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## THE ANNUAL MEETING.

.. 1900 ..

The Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia convened with the congregation of Disciples at Westport, N. S., Thursday evening, Aug. 30th, 1900. The number of delegates was quite large, numbering something over one hundred and thirty, and the meeting one of the best that has been held.

One thing that added greatly to the convenience of the delegates and others who attended the different sessions was that the meetings were held in a large tent that seated some 500. Also, for all of the sessions of the convention the weather was everything that could be desired.

The first meeting of the convention, called to order by chairman Howard Murray, was opened with a spirited song service led by R. E. Stevens, of Cornwallis, N. S. After this the pastor of the Westport congregation, Howard Murray, on behalf of the congregation, in some hearty, earnest words, gave the visiting delegates a cordial welcome to Westport and the homes of the people. Responses were made to this address by J. A. Mohorter, of Boston, A. Martin, of Muncie, Indiana, and Dr. Ray, of St. John, after which the following committees were appointed:

*Nominating*—W. H. Harding, J. W. Barnes and H. A. Devoc.

*Auditing*—E. C. Bowers, L. S. Ford.

*Order of Business and Enrolment*—J. Barry Allan, F. C. Ford, J. W. Gates.

*Obituaries*—R. E. Stevens, F. C. Ford, J. Barry Allan.

*Resolutions*—R. E. Stevens, H. A. Devoc, Howard Murray.

*Time and Place of next Convention*—F. K. Etherington, Howard Murray, Lloyd Ibson.

*Ways and Means*—E. C. Bowers, Josiah Wallace, Howard Murray, Jas. W. Barnes, H. E. Cooke.

Dr. Ray was appointed official reporter.

Friday morning at 9 o'clock the convention listened to an interesting paper on "Protracted Meetings," by Evangelist A. Martin, of Muncie, Indiana. This was followed by a discussion on the same subject, participated in by Howard Murray, E. C. Ford, W. H. Harding, L. S. Ford, J. A. Mohorter. The discussion was followed by a short reply from Bro. A. Martin. At 10 a. m. the organization of the convention took place, and the nominating committee reported as officers for the ensuing year—President, E. C. Ford, Halifax; Vice-president, E. C. Bowers, Westport; Secretary *pro tem*, W. A. Barnes, St. John.

The minutes of last meeting were received, and were followed by letters from the different churches, a condensed and catalogued report of which is as follows:

CHURCH.	Membership	GAIN.		Loss.		SUNDAY-SCHOOL.		MISSIONS.	
		Bapt'sm	Letter.	Death.	Other-wise.	Pupils.	Teachers	Home.	Foreign.
Halifax, .....	55	8	.....	2	9	50	7	\$111 50	\$40 15
Douglas Ave., St. John,	59	9	5	.....	5	90	12	75 20	6 00
River John, ..	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mascarene, ..	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	6	25 05	.....
Milton, .....	231	5	1	2	.....	50	10	56 00	79 00
Lord's Cove, ..	288	10	.....	6	.....	80	12	27 50	.....
Upper Rawdon, ..	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	3	.....	.....
South Range, ..	58	7	.....	1	.....	62	4	21 90	4 00
Summerville, ..	38	1	.....	1	.....	25	3	6 00	5 00
Cornwallis, ..	100	2	.....	4	.....	25	3	24 60	18 00
West Gore, ..	100	4	.....	1	3	50	5	21 00	10 00
Back Bay, .....	67	47	.....	.....	.....	35	7	15 00	4 00
Coburg Street, St. John,	343	1	.....	2	16	128	20	305 37	29 70
Kempt, .....	70	9	1	.....	2	40	5	1 83	1 80
Leonardville, ..	105	6	.....	.....	.....	70	12	2 43	.....
Tiverton, .....	102	.....	.....	2	.....	40	5	9 00	18 00
Nauwigewauk, ..	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	5	7 90	.....
LeTete, .....	48	4	.....	.....	.....	92	11	8 00	5 00
Westport, .....	100	29	.....	1	.....	80	12	33 88	17 00
Southville, .....	103	4	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....
Pictou, .....	40	21	.....	.....	6	40	5	35 00	12 00

A number of congregations have sent in no report, and some of the reports sent in seem to be very incomplete.

The letter from Pictou contained the announcement that Bro. David Fullerton, the senior elder of the church there, had given to the congregation and brotherhood the valuable property in which worship has been held. The property is free from debt, and it was a most generous gift. After the letters were read it was moved by Howard Murray that this convention highly esteems and appreciates this noble act on the part of Bro. Fullerton. This motion was carried unanimously by a standing vote.

Bro. Fullerton made a suitable reply, in which he said that the gift had been made, not for the approbation of man, but for the approval of God.

Next was the reading of the reports of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

The President, L. A. Miles, offered the following report:

To the Annual Meeting assembled at Westport, N. S.:

DEAR BRETHREN,—As certain action on the part of your Home Mission Board, has been taken with the object of opening up certain questions for discussion and decision at this August meeting, a brief statement of the reasons and convictions which led to this action, may not be out of place.

It has been the custom, for some years past, to vote a regular grant to certain churches, which grant did not admit of variation, unless notice had been given three months previous to the Annual Meeting. Such notice being given, it is to be presumed that the said meeting could act as they deemed best, either by increasing, reducing or entirely withdrawing such grants.

This arrangement has seemed unfair to your Board, not only to the churches already receiving such grants, as making it possible that their grants might be suddenly and

arbitrarily withdrawn; but also to other struggling and deserving churches, which by the continuation of such grants to the same churches year by year, were denied the assistance from the mission funds to which they would seem to be entitled.

Your Board consider that to continue such grants year by year indefinitely, irrespective of the growth of such churches in membership or financial strength, is not wise.

It appears to them reasonable that, if a church of say forty members, enjoying a grant from home mission funds, should increase its membership to sixty that the grant should be correspondingly reduced for the following year; also, that should any church be assisted for three years in succession without apparent results, such assistance should then cease.

It should be, and your Board believe that it is, the ambition of every church to become self-supporting, but it may well be feared that a grant given from year to year indefinitely may come to be looked upon as a permanent source of income, and thus the earnest

interest of the members in their local organization become impaired.

Acting upon the above convictions, your Board has given the necessary notices to the churches enjoying grants, not from any desire on their part that any portion of the assistance accorded to these churches should be withheld, but in order that the question might be fully discussed at your meeting and some decision arrived at, that shall place the question of future grants to churches upon a logical and definite basis.

The propositions upon which we would ask your discussion and decision are as follows: (1) That no yearly grant to any church shall exceed a term of five years; (2) That all grants, after the first year, shall be reduced pro rata with the increase of membership; (3) That when a grant is given to any church for the space of three years, and there be no increase in membership, that such grant shall then cease; (4) It shall be within the power and discretion of any Annual Meeting, one full year after the lapse of any grant, to re-establish the same.

Soliciting your consideration, the above are submitted,

On behalf of the Board,  
L. A. MILES, *President.*

W. A. Barnes, Secretary, read a report as follows:

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

DEAR BRETHREN,—The Secretary of your Home Mission Board respectfully submits his report for the year ending August 31st, 1900.

At the Annual Meeting held in St. John, N. B., the same Mission Board was elected, with the exception of Bro. H. W. Stewart, who through ill health, was forced to resign as President. Bro. L. A. Miles was appointed in his place. A few months later another member of the Board, Bro. R. W. Stevenson, representing P. E. Island, resigned and moved to Lansingburg, N. Y. We regret very much the loss of these brethren, as the laborers are few in these Provinces.

The Board took the earliest opportunity of securing an evangelist by advertising in the "Christian Standard," and "Christian Evangelist." A number responded, but for various reasons we did not engage any of them. About April 1st we received a letter from A. Martin of Muncie, Indiana, saying that he would labor in these Provinces during the summer and fall months for \$60 00 per month and that he would pay his own expenses coming here. This was a generous offer, and we immediately sent for him. He arrived in St. John on June 14th, began a meeting in Halifax on the 17th, and has been in the field up to the present time.

The Annual at St. John last October, though not as largely attended as it should have been, was nevertheless very enthusiastic.

Upon the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee, an agent was appointed in each church to collect funds for Home Missions. The first Sunday in February and August was set aside for a special offering towards this work. Envelopes were sent for distribution, but very few of the churches responded.

The Ways and Means Committee also recommended, if possible, to raise \$1500.00 for Home Mission work, and to win 500 souls for Christ. The reports from the churches show that the \$1500.00 has not been raised. Some one has failed to do his "little-all." 1625 members reported at the last Annual. If they had given \$1.00 apiece, we would have exceeded the specified amount. However, we

are out of debt this year,—the big guns fired in the June number of THE CHRISTIAN, and the small shots from the Secretary's pen have helped to bring this about.

The usual work at our three mission points has been performed in a most satisfactory manner. At Pictou a church has been organized and some additions have been reported since organization. Bro. Fullerton has given the church the building which they have been worshipping in for the past few years. This is a generous gift. Bro. W. H. Allen has completed one year last June and his labors are being blessed. Besides his usual work he preaches at River John. Previous to organization, Bro. Romig held a meeting there which resulted in a large number of additions. The work at Halifax has been faithfully performed by Bro. E. C. Ford. He also preaches at Elmsdale. Bro. A. Martin of Muncie, Indiana, under the direction of the Home Mission Board, held a meeting there recently with four confessions. This meeting was nearly self-sustaining. The work at the North End, St. John, N. B., now Douglas Avenue Christian Church, has been prosecuted with commendable zeal. In less than five years they have purchased a lot and erected a house of worship which was dedicated on July 29th. Bro. J. C. B. Appel has preached at Mascarene a few times during the year. Bro. Romig held a meeting with this church last spring with twenty additions. This meeting was more than self-sustaining. Bro. A. Martin was at the dedication of this church and preached the following two weeks. At West Gore, N. S., he held a short meeting with four additions. He has visited Mascarene, Letete and Back Bay.

At the Prince Edward Island Convention held at Cross Roads in July last, the churches unanimously decided to withdraw from the Union with our Board. They have organized a Home Mission Board, and hope to take some forward steps this year. Why should not Nova Scotia and New Brunswick do likewise?

At Nauwigewauk and Keswick, N. B. the brethren are building houses of worship, and if finished this year, we shall have four new churches built in six years.

The outlook is encouraging. This fact should spur us on to greater efforts in the future.

As a "peculiar people" we have much to be thankful for. We should not be satisfied until we have an evangelist in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and every person giving as the Lord has prospered him. Then

shall the church go forth, "fair as the morning, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

The receipts for Home Mission work from all sources during the year were \$758 02.

The Board hereby tender their resignation.

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. BARNES,  
*Secretary.*

STATEMENT

showing amounts contributed and places from which received for year ending August 31st, 1900:

	1899.	1900.
Milton, .....	\$22 00	\$51 07
Do. Sunday-school .....	.....	.....
Do. Y. P. S. C. E. ....	.....	.....
Do for Queen's Co. ....	14 85	.....
Halifax .....	27 35	82 85
Cornwallis.....	24 00	19 00
Westport.....	38 33	53 15
Do. Y. P. M. S. ....	3 00	3 74
Tiverton .....	44 75	14 00
Do. Woman's M. S. ....	.....	.....
Do. Young Peoples' M. S.	50	.....
Southville .....	3 00	1 50
Do. Ladies' Auxiliary..	3 05	.....
Kempt .....	2 00	1 83
South Range.....	11 00	19 00
Shubenacadie.....	.....	.....
West Gore.....	16 00	26 00
Pictou.....	10 00	15 00
Gulliver's Cove.....	.....	8 00
Elmsdale .....	4 00	4 50
River John.....	8 00	12 00
Nova Scotia, Individuals....	19 50	14 13
United States, do. ....	5 50	1 00
St. John, Coburg St. S. School	19 15	12 62
do do Church .....	.....	86 37
do do Mission Band .....	42 11	63 88
do do Individuals..	14 50	.....
do Douglas Ave. do... ..	11 00	.....
do do church .....	17 22	74 45
do do Woman's Aux. ....	2 65	8 00
do do Y. P. S. C. E. ....	.....	.....
do do Sunday-school, .....	11 06	14 70
Mascarene.....	11 35	20 22
Letete.....	2 62	8 00
Back Bay.....	3 85	2 00
Leonardville.....	4 00	13 13
Lord's Cove.....	30 00	22 50
do Sunday-school..	5 00	.....
Newport.....	4 00	10 00
Nauwigewauk .....	.....	7 90
Silver Falls.....	.....	3 87
Profits from THE CHRISTIAN	80 00	26 86
Annual Meeting, Tiverton and	.....	.....
St. John.....	42 30	42 00
	<u>\$506 04</u>	<u>\$742 92</u>

STATEMENT SHOWING LABOR DONE DURING YEAR, COST, ETC.

Place.	Preacher.	Days.	Sermons	Collections.	Cost.	ADDITIONS.		
						Baptiz'd	Other	Total
Halifax, ....	E. C. Ford, ....	.....	99	.....	\$150 60	5	.....	5
do, ....	A. Martin, ....	27	31	\$53 50	57 84	3	.....	3
Elmsdale, ....	E. C. Ford,* .....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. John, Douglas Ave.	J. C. B. Appel, .....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	9	5	14
Mascarene, .....	do, .....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. John, Douglas Ave	A. Martin, ....	19	.....	19 45	30 00	.....	.....	.....
do, Coburg St. ...	do, .....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pictou, N. S., ....	W. H. Allen, ....	.....	104	.....	150 00	21	6	34
River John, ..	do, .....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Gore, ....	A. Martin, ....	10	15	21 00	.....	4	.....	4
Mascarene, ..	Dr. R. B. Ray, .....	.....	4	4 85	.....	.....	.....	.....
Letete, ....	do, .....	.....	1	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Back Bay, ....	do, .....	.....	1	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Silver Falls, ..	do, .....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mascarene, ....	A. Martin, ....	2	2	2 83	.....	.....	.....	.....
Letete, ....	do, .....	3	2	1 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....
Back Bay, ....	do, .....	3	3	16 60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Keswick, ....	Dr. R. B. Ray, .....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nauwigewauk, ..	do, .....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lord's Cove, ..	A. Martin, ....	1	1	2 97	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lubec, ....	do, .....	4	3	15 80	.....	.....	.....	.....

\* Without cost to the Board.

**EVANGELIST'S REPORT,**

Services rendered,.....10 weeks, 2 days	
Sermons preached,.....74	
Confessions taken,.....8	
Amount raised by collections,.....\$148 05	
Amount received from H. M. Board,....\$171 75	
Expenses in the field.....\$15 85	

A. MARTIN, *Evangelist.*

The Treasurer, G. F. Barnes, submitted the following report :

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Report of Treasurer Home Mission Fund for the year ending August 30th, 1900.

*Receipts.*

Collection at Annual, St. John, ....	\$ 42 00
Received from Secretary ....	617 37
" THE CHRISTIAN, ....	26 80
" A Bligh, ....	3 00
" E. C. Ford, ....	14 50
" Halifax Church, ....	20 00
" Pictou, ....	15 00
" P. E. I. proportion mis. work ....	10 20
	\$758 02

*Expenditures.*

Balance from 1899.....	\$15 58
Paid E. C. Ford, ....	177 75
" for Postage, ....	5 51
" Express Orders, ....	1 35
" W. H. Allen, Pictou, ....	155 00
" R. W. Stevenson, ....	27 00
" J. Chas. B. Appel, ....	135 00
" Telegram, ....	40
" Rent of Tent, ....	3 00
" Insurance on Tent, ....	2 00
" A. Martin, ....	150 00
" W. Murray, ....	20 56
" Expenses, ....	1 88
" Expressage, ....	40
Hymn Books for Pictou, ....	4 50
	\$700 02

Amount on hand, .... \$58 00

*Evangelistic Fund—*

Amount on hand, .... \$3 86

*N. B. and P. E. I. Evangelistic Fund—*

1900.

Aug. 30 Amount on hand, .... \$45 53

Aug 21 Paid R. F. Whiston, by direction of P. E. I. Mission Board, ....	\$26 24
Paid to N. B. and N. S. Mission Fund, ....	10 20
	\$45 53

Respectfully submitted,  
GEO. F. BARNES, *Treasurer.*

We, your auditors, met, examined the Secretary and Treasurer's books and find them to agree. We find total amount collected from all sources during the year to be \$758.02, and amounts expended for all purposes in year to be \$700.02, leaving a balance in hands of Treasurer of \$58.

L. S. FORD, } *Auditors.*  
E. C. BOWERS. }

Jas. W. Barnes submitted the following financial report of THE CHRISTIAN :

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

The following is a report of the receipts and expenditures of THE CHRISTIAN for eleven months, ending July 31st, 1900 :

*Received.*

Balance on hand, ....	\$ 55 31
Subscriptions, ....	257 85
	\$313 16

*Expended.*

Printing and postage, ....	\$209 40
Post cards and printing, ....	3 75
Home Mission Board of N. S. and N. B., balance of profits for 1898, ....	16 22
Home Mission Board of P. E. I., profits 1898 and 1899, ....	28 45
Stamp and money orders, ....	4 00
Blank book, ....	1 50
Home Mission Board of N. S. and N. B., profits CHRISTIAN, 1899, ....	10 64
	\$273 96
	\$39 20

Audited and found correct.

E. C. BOWERS, } *Auditors.*  
L. S. FORD, }

The following report was received from J. G. Stockford, chairman of Good Literature Committee:

*To the Annual Meeting at Westport, N. S., Greeting :*

DEAR BROTHERN,—I wish to submit report for Good Literature Committee for the year just ended :

Owing to the work having gone behind on account of absence of my brother, we have had considerable difficulty in doing anything this year. There are some bad debts. Have asked brethren for money but have not received it—some five dollars in all. During the year we have distributed some five hundred tracts and a number of papers. We have some books on hand also which we have not been able to sell. This seems to be an age of preaching. People do not want to buy nor will they read the tracts you give. If we could spend the money for a good live preacher, one who has taken the gospel to heart, who will preach nothing else. If we had a man of that kind here in this field, New Brunswick, I feel confident we would accomplish much.

I am sorry I am unable to be with you. I received from Bro. James Prince ten dollars for books sold.

*Receipts.*

Balance on hand last year, ....	\$6 83
Cash for Books, ....	10 00
	\$16 83

*Expenditures.*

For Tracts and Books, ..	\$6 00
" Duty, ....	60
" Postage, ..	1 60
" Stationery, ....	50
" Money Orders, ....	30
	9 00
	\$7 83

Yours in Christ,  
J. G. STOCKFORD,

Audited and found correct.

L. S. FORD, } *Auditors.*  
E. C. BOWERS }

At 2 p. m. a social meeting was held, conducted by J. W. Gates.

At 2.30 a business session was held, at which the unfinished business of the morning was attended to.

Reception of reports from mission points carried over from previous meeting.

The courtesies and privileges of the convention were, on motion, extended to Rev. S. McGregor, Baptist minister of Westport, and also the convention visitors.

Reports were then received from our various mission points—Jas. W. Barnes, for Douglas Avenue, St. John ; E. C. Ford, for North street church, Halifax ; Elder David Fullerton, for Pictou.

**DOUGLAS AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.**  
Financial Statement, Aug. 8, 1899, to July 31, 1900

*Received—*

Regular collections, ....	\$551 11
Collections at Romig meeting, ....	268 02
Romig Lectures, ....	154 30
Foreign Mission Collection, ..	6 00
Home Mission Board of N. S. and N. B., Ladies' Aid Society, Coburg Street Christian Church, ....	175 00
Individual contributions to Home Missions, ....	113 00
	53 00
	\$1,320 43

*Paid—*

Minister, ..	\$700 00
" Balance on last year, ..	26 33
Hall rent, ..	132 00
M. E. Genge (preaching), ....	10 00
J. A. L. Romig (protracted meeting), ..	271 95
Board for Evangelist, ....	25 00
Advertising meeting, etc., ....	10 95
Coach hire (baptisms), ....	9 00
S. S. supplies, ....	13 85
Home Mission Board—	
Collections, ....	\$22 20
Individual contributions, ....	53 00
	75 20
Foreign Missions, ..	6 00
Cash in hand, ....	40 15
	\$1,320 43

**BUILDING FUND.**

August 1, 1899, to July 31, 1899.

*Received—*

Balance (see last report), ...	\$ 128 88
Subscriptions, ....	1,009 96
Loans—Note, ....	500 00
Mortgage, ..	1,500 00
	\$3,198 84

*Paid—*

Paid on account of building, \$2,557 71	
Balance in hand, ..	641 13
	\$3,198 84

**SUMMARY OF MONEY RECEIVED AND RAISED.**

*Money Received—*

For Building Fund—	
Coburg St. (members, etc.), ....	\$110 20
N. B. (outside of St. John), ....	126 25
Nova Scotia, ....	88 20
P. E. I., U. S. A., etc., ....	70 31
	\$394 96
For Church expenses—	
Ladies' Aid, Coburg Street, ....	113 00
Home Mission Board, ....	175 00
	288 00
	\$682 96

*Money Raised by the Congregation—*

Collections, ....	\$1,032 42
Ladies' Aid Society, ....	226 17
Building Fund, ..	675 00
Y. P. S. C. E., ..	10 50
	\$1,944 10
Balances from previous year—	
Building Fund, ..	128 88
Ladies' Aid Society, ....	173 62
	302 50
Loans, ....	2,000 00
Total raised by congregation, ....	\$4,246 60
Total aid received, ....	\$682 96

**NORTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH, HALIFAX, N. S.**  
Financial Statement for the year ending August 31, 1900,—

*Receipts:*

From Collections, ....	\$539 05
Building Fund, ....	389 22

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## EDITORIAL.

## THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS.

Continued from August No.

Jesus was condemned by his Jewish brethren and crucified in Jerusalem. But in the same city he was justified by the Holy Spirit who enabled his apostles to address in their own language all who came from different nations. Here Jesus began to reign over a willing people in the midst of his fiercest foes, and from Calvary went forth the gospel, the rod of his strength to all the world and hence the third fact in the mystery. *He was seen of angels.* Before his death Jesus was seen of all the Jewish nation. He did not refuse to be seen of Greeks who wished to see him, not so after he rose again; he was not seen of all the people. How, then, could they or we know that he was alive? He was seen of heavenly angels, but they could not proclaim the fact to men? Heavenly angels see others as well as the risen Saviour. "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister to the heirs of salvation?" Why would the fact of Jesus being seen of heavenly angels be an item in this mystery? There are earthly as well as heavenly messengers or angels, and I have no doubt it was earthly angels that are here meant. The risen Saviour had an important message to send to those who had not seen him. That message is in the last great commission. Peter says in Acts x. 40: "Him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly. Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead." Another of these angels who had seen him says, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ." 1 John i. 3.

In 1 Cor. i. 15, Paul tells what the Gospel is which he had received and had preached unto them. "How that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and was buried, and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." He adds, "And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve, and then of five hundred brethren at once . . . then of James, and last of all he was seen of me also," etc. These are the messengers that saw the Lord and tell us all about him, what he had done and what he requires of us that we might be saved. How they delivered their message is the fourth fact in the mystery, *Was preached among the Gentiles.* It was not made known unto the sons of men in past ages, but is now revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs and of the same body and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel. (Eph. iii : 6). Even the inspired apostles were very reluctant to preach the gospel to the heathen, thinking

that the gospel was not at all for them. But God convinced Peter of their mistake and sent him to preach to the Gentiles, and although the apostles preached to them it was long before other Jewish Christians got into the secret, but light rapidly spread and this grand fact that God so loved the world, both Jews and Gentiles, that he gave his only begotten Son to save all that would believe in his name, grew and prevailed. Ever since Christ has been preached unto the Gentiles and this year more Gentiles, more heathen have heard the gospel and more have been converted to Christ than in any one year since it was first sent to all the world. How important must it be to preach the gospel to the heathen since this is one of the six facts of the great mystery.

Some to this day oppose sending the gospel to the heathen. Although Jesus by the grace of God has tasted death for every man, and in his last commission, commanded it to be preached to every creature in the whole world yet they oppose heathen missions. I never felt happier than in telling those I could reach of Jesus and his love and in giving money to help others proclaim the good news to the heathen, many of whom I hope to meet at Jesus' feet. But the light and love of Jesus is entering the hearts of many Christians, who are ready to exclaim with primitive disciples, "Then hath God to Gentiles granted repentance unto life."

"Believed on in the world" is the fifth great fact. Many who heard the apostles preach the Word of God put it from them and judged themselves unworthy of everlasting life, and in every age many follow their dark example. But others hear and believe in Jesus and to them he is precious. Jesus' promised presence goes with the gospel and makes the work a grand success. The most blessed work ever committed to men is "preaching among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ and bringing them that were afar off nigh by the blood of the cross." He is still believed on in the world and the Holy Spirit is still advocating his cause and preparing many sons for glory because of the sixth fact—*received up into glory.*

Jesus often spoke to his disciples of his going unto the Father and of the permanent benefit it would be to them and the cause, as he would do more for them in heaven than if he remained on earth, for in the latter case the Spirit would not come to them but if he went he would send him. He said that the believer would do greater works than those which he had done because he went unto the Father.

Every thing valuable depended on his ascension to glory. This last fact not only states that he went but that he *was received up into glory.* As if his loving Father was waiting to welcome him to his home in glory saying, "Sit Thou at my right hand until I make thy enemies thy footstool." But how cheering the fact that when he ascended on high and led captivity captive it was to receive gifts for men . . . that the Lord

God might dwell with them. He is on high, far above all principalities and powers and every name in heaven and earth. What can the enemies of Christ do to him now? He presides over his cause. How glad should all Jesus' faithful workers be! Their brother and their Saviour is with his Father and their Father, and engaged to make them successful on earth and to bring them to his Father's home in glory.

Dear hearers, you and I cannot do without Jesus. Unconverted sinners, the loving Jesus died for you and is most anxious to save you from sin and make you eternally happy. When I think of the deep interest Jesus took in young people, even in little children, how he loved them and they loved him. I feel as I could plead with the young to accept of his offered pardon before the mind gets entangled with other things and the heart hardened in sin. Dear young friends, will you not now accept of Christ as your Saviour and make that good confession for which Jesus died and hold it fast until he confess you before his Father.

## THE ANNUAL MEETING.

(Continued from Page 3.)

Personal subscriptions to Home and Foreign Missions, . . . . .	25 00
Sunday School, . . . . .	48 28
Junior Society, . . . . .	8 43
C. E. Society, . . . . .	10 88
	<u>\$1070 81</u>

## Expenditure:

E. C. Ford, on salary, . . . . .	\$420 00
Paid on Mortgage, . . . . .	325 00
Home and Foreign Missions, . . . . .	157 65
Sunday School Literature, etc., . . . . .	34 05
Current expenses, . . . . .	47 55
Interest on Church Debt, . . . . .	70 88
	<u>\$1004 88</u>

Balance, August 31, 1900. . . . . \$6 68

All of which is humbly submitted,  
E. C. FORD,  
Missionary Pastor.

## PICOU FINANCIAL REPORT.

## Cost of Romig's Meeting.

Collections and Freewill Offerings . . . . .	\$97 70
Received from Lectures, . . . . .	50 00
Fare, \$42.00; gas bill, \$8.00 for Stereopticon (Bro. Fullerton), . . . . .	50 00
Gas Bill for hall, (Bro. Fullerton) . . . . .	25 60
Janitor, . . . . .	5 00
	<u>\$228 30</u>

## Other expenses during year.

Gas, . . . . .	\$17 50
Wine, . . . . .	10 40
Hymn Books, . . . . .	22 00
Robes, . . . . .	10 00
Carpets, . . . . .	30 00
Baptismal Pants, . . . . .	13 50
Coal, (Bro. Fullerton,) . . . . .	10 00
	<u>\$118 40</u>

## Received for Self in Cash.

A. C. M. S. . . . .	\$250 00
Maritime Board, . . . . .	150 00
Pictou Church, . . . . .	221 40
Rent of house (Mr. Fullerton), . . . . .	78 60
	<u>\$700 60</u>
Received from River John, . . . . .	\$10 30
Fare for seven trips to River John, . . . . .	5 84
	<u>\$4 56</u>

Number of sermons, 4; visits many.

W. H. ALLEN, Minister.

The committee on nominations named the following for the Home Mission Board for one year: President, Geo. F. Barnes; Sec.-Treasurer, L. A. Miles; L. S. Ford, W. A. Barnes, H. A. Devoe, advisory members. This board was elected.

After a spirited discussion on the necessity of dispensing with the Ways and Means Committee, it was moved and seconded that the Board have discretionary power to perform the general Home Mission work. This was unanimously carried by a standing vote.

The following resolution, moved by Bro. Harding, which was laid on the table at the last Annual, was read:

"That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable from this time forward to hold our Annual Meeting separately as provinces, and that every third year an interprovincial meeting be held."

This motion was lost.

A letter of greeting from the P. E. Island convention, held last July, was read. The secretary was instructed to return a suitable reply to that convention.

*To the Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ in convention at Westport, N. S.:*

The Churches of Christ on Prince Edward Island send Christian greetings:

We are pleased at the earnest, faithful manner in which your work for the Master is being pushed forward, and that your convention will prove beneficial and helpful we feel assured. During its session we pray that our All-wise Father may so direct and guide you that his cause may be advanced.

We are pleased to say that the work in this province looks encouraging, and we are hoping for abundant success.

Yours in His service

J. HARRY WILLIAMS,  
Sec. of P. E. I. Association.

At 4 p. m. the C. W. B. M. held their annual business meeting.

At 7.30 p. m. a praise service was held, after which Miss Graybiel, our missionary from India, gave a very earnest and interesting address.

On Saturday morning at 9 a. m. a prayer and social meeting was held. Bro. Stiff, of Milton, N. S., conducted this service.

Next followed a business session.

The Committee on Time and Place reported:

That the next Annual be held at Milton, commencing on the Thursday before the first Lord's day in September, 1901.

On motion the report was received.

The report of the Ways and Means Committee was received and taken up clause by clause, as follows:—

1. That pledges be taken at Home Mission rally tonight.

2. That agents be appointed in every church to solicit personal subscriptions for Home Missions.

3. That we suggest that the Board continue to aid the churches at Pictou, Halifax, and Douglas Avenue, as in their judgment they deem necessary.

4. That we should endeavour to enter new fields of labour, and that the claims of Sydney, O. B., be called to the attention of the Board.

5. That the claims of The CHRISTIAN be advocated more strongly by our preaching brethren, and that an earnest endeavor be made towards settling amounts due on subscriptions, and also the soliciting of new subscriptions.

E. C. BOWERS,  
JOSIAH WALLACE,  
HOWARD MURRAY,  
JAS. W. BARNES,  
H. E. COOKE,

Each of these clauses was carried unanimously. The fourth one provoked a very hearty discussion and was carried by a standing vote.

On motion a vote of thanks was extended to the editor and staff of THE CHRISTIAN.

This was carried by a standing vote.

The committee on Obituaries submitted the following report:

Your Obituary Committee beg to submit their report as follows:

We are pleased to note that in the providence of God, comparatively few of our labourers have been called to their reward.

Among those whose names we recall are Bro. A. Bligh, of Cornwallis, who was one of the charter members and a contributor to our missionary fund. Bro. James Richardson, an officer in the church at Lord's Cove, Sister Graham, wife of Bro. Nelson Graham, Halifax; Sister Alice Broomer, Benjamin Hicks, David Tennant of St. John. Also Bro. J. E. Edwards of St. John, for many years the financial manager of THE CHRISTIAN.

*Resolved,* That this Convention express their sincere sympathy for the bereaved families by rising and invoking the divine blessing upon them.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. STEVENS,  
F. C. FORD,  
J. BARRY ALLAN,

After the reception of the report the members of the convention stood while Dr. Ray invoked the divine blessing.

At a previous meeting, Bro. Mohorter had invited the managers of THE CHRISTIAN to have agents in New England for the paper. In view of this offer Dr. Ray moved that the same courtesy be extended to the editor of the New England Messenger.

This motion was unanimously carried.

On motion, it was resolved, that the Secretary of the Convention send greeting to Henry W. Stewart now at San Jacinto, Cal., expressing the hope that he may soon regain his health and be enabled to again present the plea for which Christ died.

On motion, a committee was appointed to draft a constitution and bye-laws for the Home Mission Board with a view to having the Board incorporated. The members of the committee were: The members of the H. M. Board and E. C. Bowers, J. W. Barnes, R. E. Stevens.

The Convention also resolved by motion that the balance of the money and books in the hands of the Good Literature Committee be turned over to the Home Mission Board to be disposed of at their discretion.

It was moved and seconded that the members of this convention give their influence, sympathy and votes to only such candidates for office who are pronounced prohibitionists.

To this motion the following amendment was moved:

That we go on record as being heartily in favor of prohibition ourselves and to do all that we can to bring it about.

The amendment was passed.

It was further resolved that a vote of thanks be tendered the railroads and steamboats for courtesy shown the delegates to this convention.

The meeting then adjourned to meet on the Friday before the first Lord's day in September, 1901.

At 2.30 p. m. Saturday, an address on home missions was given by Dr. Ray, which was followed by a discussion, in which the following brethren took part: David Fullerton, A. Martin, Howard Murray and J. H. Mohorter.

The Saturday evening meeting was opened by a promise meeting, led by F. C. Ford, of South Lubec, Me., which was followed by a Home Missionary Rally when short addresses were given by W. H. Harding, H. E. Cooke, A. Martin, H. Murray. At the close of the meeting pledges were received for the home mission work of the ensuing year to the amount of \$391.00.

The services of Lord's day began at 7 a. m. with a prayer service, "The Lord is risen today," led by Bro. J. Barry Allan. This was perhaps the best meeting of the entire convention. Fully 200 people attended, and the only regret was that there was not sufficient time for all to take part. It was a meeting long to be remembered by all who attended.

At 10.30 a. m. a song service, "Come let us join our cheerful songs," was held, led by Lyman Peters, of Quincy, Mass.

This was followed at 11 o'clock by a sermon, J. H. Mohorter, of Boston, preaching. His subject was: "Have we outgrown the gospel?"

At 2.30 p. m. a Sunday-school rally was held, led by J. W. Barnes.

After a service of song, W. H. Harding, of Deer Island, N. B., and William Stiff, of Milton, N. S., made addresses.

Miss Mary Graybiel, missionary returned from India, spoke to the children.

After scripture reading by R. E. Stevens, and prayer by S. McGregor, A. Martin, of Muncie, Indiana, preached, taking as his text, 1 Timothy, iii: 14, 15. This was the largest meeting of the convention.

At the close of Bro. Martin's sermon, the Lord's Supper was observed. The service was in charge of Elder Wm. Murray, Elder W. A. Barnes, Elder Frank Etherington, and the officials of the Westport congregation. There were about 275 partook of the communion.

At 7 p. m. an obligation meeting, "Sound! Sound the Truth Abroad!" was led by R. E. Stevens. Following this was scripture reading and prayer by F. C. Ford, and sermon by Dr. Ray. Subject of the discourse, "Christ in you."—Col. i: 27.

At the close of the sermon a farewell service was held, participated in by a number



of delegates who spoke in words of praise of the hospitality accorded them by the people of Westport. Bro. Howard Murray responded.

Before the meeting closed it was moved by Bro. Martin, and seconded by Bro. Mohorter, that a vote of thanks be tendered the congregation for the gracious entertainment afforded the visitors. A vote of thanks was also tendered to Bro. Morehouse, who kindly gave the use of the land on which the tent was erected. The meeting closed with singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and "God be With You."

Benediction by E. C. Ford.

Thus ended the Annual Meeting of 1900, and we stood on the threshold of a new year great with possibilities. When we meet together again, at Milton, in 1901, may it be with glad hearts and with the best year's work that we have ever had behind us. To this end let us wait upon the Lord that we may renew our strength and, "forgetting those things that are behind and reaching forth unto those which are before, let us press toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

At half-past three o'clock Tuesday morning we were at the boat ready to depart for our homes. It was very dark. The fog, which had kept off all through the meeting, came down heavy and thick. The dear brethren of Westport stood with us. There were a few minutes of parting and well-wishing, and then we all sang "God be With You 'Till we Meet Again," as our boat drew away into the darkness. Gradually the voices of those upon the shore grew fainter, and their forms faded from our sight; then when behind us we could see only the faint glimmer of the distant lights, we turned our faces toward our own homes, and in the heart of every one was MIZPAH.

The visitors of the convention who took part in the program were, Miss Mary Graybiel, missionary to India, Evangelist A. Martin, Muncie, Indiana, and J. H. Mohorter, Boston.

Miss Graybiel spoke at different times during the meeting. This properly belongs to the women's work, and will be left for their report.

Bro. Martin has been in the provinces for three months past, and has made many friends. He is expected to return later to hold a meeting in Halifax. Bro. Martin lectured on Monday evening following the convention to an audience that filled the large tent. His subject was, "How to Be Happy." At the close of his lecture an offering of \$12 was taken for the Home Mission work; besides, nearly twenty dollars was pledged toward supporting a child in India for the next year.

This was Bro. Mohorter's first visit to the provinces, and his presence at the Annual Meeting was a help and a pleasure to all who met and heard him. He kindly offered to come to the provinces during his vacation next year and hold a meeting. This offer was most gladly accepted.

Our Annual Meeting was invited to supply preachers for the Baptist churches at Westport and Freeport, Sunday, September 2nd. Bro. Harding went to Freeport both morning and evening. There was one confession. Dr. Ray preached for the Westport Baptist

congregation in the morning, and Bro. Mohorter in the evening.

There are ways in which the Annual Meeting of 1901 may be an improvement over that of 1900. These will be left for others to mention later.

C. W. B. M.

The Maritime C. W. B. M. met for business at Westport, N. S., Aug. 31st, 1900

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Fred Roome of Halifax, after which the President, Miss Payson, took the chair.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Pres. Miss Carrie Payson; Vice-Pres. for N. S., Mrs. John Ford, Mrs. Fred Roome; for N. B., Mrs. J. S. Flaglor, Mrs. A. Murray; for P. E. I., Miss Bunnell, Miss Agnes Williams; Secretary, Miss L. N. Jackson; Treas., Mrs. Susie Ford Stevens; Supt. of Children's Work for N. S. and N. B., Mrs. Frank Richardson, and for P. E. I. Mrs. A. N. Simpson.

The following reports from the Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent of Children's Work were received:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Again, in the kind providence of our Heavenly Father, the Maritime C. W. B. M. is permitted to assemble. Having now come to the last annual gathering of this century of Missions, we have great need to think deeply, plan wisely and be fully consecrated to the important work that lies before us.

As the great law of life is Growth, we very naturally ask what progress has been made in the missionary work during the last year.

We are glad to be able to report the organizing of a new society at Lot 48, P. E. I. with a membership of 9, and a very favorable report has been received from it.

At Pictou the work has been taken up again and the auxiliary is in good working order.

The following Auxiliaries have reported.

SOCIETY.	Number of Members.	Meetings held.	Copies Tidings taken.	Was C.W.B.M. Day observed?	Total amount raised
Leonardville, ....	32	10	10	Yes.	\$42 21
Coburg Street, St John, ..	29	12	4	"	22 10
Lord's Cove, ....	25	7	12	"	37 15
Southville, ....	10	10	None.	"	4 20
Milton, ..	28	10	1	No.	22 75
Pictou, ..	18	6	5	"	8 00
Halifax, ....	14	12	6	"	17 72
Cornwallis, ....	14	3	1	"	18 60
Tiverton, ....	11	10	None.	"	18 00
Cross Roads, ....	9	6	"	"	12 00
Westport, ....	6	.....	.....	Yes.	9 26
Total, ....	196	86	89	5	\$211 90

The total number of active societies is 11. The gain in membership over last year is 25.

Four of the auxiliaries held public meetings in observance of C. W. B. M. Day. At Tiverton, finding a public meeting impossible the secretary visited the sisters and collected as a special offering \$7.10.

There is a gratifying increase in the amount of missionary literature used. Reports show that 39 copies of Tidings are taken, a gain over last year of 22 copies. The Missionary Intelligencer and Missionary tracts have been

used. A number of mite boxes have been sent to auxiliaries and also sample copies of Tidings.

From listening to this report you will notice that while our work has grown in some respects, as a whole it has fallen far below the ideal we set at the St. John convention. Was it too much that we were asked to raise \$400.00 this year? Our Treasurer's books show that only \$242.56 has been received. Have we less blessings than last year? Are our sisters in heathen lands less needy of the Gospel of Christ? Oh let us put our hearts into this work and then having the will we shall find the way to increase our offerings and enlarge our work.

Respectfully submitted.

L. N. JACKSON.

Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Cash Received.

Westport, Y. P. Miss. Society, ..	\$4 50	
" Auxiliary, ....	2 00	
" C.W.B.M. Day collect'n	7 26	\$13 76
St John, Ladies' Auxiliary, ....	16 10	
" Sunday-school, ....	9 15	
" C.W.B.M. Day collect'n	6 00	31 25
Tiverton, Ladies' Auxiliary, ...	13 00	
Leonardville, Ladies' Auxiliary, ..	31 70	
" India Famine Fund, ....	10 80	42 00
Southville, Ladies' Auxiliary, ....	1 95	
" C.W.B.M. Day collect'n	2 25	4 20
Milton, Ladies' Auxiliary, ....	22 75	
Lord's Cove, Ladies' Auxiliary, ....	37 15	
Kempt, Mrs. May Freeman, ....	1 18	
South Range, per Jessie Devoe, ....	4 00	
Windsor, Mrs. E. Shand, ....	1 00	
Halifax, Ladies' Auxiliary, ....	21 72	
Pictou, Ladies' Auxiliary, ....	3 00	
Cornwallis, Ladies' Auxiliary, ..	14 60	
" Abram Bligh, ....	2 00	
" Mrs. H. Corbett, ....	2 00	18 60
Collection, St. John convention, ....	23 00	
Interest, ....	83	
Balance on hand, August 31, 1900, ....	62	
Total, ....		\$242 56

Nova Scotia, .... \$ 86 49  
New Brunswick, .. 108 40  
P. E. Island, ....

Banner Society for the year—  
Leonardville Auxiliary.

Cash Paid.

F. M. Rains, on Miss Rioch's salary, ..	\$225 00
F. M. Rains, for India Famine Fund, ..	10 30
Cost of drafts, ....	55
L. N. Jackson, postage for year, ..	2 00
S. F. Stevens, " " ..	50
	\$238 35
Balance cash on hand, ....	\$4 21

Respectfully submitted,

SUSIE FORD STEVENS.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CHILDREN'S WORK.

Cash Received.

Tiverton W. Handspiker, ....	\$0 28
" B. Outhouse (mite box), ..	20
	\$0 48
Leonardville, Happy Band, ....	\$11 00
" Christmas offering, ..	1 00
	12 00
Halifax, Junior Endeavor, ....	8 43
West Gore, Golden Rule Band, ....	6 00
Charlottetown, Links of Truth Band, ....	2 00
Lord's Cove, Island Workers Band, ..	\$26 99
" Easter Concert, ....	11 56
" Children's Day offering, ..	1 45
	40 00
Westport, Willing Workers, ....	\$2 27
" Christmas offering, ....	1 90
" Self-denial offering, ....	3 23
	7 40

Maitland, Alex. McDougall, ....	\$0 50	
"    Raymond McDougall, ..	50	
		1 00
St. John, Wide Awake Band, ...	\$9 27	
"    Christmas offering, ....	1 00	
		10 27
Milton, Daily Workers Band, ..	....	11 60
Newport, Miss H. Stevens' S. S. class, .		2 00
Cornwallis, Few children (mite boxes)...		1 22
Balance on hand, August 31, 1899, ....		18 26
		\$120 75
Nova Scotia, ..	....	\$38 00
New Brunswick, ....	....	62 27
P. E. Island, ..	....	2 00
Banner Band for year—		
Island Workers Band.		
Cash Paid.		
Mrs. Moses, for Gulabi & Gerauld, \$60 00		
Cost of Drafts, ....	....	30
Mrs. Richardson, postage for year, 1 15		
S. F. Stevens, " " " " " "		40
		\$61 85
Balance cash on hand, ....	....	\$58 90

Respectfully submitted,  
SUSIE FORD STEVENS.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CHILDREN'S WORK FOR 1900.

To the Sisters assembled in Annual Convention in Westport, N. S.

GREETING :

Dear Sisters,—I beg leave to submit this my first report of children's work of Maritime Provinces.

I am sorry to say the work has not progressed as I had anticipated. Is it because we seem to be working alone, or is it indifference in the work? I am a great believer of strength in union, and I think if we were in closer sympathy with the American work and literature, we would perhaps do better work.

We have about two hundred and eleven members in our societies, and are asked to raise one hundred dollars, or a little more, this year, which would be one cent a week for each member, and yet we come to the Annual Meeting about twenty-five dollars in debt, unless some Bands are holding back until the very last, which I hope may be so.

I am glad to report Lord's Cove Mission Band as the banner Band again this year. They certainly deserve great credit. Out of the small amount raised they have contributed forty dollars.

Wishing you a grand and successful meeting, I am,  
Your co-laborer,  
ANNIE RICHARDSON.

The following is a Report of Bands heard from :

Lord's Cove, "Island Workers"—	
Meetings held, 23.	
Junior Builders taken, 20 copies.	Increase of 14.
No. members, 62.....	" 16.
Amount raised, \$40 00.....	" \$21 02
Secretary, Grace Harding, Lord's Cove, Deer Island, N. B.	
Halifax—	
Meetings held, 40.	
Junior Builders, 0.	
Amount raised \$0.00 for Missions, \$3.00 for famine	
Increase \$3 75.	
No. members, 25.	
Secretary, Willie Stuart, William St., Halifax, N. S.	
Milton "Daily Workers"—	
Meetings held, 5.	
Junior Builders taken, 4.	
Amount raised, \$7.37.	Increase \$2.37.
No. Members, 27....	Decrease, 3.
Secretary, Myrtle McAdam, Milton, Queens Co. N. S.	
Leonardville "Happy Band"—	
Meetings held, 16.	
Junior Builders taken, 5.	

No. members, 22.	Decrease 1.
Amount raised, \$10 00	Increase \$2 00.
Secretary, Annie Richardson, Leonardville, Deer Island, N. B.	
St. John "Wide Awake" (not heard from)—	
Junior Builders taken, 5.	
Secretary, Miss Maude Boyne, Britain Street, St. John, N. B.	
West Gore, "Golden Rule"—	
Meetings held, 19.	
Junior Builders taken, 1.	
No. members, 32	Increase, 12.
Amount raised, \$6 00.	Decrease \$4 00.
Secretary, Hattie Mason, West Gore, N. S.	
Charlottetown, "Links of Truth" (Not heard from.)	
Junior Builders taken, 1.	
No. Members, 5.	
Amount raised, \$2 00.	
Secretary, Maud Stuart, Charlottetown, P. E. I	
Westport, "Willing Workers"—	
Meetings held, 10.	
Junior Builders taken, 5.	Decrease, 2.
No. members, 30.	
Amount raised, \$8.00.	Increase, \$4.10.
Secretary, Edna Collins, Westport, N. S.	
Maitland, \$1.00.	
Hattie Stevens, S. S. class, Newport, \$2.00.	
	Mrs. FRANK RICHARDSON.

Greetings were read from Mrs. Moses, Secretary of American C. W. B. M., and from P. E. I. Association.

The report of Committee on Resolutions was received, viz :—

1. Resolved : That we the members of the Maritime C. W. B. M. send a message to our dear Sister Rioch in Japan expressing our confidence in her and assuring her that we earnestly pray God to give her strength and grace to work for His honor and glory.

2. Resolved : That we express to Sister Graybiel our pleasure that God has spared her to be with us in this meeting, and also our love and appreciation of her as a consecrated worker for Him.

3. Resolved : That we send Christian greetings to the National Convention of the C. W. B. M., to the Ontario C. W. B. M., and to the P. E. I. Association.

4. Resolved : That we extend our thanks to the editor of the CHRISTIAN for space allowed us in that paper.

Report from Miss Rioch was read as follows :—

To the Maritime Provinces and Ontario Christian Women's Board of Missions.

MY DEAR SISTERS :—It is with feelings of gratitude to our loving Master for continued blessings of health and many assurances of His love and presence that have guided and strengthened me through so many years that I submit my eight annual report for your kind consideration.

After an extended furlough at home in Canada, I returned to Japan the later end of September. The first few days were spent in receiving callers who came to welcome me back.

In about a week, thanks to the kindness of the missionaries on the field who took charge of my work, I had again entered into my regular routine of duties just as though I had never been away.

The little day school has forty-eight pupils. The building is too small to accommodate any more. The children are regular in their attendance and grow daily in both secular and spiritual knowledge. After the new regulations, the school was stopped as a school, but continued in the afternoon as meetings, with the full consent of the Dis-

trict officials. We have at last, however, received permission from the government, temporarily at least and we hope permanently, to continue as a Christian school. Besides the regular course of studies for public primary schools the Bible is taught one half hour every day, and habits of cleanliness, neatness, promptness and last but not least, truthfulness, are kindly but firmly installed. The visible results are very gratifying.

The closing exercises were held last month when eight pupils were graduated, some of whom, though mere children, are already apprenticed out to different kinds of trades, strengthened we hope for their future life by the knowledge of a loving Saviour. Eternity alone will show all the results from this work.

The meetings for the mothers of these day school pupils have been held without interruption one day every week. They are well attended and the lesson is listened to with rapt attention. Some of these poor ignorant women have been coming regularly for years. The word has been preached faithfully and as simply and earnestly as was in our power. Results however are meagre. Urging them to accept Christ as their Saviour ends only in driving them and their children away from the school and meetings, yet I know this is not from choice but from force of circumstances.

The Sunday school in connection with this school continues much the same as usual, not only the regular pupils but a great many other children find it interesting to come to listen to the sweet story of old.

In the home the girls have received regular Bible instruction besides music and English lessons. One of my girls is now teaching in the day school and helping me in the meetings and in visiting in the homes of the children. This is the second girl from my home who is doing regular Bible woman's work, which, to say the least, is very gratifying.

Recently I took a little girl of four years into our home. She is a great pleasure as well as a care. I have had some private English and Bible students this winter. Last month Miss Oldham and I started a woman's meeting in Ushigome chapel. It is held once a week. Though originally intended to build up the faith and knowledge of the Christian women in this district we have thought it wise to invite all the women in the neighborhood who have only heard the name of Christ called in derision. The meetings are exceptionally well attended. Miss Oldham had previously tried to hold these meetings, but owing to pressure of work at times had to be absent, in consequence of which the attendance gradually fell off till it was thought better to give up the meeting entirely. Besides my regular work in the home and school I have spent most of my spare time visiting the women in their homes and teaching them of the Saviour who loved and died for them.

Since my return I have had the pleasure of seeing one woman accept her Saviour and acknowledge him in baptism.

May I have the supreme joy of seeing results from this work, and may I still have the prayers of my brothers and sisters in Christ in the home land.

I have tried to be faithful to my mission.  
Very sincerely,  
Your sister in the work,  
MARY RIOCH,

Tokio, Japan.

The meeting was addressed briefly by Miss Graybiel, Mrs. Stevens and Miss Payson, after which it was closed.

L. N. JACKSON,  
Secretary.



