

Foreign Mission Board

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY.

For Bimlpatam, its mission is an Indian Christian the boy's school and teachers that they may learn of Christ the only way of salvation. That consecrated Bible women may be called to labor at this station. For the officers of the W. M. A. Societies.

The W. M. A. S. of the Baptist church of Tryon held their Annual Thanksgiving service on the evening of January 9th, the evening was fine, and the house was packed. Through the efforts of our pastor's wife, and her very efficient helpers, an excellent program had been prepared: consisting of selections by the choir, recitations, dialogues, and singing by the members of Mission Band; all of which were admirably executed. We were highly favored with the presence of our returned missionary, Miss Martha Clark, whose very excellent address was listened to with the closest attention and deepest interest by the large audience present. As we heard the story of the lives of the women and children of India we realized more fully the great need of doing all we can to send them the gospel that has made our homes so much more blessed than theirs. Pastor Clark in his closing address spoke words of encouragement and cheer. One very interesting number on the programme was the collection which amounted to the sum of \$3.30 which was equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

F. P. H., Tryon.

The W. M. Meeting in connection with the Baptist Quarterly meeting took place at Springhill Wednesday afternoon, January 21st, 1903. Mrs. McQuarrie in the chair. The meeting was opened by singing, reading of Scripture by Mrs. Haverslock and prayer by Mrs. Logan. Reports from Aid Societies were called for and were responded to. Amherst reported their Society to be in a good condition financially and otherwise. Greenville had a very encouraging report. Never have the sisters been so interested in the work. Pagwash reported an interesting Society but deplored that so few sisters attend. They make a specialty of studying about missions, as the better informed the sisters are in regard to the work the more interested they are and the better the results. Wallace bridge reported a favorable outlook for the coming year. Springhill regretted their Society was so small in comparison with the size of the church. But the "faithful few" do not feel discouraged. Salem reported a good average attendance. Have eighteen members and all seem to be doing what they can. Athol reported fairly well attended meetings and those who do attend are much interested. Parrishboro' has lately had six new members and the outlook is very hopeful. After singing one verse of "Nearer my God to thee" Miss Logan read a paper on "Woman's Work for Women," wherein she showed what women had done for the women of India through medical missions. Mrs. Belyea followed in an interesting paper written by Mrs. Steeves entitled "How Missions stand to day." Mrs. McQuarrie, in a paper entitled "Z'mana Work," pictured very plainly the humiliating life of the women in India and pointed out that on the women here depended the salvation of the women there. No one could listen to such papers and not have a larger conception of the greatness of women's work, and also be filled with a desire to work more faithfully and prayerfully. Meeting was closed by prayer by Mrs. Estabrook.

M. C. BOAS, Sec'y pro tem.

The Cost of Sending The Bread of Life

"Two brown, one white, Nathan." I called out to the baker as he reined his horse at the gate. He drew them out, sweet and fresh, warm from the oven, and deposited them on the kitchen table.

"It is comfort these hot days to get good home-made bread brought right to the door," said I.

"Nathan looked pleased, and answered: 'Yes; that's what most think. We have to run three or four routes through the summer months. One team's gone over to the Cliffs and another down Tuk's Hill road. Folks can't live without bread, and it's a good deal easier to buy than make it, they find.'

"Yes," I said, going on with the potatoes I was peeling. "If only all felt the need of the bread of life. There are those people on the other side of the world just dying of famine."

"Yes," said Nathan, taking me literally. "Last night's paper told about the Christian Herald and them that's sendin' over shiploads of grain. Jolly! seems kind of hard that people can't get vittles enough to

keep 'em alive when there's so much wasted in some places."

"Yes, Nathan, it is hard, awfully hard; but there's a worse hunger that we ought to supply."

"Oh, you mean missionaries," he said somewhat less enthusiastically, and then added, "It's all very well to keep 'em if it didn't take ninety-nine cents of every dollar to git the other cent there."

"But doesn't it?" I asked. "Who gave you those figures?"

"Well, that's what they say," he answered. "I aint never looked it up, but it always seemed to me a good deal cheaper and easier to send to the heathen right here."

Nathan was a church member of the ordinary type. I could appeal to something in him which I did not find in all my kitchen callers.

"Nathan, how much does it cost to make a loaf of bread?"

"Well, I should say," he said, gazing judicially at the loaves before him; "I should say, with flour at three cents a pound, and allowing for yeast and baking, perhaps three and a quarter cents."

"And yet you charge me five," I answered. "You must make a good deal with your big trade."

"Oh, no. You see there's rent and work I didn't count in. I have to pay the baker big wages. Then there's three men that run the teams, and the feed of the horses, and some continual repairin' and renewin'. No; there ain't really much profit in bread, when you count in the labor and deliverin'. That swallows full a third more than the actual materials that goes into the bread."

"Why don't you save that, Nathan; just keep what bread is needed for the folks near by, and not go to the bother and expense of sending all around?"

Nathan looked puzzled. "Why," he said, "if we keep the bakery we're bound to supply the trade. If they won't come after it,—and some can't—we've got to take it to 'em."

"That's just it, Nathan. It's just so with the Bread of Life. The main cost isn't in Bibles; it is sending the Bread to those who can't come. It's got to go in their own language, and men have got to be sent on ships to learn and translate those languages. They can't go free. The business part can't be done free any more than the bakery business. You say it costs a third to get your bread to the people after it is made and baked, and you don't consider that extravagance. Now it only costs one twentieth to run the business of getting this Bread of Life out there on the other side."

"You don't say," said Nathan.

"Yes; and every time you give a dollar for foreign missions, if you would first give five cents to get it there, the whole dollar would go, and you would not have to worry a bit about the running expenses. Why, if you sent the dollar yourself, you'd have to pay for paper and envelope and stamps (8 cents), and some one would have to get it into their kind of money wherever it went, and, you see, it would cost more than it does now, and it would be in the long run, like employing thirty or forty boys one for each house on this route alone instead of having one good man with a horse to go over the whole route and do it up in business fashion."

"Well, I guess you're right," said Nathan, as he took up his basket and ambled down to his wagon.

Amounts Received by the W. B. M. U. Treasurer.

FROM JAN. 17TH TO JAN. 30TH.

Tryon, F. M., \$36.50, H. M., \$21.50, Reports, 60c.; Leaflets, 72c.; Alberton, F. M., \$2; Lower Aylesford, Reports, 25c.; Windsor, Mrs. E. D. Shand, H. M., \$3, 10c. Coll., \$7; St. John Tabernacle church, F. M., \$6.60, H. M., \$1.80; Crusade Collection, G. L., \$1.40, Reports, 20c.; Little Bras D'or, F. M., \$1.25, H. M., 75c, G. L., 25c.; Clements-ville, F. M., \$7; Christmas offering, H. M., \$2.50, Reports, 15c.; Lunenburg, F. M., \$6.85; Paradise, F. M., \$4.75, H. M., \$4; Canning, F. M., \$7, H. M., \$2.50, Reports, 15c.; Nictaux, F. M., \$3; H. M., \$5.60; Osborne, F. M., \$2.25; East Mountain, F. M., \$2; Dorchester, F. M., \$3.75; River Hebert, F. M., \$12, H. M., \$5, Thanksgiving, F. M., \$8, H. M., \$5, part of which is balance to constitute Mrs. Cynthia Read a life member; Milton (Queens Co.) F. M., \$11, H. M., \$1, N. W., 50c, Thanksgiving, H. M., \$9, Tidings, 25c, Reports, 15c.; Springfield, F. M., \$2, H. M., \$2, Tidings, 25c.; Point de Bute, H. M., \$3.55; St. John leaflets, 45c.; Mt. Hanley, F. M., \$5.50, Reports, 10c.; Cambridge Narrows, F. M., \$26; Douglas Harbor, Miss Bessie Balmain, F. M., \$1; Cavendish, F. M., \$7; Gibson, F. M., \$10.50, H. M., \$5.44; Halifax, North church, F. M., \$13.35, H. M., \$13.25, Reports, 60c.; North Range, F. M., \$6, H. M., \$1; Forbes Point, F. M., \$4.10, H. M., \$4, Tidings, 25c, Reports, 10c.; St. Stephen, F. M., \$19.05, to constitute Mrs. Joseph Farthing a life member, F. M., \$12.50, H. M., \$1.50, Tidings, 25c.; Upper Gagetown, F. M., \$4.50; Riverside, F. M., \$4.25; New Canada, F. M., \$5; 2nd St. Margaret's Bay, F. M., \$4.25, H. M., \$2.25; Debert, F. M., \$13, H. M., \$8; Liverpool, F. M., \$4.75; Christmas Offering, H. M., \$1.30, Tidings, 50c.; Middle Sackville, F. M., \$11.50; Middle Sackville, H. M., \$12.50; Sackville, Main St., H. M., \$12.50, to constitute Mrs. C. W. Richardson a

life member, Berwick, F. M., \$10.50, H. M., \$2; to constitute Mrs. Reuben Harlow a life member, F. M., \$12.50, H. M., \$12.50; Weston, F. M., \$2; North Temple, F. M., \$9, H. M., 96c.; Ohio, F. M., \$6.25, H. M., 94c, Reports 5c.; Chester, F. M., \$10.31; Hopewell Hill, F. M., \$6, Miss Elizabeth Starratt, G. L., \$1; Steeves Mt., F. M., \$5.50, H. M., \$2.50; 2nd Chipman, F. M., \$12, H. M., 80c, Tidings 25c.; 3rd Yarmouth, F. M., \$3.75, H. M., \$1.27; Lower Granville, F. M., \$5; Pugwash, F. M., \$4.50; Bridgetown, F. M., \$4.25, H. M., \$3.75; Lower Canard, F. M., \$9, H. M., \$6; Billtown, F. M., \$6.95, H. M., \$4.25, Reports, 25c.; Lakeville, F. M., \$5, H. M., \$6.50, Reports 10c.; St. John, Leinster St., F. M., \$16, H. M., \$10; Fairville, leaflets 15c.; West Jeddore, F. M., \$7; Yarmouth, Zion Church, F. M., \$15, H. M., \$1.45, Reports, 70c.; Isaac Harbor, St. Martin's, Weymouth, Fairfield, Tidings, each 25c.

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

Amherst, P. O. B. 513.

Quarterly Financial Statement W. B. M. U.

JANUARY 31ST, 1903.

	F. M.	H. M.	Total
Rec'd from W. M. A. S.			
Nova Scotia	\$ 847.92	\$ 368.50	\$ 1216.42
Rec'd from W. M. A. S.			
New Brunswick	410.05	102.14	512.19
Rec'd from W. M. A. S., P.			
E. Island	156.85	81.53	238.38
Rec'd from Tidings			9.77
" Annual Reports			8.85
" Leaflets			6.39
" M. B. Treasurer	305.65	32.00	337.65
			\$ 2329.65

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P'd Treas. F. M. Board	\$ 204.75
" " G. L. Mission	182.50
" " N. W.	219.00
" " Indian Work	73.00
" " N. S. and P.	
E. I. Home	
Missions	255.50
" " N. B. Home	
Missions	13.50
Pro Sec'y. N. B.	3.00
" " N. S.	5.00
Cor. Sec'y.	3.03
Expressage, Annual Re-	
ports	2.30
Printing Tidings	15.25
" " Leaflets	6.00
Postage M. B. Leaflets	4.50
Drafts, discounts, post-	
age	7.75

\$ 2814.08

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

Amherst, Jan. 31, 1903

Financial Statement.

FOR QUARTER ENDING JAN. 31ST, 1903.

	F. M.	H. M.	Total
Rec'd from Bands, Nova			
Scotia	\$ 182.44	\$ 13.09	\$ 195.53
Rec'd from B. Y. P. U. Nova			
Scotia	10.00		10.00
Rec'd from Bands, New			
Brunswick	91.09	19.21	110.30
Rec'd from Sunday Schools			
New Brunswick	8.67		8.67
Rec'd from Bands, P. E. I.	13.15		23.15
			\$ 337.65

MRS. IDA CRANDALL, Treas. Mission Bands.

Chipman, Queens Co., N. B.

—The legislature of New Brunswick has been dissolved and writs for a new election have been issued for Feb. 28th inst. The time is short, but as there are no very grave issues at stake, the result of the polls on the last day of the month will decide whether the government is to continue its rule, or give place to the opposition. The people will decide the question. But the way elections are now run makes it very difficult to get a free expression of public sentiment.

Dyspepsia

That means a great deal more than pain in the stomach, else it might be easily cured.

It means that that organ lacks vigor and tone and is too weak properly to perform its functions.

It means, too, that much that is eaten is wasted and the system generally under-nourished.

W. A. Nugent, Belleville, Ont., had dyspepsia for years; so did H. Budan, San Luis Obispo, Cal. Mrs. C. A. Warner, Central City, Neb., was so afflicted with it she could scarcely keep anything on her stomach and became very weak and poor.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

permanently cured these sufferers, according to their own voluntary statements, as it has cured others. Take it.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. Price 25 cents.