

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER

For the North West and British Columbia, for the Indian work, that this year there may be a great ingathering of souls. For the officers of our Union and Missionary Societies.

Bridgetown, N. S.

Crusade Day was observed by our Aid Society, Oct. 4th. The regular prayer and business meeting was held in the vestry of the church in the afternoon. A large number of the sisters were present and several visiting sisters. We all realized the presence of the Master with us. Two joined our society that day, another has since sent in her name, thus cheering us in this noble work for Christ. A social hour was spent in the reception room, where tea had been provided by the sisters. A public meeting was held in the evening, a pleasing programme had been arranged, consisting of music, readings, papers and recitations, which were much appreciated. Amount of thank-offering, \$17.25.

A. L. DIXON, Sec'y.

Deerfield and Pleasant Valley.

We observed Crusade Day in our Aid Society, by dividing our members, who were present at four regular meetings in October, into committees and visiting the homes of sisters not members. A pleasant afternoon was spent and our membership increased. We held our public meeting on the Sunday evening following Crusade Day. The weather was very unfavorable, but quite a large number was present. There were readings, a recitation and an essay dealing with different phases of mission work, and several short addresses by brethren present.

We hope a deeper interest in our mission work was created. The outlook is very hopeful.

MARY M. DUNN.

A Mission Band was organized by our Pastor, Mr. Whitman, in Knutsford, P. E. I., on Wednesday, Sept. 7th, with a membership of 20. The officers of the first quarter are: President, C. M. Clay; Vice-President, Lucinda Harris; Secretary, Maud Silliker; Treasurer, Lena Harris.

MAUD SILLIKER.

O'Leary Station, P. E. I., Oct. 22

Cheverie, Hants Co.

On the evening of Sept. 30 the W. M. A. S. held a public meeting in Cheverie Hall, presided over by the President, Mrs. A. Houghton. After the usual opening exercises, a short report of the year's work was given by the President. We were pleased to have with us, our County Secretary, Mrs. John Nalder, of Windsor, who gave an account of the Foreign Mission work of India and urged upon the society a more thorough consecration of life and work. All were especially interested when she spoke of the work of Pundita Ramabai, who is doing such a noble work among the child widows of India. We also had with us Rev. George Caldwell of Rhode Island, who delivered a very fine address. After the close of the addresses we were favored with a solo from Mrs. Nalder and chorus by Messrs. James and John Armstrong. The young ladies of the congregation under the leadership of Prof. C. H. Burgess rendered a few appropriate selections. A collection of \$4.63 was taken for Foreign Missions.

Chiverie, Oct. 18.

M. McLELLAN, Sec'y of W. M. A. S.

W. B. M. U. Receipts.

Amounts received by the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U., from Oct. 13 to Oct. 27: Greenfield, Mission Band, F. M., \$17; Homeville, F. M., \$1.25; Coll. Miss. Johnstone's meeting, F. M., \$3.75; Hantsport, F. M., \$2.50; Port Morien church, "Coll. in connection with meeting held by Miss Johnstone," F. M., \$5.80; Arcadia, Mission Band, to constitute Mrs. Amy L. Frazer, a Mission Band Life Member, F. M., \$10; proceeds of concert, Osborne, F. M., \$5; reports 20; Berwick, F. M., \$13.50; Somerset Branch, F. M., \$3; Weston Branch, F. M., \$2.20; reports, 60; North River, F. M., \$6; H. M., \$4; Mission Band, F. M., \$9.50; Tidings, 50c; Billtown, F. M., \$8.25; H. M., \$1.30; reports, 50c; Tidings, 25c; Bridgetown, F. M., \$4.50; H. M., Coll. \$5.50; proceeds of Crusade Day, Miss Newcombes salary, \$14; Brookville, Hants Co., R. M., \$5.93; Tidings, 25c; Halifax, 1st Baptist church, F. M., \$22; H. M., \$16; Hampton Station, Mission Band, F. M., \$5; Chance Harbor, F. M., \$3; New Tuskent, F. M., \$3.25; Little Bras Dor, R. M., \$5.35; H. M., 75c; G. L. M., 25c; Parraboro, F. M., \$3; H. M., \$3; St. Stephen, Union St., F. M., \$12.80; reports, 30c;

Hantsport, Tidings, 25c; Cavendis', F. M., \$4.45; Coll. Crusade Meeting, H. M., \$2.55; Dartmouth, Sunday School, F. M., \$3.94; H. M., \$3.94; Collins, Mission Band, F. M., \$3.55; H. M., \$3.55; Tidings, 25c; 1st Hillsburg, F. M., \$7.50; H. M., \$1.25.

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

Amherst, P. O. B. 513.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

Will the friends who so kindly pledged \$5 a year for Mr. Gullison's support kindly bear in mind that the second year has come and gone? Quite a number of the pledges for the second year have not yet been paid. It was understood that these pledges were to be continued, and the Foreign Mission Board has been acting upon that understanding. Brethren do not allow us to be embarrassed.

English Baptist Statistics.

The annual statistics of the churches comprised in the Baptist Union of Great Britain, have just been published. They give a total of 3842 places of worship (an increase of twenty) while the church membership is given at 364,779, as compared with 360,112 a net increase of 4,667. The Sunday Schools report an increase of 1079 teachers and 8390 scholars, the totals being 51,800 teachers and 527,616 scholars. There are 2,606 pastors and 5,021 local preachers, while in the colonial and foreign fields, 147 ordained missionaries are laboring under the auspices of the Baptist Missionary Society. The sum of £42,976 has this year been expended on new buildings and £56,846 in enlargements, and improvements, while a further sum of £56,418 has been devoted to the liquidation of chapel debts. The Metropolitan Tabernacle is the largest church in Great Britain, with a membership of 4,487. There are no less than twenty-seven Sunday Schools, connected with it, in which there are 7,478 children and 580 teachers. The statistics for the whole world give 59,978 churches, 33,236 pastors and missionaries, 4,705,953 members and 2,251,022 scholars. Seven years ago the churches numbered 42,650 and their membership 3,789,603.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board have under their direction 76 Missionaries and 117 Native Helpers. These are laboring in connection with 102 churches, with a membership of 4,760. There were 701 baptisms last year. The missions in China, Mexico and Brazil are specially prosperous. There are 40 missionaries in China, 13 in Mexico and 13 in Brazil. The other fields are Africa, Italy and Japan.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN BAPTIST UNION.

has two Associations and includes the churches of Cape Colony, Natal, the Orange Free state, and the South African Republic. The English Association reports 23 churches, 22 pastors, 1884 members and 2165 scholars in Sunday Schools. The German Association has 6 churches, 6 pastors, 1,111 members and 661 Sunday-school scholars, making 29 churches, 28 pastors 2995 church members and 1826 attendants at Sunday School. There has been growth all along the line. Cape Town has the largest English Baptist church with 241 members, but Port Elizabeth follows close after with 228. The German churches at King Williams Town and Stutterheim have 328 and 314 members respectively. There is one paper published monthly from Port Elizabeth called "The South African Baptist." President Paul Kruger's troubles with the British Government have not checked the onward march of the Baptist church in Pretoria, the capital of the South African Republic which has grown in a year from 40 to 66 members, Kimby and Johannesburg known to us in this country chiefly for their diamond and gold mines have flourishing Baptist churches. South Africa is one of the most progressive and prosperous regions of the earth at the present time. Less than 3000 Baptists contributed more than \$50,000 for the support of their churches and missions among the natives the past year.

Let the Baptists of these Provinces bear that if they can, and there are 40,000 of us. If we did anything like that in proportion to our numbers, it would not be long before we too should be engaged in giving the gospel to other than the Telugus. May the Lord hasten it in His own good time.

The Dark Continent Growing Light

The Atlantic Monthly contains an interesting article from the pen of Henry M. Stanley on Africa. The average reader will be surprised at the progress toward civilization which has been made in the Dark Continent in twenty-five years. During that time 265 miles of railroad have been built, 545 schools and churches have been erected, and 120,000 persons converted to Christianity, while the annual value of trade amounts

to more than \$15,000,000, where before there was none. Twenty-five years ago nearly all African travellers declared that the civilization of the African negro was hopeless. They spoke of him with the contempt that the Athenians felt for the people of northern Europe, whose descendants are now more civilized than the descendants of the Greeks, and as the Romans spoke of our British ancestors. The cannibals of a quarter of a century ago are now building in stone and brick along the banks of the Congo and the shores of the inland lakes, and are showing a thirst for knowledge that is amazing.

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