

W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR AUGUST.

For our Conventions that a special blessing may descend upon all present and wisdom be given to guide in all matters of business.

Notice.

The time is drawing near for the reports from our County Secretaries. Please let them reach me as early in August as possible.

Will all Secretaries of Aid Societies and Mission Bands in Nova Scotia who have not received the blank forms, please let me know at once. These blank forms have been sent to the Secretaries whose names were sent in last July. Please notify me of any change in name or address.

AMY E. JOHNSTON.
Prov. Sec'y, N. S.

The annual Convention of W. B. M. U. will be held at Truro, Prince Street church, August 17, 18. Every W. M. A. S. is entitled to send two delegates beside the President and Secretary. All Mission Bands are requested to send a delegate. Persons wishing to attend these meetings will send their names as soon as possible to Mrs. William Archibald, Pleasant St., Truro. The usual railway accommodation will be secured.

Many of our Sisters are now asking the question "Can I go to the W. B. M. U. Convention at Truro?" Those who have enjoyed these seasons of blessing will long to go again, those who have not should come and see what good things can be found there. The patient mission workers in our W. M. A. S. who have striven so hard "to keep up the interest" should be there to receive the information, help and inspiration to be gained from contact with co-workers in that department of labor. The greetings of missionaries, their personal uplifting accounts of real work on the foreign field, the prayer services, the interchange of thought in practical mission work, the social and spiritual blessings you cannot afford to lose.

Good sisters, there may be some of you who have no desire to go yourselves, could you not by a little thought and co-operation send the faithful woman who has stood in the fore front of missionary effort in your church, who is not able to go without your help and would deem it such a privilege to be there. It may be your minister's wife or some other. At our last meeting we had the help and encouragement of some sent in this way and they received a great blessing which was returned to those who sent them. These are seasons of rare privilege to those who go seeking a blessing, prepared to do all the good and get all the good they possibly can.

Outline Programme for Convention of W. B. M. U. held at Truro, Aug. 17, 18.

Wednesday—9.30 a. m.—Executive meeting. 2.30 p. m.—Prayerservice led by Mrs. Trueman Bishop. 3 p. m.—Opening exercises, Enrolment of delegates, Appointing Committees. Provincial Secretaries' reports, New Brunswick, Mrs. M. S. Cox; Nova Scotia, Miss A. E. Johnston; P. E. Island, Miss M. E. Davies. 4 p. m.—County Secretaries' meeting, led by Mrs. Cox. (Programme next week.) 5 p. m.—Report on Literature, Miss M. Wood; Discussion. 7.30 p. m.—Opening exercises. Secretary's report, Mrs. H. Everett. Treasurer's report, Mrs. Mary Smith. President's address, Greetings from other Societies. Vocal solo, Mrs. A. Shaw. Addresses, Miss Carr, Burmah; Mrs. Churchill, India; Miss Helena Blackadar, B. A., (Missionary elect). Wayland Seminary; Mrs. M. C. Higgins.

Thursday—9.30 a. m.—Prayer service for our Missionaries, led by Mrs. J. F. Kempton. 10 a. m.—Reports from our delegates. 11 a. m.—Election of officers, estimates, etc., etc. 2.30 p. m.—Praise service, Mrs. David Freeman. 3 p. m.—Home Mission report. Discussion. 3.30 p. m.—Mission Band meeting, led by Mrs. P. R. Foster. Opening exercises; Minutes of last meeting; Roll call; Map exercise on "Bimilipatam"; Music; Papers, "How we conduct our Band" by Miss King, "How to increase the interest in the Mission Band" by Miss Etta J. Yuill, B. A., "How to increase the attendance" by Mrs. M. W. Brown. Closing exercises. 4.30—Reports from Band delegates. 7.30—p. m.—Opening exercises. Paper, "What 'Go' means to women," by Mrs. Burton Jost. Addresses, Mrs. W. V. Higgins, Mrs. Sanford, Miss Grey, Miss Edna Corning, Gordon Training School, Mrs. Nalder. Solo, Mrs. D. W. Crandall. 9.30—Consecration service.

Foreign Missions.

By courtesy of the N. B. Eastern Association the ladies of the W. B. M. U. were given Sabbath afternoon for a mass missionary meeting. The day was fine and the audience all that could be desired. Mrs. Trueman Bishop, presided. Music, "Come unto me"; Reading scripture, Mrs. W. B. Hinson; Prayer, Mrs. Cox, Provincial Secretary; Paper, "Why young girls should be interested in Missions," Miss Lu Taylor. A strong and conclusive paper which we hope will awaken in young girls an interest and love for missions. Music—Duet "Why stand ye here idle." Bible reading on "Tithing," Miss Clark, forceful reasons from Scripture. Our sister left no alternative, but give the Lord a tenth or be a robber. Address, Mrs. Cox, a strong and practical presentation of the opportunities afforded the sisters and reasons why we should enter fully upon this work. Address, Rev. J. W. Manning. Our brother's address was heart-searching and cheering and to our intelligent audience must result in good. Music, "In the Cross." Address, Mr. Hinson, in which he clinched all the well driven nails and added several new ones. Closing remarks by the Leader. Collection, \$12.22. We pray this service for Christ and souls will be blest in stimulating the sisters in the work and awakening an interest in those who are not interested.

MRS. T. BISHOP.

Amounts Received by the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U. from August 6 to August 19.

Amherst Sunday School, F. M., \$21, H. M., \$11; River Hebert, F. M., \$2, H. M., \$3.08; The Range, Mission Band, F. M., \$6, collection annual meeting, F. M., \$2.50; Lawrenceton Mission Band, support of Mabel Beatrice Held, F. M., \$15; Harvey, F. M., \$15.76, H. M., \$3.16, Tidings, 25c; Little Glace Bay, F. M., \$2, result of public meeting, F. M., \$2.65, Mission Band, F. M., \$2.65; Yarmouth, 1st church, F. M., \$7, H. M., \$1, G. L. M., \$1, Thank-offering, H. M., \$4, Tekkall building, \$1; Overton, Mission Band, toward Mr. Morres salary, \$5.50; Lewisville, Sunday School, support of Biblewomen, under Mrs. Churchill, \$26; Diligent River, F. M., \$2, Tidings, 25c; North River, F. M., \$5; H. M., \$5; Havelock, F. M., \$16, Tidings, 25c; St. John, German Street, F. M., \$45.32, H. M., 68c; Reports, 30c; New Cornwall, F. M., \$2; Oxford, result of tea given by Mrs. A. Parker, F. M., \$2.50, H. M., \$2.55; Cox's Point, Tidings, 25c; Athol, result of pie social held at the home of Mrs. John Wade, toward Miss Harrison's salary, \$30; River Hebert, F. M., \$5.20, H. M., 60c, Reports 5c; Dartmouth, F. M., \$13.50, H. M., \$6.50, Tidings, 25c; Lewisville, F. M., \$9, G. L. M. and N. W. M., \$6.69; 2nd Hillsboro, F. M., \$4; Acadia Mines, F. M., \$5.50; Port Elgin, F. M., \$5, H. M., \$4; Lower Economy and Five Islands, F. M., \$1.34, H. M., 50c, Miss Aggie McCarroll, G. L. M., 75c, Reports, 15c; Surrev, F. M., \$4.92, N. B. H. M., 3.71; Steeves Mountain, H. M., \$3; Upper Dorchester, F. M., \$14, Tidings, 25c; Point de Bute, F. M., \$10.10, H. M., \$10.15; Point de Bute, Miss Bertha Dixon, to constitute herself a life member, F. M., \$12.50, H. M., \$12.50; New Mines, F. M., \$4.75; Greenville, F. M., \$1, Tidings, 25c; 1st Moncton Mission Band, support of a native preacher in India, \$50; Upper Perreux, F. M., \$15; St. George, F. M., \$10; Forbes' Point, H. M., \$6.30; 2nd St. Margarets Bay, F. M., \$2.85, H. M., \$1.32; Marysville, F. M., \$8.50, H. M., \$2.36; Tryon, F. M., \$32.42, H. M., \$1.95, Mission Band, F. M., \$6.50, H. M., \$6.50, Tidings, 25c, Reports, 25c; Hopewell Hill, F. M., \$6.50, H. M., \$1, Tidings, 25c; Cumberland Bay, F. M., \$10; Halifax, 1st church, F. M., \$7.25, H. M., \$8.69, Reports, 90c; Bridgewater, F. M., \$8, H. M., \$1, G. L. M., 50c; Bridgetown, F. M., \$26, H. M., \$3.91, Mission Band, Tekkall mission work, \$7.09, support of a boy in Mrs. Churchill's school, \$10; Lawrenceton and Valley West, F. M., \$19.85, H. M., \$4.65, Miss Newcombe's salary, \$7.50, Mrs. J. Daniels, Miss Newcombe's salary, \$5, Tidings, 25c, Reports, 10c; Hantsport, F. M., \$13.82, H. M., \$15.91; Mount Dennison, F. M., \$5; 2nd Chipman, F. M., \$17.92; Dartmouth, Sunday School, F. M., \$3.87, H. M., \$3.86; Osborne, F. M., \$5.60, H. M., \$2.06, Tidings, 25c; St. George, Mission Band, toward Mr. Morres' salary, F. M., \$7.15; Apple River, F. M., \$3; Albany, F. M., \$6.60, Tidings, 25c, Reports, 15c; North West, Mission Band, F. M., \$7.40; Springhill, F. M., \$4, H. M., \$2; Overton, F. M., \$12, H. M., 50c, A Sister, Mr. Morres' salary, \$5; Maccan, F. M., \$8.50; Mount Hanley, F. M., \$7, H. M., \$1.40, Mission Band, Miss Newcombe's salary, \$8.06, Tidings, 25c; Middleton, F. M., \$8, H. M., \$1.10, Reports, 10c, Tidings, 15c; Jacksontown, F. M., \$5.20, H. M., \$1.35, Tidings, 25c, Reports, 20c; Jacksonville, F. M., \$4.25, G. L. M., \$1.67, N. W. M., \$1.68, Tidings, 25c; New Canada, Mission Band, F. M., \$2; Sackville, F. M., \$13.35, H. M., \$22.20, Special Fund, to constitute Mrs. R. K. Patterson a life member, toward paying Miss Blackader's passage to India, \$25, Reports, 75c; Woodpoint, branch of Sackville, F. M., \$2; Middle Sackville, Mission Band, toward Tekkall building, \$4, Mr. Morres' salary, \$15; Lower Sackville, Mission Band, toward Tekkall building, \$4.50, Mr. Morres' salary, \$6.75.

MARY SMITH, Treas. W. B. M. U.

Amherst, P. O. Box 513.
CORRECTION.—In list of acknowledgements in MESSENGER AND VISITOR, July 13, the amount of contents in little girls Mite Box, Amherst, was omitted, which should have read, \$2.50.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY

It was a Roman, a heathen man, who said: There is nothing which concerns a man that does not concern me. It was a noble saying, it might fittingly have come from the lips of Jesus. The Christian, not only may say, but

must say, there is nothing which concerns Christ that does not concern me. It is not an incidental thing therefore, that a Christian is a doer of good, a helper of God to get hold of men, to get hold of the world, it is the very essence of the Christian life, it is that essential thing without which the Christian life cannot be. The Christian is not converted solely that he may have a happy time and go to heaven on flowery beds of ease; but he has entered into a service—a life of fellowship with Jesus Christ,—into a partnership with Him, to make God's Kingdom come. It is not optional with a Christian whether he shall be concerned about saving men, it is not a question that he may vote up or down at will, he must be concerned about them. In Rom. 8:29, Paul teaches that the design of the converted life is not safety, or peace, or heaven, even, but a transformation into a holy character, conformed to the image of God's son,—this is to be like Jesus. Of course it means to grow like Him. We are to feel as he felt, to love as he loved, and so our hearts are to go out after the lost and the perishing everywhere. We dare not do less and be true to Him whom we call Saviour and Lord. Mission work is our only excuse for existence. When we cease our efforts to save others and especially those in deepest darkness, then we cease to have any decent excuse for living. The oneness and object of the Christian religion is to give the gospel to the whole world as soon as possible, and in so far as we fail at this point, we have failed at every point. There can be no doubt whatever that there are very many of the avowed followers of the Lord Jesus, who give very little proof of genuine love to the Lord that bought them. If they are saved themselves, they will surely try to save somebody else,—and who needs salvation more than those who have never heard of Jesus? How shall we bring about a greater interest in this work of saving men? Some one has well said that "Facts are fuel which feed the fires of missions." We must inform the people, let them know the needs, the triumphs, the difficulties and all about the work. Tell them what has been done, what is doing and what is yet to be done. Let them see and be made to feel the needs, the awful needs of great multitudes. Refresh their minds with the wonderful provision which has been made to meet these needs and help them to see how the provision and the needs are to be brought near each other, and of their relations to each. Encourage them to pray for missions and mission-workers, and it will not be long before there will be revived interest in all our churches.

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