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At the request of the church at Summerside, the next annual meeting of the churches of Christ on P. E. Island will be held with that church, commencing on the Friday before the second Lord's day in July, 1899.

HARRY WILLIAMS,  
Sec'y of Association.

Charlottetown, Sept. 19th, 1898.

## NOTES AND NEWS.

After eleven very successful years' service, J. H. McNeill has resigned the pastorate of the Christian Church in Rushville, Ind.

Look at the address label on your paper. What about that date? If it is not as late as "Sept. 98," you are in arrears and ought to renew at once.

With this number THE CHRISTIAN closes up its fifteenth year. Encouraged by the welcome it has received and the good it has done, we look hopefully into the future.

We desire to re-arrange our mailing sheet. If your paper does not go to the post office that is most convenient for you, tell us so and we will make the proper change.

The Foreign Christian Missionary Society has appointed a special committee to take under advisement the propriety of entering Cuba and Porto Rico. A number of men are ready to enter these fields with a view of establishing missions in them.

The General Conventions of the Disciples of Christ will meet in Chattanooga, Tennessee, October 13-21. THE CHRISTIAN has been asked by the local committee of arrangements to convey their hearty invitation to the Disciples in these parts. We cheerfully do so. It would do them good to be in such a gathering.

We find this suggestive note in *The Christian-Evangelist*: Granville Jones, our pastor at Midland, has organized a church at Granada. It was a new place and he preached several days before giving an invitation. But on Sunday morning he extended an in-

invitation to all who desired to become members of a church modeled after the New Testament example, and to be known as "Christians," when 33 responded. They were organized and the meeting continued with 20 additions.

The old spirit of opposition is not dead. J. V. Updike went to Blooming Grove, Texas, to hold a meeting in a large tabernacle. When he got started three demoninations in the place combined in securing a large tent and holding meetings in it; but the evangelist did not close his meeting because of their jealous course.

Next month we expect to send financial statements to those of our subscribers who are in arrears. This involves a larger amount of labor, but the money is needed. We hope very many subscribers will remit before Oct. 31st, so that we shall not have to send, nor they to receive, these statements. Prompt payment will be appreciated.

Our readers will rejoice in the good news from Southville. H. E. Cooke has had a splendid meeting there. The addition of 29 members to the church in two weeks, in a sparsely settled country district is a grand triumph. It would be deemed a success anywhere. May this church and its minister, both so signally blessed, prosper more and more.

R. W. Stevenson has entered the evangelistic field for three months. He is at present in a meeting in Charlottetown, and expects to visit other places and hold meetings before the new year. It would be well if he could visit all the churches and thoroughly arouse their interest in Home Missions. "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

*The Christian Tribune*, Peter Anstie, Baltimore, Editor, comes to us with a new and more beautiful face and form, but with the same sweet, spiritual tone. Instead of a paper with four large pages, we have one with sixteen small pages. The change is a decided improvement. We congratulate the editor on his very excellent weekly published "in the interest of primitive Christianity on the Atlantic coast."

T. H. Mellen writes in the *Christian-Evangelist*: Minnesota has a \$365 Christian. What do I mean? I mean that Minnesota has a brother who pays \$1.00 per day the year round to benevolences, outside of contributions to the local church. The brother is not a lawyer, banker nor physician, but a farmer of ordinary means, having membership in one of the smaller churches.

The Standard Publishing Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, have published "Graded Studies in the New Testament." The Studies have been prepared by H. K. and P. T. Pendleton, and Pres. J. W. McGarvey writes the Introduction. The plan of the book is very simple. It has four sections, the first being about Jesus; the second, Conversion; the third,

The Church; and the fourth, The Christian. Each of these is sub-divided. For instance, under "The Church" is considered The New Covenant, Unity, Officers and Law, The Lord's Supper, Name of Church, Church Orthodoxy and Apostasy, and Church Services. The method of the book is quite satisfactory. Questions are asked and the answers given in the words of Scripture. The use of this book in the Sunday-school, in connection with the International lessons, is strongly recommended. It will hereafter be incorporated in the Standard System of Sunday School Lessons.

"Old men for counsel and young men for war." But we note that the leaders on the American side in the late war were not young men. They are all about sixty years old. Dewey is 61, Sampson and Shley each 58, Miles 59, Wheeler 62 and Shafter 63. The experience of these men counted in the fight against the enemy. And the experience that comes with years, gives the aged preacher an advantage in the fight against sin.

Wanted: A uniform list of topics for use by the Disciples of Christ in the mid-week prayer meetings. In our different papers we find two or three lists with comments on them; but where several papers with different lists are taken in a congregation, the custom that is often followed is to disregard these lists entirely and to prepare a special list. Let the publishers and editors give us one list. They should find no difficulty in arranging an acceptable one.

"I was in prison, and ye came unto me" L. H. Humphreys says in the *Christian Oracle* in South Dakota Notes: I have been preaching once a month at the penitentiary since coming here. I took up a line of subjects in keeping with our distinctive plea, and endeavored to point these poor convicted men to the only true source of pardon. The visible results so far have been one reclaimed and eighteen confessions and baptisms; also one confession last Lord's-day and several requests for visits from others who are interested about their soul's welfare.

The *Church Register* has united with the *Christian Review*, and now comes to us once per week, from Kansas City, Mo., as the *Register Review*, with the size of its pages reduced and their number multiplied. G. A. Hoffman succeeds J. C. Creel as editor; T. H. Capp continues as associate. The paper is "devoted to the interests of the Christian Church," and its devotion is whole-hearted.

The day of Canada's opportunity has come and gone. We know not yet how she has spoken. It is now too late for the man who voted against prohibition to recall his ballot. It is too late for the citizen who favored prohibition, but did not take time to record his vote, to do so. He will be counted on the rumsellers' side. If prohibition has been defeated, he may well regard himself, as a sharer in all the crimes in Canada that will flow from the saloon for years to come.

## News of the Churches.

## ST. JOHN, N. B.

COBURG STREET

Bro and Sister O. B. Emery spent a few days in our city last month. Bro. Emery assisted Bro. Stewart in the morning service on Lord's day (11)

We were glad to welcome so many of our brethren and sisters at our Lord's day and week evening services during exhibition week from Summerside and Charlottetown, P. E. I., Tiverton, Westport, Cornwallis and Amherst, N. S., Lord's Cove, Deer Island and Grand Manan

Miss Mary M. Rioch, missionary from Japan, arrived here on Thursday morning from her home in Hamilton, Ontario. She was met at the Union Depot by Sister Payson, president, Sister Flaglor, vice-president, Sister Jackson, secretary, members of the C. W. B. M. of the Maritime Provinces, and Sister D. A. Morrison, Superintendent of Children's Work, Sisters Lockwood, A. Edmonds and N. Johnston. She was present at our prayer meeting on Thursday evening when all present had the pleasure of seeing and hearing her and making her acquaintance. She left for a tour of the P. E. Island churches on Friday morning, accompanied by Sister Payson, of Westport. On her return, we hope to hear her tell of her work in Tokyo, Japan, where she has resided for the last six years.

Bro. H. W. Stewart preached at Nauwigewauk last Tuesday evening. There is a number of our brethren at this place, they also have a Sunday-school

Sister Lila N. Jackson, of Cornwallis, was the leader of the Young People's meeting on Monday evening, 19th, subject being "Triumphs of Christianity."

At the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Society held on Friday, Sept. 30th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. John E. Edwards, President; Mrs. S. Dixon, Vice-president; Mrs. L. A. Myles, Secretary; Miss Ethel Barnes, Treasurer. A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring president.

Bro Frank Erb left for Fredericton on Saturday October 1st, to resume his studies at the University of New Brunswick.

## WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

The writer preached at East Ferry, N. S., August 20th.

Bro. E. C. Ford made a flying trip to Westport one day previous to the annual meeting in Tiverton. He preached at the Wednesday night service.

Bro. H. E. Cooke preached for the people in Tiverton Friday night, August 26th, also Sunday, August 28th. In the afternoon he preached the annual sermon to the Independent Order of Foresters.

A public temperance meeting was held in Tiverton, Sept 6th. Rev. Mr. Smith, Centerville, Dr. Armstrong, Freeport, and the writer addressed the meeting. Remarks were also made by others. The meeting was under the auspices of the local temperance committee.

The writer and his family are now in Everett, Mass., the guest of his parents, where he is taking his vacation. J. W. B.

## WOODVILLE, N. S.

Our meeting of 15 days is one of the best ever held in this part of the country 29 additions to date (Sept. 21), and more to come. 19 of those were young men of sterling worth and of promising character. Our meeting has been a spiritual uplift to our church and community.

H. E. COOKE.

## HALIFAX, N. S.

Since taking up the work in this city we are thankful to be able to report steadily increasing congregations and a growing interest in our work generally. The brethren are united and hopeful. There is a feeling of regret that a number of our brethren are leaving the city. Some have gone, and others are going in the near future. But the success of the cause of Christ does not depend so much on numbers as upon the faithfulness of those who remain.

The Exhibition has brought us a number of welcome visitors from different parts, whom we were glad to see in our congregations the two last

Lord's days. Among these were Sister G. Collie, Sister Annie Kempton, and Bro. and Sister W. McEwen, of Milton, Bro. and Sister E. C. Bowers of Westport, Sister Clara Wood and her brother Fred, from Cornwallis, and Sister Annie Wallace, West Gore, with a few others from Hants County. These and all visiting brethren are heartily welcomed, and their presence at our meetings greatly encourages us in our work.

Bro Burton Wood of Lakeville, Kings Co., N. S., is now attending Dalhousie College and worships with us regularly. We are glad to have this good brother with us. We sincerely hope that any of our brethren who may be in the city either over the Lord's day, or at the time of our regular Monday or Wednesday evening meetings will find their way to the North Street Christian Church and cheer us by their presence and words of encouragement.

We are expecting Bro. and Sister R. E. Stevens from Pictou, this week. Bro Stevens will preach for us on Lord's day, while the writer will visit the brethren at Elmsdale. It is our intention to visit these brethren regularly once a month, preaching for them the first Monday in each month.

Correspondents will please address me at Willow Park. E. C. FORD.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 26th, 1898.

## CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

CENTRAL CHURCH.

Bro. R. E. Stevens, of Pictou, and the writer exchanged pulpits on September 4th.

Sister Ethel Barnes, of St. John, is visiting here for a few weeks

The Quarterly meeting will be held with the Central Church, commencing October 2nd

GEO. MANIFOLD.

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

The work here is encouraging. The audiences are increasing. The singing is improving; and a healthy spirit of activity seems to be predominate.

A. N. S.

## EAST POINT, P. E. I.

Have made my second visit here. The weather was delightful. Meetings well attended especially in the afternoons. Two confessions.

A. N. S.

## Home Missions.

[Address all communications and remittances to W. A. Barnes, Secretary, 228 St. James Street, St. John, N. B.]

HOME MISSION BOARD, 1898-99.

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We have sent letters to all the churches stating the amount asked from each for our Home Mission work during the coming year. We hope that these letters will receive careful attention. We appeal to every church to help support the work in these provinces. If any of the churches fail to receive one of these letters, if they will kindly notify the secretary by P. O. card they shall have one sent them. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet but it *tendeth* to poverty.

One month has passed since Bro. E. C. Ford took charge of the work in Halifax. He reports a growing interest in all the departments of church work.

Bro. R. W. Stevenson, of Montague, P. E. I., has consented to become our evangelist for three months, beginning the 1st of October. He will attend the quarterly meeting of the church in Charlottetown, and if there

is a favorable opportunity he may hold a meeting there. Beginning with the third Lord's day in October, he will hold a meeting with the Main Street Christian Church in this city.

We are trying to secure a preacher for the church at Pictou.

The balance brought forward in last month's report should have been \$7.04 instead of \$19.23.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance brought forward, ...	\$109 97
M. Eldridge, Sandy Cove, ...	1 00
Coburg St., Mission Band, ...	4 15
" " Sunday-school, ...	7 29
E. C. Ford, ...	2 50
Main St. Sunday school, ...	2 00
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	\$126 91

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand August 1st, ...	\$7 04
Received in August, ...	109 97
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	\$117 01

## Expended.

Halifax, ...	\$31 50
Pictou, ...	23 34
St. John, Main Street, ...	25 00
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	\$79 84

Balance on hand, ... \$37 17

W. A. BARNES, Secretary.

## Foreign Missions.

## Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

DEAR SISTERS,—In undertaking the duties of Secretary of Maritime C. W. B. M. I feel that you have intrusted a very important work to me. I shall try to serve you to the best of my ability, and pray that God will bless our efforts during the coming year.

I am glad to be able to tell you that Sister Rioch has come to the provinces. She is in P. E. Island now, and accompanied by Sister Payson, hopes to be able to visit all the churches. It is impossible to give dates of her visits, but all the churches will be communicated with, and we hope satisfactory arrangements made. Sister Rioch has done a grand work for us, and I know all will welcome her heartily to their homes. We want all to meet her face to face, as well as hear her tell of her work in Japan. She has a number of curiosities to show which will be interesting to all.

Let us pray that Sister Rioch's visit may result in much good to our beloved missionary work.

Yours in His service,

LILA N. JACKSON.

Port Williams, N. S.

Until further notice the address of the Treasurer will be as below:

SUSIE FORD STEVENS,  
Halifax, N. S.

Miss Mary M. Rioch is now in the Maritime Provinces. Those who have been interested and have assisted in her work in Japan, will be glad to meet her; and the children will be anxious to see one of whom they have heard so much. We hope her visit may prove very enjoyable to her and result in arousing the churches to a more lively sense of the importance of the work to which she has consecrated her life.

## WHAT SHE COULD.

G. D. WEAVER.

To the Christian who thinks God to be infinitely just, his individual capacity is his measure of duty to Him. He who believes God's purposes in man to be wise and perfectly adapted to accomplish His ends, seeks to know the means by which they are to be perfected, and recognizes success in their completion.

He who acknowledges himself a part of the great universe of God, and the necessary working of every particular to perfect the great end, must say he has achieved success if he has performed the duties God has allotted to him.

Among the misconceptions of the mind, one of the chief is that the greatest results depend upon the magnitude of the antecedents. Could our eyes be opened as God opened the eyes of Elisha's servant, that he might see the chariots and horsemen of fire—the symbol of His protecting care—we could see the working out of the purposes of the All-Father; and that which would excite our greatest admiration would be that those things, considered by us the greatest, are performing their part in the great scheme, only by the smaller ones fulfilling theirs.

Indeed it is by no means necessary to ask for such aid; sufficient has been given. We need only to read the fact from the Bible, and note the little transpiring things of everyday life to be convinced of this grand truth. One incident most touching is linked with Jesus' last days in Bethany. A conspiracy is formed against Him; one of His own is bargaining Him away for silver; His trusted ones are faltering; some will forsake Him; others deny Him. Truth will not save, nor the strong arm deliver. Hearts are darkened by sin and eyes blinded by prejudice. Dark clouds are gathering around Him, sorrow is filling His heart. In this hour Mary would rescue Him if she could. She can not; but she will do what she can to give comfort. She breaks the box of precious ointment to anoint Him for His burying. The all-wise Father had made it possible to do some little deed in the great work of redemption. And, now looking upon it with human eyes, it fills a little gap; if left unfulfilled the drama of Christ's life is incomplete. Shall He tread the winepress alone? Yes; but in this hour there is a hand willing to come to His aid. It cannot bring back the fleeing friend, or ward off the stroke of the approaching foe, but it can anoint the throbbing brow of the blessed Redeemer. This was her share in the glorious plan of redemption. It would be incomplete without it, and the name "Mary" comes to us to-day in tenderness, because coupled with such a blessed deed of kindness and love. It shines more illustriously on the pages of the Sacred Book than most of those whom Christ chose to be His ambassadors.

"While the victories of many kings and generals," says Chrysostom, "are lost in

silence, and many who have founded states and reduced nations to subjection are not known by name, the pouring of ointment by this woman is celebrated throughout the whole world, the memory of the deed hath not waned away."

It reaches us to-day, after a journey of nineteen centuries, shedding a fragrance upon our hearts more sweet than the odors of the spikenard. All because she did "what she could."

And now many who read this simple story will say, with the poet:

"There's surely somewhere a lowly place, in earth's harvest-field so wide,  
Where I may labor thro' life's short day for Jesus  
the crucified;

So trusting my all to Thy tender care, and knowing  
Thou lovest me,

I'll do Thy will with a heart sincere, I'll be what  
you want me to be."

## LOOK UP—LOOK UP!

Oh, doubting soul, tossed to and fro with fears and questionings, hast thou heard him thyself? To-day thou art casting about for a faith, or searching for anchorage. It may be thou did'st once believe because of another's testimony, and when the life contradicted the testimony thy faith perished. Or thou did'st believe because of another's saying, but when death stilled the voice of the witness whispers of earthly doubt entered into thy soul and thy faith failed thee. To-day thou cravest for faith, for rich assurance; thou would'st have the voice of doubt silenced, the unrest of years changed to peace; thou seekest a faith that is simple, sublime, immovable. Such a faith must be gained at Christ's feet; it is found where he abides; it is granted to those who hear Him themselves. "Arise! the Master is come, and calleth for thee."—*Churchman*.

## Married.

BREHAUT-MCKINNON.—At Pietou, Sept. 27th, Alexander F. Brehaut, of Souris, P. E. I., to Mary C. McKinnon, of North River, P. E. I., R. E. Stevens officiating.

## Died.

STUART.—At Lambertown, Deer Island, August 31st Alden Kinney Stuart, beloved son of Frank and Mabel Stuart. He was in his fifth year and died very suddenly of congestion of the brain. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the community in their affliction.  
W. H. H.

SIMPSON.—At Lord's Cove, Deer Island, August 31st, in the 80th year of her life, Mrs. Mary, widow of the late James Simpson. She had been ill but a short time. Her end was peace. A large number of relatives and friends followed the remains to the last resting place.  
W. H. H.

SMITH.—Drowned at Lo Tang, N. B., William, eldest son of John Smith. The remains were buried at Lambert's Cove. The funeral was an unusually large one and all deeply sympathized with the father and relatives of the deceased. He was in his 38th year and was buried on the 15th September.  
W. H. H.

CLINE.—At Leonardville, September 7th, in the 52nd year of his life, Joseph Cline, leaving a wife, three children and a number of relatives and friends to mourn his loss. He was baptized by Bro. Howard Murray some years ago. He was a great sufferer from cancer before he died. Sorrow endureth for the night, but joy cometh in the morning.  
W. H. H.

ROGERSON.—At Leonardville, September 1st, Earle, aged 14 months, only child of Charles and Jennie Rogerson. Jesus said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."  
W. H. H.

KEAY.—At Leonardville, September 20th, Georgiana, wife of Wm. Keay, in the 45th year of her life. She was a great sufferer for weeks before she died. A large number of friends followed the remains to their last resting place.  
W. H. H.

MURRAY.—The messenger of death has again visited the church in Summerside, P. E. Island, and removed from it Elder Richard Murray, of Linkletter Road. For some time he had been failing in health, and on the 22nd of August, he was called from the things of earth to the things above, at the age of 79. Elder Murray was born in Miramichi, N. B., August 6th, 1819. When he was six years of age, the great Miramichi fire occurred (Oct. 7th, 1825). His mother saved him, as well as her own, life by remaining all night in the Miramichi River while the fire was reducing the town to ashes. His boyhood days were spent in Miramichi. In 1840 he came to P. E. Island landing at New London, July 1st. In 1843, he married Elizabeth, daughter of the late George Jeffrey, of Linkletter Road, (who survives him) and settled down there where he lived till the close of his life. About the close of the year 1844, Rev. Alex. McDonald (Baptist) came to that section and held some meetings. Bro. Murray attended them and became interested. He signified his intentions of uniting with the people of God. On being asked to give "A Christian experience" he said he could not give such, for he was not a Christian in a Scriptural sense, not having obeyed the commands of the gospel. He was accepted without giving "an experience." In April 1845 he, with his wife was immersed at Schurman's Shore, Lot 17. From that time he became an earnest Christian, a careful student of God's word, rejecting all human creeds, finding no warranty for them in the inspired volume. A small church was organized at Schurman's Shore on the New Testament plan and he was appointed deacon. This little band soon found that Summerside was a more central place to meet for worship. A Hall was rented for that purpose. The church was built and on Sept. 13th, 1853, it was set in order. Bro. Murray was again chosen deacon, which office he filled with acceptance, walking humbly before God, exemplifying the teachings of Christ by a blameless life. On Lord's day morning, May 21st, 1875, he was chosen as elder, which position he held to the end of his life. He was faithful in the discharge of his duties, "Apt to teach," an able expounder of God's word, "always ready to give an answer to every man that asked him a reason of his hope with meekness and fear." When the messenger of death came he was ready to depart to be with Christ. A short time before his decease, he said to the writer, "I am not afraid to die, I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him." "I know that my Redeemer liveth, I know that he will place a crown of righteousness upon my head." There were no doubts in his mind as regards the future. He loved to talk about the glorified state beyond this vale of tears.

Servant of God well done,  
Thou hast lived the allotted span,  
So thy Redeemer came, and called  
His exile brother home.

Bro. H. Murray conducted the funeral exercises.

G. A. J.

BURNABY.—Our dear Bro. Edward Burnaby, of Milton, has gone home. He has passed out of pain and weariness into sweet rest; out of death's dark shadow into the unfading light and glory of an eternal day. "God's finger touched him and he slept." His sun set at noon, just when we were hopefully looking for many blessings from his active, promising life. His light was shining brightly in the church as an active Christian, and in the school room as a successful and respected teacher. But in the sacred precincts of his happy home were seen and felt his purest and brightest light. He fought the ravages of disease that were wasting his mortal body with manly and cheerful courage, and when all hope of recovery was lost, he faced death and the approach of the grave with the same courage, unflinching faith and unflinching trust in God, without a fear or a murmur, and with a cheerfulness as beautiful as one that "lies down to pleasant dreams." In his very last moments, when supported by his respected father, embraced by his affectionate and devoted mother, his loving sisters by his side, he sweetly and peacefully bid them good night with the blessed hope that in the brighter clime he would say good morning. What a blessed life was his to live, and a thrice blessed death to die. How sadly afflicted we feel! We have lost a true friend, the church has lost a faithful servant of God; and the home has lost a beloved, devoted son and brother. May the Lord help us to see that in this affliction his hand of love and mercy is "working out for us a far more exceeding eternal weight of glory." We know that God's appointed time is best, but it is so hard for us, in our weakness, to say that the present time was best. It seems like a failure of many blessed prophecies, and yet we cannot complain, but humbly resign our wills to him who doeth all things well. The church and all who know the departed tender most heartily their sympathy and condolence to the family in the loss of him who was the light and joy of their home, with an earnest prayer that our Heavenly Father may give them sweet peace in the assurance that their loss is great gain to him who has gone only a little while before them to that beautiful home on high, beyond all care and sorrow and death.  
H. M.

FORREST.—On September 11th, 1898, at New Grafton, after a short illness, Isabella Forrest, in her 73rd year. Sister Forrest was baptized by Bro. H. Murray years ago and has been a consistent Christian worker ever since. She leaves three sisters and a brother, besides a large number of friends to mourn her loss. Funeral services were conducted by E. C. Ford.

## The Christian.

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

## EDITORIAL.

## ONCE DARKNESS, NOW LIGHT.

For ye were once darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of light. Eph. 5, 8.

The apostle forcibly contrasts the past state of the Ephesians with the present. They had once been darkness, but were now light. He does not say that they had once been in darkness and were now in light, but that they had been darkness itself, but were now light in the Lord. To be in darkness is an injury to one's self, but to be darkness is an injury to others. So also is it a benefit to a man's self to be in light, but to be in light is a blessing to others.

When "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us," He so united humanity that "no man liveth to himself." No man can pass through this world without the influence and help of others, and no man lives but either to aid or hinder others. "For to this end Christ died and lived again that He might be Lord both of the dead and living." To Him all must answer for the influence they exert on others. Jesus first asks the lost one, "Where art thou?" and as soon as He finds and saves him, He asks him "Where is thy brother?" The murderer replies, "I know not; am I my brother's keeper?" But the child of God is anxious for his brother's salvation, and tells him of the Saviour that he, too, may be saved.

These Ephesians had once been on the road to ruin. Living in idolatry and sin, they had influenced their children and others to pursue the same course. But Jesus in His great love had found them and drawn them unto himself. They were now light in the Lord. His spirit had borne witness with their spirit that they were children of God. There was a blessed change from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God. Being in fellowship with Him who is the true light, they were children of light, and Paul's great anxiety was for them to walk as children of light. While he rejoiced greatly in their salvation and in their hope of future glory, he pled with them to so walk that their influence in leading others to Christ might be still greater than it had been in leading them astray. In this letter he makes this walk exceedingly plain. What can be plainer than the following instructions: "Wherefore putting away lying, let every man speak truth with his neighbor; for we are members one of another. Let him that stole steal no more, but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he might have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and evil speaking be put away from you with all malice. And be ye kind one to another,

tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God has for Christ's sake forgiven you."—Eph., 4th Ch.

All these instructions Christians can understand, and by God's help can practice. What a beautiful description is given of Christian conversation. It is good to edify saints, to build them up in their most holy faith, and also to minister grace to the hearers. God has promised to show his salvation to the man that ordereth his conversation aright; and here it is described as the channel through which salvation flows to the unconverted. When Christians meet, if anxious to do right and watchful, how easy it is to avoid corrupt communication and speak with grace, even when not speaking of grace. David calls his tongue his glory and determines to use it for God. It is the helm of a man's character, and with it he steers either in the narrow path or on the road that leadeth to destruction; and by its influence he is either darkness or light to others. The Christian is in constant need of divine aid, and Jesus has promised it in this way: "If ye abide in me and my word abide in you ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." Abiding in Christ, we have God's promise of everything we ask of him, and he gives us power to shine as lights in the world.

Many a man can look back to the time when he was in darkness and trouble about his state, and how eagerly he sought the company of Christians to hear their talk of Jesus and his love, and of his sad disappointment when their conversation ran on other matters. But when he did meet a man who told him of the Saviour, how very anxious he was to save and how plain he made the plan of salvation. That man he can never forget. His form and appearance is ever before him. The very place on which they met is to him like the gate of heaven, and among the greatest joys of the future will be the meeting of this spiritual parent and child in the celestial abode. Let Christians remember that in the multitudes around them travelling to eternity there may be many halting between darkness and light who are watching their deportment, especially their conversation, and while they are determining in the Lord's strength that their sacrifice will be the fruit of their lips giving thanks to his name, let them in the same strength order their conversation so that it may be good to the use of edifying and minister grace to the hearers.

The long evenings will soon be upon us. How shall they be spent? Not, we trust, in sin nor in simply pleasure. Life is too short for its hours to be squandered. Here is a note from B. L. Smith that may be helpful. "I wish to commend to you a new book, "Sketches of the Pioneers" by F. D. Power, Washington, D. C. It is a condensation of the lives of the pioneers and contains sound teaching. It will be sent by J. Z. Tyler, Cleveland, Ohio, for 25 cents a copy." How delightful and stimulating to spend some evenings over such a book. To walk with wise and bold men will help to make us wise and bold.

## Original Contributions.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

AGNES M. WILLIAMS.

Some few months ago the editor of a certain well-known journal treated his readers to an editorial on "The Decay of the Sunday School," but I'm sure that ere this the poor man has been made to realize the folly of his opinions, for from various sources have come stirring defences and unmistakable proof, in the form of statistics, that the power and influence of the Sunday School is not on the wane.

While his criticisms may be to a certain extent deserved, yet we feel that the good results of the work are sufficiently self-evident to sustain our faith in the organization. It seems impossible not to recognize that it is one of the most important departments of the church. A successful and well organized school is one of the surest indications that the church is becoming more and more alive to the glorious possibilities awaiting development in the young hearts and minds in the primary and intermediate grades of our schools.

Indeed, I do not think I am speaking too strongly when I say that the success of the church depends, to a very great extent, upon the Bible Schools of to-day, for from its classes the church will receive its most earnest and effective members.

Early impressions are the most lasting, and we are all willing to admit the necessity of early spiritual training and its importance in character building.

Now, although the purpose of the Sunday School is not to supplant, or in any way lessen the necessity for home training in religious matters (which unfortunately seems to be the impression entertained by some parents), yet the systematic outline of Bible study adopted by our most progressive schools is such, that, added to the somewhat unconsciously imparted truths the children so readily assimilate in their every day life, causes them to become more or less familiar with the Bible. With this familiarity, to even the most careless and indifferent scholar, there will come visions of a nobler and more ideal life, a deepening consciousness of the true meaning of Christianity; while the habit of direct reference to God's word, rather than the unquestioning acceptance of the opinions of men, will also be acquired.

Although the Sunday School is more adapted to the needs and intelligence of children, it should not be allowed to supplant the regular church service, which, judging from the absence of the Sunday School children from most of our church services, seems to be the case. We must always remember that it is a means to an end and not the end itself. It is one of the easiest and most natural entrances to the church, for in the ideal Sunday School, and, I trust, in many that are perhaps far from being ideal, the supreme object is to convert each and every scholar to Christ, and to help give them an

intelligent idea of their duties and privileges as Christians. When we, who are teachers learn fully to realize this, and prayerfully and earnestly do our part, we cannot doubt as to the results.

With the Sunday School lies the power of bringing about a more general interest in missions. Gradually the mistaken impressions, regarding missions and missionary societies are disappearing, and it cannot be denied that the Sunday School has been one of the mightiest factors in accomplishing this. Not only along missionary lines do we find unmistakable evidence of the broadening influence of the Sunday School, but in every line of work, and at every opportunity to advance the interests of Christ's kingdom, the young people of the Sunday School are ready to do their part.

In its aims and scope it is so distinctively a young people's institution, and yet in how many schools the classes in the more advanced grades are those in which the average attendance is lowest. This should not be so, and the causes which produce such results should be carefully studied and earnest efforts made to bring about conditions from which will grow a school that shall be spiritually and numerically *strong*.

Perhaps one reason why we fail often-times to keep the majority of our boys and girls in the Sunday School after they have reached that anomalous age, the transition period between childhood and young manhood and womanhood, is that we have in the past failed to study their requirements and temperaments as carefully as we ought; the general atmosphere of the school may have been sleepy, and we who are teachers may have shirked our duty, or may never have realized our responsibility sufficiently to seek the best methods and most effective words in order to retain their interest and make the lessons appeal to each member of the class.

To obtain better results it might be well to imitate the methods of our public schools to a certain extent. Their systems are constantly undergoing reconstruction and improvement, whereas the systems (if anything so erratic can be called systems) prevailing in altogether too many Sunday Schools, are still very primitive. Time does not permit me to particularize in this respect, still I cannot but think that one way in which it would be well to imitate our school boards is by providing some means by which those who are teachers may become more thoroughly equipped for the work, as for instance, by means of well organized normal classes and teacher's meetings, or in some other way. While we believe most sincerely in the mission of the Sunday School, and give it all honor for the success achieved, yet we cannot but feel that there is still a very great need of improvement in our present methods of work, if the organization is to achieve better and more telling results. In order that we may accomplish this let us seek to awaken a deeper interest in the work among the young people of the congregation.

When we can bring all the members of the school to feel their personal responsibility, that upon the faithful performance of their duty depends the success of the school, we shall have accomplished this.

The work to be done varies greatly, and a discussion of ways and means is beyond my ability, but the importance of it is so great that I would urge that the church do all in its power to encourage the young people in this work.

Ten new missionaries will sail to heathen lands in September, three to China, three to India, two to Japan, and two to Turkey.

## WORK OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH.

LESTER MELLISH.

In the economy of God there is no place for an idle man or woman. When our first parents were created they were given a work to do. Not only was there a work to do, but one was given as a help meet to the other in the performance of this work. Thus the first society was formed, and on this basis has it been perpetuated. Adown the years organizations have been formed of active men and women for mutual assistance in securing some great end. On this same principle has the Church of Christ been established. It was instituted that, by the co-operative work of its members, humanity might be blessed, that man might assist in lifting up his brother man, and that the name of Christ should be honored among us, his servants, on the earth.

The Church of Christ to-day is, and should be, a live institution. Its character depends altogether on the character of its individual members. In a large measure the oversight and care rest on the shoulders of a few old and faithful followers—persons in whose hands her destinies are safe.

The question arises, When they shall have entered into their rest, on whom will this good work fall? Our only hope is, I believe, in the young members. As in our early associations in life, we form character, so in church activity, that which we will be in later life is fashioned by earlier training. As we are all differently constituted, having different capacities for work, there is a work for which each is better fitted than the other. One may have the gift of speech, let him use it to the honor of God; another may have the spirit of fervent prayer, let him pray; again one may have much of the spirit of Christ in his heart and yet lack the power of easy expression, he may exercise a mightier influence by his example than he could by word; another may have the social faculties more highly developed, he must not remain inactive; one may have financial and executive ability, his powers are needed in the church to-day as well as in any other organization. Young man or woman, you may not be able to speak to edification, or sing or pray, yet you might speak a word of welcome to some stranger, you could give a hearty handshake to a friend, you can give some cheer even by your bright presence, you may lighten some burden by a kind act; all these things are but a few of what might be done by our young people. By finding what we are able to do, by such a distribution as to suit our capacity, by directing our energies along individual lines, we provide against a conflict of work and any misdirected effort.

These powers for work, these talents are given us to use and develop. As the arm without exercise will wither and decay, as the eye on whose pupil no light shines loses its brightness, so the powers that are given us, if unused, if never called into activity, will become enfeebled and soon we will fail

to recognize that any such over were ours. But on the other hand, when the arm becomes strengthened by use, and the muscles and sinews hardened, the greater amount of work is one able to perform. What is true in our physical organism in this respect, is pre-eminently true in our intellectual and moral constitution. Having a capacity for work, by using it our capacity will be increased, we will be able to do more work.

Now what is the result of all this individual effort on the part of the young people? What only can be the result? I answer, the church will be a living, active, working church, it will wield a powerful influence in the community. Young people, ever active, will know no inactivity, will set a high value on time, on life, their lives will incite others to nobler and better lives, and thus the cause of Christ will become a living, practical reality. When that condition of affairs is gained, then will the church make her conquests over sin and darkness, and the time be rapidly ushered in when the glorious salvation wherewith we have been provided will be realized in every heart, and all will know the Lord, whom to know is life everlasting.

### A QUESTION.

H. MURRAY.

"How can a person give to the Lord whose income is not sufficient to meet the demands of his family?"

This question is frequently asked, and no doubt this is considered by many a good reason for withholding their income, or a portion of it from the cause of the Lord.

There are two very grave mistakes in the above excuse. The first is, it makes the demands of their own family greater and of more importance than the demands of God's family, the cause of Christ of less consequence than their own personal interest. This is a perversion of God's order, as we are commanded to "seek *first* the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." Christ must have the *first* place, or none, in our hearts and homes. To follow Christ we *must* deny ourselves and take up our cross. But where is the sacrifice or self-denial, so absolutely essential to discipleship, if we do not give till our personal wants are supplied? Think a moment, dear reader, and ask yourself if there can be any real, true blessing to your own heart and life if your giving does not cost you a sacrifice and a denial of some personal want. It is when you feel the need of your gifts that the blessings which flow from thy hand will richly flow into thine own heart. The second mistake is even more serious than the first, as it is a practical denial of God's promises, ruling the hand of Kind Providence out of our hearts and homes, and a failure to trust God in our vocations. The Bible abounds with the promises of assurance that all needed good will be given to those who walk uprightly, and seek *first* the Kingdom of God and its righteousness. There has never been a case where God's plan of living has been obeyed that His promises of a supply has not been fulfilled. In every case where we find want and misery we find God's plan of success rejected, and plans of their own substituted in its place.

When the disciples saw the hungry multitude they thought of their supply, and not their own wants, and when they sacrificed

what little they had to supply their wants, it was not because they expected to get more back than they gave, but because of their interest in their brother man, and the result was a return to their own wants much more than they gave. This is as true to-day, under the hand of Providence, as it was then in the age of miracle. Let us open our eyes and our Bibles and see how sure and plain God has made the way of happiness and prosperity, and how contrary to facts and opposed to the promises of God and detrimental to our own success is this delusion of being too poor to give to the cause of God.

### Correspondence.

#### FLORIDA LETTER.

The September issue of THE CHRISTIAN is before me. I have read the very complete report of the annual meeting held recently at Tiverton, N. S., with unusual interest. I am glad to know that your board feels encouraged to continue the work in Halifax, Pictou, and Main Street, St. John, and other provincial points as rapidly as means and circumstances will permit. In a recent letter to a prominent member of the American Christian Missionary Board I particularly dwelt upon the necessity of the co-operation of that society with our provincial brethren, not only as a matter of incalculable benefit to the provincial churches in their effort to evangelize the provinces, but also as a matter of benefit to this country which has drawn so largely from the maritime field. I believe the United States have received manifold in return for every dollar spent in the provinces. I shall rejoice to hear of a strong evangelist in the field of N. S., N. B., and P. E. Island the coming year.

In this southern country circumstances pertain unknown in the north. The four months of midsummer here are very spiritually depressing, the greater part of the churches close up, and the "parson" hies him to the seaside or the mountains. We did not follow the popular example this summer, and have not lost a week day or Lord's day service, and in addition to our regular church work we have done much preaching and visiting in the camp of the U. S. Seventh Army Corps stationed here. This has been the most laborious part of our summer's work, and recently this work has become somewhat of greater moment, owing to the very large number of sick ones in the camp hospitals. I attend the hospitals two days a week. The Second Division Hospital, being nearest, is the one to which I have been requested to devote my time; it has at present seven hundred patients, all sick with typhoid and typhus fevers, incidental to climatic changes and camp life. About six deaths occur daily in this division. We do all in our power to encourage, instruct and otherwise aid the men. We carry writing material and write letters home for those who are able to dictate them. To those who are able to read, as they convalesce, we give Testaments and other reading matter. There are about thirty thousand men in this corps, and about twelve hundred, perhaps, are in the various hospitals. It is a great work, and though attended with much danger, is a necessary work. Many touching scenes

come to us, as we spend hours with these sick soldier boys. Many touching letters have they dictated to us to fathers and mothers, many of whom will never see them again. A very touching incident occurred yesterday in one of the wards. A very sick boy saw me approaching him, and faintly requested me to sit near him; I sat on the side of his cot, fanning his fevered brow, when he asked me to write a letter for him; I took my pen, and was about to begin, when I found he was fast becoming delirious and immediately was unable to dictate even his name or the names of his friends. I sat a moment, and after smoothing back the hair from his brow, I left him to the kind attentions of a Red-Cross nurse.

The Heavenly Father has kept us in good health thus far, for which we thank him.

Mr. Frank Smith, Chief of the Christian Commission here, with headquarters in New York, on behalf of the commission tendered us hearty thanks this week, and informed me that he had been instructed to send me all writing material, Testaments and other aids I should need for my weekly visiting work. I preach also Tuesday and Thursday nights in the camp, which gives me the preparation and delivery of five sermons a week in addition to my other pastoral duties. I rejoice that I am able to do this work, and feel thankful that I have been enabled to do it so uninterruptedly.

Our new church is but five months old, but is self-sustaining, and making preparations to buy a good lot and build.

T. H. BLENUS.

Jacksonville, Florida.

#### DEER ISLAND LETTER.

My last letter was written from West Gore, Hants Co., N. S. I spent two very pleasant weeks in my old field of labor. One Sunday I preached in West Gore. The large attendance, and the many hearty handshakes, and the warm expressions of friendship, coming from people who heard me preach so many times, gladdened my heart. I also preached once in Nine Mile River. Here I also had the same experience. This church was organized by me during my ministry in Hants Co., and although the membership is small, we always had a good hearing, and to my mind this is a very promising point. I visited friends in Rawdon and Newport, but my time was far too short to see all whom I wanted to see. I enjoyed attending two prayer meetings in Coburg St., St. John. I do like to meet with these brethren. I always feel that I receive strength. The subject of the last meeting was "Drifting away from Christ." How many are "only" neglecting salvation?

Since coming back I have been getting down to work again. The plebiscite is taking up a good deal of time, and it deserves all it will get. It should be the aim of every Christian to advance the cause of prohibition in every possible way.

As one of the literature committee I have been thinking that we ought to make an effort to get our churches to scatter more tracts and small pamphlets in their various localities. I am thinking of having the churches here supply me with such, that, in my visiting among the people, I may leave them something to read.

A great many visitors have been on the Island this summer, and all who came are

delighted with the scenery and speak highly of the place. This reminds me of the fact that although there are about sixteen hundred inhabitants on the Island, yet there is not one place where intoxicating liquors can be bought or sold.

Another thing that visitors notice is our beautiful school-houses. I think I have not seen them excelled anywhere outside of the cities. Deer Island has produced a great many good school-teachers. We have some teachers here now who do not belong to the Island, but they are good; so with good school-houses, good teachers and brains, the good work will go on.

Death has been very busy on the Island of late, as a glance at the number of "deaths" will show. Each time I stand beside the open grave I feel as if I want to do more to persuade men to accept of the terms of pardon offered through Jesus Christ. How many are still without Christ. Are we doing all we can to induce them to become Christians? Each day brings us nearer to the time when our work must cease. After work, rest.

W. H. HARDING.

Lord's Cove, N. B.

#### MARITIME C. W. B. M.

##### REPORT OF BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual business meeting of the Maritime C. W. B. M. was held at Tiverton, N. S., Aug. 15, 1898. Mrs. Roome led the devotional exercises, after which the president took the chair.

After the naming of a committee on resolutions and a secretary *pro tem.*, the following officers were elected:

President, Miss Carrie Payson; vice-presidents for N. S., Mrs. H. L. Wallace and Mrs. J. M. Ford; vice-presidents for N. B., Mrs. J. S. Flaglor and Mrs. Frank Richardson; vice-presidents for P. E. Island, Miss Ethel Conners and Miss Margaret Stevenson; secretary, Miss L. N. Jackson; treasurer, Mrs. Susie Ford Stevens; superintendent of children's work, Mrs. D. A. Morrison.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The secretary's report was read as follows:

##### REPORT OF SECRETARY OF MARITIME C. W. B. M. FOR 1898.

DEAR SISTERS,—The time has again arrived for our annual meeting and report. The past year has seen but little change in our missionary work. We have gained two new societies, one in Pictou, the other in Southville, N. S. All our auxiliaries have been laboring faithfully, and we wish to thank them as well as the other brethren and sisters who have assisted us in our work.

I very much regret that Sister Rioch is unable to be present to-day. Although much improved in health, she is not strong, or equal to such a journey. She hopes to be able to come later on, and to visit all our churches with the view to getting acquainted with the brethren and sisters who are supporting her, and of creating a deeper interest in her work. I am sure that she will have much to tell us that will be very interesting, and that we will be blest by her presence and words amongst us. Several of our churches observed C. W. B. M. day again this year; we were very pleased to see that they are thus striving to awaken a deeper interest in missions in the local

church. We trust that others will keep this day in mind, and that next year may find all our churches preparing for C. W. B. M. day, the first Lord's day in July.

The offerings during the past year have not been such that we could have a part in the work in any other field. We regret this, for we should not stand still, but be ever advancing. Other needy places are calling loudly for our help; let us make our contributions just as liberal as we possibly can in the coming year, that we may be able to respond to these calls.

We were much gratified to learn of the deep interest in missions, especially in Sister Rioch and her work, manifested at the P. E. I. annual meeting. May it continue to grow.

Thanking all the brethren and sisters for their kindness and Christian courtsey during my term of office, and praying that God will richly bless the work and the workers.

I am, your sister in Christ,

Mrs. J. S. FLAGLOR,  
Secy. Maritime C. W. B. M.

The treasurer's reports show the necessary \$300 raised for Miss Rioch's salary, and a large increase in the children's offerings.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Sisters in Convention:

Your treasurer begs leave to submit the following report of money received and disbursed during the year ending July, 1898:

CASH RECEIVED.	
Milton Ladies' Auxiliary, ....	\$ 35 30
Lord's Cove Ladies' Auxiliary, \$21 70	
C. W. B. M. Day Collection, ....	14 91
	36 61
Leonardville Ladies' Auxiliary, ..	\$ 9 85
C. W. B. M. Day Collection, ....	8 20
	23 05
Cornwallis Ladies' Auxiliary, ..	\$18 22
A Friend, ....	3 00
	21 22
Tiverton Ladies' Auxiliary, ....	10 50
St. John, Coburg St. Ladies' Aux., \$21 15	
"    "    "    S. School, ..	27 19
"    "    "    Friend, ....	20 00
	\$48 34
Main St., Ladies' Auxiliary, ..	5 10
Westport, Y. P. M. S., ....	\$ 8 00
C. W. B. M. Day Collection, ....	2 70
	10 70
Pictou Ladies' Auxiliary, ....	9 73
Smithtown, Y. P. S. C. E., ....	2 50
Kempt, Ladies' Auxiliary, ....	2 00
New Glasgow, Church, ....	\$33 00
Friend, ....	2 00
	35 00
Eldon, A Sister, ....	2 00
Halifax, Ladies' Auxiliary, ....	12 00
Southville, C. W. B. M. Day Collection,	1 00
Selma, A Sister, ....	1 00
Tyron, A Sister, ....	2 00
Summerside, Few Sisters, ....	\$ 2 00
A Friend, ....	1 00
	3 00
Collection, Leonardville Convention,	30 00
Collection, Montague Convention, ....	6 23
Interest, ....	1 63
Total receipts for year, ....	\$318 91
Balance on hand, Aug. 1897, ....	13 37
Grand Total, ....	\$332 28
AMOUNT FROM EACH PROVINCE.	
Nova Scotia, ....	\$103 45
New Brunswick, ....	135 60
P. E. Island, ....	48 23
CASH DISBURSED.	
Miss Rioch (per F. M. Rains), ....	\$300 00
Orders and postage for same, ....	81
Secretary's expenses for year, ....	2 00
Treasurer's expenses for year, ....	59
Total, ....	\$303 40
Balance on hand Aug. 1, 1898, ....	\$ 28 88

To the Sisters in Convention:

Your treasurer begs leave to submit the following report of money received and disbursed for Children's Work during the year ending July, 1898. I would also call attention to the fact that Lord's Cove has the honor of having the "Banner Band" for the second year:

CASH RECEIVED.	
Lord's Cove Mission Band, ....	\$30 89
Self-Denial Offering, ....	5 38
	\$36 27
Leonardville Happy Band, ....	3 30
Self-Denial Offering, ....	13 00
	16 30
Riverside Buds of Hope Band, ....	2 50
Halifax Junior Endeavor, ....	\$3 00
Self-Denial Offering, ....	4 00
	\$ 7 00
Summerside Sunbeam Band, ...	\$ 5 42
Self-Denial Offering, ....	1 50
Star, ....	2 00
	8 92
Milton Daily Worker's Band, ....	\$12 65
Self-Denial Offering, ....	4 00
Star, ....	1 00
	17 65
West Gore Golden Rule Band, ..	\$ 9 20
Self-Denial Offering, ....	8 00
Birthday Box, ....	1 30
	18 50
auwigewauk, Hazel Hill, ....	1 00
St. John, Coburg St. Wide Awake Band, ....	\$ 3 82
Coburg St. Self-Denial Offering, ..	12 53
"    "    "    Birthday Box, ....	1 39
	\$17 74
Westport Willing Worker's Band, \$ 2 50	
Self-Denial Offering, ....	3 50
Children's Day Offering, S. S. ....	4 50
	10 50
Charlottetown Golden Link Band, ....	3 00
Tiverton Mission Band, ....	1 25
Interest for year, ....	4 42
Total receipts for year, ....	\$145 05
Balance on hand Aug. 1, 1897, ....	167 32
Grand total, ....	\$312 37
AMOUNT FROM EACH PROVINCE.	
Nova Scotia, ....	\$ 57 40
New Brunswick, ....	71 31
P. E. Island, ....	11 92
Received from Bands and Junior Endeavor	77 53
"    "    "    Self-Denial Offering, ....	52 91
"    "    "    Birthday Box, ....	2 60
"    "    "    Star Card, ....	3 00
CASH DISBURSED.	
Two children at Mahoba (per Miss White),	\$ 60 00
O. Mitsu San (per Miss Rioch) ....	29 99
Builders' Fund (per Miss White) ....	75 00
Self-Denial Offering (per Miss White) ..	52 68
For orders and postage on above, ....	1 12
Superintendent's expenses, two years....	4 50
Treasurer's expenses, one year, ....	50
Total, ....	\$223 79
Balance on hand Aug. 1, '98, ....	\$ 88 58
SUSIE FORD STEVENS, <i>Treasurer.</i>	
The report of Superintendent of Children's Work was very encouraging, showing an increase of interest in the work.	
REPORT OF MARITIME MISSION BAND FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 1898.	
A glance at the Treasurer's report for Children's Work, in the October CHRISTIAN, will show the sum raised during the past year, and prove that the girls and boys have not been idle. This year we are asked to redouble our efforts. The girls and boys	

who read the *Junior Builders* know that a large number of buildings is to be erected in India and Jamaica this year, and in this work we are asked to help. All that we raise over the amount needed to pay for the support of O Mitsu San, in Japan, and Gulabi and Gerould, in India, goes to help build homes and chapels for the children and our workers in the heathen lands. A large two-story wing has been added to the Orphanage at Mahoba, and a school-house with class-rooms, which will also be used as a place of worship, has been built at Mahoba. A bungalow for the medical missionaries, and a home for the nurses who assist them, are being built at Bilaspur. The long-needed bungalow is being built at Deoghur. In Jamaica a mission house in the Oberlin district and a chapel at Berea are being built, and we are asked to help erect a church in the Oberlin district. The erection of all these buildings means added work and earnestness on our part; but we will not be discouraged by the number of calls, but thank God for another opportunity of doing something for him. We need the blessing which will come from earnest and faithful endeavor even more than our missionaries need buildings. Below you will read the reports from the Bands as sent in; also a note from Miss Elsie Gordon, who has charge of the Orphanage at Mahoba, in reference to Gulabi.

Your loving friend,  
Mrs. D. A. MORRISON,  
Supt. Children's Work.

Gulabi is one of our well-behaved children — by which is meant she keeps well. She is very seldom on the sick list, and her appearance shows her good condition. She is a fat little girl, strong-limbed and strong-lunged; not slow in school, I understand, nor very bright, but hopeful. She likes to help; this is so apparent when she is sent with a message or given something to do. E. G.  
May, 1898.

Name of Band.	No. of Members.	Meetings.	No. of subs. to Junior Builders.	Amount Raised.
Halifax Junior C. E.	26	Weekly	20	\$38 47
Lord's Cove, N. B.	58	Half-monthly	5	38 26
"Golden Rule" .....				
West Gore—	40	do.	3	18 50
Leonardville, N. B.	42	do.	3	18 24
"Sunbeam" Band ...				
Summerside, P. E. I.	20	Monthly	....	11 54
"Daily Workers"....				
Milton, N. S.—	40	do.	....	10 00
"Buds of Hope" ..				
Riverside, N. S.—	15	Half-monthly	1	1 20

Miss Rioch's report of her year's work is as follows:

THE JAPAN MISSIONS.

My report for the past year does not materially differ from those of past years except that in most departments a steady growth has been perceptible. The poor school in Matsugae Cho has increased, so that it was necessary to put in four more desks, thus making room for eight additional pupils. If a pupil absents himself for any length of time his seat is given to someone else. Since October a tuition fee has been charged, not a stated amount, but just what they were able to give. We have found that this raised the standard of the school in the estimation of both parents



and pupils. As ever, the Bible is taught one-half hour a day, which is bread cast upon the waters, not only to be gathered after many days, but is even now being gathered.

The work among the mothers of these children has always been a real pleasure. The results have not been such as show well in a report, but are none the less lasting for all that. Indeed, the more I see of the home life of these women the more my heart goes out to them. They believe in the Christ and are anxious to obey him in baptism, but are deterred from doing so through fear of husband, father, brother, son, and last, but by no means least, the mother-in-law.

The Sunday-school in connection with the day school is usually divided into three classes, though sometimes there are so many present that it is necessary to teach them in one class, the room being too small to separate them.

The Training School for Bible women, as everything else, has had its fluctuations. In the beginning of the year there were five in attendance. In the fall one graduated and is now doing full Bible work in Akita with Mrs. Steevens. One other left to spend the summer with her people in the southern part of the empire; ill-health has prevented her from returning to continue her studies, but she is doing what she can where she is. Still another was ordered by her heathen brother to stop studying and spend her time in something profitable. Of the two that remain one is teaching and doing Bible work as well as studying; the other is studying the kindergarten system half the day. Right here let me urge some lady who is a kindergartner, and who feels she can give herself to the work in Japan, to come over and help us. It is the work among the children that is lasting.

The girls in the home here are all well and happy and growing in the spiritual life. They passed their examinations creditably.

For two hours every week I have taught English in the English school in connection with the mission in order to get my passport.

Since the beginning of December have conducted Miss Oldham's work as best I could with my already full hands.

Since writing the above one of the girls in the home has become a Christian. From the first time she heard the sweet, old story, some six months ago, she became interested, and has studied faithfully every spare moment she had, asking questions and thinking over the strange things she heard. I feel sure this new jewel in our Saviour's crown will grow brighter and purer as the days of refining go by.

MARY M. RIOCH.

Reports from following auxiliaries were given: Coburg St., St. John; Endeavor Society, St. John; Leonardville, Milton, Halifax, Cornwallis, Tiverton, Westport, Southville and Pictou.

The committee on resolutions reported.

1. *Resolved*, That we, the sisters of the Maritime C. W. B. M., express to Sister Flaglor our acknowledgement and appreciation of her labors as secretary, and we deeply regret her resignation. We hope to still have her assistance and advice.

2. *Resolved*, That we express to Sister Rioch our disappointment in not having her with us, and we pray that her health may be speedily restored so as to enable her to visit us in the near future.

3. *Resolved*, That we extend our sympathies to the family of Bro. Josiah Wallace in the affliction through which they have lately been called to pass.

4. *Resolved*; That we send greetings to the National C. W. B. M. convention assembled in Chatanorga in October next.

5. *Resolved*; That we send greetings to the P. E. I. convention in July next.

6. *Resolved*; That we send greetings to the Ontarian convention in June next.

7. *Resolved*; That we tender our thanks to the editor of THE CHRISTIAN for space allowed and assistance given us.

The greetings from the Ontario C. W. B. M. came too late to be read at the meeting, but it is given here.

GREETINGS FROM THE ONTARIO C. W. B. M.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions of Ontario to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions of Maritime Provinces—greetings.

DEAR SISTERS,—In this your annual convention we would convey to you our heartfelt wishes that you may be strengthened and uplifted by this meeting together; that the cause of our Master may go forward; that His spirit may guard and direct you in all your deliberations, and that all your efforts may be abundantly blessed by Him who is "all and in all."

We are sorry that it is not possible for our missionary to be with you at this time, but trust that in the near future she may meet you face to face.

On behalf of the Board,

L. V. RIOCH,

Cor. Secretary.

Hamilton Beach, Aug. 12, '98.

It was here explained by Sister Payson, that our children's offerings are sent to the American C. W. B. M. for the India work, and for each sum of \$25 00 sent we have the privilege of having a life membership in that society. It was therefore proposed and carried that we send the names of Mrs. John M. Ford and Mrs. Susie Ford Stevens to receive life memberships this year.

While on furlough Miss Rioch is receiving \$450. We have always raised half her salary, but as the Ontario Board has paid her traveling expenses it was moved and carried that we give \$300 this year toward her support.

The meeting adjourned after singing and prayer.

L. N. JACKSON.

#### AN EXPLODED DELUSION.

"It makes no difference what a man believes, only so he's honest." A Sunday-school teacher of mine once and forever exploded that comforting theory for me. The clay of our college town was proverbial. "Hard as brick" in dry weather, "like putty" when somewhat wet, "slippery as a banana peel" on a muddy crossing, and in the road sometimes "bottomless." The railroad station was in the midst of it. Our teacher had come in on the train one rainy night. Peering into the darkness from the steps of the car, he selected what seemed to be a spot of yellow soil rising above the surrounding mire. Springing to it, he landed—in a pool of water that had caught and reflected the stray gleams of light, and lured him to his disaster. His honest belief that it was *terra firma* did not save him.—*Advance*.

#### A TRIFLE.

Little things show character, and the one who learns to read character needs to observe those trifles which most of us entirely overlook. A story illustrating this truth is told of a shrewd New York merchant named Aymar. He used to receive cargoes of mahogany and logwood which were sold at auction.

On one occasion a cargo was to be sold at Jersey City, and all hands started from the auctioneer's room to cross the ferry. When they were going through the gate, Mr. Aymar noticed one of the largest buyers slip through without paying five cents' fare. He told the auctioneer not to take a bid from that man.

"Why?" said the auctioneer. "I thought he was good."

"So did I," answered Mr. Aymar, "but I have changed my mind, and I will not trust him one dollar."

A few months proved the accuracy of the judgment of Mr. Aymar, for the slippery merchant failed, and did not pay five cents on the dollar.—*Young Peoples' Weekly*.

Mrs. A. S. Hale, of Rochester, N. Y., on the 23rd of June turned over to the Foreign Society \$1,000 on the annuity plan. She had written this amount in her will, but decided not to turn the amount over to the society now and receive the annuity, semi-annually, during her life, and the money will be used at once in buildings on the mission fields. This makes over \$13,000 received on this plan.

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