

Foreign Missions

W. M. A. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER.

For North West, Grande Ligne and Maritime Missions. That struggling Aid Societies, may be encouraged and blessed. Thanksgiving for the blessings of the past year.

Notice.

Mission Bonds in New Brunswick wishing any assistance or information, will please address their Superintendent, Mrs. W. E. McIntyre, 29 High Street, St. John.

The Ohio and North Temple Aid Society held a tea and public meeting in the vestry of the North Temple church at Ohio, Thursday evening, Sept. 22nd. After tea was served and the audience called to order, Dr. Saunders led the exercises of the evening, which consisted of dialogues and recitations interspersed with music, at the close of which Dr. Saunders gave an earnest address. Proceeds of the evening \$13.87, which was to complete the sum of \$25 being raised by our Society for the purpose of making Mrs. Joseph H. Saunders, wife of our pastor, a life member. We hope this meeting was the means of creating a greater interest in missions in the hearts of our people.

J. C. Sec. W. M. A. S.

Rawdon.

Probably it will be of interest to some of your readers, more especially those who attended the Hants Co. Convention in Rawdon last September, to hear of the prosperity of our Aid Society formed at that time. Six names have been added to our list and we have been filled with new enthusiasm that Christ may reign "From the rivers unto the ends of the earth." On the last Sabbath in October, under the pleasant leadership of our President, Mrs. L. J. Slaughterwhite, we held a missionary concert which we feel safe in saying was enjoyed by everyone in the well-filled church.

Mrs. RUPERT J. McLEARN, Sec'y.

The W. M. A. S. of the Baptist church at Florenceville, observed "Crusade day" Wednesday afternoon, Nov. the 9th. The sisters met at the home of Mrs. W. L. McCain, Mrs. D. N. Estey, the president, presided. Home Missions, was the subject which had been chosen for discussion. The exercises were opened by singing "Higher Ground." Then followed Scripture reading by president, and prayer by sisters Hartely and McCain. After the singing of "Rescue the Perishing," the minutes of last meeting were read by Secretary Mrs. H. H. McCain, and Mrs. A. H. Hayward read an article on the "Grace of Giving."

A report on Home Mission work in N. B. was then read by Mrs. F. McCain, followed by an address by Mrs. A. D. Hartely. Each member of the society was called upon, and resounded, with some word of encouragement, or a desire to see the work increase and more advancement made during the coming year than heretofore. A paper was then read by one of the members on "The Relation of Home Mission to Foreign Mission Work."

We hope and trust that God will guide us, in the work throughout the coming year, and that greater interest will be taken by each member of the Society. Collection \$1.80.

A. H. E.

The Port Williams, W. M. A. S. held their annual Crusade meeting on Thurs. Nov. 10th after the devotional and regular business of the meeting was through, an interesting programme was given, our Sister Society at New Minas was invited to meet with us, also members of our congregation not yet identified with the Women's Missionary work.

Altogether about 50 were present, and enjoyed the hour very much, at close of meeting a social hour was spent and tea served.

Our hearts were gladdened by 3 new members. On following Sunday evening, Nov 13th, our W. M. A. S. held a public Missionary meeting, programme consisting of exercise "The Conquering Cross" by members of Aid and Mission Band, recitations, solos and special music by Senior and Junior choirs. Mrs. Foster, M. B. Supt., was present and gave a stirring talk on the needs of our work in India. Pastor Hatt also made a short address. The programme was listened to by a large and appreciative audience, collection, \$11.

Mrs. SILAS GATES.

The W. M. A. S. of Germain, Brussels and Leinster St. have held very pleasant and profitable Crusade meetings with Thank-offerings. These meetings are productive of great good in many ways. The various departments of our Mission work are brought before the people by papers

and addresses, the social element is cultivated by the sisters of different churches getting to know and love each other. New members are gained and the Spiritual life is greatly quickened by united prayer, song, Bible readings, and helpful words of experiences and encouragements. The offering given freely, gratefully, lovingly is yearly increasing. No person can doubt that Crusade Day is getting to be a most helpful factor in our Mission work.

A public meeting under the auspices of the W. M. A. S. was held at the church, Granville Centre, Oct. 30th. Meeting opened with singing missionary hymn, followed by prayer by Rev. W. H. Warren. Our County Secretary Mrs. George Pearson was with us who gave an interesting and instructive address on missionary work. She showed very plainly its necessity, that it is in accordance with the teachings of the Bible, and the great part and influence woman has to do in this work. She also gave us the origin of our W. M. A. S. in this province and an account of its wonderful growth. A recitation was then given by one of our sisters Mrs. Mary Tauch, "Come over and help us" followed by missionary music and remarks by Rev. W. H. Warren. The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all and one which I trust will encourage and strengthen us as a society.

The attendance was large and much interest shown by a collection of \$10.00.

SECRETARY.

MONCTON.

The Woman's Missionary Aid Society of the First Baptist Church observed Crusade Day by giving an At Home on Thursday Oct. 27th and holding a public Missionary Meeting in the evening. About three hundred invitations had been sent out to ladies of the church and congregation the week previous and the result was a very large attendance. Tea was served from 4.30 to 6.30 p. m. Pastor Hutchinson presided at the evening meeting. After the singing of missionary hymns, our pastor gave us a Bible Reading on giving Mrs. Baird (wife of our assist. pastor) read a paper entitled "The Claims of the Hour." Mrs. Dawson read a letter from our Missionary Mrs. Glendenning. Miss Cox read a sketch of Bamibai's life and the work being done by her. These readings were interspersed with music which was in charge of Miss Davidson. A thank offering was received in the afternoon amounting to \$32 and a collection \$14 taken in the evening, after which the meeting closed by prayer.

Sec'y.

Foreign Mission Board.

BY THE SECRETARY

Dr. McLaurin writes as follows:—We have been greatly blessed in our work. This scribe has seen Baptist Telugu Christians increase from 600 to 60,000 members. Missionaries from three to one hundred and two, and stations from three to fifty three. The distance between the two most distant stations was at that time about eighty miles. It is now at least six hundred miles along the coast of the Bay of Bengal. The station furthest from the coast was not over ten miles then, now the furthest is at least two hundred miles and yet there is much land to be traversed. We rejoice greatly in your expansion. We wish you to rejoice in ours, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, etc."

If the preaching of the Gospel to all nations is an essential part of God's great purpose towards mankind, if our Lord declares himself to be the "Light of the world" and tells us the object of his coming was to save the world, if the glorification of Jesus Christ and the final triumph of his kingdom are intimately bound up with the preaching of the Gospel for a testimony unto all nations, if continued expansion is a great principle of Christianity as gathered from the history of the early church, if idolatry is an abominable thing in the sight of God, and if the spiritual condition of those who are without the Gospel is such as ever declared by those who know, then can we wonder that Jesus Christ put the command to evangelize the world in so important a position? Can we, his followers, justify ourselves when we refuse or hesitate to obey that command to the utmost of our power?

Recognition of the true position of this command will show us that the work of foreign missions is not to be considered as one out of a hundred other charities, not as a by-work of the church of Christ, but as the one and chief work above all others, as the work for which the church was called into existence. If there is one thing taught in the history of the church more than another it is this: the blessed Lord intends her to preach the gospel to all mankind. It is plain that the Lord will not provide any other means by which this work can be done.

We should remember this, the one work of the church, in our gifts. Home calls may not be neglected, neither may the great work of the church be laid aside as is practically done by the greater number of professed Christians. Great gifts, a more constant and deepening flow of gifts into

the foreign missionary treasuries, would, unquestionably result in a great influx of spiritual life into the whole church. We have also good reason to believe that more men and women sent out to the foreign fields would increase the number called to our home work. By sending our legions abroad we may have many more recruits for home missions.

THE WORK BEING DONE.

Harper's Weekly says: "In a single year the Protestant churches of the world have expended about \$19,000,000 under the superintendence of fifteen hundred missionaries on the field, aside from the staff of secretaries and other at home. The results secured by this money appear to be out of all proportion to the efforts put forth. It is no slight thing to gather a million and a half of communicants out of the communities of India, Africa, China, and other lands; to organize and conduct several thousand schools of every grade; to establish hospitals and dispensaries in lands where medicine has been identified with the crudest superstitions; and to be the medium of the distribution of large sums of money, and to conduct relief work for those who are stricken with famine and pestilence."

The Surrendered Life.

BY WM. B. HUTCHINSON, D. D.

What will you do with that soul of yours that it may become what it ought to be? Since it responds to Christ, and since Christ is eager to touch and transform it by his power, why not let the divine Master work his will with you? That is what will truly ennoble you and make your life mean the most and be worth the most.

See that old violin-maker laboring at his task! He is striving to make a master-piece. He selects the best materials, fashions the parts with the utmost care, and adjusts them with all the skill acquired by long experience. It is finished at last; and yet, when it is completed, he is conscious that it is very imperfect, and is discouraged with the result. "It is a failure after all," he says, and with dejected spirits he hangs it on a peg in his shop along with its fellows, the workmanship of his hands.

One day a man comes into his shop and asks permission to examine the violins offered for sale. He is a great musician, an artist of world-wide fame. He tries them all, but in this one he finds something which responds to his touch in a special way. "How much?" The starving violin-maker says, "Ten francs." "It is two little," answers the other, "here are fifty," and they are thankfully received.

The master in his home tries the instrument. He learns to love it. He plays on it in his hours of private practice. He plays on it before vast multitudes, first spell-bound, then breaking forth into tumultuous applause. Experts tell us that a violin, like a human being, can acquire habits; that its sounds improve in the hands of an able artist because the fibres of the wood at last contract habits of vibration conformed to the harmonic relations, and this is what gives inestimable value to instruments that have belonged to great masters. The genius of that marvellous musician seems to be poured into his chosen instrument. It becomes the medium by which he expresses heavenly sounds he has caught out of the infinite beyond. The very material of which it is made becomes energized with the music that is the life of his being.

He is dead now, that mighty master who delighted and entranced thousands with the wondrous witchery of his music. That loved violin—at the last his hand touched it, his eyes rested upon it—can you buy it now for ten francs, for fifty francs? Nay, a king's ransom can scarce purchase it, for it is vibrant still with the echoes of that great melodious soul.

Christian, you went into Christ's hands a poor enough thing; yet there was something in you which responded to the Master's touch. Under his divine fingers music began to flow out of your life, and more and more the music of his soul became a part of your soul; every fibre of your being became attuned thereto, every tense chord of life responded to his lightest touch. And so you have become worth more to God and worth more to humanity because of the Christ life that has become the vital part of your being.

Those who attain any excellence commonly spend life on one common pursuit; for excellence is not gained upon easier terms.—Samuel Johnson.

To become like Christ is the only thing in the world worth caring for, the thing before which every ambition of man is folly, and all lower achievement vain.—Drummond.

A man's first care should be to avoid the reproaches of his own heart; his next to escape the censures of the world."