

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."
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PRAYER TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER.

For Bimlipatam, its missionaries and native helpers.
For the officers of our Union and Missionary Societies.

W. M. A. S.

Chilman observed Crusade Day at the time appointed. The storm prevented a large attendance or much visiting on that day, but the meeting was a success. The programme was good and the collection \$50. The interest in the Society is increasing and we are looking prayerfully and hopefully above expecting greater blessings in the future.

Crusade Day at the 1st Hillsboro Church.

Our W. M. A. Society observed Crusade Day on Thursday, Oct. 18th. This was the night of the regular prayer meeting and the pastor presided, but the meeting was held under our auspices and was entirely missionary in character. Prayers were offered in behalf of our work on the foreign field and a very interesting programme, consisting of readings and music, was very effectively rendered. The readings were all appropriate and particularly well selected. They were chiefly given by our younger sisters, whose interest was thus enlisted in the cause of missions. Among the readings, the "Message" of our sister, Mrs. Manning, was presented and thereby reached some who had not either heard or read it previously. Collection for Indian Famine Fund, \$8.50. Altogether the meeting was a great success.

A MEMBER.

The W. M. A. S. of Albert, observed Crusade Day on Friday, Oct. 12th, that being the day for their monthly meeting. A goodly number assembled at the home of Mrs. Joseph Wood. The meeting opened with singing and Scripture reading by the president, Mrs. Colpitts, after which a number led in prayer. The envelopes which had been laid on the table as a thank offering, were then opened and found to contain the sum of \$11.50. The meeting closed with singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and benediction by the pastor, and we started out in quest of new members to meet again at Mrs. Wood's for tea. In the evening the Society held their annual meeting and roll call in the church. Quite a large number assembled and an interesting programme was carried out, consisting of addresses by Rev. M. E. Fletcher of Harvey, Rev. J. K. King and the pastor, readings by several sisters, the secretary's report and roll call and the collection. At the close the secretary was able to announce as the result of the day's work two new members and six more to join at our next meeting, \$20 in the treasury and we trust future results will show an increased interest in missions. At our September meeting it was decided that we support a native preacher this year besides paying our regular dues. With an increased membership, a consecrated band of earnest workers we feel encouraged to go forward in the Master's service knowing that as co-workers with him, we shall eventually hear the "Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

MRS. F. D. DAVIDSON, Sec'y.

On the afternoon of Oct. 9, a delegation of sisters from the W. M. A. Societies of Lunenburg county met with the pastors convened at North West. On account of the heavy rain not many were present. In absence of a county secretary Alice Veinotte presided. The meeting opened with singing Nearer my God to Thee, which followed by earnest prayer from two of the sisters seemed to draw us all nearer to our heavenly Father and thus nearer to our Telugu sisters. The Scripture read was two verses from Isa. xl. 6 and 10. After a few minutes talk about the object of our meeting, reports were received from the following Societies and Mission Bands: Foster Settlement, New Germany Society and Mission Band, Pastor Smith; New Canada Society and Mission Band, Mrs. J. Mader; Chelsea, by letter; Pleasantville, Pastor Bleakney; Lunenburg Society and Mission Band, Mrs. C. Spidle; Mahone Society, Mrs. Hardy; Jewel Gatherers Mission Band, Mrs. Millett; North West Earnest Workers, Miss Borgald. The reports on the whole were encouraging. As the pastors at a previous meeting at Chelsea rendered the Aid Society valuable assistance in securing quite a number of new names, and as an encouraging letter had been received from them, it was resolved that Pastor Smith should write them and convey the best wishes and prayers for their success from the sisters assembled. We are so glad for the hearty co-operation of our pastors in this branch of church work. As we are without a secretary to arrange for such

meetings as this and also to take charge of the work in general, on suggestion of Pastor Bezanson a committee was named to interview Miss Johnston as to the appointment of a county secretary, she being aided in this by suggested names. The present needs were then spoken of and how we could best help in this trying time. Notwithstanding the storm we had received a blessing and return to our individual Societies to take up the work more vigorously.

A. M. VEINOTTE, Sec., pro tem.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

It will be interesting reading to many of the friends of missions to learn of the progress of the work of world-wide evangelization in these Provinces since the establishment of our Independent Mission in 1873, when Rev. R. Sanford and wife, Rev. Geo. Churchill and wife, Rev. W. F. Armstrong, Miss Maria Armstrong and Miss Flora Eaton were sent out as our pioneer missionaries.

Up to this time the work of Foreign Missions had been carried on under the auspices of the American Baptist Missionary Union. The first missionary sent to the foreign field by the Baptist churches in these Provinces was the Rev. R. E. Burpee and wife in 1845. They labored until 1850, when failing health compelled his return to this country. The first lady missionary was Miss Minnie B. DeWolfe, who also spent only five years in Burmah. In 1869 Rev. Wm. George and wife were sent forth, and in 1870 Miss H. M. Norris having succeeded in interesting the sisters in our churches in this great work sailed for Burmah. All these worked under the Missionary Union, though supported by funds raised in these Provinces. A number of individuals and Sunday schools and churches contributed quite largely to the support of native teachers and preachers and other helpers, under the direction of Rev. A. R. R. Crawley—and by these means were able to do a most excellent work for the Master. In some respects the work thus done has not been excelled since those days. However there was felt on the part of many, that to more fully develop the missionary spirit among our people, it would be necessary to have a mission which we might properly call "our own." This led eventually to the establishment of the Independent mission, and the sending forth of the above mentioned laborers as the pioneer workers, not in Burmah among the Karens—but in India among the Telugus.

These were quickly followed in 1874 by Rev. W. B. Boggs, in 1878 by Miss Carrie A. Hammond, in 1881 by Rev. J. R. Hutchinson and wife, in 1883 by Rev. I. C. Archibald, in 1884 by Miss A. C. Gray and Miss H. H. Wright, in 1889 by Rev. W. V. Higgins and wife, and Miss Nettie Pitch, in 1890 by Rev. M. B. Shaw and wife, in 1891 by Rev. J. H. Barss and wife, Rev. L. D. Morse and wife, and Miss Kate McNeill, in 1893 Rev. H. Y. Corey and wife, and Miss Martha Clark, in 1896 Rev. R. E. Gullison and wife, Miss Maud Harrison, and Miss Ida Newcombe, in 1897 Mr. John Hardy and Miss Mabel Archibald, in 1898 Miss Helena Blackadar and Miss Annie Williams, who became the wife of Mr. Hardy upon her arrival in the country.

It will thus be seen that the Baptists of these Provinces have shown their interest in world-wide missions to quite an extent. There have been marks of progress since 1873 as is quite evident from the number of those who have been added to the staff from time to time. And the progress has been steady and continuous. It is true that all have not remained in connection with the Mission. Some have withdrawn for various reasons, the most of them have done so on account of their own failing health or that of their families. Still it is to be borne in mind that they were sent, and it takes money to send people so far from home and native land. The fact is that by earnest and persistent endeavor the Baptists of these Provinces have shown a very considerable interest in the work of world wide evangelization. It is true that more might have been done, and ought to have been done, because the churches of these Provinces are able to do more. If all our people were as interested as some have been, the work would be far in advance of what it is to-day.

There are at present on our mission staff:

- Rev. R. Sanford and wife,
- " G. Churchill and wife,
- " I. C. Archibald and wife,
- " L. D. Morse and wife,
- " W. V. Higgins and wife,
- " H. Y. Corey and wife,
- " R. E. Gullison and wife,
- Mr. John Hardy,
- Miss Martha Clark,
- " Maud Harrison,
- " Ida Newcomb,
- " Mabel Archibald and
- " Helena Blackadar.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, Mr. and Mrs. Morse and Mrs. W. V. Higgins are at present in this country on furlough. I hope to give the friends of missions some facts and figures concerning the giving on the part of the people to this great work of the church of Jesus Christ—which may be helpful and perhaps stimulating in view of the effort to be made in the near future for raising \$50,000 as a special thankoffering to Almighty God on this the beginning of the 20th century. This offering is to be for Home and Foreign Missions.

To raise this amount will require some effort, but that it ought to and can be raised admits of no question for a single instant.

Kansas Notes.

I have just returned from our annual State Convention at McPherson, a beautiful and prosperous town of four thousand inhabitants. The forty thousand Baptists of Kansas sent upwards of four hundred delegates to this gathering, all of whom were royally entertained by our kind hosts, all being fed together in a large hall. Those who have long attended these gatherings say that they have been to few such conventions where the power of the Divine presence was more clearly felt; all of which augurs well for the present and future of our Kansas churches. A great revival is expected in Kansas, and Kansans rarely fail in their undertakings, by God's help. There has been great advancement made in every department of work during the year past. Our great western section of the State is fast being cared for by missionaries sustained by the State Board. Our contributions to Home and Foreign missions has increased and the churches generally are in a prosperous condition. We had at the Convention such prominent Baptists as Dr. Seymour of Philadelphia, Dr. Rairden of Omaha, Neb., Dr. Clark of Kansas City, Mo., Dr. Geistweit of Chicago and many others. About 30 new ministers have been settled in this State during the past year, most of them being young men. We are glad to welcome Rev. Mr. Seldon, one of the ablest ministers we have, pastor at Emporia, who adds one more to the list of Canadians. We are not under the Union Jack, and yet we are in the midst of British people. A large share of Kansas foreigners are from England, Wales and Canada. Almost without exception, loyalty for the old country is predominant over that of the new, such problems as the African war soon making this evident.

The country is now in the throes of election. It is talked by young and old, rich and poor, idle and working. It looks as though the Republicans would carry Kansas, but the general result in the country at large seems to grow more doubtful as the days pass. There is no doubt but that Bryan is gaining in some sections, but it is hard to believe he will be elected.

Dr. Bradshaw is still at Hiawatha, Kan. Rev. U. B. Hutchinson is stronger than ever at North Topeka, after 11 years' service. Bros. Fraser and Stephenson are at the usual work. We rejoice at the prospects before us; and as the cool weather comes—making work possible, we look forward with courage and faith in our God, who liveth to bless his people and to save the world from sin.

A. C. ARCHIBALD.

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Arrow Points.

BY PASTOR J. CLARK, M. A.

Love must think as well as feel.

Obligations to friends are as binding as obligations to strangers.

Many do not know all they think they know.

Grace is always a blessing; gold is sometimes a curse; More get money than keep it.

For present day sinners there is a present day Saviour. There are more heads in the world than hearts.

Works are a better test of character than words.

Though skies grow dark, and billows smite,

Though tempests rage and rave,

Beside me stands the Prince of light:—

Be brave, my soul, be brave.

Tryon, P. E. I.

Seek entirely to depend on God for everything. When thinking of any new undertaking, ask: "Is this agreeable to the mind of God? Is it for his glory?" Having settled that a certain course is for the glory of God, begin it in his name, and continue it to the end. Undertake it in prayer and faith, and never give up! Pray, pray, pray.

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