. BOLTON.

LEONARD-COOKE.—At the residence of the bride's brother, Richardsonville, Deer Island, Sept. 25, Herbert M. Leonard and Alice Maud Cooke, W. H. Harding officiating.

Died.

BARTEAU.—At Leonardville, October 16, Lulu, beloved and only child of Arthur and Alice Barteau. It died very suddenly of congestion of the lungs. We have to say as one of old, "The Lord gave, and the Lord taketh away; blessed be his holy name.—W. H. H.

GREENLAW.—At Lambertown, October 9, in the 18th year of her life, Soris Greenlaw, after a lingering illness borne with Christian fortitude. She is the first one to be called away from those who united with the church this spring. Her mother and family have the sympathy of the whole community, but they mourn not as those who have no hope.—W. H. H.

STEVENSON.—At New Glasgow, P. E. I., on Oct. 21st, in her 74th year, after an illness of a few weeks, Mary, beloved wife of Elder George Stevenson. Near seven years ago our brother and sister had celebrated their golden wedding, making it nearly fifty-seven years in which they had lived in happy wedlock, both members of the church. Few persons have left behind them, for the comfort of a numerous family and many relatives, as well as for the members of the church, a more pleasing record than our departed sister. Always ready to make the best of every incident and to spare no trouble to make others happy, her cheerful company will be much missed. It can be truly said, "She was adorned by a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price"—D. C.

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GEO. MANIFOLD, Charlottetown, P. E. I.
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More names will be added as they are appointed

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Intending students will do well to enter as soon as possible, as our accommodations are likely to be taxed to the utmost.

Evening classes now in session.

Oddfellows' Hall.

S. KERR & SON.