

## Foreign Missions.

### W. B. M. U.

"We are laboring together with God."

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#### PRAYER TOPIC FOR SEPTEMBER.

That God's blessing may follow the meetings of Convention and all needed help be given to carry out the plans made for advancement in every department of his work.

#### Notice.

Any packages for friends in India to be sent by the missionaries going out this autumn will you please forward to the Mission Rooms, 85 Germain street, St. John, N. B., before the 1st of October.

In loving Memory of Miss Amy E. Johnstone.

CALLED HOME JUNE 25th, 1901.

We met last year in sorrow. God had called,  
And far away in India, two of those,  
Who, strong in love, and faith, and sacrifice,  
Had gone to tell the story of the Christ,  
Looked up, and answered gladly, "Here am I,"  
And left the burning heart, the toll, the sin,  
For cooling streams, and rest, and songs of joy,  
Where, in His presence, they are satisfied.

We meet to-day in sorrow. All our hearts  
Are bowed within us, and the tears will start.  
A God's voice has called: and one we loved,  
A few, perhaps, are loved, laid down her work,  
And went to be with Jesus, in that land  
Where there is no more death, and no more pain.

We miss her so. Her ready sympathy  
With our success or failure; her bright words  
Of cheer and hope when disappointments came;  
The inspiration of her own strong faith  
And earnest purpose; all these meant to us,  
None but the One whose voice has called her Home  
Can fully know. Our hearts are desolate;  
We cannot seem to rise above the cloud;  
And can but bow in silence, till the Lord  
Shall comfort us, and speak His word of peace.

We miss her so: and we are but a part  
Of those whose hearts are mourning for her now.  
The poor, the sick, the sad, the lonely ones.  
To whom she ministered in Christ's dear name,  
Have felt the world grow darker since she left:  
The workers on our far off mission field  
Will miss her messages of love and cheer;  
Her tender farewell words, as they go forth  
To carry life and light to heathen homes;  
Her glad, sweet welcome, when they come again,  
Weary and worn perchance with years of toil,  
To seek new vigor in the dear home land  
Ah me! the coming will not be so glad,  
With her face missing, and with her voice still.

Father forgive us that we find it hard  
To say, "Thy will be done," and to believe  
That all is for the best. Oh, touch our eyes,  
That we may look beyond our own great loss,  
And see the glory and the light and joy  
Within the mansions Jesus has prepared.  
To her, we know, the glory of that land  
Will be the presence of the Friend she loved.  
The King she served so faithfully and well:  
Her light will be the vision of His face;  
Her greatest joy to be, at last, with Him.

And shall we grudge her this? After these years  
Of loving, patient ministry to Him,  
And those for whom He died? After these months  
Of grief, and loss, and pain, through which she passed?  
Let us be glad that she has entered in  
To the eternal city of our God;  
Rejoice that she is now with those she loved  
Who had passed on before her. Now she rests,  
"Safe in the Arms of Jesus," evermore;  
And higher, holier service shall be hers  
Where there is no more weariness or pain.

Then turning back from bidding her farewell,  
With something of the light of that fair land  
Where she has gone, still shining in our face,  
Let us take up the work our Master gives,  
The work she loved, and labor earnestly,  
With faith, and hope, and courage, till at last,  
We, too, shall hear with joy the welcome call,  
"Come home, my child, come home, thy work is done."

Met with the friends at Dawson Settlement, Albert Co., Aug. 5th. A missionary meeting was held by invitation of the pastor, Rev. A. A. Rutledge. At the close the aid society was reorganized with the following officers: Pres., Mrs. A. A. Rutledge; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Ench Dawson; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. E. G. Miller; Secy.-Treas., Mrs. Judson Steeves; Treas., Mrs. Hazen Jonah. Collection \$7.50.

Had the pleasure of organizing a Mission Band in connection with the Surrey Baptist church, Albert Co., Aug. 4th. The following officers were chosen: Pres., Mrs. J. Miles; Vice-Pres., Miss A. Edgett; Sec'y., Miss Beatrice Grosse; Treas., Miss Katie Taylor. Band to meet monthly Sunday afternoon. By invitation of the pastor, Rev. M. Addison, a missionary meeting was held in the evening. Collection \$7.35.

#### Harper's Brook Aid Society.

Had the pleasure of meeting with this society at a public meeting the 15th inst. The society is just a year old

and was organized by Mrs. Gardner. Owing to her removal from the place, Mrs. Pelton became president and has ably filled the office. Eleven meetings have been held during the year, all of which were well attended. The sisters are very much in earnest and rejoice that they are connected with the work. The public meeting was well attended. Mrs. Pelton, (the Pres.), gave a very interesting paper entitled, "Some facts concerning the Telugus." Four little girls gave a recitation in concert, the choir furnished music, and the cor. sec'y., gave an address. Collection \$6.50.

Organized a Mission Band in connection with the Kara Bethel church, Sunday, July 14th. The officers are: Pres., Miss May Jenkins; Vice-Pres., Miss Allie Toole; Sec'y., Miss Lena Morrell; Treas., Miss Janie Merritt. This band promises to be an exceedingly interesting one, and we gladly welcome them to the work.

July 16th. FLORA CLARK, Band Supt.

#### Hampton.

Our W. M. A. S. after lying dormant four years, was reorganized April 9th, 1901, with a small membership of six. Mrs. I. H. Brown was appointed President; Mrs. R. Chute and Mrs. J. Templeman, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. L. D. Brooks, Treasurer; Mrs. C. Dunn, Secretary; but we are greatly encouraged, for at each of our meetings we have had an addition of one or more members, and we now number twelve, and we expect that more will be added to our society, in the near future. Pray for us, that the sisters of Hampton Missionary Aid Society, may be faithful, earnest workers for the Master.

Aug. 5th, 1901.

MRS. C. DUNN, Sec'y.

#### Bay View P. E. I.

We always read with pleasure communications from sister societies, and have been thinking for some time that perhaps some of the readers of MESSENGER AND VISITOR, might be glad to hear from us. Our membership is smaller than when we last reported, as so many of our young people have left us. Still we have thirteen contributors and have raised \$65.55 this year. \$10.67 cts. of this was raised at public meetings which were made both interesting and helpful by the aid of our Pres., Mrs. A. E. Hooper. We miss her in our meetings which she so faithfully attended, notwithstanding ill-health and family ties, and as a small token of our appreciation she was made a life member of the Cavendish W. M. Aid Society shortly after her departure from us. Sunday, July 28th, we had a rare treat along the missionary line, in the presence and addresses of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, returned missionaries. Mrs. Archibald spoke to a crowded house in the evening. The perfect attention given her while she talked for an hour on the needs of India's perishing women, and the trials of a missionary's life, showed that all were interested. Such an address cannot fail to bring us more in touch with missions, and more filled with the sympathy that touches our pockets. We felt as we listened that we wished every aid society and mission band could have the privilege we enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Archibald spent a week at Bay View, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clark, enjoying the balmy sea breezes of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and boating on our beautiful bay. They spent last Sunday between North River and Charlottetown telling the story of the Chicacole mission. ADA M. SIMPSON, Sec'y.

### The Good Samaritan Hospital.

"The Good Samaritan Hospital for Women and Children" was opened in June, 1899, at Chicacole, Madras Presidency, India, in connection with the Mission of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces of Canada. The buildings were, for the most part, put in order as a relief work during the famine of '97 and '98, and through the kindness of J. G. D. Partridge, Esq., of the Indian Civil Service, the Hospital received its first outfit of medicines and instruments.

The present medical lady, Miss Florence DeSilva, was educated at the Medical College at Madras, and has proved herself to be most enthusiastic and efficient in her profession as well as an earnest Christian woman. During the nine months ending April 30th, 1901, the total number of patients treated was 2,403; while the total number of treatments was 8,130. About two-thirds of these were from the various castes, 250 from Mohammedans and the balance from outcasts. Several in-patients have been received and 51 operations have been performed.

The population of four of our mission fields is twelve hundred thousand (1,200,000), and this is the only Hospital especially for women and children for all this great host. So, from long distances, patients are coming to the Good Samaritan Hospital at Chicacole.

The following is the financial statement to May 31st, 1901:—

| RECEIPTS.                    |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Foreign Mission Board        | \$ 743 00        |
| Hindu friends                | 105 00           |
| English and Canadian friends | 579 00           |
| Sale of Medicines            | 66 00            |
| Miscellaneous                | 10 00            |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$1503 00</b> |
| EXPENDITURES.                |                  |
| Salaries                     | \$ 659 00        |
| Medicines                    | 383 00           |
| Furniture                    | 72 00            |
| Extra Wards                  | 44 00            |
| Miscellaneous                | 205 00           |
| Balance on Hand              | 140 00           |

Total \$1503 00

Our needs are many and include several sets of instruments, a good galvanic battery, aluminum utensils, towels, bedding, etc., etc.

Our Board did not feel able to support this Institution entirely, so granted us permission to open it on condition that we do not draw from its ordinary resources; but they have heartily endorsed a movement for a TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR ENDOWMENT, which we hope to raise outside of the regular giving of our people and from interested friends in other places. During the last month about twelve hundred and eighty-three dollars (\$1283) in cash and pledges have been secured and we feel that this object should appeal to the Christian sympathies as well as to the philanthropy of all.

It costs about twenty-five dollars (\$25) per year to support a bed and some wish to do this in whole or in part in memory of some dear one, wife, husband, or child who no longer walks among the sick and afflicted of this world. If we do not help these women and children the great majority of them will receive none, but will suffer and die without a sound reaching the ears of those in the home-land, but the All-Father hears and would have us exemplify the Spirit of Christ in showing compassion for them.

Are there not many wealthy men and women in America who, knowing the needs and the opportunities, would be glad to make a special thank-offering to this good work? Is it not a privilege to help the real purdah woman who, fearing desertion by her husband, will suffer long years rather than be treated by a male physician, or to assist the poor, the outcaste and the despised, who have neither money nor position by which they may secure the favor of those above them? And is it not, also, a great privilege to make known to all the Great-Physician for sin-sick souls? The patients hear the Gospel story every day at the Hospital and many come for that when they do not wish treatment, and thus the sweet story of old is carried into hearts and homes where it never would have gone but for the work done here.

A mission lady doctor of our acquaintance was, on one occasion, dining at a table in America where she told of the medical needs of India's oppressed women and helpless children. As they rose from the table a gentleman approached her and said he would give \$10,000 to erect a Hospital in memory of his deceased wife, and now in one of the dark places of that dark land a fine Medical Institution is doing its noble work. We are hoping and praying that many will be raised up to assist in putting our Hospital, not only on a substantial basis, but to so enlarge and carry forward the work that greater blessing may come to the suffering and fuller glory to God.

All contributions toward this endowment should be sent to Dr. J. W. Manning, Sec'y.-Treas., of Foreign Mission Board, (St. John, N. B.), by which body careful investment will be made. With grateful acknowledgements to those who have already contributed,

We remain,  
Yours in the work of our common Lord,  
I. CHIPMAN ARCHIBALD,  
CAROLYN HAMMOND ARCHIBALD.  
St. John, N. B., Aug. 31st, 1901.

## Eczema

It is also called Salt Rheum.  
Sometimes Scrofula.

It comes in patches that burn, itch, ooze, dry and scale, over and over again.

It sometimes becomes chronic, covers the whole body, causing intense suffering, loss of sleep, and general debility.

It broke out with its peculiar itching on the arms of Mrs. Ida E. Ward, Cove Point, Md., and all over the body of Mrs. Geo. W. Thompson, Sayville, N. Y.; troubled Mrs. F. J. Christian, Mahopac Falls, N. Y., six years, and J. R. Richardson, Jr., Cuthbert, Ga., fifteen years.

These sufferers testify, like many others, that they were speedily and permanently cured by

## Hood's Sarsaparilla

which always removes the cause of eczema, by thoroughly cleansing the blood, and builds up the whole system.