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NOTES AND NEWS.

May and Missions!

This is the time to push Home Missions to the front.

Having remembered the unsaved abroad, let us not forget the unsaved at home.

Wherever there are lost ones we have a mission; also wherever denominationalism exists.

The person who does not believe in Foreign Missions has now a grand opportunity to show his interest in Home Missions.

Those who are enthusiastic over mission work among strange peoples can demonstrate that they are not one-sided, by taking equal interest in the salvation of people of their own blood and speech.

No race does so much for the evangelization of the world as the Anglo-Saxon. Their complete subjection to the Christ will mean a marvelous extension of his kingdom. Perhaps the quickest way to reach a man of any language is first to reach the man of English speech.

Do the Disciples of Christ occupy a position different from any denomination, and is that position more scriptural? Is it a position upon which all who love the Bible ought to stand? Yes. What then are we doing to bring the good people of all denominations to see the advantages of that position?

As the Disciples of Christ we have work to do, not only where there are no churches, but where there are churches. While these churches of different names and faiths preach Christ to the ungodly, we, if we are true to our Master, are under obligation to show the sinfulness of divisions in the body of Christ, the sinfulness of denominationalism. We make a great mistake when we fail to show the importance and present the true basis of Christian Union.

The American Christian Missionary Society have done good work in Canada. They see the importance of this field. The only reason

they are not doing more is the lack of funds. As soon as circumstances will admit, they are willing to enter new fields and maintain preachers there. Should not our Canadian churches give to the utmost of their ability, that this new work may be undertaken? A proper exhibition of our gratitude will hasten future success.

The first Lord's day in May should be made a notable day. No church in Canada should forget it, or the duty it brings. It is the time when churches which want to see some mission work prosper are asked to send a contribution to the American Christian Missionary Society. This society is the steadfast friend of the needy, struggling church.

Some good-meaning but short-sighted people do not give of their means for the spread of the gospel because they feel unable to give largely. When they get rich they intend to show their liberality. But the dollar or two which they can now give may be able to accomplish more than one hundred dollars can then. The sooner we put some of our money to work for God the better. He can multiply its value in the mission field, faster than we can in trade and commerce. What you give, give quickly.

The people should be so enthusiastic in the proclamation of the truth as the Disciples of Christ. We have the most glorious plea on earth. It should be passed upon the attention of all who have not heard it. But are we doing this? Do we act as if we understood its value? Do we give of our means that it may be spread abroad? If not, where is our zeal? What has become of our loyalty to Christ?

Patriotism is a noble characteristic. The man who does not love his home land lacks some elements of true manhood. Love of country finds its highest-expression, not in the soldier who goes forth with carnal weapons to fight against human foes, but in the missionary who takes the sword of the Spirit and tries to drive out sin which is a reproach to any people. Paul yearned for the salvation of his own countrymen, his kinsmen according to the flesh. His heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel was that they might be saved. We should be equally anxious for the salvation of our countrymen, and of our country.

A wide awake, ambitious man does not often select a town that is standing still, or going backward, as a good place in which to begin business. He seeks out the town whose population is growing. In its growth he sees his opportunity and ultimate success. Manitoba is a growing province, and a good place for a Christian man to do work for his Lord. But how short-sighted the Disciples of Christ are when they do not endeavor to push forward Home Missions there. These are the years of golden opportunities. The needs will be greater, but the prospects of rapid success much smaller, after fifty years shall have passed away. It is true in religious matters, as well as "in the affairs of men,"

that "there is a tide which taken at the flood leads on to fortune." If the churches of Christ in Ontario and the Maritime Provinces feel unable to do the work that ought now to be going on in Manitoba, let them contribute largely to the funds of the American Christian Missionary Society, and make it possible for them to do the work.

Let us not confound our provincial home mission work with the general work throughout the United States and Canada. The former of course must be sustained; but some years ago the N. B. and N. S. churches promised the general board to take up one collection annually for the general work if they would assist us in establishing churches in the Maritime Provinces. In recent years they have expended very much more down here than we have sent them. We can give convincing proof of our gratitude by making a large offering to the work on the first Lord's day in May. Send the contribution to B. L. Smith, Y. M. C. A. Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Western Canada is rapidly filling up. New towns are arising, and growing rapidly and steadily. This is particularly true of British Columbia,—a promising field for Home Missions. The Disciples of Christ should have missionaries there by the score. The country is new, and the conditions are such that success is more easily attained than in the old, conservative communities. The simplicity of the Gospel and the plea for Christian Union never win so easily as in a new country; as witness the success of the Disciples of Christ in the Western States. We should seek to make it possible for the American Christian Missionary Society to send missionaries to British Columbia. Our own members who are scattered over that vast province need Christian oversight, and others need to be won to Christ.

The provinces of our Canadian North-west are becoming more and more populous. No one knows how many millions of hardy, enterprising people will be found there at the close of another century; but we do not think Time would disprove our statement if we should say that by that date there will be more people between the Rockies and Manitoba than are now found in all Canada. The most successful churches, like the most successful people, are very often those that grow up with the country. If the Disciples of Christ want to have a powerful influence for good in that vast region, it is time they were planting churches that will grow with the country's growth. Here is a broad, inviting field for Home Missions.

Here is a sample of the work the American Christian Missionary Society are ready to do in Canada: Rat Portage is a new town of about 7,000 inhabitants, situated on the north shore of the Lake of the Woods, in Western Ontario. George Fullerton, formerly of Pictou, N. S., is now living there. He was anxious to see a church of the New Testament pattern in his new home. He presented the matter to the A. C. M. S. and they

have joined hands with him in starting the work there. John K. Hester, whom the writer personally knows, has been sent there to preach the glorious gospel of the blessed God. We hope to report the establishment of a thriving, if not a large, church in that town. There are hundreds of fields in this Canada of ours into which the Disciples of Christ have not yet gone, where just such work should be done.

Correspondence.

FROM THE SOUTH LAND.

In Valdosta, Ga., the latter part of March gave us summer days. Men wore wearing straw hats and carrying umbrellas to protect themselves from the sun's rays, and the ladies appeared in attire that was light and airy. The deciduous trees dressed themselves in their beautiful green robes and threw a pleasant shade. The strawberry plants felt the touch of spring and gave us luscious fruit. Early vegetables were on our tables, and received a hearty reception. But I feared the approach of the fever season, and decided to start for the hills.

I left Valdosta about noon on April 12th for Hickory, North Carolina. By the time the train reached Macon, Ga., the low, flat, sandy land had been left behind, and my eyes beheld with delight the red, rolling country that stretched out on every side. Atlanta, Ga., the city of the south, was reached late in the evening. Here there was a welcome delay of several hours. Having attended to the wants of the physical man, I went in search of spiritual food. I knew that the Christian church was near the depot and easily found it. I was disappointed in finding so few present at the prayer-meeting—only twenty-five, but the occasion was enjoyable. The pastor, C. P. Williamson, led the meeting, and made an excellent closing talk on the topic, "Seed Time." The uniform topics are used. After the meeting I spent several hours in sight-seeing. Atlanta is an interesting city, even when seen by electric light.

At 11 p. m. the north bound train was ready and I gladly sought a place of rest, and till morning slept as comfortably as one can in the upper berth of a heated, crowded Pullman. In the morning we were at Spartanburg, N. C. The scene was changed. The trees were leafless. Pear and peach trees were in bloom and presented a magnificent sight. The farmers were ploughing for corn and cotton. It requires no little skill and patience to cultivate the hills of this rugged country. At Gastonia I took the narrow gauge road for Hickory. The managers evidently desire their patrons to see the country. The train runs at the rate of fifteen miles per hour, and winds around the hills like a serpent among stones. Before noon I was in Hickory, N. C., having ascended between 1,200 and 1,500 feet in the twenty-four hours since leaving Valdosta.

This town has a population of about 2,000. It is smaller now than it was ten years ago.

It has been, and continues to be, a health resort. Northern people spend their winters here and Southern people their summers; and the one class has scarcely gone till the other begins to arrive. Evidently the inhabitants have a good all-the-year climate. The scenery is grand. On every side there are hills and valleys, and level ground nowhere near. Since I have come the trees have put on their foliage and the variety of color and shade heightens the attractiveness of the woods. The numerous fruit trees, too, are now in bloom. Lilac bushes are filling the air with fragrance. Beauty and sweetness are all around.

To the north and west of us, and but a short distance away, mountains rise in their grandeur. In the distance, higher ones are soon outlined on the sky. They have a charm and suggestiveness of their own. Seen in the rays of the morning sun, they hold the eye in a steady gaze and wrap the mind in contemplation. When the sun is sinking, and clouds hang lightly over their summits, the scene is one for a painter's brush or a poet's pen.

Hickory has nine churches. The Lutherans, who have a college here and are numerous in this part of the country, lead in membership; but are followed closely by the Methodists and Baptists. Then come the Presbyterians, Reformed, and Episcopalian. The other churches are colored. While the bitterness enkindled by the civil war has about disappeared, some of the denominations of the United States seem determined to perpetuate the harrowing memories of these sad and awful days. The Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian churches are still divided into North and South, though the war ended nearly thirty-five years ago.

There is no church of the New Testament pattern here; no people wearing only the name of Christ. Till I came here, I had not, since leaving St. John, failed to remember the Lord's death any Lord's day at his own table. I miss the privilege and the blessing; and feel that I am truly among strangers when the hour for that sacred, solemn, spiritual feast comes round.

Having no home I am making a tour among the churches of the town. The majority of the preachers are aged men. Three of them, at least, are nearing their three score years and ten. There is not a young pastor in the place.

I have attended Sunday-school the two Lord's days I have been here. On the first occasion I was invited to join the Bible class, and gladly did so for the hour. There were no Bibles in the class, but every member was provided with a "Senior Quarterly." That was a bad beginning. They used them throughout the lesson, which was a mistake. The teacher turned to the printed questions and asked them in order of the successive members of the class. That style of questioning used to delight me when I was a school boy, for I could easily calculate which question would come to me next. When the "Bible teacher" was through with the questions, he was through with the lesson. He apparently thought it would be a reflection on the wisdom of those who prepared the quarterly to add any questions of his own.

I tried another school the following Sunday. Again I joined the Bible class, and again it had no Bibles. All the members, except myself, were supplied with the Longer Catechism. I was at a decided disadvantage, as my acquaintance with this book is very

limited. The minister conducted the class, and very considerately refrained from asking me any questions, which perhaps was just as well, as I might not be able to give the answers he expected.

One Sunday I decided to attend a young people's meeting, which was announced at the morning service for the afternoon. I was there on time, but was very lonely. Fifteen minutes later ten people were present, six in the choir loft and four in the pews. The appointed leader announced that owing to the small attendance there would be no meeting of the league. But three Canadians who were present were not disposed to leave, and asked the choir to sing, and for one hour the house was filled with song. Last Sunday there was going to be no meeting again, and for the same reason, but one of the Canadians led.

In about two weeks I expect to move still farther northward, and by June 1st hope to be in St. John. HENRY W. STEWART.

Hickory, N. C., April 24, 1899.

DEER ISLAND LETTER.

During the latter part of March I went to Lubec to aid Bro. Minnick in a meeting at South Lubec. The brethren here have a nice house of worship costing over three thousand dollars. The meeting continued over three weeks. There were a number of confessions and some who had been immersed by the denominations took the right hand of fellowship, and there were some restored. Forty-five persons in all came out in the meetings. Bro. Minnick was with me during the meeting, and I found him to be a true yoke-fellow indeed and in the hearts of the people of Lubec where he has been laboring nearly twelve years.

Frank Lambert, son of Bro. D. F. Lambert, so well known to the brethren, and Herbert Leonard, son of the late Elder George Leonard, two promising young men from our Island, have graduated from the Dental College of Baltimore this spring. We wish them success in their profession.

Miss Myrtle Murphy, who has been teaching music on the Island during the winter months, has returned to her home in LeTete. We miss her, for she was a regular attendant at all our meetings and active in all good work.

We are glad to hear the good news from across the water, of the good work at Mascarene, and rejoice in the success of the brethren there.

W. H. HARDING.

Original Contributions.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP.

D. A. MORRISON,
Secretary N. B. Union of C. E.

The article in the last issue of THE CHRISTIAN on the "Forward Movement" in the Christian Endeavor Society should awaken anew the interest of our people in the Christian Endeavor work.

There is one point that was not referred to in that article, which I would like to put before your readers, although I realize that

I cannot do it justice. I refer to Christian Citizenship.

This is a part of Christian Endeavor work that has been altogether neglected in the Maritime Provinces chiefly, I believe, for the want of some one to take the lead. What has been said of it at times has to a great extent been misunderstood.

The idea of Christian Citizenship is not to make Christian Endeavor a political force, only so far as its influence may be thrown on the side of right against wrong. The main idea is to awaken Christians to the position they occupy and arouse in them enough loyalty to righteousness and truth to induce them to take an active interest in the government of their country.

Never before I think has it been so true that men receive nominations and are elected who are the choice of only a small minority and that minority in most cases not composed of the better class of the people.

There is great need of Christianity in the politics of our country. And how shall this be brought about?

The "Christian Citizenship" movement aims to arouse the Christians of every community so that they will take an interest in and labor for the nomination and election of men to all positions of trust that we can depend on to rule righteously.

It aims to make the electors familiar with the men and measures that they are called on to vote for so that an intelligent and honest vote may be given.

It aims to arouse Christian sentiment in the people so that they will protest against all evil measures that are introduced into our parliaments.

If the Christians of our Dominion had all acted thoughtfully and conscientiously in the late election on Prohibition, what would the result have been? Not a meagre majority of 12,000 but a majority so large that no political leader would have dared to disobey it.

And here I might say is a work for us to perform at once. The Prohibition question is not settled. Let petitions go to Ottawa signed by as many Christians as possible, setting forth their views on this question and our representatives there will be forced to give it their attention. Neither political party will grant what we want in this matter until they realize that we are in earnest in what we demand. Then and not till then will they pass a prohibitory law, and until such a law is passed the Christians of Canada are responsible for the sins that are being committed as a result of the *rum traffic*.

In many of the states of the Union Christian Citizenship has been responsible for the repeal of many evil laws as well as for the passing and enforcing of many good ones, and yet it has only begun its work there.

At the next Maritime Convention of Christian Endeavor to be held in Sackville, N. B., August 15th to 17th, Christian Citizenship is to have a prominent place on the programme, and it is hoped that the work will receive such an impetus then that its influence may be strongly felt during the coming years.

But let us as Christians not wait for this or any convention before beginning to work. Let us act in our political life as we act in our Christian life. In other words, let us labor to bring into our national life that righteousness which exalteth a nation; so shall this Dominion be placed in the forefront of the battle which is being waged against sin and Satan. "Let us vote as we pray."

Home Missions.

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

Evangelist Whiston preached in the Main Street Christian Church three Lord's day afternoons during the month of March, and also every night during the first week in April to large congregations. He also preached at Silver Falls on the 10th.

Any of our churches desiring Evangelist Whiston to hold a meeting with them should correspond with him at Pictou, N. S. He is holding a meeting there, which will probably last three weeks. This opportunity may not be available for some time; and it would be for the best interests of the cause of Christ if he could be kept in the provinces for some months.

Good news from Pictou! Three confessions and meeting still in progress. Probably Bro. Stevenson will come and help in the meeting.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. D. Fullerton is ill with pneumonia. Bro. Wm Murray is in Newport, N. S.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$452 41
Tiverton, N. S.—	
K. Outhouse, pledge at annual,	2 00
Mrs. K. Outhouse, "	1 00
J. Clifford, "	1 00
Mrs. Milton Outhouse "	1 00
Per Mrs. K. Outhouse, pledges,	3 85
Per Mrs. Ralph Israel, "	3 50
Per Mrs. Fred. Cosseboone "	2 90
Taunton, Mass.—	
Miss J. D. Dewar,	50
Westport—	
Per Miss Carrie Payson,	5 00
Miss Isma Hicks, pledge at annual,	1 00
Miss Carrie Payson, "	1 00
Sandy Cove, N. S.—	
Miss Maggie Leary, pledge at annual, ..	2 00
St. John, N. B.—	
Mission Band,	3 82
Sunday school,	7 86
Lord's Cove, N. B.—	
Per H. F. Lord,	12 00
	\$500 84

W. A. BARNES, Secretary

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

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

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported, ..	\$237 00
St. John—	
Coburg Street, Ladies' Auxiliary,	2 00
Main Street, " "	4 35
	\$245 95
Transferred to Children's Fund	1 00
	\$244 95

SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer.

LeTete, Charlotte Co., N. B.

Children's Work.

Address all communications to Mrs. D. A. Morrison, 291 Germain Street, St. John, N. B.]

DEAR GIRLS AND BOYS,—

Now is a good time of the year to waken up to new plans and fresh endeavor in our Mission Band work. As we look around everywhere we see Mother Nature at work, renewing the earth's covering; over the hills and the valleys she is quietly spreading her carpet of green; the trees are being decked

with tiny leaves; all things look bright; the very air seems to have a new freshness. Shall we be the only ones who are not awakening to new life and activity? Let us, too, begin our work afresh, and put a spring-time endeavor into our labors.

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

Attention! Band Leaders! It is time to prepare for the Children's Day exercise—for the first or second Sunday in June. I want to ask that all our Bands should give the exercise this year and take up the collection. The collections must be sent to our own Secretary, Mrs. Stevens. Please do all in your power to make the meeting interesting and to raise a good collection.

MRS. D. A. MORRISON.

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported,	\$23 84
Charlottetown—	
"Links of Truth" Band,	1 00
St. John—	
Wide Awake Band,	8 20
Westport—	
Willing Worker's Band,	92
Self Denial Offering,	1 13
Newport—	
Miss Hattie Stevens' S. S. Class,	1 00
	\$36 09

SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer,

LeTete, Charlotte Co., N. B.

Married.

HICKS-HOYT.—At the residence of the bride's parents, in LeTete, N. B., on the evening of April 19th, by R. E. Stevens, Mr. William H. Hicks and Miss Dora May, eldest daughter of Peter Hoyt, jr.

CLIFFORD-McKAY.—At Tiverton, N. S., Byron Clifford, son of Deacon John Clifford, and Maggie McKay, were married at the home of the bride's parents, April 8, 1899. J. W. Bolton officiating.

Died.

OUTHOUSE.—Ethel, second daughter of Deacon Milton and Maria Outhouse, died April 9, 1899, of consumption. She was a bright young sister, only 17 years 9 months 23 days old. She was an earnest Christian worker in the church, always ready to do her part. She expressed the hope of eternal life, and died trusting in Jesus as her Saviour. She was an active member in the Sons of Temperance, also helped in the Band of Hope. Both of these orders attended the funeral in a body. Our loss is her gain. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, J. W. Bolton.

THERIO.—Ruth C., daughter of Elder Thomas Ossinger, Tiverton, N. S., died April 16, 1899, of consumption. She died trusting in the Lord. She was baptized by Elder E. C. Ford, when he was the pastor of the church. She leaves two children, her husband having passed away a number of years ago. She was 32 years 8 months 16 days old. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor, J. W. Bolton.

SHAW.—The following brief note, which tells its own sad story, came to us a few days ago from our dear Bro. and Sister Will F. Shaw, of Walnut, Ill.: "Our darling Dale, so precious, loving, confiding, patient, pure and true, went home to Jesus yesterday at 11 a. m. Our hearts ache with a longing that nothing but heaven can ever fill. We take the precious body to Putnam for burial to-morrow, and will bury Saturday morning. You will excuse more now, for our hearts are too full for utterance." To those who knew little Dale, and to the many friends of Bro. and Sister Shaw, this will come as sad news indeed. Dale was an extremely bright child, about two years and five months old. He was in Halifax last summer with Bro. and Sister Shaw, and endeared himself to their many friends here, who deeply sympathized with the afflicted parents in this their hour of sore trial. For about ten long weeks they watched faithfully and tenderly by the sick bed of their precious child, and fought hard for his life. But God has taken this dear one to himself, which will bring heaven nearer to the hearts of these afflicted parents than ever before. May the God of all grace comfort and sustain the hearts of these sorrowing parents, and help them to realize that while the child cannot come to them, they can go to the child. The writer joins with the many friends of Bro. and Sister Shaw in these provinces in deepest sympathy, with the prayer that they may be able to look up to him from whom cometh their help. E. C. FORD.

Home Missions to the Front!

THE MAY OFFERING.

Help the American Christian Missionary Society.

OUR PRIVILEGE, DUTY AND INTEREST.

The brotherhood of Disciples of Christ will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its missionary work, at Cincinnati, Ohio, in October, 1899.

The American Christian Missionary Society was organized in 1849. Alexander Campbell was its first President and remained President until his death in 1866.

This mother Missionary Society has been a cherishing mother to all co-operative work among our people. It is the mother of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions; the Foreign Christian Missionary Society; the Board of Church Extension; the Board of Negro Education and Evangelization and the Board of Ministerial Relief. She has denied herself for the benefit of these children.

She has organized 2,186 churches; her missionaries have baptized over 87,000 penitent believers into Christ. With this splendid record, she comes before the brotherhood and pleads from them help and support. We are aiding, and have been for years, the church at Halifax; we have aided and hope to aid, the church at Pictou, and we are appealed to to aid the church in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Whether we can do this or not depends upon the response of the Jubilee offering. "By their fruits ye shall know them," said the Saviour. The Board of Home Missions asks to be judged by its fruits and is confident of an enlarged and increased support.

BENJ. L. SMITH,

Y. M. C. A. B'd'g, Cincinnati, O. Cor. Sec'y.

HELP THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

R. W. STEVENSON.

The American Christian Missionary Society is composed of brethren in Christ who have banded themselves together for the purpose of effectually carrying on the work of the gospel at home. An organization having for its existence such an object should receive the sympathy and support of the churches everywhere. This society is conducted by good business men, and a satisfactory work not being done, the society would long ago have disbanded. But this society has been in existence for fifty years—this is the Jubilee

year—and the work done has been great. Weak churches have been greatly strengthened; those deeply involved in debt because of hard times have been rescued; new churches have been started and multitudes have been won to Christ by the faithful evangelists laboring under the auspices or direction of the Home Missionary Society.

The provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island are fruitful fields. From these provinces stalwart sons and daughters can be rallied to the cross of Christ and enlisted into the services of the Lord. Our churches are few and weak. There are many cities, towns, villages and splendid country regions where open doors can be entered by the men with no creed but the New Testament, and without sectarian devices to induce men to join the church. I believe the time is coming when these provinces will make a better showing than they do at present. When everywhere shall be seen a church set for the advocacy of a united church, that the prayer of Christ may be answered, the work of the gospel greatly strengthened, each mean sectarian partition wall cast down and demolished and Christian brothers all. The churches on P. E. Island, so far as I know, have never yet done anything for the American Christian Missionary Society. The brethren in the United States are accustomed to take five or six important collections every year, besides the money requisite for the local work. These are for the Foreign Society, the American General Home Missionary Society, church extension, ministerial aid, the state societies. Each state has its own society. These are vital interests, without which the work done could not possibly have been accomplished. In the Maritime Provinces we do not realize the importance of these several organizations as we should. We have not been in touch with the great body of our brotherhood. We have been content to work along by ourselves. We have not been as aggressive as we should; we have been content to allow things to go as they might. We have not pressed the service. The brethren have not learned to give as the Lord prospered them. The contributions are not any larger in a good year than in a bad. Some have been accustomed to give so much a year, and no more. No

matter how great the demands—so much and no more. The American Christian Missionary Society should receive a contribution from our Island churches in this the Jubilee year. We shall greatly encourage them, and they may take us by the hand some time and give us a lift when greatly needed. The strong should help the weak. But we should struggle to grow and help ourselves. This society has helped churches in Nova Scotia—Halifax and Pictou. They could not be sustained without this help. Let us try the brethren for a collection during May for the American Christian Home Missionary Society. Of this society I have the honor of being a life director by the goodness of the Church of Christ in Syracuse, New York.

THE MAY OFFERING.

H. MURRAY.

"What is it for?" It is for the American Home Mission Board. "Why send our money there; have we not enough to do for our own home mission work without sending our money to them?" That is just what we thought you would say, and this is the reason we are having this consensus on the subject, that we may see the import and the importance of the offering and be ready to do our part.

No doubt we all understand that the American Board is helping us support the work of missions in our provinces, and without which we would not be able to sustain our work in Halifax and St. John, and in other points. All they ask from us is one offering a year from each church. It is as plain as day that much, every way, depends upon this "May Offering." If it is worthy the cause we love and commensurate to our ability, it will show that we appreciate their gifts and desire their co-operation. But if we fail to make a good, worthy, commendable offering, the conclusion must be that we have neither appreciation of their help nor inclination to help ourselves. Our desire that we may have a good offering from all our provincial churches is up to a white heat of anxiety. We can see, in the co-operation of our American brethren, our opportunity for advancing the cause of Christ in our provinces. It has been ebb tide with us so long, by the exodus of our workers and preachers, that unless we can have a flood tide our little bark will be high and dry.

The present hour is fraught with much greater interest to the church than ever before. Whichever way we look we can see the revolutionary spirit of unrest and discontent. The moral sense of the times and the desires and aspirations of the very best minds are anxious for something better than sectarian juggernaut that is crushing the life out of Christianity. The investigating spirit that made the Bereans so noble is actuating the hearts of the people all over our land. "Come over and help us" is not only the Macedonian cry, but the cry of hosts of places. This makes our responsibilities vastly greater

THE CHRISTIAN SUPPLEMENT.

In Aid of Building Fund of MAIN STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

ST. JOHN, N. B., MAY, 1899.

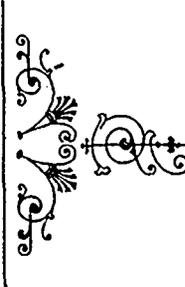
Have you sent a contribution to help build a House of Worship at North End, Saint John, N. B.?

	\$500 or More				
\$250 1899.	\$20			
\$200		\$15			
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After many disappointments and much discouragements the building project of the mission at Main Street has been brought definitely and determinedly before the churches of the Maritime Provinces. The unanimously expressed opinion of the preachers, as shown in the March Supplement, was that this is a worthy effort, an imperative one, and also one of interest to the churches generally of the Maritime Provinces.

The bright prospects of the present are due to the wholehearted and self-sacrificing gifts of a few who believed that the work at the North End needed a building at this time in order to continue to carry forward the cause of Christ. Among the children of God living outside of St. John, how many are there who will share in this? The editorial of last month called attention to what was done in a few years in this city and the outlook for the second congregation is equally good when it shall have a house in which to labor.

A general and liberal response to the appeals for the Building Fund will do much to firmly

plant the primitive gospel in the North End. It will encourage the workers and stimulate them to greater efforts. It will also prove to those outside of the Church of Christ that the Disciples of Christ of to-day are truly following in the ways of the early ones, "loving one another, and bearing one another's burdens, and so fulfilling the law of Christ."

The building is no longer visionary, before much of this month has passed the start will have been made. This means that bills will have to be paid and consequently *your* help is needed. We expect to publish a list of contributions received to date in next month's Supplement and hope that the month of May will bring a contribution from a large proportion of the brethren in the provinces.

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than ever before, and should exalt the conception of our stewardship. God claims us as his own, and we rightfully belong to him, and all we have by virtue of our redemption and preservation. We are debtors to all men. Our lives and our money should be devoted in such a way that will best promote the cause of Christ and the salvation of men.

It is not expected that we devote all we have to missions, but that we share it. Let us not excuse ourselves because we are not able to give much, but let *every one* give something. It is the little streams and rivulets that run through our meadows and villages that are of much more value than a Niagara. The little we may appropriate of our penury will multiply a hundred fold, and be a perpetual reaping in the harvest time. Please remember this. Let it dwell in your hearts. Pray over it; talk about it; so when the "May Offering" comes the money may come, and thus make it an uplift to our souls and a gracious work in the salvation of souls that will be translated into song and set to music in the song of the redeemed.

"We can all do more than we have done,
And not be a whit the worse;
It never was loving that emptied the heart,
Nor giving that emptied the purse."

THE MAY OFFERING.

W. A. BARNES.

"Men of Israel, help!" The American Christian Missionary Society have asked for \$100,000 for home missions this year. In the last issue of the *Christian Standard* there is a whole page devoted to the churches throughout the United States, who have pledged themselves to help raise this amount. Why should not all the churches of the Maritime Provinces follow the example of our American churches and pledge themselves to do likewise? We should do this; first, because the American Board in the past, and is now, helping us to support the work at Halifax and Pictou; second, because it will show them that we are interested in the home mission work; and third, that they will further help the work in these Maritime Provinces, where there yet remains much land to be possessed.

Heretofore perhaps not more than three or four of our largest and most influential churches have sent their offering to the American Board. Why should not the twenty-two churches who reported at the annual meeting at Tiverton last August contribute to the May Offering for home missions, be it a large or small amount? We believe it can be done. Shall we do it?

The first Lord's day in May is the time appointed for the offering; but if it is not convenient, on any Lord's day during that month will do.

One Hundred Thousand Dollars for Home Missions is not too high a mark. It will help bring help Home Missions to the front and rectify our past neglect.

OUR PRIVILEGE, DUTY AND INTEREST.

E. C. FORD.

When speaking of the contribution the brethren of Macedonia and Achaia had made for the poor saints at Jerusalem, Paul says it pleased these Gentiles to do this, for they were their debtors; for having received of the Jews spiritual things, "their duty was also to minister unto them in carnal things." These Gentile brethren were glad to have this opportunity to express their appreciation of their blessings in this substantial way. This is an object lesson for us. We certainly have been greatly blessed and aided by the American Christian Missionary Society, and should be glad of this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of their interest in our work by a substantial offering. But there is yet another side to this question that was suggested in the last *CHRISTIAN*, that I want to emphasize in this. The future of our cause in these provinces demands this of us. If we are to maintain the work at the places where we are already at work, and plant the cause in new fields we must have help from outside of ourselves. And to whom can we look for such help but to our great brotherhood across the lines and to the society representing this great people in this missionary work. Looking at it from what point of view we may, it is our privilege, duty and interest to make a liberal offering in this May collection.

HOME MISSIONS TO THE FRONT.

From the Saviour's last commission, we learn two important facts. First. The conversion of the world. Second. The edification of the church. In performing these duties our responsibility is measured by our ability. God requires just as much of us as we are able to do, but no more. Many places are perfectly destitute of the gospel as preached by the disciples of Christ. The entire state of Louisiana, as well as much of the south and also Canada, is a striking illustration of this fact. Are we to the extent of our ability carrying out the Saviour's commission?

The American Christian Missionary Society is doing a great work in planting the cause we love in these new fields. Let our motto then be: "Home Missions to the front" and let there be a liberal offering for the support of this important work.

J. E. SPIEGEL.

Our best work as Disciples of Christ lies before us. There never was such a promise to any people as God holds out to us, if we are loyal to our great plea and true to our convictions. All that has been done has simply opened the door. God bids us enter with the simple Gospel of the New Testament into the possessions of this land for our Lord and his Church. Our May Offering will be one answer to the great work that is possible to our people.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

I consider this the opportune year for Home Missions. Men are eager to hear of an organized missionary effort among us that has existed for fifty years. They are surprised and devoutly concerned, many of them, when they grasp the thought that this was the prime missionary movement generated by us as a people. They are charmed too, that one of the chief men to advocate the movement was Alexander Campbell. It is inspiring also, that this is our Golden Jubilee and thousands everywhere are shouting, "Give Home Missions the right of way." Let us give Home Missions such an impetus in this Golden Anniversary as shall send us through the coming decades with a new joy and gladness.

This is demanded because of the One who authorized that the Apostles evangelize the world, *beginning at Jerusalem*. This, because of the men who projected our plea and saw the necessity for more unified action in this, our Jerusalem. Let us take America for Christ. I am a profound believer in the fact that it can be done, and in the front ranks of the army will be the Disciples. Let us grow in the grace of liberality. Many are growing weary of the old systems of dogmatic faiths. They want the gospel's Christ. They cannot reconcile the loving Christ therein, whom the common people heard gladly, with the theological Christ set forth by many of the creeds. Our few evangelists and ministers in the Maritime Provinces of Canada, New England States, and in the newer West, are demonstrating what our plea can accomplish when rightly presented. Let us rejoice in the giving and share in the rejoicing.

A. W. KOKENDOFFER.

"DRIVE AND GO FORWARD."

Is there anything yet to be said for Home Missions? That there is much to be done will not be doubted. Nearly fifty years have passed since the heroes of this restoration movement gathered in Cincinnati and inaugurated missions among us. We have suffered from non-expansion a great deal in the meantime. We did not find a thus saith the Lord for the formation of missionary organizations, "and besides such things would be attended with great expense. Men would go a long way to attend these conventions and at a great cost, whereas if they would use that means for righteousness instead of show and pleasure, many meetings might be held with the money wasted in attending these conventions." The individual plan was the divine plan in the minds of many. But it was only in theory that they had any plan at all: they did nothing. Well, that trouble is out of the way, or nearly so. Theoretically we are getting sound, but practically not more than one in ten is doing what God demands in respect of carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth. That is what we want now, that every church should contribute something on this Jubilee Year for the work of Home Missions. Blood will tell. The Anglo-Saxon race is the strong race of the earth. It now controls nearly one-third of the people of the whole earth. It has the enterprise, the intelligence and the freedom from superstition and narrowness, and the means necessary to the work of evangelizing the whole world. Hence it is to the strength of the cause in our own land we look for the ability to go to the ends of the earth with the claims of Christ. If Home Missions stop or are even crippled, our work will dry up at the fountain. We all believe

in Foreign Missions, but to maintain them, the work at home must be made stronger than ever. We must get the money to work with from the churches in America, and very largely the workers must come from the colleges of America. Well, then, all together for missions at home.—*D. R. Duncan.*

HOW TO TAKE THE OFFERING.

Write a personal letter to every member (enclosing envelope for offering) setting forth the urgent need. Then on the day set for the offering: Take the offering in the Sunday-school classes. Take the offering at the church service. Give the C. E. a chance in the evening. Call on the Juniors for their help. And then we have called for personal offerings in the evening when we did not get enough before.—*C. B. Osgood.*

Instruction, enthusiasm, system, are essential to the best offering. Let pastors and other leaders provide these. Leaders must do their duty and trust the people more. A collection taken simply to get money, makes people dread the return of our special days. An offering made intelligently and systematically makes giving more and more a joy.—*W. W. Sniff.*

"Laying aside many schemes that may be more or less effective, and now and then permissible, as a rule, I know of no more successful or manly way of raising missionary money than by properly dividing the congregation among a suitable number of good solicitors and securing personal pledges—say a month in advance. Then after the second Sunday from collection day, let these solicitors collect the subscriptions that remain unpaid. This assumes that the church has been well instructed in the matter just before the solicitors start out."—*I. A. Thayer.*

OUR FIRST DUTY.

Brothron: We, who teach the gospel in its simplicity and purity, who seek not only to save sinners, but unite God's people, who believe in the sufficiency of God's word, and that it is the medium of operation of the Holy Spirit in conversion, who believe that "faith apart from works is dead," must be zealous and active in spreading the Gospel or by "our own words be condemned."

Our first duty is to our "own household," that we "may be one," so that when we go to all the nations, they may believe that our "one God and Father did send us."

Woe unto us if "we know the Lord's will and do not according to that will."

The Hebrew word *Jubilee*, means rejoicing. The year of Jubilee was the great year of rejoicing, when all captives were released, all slaves freed, all debts cancelled and every Jew returned to his patrimony. The Jubilee of the American Christian Missionary Society should be a Jubilant year, because its work is being recognized and its opportunities enlarged by a liberal Jubilee Offering.

We must do our work for God in our day and generation. "Work while it is called to-day, for soon the night cometh when no man can labor." God grant us a great victory over sin and selfishness in the Jubilee Offering for Home Missions. Let us remember it is a double offering for Home Mission and Negro Evangelization, and let it be double in every grand purpose and effort.

THE JUBILEE OFFERING.

The secretaries of the Home Board report more than 2,100 churches pledged to take the Jubilee offering for home missions in this our Jubilee year.

We regard the redemption of our home mission work as the most important work now before our people.

This is the fiftieth anniversary of the American Christian Missionary Society, and this should be the year for bringing this work to the front.

When we remember that every dollar placed in home missions draws three or four other dollars into the same work; when we know that every five dollars spent in home missions will bring a soul into the kingdom of Christ; when we know that \$300 will keep a home missionary at work all the year, we can understand that this is only true in America and only true of our plea.

America is the ripest field in the world for the plea of the Disciples of Christ; this is the basis of all our work in the world; the churches organized by the American Christian Missionary Society help all our missionary work, we will grow to be a great missionary people as our work in America is made strong; as America goes with our people so goes the world.

The law of self-preservation pleads for home missions. Thousands of our people have gone west and south-west from the states where we are strong; our own brethren and sisters plead with us to help them establish the church of the New Testament in their new homes. We should assist them through our Home Board in providing for the preaching of the pure gospel. Let us help the General Society set up the banners of the New Testament church throughout the south and west (and the Maritime Provinces), or we shall lose thousands of our own flesh and blood.—*Guide.*

PRIMITIVE CHRISTIANITY IN HOME MISSIONS.

The Reformation Disciples ought to have great zeal for Home Missions. We have the desire in common with all professed Christians to see the world converted. But we believe that one prerequisite is the union of Christians. Jesus prayed that believers might be one "that the world may believe." Our "distinctive plea" is that Christians should abandon all sectional or denominational pleas and be only Christians Home Missions then, with us, must mean the pushing of our union plea among professed Christians. Any community in which primitive or New Testament Christianity is not represented, is to us a "destitute field," no matter how many churches may be there. The Lord has laid on us the burden of planting the cause in all such places, as a part of our home mission work, in addition to the more general work of cultivating the waste places.—*Joseph Franklin.*

If our Home Mission work dies or pines, all other mission work falls to the ground. America is the base of supplies. Our large cities must receive our attention as never before. Give the Home Board \$100,000 and it will do well to begin this work at once.

Our Jubilee year will give us tremendous impetus in all matters pertaining to the larger growth of the church. Our Home Board is going to be stronger in the minds and hearts and offerings of the brotherhood.

NOT RIVALRY BUT HELP.

The urgent appeal for the Home Board of Mission is not rivalry to any other work being done among us, but rather help to every good cause among us. As the work of Home Missions is advanced among us every worthy cause will feel the impetus and the inspiration of that advance. Using Paul's figure, all mission work is one body; the eye of Foreign Missions cannot say to the hand of Home Missions, I have no need of thee; the head, the local church cannot say to the feet, missions, I have no need of you. When one member suffers, all the members should suffer, and have the same care one for another; if one member suffer all the members suffer with it.

That we should correct our neglect of Home Missions is the dictate of justice and wisdom; with America our base of supplies; with all our work depending upon America for support and with the ripest harvest field in all the world for our great plea right at our doors, every suggestion of prudence advises us to bring our Home Mission work to the front.

This equalization should not be by division, but by multiplication. Let the Home Board feel that its work is appreciated and that many are uniting in the great Jubilee offering to bring Home Missions to the front.—*Oracle.*

THREE THINGS.

Three things are apparent in the claims of the American Christian Missionary Society for our enlarged offerings this Jubilee year:

- 1st. The importance and permanency of the work already done.
- 2nd. The great possibilities.
- 3rd. The confidence of the best men among us in the careful and economical management of the Acting Board.

Any one of these considerations would be sufficient for enlarged giving; together they should act irresistibly to secure a gift from every friend and well wisher of the cause of simple New Testament Christianity.

This is the Jubilee year of our organized mission work. It is the American Christian Missionary Society that celebrates her Jubilee this year, and the offering the first Lord's day in May is the Jubilee offering of the Jubilee year.

Opportunity means duty. To the soldier, opportunity means duty gladly done. The opportunity is before the Disciples of Christ now. The great opportunity of compensating for our previous neglect of Home Missions and placing this great work where it belongs—in the front of all our great enterprises. Let duty and pleasure unite in making this a jubilant Jubilee Offering.

The church that is not enlarging its borders should look well to itself. The brotherhood that ceases to be missionary and evangelistic is not evangelical and loses its power with God and men. Our Home Mission work is the arm of the church reached out to gather into the fold the ripe sheaves that are ready for the reaper. Let us strengthen our reaper, the Home Mission work.

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

CORBURG STREET.

On Lord's day, April 2nd, the series of evangelistic meetings in the Coburg street Christian Church closed. Much good work appears to have been accomplished. There were 19 confessions, and the members seem to be revived and encouraged in the Christian work.

Minister Howard Murray preached an eloquent and instructive sermon on "Spiritual Growth." This sermon was to new converts. Four young persons were welcomed to the communion of the congregation through the right hand of fellowship which was extended to them by the pastor on behalf of the Church.

The Lord's Supper was then partaken of. After this a young man was baptized.

A very large audience was present in the evening to hear Evangelist Whiston's farewell sermon. The evangelist preached an able and eloquent sermon on "The Lament of the Obdurate." In an earnest manner he appealed to the unconverted to heed the call of mercy before it was too late. An impressive devotional service closed the exercises of the day. Many members expressed their pleasure at the success of the meeting.

On Tuesday evening (April 11) a social was held in the Sunday-school room for the purpose of getting acquainted with the new members, and at the same time to say farewell to Bro. Whiston. During the evening, a short but interesting programme was carried out, after which cake and coffee were served.

We shall miss Bro. Whiston very much. He has done a great deal to strengthen the church in this place. One member remarked, during the special meetings, that he studied the Bible now more than ever before. That is only one result of our good brother's work among us. Our prayers go with him that he may be abundantly blessed in his work elsewhere.

Evangelist Whiston will hold a meeting with the Central Church at Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Sister Carrie Payson, of Westport, N. S., worshipped with us on Lord's days April 16th and 23rd. Bro. Kendrick Outhouse, of Tiverton, was present at the social Tuesday evening.

Bro. H. Murray preached at Silver Falls on Wednesday evening, April 12, to a good audience.

Our readers will be glad to hear that our beloved pastor, H. W. Stewart, is feeling well and looking well. He is now in Hickory, North Carolina, and he is expected (D. V.) to be in St. John on June first. W. A. B.

MAIN STREET.

For one week we had the assistance of Evangelist Robert F. Whiston, and the interest manifested was most encouraging. Could he have spent a month with us there is little doubt but what there would have been a large ingathering. There were three confessions during the week, and another since.

At the last Sunday afternoon service a collection was taken for the Building Fund, and at the evening meeting one for the evangelist. Bro. Whiston proved himself a liberal giver as well as a devoted preacher. He contributed to the Building Fund half of what was given him for his services,—a strong proof of his faith and good will to the North End work.

We are very sorry not to report Bro. Arthur Armstrong convalescent. He has been suffering greatly, and is still quite sick and very weak.

We have lost another of our active, whole-hearted workers. Sister Venie Frizzell has removed to Boston, and her place in the work is

hard to fill. She was a willing, helpful member, doing with her might what her hands found to do, without needing constant urging and persuasion. Her absence is especially noticeable as organist and Sunday-school teacher.

Bro. and Sister Torsay, with their three children, also leave for Boston this month, and expect to make that their home.

At the business meeting of the Endeavor Society Sister Maggie Roberts was elected secretary in place of Sister Frizzell.

The plans for the new building are being altered, and we expect that soon after this is read, work on the foundation will be commenced. A.

SILVER FALLS, N. B.

Bro. Howard Murray, acting minister of the Coburg Street Christian Church, preached on Lord's day afternoon, March 16th, and also on Wednesday evening, April 13th. Evangelist Whiston preached on Monday evening, April 16th. There was a good attendance, and the members were all delighted and benefitted in listening to their very excellent discourses. W. A. B.

MASCARENE, N. B.

Our little band of workers have been standing faithfully by their work here during the winter months, and as a result have seen their working force nearly doubled during the past five months.

Early in March a young lady sent for me to come and see her, and expressed a desire to be buried with her Lord in Christian baptism. She being an invalid, a portable bath-tub was secured, and she was baptized in her sick room. She then told me that her father and mother had promised her that they too would obey the gospel. And on April 1st, as a result of Bessie Leland's example and influence, together with a few special meetings held about that time, we met at the water to bury with their Lord Bessie's parents and five other young people, four of whom were young men.

The little church, which only numbered eleven members when I came here, now has twenty, and is in many respects a model church. The members, so far as is practicable, all attend every meeting, and all take part in the social or prayer services. They have a good working Sunday-school and a fine working Union Christian Endeavor Society, and their meetings do not depend on the presence of a preacher, or the condition of the roads or weather, but are constant in season and out of season. R. E. STEVENS.

LETETE, N. B.

We have been preaching here nightly for two weeks with a good attendance and an increasingly deepening interest in our meetings. We usually spend fifteen or twenty minutes before the sermon in prayer and social service, and our meetings have been largely participated in. We have not been cheered yet by seeing sinners turning to the Lord, but realize that much sowing is necessary in order to reap an abundant harvest. Brother Matthews, our senior elder, has been confined to his house with a grippe and not able to attend many of our meetings. R. E. STEVENS.

BACK, BAY, N. B.

Our meetings continue to be interesting at this point, although since I have been holding special meetings in Mascarene and Letete during the past four weeks, I have not been able to give it so much time or attention as heretofore. Last Sunday night we had a large local attendance and on Thursday evening a very good prayer-meeting. R. E. STEVENS.

HANTS COUNTY.

The April number of THE CHRISTIAN, with its usual measure of good reading from editor and contributors has come to hand. We, however, miss the letter from the South, as we only consented to Bro. Stewart's absence on condition of a good letter each month from his interesting pen until his return.

The best news I can report from this part is the prospect of the near coming of spring. There is a good deal of gladness in at least one cold heart, that winter is so nearly "over and gone." O, but it was cold for several weeks! Then we had bad roads and a superabundance of stormy Lord's days. Indeed, for some months, we learned to look for storm on that day and were seldom disappointed. Now it is changing from cold and snowdrifts to sunshine and mud; but pleasing hope helps us to look forward to the coming of summer which will bless us with its flowers and fruit.

La Grippe has been making its annual tour through our county; there has been much sickness and several deaths, chiefly among the aged. We have much reason for gratitude that our churches have suffered so little. The yearly exodus for the States has set in and we will lose a good many members or attendants from our churches for the summer, if not longer. But an opposite tide will bring others home to fill their places and encourage us, for a while at least. We are looking for some revival of business soon. Mines are opening up and preparation is being made for the summer work on the Midland Railway, which will be vigorously pushed forward toward completion.

We have taken our collections for foreign missions, and have received much more than any previous year. But we have done nothing yet this year for the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick work. This will receive attention as soon as practicable.

Bro. B. Vaughan has sold his fine farm in Newport and purchased a few acres of land near Windsor, on which he intends to erect a comfortable residence and remove there in the near future. Over thirty years ago he bought a nearly run-out farm, and by industry and good management, has succeeded in making it one of the most productive and remunerative places in that community. There is a lesson in this case which ought to be studied by some of our young men who are leaving better opportunities and going to other countries, believing they cannot succeed here. While we can hardly consent to Bro. Vaughan locating so far from the Newport church, we will hope that the Lord's hand is in it. Windsor is our County seat. No effort has ever been made by the Disciples to even get a hearing there. As there are a few brethren moving into the town, or near it, the Lord may before long have a work for them to do.

Our County meeting will be held, the Lord willing, with the Newport church, commencing Saturday, June 25th at 2 p. m., and closing Monday. Preachers are expected to be with us, and measures will be considered for the advancement of the good work in our county. We look for a good attendance from all the churches in the county. H. WALLACE.

West Gore, April 14, 1899.

HALIFAX, N. S.

The church in Halifax sent eighteen dollars to F. M. Rains for foreign missions, and will do still better for the May Offering. These are our opportunities to express our appreciation for the help that has come to us in the past and our gratitude to God for his many blessings. I have no doubt but an expression of gratitude in dollars,

I need not add the cents, will be more acceptable to God than many prayers without the dollars.

All being well Mrs. Ford and I leave next Monday, the 17th, for Cornwallis to spend a few days with our friends there. This will be a pleasant outing for us, after which we return to the city and go to housekeeping. Our new home will be close by the meeting house, on the corner of North and Maynard streets. We will always be at home to our friends who may visit the city.

We have nothing especially new to report this month. Our work goes quietly along and we are working as best we can, and trusting God for results.

I made my regular visit to Elmsdale the first Monday in this month and preached to a fair congregation, considering the scattered condition of the brethren and the very bad roads.

Our good sister, Mrs. Neil, has been very low indeed, but it is now hoped that she is some better. Many prayers have been offered for the restoration to health of this dear sister. She is so useful and loves the cause so much that the friends cannot bear the thought of her being taken from them. May the God and Saviour whom she serves be pleased to restore her to her family and the church, is our earnest prayer.

E. C. FORD.

Halifax, April 14, 1899.

WESTPORT AND TIVERTON, N. S.

The writer of these items has decided to close his labors with these churches the first of May, at the close of his third year's work. He has enjoyed the work with them very much, and has formed many pleasant associations. During his ministry here he has had the privilege of baptizing twenty-four believers into Christ. He performed ten marriage ceremonies and had charge of twenty funeral services. He preached 402 sermons, and made 2,640 pastoral calls. He served the two churches jointly, preaching at each place every alternate Sunday. Elder Devoe assisted two weeks in a meeting in Tiverton a year ago. Last winter Elder Stevenson held meetings five weeks for us, and his labors were very much appreciated by every one. Both church houses were repaired and money raised toward paying the indebtedness. The church in Tiverton had the happy privilege of entertaining the annual meeting last summer, which was very pleasant and profitable to the church.

The writer expects to assume charge of a field in eastern Pennsylvania the third Sunday in May. His companion and himself are very thankful for courtesies extended to them during three years' stay in Nova Scotia, and are glad for this opportunity of becoming acquainted with the brethren in the Maritime Provinces.

J. W. BOLTON.

The church in Tiverton is still moving along in its usual way. We have started a young people's meeting on Thursday evening, which is a new feature here. We formerly had a Society of Christian Endeavor. Bro. Bolton preached his farewell sermon last night (23rd) from Acts, xx. 42. He is going to Pennsylvania to labor with the brethren at two different points, viz., Sweet Valley and Hantsville, situated some ten miles apart. We were very sorry to part with him as he was very much liked by all the people of Tiverton. We feel that his place will not be easily filled, he has been a very faithful pastor. We trust that blessings may follow him wherever he may go.

KENTRICK OUTHOUSE.

MILTON, N. S.

The work here is, in every sense of the word, gratifying. We rejoice in being able to announce that the condition of our church, in her several departments, is promising. Generally speaking, a commendable amount of interest and activity are being exhibited among our people in this community. Everything evidences that the members of Milton congregation are not behind in discharging the obligations devolving upon them as a Christian brotherhood, both as to home and foreign relations.

The contribution we were able to give toward the foreign missionary fund is to us a special source of delight and encouragement. Our assessment was twenty dollars, or three dollars more than any sum donated by us for the same purpose during previous years. But we exceeded both our apportionment and expectation by collecting an offering of fifty-six dollars.

During the recent past our church building has undergone extensive remodeling. The old plastered ceiling was replaced by one of nicely finished hardwood, the beautifully polished appearance of which fully justifies the innovation. The antiquated, straight-backed pews also suffered a change for the better. Relined with first class hardwood sheathing, so made that a reasonable degree of curvature accommodates a comfortable sitting posture, they are a decided improvement over their predecessors. As a result our chapel looks more modern. "Old things are passed away; behold! all things are become new."

The Bethany reading course has found some earnest students among us. Appreciating the usefulness of a knowledge of its several subjects, our young people have set apart Friday evening of each week for class study. Thus far, many have taken the regular examinations.

Our meetings are admirably attended—Lord's day morning and evening, Sunday-school, Y. P. S. C. E. on Wednesday evening, and regular Saturday evening prayer service.

W. ALEX. McCAFFREY.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

As no news from this church has appeared in THE CHRISTIAN for a long time, perhaps a few items just now would not be out of place.

While the winter was passing away the brethren and sisters have not been idle, ways and means were being devised to repair our church. Not only did it need repairs but it was out of date in style of architecture. So we decided to make some very important additions, which when completed, will be a church building of which we all will be proud.

The contract has been let and considerable of work done, and we hope to have it all completed before the annual meeting, which will be held here the second Lord's day in July. We shall endeavor to give a description of repairs and additions in the June number of THE CHRISTIAN.

The financial burden is a heavy one but we have undertaken it with a good will, and we trust that success will attend our efforts: Although the contractors' bill is a large one and must be met promptly, yet we did not forget to make a good contribution to foreign missions the first Lord's day in March.

G. A. JEFFREY.

April 17th, 1899.

EAST POINT, P. E. I.

The work at this place is progressing very favorably. The weather was exceedingly fine, and the meetings on both Sundays were well attended. Our hearts were all made glad on the last Sunday morning of our meeting to see three come out on the Lord's side. Two middle-aged men came

back to renew their vows, and one young man came out to make the good confession. The Lord bless them and keep them. A. N. S.

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

The interest seems to be increasing at this point. There are still some vacant seats waiting patiently for occupancy. Come, brethren, and fill up your pews. The Lord gives you six days to work for yourself, and he wants you to give him at least two hours every first day of the week. Where shall we stand in judgment? A. N. S.

RAT PORTAGE, ONTARIO.

Bro. George W. Fullerton, whose labor for the cause of Christ in Pictou and the Maritime Provinces generally is well known to the brethren in these provinces is continuing, his good work in Rat Portage, Ontario, whither he went last summer to reside.

He has at present the help of Evangelist Hester and Singer Givens. The services are being held in the church just vacated by the Presbyterians. Bro. Hester is discussing such subjects as "The Beginning of the Church," "Christian Union," "The Bible, What it is and How to read it," "Religious Prejudices," "Opening the Will," and other subjects which would appear to be very appropriate in new fields.

Rat Portage is a town of between six and seven thousand inhabitants, and is growing quite rapidly. It would appear to be a good field for our people. The present is undoubtedly an opportune time for starting the work, as the town is apparently yet in its infancy.

Rat Portage is between 180 and 200 miles from the Christian colony being formed near Rainy River, and is the largest town of Rainy River district. It is important, therefore, that we should have a church established there. We would ask our brethren to pray for this good work. Brother Fullerton, whose lot seems to be cast in difficult places, began this work single handed. We hope soon, however, to see him surrounded with a band of faithful fellow disciples.

We have received no Church News this month from—

Nauwigewauk, N. B.
Burt's Corner, N. B.
Summerville, N. S.
Woodville, N. S.
Pictou, N. S.
Shubenacadie, N. S.
Cornwallis, N. S.
South Range, N. S.
Kempt, N. S.
Southville, N. S.
Gulliver's Cove, N. S.
Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Montague, P. E. I.
New Glasgow, P. E. I.
Fredericton, P. E. I.

A few items from each of the above, in addition to the monthly contributions, would make the June issue of THE CHRISTIAN an interesting one.

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JAS. W. KENNEDY, Southport, P. E. I.
MAJOR LINKLETTER, Summerside, P. E. I.
ROBT. DEWAR, New Perth, P. E. I.
GEO. MANFOLD, Charlottetown, P. E. I.
J. F. BAKER, North Lake, P. E. I.
PETER A. DEWAR, Montague, P. E. I.
KENDRICK OUTHOUSE, Tiverton & Freeport, N. S.
GEORGE BOWERS, Westport, N. S.
D. F. LAMBERT, Lord's Cove, Deer Island, N. B.
MRS. C. D. CONLEY, Jr., Leonardville, Deer Island, N. B.
JOHN W. WALLACE, Shubenacadie,
ISRAEL C. CUSHING, Kempt, N. S.
W. J. MESSERVEY, Halifax, N. S.
STEPHEN WAGNOR, Riverdale, Digby Co.
GRACE WILSON, Burt's Corner, York Co., N. B.
W. R. WENTWORTH, LaTete, N. B.
W. T. JELLEY, St. Thomas, Ont.

More names will be added as they are appointed