

Foreign Missions

W. B. M. U.

We are laborers together with God.

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR MAY.

For Parla Kimey, that the spirit of power may graciously descend upon the lonely missionary, Miss Harrison. For the helpers, schools and outstations and that the halting ones may decide for Christ. For God's blessing upon Grande Igou and the French in Nova Scotia.

The third quarter of our convention year is drawing to a close. It may be expected that something relating to Mission Bands in Nova Scotia appear in the mission page of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

The increasing activity in this branch of our work requires more time for correspondence and supervising than I can possibly devote to it. It is necessary to come in touch frequently with each Band by a visit or letter, if we are to keep the work moving. Rev. D. C. Hatt, kindly struck off 100 copies of my new year's letter on his mimeograph, so I have been able to send out 370 letters and 21 cards, and received 104 letters and 24 cards.

This year there have been indications of vigorous life. Letters of inquiry, expressions of interest, with new Bands organized, while several comparatively weak Bands have manifested a desire to support a child in India, and resolved to raise the required amount. A very pleasing feature is the active interest shown by many pastors, who realized the importance of instruction for the young in missions, have where no sister can be found willing to act as leader, come to the front and are carrying on the work, have the name of a goodly number, who with their many pastoral duties, find time to lead the Band.

An important step has been taken in a number of churches in organizing Senior Mission Bands. This brings into the work the hitherto unemployed, the young men and maidens.

There are some discouragements. A number of Bands have been deprived of their leaders by removals, and other causes, which have been unable to find others willing to fill their places, have, in some cases, died for want of devotion to duty on the part of some one.

At Port Hillford, Rev. H. Carter organized and is Pres. of the "Willing Workers' Mission Band, with a membership of 27. Secy. Miss Gussie Rood; Treas. Miss Martha Reid.

In Sept., at the request of the teacher, I visited one of the schools at Torbrook Mines and organized a promising Band with 18 members. At their next meeting the numbers were increased to 32. Name "Sunbeam," Pres. Miss Mary H. Nealey, Secy. Miss Ethel Banks, Treas. Miss Ethel Wheelock; Organist Miss Lottie Whitman.

For a time a number in Upper Granville were a branch of the Bridgetown Band. As the distance made it difficult to meet with Bridgetown workers they organized a Band in their section of the church. Pres. Mrs. C. L. Goodwin; Vice-Pres. Miss Grace Woodard; Secy., Everett Hall; Treas. Myrtle Hoffman.

Dec. 1903, Clementsvale Band was organized by Mrs. Balcom, Pres. Mrs. J. H. Balcom; Vice-Pres. Mrs. Lindley Sprout; Secy., Roy L. Balcom; Treas., Ellie Potter.

March 30th, Mrs. C. K. Morse organized a Band at Cambridge with 14 members. Pres. M. D. Caldwell; Vice-Pres. G. Nealey; Secy., C. R. Knowlton; Treas., M. D. Woodman, Auditor, G. B. Woodman. This with the one organized in Waterville, is two Bands organized by Mrs. Morse within a few months and shows how readily the young are led to engage in mission work when the pastor and wife are in sympathy with, and interested in the movement.

March 5th a Band was organized at Apple River with 18 members. The officers are Pres., Alberta Patton; Vice-Pres. Mrs. G. Milton; Secy., Georgia Bradshaw; Treas. Utah Milton; Organist, Flora M. Patton; Auditor, Clara Slocum.

April 1st Mrs. Pearson organized the "Sunshine" Band at West Paradise with 15 members, and a cradle roll of 13. Pres. Mrs. John D. Dargie; Secy., Eugene Pool; Treas., Dollie Morse.

A Senior Band recently organized in Immanuel Church, Truro, is doing good work. Membership 12. Pres. Mrs. M. A. McLean; Vice-Pres., Miss Alice Hopper; Secy. Miss May Jamison; Treas. Miss Isabella Stevens.

Some of the older members of the Band at Wolfville feeling they could do better work as a Senior Band organized Mr. C. B. Whidden was appointed Sup't. with officers of their number. This new departure is being carried forward with interest and enthusiasm.

Those with 1st Church Halifax, Chester Basin, Waterville and Homeville, already reported, make 14 new Bands during this conventional year, with prospects of others in the near future.

Mrs. P. R. FOSTER, Band Sup't.

Berwick, N. S.

Bass River, April 29th.

Many of the readers of the M. and V. will be sorry to learn of the death of our dear sister Mrs. D. Mahon, who passed peacefully to her reward on Sabbath eve April 24th. Our sister had been in ill health for some time, but none realized how near the end was. She was ready when she heard the Master's call "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." As she lived in Christ so she died in Christ, and her beautiful Christian life will live on. As we ask ourselves why she was taken from an affectionate husband and two dear children, we recall the words of our Lord "What I do thou knowest not now but thou shalt know hereafter." Her funeral was from the Baptist church on Wednesday afternoon. The services were conducted by our pastor Rev. G. A. Lawson. The sermon was very impressive from Revelation 14, 13.

She was an active worker both in the church and our W. M. A. Society. She will be missed in her home, in the church, in the aid and in the hearts of all. May we all be found ready when He cometh.

(Mrs.) CHAS. FISHER, Sec'y of the W. M. A. S.

Amounts Received by W. B. M. U. Treasurer

FOR APRIL 9th TO APRIL 30th, 1904

Dep Brook, F.M. \$3.45, H.M. 90c; Bridgewater, F.M. \$3, H.M. \$2.50, to constitute Mrs. K. P. Trety a life member, F.M. \$12.50, H.M. \$12.50; Summerside, C. O. Q. M., F.M. \$80c, H.M. \$5c; Chester Basin, Tidings 25c, Reports 20c; Bass River, F.M. \$10.50, H.M. \$20.80; Halifax 1st church, Miss Allison Smith support of Rosie in Mrs. Churchill's school \$50; Hopewell Cape, F.M. \$4.50; North River, F.M. \$88, H.M. \$4; Eldon, F.M. \$10; Osborne, F.M. \$1, H.M. 60c; Digby, F.M. \$7, H.M. 55c; Berwick, F.M. \$2.50, H.M. \$2.50, balance to constitute Mrs. Peter Middlemas a life member, F.M. \$3; Weston, F.M. \$2.50, H.M. \$1.25; Truro Immanuel church, F.M. \$5.50, H.M. \$3; Reports, 30c; Tidings, 25c; Riverside, F.M. \$8.10; Sackville, Main St., F.M. \$9.00, H.M. 50c; Mira Gut, F.M. \$4.10, Reports 10c; Billtown, F.M. \$10.25, H.M. \$9.25; Gavelton, F.M. \$3.50; Kenupt, Tidings 25c; Chance Harbor, F.M. \$4.70; Athol, F.M. \$4.10, Reports 10c; Peel, F.M. \$3; Jacksonville, Leaflets 21c; Florenceville, F.M. \$3.50, H.M. \$3.50; Hopewell Hill, F.M. \$5; Mrs. Elizabeth Starratt G. L. M. \$1; Laconia, F.M. \$4; Cavendish, F.M. \$2.10, H.M. \$1.15; Chacoeval Hospital \$7.45; Reports 20c; Cambridge Narrows, F.M. \$1.75, H.M. \$1; Reports 25c; Fredericton, F.M. \$73; St. Marrins, F.M. \$3.50 Mite Boxes F.M. \$5.67; Live pool, F.M. \$5.75, H.M. \$1.50, Reports 15c; St. John West, F.M. \$7, H.M. \$4.50, (divided between N. W. G. L. N. B. Comm.) West Yarmouth, F.M. \$9, H.M. \$3.50; Port Maitland, F.M. \$10; Argyle, F.M. \$4.90, H.M. 35c; Colina, Mrs. Edmund Kierstead, F.M. \$1; 1st Sable River, F.M. \$8.65, H.M. \$2; Reports 10c, Tidings 25c; Falkland Ridge, F.M. \$2.50, H.M. 50c; McDonald's Corner, F.M. \$16.20; Truro Immanuel church, Leaflets, \$1.35; Digby, F.M. \$8; Lunenburg, F.M. \$3.25, H.M. 30c; Chipman, F.M. \$22.11, balance to constitute Mrs. E. T. Miller a life member, H.M. \$3, Tidings 25c; St. John Lenster Street, F.M. \$10, H.M. \$6; Canard - F.M. \$20.50, H.M. 50c; St. John Brussel Street, F.M. \$12; Berwick - F.M. \$8.42, Rossway, Leaflets, 35c; New Germany - F.M. \$7; Summersville - F.M. \$5.75, H.M. \$1, 3rd Yarmouth, Deerfield, and P. Valley - F.M. \$5.75, H.M. \$1.84, Reports 10c; St. John Germain Street - F.M. \$31.30, H.M. 60c, Reports 10c; Yarmouth Temple Church - to constitute a life member, F.M. \$12.50, H.M. \$12.50, Mite Boxes, F.M. \$11.42; Linden - F.M. \$1, H.M. \$2; Windsor - F.M. \$28, to constitute Rev. W. F. Parker a life member, F.M. \$25; Amherst - F.M. \$18. MARY SMITH, Treas. W. B. M. U.

Amherst P. O. B. 513.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

The 8th session of the Burmah Baptist Convention was held in Bassion last October 17-19. The President was Rev. W. F. Thomas of Insieu. Work along the usual lines was prosecuted during the year. There were no startling changes of methods introduced; and the reports were of a most encouraging nature.

There are 790 churches connected with different Associations, 211 ordained preachers and 580 unordained. The total membership of the three Associations, Burman, Karen, and Chin is 44,518. There are also 581 schools with 18,432 pupils. The contributions for all purposes by these churches were Rs 82,778. Surely here is a record which ought to fill each Christian heart with great joy. If Christians in America had not sent these people the gospel there would have been no such wonderful story to tell. Let the work go on. Help your own F. M. Board.

Just see what others are doing for Missions—and for missions to the dark places of the earth and then ask yourselves why it is that others are so interested in the work and do so much for it, and I am so indifferent to this greatest work on earth.

In London, at Whitfield's Chapel on Tottenham Court Road there was held recently a Conference of 40 or 50 Congregationalist ministers, to consider the claims of foreign missions. The Conference had been summoned by Dr. Horton but not being able to be present on account of illness he sent a characteristic letter in which he spoke of the vast importance which the work of foreign missions had assumed to his mind during those last few weeks while he had the opportunity of greatly reviewing things. The Rev. F. B. Mayer one of the speakers, made some

racy criticisms as to missionary methods both at home and abroad. He urges that missionaries ought to be relieved of the great burden of business details and financial anxieties which rested upon them, and should be allowed to give themselves wholly to their proper spiritual work. The churches must be brought into closer and more personal contact with the mission field by making themselves responsible for the support of individual missionaries as was done by his own church with the happiest results.

An interesting suggestion which he made was that everyone should put a penny into a missionary box the last thing at night, with the thought, that while we slept, the missionaries on the other side of the world would be carrying on their work. If our Baptist people in these provinces were to do something like this the hearts of our missionaries would leap for very joy, and the much needed reinforcements would soon be on their way to the front, and why not? One cent a night, seven cents a week, 365 cents a year, what an offering for missions!

20th Century Fund.

RECEIPTS FOR NOVA SCOTIA, APRIL 1ST TO 30TH, 1904.

Marriott's Cove—Joseph Bezanon, \$3; Port Williams—Mrs. Ois Jess, 75c; Westport—Rev. Richard Kemp, \$5; Digby—R. J. Thorne, \$1; Chester—Minnie A. Moland \$2; Addie L. Moland, \$1; Canning—Mrs. E. A. Rand, \$1; A. Rand, \$2; Greenfield—Mrs. H. G. Freeman, \$2; Bear River Sunday School, \$6; Pleasant River, Queens Co.—Rufus Hendry, \$8; Mrs. A. M. Frank, 25c; Arcadia church \$7.42; Rev. A. F. Baker, \$5; Truro—Mrs. Allan M. Johnson, \$2; J. A. McDorman, \$2; Wolfville—Mrs. J. W. Beckwith, "Thank offering" \$5; Rev. A. Colton, \$10; Sunday School, \$5; Gabarus C. B.—Wm. J. McDonald, \$5; Kentville—Mrs. J. W. Gould, \$5; Port Medway—Mrs. Amasa Foster, 75c; Lower Falmouth Sunday School, \$10; Nictaux—E. P. Smith, \$4; Lower Aylesford church—Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Munro, \$5; West Jeddore Sunday School, \$4; Aylesford church, \$16.65; West Yarmouth church, \$4.72; J. HOWARD BARRS, Treas. for Nova Scotia.

Reply to Baptist Blacksmith.

Baptist Blacksmith would work me to death answering his questions. Let me say to him as Dr. Wheaton Smith said to Rev. Phillips Brooks who come to him and requested Dr. Smith to immerse some candidates who wanted to unite with the Episcopal church. Dr. Smith looked at the stout form before him and said, Brother Brooks you look able to immerse your own candidates. E. M. SAWDERR

N. B. Home Missions.

Eight students have been designated for service on the fields of New Brunswick during the present summer, and in view of the enlarged efforts now put forth by the Board, we most earnestly ask for the full and hearty co-operation of all the churches to aid us in their support. There are still several pastorless churches, while others asking for assistance have also had to go unanswered. Let us with the best forces we can command nevertheless do our utmost for the cause of God in the home field, trusting that the great Shepherd will give us his blessing and help. Special appeals will be sent out to the pastors and churches asking for a general response in behalf of our venture. Announcements of appointments will be given later. 29 High St., St. John. W. E. MCINTYRE, Sec'y.

Large Gifts.

I have great pleasure in believing that the custom of giving away money during their lifetime (and there is nothing harder for men to part with, except prejudice) is more common with Americans than with any other people. It is a still greater pleasure to see that the favorite direction of their beneficence is toward the founding of colleges and libraries. My observation has led me to believe that there is no country in which wealth is so sensible of its obligations as our own. And as most of our rich men have risen from the ranks, may we not fairly attribute this sympathy with their kind to the benign influence of democracy rightly understood?

My dear and honored friend, George William Curtis, told me that he was sitting in front of the late Mr. Ezra Cornell in a convention where one of the speakers made a Latin quotation. Mr. Cornell leaned forward and asked for a translation of it, which Mr. Curtis gave him. Mr. Cornell thanked him and added, "if I can help it no young man shall grow up in New York hereafter without the chance at least, of knowing what a Latin quotation means when he hears it." This was the germ of Cornell University, and it found food for its roots in that sympathy and thoughtfulness for others of which I spoke. It is not this public spirit a national evolution from that frame of mind in which New England was colonized, and which found expression in these grave words of Robinson and Brewster: "We are knit together as a body in a most strict and sacred bond and covenant of the Lord, of the violation of which we make great conscience, and by virtue whereof we hold ourselves strictly tied to all care of each other's good, and of the whole." Let us never forget the deep and solemn import of these words. The problem before us is to make a whole of our many discordant parts, our many foreign elements, and I know of no way in which this can better be done than by providing a common system of education and a common door of access to the best books by which that education may be continued, broadened, and made fruitful.—James Russell Lowell.