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THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Halifax, August 8-11.

The annual meeting of the Disciples of Christ, which was held in Halifax, August 8-11, was one of the best in recent years, and one, we think, that will have a good influence over our churches for years to come. It is not necessary to here write anything concerning the hearty manner in which the Halifax church welcomed the delegates, nor the hospitality they lavished upon them during their stay. We do not know that any convention was ever made to feel more thoroughly at home; and how the small band in Halifax did it, no man knows to this day, unless he lives in that city. It may be that the women could tell.

As near as we can judge about one hundred delegates were in attendance, the greater number of whom came from the Nova Scotia churches, though New Brunswick was well represented, and P. E. Island had some in attendance. The preachers present were M. B. Ryan, of Penn.; R. W. Stevenson, of New York State; U. G. Miller, of Charlottetown, besides H. Murray, Wm. Murray, E. O. Ford, H. A. Devoe, H. E. Cooke, G. D. Weaver, W. F. Shaw, and T. H. Blenus. There were other workers present who are as worthy of mention, but there were so many of them, and our space is so limited, that we cannot name each now. Their names are in the Lamb's book of life, and on the great day when all shall be rewarded according to what they have done, their labors shall receive a well deserved recognition. It is pleasing to see that many who are not preachers take an active part in the deliberations of the convention.

The first meeting was held on Thursday,

at 8 p. m.; and the first hymn sung was "I will sing of my Redeemer," etc. Bro. Cooke read the 67th Psalm, Bro. W. Murray offered an earnest prayer. Then we sang "Work, for the night is coming," etc. Bro. W. F. Shaw, the consecrated, enthusiastic pastor, spoke words of welcome for the church, and handed the meeting over to the chairman of the convention, Bro. E. O. Ford. Bro. U. G. Miller, of Charlottetown, then preached an earnest sermon from the words, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke xix. 10. Having sung "We are living, we are dwelling in a grand and awful time," etc., the first meeting was dismissed.

FRIDAY.

On Friday morning, commencing at nine o'clock, a devotional meeting of one hour's duration was conducted by Bro. H. E. Cooke, Westport. It was pleasing to see the promptness with which those present took part. The meeting was excellent because they made it so.

The first business session was announced to open at 10 o'clock, and promptly at that hour Bro. E. O. Ford took the chair. Having made a few remarks about the year's work, and the purpose for which they had met, he said the time had come for them to select the officers for the year. Bro. Ford was, without a dissenting voice, asked to keep the position which he has filled with such evident satisfaction for about twenty years. In the absence of Bro. J. E. Barnes, whose presence and wise counsel were greatly missed, Geo. F. Barnes was chosen secretary, *pro tem*.

Believing that the reading people have as much interest in the proceedings of religious meetings as in many other things that get into the papers, the following press correspondents were appointed: M. B. Ryan, for *Acadian Recorder*; W. A. Barnes, for the *Chronicle*, and H. W. Stewart for the *Mail*. The *St. John Sun* sent Bro. Edwin Stockford as its special correspondent.

Letters from the churches were called for and read. It is to be regretted that some churches did not report, and consequently the statistics are incomplete and unsatisfactory. Nearly all the letters spoke in a hopeful tone, and many of them showed that a good year's work had been done.

Among the churches that have not reported are Back Bay, Newport, River John and Gulliver's Cove. We know that some of them could have reported additions, also money raised for missions. The brethren in Pictou also gave liberally to home missions. The mission school in St. John has an average attendance of about 130. It gives quarterly to missions.

The following tabulated statement will give some of the most important items in these letters:

Church.	Members.	Added.		Lost.	Sunday School.		Raised for Missions.	
		Baptism.	Other.		Scholars.	Teachers.	Home.	Foreign.
Halifax,	76	6	3	3	70	\$347 00	\$20 00	
West Gore,	100	6	2	4	72	25 00	12 00	
Shubenacadie,	80	2	2	2	5	5 85	5 15	
Rawdon,	39	9	1	1	120	15 00	8 75	
Corwallis,	92	1	1	3	23	80 00	43 00	
Milton,	192	1	1	1	35	6 00	9 00	
Keup,	72	7	1	1	50	23 88	11 84	
Summerville,	59	1	1	1	60	16 00	2 00	
Westport,	63	1	1	1	45	6 00	8 00	
Tiverton,	150	5	1	1	180	14 50	249 00	
South Range,	40	1	5	1	80	1 50	149 00	
Southville,	44	30	1	2	65	68 78	39 69	
St. John,	403	82	1	1	61	36 40	102	
Silver Falls,	21	8	1	1	861	\$1,088 06	\$334 40	
Lord's Cove,	172	1	1	1	125	18	17	
Leonardville,	180	1	1	1	9	9	9	
Burr's Corner,	84	1	1	1	1893	1893	1893	
Letete,	46	16	1	1	125	18	17	
Total reported,	1893	125	9	17	861	\$1,088 06	\$334 40	

The report of the Home Mission Board was next given to the meeting, the details being omitted. It is worthy of careful study. It demonstrates in a very striking way that we are making progress in these provinces, and it indicates what we can do in the future, if we decide to throw ourselves more heartily into home mission work. But here is the report. Please study it till you thrill with new inspirations:

HOME MISSION REPORT.

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

DEAR BRETHREN—Your Home Mission Board respectfully submit their report for the eleven months ending July 31st, 1895.

We are glad to report a large increase in receipts, and that nearly all our churches have contributed this year; also that the number of Sunday-schools and Y. P. S. C. E. taking a collection for home missions are on the increase.

Two churches and one Sunday-school have been re-organized. Four preachers have been employed 705 days; they preached 845 sermons at 14 places; collected \$718.48. There were 77 added to the churches.

A beginning has been made at Pictou. The work done has been of a permanent nature, and will bear much good fruit in the years to come.

Attached, are statements showing the details of the fund and the work for the past eleven months; also amounts contributed by each place during that time and the preceding year.

In addition to the grant for Halifax, the G. C. M. C. of the United States, have granted \$250 00 a year (if their funds will allow it) for the support of a preacher in Pictou. In consideration of this, we would urge all our churches to take up a collection in May next for their fund, and thus show that we appreciate what they are doing for us, and that we are in full accord with them in their grand missionary work.

We desire to express our entire satisfaction with Bro. W. F. Shaw and his work in Halifax. We are extremely sorry he has to leave. As a faithful, earnest and wise pastor, we commend him to all. We pray that blessings may attend him wherever he may labor.

In regard to the work for next year, we ask the meeting to carefully consider the following: The employment of a general evangelist; the amounts to be granted to Halifax and Pictou; other necessary work that may arise; and most important of all—how can we induce our membership to give more liberally in order that our work may be more successfully carried on.

Thanking the Lord for his goodness during the past year, we pray for wisdom, courage and strength to establish His cause in every village and town in these provinces, and that great numbers may be added to saved.

C. H. LEONARD, *Chairman.*
GEO. F. BARNES, *Treasurer.*
J. S. FLAGLOR, *Secretary.*

St. John, N. B., July 31st, 1895.

REPORT OF TREASURER

for eleven months ending July 31st, 1895:

Balance on hand August 31st, 1894, . . . \$185 01
Cash received from Secretary, . . . 1,213 42

Total receipts, . . . \$1,349 33

Expenses.

Paid E. C. Ford, salary and expenses, Pictou, . . . \$65 00
" G. D. Weaver, salary, and expenses, Pictou, . . . 145 00
" W. F. Shaw, salary Halifax, 525 00
" T. H. Blenus, salary, Halifax, 12 50
" do. 6 mos. in N. B., 438 45
" do. 2 mos. in N. S., 148 02
" do. expenses to St. John, . . . 10 00
" Secretary for postage, 4 60
\$1,319 47

Place.	1894.	1895.
Milton,	\$117 83	\$ 71 77
do Sunday-school,		1 38
Halifax do	14 25	20 80
do Y. P. S. C. E.,		4 34
do	217 50	208 75
Cornwallis,	18 75	15 00
Westport,	41 70	15 72
do Sunday-school,		4 28
Tiverton,	16 75	12 15
do Sunday-school,		2 00
Southville,	15 28	14 50
Kempt,	35 00	
do Women's Aux.,		4 00
South Range,	34 00	6 00
Summerville,	17 25	8 00
do Mission Band,	2 00	2 00
Shubenacadie,		5 85
Newport,		21 00
West Gore,		25 00
Pictou,		105 00
Nova Scotia Individuals,	12 75	12 50
United States do	2 50	2 50
St. John do		11 00
do Mission Band,	89 53	54 45
do Sunday-school,	74 28	46 67
do Portl'd Sundaf-School,		17 95
do Women's Aid,		70 00
do Y. P. S. C. E.,		9 00
Fredericton,		5 00

Nauwigawauk,		3 25
Keswick,	26 50	32 09
do Sewing Circle,		7 00
Letete,		36 40
Leonardville,		66 01
do Sunday-school,		2 72
Lord's Cove,	30 44	149 00
Annual Meeting Collection,	61 25	34 24
Profits from CHRISTIAN,		50 00
	\$719 30	\$1,213 42

Examined the enclosed statement and found correct.

D. A. MORRISON,
J. M. FORD.

August 9th, 1895.

Place.	Preacher.	Days.	Sermons.	Collected.	Cest.	Baptized.	Other.	Total Added.
Pictou,	E. C. Ford,	85	19	\$ 35 00	\$ 65 00			
do do	G. D. Weaver,	107	30	70 00	145 00			
Halifax,	T. H. Blenus,	8	2	6 25	12 50			
do do	W. F. Shaw,	319	93	288 14	525 00	7	2	9
Deer Island,	T. H. Blenus,	100	123	187 31	274 73	21	16	37
Letete,	do	10	13	31 00	35 50		27	27
Keswick,	do	24	25	32 69	75 21	2		2
Fredericton,	do	3	2	5 00	19 68			
Portland,	do	1	1		16 67			
Silver Falls,	do	1	1					
Newport,	do	13	10	11 00			1	2
West Gore,	do	4	6	15 00	72 41			
Shubenacadie,	do	7	9	1 85				
Nine Mile River,	do	3	3	80 22	76 51			
Milton,	do	31	8					
		661	345	\$713 46	\$1318 21		45	77

This report was audited by D. A. Morrison and J. M. Ford and found correct. Bro. W. A. Barnes spoke in hearty appreciation of the work that the Home Mission Board is doing; and Bro. G. F. Barnes and Bro. H. A. Devore bore testimony to the faithful manner in which the secretary of the board, Bro. J. S. Flaglor, performed his duties. The meeting agreed with them that no person better qualified for the office could be found, no one who would take a greater interest in the work. It was moved by Bro. H. Murray and seconded by Bro. H. Carson, that the present Home Mission Board, consisting of C. H. Leonard, Geo. F. Barnes and J. S. Flaglor, be continued; and to this everyone agreed.

The following is the report of the financial manager of THE CHRISTIAN, Bro. J. E. Edwards:

FINANCIAL MANAGER'S REPORT.

Twelfth annual report of the financial manager of THE CHRISTIAN to the Home Mission Board of the Disciples of Christ of N. B. and N. S., convened at Halifax, N. S., for eleven months ending July 31, 1895:

Receipts.

For subscriptions,	\$273 28
" advertisements,	9 00
Balance from last report,	104 94
	\$447 22

Expenditure.

For publishing,	\$221 50
" postage for all purposes,	11 67
" P. E. I. Mission Fund,	54 75
" N. B. & N. S. Mission Board,	50 00
	\$337 92

Balance on hand, \$109 30

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. EDWARDS,
Financial Manager.

It will be noticed that the paper was a financial success during the year, as the balance on hand shows. Many spoke of the value of the paper in our work. It is a medium of communication between our churches that has become almost indispensable; and its claims should be presented to the brotherhood with a greater frequency and urgency than has yet been done. It was the desire of the meeting that the name of an office editor appear on the first page. And a glance there will show you that this wish has been complied with.

The afternoon session was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the chairman. The committee on resolutions—T. H. Blenus, H. Murray, J. S. Flaglor, George F. Barnes and R. W. Stevenson—which had been appointed in the morning, submitted the following report:

Resolved, 1.—We hereby express our great sorrow as well as the loss we sustain in the death of Sister J. A. Gates, and Elder George Leonard, who have passed away. They were both closely identified with the advance of the Master's cause in these provinces, of which they were among the most faithful and liberal supporters, and we express our deep sympathy with the families and churches of the deceased.

2.—Bro. W. F. Shaw having felt compelled to resign his work with the church at Halifax, we desire to express our high appreciation of his labors, and extend to him our best wishes for his future success, and commend him to the brotherhood as a faithful servant of Christ.

3.—We hereby desire to express our thanks for the excellent work of THE CHRISTIAN in presenting our plea, and so efficiently promulgating the grand principles held by the Disciples of Christ in these provinces, and desire to manifest our appreciation of Bro. Donald Crawford, its efficient and highly esteemed editor.

4.—That we extend our thanks to the brothers and sisters of the Halifax church; also to the kind friends who have spared no effort in entertaining this convention.

5.—That we extend our greetings to our sister convention of Ontario in June, and also to the General Convention at Dallas, Texas, in October.

6.—That in consideration of the support being given by our General Christian Missionary Convention to the churches at Halifax and Pictou, we earnestly recommend that the churches take up a collection for this work on the first Lord's day in May.

7.—That we request the Sunday-schools to take up a quarterly collection for our Home Mission work.

8.—Recognizing the demands and responsibility upon us as a religious body, to present to our fellowmen in these provinces the simple plea of the gospel, untrammelled by human creeds and con-

essions of faith, we would recommend that all who are in sympathy with this work, as at present conducted, should not relax their efforts in this direction, so that the Board may not only have their sympathy but financial assistance.

9—That this Convention appoint a committee to confer with the P. E. I. brethren, looking to an amalgamation of that province with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in all our efforts in connection with the extension of the work in spreading the gospel in these provinces.

The names of Bros. A. D. M. Boyne, of St. John, and A. J. Ford, of Milton, were added to those in the resolution on obituaries. Bro. Wm. Murray offered up a touching prayer for the families of the departed ones.

There was very evident regret that Bro. W. F. Shaw, who has served the Halifax church so faithfully, feels compelled to return to the United States. We need more men with his consecrated earnestness. He and his wife have greatly endeared themselves to the church in Halifax, and to the members of the other churches that have met them.

The secretary was requested to send greetings to the Ontario brethren when they meet in convention in June, also to the General Convention to be held in Dallas, Texas.

In considering the resolution concerning THE CHRISTIAN, the need of scattering more of our literature was emphasized. Tracts setting forth our position should be plentifully used. And more articles on the first principles of the gospel would tend to make THE CHRISTIAN more useful. It is the only preacher that finds its way into the homes of some of our isolated brethren, and it is the cheapest preacher we have in the provinces.

We are glad the resolution concerning quarterly collections in the Sunday-schools was introduced. The schools can greatly assist in the prosecution of home mission work. We trust that every school will take these collections. It will be good for the school and good for the cause of Christ.

From the heartiness with which the resolution concerning the sympathy and financial support that should be given the Home Mission Board was passed, we may reasonably anticipate an enlarged work during this year. We most earnestly hope that this resolution may result in great good. As \$300 were voted to Halifax and \$240 to Pictou, it will be seen that if we are going to have an evangelist in the field, the Home Mission Board must receive the money from the churches with which to do it.

The convention seemed to be in full sympathy with the resolution concerning union with the P. E. Island churches, and we believe this is a consummation devoutly to be wished. The resolution does not contemplate the abandonment of the Island Association. The union will not affect it; and if it can be brought about we believe we shall see the truth of the old saying, "In union there is strength." The following committee was appointed to confer with the Island churches: C. H. Leonard, George F. Barnes, Jas. S. Flaglor, and H. W. Stewart.

(The resolution thanking the Halifax brethren for their bountiful hospitality was passed at the "farewell meeting" on Sunday evening).

After these resolutions had received the approval of the convention, business was suspended; and Bro. M. B. Ryan preached one of the clearest, kindest, most forcible and most needed sermons that we have heard for some years. His text was Jude 3, and his subject, "Contending for the Faith."

Bro. W. Murray conducted the devotional exercises in the evening. He wanted many to participate, and a goodly number did. He said, in closing the meeting, that we had had a lot of beautiful little sermons. What he wanted was that many should express one thought in a few words.

Following this excellent meeting we had what has come to be regarded as the distinctively home mission meeting. Its prime object is to increase sympathy with and interest in that department of missionary activity. H. W. Stewart sought to show the importance of planting churches in the growing towns of the provinces. These places need "our plea." T. H. Blenus, who has been working as evangelist with us for about eight months, told of some of the difficulties in the way, and the need of greater earnestness and enlarged liberality. H. Murray, who can be the most hopeful man among many, was glad. He told us so in words, but his cheerful face conveyed the message before he spoke. He was glad we had done so well, glad that the churches were being aroused, glad that the contributions had increased, and glad because he thought we were going on to do better things. E. C. Ford and G. D. Weaver told of the work they had done in Pictou, and of the outlook there. J. S. Flaglor made the shortest and most encouraging speech of the evening. His figures showed that Bro. Murray had good ground for his rejoicing. The collection at this meeting for home missions amounted to \$44.00, and we all rejoiced.

SATURDAY.

One of the best meetings for prayer and praise during the convention was that led on Saturday morning by Bro. H. A. Devoe. It was a good preparation for the business that was to follow.

The first matter to come before the meeting was the place of the next annual. The location was not decided upon, but the Home Mission Board and H. W. Stewart were appointed a committee to confer with the churches and select the place. The place will be named before long.

D. A. Morrison, H. Murray and E. C. Ford were entrusted with the work of preparing the programme for the next meeting. They are also to see about transportation rates.

It was decided that the date of meeting be the same as this year, viz., commencing the Thursday before the second Lord's day in August.

The meetings in the afternoon and evening were in the hands of the sisters. They were a little late in getting started, but they conducted their meetings admirably. They seemed to have their work all arranged and nothing was allowed to throw it into con-

fusion. Sister Annie Collie of Milton conducted the opening religious exercises, which were brief, but full of the spirit of devotion.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. J. S. Flaglor, Sister H. Beattie of Summerside was appointed to attend to the duties of that office during the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved, the report of the secretary was given to the meeting. It gave evidence of the deepening interest being felt in foreign missions. Here is the report, and it merits the careful study of the reader:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Maritime O. W. B. M.:

DEAR SISTERS—As I present this my annual report, I cannot tell of any rapid growth during the past year; but can report a steadily growing interest, and a larger amount collected for foreign missions than in any previous year. Although the number of societies has not grown as we would wish, yet the number of churches contributing is larger. We have now ten societies in the following churches: In Nova Scotia—Halifax, Milton, Cornwallis, Westport, Southville and Kempt. In New Brunswick—St. John and Lord's Cove. In P. E. Island—Tignish and East Point. In P. E. Island they have formed a young people's mission band instead of auxiliaries, believing that a better work could be accomplished in this way. The following churches and places have also assisted us in our work: in Nova Scotia—Shubenacadie, Maitland, Summerville and Lakeville. In New Brunswick—Leonardville, Letete, North End Sunday-school, St. John, and French Village. In P. E. Island—New Glasgow, East Point, Montague, Tryon, Eldon, Kildow, Kildare, Charlottetown and Summerside.

Your secretary sent greetings to the National Convention at Richmond, as directed, and received a reply which was published in THE CHRISTIAN; also sent greetings to the Ontario O. W. B. M. and a report of work done. The following resolution was passed at their meeting:

Resolved, That our sincere thanks be extended to the sisters of the Maritime Provinces for their kindly words of greeting, and their contribution of \$402.00 for the foreign work."

In July, greetings were sent to the P. E. Island convention, and the following reply received:

"Your greeting received, and being read to the convention thus convened at Charlottetown, met with a hearty approval. The convention wished me to reply, assuring you of our sympathy, and promising that we will do what we can to aid you in your noble work."

Several letters have been received from our missionary, Sister Rioch, which have been published in THE CHRISTIAN, thus telling us of her work which has been very successful and gratifying. The Ontario sisters, believing that the Lord is opening up the way for us, have decided to give \$420 00 this year to enlarge the work in Japan, to maintain the training school for Bible women, to keep a helper for Sister Rioch, and to extend the work whenever possible. This will mean an outlay of over \$1,000, including the salary of our missionary, and will call for renewed and continued efforts on our part to raise the amount, or our share of it.

It is with sadness that we mention the death of our beloved Sister Gates. She was one of the first and most faithful of our number, and will be greatly missed at all our meetings. May her memory ever be an inspiration to each one of us, helping us to live as she lived—close to the side of Christ; and to work as she worked—for the salvation of souls. We would like to thank all those who so nobly assisted this work in the past year, for the help they have given, and to ask that on account of the extra expenses of the work they endeavor to give as liberally as possible in the coming year, that our missionary's hands may not be tied for the want of means to carry on her work; and we want to ask those who have never assisted in this work, to do so now. Your help is needed! Will you not give it? Praying that the Lord will continue to bless our united efforts for the extension of His kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J. S. FLAGLOR, Secretary.

The Christian.

ST. JOHN, N. B., - - SEPTEMBER, 1895.

VISIT TO ST. JOHN.

On invitation we went to St. John on the 12th July and remained five Lord's days during Bro. Stewart's absence from the city. Our intercourse with the brethren in St. John has always been cordial and Christian since our first visit forty-five years ago, and this one has not been an exception.

In looking over that congregation a feeling of sadness was stirred when so many of those we remembered and loved were absent to meet no more on earth. But this feeling found the blessed hope of again meeting them in the place which Jesus has gone to prepare for his own redeemed family, where all sorrow—even death itself—shall be swallowed up in victory, and the joy of meeting him and them will be "a pleasure for evermore."

Our stay, as of old, was in the happy household of Bro. James E. Barnes. But O, there was one we missed! The sister, so dear to the members of the church—to the many friends who shared her cheerful hospitality—so especially dear to a devoted family—had gone—gone to be with Jesus.

It must have gladdened the heart of Sister Barnes to see her children, one after another, come into the church and take a leading part in its labors for Christ. There is much reason to hope that every member of the family will meet the loved one in the Father's kingdom. May the Lord grant it.

Bro. Barnes is enjoying good health and able to attend a quiet, honest and prospering business. He is still anxiously and hopefully engaged in the affair of the church of Christ. The Saviour is always true, and never more so than in these words: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." He wishes us to be careful and active about his affairs that he may, with other blessings, give us wisdom to successfully attend to our own. How happy to feel that we are suffering with Jesus and he is suffering with us.

The present outlook for the cause in St. John is very cheering. The church is growing in numbers, and, we trust, in usefulness. Bro. Stewart's labors are greatly blessed among them. He is held in high esteem by the church-members, and is well thought of by them that are without. When a church and a preacher have an affection for and a confidence in each other, and unitedly labor for God's glory, he waits to be gracious and to crown their labors with abundant blessing.

It was very encouraging to hear the brethren speak so highly of Bro. Stewart and his work. Bro. Capp, too, is not forgotten by the church. Many speak very tenderly of his zeal and success in increasing the membership and in bringing the church building to its present completion. A church is

highly favored which secures the labors of such men as Bros. Capp and Stewart. Both of them have, under God, done grand work in St. John.

A pleasing indication of success was the zeal with which the members attended the weekly prayer-meetings and their readiness to take part and make them interesting to all. The fact of more than one hundred attending one of these meetings in the hot season, when so many were from home and in the country in search of health and comfort, showed a commendable interest in the cause.

The church at Silver Falls meets regularly on Lord's days in their new and handsome building. They also hold a weekly prayer and social meeting in which old and young participate. These, with the Sunday-school, gives them Christian work and enjoyment. A preacher's visits and labors are highly appreciated.

The church in the city teach a large Sunday-school in their hired hall at the North End. Bro. Stewart also preaches there every Monday evening, and it may be that a church will be organized there in the near future.

May the Lord continue to prosper his cause still more abundantly in St. John, and guard and guide his people there and in all places, so that they always hear him say, "What I say unto you, I say unto all—*Watch!*"

D. C.

Annual Meeting—Concluded.

Sister D. A. Morrison of St. John, who is one of our most successful workers among children, and who, as superintendent of children's work, has a position of wide-reaching influence, presented her report of the past year's work. The young, as you will see, are being interested in the things of the kingdom. Let the report speak for itself:

CHILDREN'S WORK.*To the Maritime C. W. B. M.*

DEAR SISTERS,—A second year's report of our children's work shows increased interest and the blessing of God upon our efforts. Last year we numbered ten bands; two new ones have been organized since our last annual—one at Woodville, Digby Co., N. S., the other at St. John (North End). But while we have gained two we have also two losses to report. Owing to the absence of the leaders, the bands at Leonardville and Lord's Cove, Deer Island, have discontinued their meetings. We regret this much but hope to see the Leonardville band reorganized in the near future, as their leader writes me that she will attempt to do so.

While the enrolment of a number of the bands has dropped somewhat, I think, judging by the Treasurer's report, that the diligence and earnestness of our workers have not abated in the slightest.

The "O Gin San" band, Halifax, N. S., numbers thirty-seven, all active members. The amount collected during the year is \$6.01. This band is now working at sewing, from which they expect to raise money additional to their dues.

The "Cheerful Gleaners," East Rawdon, number eighteen, all young children. It is hardly a year since this band was organized, but in that time they have raised about \$6.50.

The "Golden Rule" band, West Gore, shows an enrolment of thirty-nine and an average attendance of twenty-four. They have raised since Sept. 1st, 1894, \$12.00. They have been trying a plan which it might be well for our other bands to imitate, that of "talent money" to be invested for the Lord. One of the most encouraging items in

the report of this band is that within the past few months four of their members have taken their stand for Jesus.

The Westport "Willing Workers" show an enrolment of thirty, with an average attendance of twenty-three. Collections during the year amounted to \$4. They have adopted a "birthday box" also.

The Milton "Daily Workers" show the large membership of fifty-four. They have the mite boxes as well as their regular band dues. During the year they held a children's concert, realizing \$7, and a mission band birthday party, at which each member contributed as many cents as she or he was years old, making \$3.39. These amounts, added to their dues, give us \$16.58 from the Milton band.

The "White Star" mission band, Summerville, Queens Co., N. S., numbers twenty-seven. Some of the members of this band have been trying the true plan of giving, that of earning what they give. They have contributed \$7 during the past year—two for home and five for foreign work.

The "Golden Circle" band, Kildare, P. E. I., numbers thirteen. This little band was organized in April, 1894, with nine members, and a faithful nine they have been. Now that their numbers have increased to thirteen I think they will prove to us that, in their case at least, thirteen is not the unlucky number. They have raised \$5 during the past year.

The "Busy Workers," Woodville, N. S., one of the recently organized bands, have held but four meetings. They have an enrolment of eleven members and have collected \$1. A marked feature in their report (and we trust it will continue so) is the fact that every member has been present at every meeting.

At St. John (North End) a band of about twenty-two was organized in May. They have some funds on hand but have not yet sent to the Treasurer. They propose holding a concert shortly.

The "Wide Awake" band, St. John, N. B., numbers about eighteen. They have also adopted the birthday box. Their dues during the year amounted to \$8.86, from mite boxes \$2.95, and the proceeds of a sale and entertainment \$14.15; total \$25.96.

Summing up we see that the Milton "Daily Workers" leads with a membership of fifty-four, followed by the "Golden Rule" band, West Gore, with thirty-nine. The largest average attendance, twenty-four, is claimed by the "Golden Rule" band, closely followed by the Westport "Willing Workers" with twenty-three. The largest amount raised for the year is by the "Wide Awake" band, St. John, N. B., \$25.96, and the Milton "Daily Workers" come second with \$16.58.

We have also been aided in our children's work by some outside the bands who have become interested in the support of O Gin San. At Maitland, Hants Co., three little brothers, children of Sister MacDougall, have raised \$1, and promise to continue working in the future. From Sister Crawford, New Glasgow, P. E. I., I received \$5, the gift of sixteen little ones of the New Glasgow church. Martha Morton, a member of the Coburg Street church, St. John, N. B., held a sale last fall and realized \$12, of which she gave \$6 to Home Missions and \$6 to our children's fund.

A word in conclusion to the parents of these little mission workers. You have seen what blessed results have attended the work of the children. It was with much anxiety and fear that we undertook the adoption of our little girl in Japan two years ago. Our numbers were small, but we felt that unity meant strength and definite work would awaken more interest, and so we started. Our Treasurer's report shows how nobly the children have worked and how abundantly God has blessed their efforts. But we must not leave the work for the children to do unaided. Remember that they need our help and our sympathy. We have a part in the children's work; there are many little things which we can do. The children need to be interested; they must be reminded constantly of the meetings; we can encourage them by our presence at their band meetings. We must remember that the children's mission bands are the auxiliaries of the future; and God will surely continue to bless our efforts as He has so abundantly done in the past.

Submitted in Christian love,

MRS. D. A. MORRISON,

Supt. Children's Work.

August, 1895.

It is said that "a good treasurer should have a warm love for figures" Sister Susie B. Ford certainly makes a good treasurer, and the report she was able to present must have made her a very happy one. As you will see by her report, the total amount received, including last year's balance, was \$402.94. And the balance on hand this year is \$76.07.

TREASURER'S REPORT—WOMAN'S WORK.

To the Sisters of the Maritime C. W. B. M.:

The Treasurer respectfully submits the following reports of all monies received and disbursed during the past year, from Sept. '94 to Aug. '95. Our woman's work has grown slowly but surely—beginning with less than \$100.00 the first year, and reaching nearly \$400.00 in this its fifth annual report. Our Children's Work has also grown during the two years of its existence, showing us what the children can do. New bands and new friends have enlisted in the work, but a few of those who helped last year were not heard from this. We gladly welcome the new friends, but cannot afford to lose our old ones. It is the faithful continuance in well doing that keeps our work advancing.

The receipts are as follows:

Cash Received.	
Balance on hand September 1st, 1894, ..	\$77 56
Cornwallis, N. S., Woman's Auxiliary, ..	8 79
Halifax, N. S., Woman's Auxiliary,	14 08
St. John, N. B., Woman's Auxiliary,	25 45
St. John Sunday School,	57 63
do. Individuals,	87 00
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Kempt, N. S., Woman's Auxiliary,	4 00
New Glasgow, P. E. I., Church,	55 50
Summersville, N. S., Y. P. S. C. E.,	1 00
Lord's Cove, N. B., Woman's Auxiliary, ..	20 00
Milton, N. S., Woman's Auxiliary, \$40.50	40 50
do. Sunday-school,	3 10
do. Concert,	5 02
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Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sunday-school, ..	7 00
Eldon, P. E. I., a sister,	2 00
Tryon, P. E. I., a sister,	2 00
Maitland, N. S., Frank McDougall,	1 00
do. Raymond McDougall,	1 00
do. Alexander McDougall,	1 00
East Point, P. E. I., sisters,	4 00
Westport, N. S., Woman's Auxiliary,	4 30
Newport, N. S., Young People,	3 00
Summerside, P. E. I., Y. P. S. C. E.,	3 00
Miscellaneous friends,	3 50
Annual collection at Milton, Sept. 04, ..	21 86
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Total amount received for year,	\$325 38
With balance on hand, Sept. 24, 1894, ..	402 94
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Total received from Nova Scotia,	\$ 77 44
" " New Brunswick, ..	140 08
" " P. E. Island,	73 50
Miscellaneous,	25 36
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Total,	\$325 38
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Cash Paid.	
Jan. To Miss Fleming, treasurer,	\$125 00
May. " " "	162 00
" " "	25 00
Orders and postage,	1 50
Mar. Secretary, for leaflets, ..	50
" " postage, etc.,	2 00
Treasurer, " "	78
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Total,	\$316 87
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Cash on hand,	\$76 07

SUSIE B. FORD,
Treasurer.

The financial report of the children's work was equally encouraging, as the following shows:

TREASURER'S REPORT—CHILDREN'S WORK

Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1894,	\$ 30 25
Halifax, N. S., O Gin San Band,	0 01
Westport, N. S., Willing Workers \$3.06,	3 06
Children's day 51 cents,	4 47
Lord's Cove, N. B., Little Workers, \$3,	3 00
Children's day \$2.00,	5 66
West Gore, N. S., Golden Rule Band, ..	12 00
Summersville, N. S., White Star Band	2 00
\$2.00, Children's day 34 cents,	2 00
Arthur Leslie \$1,	4 00
Kildare, P. E. I., Golden Circle Band, ..	3 00
East Rawdon, N. S., Cheerful Gleaners	5 15
Band,	5 00
Milton, N. S., Daily Workers,	5 00
St. John, N.B., Wide Awake Band, \$23 01	23 01
Portl'd Sunday-school, \$1 50, Mite	1 50
Boxes \$2.95, Miss M. Morton, \$6. ..	33 46
Maitland, N. S., Frank, Raymond and	2 00
Alexander MacDougall,	2 00
Woodville, N. S., Busy Workers,	1 00
New Glasgow, P. E. I., 10 little ones, ..	5 00
Miscellaneous, A friend,	2 50
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Total amount received for year,	\$100 48
With balance on hand Sept., 1894;	\$130 73
Total amount rec'd from N.S., \$ 50 86	50 86
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" " " P. E. I.,	8 00
Miscellaneous,	2 50
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Total,	\$100 48

Cash Paid.	
Feb. To Miss Rioch,	\$30 00
Aug. " "	30 00
For orders and postage,	70
Dec. Supt. for leaflets,	1 00
To Supt. for postage, etc.,	1 90
Treasurer for postage, etc.,	45
Total,	64 11
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Balance on hand August, 1895,	\$66 02

SUSIE B. FORD,
Treasurer.

These reports having been received, the meeting proceeded to the election of officers, and the following were re-appointed: President, Sister Carrie Payson. Vice-Presidents for Nova Scotia, Sisters H. L. Wallace and M. Freeman; for New Brunswick, Sisters E. Christie and L. Leonard. Secretary, Sister J. S. Flaglor. Treasurer, Sister S. B. Ford. Superintendent of Children's Work, Sister D. A. Morrison.

The Committee on Resolutions—Sisters Freeman, Lockwood and Holden—brought in their report, in which they recognized the loss the Church of Christ in these provinces had sustained in the death of Sister Gates; thanked the editors of THE CHRISTIAN for the space granted them; recommended that greeting be sent to the sisters in Ontario and to the C. W. B. M. when it meets in Dallas; expressed full confidence in Sister Rioch, whom they are helping to support in Japan. These resolutions were unanimously carried.

It was decided that in the future, as the money has to pass through the hands of the secretary of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, it be sent by the Maritime treasurer direct to Bro. A. McLean, instead of sending it to him through the Ontario sisters. But the amounts sent will be reported to the treasurer of the Ontario C. W. B. M.

As more money has been raised by the children than is needed to support the little Japanese girl whom they have adopted, it was decided to extend the work by adopting a child in India, which means an annual ex-

penditure of about \$25.00, and also by taking a ten dollar share in the new home that is being built there under the guidance of Sister Graybiel.

Sister Ethel McDougall of West Gore, read a splendid paper on "The Importance of Children's Work and How to Make it a Success." We hope in the near future to let our readers enjoy the reading of this paper. Following this came a very appropriate song by the Halifax Children's Band.

Having, in the afternoon, gotten through with the more strictly business part of their programme, the sisters devoted the evening to awakening a wider interest in the perishing millions in heathen lands. The introductory exercises were conducted by Sister J. M. Ford of Milton.

The President, Sister Carrie Payson, then read her address, in which there was a grateful recognition of God's favor in the past, and a desire for his continual guidance. The key-note was "Forward." The address is here given:

SISTERS AND FRIENDS,—We have gathered here to-night to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the Christian Women's Board of Missions of the Maritime Provinces.

Swift indeed has been the flight of time, but the speed of the years matters not, the question that concerns us is: Have they been profitably employed? Have we given ourselves without reserve to the great work of extending Christ's kingdom?

In the work of our beloved C. W. B. M. we can see many signs of promise. The society is growing in numbers and usefulness every year. The Lord has also wonderfully blessed the work of our missionary in Japan. Several have already learned to love the true God through her teaching. The children of our mission bands are doing a grand work. It has only been two years since they attempted systematic work for missions, but they have surprised many of the older ones. God has crowned and blessed the work done by the lambs of his flock. Reverently, and with hearts filled with gratitude, would we ascribe unto our King all the honor and praise for what has been accomplished "in his name."

You have heard our treasurer's report read today. It shows that our funds are steadily increasing. Our secretary reports an increasing interest in all departments of our work. This is what we are anxious to see, there *must* be a steady growth. We cannot be satisfied with past attainments. We are not to forget that a very important part of our work is "to cultivate a missionary spirit." We are just beginning to learn that it is only as we cultivate the missionary spirit at home that we can sustain missionary enterprise abroad. But *how* is this spirit to be cultivated? This is the question that is asked again and again. Many are still indifferent to the Master's command: "Preach the gospel to every creature." My own experience has taught me that the *only* way to become interested in this work is to acquaint ourselves with the needs. Is there a woman in the Church of the Living God who can turn a deaf ear to the cries of the heart-broken widows of India? Is there a Christian mother who can be indifferent to the unhappy lives of the children in heathen lands? Surely not. A great amount of so-called indifference is really lack of knowledge. This is the work of the C. W. B. M. We must put missionary literature within the reach of all. We are to educate the children, get them to take and read the missionary papers. Many of our sisters can be reached in this way.

"Great trees from small acorns grow." Who can tell what a work may be done by the C. W. B. M. of the Maritime Provinces? Look at the "Mc-All Mission," "The China Inland Mission," or the wonderful work of Dr. McKay on the island of Formosa. Small indeed were the beginnings, but only God himself can estimate the amount of good that has been accomplished through these agencies. It is faith that we need—such a faith that will lead us to say: I will give up *all* for Christ's sake. When we can say this, then and only then will our lives become fruitful.

We are here for a purpose. We are here to plan greater things for the future and to receive inspirations that will remain with us during the coming year and help us to meet the difficulties of life with a cheerful spirit. Let us look upon each year as a fresh effort, a new campaign to be entered upon with bright hopes and unflinching purposes.

"Forward be our watchword,
Step and voices joined,
Seek the things before us—
Not a look behind."

May we go from this convention with renewed strength and greater desire to attain unto perfection in Christian service. "Now unto Him that is able to guard you from stumbling and to set you before the presence of His glory without blemish in exceeding joy—to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, dominion and power, before all time, now and forevermore."

Sister Laura Fullerton of Pictou, sang a beautiful solo in a most impressive manner. It is as great a privilege to sing the gospel as to preach it. Angels can do neither.

The paper on Missionary Extension by Sister Myrtle Freeman of Milton, was prepared with great care, and was full of helpful thoughts beautifully expressed.

It was followed by an address full of fire, force and facts, by Bro. W. F. Shaw. There was originality not only in what he said, but in how he said it; and when the meeting was dismissed the remark was frequently heard, "Wasn't that address fine?"

The solo by Sister S. B. Ford was delightful. It had wings to lift us heavenward. What can lift us nearer the golden gates than a sweet song full of gospel truth?

Sister M. B. Ryan's paper on "The Reflex Influence of Missions," evinced careful preparation, and clearly showed the truthfulness of the saying of one of old: "The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

This paper was succeeded by an appropriate reading by Bro. J. Barry Allen, who has become almost indispensable at our meetings.

The collection taken at the close of the meeting for foreign missions amounted to about \$22.00.

These greetings, which arrived too late for the meeting, will, we are sure, be read with much interest.

The Ontario Christian Woman's Board of Missions send greetings to their co-laborers—the Christian Woman's Board of Missions of the Maritime Provinces.

May our Father's richest blessings attend you in your convention, and may He grant you that success which your labors in the past so well merit.

We feel that we cannot thank you enough for your hearty co-operation with us in the extension of the Master's kingdom in the dark land which is growing so dear to all of us.

Your interest in this work, and the success which has attended the labor of the "Canadian Women's Missionary," impel us to go on. May the spirit of Christ so work in us that all may be done for His glory.

On behalf of the O. C. W. B. M.

L. V. RITCHIE,
Corresponding Secretary.

August 13, 1895.

One of the interesting events of Saturday was the coming to the Convention of Rev. John McMillan, minister of Chalmers' Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Murray, editor of the *Presbyterian Witness*, with the greetings of the Presbytery of Halifax, which they were appointed to convey. It is to be

regretted that the hour of their coming was unannounced, as many who desired to be present were not in the meeting. They were escorted to the platform by Bros. Shaw and Ford and introduced to the preachers who had taken seats there.

Rev. Mr. McMillan said that, in behalf of the Presbytery, and of the Presbyterians represented in it, and in behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, he wished us God-speed. There are some doctrinal differences between us, but we are fellow-soldiers in the same great fight. It was not his privilege to know much about the Disciples, but in Cleveland last year the Canadian headquarters was in one of our churches and he had the privilege of assisting in the services there, and of sitting down at the Lord's table with the Disciples. He then told us of the great work the Presbyterians are doing in Canada.

Mr. Murray said he was well acquainted with the Disciples, his position as editor making that unavoidable; and he admired their earnestness and progressive spirit. He was glad the spirit of union was growing. He desired to be on the best terms with all denominations, and with none more than the Disciples.

Bro. Ford made an apt and pleasing response. He spoke briefly of the plea the Disciples are making for Christian union, of their rapid advance in recent years, having increased 87 per cent. from 1880 to 1890. While he could not but admire the great work the Presbyterians had done in standing for liberty of conscience, the sacredness of God's word and his name, and their opposition to the desecration of the Lord's day, etc., etc., he hoped that the Disciples would advance so rapidly that they would surpass the Presbyterians and it may be throw their arms around them.

After these pleasant words had been spoken and our visitors had retired, Bro. Ford gave a warm invitation and three came forward and made the good confession. They were baptized in the evening.

SUNDAY.

It has become the habit of very many people to spend the early morning of the Lord's day in quiet slumber; but those who arranged the programme made no provisions for such. They protested against the custom by appointing 7.30 a. m. as the hour for the first meeting. This meeting was under the leadership of Bro. G. D. Weaver, and it was very pleasing to see so many present. Strangers came in and united with us, and spoke words of good cheer.

At 11 o'clock the house was well filled, and Bro. M. B. Ryan preached a sermon of great simplicity and power. His subject was "God's method in salvation," and his text, I Tim. ii. 1-7. He used a chart to throw light on the subject, and since charts can be made so helpful we are surprised that they are not more frequently used. Many will remember the sermon because the chart, which was simple, but striking, outlined it from beginning to end.

Bro. Wm. Murray, assisted by W. A. Barnes, John McDougall, Henry Carson and E. A. Puyson, presided at the Lord's table. Without display, but in humble reverence and devout thankfulness, we remembered the Lord's death. We had never before sat down at the same table together, and on earth we shall not again; but the moments were rich in blessing, and we could rejoice that we were all one family, and though we should be separated here we could all meet above.

In the afternoon the Sunday-school of the Halifax church assembled at the usual time, the opening exercises being conducted by the superintendent, Bro. H. L. Wallace. Mrs. Morrison then gave the children an excellent illustrated lesson, using candles of various sizes and degrees of beauty to impress the Saviour's saying, "Ye are the light of the world."

At the conclusion of this very impressive lesson, Bro. T. H. Blenus preached a sermon on "Christianity's Challenge," which we regret we were not permitted to hear owing to another appointment. But we believe that he discussed the subject in that thorough manner in which he is so able to deal with it; and the words of approval which we heard confirm our belief.

Bro. R. W. Stevenson was announced to preach at 8 o'clock. The house was filled as we had never seen it filled before. The sermon was worthy of the occasion, and we know it helped greatly to clear the fog from some minds that had been mystified over spiritual influences. His subject was "The Holy Spirit and His Work," his text being: Rom. viii. 16. Sermons on this and kindred themes were more frequent in former days than now, but we think they are a pressing, present necessity. Our young people, we venture to think, do not understand these vital subjects as well as their fathers did.

It has been the custom in former conventions to take a collection at each of the preaching services on Sunday and divide the amount received among the preachers to help pay their travelling expenses. This year the preachers consented that the money raised should go to diminish the debt on the Halifax meeting house. We are pleased to report that more than \$100 were raised in cash, and about \$200 pledged.

The hour having come to close, Bro. Ford took charge of the meeting and the farewell words were spoken. Bro. Geo. F. Barnes spoke for those who were not preachers. He considered that the meeting had been a great success, and on behalf of the delegates, thanked the brethren in Halifax for the kindness shown them. Bro. H. Murray spoke to the same effect, voicing the sentiments of the preachers. "God be with you till we meet again" was sung and the meeting dispersed.

In closing this report, which we have extended to a great length that those who could not attend the meetings might have a somewhat adequate idea of what was done during the year, and what was planned for the fu-

ture, we wish to bear testimony to the excellent spirit that was manifested throughout the convention. Those in attendance seemed to be there on the King's business. We rejoiced to see present the faithful men and women who have long served their Lord and who have not become weary in well-doing. But we found cause for overflowing gratitude in the fact that so many young people are actively and successfully engaged in Christian work. It promises well for the future. We trust that young and old will toil together so faithfully that, when the report of next year's meeting shall be written, it will show that the churches have gone on in the name of the Lord, and gone on to greater triumphs which shall prepare for even greater victories as the years come and go. H. W. S.

News of the Churches.

HALIFAX, N. S.

In leaving the province, my wife and I desire to thank the brotherhood and friends, one and all, for their hearty support and tokens of Christian love.

We especially recommend the Provincial Board for its promptness and manly dealing in all church affairs, and commend the Church of Christ in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick as one which our preaching brethren need not fear to enter on account of any lack in friendly help from many earnest Christians.

We only regret that our relations to dear home friends are such that duty calls us from you in the great work of the Master. We bespeak for our successor in Halifax the same cordial support which you have already given us, and may God bless and prosper you in all good things.

"Beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Yours in the Saviour's service,
WILL F. SHAW.

LETETE, N. B.

I closed my labors with the church here last Lord's day, and can voice the sentiments of the Psalmist, who says, "The Lord hath done great things for us: wherefore we are glad."

On returning from college the latter part of June, I came here and commenced labor the first Lord's day in July; found the little band of Christians struggling on and endeavoring to secure the services of a minister from Kentucky, but failing in this they decided to engage me during the holidays.

Having labored here before, it was not hard to enter at once into the work. Although discouraging at first, yet an interest was soon worked up and we were greeted, night after night, with crowded houses. I had the hearty co-operation of these good people, and as a result we saw sinners turn to Christ for pardon. Sixteen were buried with their Lord in baptism, one reclaimed, and two cast their lot with us who had been baptized, but had never united with any congregation. New life has been infused into the church, and with the aid of Bro. Murray, whose services they expect to secure, I am confident the good work will go on and an influential church established.

The prayer meetings were a source of great encouragement to me, as well as spiritual

good to the church. Never have I attended better. It did my heart good to hear from fifteen to twenty-five testify to the goodness of God.

It is with no little regret I leave this people—a people whom I have learned to love in the Lord. May their progress in the divine life be sure—a progress that will stand the storms of life, and last through eternity.
S. W. LEONARD.

THE New England convention meets with the Church of Christ in Lubec, Me., October 4-6. Bro. Minnick extends a cordial invitation to the provincial brethren to be present, and requests those who intend going to send their names to him in order that they may be assigned homes. The round trip from St. John, by the International steamers, will cost \$150. We hope our New England brethren will have a good meeting.

WEST GORE LETTER.

At my present writing I am on my way home after having spent a number of weeks in P. E. Island. I return to my work rested and feeling that I can again sound out the gospel message. During my stay in Tignish I preached every Lord's day. There were two additions to the church, one of these an old lady in her 82nd year.

The longer I live the more need I see for churches to work together, and for church members to be at peace among themselves. There is a great work to do and we must do it. We ought not to come down to suit some fancy of our own, nor yet allow ourselves to be led away by others. Not long since I had a man tell me that he did not get out to the meeting on Sunday because some visitors came. How many times this happens. Would it not be well to make a resolution that I heard a good old brother once make: If any one came to his house on Sunday at meeting time he would ask them to go with him; if they did not care to go they could stay until he came back, or go somewhere else; he was going to meeting.

Is it right for Christians to make a practice of visiting on Sunday so as to interfere with the worship of God? I answer, it is wrong. On the Lord's day let every Christian man and woman be found in the house of prayer. Allow no earthly consideration to keep you away. Go there to meet with your Saviour and you will receive a blessing.

I am very sorry I could not be at the meeting in Halifax, for already I am hearing of the good results of that meeting. I hope and pray, and I will also work for a successful year to come, and while cheered and encouraged by the past, look for greater things in the future.

Thanking my kind Heavenly Father for the blessings I have received, and for my present improved health, I will close for this month.

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RECEIPTS FOR JULY.

St. John—		
Woman's Auxilliary,	\$4 50
Sunday school,	8 00
Elsie Blackadar,	1 00
Milton—		
Woman's Auxiliary,	8 00
A Friend,	1 00
Total,	\$17 50

CHILDREN'S WORK.

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"O Gin San" Band,	\$1 26
Charlottetown,		
Sixteen Little Ones,	5 00
St. John—		
"Wide Awake" Band,	50
Milton—		
"Daily Workers,"	10 28
Maitland—		
Frank, Raymond and Alexander MacDougall,	1 00
Total,	\$20 99

RECEIPTS FOR AUGUST.

Annual Collection,	\$22 50
Kildare—		
Young People's Mission Band,	14 00
Total,	\$36 50

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Charlottetown—		
"Y. P. S. C. E",	\$1 11
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"Golden Rule" Band,	12 00
Total,	\$13 10

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Married.

WELCH-TITUS.—At Westport, N. S., August 14th, by H. E. Cooke, Miss Minnie A. Titus to Mr. David L. Welch, both of Westport, Digby Co.

Died.

DICKIESON.—At Charlottetown, P. E. I., on the 17th July, in her 45th year, Margaret, beloved wife of James Dickieson, deacon of the Church of Christ at New Glasgow. Our sister was a member of the church at Lot 48 early in life. Twenty-one years ago she was married to Bro. Dickieson, since which time she has resided in New Glasgow, in fellowship with this church. She was most kind hearted and so cheerful in disposition as to spread sunshine wherever she went. Her protracted illness caused general anxiety and desire for her recovery. Her confidence in the Saviour disarmed death of its terror, and though she nobly struggled against it, she seemed perfectly resigned to the will of God in the matter. Her health seemed to be slightly improved, so that she went to Charlottetown in hope of attending the annual meeting, when disease returned so violently that after a few days of extreme suffering she passed to be with Jesus. Her death is keenly felt by relatives and by the church, and especially by a devoted husband. May the Lord prepare each to meet her in the home of the blest.—D. C.

SIMPSON.—At Malpeque, P. E. I., of consumption, on the 5th of August, in her 15th year, Annie J. Simpson. She was very amiable and very intelligent for her years, and gave promise of a life of usefulness, but was called away thus early in life leaving to mourn a widowed mother, one sister and three brothers. Her funeral was attended by a large number of sorrowing acquaintances. In her last days she spoke much of heaven and its glory, and repeated many beautiful hymns, asking her friends to meet her in the happy home. She was the eldest sister of A. L. Simpson, ministerial student in Lexington University.—D. C.

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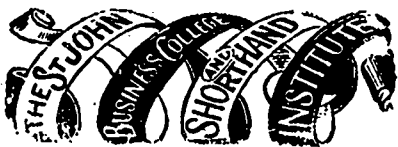
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