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IN THIS issue our space is mainly taken up with the report of our Annual Meeting. Our contributors will see that our space is very much limited, but all articles will appear next month.

THE VERY excellent Report of the Annual was prepared by Bro. H. W. Stewart of St. John, who kindly consented to prepare it. Our experience with Bro. S. is that whatever he undertakes to do he does well.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Churches of the Disciples of Christ of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was held with the Coburg street church, St. John, commencing Friday, Sept. 2nd. It was a meeting for the success of which many had prayed and labored, and one to which all may well look back as the beginning of brighter days, for God heard and He abundantly blessed.

The St. John church expected to entertain a large delegation and it had the pleasure of doing so, for probably no meeting that we have held in these Provinces was so largely attended. Not only were nearly all the churches in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick well represented, but brethren and sisters were in attendance from the United States, Ontario and Prince Edward Island. They began to come early in the week, and among the first to arrive was Bro. J. H. Hardin of Springfield, Mo. He is the Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the General Christian Missionary Convention of the United States, and was sent for that he might aid us in planning for more aggressive work in these parts. The "City of Monticello" brought about 50 of our brethren and sisters from Nova Scotia on Thursday, just in time to hear Bro. Hardin preach on "The things that cannot be shaken." His text was Heb. xii. 25, 28; and having spoken of the things that had been shaken, and of those that were yet to be shaken, he expanded on those that could not be shaken; among which were God, the Bible, the Church, and the inspired Creed.

By Friday evening the greater part of the delegates had arrived, and at 7.30 a devotional meeting that was full of warmth, and love and earnestness, was conducted by Bro. H. Murray. When all were made to realize that they were welcome the minister of the St. John Church gave expression to the feelings of joy with which it opened its hearts and its homes to the visitors, and the

responses showed that the pleasure was mutual. On Saturday at 9. a. m. Bro. E. C. Ford conducted a prayer and social meeting that well prepared the delegates to enter into the business of the convention. At 10 o'clock Bro. Ford took the chair, which he has occupied for many years, and to which he was at once re-elected for another term. Bro. J. E. Barnes then read the minutes of the splendid meeting held last year with the church at Westport, and they were approved. After this came the reports from the churches, and the following statement will at once put our readers into possession of the most important information they contained.

Name of Church.	Additions.		Losses		Church Members.	Sunday-school Members.
	Baptism.	Other.	Died.	Other.		
Milton,	1		3	1	155	150
West Gore,	16		3	1	157	66
Tiverton,			3	1	154	66
Kempt,	7		3		96	29
Sumnerville,	16	6			53	54
Cornwallis,	6		2		93	45
Westport,			1	1	60	87
South Range,	8			1	26	44
Southville,	5	1			55	27
Halifax,		10	1		40	
* Newport,	1				65	
River John,	1		3		33	
* Shubenacadie,					30	30
* East Rawdon,					30	20
Back Bay,			3		70	34
Letete,					56	69
Leonardville,			2	3	145	54
Lord's Cove,	2	3			108	106
St. John,	32	2	1	3	264	118
* Estimated.	95	19	28	11	1680	995

The report of the Home Mission Board was then called for, and was read by Bro. Flaglor, the Secretary. He prefaced it by saying that the actual expenses of the Board for the year had been only \$6.85. To many this was a revelation, but it shows the extreme carefulness that the Board has exercised in the management of the business the brethren have put into their hands; and it also shows that 99 cents of every \$1.00 that is paid toward Home Missions in these Provinces goes to that end. This could not be the case if the Board did not give time and energies gratuitously. Bro. Flaglor also spoke of the deep interest the brethren in the employ of the Board had in the work, as evidenced by the fact that not one of them charged in full for travelling expenses. The following is the report, and no word that may now be written can add anything to its excellence. It received the highest praise, and the Board is deserving of the sincerest gratitude of the brotherhood and its substantial encouragement in the future.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD.

To the Disciples of Christ in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick:

BRETHREN,—We submit our report for this year feeling you will receive it with favor, because it is much better than last year's. Older and wiser brethren have greatly helped us all through the year, and by following their advice much good has been done. The Lord has blessed our united efforts to uphold and spread His truth in these Provinces.

At the last Annual Meeting the appeals from

Halifax, River John, Letete, and Back Bay, were referred to us. We have done the best we could for them and they have done nobly this year. As directed, we sent a statement of the importance and needs of this field, and an appeal for assistance, to the General Christian Missionary Society of the United States. They answered—"that they were willing to assist us but a lack of funds would prevent them from doing so at present." We think the appeal did good, and the outcome of it is Bro. J. H. Hardin's presence in this meeting. We think he will be able to carry back such a report that they will be led to soon come to our assistance in the home mission work.

During the year we tried to get ten preachers to work at various times and places, but for different reasons we were unable to get their services. This is why more good has not been done and all that we hoped for accomplished.

SUMMARY.

During the year five preachers have been employed. They labored 52 weeks, visited fourteen places, reorganized two churches and one Sunday-school, opened one house of worship, encouraged a brother to start to build at one point, at another to go on and finish building—which is being done; at another point the church was led to buy the land, contribute a good sum, and they are now building a house of worship.

Place.	Preacher.	Sermons.	Visits.	Collected.	Cost.	Weeks.	Additions.
Cornwallis,	H. Murray,	29	55	\$16 20	\$65 00	5	5
Letete and Back Bay,	J. H. Gordiner,	42	100	30 00	75 00	6	4-1
Digby Co.,	H. A. Devoe,	23	67	31 19	47 56	4	4-1
Southville,	H. E. Cooke,	26	100	8 00	40 00	4	4-1
Halifax,	H. Murray,	18	111	67 00	114 00	9	
River John,	do.	19	29	37 20	40 00	3	
Lord's Cove,	do.	29	120	40 00	49 70	4	
Halifax,	H. E. Cooke,	10	50	25 00	48 00	5	
Letete and Back Bay,	R. E. Stevens,	24	206	70 74	83 09	12	
		219	838	\$325 33	\$562 35	52	14+2=16

The good work done in these meetings has aroused the churches to greater zeal. We think if they are helped another year or two some of them will become self-sustaining. In order to make our work more successful there are many things still to be done, one of the most important of which is to get ALL our brethren to help our mission work. How this can be brought about is a matter that should receive the prayerful attention of this meeting, so that we can make every effort to unite all our forces of good against the powers of darkness. The methods to be used, the men to be selected,

are in your power. We pray that you may have wisdom and all understanding, so that whatever you do may redound to the honor and glory of Him whom we love and whose we are.

We call the attention of this meeting to the good work done by our paper—THE CHRISTIAN, and would remind all they should do what they can to forward its interests and increase its influence. Those who can write suitable articles should do so, some one in each church should, every month, send "Church news." All can canvass for new subscribers. We ask all who are in arrears to pay up, so as to increase the home mission funds of the three Provinces. Our worthy editor-in-chief, since the paper was started has always borne the expenses incurred in connection with his editorial duties, and we would suggest that this meeting reimburse him for such expenses in the past and appropriate a sum to meet them in the future.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand Sept. 1st, 1891,	....	\$141 64
Cash received from all sources,	....	605 20
Total,	....	\$746 93

Expended.

H. Murray, salary and expense,	\$268 70
H. E. Cooke, do,	88 00
R. E. Stevens, do,	83 09
J. H. Gordinier, do,	75 00
H. A. Devoo, do,	47 56
Postage, money orders, etc.,	6 85
Total expended,	569 20

Balance on hand Sept 1st, 1892,	\$177 73
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Statement showing amounts contributed, and places from which received, for years ending Sept. 1st, 1891 and 1892.

	1891.	1892.
Milton,	\$52 29	\$35 64
Halifax,	41 55	92 00
Cornwallis,	36 75	58 20
Westport,	25 86	20 52
do. Willing Workers,	3 35	2 80
Tiverton,	14 73	5 87
do. Sunday-school,		4 00
do. Ladies' Aid,	4 00	1 50
Southville,	9 27	26 15
Kempt, ...	4 00	1 00
South Range,		21 19
River John,	9 00	37 20
Individuals in Nova Scotia,	25 50	15 00
do. United States, Ontario and Quebec,	30 00	25 50
do. New Brunswick, ...	13 10	3 50
St. John Mission Band,	19 65	25 86
do. Sunday-school,	51 96	55 92
do. Little Workers,	40 00	
Leonardville,	5 00	
Lord's Cove,		50 00
Letete,		47 06
Back Bay,		53 68
Annual Meeting,	18 00	22 70
Profits from CHRISTIAN,	96 62	
	\$500 63	\$605 29

RUFUS JACKSON, *Chairman.*
G. F. BARNES, *Treasurer.*
J. S. FLAGLOR, *Secretary.*

Bro. Rufus Jackson who has been a member of the Board for the past two years, having removed from these provinces, sent in his resignation, which, owing to the circumstances, was accepted. But the meeting, appreciating the good work the board had done, unanimously re-elected the remaining members, Bros. George F. Barnes and J. S. Flaglor, for the present year. Bro. C. H. Leonard of St. John was unanimously chosen to fill the place formerly held by Bro. Jackson.

The report of the business manager of THE CHRISTIAN was then read. It is full, clear and businesslike, and to Bro. Edwards is due the heartiest thanks of those he has served for the way in which he has looked after this part of their interests. THE CHRISTIAN has been productive of great good and it is in the power of the churches to increase its usefulness and influence. Here is the report and it speaks for itself.

Ninth annual report of the financial manager of THE CHRISTIAN to the Home Mission Board of the Disciples of Christ, convened at St. John, N. B., for the year ending August 31st, 1892.

Total number of actual subscribers	....	872
" " sent free	....	87

Receipts.

Balance on hand at last report	....	\$ 93 35
Received for subscriptions	....	398 85
" " advertisements	....	18 00
		\$510 20

Expenditures.

Paid for publishing	....	\$250 00
" " postage for all purposes	13 23
" " other expenses	25 00
		\$288 23

Balance on hand,	\$221 97
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Respectfully submitted,

J. E. EDWARDS,
Financial Manager.

The finances of THE CHRISTIAN proved to be in such a satisfactory state that the meeting decided by a rising vote that the editor, Bro. Crawford, to whom in no small measure its prosperity is due, should be paid the sum of twenty-five dollars in appreciation of his service during the past.

The Educational Board presented its report which is as follows:

EDUCATIONAL FUND REPORT.

To the Disciples of Christ of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia in Convention assembled:

The Educational Board begs to submit the following report:

The Educational Fund has done good work. During the four years it was in successful operation the total received, as per the report of the treasurer, was \$514.16, and the total disbursements \$599.65. As you will remember Bro. Capp sent to Westport a report of the work done for the year ending Sept. 4th, 1891, which owing to a misunderstanding was returned to him for explanation, and the corrected report is as follows, showing a balance due the treasurer of \$85.49.

Your Board regarded it their duty to try and raise this amount and refund it to Bro. Capp. But notwithstanding the appeals made through THE CHRISTIAN there was no general response. Your Board had learned that the brethren who were benefitted by the fund had promised to refund the full amounts they had received, provided they did not return to labor in these provinces. We made appeals to them with such results as the following financial statement shows.

The present Board has been very unsuccessful. It may have been their fault, and it may not; but the fact remains. They hereby tender their resignation, and hope that those who you may appoint will be able to accomplish more.

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 3RD, 1892.

RECEIPTS.	
Bro. Weaver,	.... \$20 00
Bro. De Voo,	.... 20 00
Individuals,	.... 13 00
Concert, 2 85
	\$55 85

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Bro. Capp, \$25 00
Expenses, 52
	\$25 52

Balance,	\$30 83
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Signed, H. W. STEWART.
" J. M. FORD.

St. John, N. B., Sept 3rd, 1892.

It was thought advisable to continue this work, and the old board, viz: J. M. Ford and H. W. Stewart, were re-elected.

The reports of the Missionary Board, THE CHRISTIAN and the Educational Board were placed in the hands of the auditors, Bro. J. M. Ford and Wallace, and were certified to as being correct, after which they were received.

A committee of eight, including the Missionary Board, was appointed to consider with Bro. Hardin the matter of co-operation with the brethren in the United States, and the following report was presented and unanimously adopted:

Report of the committee appointed to consider the matter of co-operation with the brethren of the

General Christian Missionary Convention of the United States.

Resolved:

1. That we assure the General Christian Missionary Convention, through its Ass'c Cor. Sec. J. H. Hardin, of our desire to co-operate with the brethren of the United States in the prosecution of Home Mission work.

2. That we earnestly request the General Missionary Board to consider favorably the matter of assisting us in the support of evangelistic effort in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

3. As an evidence of the genuineness of our purpose we hereby recommend to the churches that they take up the annual collection for General Home Missions in common with the churches of the United States. E. C. FORD, *Chairman*

T. H. CAPP, GEO. F. BARNES, J. E. BARNES
H. MURRAY, H. W. STEWART, J. S. FLAGLOR,
C. H. LEONARD,

Here is a step taken which may lead to splendid results in our efforts towards spreading in these provinces the seeds of apostolic Christianity, and Bro. Hardin has promised to use his influence with the brethren across the line that they may come to our assistance. It was unanimously resolved that the first Lord's day in June be recommended to the churches, as the day upon which the annual collection, above referred to, be taken up.

The Quarterly Meetings were located as follows: In December it is to be held in Milton; in March in St. John; and in June in Westport. Bros. Geo. F. Barnes, Howard Murray and D. F. Lambert were appointed to select the place at which our next Annual shall be held. The responsibility of preparing a programme was given to Bros. H. W. Stewart and G. F. Barnes, who were granted power to add to their number, a member of the church with which the meeting is to be held.

Owing to the inconvenience and loss of time that are often occasioned by the Annual Meeting convening on the Friday before the first Lord's day in September, and continuing until the evening of the following Monday, it was determined to try obviate these by having the meeting commence on the Thursday before the first Lord's day in September, and close with the meeting on Lord's day evening. This was generally regarded as a desirable solution of the problem.

The importance of the work in Halifax was introduced by Bro. H. Murray and emphasized by Bros. H. Carson, H. E. Cooke and E. C. Ford. It was the general opinion that the work there should be pushed as rapidly as possible, and many promised to do what they could in carrying it forward to success.

The following words of Christian greeting from the Ontario Co-operation were conveyed to our brethren in convention assembled by Bro. John Munro of Toronto; and Bros. E. C. Ford, J. E. Barnes and H. W. Stewart were appointed to acknowledge them in proper form.

To our brethren of like precious faith in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, in convention assembled. By the hand of our worthy brother John Munro, we send our greetings in Christ Jesus.

May He who committed to earthen vessels the treasures of His mercy and love, be present in your meeting, and guide you in your deliberations. We hope you may be made to rejoice, by seeing the standard of our Redeemer lifted up in the Maritime Provinces; and the word of God acknowledged by all professed Christians, as the only authority in matters of faith and obedience. We join in heart and hand with you in endeavouring to proclaim, everywhere, the goodness and mercy of God, the sacrifice and full atonement of our Saviour, the fellowship and comfort of the Holy Spirit, the faithful continuance in well doing, and the hope of eternal life.

The cause of primitive Christianity is moving forward in Ontario, yet we require faith and perseverance; but God is richly blessing us, the churches are growing in numbers, increasing in spirituality, evincing more of the mind of Christ, a greater unanimity in mission work; and sinners are being converted by the power of the Gospel.

"Now, the God of peace, that brought from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

HUGH BLACK, *President*,
Rockwood, Ont.

GEORGE MUNRO, *Cor. Secretary*,
Hamilton, Ont.

August 29th, 1892.

On Saturday at 7.30 o'clock p.m. Bro. H. Minnick of Lubec, Maine, conducted an inspiring devotional meeting; and then came one of the attractions of the gathering. Sister Mary Graybiel was brought here by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in order that she might increase the interest of our churches in the work among the heathen. She has spent many years among the benighted tribes of India and her soul is full in their behalf. Touchingly she told us of their degraded condition, of her longing to go among them, and of the success of missionary efforts. With her "Go unto all the world," meant what it said, and she declared that she would rather be like Sister Sue Robertson, who so lately gave up her life for the perishing world and now lies buried in a heathen land, than like those thousands who are living in affluence but indifference. Her address was well received.

The next on the programme was an address on Home Missions by Bro. Hardin. He claimed that we should be the most earnest of missionary people, to increase our resources for carrying on the work, to show that we really believe that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, to be in harmony with our plea for the union of God's people, and to be in line with the position of the Fathers.

On Sunday morning at 7 o'clock one of the best meetings of the convention was held. It was delightful. The number who came out at that early hour was large, the spirit of the meeting was all that could be desired, and its influence was a benediction throughout the day. Bro. Stevens has few superiors in conducting devotional meetings.

At 11 a. m. the main audience room was packed with those who once more were to have the opportunity of hearing Bro. Capp, who for so long preached in the St. John church, and whose fame is in all the churches. His subject was "Growth," and he chose for his text Heb. vi. 1, 3. Having stated that we should be well founded in first principles he emphasized the fact that we should grow; that the child must not remain a child but develop into a man. In the natural world the essential conditions are, air, water, food, and exercise. For Christian growth the indispensable requirements are reading, thinking, working, and praying. Bro. Capp looked very much at home in his old pulpit and the assembled brethren were glad to hear him.

After the singing of a hymn the brethren and sisters were drawn nearer to each other and nearer to Christ in the observance of the communion service. Bro. O. B. Emery presided, and in a simple, touching and impressive manner directed our eyes back to Calvary and forward to the time when Christ shall come again. It was a delightful service.

In the afternoon the Sunday-school assembled to listen to an address by Bro. Hardin. He spoke from Prov. xxx. 25, 28, and proved that he can be as instructive and interesting to the children as he is to their seniors. At the close of his remarks Sister Graybiel spoke to the school. She showed an idol that is highly revered in India, and told the story of a boy of eleven who was so anxious to be under her instruction that conscience compelled her to take him. He soon became a Christian and is much attached to his "Mamma." She read to the children an entertaining letter which he had lately sent to her.

At 3 p. m. the delegates had the opportunity of listening to a magnificent sermon by Bro. Minnick. It was carefully thought out, logically arranged, and spoken with great power and earnestness. When we heard him it was not hard to understand the reason for the successful work he is doing at Lubec. His texts were found in Jno. viii. 25, and Matt. xxvii. 22. Having showed the pre-eminence of Christ and His inapproachable greatness, as suggested by the first passage, he used the second to bring personally to his hearers, the disposition they should make of him.

At the close of this service the sisters repaired to the vestry to listen to an account of Sister Graybiel's personal experience among the heathen. But as, fortunately or unfortunately, the scribe is not a sister he cannot report what was said or done during the meeting. He may say, however, that the sisters all seemed pleased with their special gathering.

Coburg Street Church was never crowded before as it was on Sunday evening. Every seat was taken, chairs were placed on the speaker's platform, and settees were put in the remaining available space, and still all could not be seated. It was an audience worthy of a grand sermon—and the sermon was all that could be desired. Bro. Hardin took for his text I. Tim. 3: 15, "The Church of the Living God, the pillar and ground of the truth;" and he proceeded to give the early history of the Current Reformation, and its aims and objects. He said that early in this century two scholarly and eminent Presbyterian preachers came to this country—Thos. Campbell and his son Alexander. They were dissatisfied with the religious state of affairs in Ireland, and found much the same existing here. Were convinced that something was wrong and decided to investigate and see how things were at the beginning. They found that the church was one, and at once asked themselves, "Can we not reproduce the one ancient church?" They looked for the common apostolic ground. It must be scriptural, according to truth, so that no one's conscience shall be sacrificed. Their maxim was "Where the scriptures speak we will speak, and where the scriptures are silent we will be silent." They sought for the scriptural name and found that the body was called the Church of Christ and the members were spoken of as disciples of Christ or Christians. They looked for proofs of sprinkling being Christian baptism, but could find none. They found, too, that only believers were immersed. So they worked. Soon others took up their thoughts, and so the movement spread. It was not the intention of these good men to make another denomination; but to induce all to stand on the common scriptural ground and work together. The denominations would not let them work within them, and so they were forced to take a separate stand; yet they have always condemned sects and sect spirit, and tried to so leaven the religious world so that all will yet be united in Christ as they were at the beginning.

All great movements had a special purpose. Luther aimed to free the human conscience and give back to man the right to approach God for himself. Wesley endeavored to show the importance of holiness—a protest against a formal hollow church life. Our mission is from God. He has given us a work that none other is doing or has attempted to do. It is, first, to hold up the true creed of the church. Our existence is a protest against human creeds. It is for us to show to the world that the essential thing for the church is not speculation but belief in Christ. The apostles did not ask about opinions and isms; about predestination, or depravity or herodity. The great question was "Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ?" Our creed is not some peculiar doctrine or theology: it is Christ. And when Jesus was accepted as the Christ, obedience followed.

In the second place we are to show the true ground of Christian unity. We must have unity, and union will follow. We find the true principles in Eph. iv: 3-6. There is one body, and only one. Christ is not divided. It is animated by one spirit. There is but one Saviour, and one personal faith in Him. There are not three forms of baptism—and all admit that immersion is valid. There is only one God. It may be a long time before union comes, but all who respect God and His will will yet be one. We can hasten the time.

Our mission in the next place is to show the authority of the Word of God. It must be placed above all, as dominating the conscience. To this we strenuously hold, and the world must come to it. They are drifting around now, and many are lost. The Bible gives the scriptural steps in conversion. Read Acts of the Apostles and you will find them.

Another duty that is ours is to show the simplicity of worship. There was no formalism in the apostolic church, and there should be none now. Many things have been introduced into modern churches, and the worship has lost much of its early beauty. We must hold it up as it was that the world may admire, and if possible be brought back to it.

Bro. Hardin closed with the prayer that all might be worthy to work for Christ, and the exhortation that each might be found faithful, so that at last God shall reach down and take them to Himself, to be with Him for ever and ever.

At the close of this service Bro. John Munro of Toronto led a devotional meeting, which brought to a fitting close the public worship of the Lord's day.

On Monday morning at nine o'clock Bro. J. A. Gates again called us into the Father's presence for an hour's communion, and towards its close a brave young man stood up to confess his faith in Jesus as the Christ.

After some matters of business, which have been already referred to, were arranged; Bro. Hardin addressed the convention, basing his remarks on Ez. xlvi: 1:12. He regarded the passage as a parable, and aimed to bring out the practical lessons in it for our encouragement in Home Mission work. He said that the coming of the waters from the temple and altar shows that the power that is to bring a dead world into life must come from the dwelling place of God. And so the gospel is the power of God. As the river was small at the beginning, so that after it had flowed one thousand paces it was only up to the ankles. Still it flowed on, getting wider and deeper until it could not be passed over. So it is in the kingdom of God. There is first the blade, then the ear, and then the full grown corn. It is first a mustard seed, and then a large tree. A little stone is cut out of the mountain, but in time it grows till it fills the whole earth. Though the beginning may be small let us look on towards the end. The river flowed into the Dead Sea where there was no life, and soon it teemed with living creatures. And so the gospel has flowed into this world, and wherever it has reached life and immortality have been brought to light. The fishermen were busily engaged and they were rewarded. They were not at one or two special places, but were from En-gedi to En-eglaim, or from one end of the sea to the other. So we in the prosecution of our work should try and reach out in our endeavors to save souls, and we may do so confidently, knowing that God will give the increase. We should go believingly, and try in every proper way to rescue those who are in deadly waters.

Following the address, time was given for questions. We give a few and the answers:

Would you use any policy in trying to save souls? Yes, hide the end of the hook—in other words, don't be rough and offensive in the presentation of the gospel.

What are some of the great difficulties in carrying on of mission work? Indifference, resulting from lack of information as to the needs; covetousness, which ties many pocket books; and the opposition of some to the existing way of doing the work. This does not amount to much, but it exists.

Is it usually better to organize new churches or to try and revive dead ones? The former is the more hopeful. To restore a dead church is almost impossible; but co-operation is to prevent churches dying.

On Monday afternoon, the Women's Foreign Missionary Society met; and the sisters have the honor of conducting one of the very best meetings of the Convention. Owing to the fact that the President and Vice-President for Nova Scotia were not able to be present, and the Vice-President for New Brunswick was very unwell, Sister Flaglor was called to the chair. After devotional exercises the Secretary read her excellent report. (To be published next issue).

The Treasurer's report was then presented, and while it is quite brief, it shows that a good commencement has been made and that greater things may be expected in the near future. Here is the report.

Dear Sisters,—I beg leave to submit this first annual report of the Treasurer of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The amounts received during the past year, are as follows:

Collection, Annual, at Westport, . . .	\$10 10
St. John, N. B.,	27 30
Westport, N. S.,	13 72
Riverdale, N. S.,	1 00
Cornwallis, N. S.,	9 45
Maitland, Hants Co., N. S.,	3 00
Somerville, N. S.,	3 00
Milton, N. S.,	32 05
South Range, N. S.,	1 00
Southville, N. S.,	6 00
Montague, P. E. I.,	4 00
Halifax, N. S.,	4 60
Lord's Cove, N. B.,	1 00
Leonardville, N. B.,	1 00
Shubenacadie, N. S.,	9 15
Total,	\$126 37

By order of the Board, ninety-four dollars of this sum has been remitted to Miss Jennie Fleming, Treasurer of the Ontario C. W. B. M. The expenses were:

For Secretary,	\$4 00
For Treasurer,	70
Total,	\$4 70

Leaving a balance on hand of \$27.67.

SUSIE B. FORD,
Treasurer.

The following are the officers elected for the current year: President, Sister J. M. Ford; Vice-Presidents for Nova Scotia, Sister H. Murray, and Sister Carrie Payson; Vice-Presidents for New Brunswick, Sister J. E. Barnes, and Sister Lena Leonard; Secretary, Sister J. S. Flaglor; Treasurer, Sister Susie Ford.

The constitution of the O. C. W. B. M. was adopted after having made the necessary changes in the name, and inserting that a sum of not less than five cents per month shall be contributed by the members of the auxiliaries. Interesting reports of the work done by the auxiliaries at Westport and Milton were read by Sister Sadie Porter and Sister Annie Collie, respectively.

The following greeting from the Ontario C. W. B. M. was read:

To our dear sisters in Christ, in Convention
at St. John: Greeting.

Being unable to send anyone to personally carry our message to your convention, we Ontario sisters send our greeting in this way, to assure you that our hearts are with you in the work in which you are engaged.

Our prayers ascend to our heavenly Father that you may spend a profitable time together, and plan

wisely for the extension of the Master's kingdom. We feel that we are co-laborers—and what a blessed fellowship that is—*working together* for the Master. Although very few of us have ever met face to face, yet this is a bond strong enough to reach beyond the gates into the Heavenly City. May "you be strong and of a good courage," as you go forward with unwavering faith, planning work for our King. May we all do earnest consecrated work for the Master, remembering that our labors in *His name* are sure to meet His approval. "The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich."

Your sister in Christ,

BELLE SINCLAIR,

Cor. Sec. O. C. W. B. M.

Sister Minnie Rioch, Hamilton, Ontario, whom the Canadian sisters are sending to Japan as their representative, and who is now probably on her way thither, not being able to be present sent her photograph; and it speaks of a loving, loyal and consecrated heart, that knows nothing of selfishness or has no dreams of personal ease. Bro. G. D. Weaver, who is now laboring at Montague, P. E. I., was formerly pastor of the church at Hamilton and consequently is personally acquainted with Sister Rioch. Being present he was requested to tell the sisters something about her qualifications for the work. In every way he regarded her as an eminently suitable person for the work, and altogether worthy of the most liberal support. Her education is excellent; in scripture knowledge she is excelled by few of her years; her fidelity to Christ and His cause is absorbing; and in a desire to save the souls of the perishing she stands among the most earnest. With her photograph she sent a letter to which a proper response was ordered to be sent. (Her letter will be published next issue).

Sisters Carrie Payson, Susie Ford and J. S. Flaglor were appointed to prepare the programme for the next meeting.

The business being completed Sister Graybiel was called upon to address the meeting, which she did at length. She spoke principally of India and the work there. It is half as large as the United States and has nearly five times the population. They are a very religious people for out of the entire population, only 289 are classed as worshipping no god. But their religion does not mean virtue, truth or righteousness.

The work there is hard and slow, but the missionaries have the advantage of being under the protection of Great Britain. She gave illustrations of how she went to work. She one day saw a woman with a fan in her hand cleaning rice, and she called her attention to the passage, "Whose fan is in his hand." Thus she gained attention and enforced a lesson. At another time she came upon an old woman scouring the outside of a brass vessel which was dirty within, and she read to her of those who clean the outside of the cup and platter. She noticed a woman going to a well to draw water, and she told her about the woman of Samaria. The customs in India are much the same as they were in Palestine, and the Hindoes easily understand what to us is at first strange.

These people think that to become a Christian means that you change your customs, food, and clothing. They never have a hearty laugh and many never smile. There is nothing to make them happy. They don't know what home is. They have a house which is simply a place of shelter.

The language is very idiomatic and hard to learn. It took her about eight years and four months to be able to speak as freely as the natives; but she had mastered the book language in a few months.

The address was full of facts and all should be grateful for the information she gave them about the work among the heathen.

At 7.30 p. m., Bro. Cooke conducted the last social and prayer-meeting of the Convention, and all seemed to realize that the closing hour had

come, and under the leader's guide they improved the time.

The last thing on the programme of the Annual Meeting was addresses on Home Missions by the preachers in attendance. And if all did not speak on Home Missions, they nevertheless spoke. When a vote of thanks had been given to the Coburg Street Church for its free hospitality, the benediction was pronounced, and the meeting adjourned to meet on the Thursday before the first Lord's Day in Sept. 1893, at a place which is yet to be selected.

Thus closes a most successful meeting. In every particular it will bear pleasant reflection. The weather was delightful; the attendance was large; the programme was rich; and the business was important. Whoever was not satisfied with the spirit and work of the meeting need never look for satisfaction in future years. For the character of the meeting cannot be greatly improved although the attendance will of course increase. Never before was so much money raised at one of our Annuals for the work of the Lord, never before was there such universal giving, never before did a greater spirit of harmony prevail, never before was such a deep earnestness to advance the cause of Christ manifested, and never before did the delegates go home with as keen an appreciation of their privileges and responsibilities. If all will go to work now, if the delegates will carry to their several congregations the bright light of a divine enthusiasm and seek to impart it to all around them, when we meet in convention in Sept. '93 God will bless us then as He has now, only more abundantly. Work for the spread of the truth, pray for the prosperity of Zion, and your labor will not be in vain in the Lord.

THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ANNUAL.

The annual meeting of the churches of Christ in P. E. I. was held with the church at New Glasgow, beginning on Saturday before the second Lord's Day in July. It was held for the first time in the new house erected last year by the church. My want of knowledge of architectural lore prevents me from giving a description of the house and furniture. It is creditable to the taste and zeal of the church at New Glasgow. When I say that it is beautiful, substantial and commodious, my estimate will be considered moderate by those who have seen it.

The large meeting, which represented all the churches on the Island, showed that a lively interest is taken in the cause of Christ on the Island.

The only visitors whom I noticed from abroad were Bro. David Fullerton of Pictou, Nova Scotia, and Sister Fullerton, his wife. The preachers present were, Elder D. Crawford, who like the Scottish soldier is "always to the fore," O. B. Emery of Charlottetown, W. H. Harding of Summerside, and G. D. Weaver of Montague and East Point. The annual sermon was preached by Bro. G. D. Weaver.

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper, presided over by Elder Crawford, was solemn and impressive, and attended by from 250 to 300.

In the evening, Bro. W. H. Harding preached to a large and attentive audience.

On Monday morning, a large and profitable social meeting was held presided over by Elder D. Crawford. The time was occupied in singing, prayers, and addresses by Elders Crawford, O. B. Emery, William Stevenson, G. Stevenson, David Fullerton and W. H. Harding. Bro. Jesso Baker of Tignish, Bro. W. Harris, Bro. James W. Kennedy and Bro. B. Linkletter also took part in the meeting. Though not strictly in order in a social meeting the subject of missionary work was brought up. A slight difference of opinion prevailed, not

on the need of missionary work, but on the manner of carrying it out. Elder David Fullerton, who seems to be not only a careful Bible student but a practical business man, suggested a plan which he said will meet all cases. He said it is quite Scriptural and according to apostolic precedent for a preacher to go out and preach at his own expense, or if strong in faith, trusting in God. On the other hand, those whose consciences are troubled lest their money should not be paid in and expended after the apostolic model might accompany the preacher, and minister to his wants after the manner of Paul's travelling companions.

After the social meeting the association met for business. The minutes of last meeting were read approved, Elder Emery reappointed Moderator; Robert Stewart reappointed Secretary. The reports from the churches were on the whole encouraging. The additions during the year were over fifty, chiefly in Montague, East Point, Summerside and Tignish. The need of general mission work on the Island has been felt for many years, but till now the home requirements of the churches prevented them from engaging in general work.

At the annual meeting a proposal was sent to the committee of management by Elder D. Crawford. That proposal was that as his time was not fully occupied he was willing to labor for a time in the general field. The matter was laid before the association for approval, and unanimously approved. The general work will now be started again, and we trust that the committee of management will exercise such discretion in the choice of evangelists as to avoid a repetition of our past experience.

Though the people of New Glasgow did not receive a formal vote of thanks for their generous hospitality in entertaining the large number of visitors, yet I venture the opinion that the verdict of visitors would be that the entertainment was all that could be desired. I should have said that Bro. Hiram Wallace arrived too late for the meeting but in time to preach during the week.

Adjourned to meet at Montague on the second Lord's Day in July, 1893. ROBERT STEWART.

Sec. of Ass'n

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

The Willing Workers elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Miss H. Clark; Vice-President, Miss Mamie Barnes; Treasurer, Miss Nellie Flagior; Secretary, Miss Bertha Barnes.

Next to the Annual, Bro. Capp's visit has been the chief topic of conversation during the month. Both did us good. A wave of good feeling has gone over us; which ought to make us more earnest and consecrated in the Master's work. At the close of the Annual, it was arranged that Bro. Stewart should go to Milton for the Home Mission Board and hold a meeting there. Bro. Capp to preach two Lord's Days for us. Bro. Capp made a short visit to P. E. Island, and returned in time to preach on Lord's Day. At the close of the prayer-meeting Sunday evening he made an earnest appeal and we were glad to see five make the good confession. Bro. Capp next day went to Deer Island, from there to Lubec and returned to St. John on Friday. That evening he baptized four of those who had confessed the Saviour; and two more confessed Christ. Next Lord's Day at the close of the Lord's Supper, four were received into the church.

We again rejoiced to see another confess her Lord. In the evening, three were baptized. We had almost as many come as there were at the Annual on Sunday evening. As there were 150 strangers at the Annual, we think we had a 100 more citizens present to hear Bro. Capp preach. That is very gratifying to us all, and we hope the

interest which has been aroused will increase and that many more shall turn to the Lord. Bro. Capp left for Springfield, Mo., on Monday, the 19th. He has our prayers and best wishes for the prosperity of himself and family, and for success as a preacher of the gospel of the grace of God. No one could have received a heartier welcome from the St. John church than he did; and we will hope that his next visit will be as pleasant and profitable as this one was.

Sister Carrie Payson of Westport, remained over to visit friends in St. John.

Bro. R. E. Stevens came on the 20th and left on the 23rd for home. He has done a good work this summer at Letote and Back Bay. We are glad to know that Bro. S. Leonard, of Leonardville, has decided to devote his life to preaching the Gospel; and will attend Acadia College with Bro. Stevens. We wish them all success in their chosen vocation and feel sure they will be a great addition to our preaching forces.

Sister Graybiel was with us two days on her return from Digby Co. She added very much to the interest in our Tuesday and Thursday prayer-meetings. We hope she will be able to visit us again.

Bro. Stewart returned on the 22nd from his successful meeting at Milton, and at the close of the prayer-meeting on Lord's Day, the 25th, made one of his most touching appeals; one noble young lady came forward and confessed her faith in Christ. Others are "almost persuaded;" we hope they will soon give themselves unreservedly to the Saviour.

HALIFAX, N. S.

We left St. John on Wednesday morning by the steamer *Monticello* to return to our homes, having enjoyed a refreshing season from the presence of the Lord during the meeting with beloved brethren from different parts; and I trust with renewed courage to work more earnestly for the salvation of precious souls. I feel that the Disciples as a people ought all to be missionaries of the cross, carrying the glad tidings to those who know it not. Come brothers and sisters, let us gird on the *whole armour* that we may be able to do the work our Lord would have us do, so that should we meet at the next Annual we shall be able to give a good account of our labors for the year; but if called away may we be able to say as the Apostle to the Gentiles said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but to all them also who love His appearing."

Brethren, pray for us in Halifax that we may become strong in the Lord. And now brethren, many of you know that we have been paying rent for halls very many years to worship in, but now we have undertaken to build a house of worship for the Disciples of Christ. We therefore ask you to aid us in this good work.

We are pleased to report that Bro. Henry Harding and Sister Harding and their son Arthur have returned from Boston, and were received by letter this day into the Church of Christ here.

Your brother in Christ,

HENRY CARSON.

Halifax, N. S., Sept 10th, 1892

SOUTH RANGE, N. S.

At South Range, the interest is good and constantly growing better.

On Friday, the 16th inst., we met with Bro. H. E. Cooke, by appointment at the above named point, and in the evening listened to an excellent sermon by our Brother, from 1 Cor. xiii: 12, 13. On the following day he returned to Southville to preach to the brethren there while the writer re-

mained at South Range for the same purpose over Lord's day.

The Sunday-school is being very successfully conducted under the superintendency of Bro. Albert Marshall, and all other branches of church work are in a prosperous condition.

H. A. DeVOR.

TIVERTON, N. S.

All our services are well attended. The prayer-meetings are grand and well kept up considering the absence of so many of our brethren during the fall and summer months.

Sister Graybiel's visit was a treat and pleasure long to be remembered. We only had a few hours notice in which to gather a congregation, yet a full house greeted her and listened with rapt attention for nearly one hour and a half, as she told of heathen life and Christian efforts in far off India.

H. A. DeVOR.

WEST GORE, N. S.

Having made arrangements with the church here to labor with them for a time, I left my home on the 13th ult. for this place where I arrived on Friday evening, having driven one hundred and sixty miles, mostly through a beautiful country, with its green meadows, trees laden with fine fruit, acres upon acres of grain of various kinds and root crops in abundance. The meeting with my brothers in the flesh and Bros. D. McLeand and E. C. Ford, and enjoying their hospitality made the journey very enjoyable.

I have not yet had time to survey the field where I am to labor, but so far as I have seen, I am well impressed with such a congregation as greeted me on Lord's day of fine, intelligent looking men and women, and the large number of young people in attendance. I feel confident a good work can and will be done. There were present in the Sunday-school about thirty-five; I think about one hundred and fifty were present at the preaching service and they listened well. Sixty-five as near as I could count partook of the Supper. Next Sunday, I am to spend at Newport. I hope by the blessing of the Master to be able to send in reports that shall gladden the hearts of the brethren. May the dear Lord help me to labor faithfully in this field.

J. A. GATES.

MILTON, N. S.

Bro. Stewart has been with us since the annual meeting. We commenced a meeting here on Friday evening, the 10th inst, and closed the 23rd. Bro. Stewart preached 16 times. The fact that our house was filled Sunday evenings, the largest congregations since our annual meeting here two years ago, show well how his plain earnest presentation of the truth was received. There were nine confessions, and others deeply interested, and the church well pleased with the interesting meetings and especially pleased with Bro. Stewart. We visited about 70 families in the eleven days, and some of the families were visited more than once. Last Lord's day we baptized seven at nine o'clock in the morning. Then Bro. Stewart preached at 10:30, after which we attended to the hand of fellowship and the "Lord's Supper." Then came the dinner of course. Then we drove eleven miles over a rough road to our little church in Summer-ville. Here Bro. Stewart preached to a crowded house, after which we sat around the "Lord's Table." Then we drove back home, and Bro. Stewart spoke again in the evening. We mention this to show that we are not eating any idle bread, and that the work in this county means "rush."

This successful meeting, with our grand delightful annual meeting at St. John, is a great impetus to our workers in our Milton church. If we do not make a much better record this year than last we shall be sadly mistaken. It is high tide with u

now and the faithful ones are filled with the spirit of sacrifice, and inspired with the high aims of our plea. The main thought is now "How can we more successfully push the good work in our county and in our provinces."

We are yet talking about our soul-inspiring annual meeting; about the bounteous hospitality of the St. John Church, the prompt efficient and systematic way everything was conducted, the happy hearts and illuminated faces, the unstinted liberality, the deep toned spirituality, and the wonderful increase of interest for the advancement of the cause in our provinces.

Sister Graybiel's presence among us was an inspiration. Our hearts burned within us as she talked to us of the darkness, and sorrow, and misery of the millions of precious souls in India. Who would not be a missionary of the cross if they could. Sister Graybiel and the other missionaries will never know the measure of our sympathy and deep interest in their behalf. Eternity alone can reveal it.

We shall ever have unfeigned gratitude to the American Mission Board for sending us Bro. and Sister Hardin. They received a hearty welcome to our convention. They were the tie that binds us to the brotherhood of the United States. We hope they will come again and remain longer.

Our confidence and intense interest in Bro. T. H. Capp made his presence among us again a great pleasure. If our influence for good is to be measured by the esteem in which we are held, what a profitable successful field of labor would these provinces be for T. H. Capp.

Among the absentees we mention but one—our dear Bro. Wallace, whose presence and counsels at our Tiverton and our Milton meetings was a benediction that was greatly missed in our meeting this year. His name, his nature, and his labors will never be forgotten. There were others who have been taken from us whose words and deeds still remain with us.

The increase of earnest faithful young brothers and sisters is very encouraging and promises a brighter future for the cause among us. One thing was noticeable and pleasing, i. e. the emphasis placed on *deeds* and *duty* rather than dogmas, making Christianity a real active life. Who is so blind as not to see that the tide of prosperity is rising?
H. MURRAY.

Our meetings have been well attended and good results followed. There being eight to obey the Lord by immersion. Bro. Stewart has indeed done a grand work while with us, and we feel assured that he has spoken words that may long be remembered. Although many have not expressed their desire to accept Christ, and give up the uncertain pleasures of this life for that which they know to be certain, yet we pray and trust, that the exhortations that have passed from our brother's lips may help them to realize except they repent they shall all likewise perish. Last Lord's day Bro. Stewart was with us, he had a large and attentive audience both morning and evening, and think none left the church but felt they had been benefited, and could say it was good to be there. The evening text found in John iii, 16, impressed on our minds the great love God had for us in the gift of His Son, which brought before us our unworthiness for this unspeakable love of the greatest gift bestowed on mankind. Certainly there is a great work to be done, "the harvest truly is plenteous, and the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." Let us awake to this great work which is awaiting one all, that we may be the means of saving precious souls, who do not realize it is not all of life to live nor all of death to die. Bros. Murray and Stewart went to Somerville here Bro. S. preached to a grand audience, and by the

distance they had come to hear the word of God proved they were deeply interested to see the cause prosper. As our series of meetings are about ended, and our brother leaves us, we pray that God's blessings may follow him, and the truth that he may preach to others may help them to be greater labourers for the Master's vineyard, and to labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life.

A. A. COLLIE.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

Yesterday, September 21st, members of the church and Sunday school held a most enjoyable "pic-nic" on the beautiful grounds of Bro. Duncan Scott, at North River, about five or six miles from Charlottetown. Bro. Scott placed the whole of the beautiful farm (except that still under crop) at our disposal, and like Lot we chose the best, and I think there was not one of the participants who did not feel healthier after the day spent in innocent amusement and social intercourse.

Indeed since coming into Charlottetown on the 30th of June, to remain with the church for some time, I have learned much more of the social nature of the members of the church here than I ever knew before. They appear, in the fullest sense of the term, to be kindly affectionate one towards another, insomuch that strangers occasionally visiting the church remark the manifestations of brotherly kindness, and it makes a good impression as well as being very enjoyable.

The church here is not large. Like other churches on Prince Edward Island it has suffered from emigration. Many of the young leave the Island, and so when the old fall the ranks are not filled up. But notwithstanding this the standard-bearers in sunshine and in storm, in prosperity and adversity, have stood at their post, and they are standing there today ready to bear "the reproach of Christ," and if need be to "follow him without the camp."

What I have written of the church in Charlottetown is also true of the church at Cross Roads, Lot 48, where Dr. John Knox for so many years kept unfurled the blood-stained banner of the cross, and successfully invited sinners to the Lamb of God. Many who were baptized by him have passed "over the river." Emigration has depleted the membership. The number today is not as large as it was in former years but some are left. Officers and members are standing nobly for God and truth and righteousness. I trust they, with Charlottetown, will reap abundantly the fruit of their labor and patience.

In the good providence of our Heavenly Father I have been called to labor with these two churches. What may be in store for us is only known to the mind which comprehends eternity. We know not, but we are full of faith and hope. May the Lord of infinite love and compassion enable us all to work in faith and leave results with Him.

Eight miles from Charlottetown, a week ago, I met a most pleasing and intelligent congregation in a school house. Hope to visit again. O. B. S. September 22nd, 1892.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

Did I go to the Annual at St. John? No. And I was very much disappointed that I did not. I had been planning for three months to be there, but at the last moment my plans were upset. I have very pleasant recollections of an Annual I attended in St. John about five years ago, and I am sure that all who attended this year will have an enjoyable as well as a profitable time.

Since I last wrote, our hearts have been made sad by the death of one of our most highly esteemed Sisters, Mrs. A. Murray. She was the daughter of the late Elder James Linkletter, and an earnest faithful Christian. Bro. Murray, who is our Sunday-school Superintendent and an active church

worker, has the sympathy of all in his hour of trial. She passed away strong in the hope of a better life. Her sorrowing mother and family as well as her husband know that they shall meet again. The little babe, only three days old when the mother left is doing well. I cannot help repeating the lines of a part of that beautiful hymn composed by Smith:

"Peaceful be thy silent slumber,
Peaceful in thy grave so low,
Thou no more wilt join our number;
Thou no more our songs shall know.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled;
Then in heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farwell tear is shed."

We had a pleasant visit from Bro. Jardino, of the Boston church. Bro. Capp, of Missouri, gave us a call one evening. I think it shows a spirit of sociability and also manifests a brotherly love when brethren (especially preachers) in traveling, make a parting call on resident brethren who may come in their line of travel.

I think I told you that we had the Seventh-day Advents here in the last letter; well, they have stirred up some little controversy. At the request of a number of the leading men of the town I gave an address in the Market Hall, one Sunday afternoon, on the "Sabbath Day Question." I had a very large and attentive audience, it is supposed the hall holds from one thousand to twelve hundred people and it was full. My address which lasted one hour and a half was received with great favor by all except the Advents. On the following Sunday one of the Advent "Elders" reviewed me but did not say much about the subject. He had been boasting about how they had beaten ministers, and no one would dare oppose them, so I at once sat down and wrote the following propositions and challenged them to a pulpit discussion.

Prop. I. That under the Christian Dispensation the first day of the week is the only day set apart for any particular acts of worship. I affirm.

Prop. II. That under the Christian Dispensation it is necessary for Christians to observe the law as given on Mount Sinai and keep the Seventh-day Sabbath. I deny.

But they backed square down and refused to debate unless I would affirm that "The first day of the week was to be sacredly observed as a Sabbath according to the Scriptures." Of course, I do not believe that and they know it. I think I have put a damper on their operations for a while. Next Thursday evening, I give another address in the Market Hall, on "Seventh-day Adventism." How powerless the general run of sectarian preachers are on such questions as these. Some five years ago I began the study of this Seventh-day question not knowing at the time why I did it, but I now find the benefit of it. I have a book called "Seventh-day Adventism Renounced," by Rev. D. Canright. He was a leading man in their ranks for about twenty-eight years. I will give in my next letter a few extracts from this work showing how the Adventists do things.

In speaking of books I am reminded that I want the "Christian Baptist." If any of my readers know where a copy can be obtained I will be glad if they would let me know.

Our work in Summerside is moving on. In Tryon we are encouraged by the increased attendance. In Tignish we also have good attendance. I am entering my third year in this field, and it is a source of gratification to me to know that every member young and old in all three of these congregations is with me heart and hand. In all three places we have much opposition, but we must not flinch on that account, only work the harder.

W. H. HARDING.

Summerside, Sept. 22nd.

Home Mission Notes.

As will be seen in the report of the "Annual" Bro. C. H. Leonard has been appointed chairman of the board in the place of Bro. R. Jackson. We are glad to announce this, for there is no one among us more interested in mission work. We have made a good start this year, Bro. Stewart's meeting at Milton ought to make us more earnest in the work, and more confident of success as well as glad in seeing so many turn to the Lord. Bro. Steven's last two weeks at Letete and Back Bay were his best, they have been very liberal in his support, if all places did so well we could have ten evangelists instead of one or two.

A writer in the "Messenger and Visitor" speaks of the success of our work at South Range and attributes it largely to the help these brethren have received from outside, we want to tell those interested that the church at South Range and Bro. Devoe have received very little help from outside, their success is due entirely to their own noble efforts having been blessed of God, and we rejoice to see the cause of Christ gaining ground in Digby Co. We expect during the coming year to see better work than ever done there.

The receipts this month is very encouraging, and if we get a good evangelist we will see a grand work done this year. We ask every Disciple of Christ in these provinces to remember this fund and contribute to its support. Will you take a deep interest in the work and give us your advice and prayers that great good may be done in the coming year.

At the annual there were ninety-five baptisms reported for last year. One month has not gone and nineteen have confessed Christ, nine at Milton and ten at St. John.—Let the good work go on.—We ought to have twice as many additions this year. Let us plant and water, God will give the increase.

RECEIPTS TO AUGUST 31st, 1892.

Previously acknowledged,	\$520 55
River John, per Mrs. J. Carruthers:	
Jano Langill, \$2 43; J. Carruthers, \$1.00	
W. A. McNabb, \$4 00; Mrs. W. A. McNabb, \$2 00; Mary Sellars, \$2.00; Mrs. J. Long, \$4.50.	16 00
Cornwallis, per Miss S. B. Ford,	2 90
Westport, per Miss N. Bailey,	6 47
Letete and Back Bay:	
J. McLease, \$1.00; A. Kenney, \$1 00; Mrs. A. Kenney, \$1; Collections, \$55.37,	59 37
Total,	\$605 29

RECEIPTS BEGINNING SEPT. 1st, 1892.

Cambridgeport, Mass.:	
F. K. Ethington,	\$8 00
Poesterkill, N. Y.:	
J. H. Gordinier,	50
Summerside, P. E. I.:	
W. H. Harding,	2 00
Milton, per Miss A. A. Collie,	4 35
Southville, per Elder Steele,	1 00
" per Mrs. M. C. Gates,	1 00
Collections at Annual Meeting,	25 00
Buffalo, N. S., Miss M. Graybiel,	1 00
Back Bay,	12 52
Letete Collection,	1 40
" Per Miss Matthews, 50c.; Mrs. S. Dick, \$1.00; E. Matthews, \$1,	2 50
Milton, per H. W. Stewart,	15 88
Total,	\$75 15

Foreign Mission Notes.

Dear Sisters: The annual meeting to which we have been looking forward with so much interest and bright anticipation is over, and with it the missionary meeting in which we sisters were especially interested. This meeting being the first, we were very desirous that it should be one that would help us all to do better

work in the coming year, and we feel safe in saying that none were disappointed. Brother Hardin says of it, that it was one of the best C. W. B. M. meetings that he ever attended.

Sister Graybiel's visit, too, is over, but not the good influence of her life and words. Those who saw her most, loved her best; we believe she has done much good to this work in these provinces. There being a small balance after expenses were met, Sister Graybiel went to three of the nearest churches in Nova Scotia, Southville, Tiverton and Westport. Bros. Cooke and Devoe speak very highly of her visit. We would gladly had her visit all the churches had her time and our funds permitted. After leaving here she visited Lord's Cove and Leonardville, also Lubec. We want to thank the brethren and sisters who so liberally contributed toward her expenses. After paying all, including the visits to churches there was a balance of \$3.60, which will be given to the foreign missions. We have also her picture for sale at twenty-five cents each, the profits of which is for this work.

This visit which has been to us such a source of pleasure and profit has also been much enjoyed by sister Graybiel as these extracts from a letter received since her departure will show.

"My visit to the provinces to which I was looking forward for several months, is past, but the sweet memory of it will continue and help to brighten many a cloudy day. I wish that all might know what a pleasure it was to me to be there and how my heart was touched time and again by their words and deeds of kindness. There is nothing else that so binds human hearts as does loyal service to our King. May our every desire for advancement in the divine life, and every resolve for better services be quickened into action. Remember me when you pray, ask for me help in the work of enlisting others in the cause.

May the Lord be very near you, a present help in trouble. With love to you and the many dear friends,

I am affectionately yours
MARY GRAYBIEL.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Sept. 5,	\$24 07
Halifax—	
Per Mrs. Carson,	3 60
St. John—	
Per Mrs. Flaglor,	1 65
Vanceboro—	
Per Mrs. Sprague,	1 00
Nauwigowauk—	
Per Miss Purvis,	30
Total,	\$30 62

SUSIE B. FORD,
Treasurer.

Port Williams, N. S.

GULLIVERS' COVE BUILDING FUND.

Previously acknowledged,	\$43 50
Gullivers' Cove—	
B. McDormand,	1 00
Sandy Cove—	
Mrs. Leary,	1 00
H. Eldridge,	1 00
Deer Island, N. B.—	
F. Lambert,	1 50
Boston—	
Mrs. Heney,	1 00
Mrs. C. DeVoe,	1 00
Buffalo, N. Y.—	
Miss M. Graybiel,	1 00
Total,	\$51 00

The house at the above place will be opened and dedicated to the worship of God on Sunday, Oct. 2nd (D. V.) Bro. Cooke of Westport, will preach the dedication sermon. We hope for a good meeting and will be pleased to see any of our preaching brethren who can come to visit us and preach Christ to the people.

This little house of worship is very much needed by our few brethren and sisters living at Gulliver's

Cove and vicinity, who only number about eleven souls.

We are very thankful to the kind friends who have assisted us thus far in building a house of worship, but we need about \$150.00 more to clear the debt. We believe a dollar placed here now is a dollar deposited in the bank of heaven that will be repaid by the hand of the great Cashier in His own good time. Brethren, help us.

H. A. DeVoe, Treasurer,
Tiverton, N. S.

HALIFAX BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Bro. James E. Barnes,	\$ 10 00
Sister James Emory,	2 00
Bro. Lawson, (Grand Manan),	2 00
Four Sisters from Lubec,	4 00
Bro. Bligh, (Cornwallis, N. S.),	1 00
Bro. E. C. Ford, (from a Sister),	35
Bro. Adz. McCain,	25 00
Collected,	50
Bro. H. Harlain (Lockeport),	1 00
S. B. Cross, (Dartmouth),	5 00
Edgar Harvey, (Newport),	1 00
Howard McDonald, (Halifax),	10 00
A Friend, (Windsor),	2 00
Bro. James Stevens,	30 00
Bro. F. Stevens,	24 00
Bro. H. Wallace,	22 55
Bro. James Wallace,	2 50
Bro. George Wallace,	2 50
Received from Halifax Brethren,	104 00
Bro. B. B. Tyler, (before reported),	250 00

Whole amount received, \$499 40
HENRY CARSON,
Treasurer.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 19th, 1892.

THE EDUCATIONAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

G. D. Weaver, Montague, P. E. I.,	10 00
C. H. DeVoe, Salem, Indiana,	\$20 00
Total,	\$30 00

HENRY W. STEWART,
Treasurer.

Married.

YOE—HOLMES. On the 14th of September at the house of Mr. Charles Murray, Pleasant Valley, P. E. I., by D. Crawford, Thomas H. Yoe of Union Road, P. E. I. to Miss Mary C. Holmes of Chicago, Ill.

BERRY—McCORMACK.—At Tiverton, N. S., Sept. 10th, by H. A. DeVoe, Mr. William H. Berry to Ardell, second daughter of Mr. Edward McCormack, all of Tiverton.

SOLLOWS—OUTHOUSE.—At Tiverton, N. S., Sept. 11th, by H. A. DeVoe, Mr. Livingston Sollovs to Mira, daughter of Mr. Leonard Outhouse, all of Tiverton.

Died.

SHAW—It is our sad duty to record the death of the beloved daughter of Sister Shaw and the late Wm Shaw, Esq., Charlottetown.

Sister Jennie died at the home of her mother, Charlottetown, Tuesday morning, July 19, 1892, after a short but very painful illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude, and with the confidence of a child reclining on the arm of a loving Father. She yielded to the will of Him to whom in very early years she had given her heart and life. She was an obedient believer for more than twelve years, having been baptized by Bro. D. Crawford, who for the truth's sake was so greatly beloved by her and is now by many of her friends.

Our young sister loved the Lord, the Church, and God's people everywhere. She loved the word of life and desired to have it spoken to all. She loved the assemblies of the Saints, and when possible her place was always occupied.

She is assuredly gone to a better home, but mother and sister and many dear relatives and friends (Jennie was a favorite, and well beloved) are left to feel the acuteness of their loss; and to long for the restoration. May we all be ready when that time comes so that gladness may crown the day.

O. B. E.

McNICHOE.—At his home in Letete after about twenty days of severe suffering, Mason, eldest son of Elgin and Amanda McNichol, passed quietly away, Aug. 30, at the early age of eight and a half years. He was a bright little boy, the idol of fond parents and admiring friends, and words can but feebly express the sympathy we feel for them in this their dark hour of bereavement.

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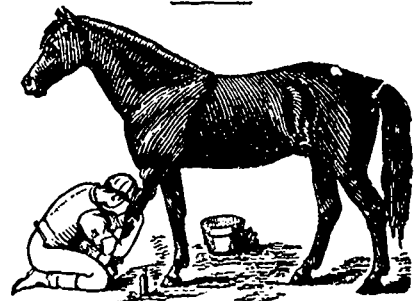
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