Foreign Missions

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR JUNE.

That the lady missionaries at Bimlipatam may be granted wisdom and power in their work and may bear hard on Jesus. For Fomalingam and native Christians. For our Associations and Home Mission fields.

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The W. M. A. S., of the different Associations will hold their usual Mission meetings where delegates from Bands and Socies are expected to report and interesting programs are being prepared. The Western N. S., at Nictaux, Monday, June 19th, the Central at Mabone Bay, N. S., Thursday, June 22nd, the Western N. B., at Gibson, Saturday, June 24th, the Eastern N. S., at Parsboro, Saturday, July 8th, the Southern N. B., at Carleton, July 8th, the Eastern N. B., at Petitcodiac, July 17th, Monday, P. E. Island Association at Montague, July 3rd.

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BULLA GURANNA.

BY JOHN HARDY.

SERTHAMPETA, Feb. 26th, 1905.

About sixty years ago, in Venkawpeta a suburb of Paiakanda, a little stranger came into the house of Bulla Mullagga. For two reasons there was great rejoicing, first, because the new comer was the first born, and secondly, because the stranger was a boy. In this land of perverted ideas, the advent of a baby boy to the house is regarded as the smile of God, while the arrival of a baby girl is regarded as a signal of His displeasure. The usual thanksgiving was made to all the Gods, and thus another child of darkness was initiated into the way that leads to death.

Doubtless his childhood was spent like that of any other boy in India, whose lot it is to find himself surrounded by everything that makes for comfort, for his was a home where want was not known. Among his first troubles in this world, was one which came to him at the tender age of two days. Notwithstanding the fact that it was administered by loving hands, he protested with all his might against this heathen custom, but as he was in the minority, and was the weaker party, he had to submit, but he did so under loud protests and strong kickings. If you had been passing his home at the time, you would have heard this young gentleman crying as only a child can when in great trouble. Your sympathies would have been aroused, and you would have drawn near to learn the cause of distress, and perchance to lend a helping hand. I can imagine your horror when you would have seen the father and mother or some relation burning the little stomach with a red hot iron, the marks of which remain to this day. In answer to your question of why such cruelty? you would have been told that it was absolutely necessary to keep away sickness. Your arguments to show them the folly of such a course would have been met with the statement, "Our fathers, grand-fathers, and great grand-fathers did this, and that with an air that would have bid you to understand that further argument was only a waste of time, as well as an exposure of what they would have considered your ignofance. Although a child of plenty he never knew what shoes and stockings were, nor the joy of graduating out of dresses into pants. His only suit was a piece of cloth tied around his waist."

As with other mortals, so it was with young Guranna, he had to pass from the childhood of freedom from work in that of boyhood when he must put his shoulders under the "White man's" as well as the "Black man's burden" of winning bread. As his father was a weaver, and as the custom of the country has decreed that the son must learn the trade of the father, the subject of this article had to learn to weave. One would almost think that trades ran in the blood in India. Be that as it may, one thing is certain, and that is, that they must run along the iron bound road of caste. I mean in the Hindu community. As he does not remember much about those days, and as human nature is the same the world over, I may be pardoned for borrowing a little from personal experience, to fill up a space that would otherwise be vacant, and say that he thought during those days of semi-freedom from responsibility, that his was the hardest lot in the world, while he was bound to the tedium of work. But, whether under inward protest or not, he served his apprenticeship and passed out into the sphere of young manhood.

In this new world he was given some capital from his father's wealth with which to begin life. This he used as a money-lender and for a time prosperity attended him. Lands came into his hands and he was a big man. When he was twenty-three years of age his father died, and as he was the head man in the caste, and as Guranna was the eldest son, that honor came to him. Authority to a Hindu always means money whether or not there is any salary connected with the office. In this capacity he was not so much the head man as ruler of the people as their religous teacher. To fit himself for this work he spent much time memorizing the Hindu Sacred writings. Judging from the way he still recites them, he must have been an expert in his profession. But while he went out and in among his people as an exponent of God's truth, little or nothing did he know of the true God, and much less did he dream of the One whose name is above every name, which name he was a chosen vessel of mercy to carry before his people. When he was spending hour after hour filling his mind with the precepts of the Hindu religion, little did he think that he would ever use this very knowledge to confound and tear down that fabrication of falsehood which he then labored so hard to build up. But such was God's secret plan for him, and the day must come when God's open secret of sin and salvation must be made known to and by him.

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Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

The friends of our mission work will kindly remember that the Board requests all the churches to take a silver collection when addressed by the missionaries and others in the interest of the work. Mr. Gullison will have a magic lantern which he will use at week night services wherever practicable. The Board will be very grateful if pastors and others will do their best to make these meetings a success. Large and generous offerings will be appreciated.

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20th Century Fund.

North River, Ernest E Jonah, $8. Kings Iear, Lesj Lotts, $1. Havelock, Mr and Mrs R Mullins and Miss Mullin, $7. Brussels St., Grace E Smith, $2. Leinster St., H Dean Creed, $5. Fredericton, H C Creed, $15. Hopewell, L R Hetherington, $7 50. Gideon Bray $10. W C Wright, $5. $22 50. Jacksonville (S S $2 75. Jos McCready $10—$3 75. Valley, Thos Lowther, $1; Ethel Kierstead, $1; $4. Sackville, (Jas Hopkins, $2; Rev E B McLaughlin $1—$3. Newcastle, Thos O Bailey, $1; Sq Hutchinson, Mrs and Mrs Jordan Steeves, $6; Mrs W. H. Duffy, $1; A W Duffy $1; Annie Duffy, $1; E M Bishop, $10; 14. Leinster St. Miss Belle F. DeLong, $5. Chipman, H King $5. Lake Mt (Mrs Isaiah Trites, $2; B A Lutes, $5) $7. Cardwell, Jas H Watters $3. Harvey (Est J R Turner, etc J M Stevens, $4)—$10. Gibson, Mr and Mrs W R Robinson, $6 25; J H Bradly, $1; Mrs C Bleakney $1; Belle M Miles $1; Geo A Miles 50c)—$9.75. Elgin, Warren Hicks, $1; Hodgdon and Richmond, Mrs John Henderson, $2. Hillsboro 3rd, S S $5. Carleton, Mrs L. Estabrooks, $1. Up Gagetown (J W Travis, $3. Mr and Mrs JasBabbitt, $2. Augusta Hobin $1)—$6. Salisbury (Mr and Mrs Isaac Crossman $1 50. Hazen Crossman $1; Calvin Jones, $2)—$4 50. Springfield 1st, Harry Nobles $5. Norton, Grace Allaby, $5. Forest Glen, W T Colpitts $5. Campbellton, Nathan Bulmer $5. Wm Hanscomb $2 50)—$7 50. Total $170.50.

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Bedeque, Mrs E T Wright $1.

May 19, 1905. J. W. MANNING, Treas.

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Sackville. (C W Ford, $5. Dr. Copp, $15, Mr and Mrs. W. Cahill, $3.50; Mrs F Barnes, $1; J E Fowler, $3; C G Steadman, $3; J F Faulkner, $2 50; E H Fowler, $2; J W Sangster, $15; Burton Ford, $5; Walter Fowler, $12; Chas E Carter, $3; A W Dixon $4; S School, $25; Mrs E L Anderson, $4; Mrs Gass, $3; Harry Phinney, $12; Maud Phinney, $1; Walter Tolcup, $6; H B Doncaster, $3. Mr and Mrs H Palmer, $2; Wm Dixon, $1; Mrs V A Mullins, $2; Mrs Wm Snowdon, 50c; Harry L Snowdon, $1; Mrs Julia Snowdon, $1; Mrs J Chase, $2; Mr and Mrs J E Phinney, $4 50; A C Sears, $5;)—$159; Dorchester, (Martin Crossman, $2, C A Fillmore, $4.)—$6; Salisbury, (Mrs W Taylor, $10; E W Horsman, $4; N E Sharpe, $2; J M Crandall, $6; H N Crandall, $2; Mrs R T McCready, $2; Mrs P Gray, $1; Freeze Taylor, $4;)—$31; Petitcodiac, D A Jonah, $2; Hillsboro 1st, Lottie Osborne, $1: Fairville, Rev A T Dykeman, $5; Springfield, 1st, Mrs S Davis, $1; Upper Falls, St. George, I E Gillmor, $1; Elgin, 3rd, Bertie B Steeves, $2; Sheffield 2nd, Mrs F C Coburn, $2; Centerville, E S Branscombe, $5; Metapedia, William Bulmer, $5; Newcastle, (D J Bailey, $1; Mr and Mrs S Bailey, $2) $3; Lutes Mt. Levi Steeves, $2; Elgin, 3rd. John R Geldart 75 cts; Sheffield 2nd, Robt McGill, $2. Total $214 75.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Mrs and Bessie Billingsley, $3.

St. John, May 31, 1905. J. W. MANNING, Treas.

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New Books.

THE MESSAGE OF THE TWELVE PROPHETS. By William D. Murray.

In preparing this book the author has been influenced by a consideration of the great importance to the student of the prophetic books of the Bible. They form the key to all the chief problems of Old Testament study, and without them no one can hope to make any real progress in the knowledge of the Old Testament as a whole. These studies are an attempt to make the Minor Prophets a subject for devotional study. They have therefore been arranged in brief daily portions and are printed so that questions can be answered in writing. The studies are arranged so that each of the prophets forms a book study by itself covering one or more complete weeks. A chronological chart gives the place of the prophets in the history of the Hebrew people together with the names and dates of a few of the more important kings. These studies were prepared originally for use in the author's Bible class of business men and have been taught by him at various times. Out of each class which has studied them, the author tells us, one or more of the ministers has gone forth into Christian work, they have heard the call of God through the prophets of old.

—Published by the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association.

HAROLD BOWDOIN'S INVESTMENT. By Hattie E. Colter.

In this little volume a story is related which certainly does not find many counterparts in actual life. It tells us of a youth living amid affluence in a city, who makes the acquaintance of a lad near his own age who is working for small wages in a factory. The acquaintance is cultivated at first on the part of the rich youth as a Christian duty and in order to help one that needs help. Then, finding that this factory lad possesses unusual talents and a great thirst for knowledge, this rich youth, Harold Bowdoin, resolves to secure for him the opportunity of an education which he accordingly does, and has the happiness of seeing his friend and protege develow into a student of very remarkable ability and a minister of the Gospel, whose work is marked by great consecration and success. There will be few to dispute that an investment yielding such results is a good one, and if every rich youth could be sure of discovering a Ferdinand Lee, there doubtless would be more who would be ready to bestow their friendship on poor factory boys. There is perhaps, only one such boy in ten thousand, but the others no less need Christian sympathy and friendship than the one of brilliant talents.

—Published by William Briggs, Toronto.

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Equity Sale.

TO BE SOLD at Public Auction at Chubb's Corner (so called), corner of Prince William Street and Princess Street, in the City of Saint John, in the City and County of Saint John, in the Province of New Brunswick on SATURDAY, the FIFTEENTH DAY of JULY next, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, pursuant to the directions of a decretal order of the Supreme Court in Equity, made on Thursday, the fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five, in a certain cause therein pending wherein The Eastern Trust Company is Plaintiff and The Cushing Sulphite Fibre Company, Limited, is Defendant, with the approbation of the undersigned Referee in Equity the mortgaged lands and premises described in the Plaintiff's bill of complaint and in the said decretal order in this cause as follows, that is to say:—"All and singular that certain lot of land, messuage, tenements and premises, situate, lying and being at Union Point (so called) in the Parish of Lancaster, in the City and County of Saint John and Province aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows:—Commencing on the Southeastern side line of the road at Union Point as defined by the fence and retaining wall there now erected at the intersection thereof by the North Eastern bank or shore of the Canal crossing the lot number 3 going thence along the aforesaid Southern line of said road, and a prolongation thereof North forty one degrees, thirty minutes East by the magnet of A. D., 1898 seven hundred and ten (710) feet more or less to the shore of the river Saint John; thence along the aforesaid shore of the said river down stream following the various courses thereof to the North Eastern shore of said Canal and thence along the said Canal, North Eastuardly to the place of beginning:—and also a right of way over and along said road for all purposes to pass and repass with horses and carriages laden or unladen; and also the right to use the wharf known as the Cushing Lath Wharf for landing pulp wood or other material required by the party hereto of the first part, but not to be used as storage place: And also the right in the Cushing pond to store and pile in the customary manner five million superficial feet of logs for the requisite purpose of a pulp mill: And being the whole of the lands and premises heretofore conveyed by George S. Cushing and wife to the said party hereto of the first part, together with all the mills, mill buildings, machinery, fixtures and plant of the said Company, in, on or about the said lands and premises and all the rights privileges and appurtenances to the said lands and premises belonging or appertaining and all the estate right title interest claim and demand both at law and in equity of the said party hereto of the first part, (being said Cushing Salphite Fibre Company, Limited,) in, to or out of the said lands and premises, mills, buildings, machinery, fixtures and plant aforesaid, and every part and parcel thereof, including all the buildings, machinery, fixtures and plant acquired by the said the Cushing Sulphate Fibre Company Limited, since the execution of said Indenture of Mortgage in addition to or in substitution for any thing owned by the said Cushing Sulphate Fibre Company Limited and placed in or upon the said lands buildings or premises."

For terms of sale and other particulars apply to the plaintiff's solicitors or the undersigned Referee.

Dated at St. John, N. B., this 9th day of May, A. D. 1905.

E. H. McALPINE.
REFEREE IN EQUITY.

EARLE, BELYEA, & CAMPBELL,
PLAINTIFF'S SOLICITORS.

T. T. LANTALUM, Auctioneer.