

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY.

For Parla Kimeidy and its missionaries, that many more souls may be won to Christ this year on that field and that those lately converted may continue faithful unto death. For our Missionary societies that every women in our churches may become interested in this work.

The treasurer of the W. B. M. U. states that \$200 Jess has been contributed for Foreign Missions this quarter than the corresponding quarter last year. How is this, my sisters? Shall we blame la grippe? No doubt the prevailing sickness and the inclement weather has prevented many public meetings from being held, and the treasurer of W. M. A. S. and Mission Band may be so prostrated by illness that she cannot send the money. We shall hope for returning health with the lengthening days and brighter sunshine. With thankful hearts may we redouble our diligence for the five months to come. Just think, only five months and the year's record will be closed. Will each one please think carefully over this subject and ask, Am I to blame in any way for this state of affairs.

A Little Child Shall Lead Them.

Nannie had a bright silver dollar given her. She asked her papa to change it into dimes.
"What is that for, dear?" he asked.
"So that I can get the Lord's part out of it."
And when she got it into smaller coins she laid out one tenth.
"There," she said, "I will keep that until Sunday."
And when Sunday came she went to the box of offerings in the church vestibule, and dropped in two dimes.
"Why," said her father, as he heard the last one jingle in, "I thought you gave one tenth to the Lord?"
"I said one tenth belongs to him, and I can't give him what is his own. So, if I give him anything, I have to give him what is mine."

Better Than Gold.

"I shall give that to the missionaries," said Billy. And he put his fat hand on a little gold dollar, as he counted the contents of his money box.
"Why?" Susie asked.
"Cause it's gold. Don't you know the wise men brought Jesus gifts of gold, and the missionaries work for Jesus?"
Stillness for a little while, then Susie said: "The gold all belongs to him anyhow. Don't you think it would be better to go right to him and give him just what he asks for?"
"What is that?" Billy asked.
Susie repeated softly: "My son, give me thine heart."

Yarmouth Notes.

Since our annual gathering in August, at Truro, we have held two public meetings in Yarmouth County. At the Yarmouth County Quarterly Meeting at Carleton, Sept. 6th, according to previous arrangement, the W. M. A. Societies had their first public meeting with that body. Time, from 3.30 p. m. until close of the afternoon session. The County Secretary took charge of the service. Meeting opened by singing; Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. N. B. Dunn. A short time was occupied with verbal reports from Societies and Bands, followed by a short report of the W. B. M. U. meetings. A paper was read by Mrs. M. W. Brown, followed by a reading by Mrs. J. W. Tingley. Owing to the very unfavorable weather a small delegation was present, our meeting, therefore, lacked the inspiration of numbers, yet a good beginning was made in this new departure in our work in this county. The Quarterly Meeting met on Nov. 29th at Gayleton where we held a very profitable meeting from 3.30 to 4.30, the County Secretary presiding. The subject chosen for the hour was, "Giving." The Secretary read select portions of Scripture on "Proportionate Giving," and prayer was offered by Mrs. E. Quick, followed by short verbal reports from the Societies and Bands. A cheering feature in these reports was the formation of a new Society at Milton by Mrs. Quick. The County Secretary addressed the meeting on, "Why we should give." Mrs. M. W. Brown read selections from a tract on, "Facts on Missions," showing how little is really given and how

much might be done if each believer would give proportionately, or as the Moravians. Mrs. N. B. Dunn read a leaflet, "The conversion of Aunt Polly's pocket book." A feature of the service, highly appreciated by all present, were two duets by Mrs. A. Fraser, of Arcadia, and her little boy Don. The last on "Giving" was especially appropriate and enjoyable. The Master was evidently present with us, and we trust the Spirit pressed home on all the Christly duty of self denying "giving" for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. We welcome to our county Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Quick as co-workers in this great enterprise. But while we rejoice at the incoming strength, we regret the departure from our midst of two of our most efficient presidents, Mrs. J. W. Tingley and Mrs. D. H. MacQuarrie. Our county has the honor of making the first Band life member. Arcadia gave a concert on Sept. 26th which netted \$11.40. We used \$10 of this to constitute our "sweet singer" a life member of the Band, whose voice renders efficient aid in all our mission work. Chebogue Mission Band, from the proceeds of social, has made one of its members a life member.

A. L. FOSTER, County Sec'y.
Arcadia, Feb. 6th.

North Sydney.

The North Sydney Calvary Baptist church Mission Band was organized Feb. 10th, 1899. There were nineteen members present. Miss Mabel Ross was appointed president; Miss Ida Lewis, vice president; Ella Cann, treasurer; Margaret McKinnon, organist, and Mary Ingraham, secretary. It was decided to meet every second Friday at 3.30 p. m.

MARY L. INGRAHAM Sec'y.

Campbellton, N. B.

The Aid Society which was organized in 1891, but which had not been working for the past few years, was reorganized in August of last year, and has at present a membership of twenty, most of whom are active members and much interested in Foreign Missions. Our Mission Band has had its existence one year only, and during that short time has proved itself an important factor in the work. May the Lord increase our faith and make us truly "Workers together with him."

M. G. BARNES, Sec'y.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

'Had the apostles stayed in Jerusalem till they had converted their countrymen, Christianity would have been strangled in its birth,' so says Dean Farrar. And yet there are some very good men who are heard to say frequently 'that the wise policy is to reach out and save the people all about us in order to save the multitudes that are far away in heathen darkness.' This sounds well and appears quite plausible. But it is not the gospel plan after all. It is not what the Master did nor is it what the Master taught. Nowhere in all the Bible are we told that we are to wait until the bulk of people in our own land are won to Jesus Christ before we do much of anything for far away heathen. The fact is and it has been frequently shown that the best way to reach men at home is to do something to save those that are far off.

There were a good many unsaved people in Jerusalem but the apostles were not allowed to continue there long. By an Almighty fiat they were sent out from that center of religious influence and promise to give some other peoples a chance to hear for themselves the gospel of the blessed God. The field of promise—of the greatest promise, is the field where the darkness is the deepest and the light is the scantiest. It was never the Lord's will that after 19 centuries of Christian life and activity, there should be more people on earth living in the dark than have seen the light and are walking in it. Either the Lord is to blame for this condition of things or else His people must shoulder the responsibility. The fact is that if we wait here until all the work is done that we know ought to be done, we shall have to wait until the day dawn and the day star has arisen—until the millennial dawn. Meantime, what multitudes, what vast multitudes of our fellowmen are going down to death without a chance for life. Brethren, you may think it is all right, a perfectly proper and fitting thing to do, and talk in grandiloquent strain of what will be done when the great and growing centers of the Home fields are properly manned and churches are multiplied on every hand; but whilst you are thus engaged, are the men in the dark to be kept there until your utopian scheme of salvation for the multitude is gotten under way sometime in the dim and distant future? Strange as it may seem to some, our home needs will best be met by multi-

plying the agencies for extending the gospel to the ends of the earth. In lengthening the cords you surely strengthen the stakes. There is nothing surer, in the whole realm of grace. By giving to others you are blessed yourselves, and if this giving is to those far off and from whom no personal return can be made, the blessing is all the richer and fuller. Then give to your Foreign Mission work its proper support. Encourage the faithful band to do their best with what they have at their disposal. Oh, do not scrimp here. Great things have been done for old Acadia—none too much however—she can stand yet more of the same kind of thing. But brethren there are great multitudes,—swarms of them, living and dying without having ever heard that God loved them enough to send His Son to die for them. Help us do more than we are doing. Pastors take this work on your hearts. Pray about it. Preach about it. 'Come over and help us.' And you young people with your zeal and energy and enthusiasm, lend a hand too—our hope is in you,—take hold and with God's blessing the results will be glorious.

FACTS TO PONDER.

In Canada there is one ordained minister to every 750 of the population. In our Telugu mission there is one missionary to every 275,000 of the population. To man the field in any proper sense, we need one male missionary to every 50,000 of the heathen population. For special work among the women and children we need at least twenty single lady missionaries. This means that there should be at work today in our Telugu field, forty men with their wives and twenty single women, in all one hundred missionaries. And we have not twenty. Why should we fare sumptuously every day, and these peoples have scarcely a crumb to let them know what the Bread of Life is like. Surely luxuries at home and positive need abroad will not stand the test of the last day. We should equal up the condition of things. Either do with less here or give them more there. It is positively wicked to even think of slackening effort. We should multiply agencies for reaching these multitudes ere they pass from beyond our reach—shall we not have an advance all along the line? Let us make this year the banner year in all our missionary effort. Something from all our members will do it.

Special Contributions to Foreign Missions from Dec. 1, 1898.

Pulpit supply, \$10; A Friend, Hebron church, \$1; W C Hankinson, \$1; J W Barrs, \$30; (Mrs J B Robinson, \$5; Miss M Phillips, \$1; Mrs J N Clark, \$1.25; Miss H H Wright, \$3) \$10.25; for Chicacole hospital: O Jones, \$50; J W Manning, \$20; map, 25c; Mrs A N Whitman, \$25. Total \$147.50. Before reported \$405.50. Total to February 1st \$553.	
Legacies, Estate late Cynthia Dodge,	\$ 30
" " James Anderson,	100
" " Mrs. Susan Fulton,	350
Total	\$480

FOR MR. GULLISON'S SUPPORT.

B Y P S C E Cambridge church, N S, \$10; R Y P U Springfield church, N S, \$5; A H Hayward, \$5; Mrs John Nalder, \$5; Rev Z L Fash, \$5; Bessie M Eaton, \$5; Rev W H Robinson, \$5; C E Vail, \$5. Total \$45. Before reported \$55. Total to Feb. 1st \$100.

The treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board will be very glad to receive other amounts that have been pledged as soon as the donors are in a position to forward them. These sums for this special object should be sent direct to the treasurer since they form no part of the regular offerings for Denominational Work.
St. John, Feb. 1st. J. W. MANNING, Sec'y.-Treas.

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