

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers 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.

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Corresponding Secretary's Report.

We are conscious of the many changes which have taken place since presenting our last report, both at home and abroad, making this first year of the new century notable in the history of Christian Missions. The W. B. M. U. has just closed the most successful year in the history of our mission.

THE TREASURY.

shows the sum total of moneys from all sources to be \$10,271.02. Of this \$8247.82 is for Foreign Mission and \$2023.20 for Home Mission, showing an advance of \$609.31 over last year. Of this amount Mission Bands have contributed for Foreign Mission \$1747.45 and \$139.93 for Home Mission. The number of contributing Societies in Nova Scotia is 147, in New Brunswick, 72 and in P. E. Island, 20. New Societies number— Life members of W. B. M. U., 44. Number of contributing Mission Bands is 105; 10 Sunday Schools, 3 Junior Unions have also sent contributions. Life members of Mission Band 29. The estimates for last year were F. M., \$8000, H. M., \$1,200. It will be seen the Home Mission estimate has not been met. This is due to a decrease in Mission Band receipts for Home Mission.

OUR LITERATURE

continues to be an effective means for the dissemination of missionary information. The W. B. M. U. department in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, so efficiently conducted by Mrs. J. W. Manning, is a strong source of help. During the year a variety of articles has been given, presenting the different phases of our work, in addition to the petty reports from the W. M. A. Societies and Mission Bands. The letters from our missionaries are always an inspiration and are an incentive to greater diligence on our part.

The "child" Tidings, shows its good management and its rapid development indicates that in the near future we shall have in it, the character and strength of a full-grown woman.

The Mission Band lessons have been of especial value during the year and are meeting the needs of the perplexed leaders, as to what shall be prepared for the Juniors which will interest and instruct them. To meet the increasing requirements, separate monthly leaflets are being prepared, containing a series of Mission Band studies and will be printed for distribution at a cost of three cents per copy for the year's course.

The Missionary Link, so long a bond of union between the good sisters of the Upper Provinces and us has come under the management of a new editor. It is also well-known that the W. B. M. U. department is without a correspondent. The busy hand that penned our messages is at rest. While at present we cannot state whether the former relationship is to be sustained or not, we bespeak an increased circulation for this interesting paper, which we know has done much to stimulate our missionary zeal.

The Bureau of Literature has distributed 1267 leaflets, 452 mite boxes, 6 maps, 1 game and 28 books. Receipts for the year \$25.46; expenditure, \$21.03; balance on hand, \$4.43.

THE FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

The record of our Foreign Department is bright with divine blessing, only a shadow here and there to show that in the heavens alone perfection exists. The correspondence is fraught with tokens of God's presence which strengthen and cheer the hearts of our beloved missionaries, especially in witnessing the growth of grace and the development of Christian character in those who have been rescued from heathenism.

CHICACOLE.

Miss Clark and Miss Archibald have bravely carried on the work of this field with the oversight of Rev. W. V. Higgins, during the absence of Rev. I. C. Archibald and Mrs. Archibald. The outlook for work among the caste women at the station never before was so encouraging. They gladly welcome the lady missionaries and their Bible women, listening attentively to the messages of salvation. Bible classes are regularly conducted twice a week for the Christian women, and a class every Sunday afternoon for Hindu boys.

The day school is doing excellent work. On his last visit, the Inspector commended its efficiency, and expressed astonishment in seeing so much accomplished by a staff of two teachers instead of six or eight, as is the usual custom.

The evangelistic work in the school is a feature of especial interest. On Christmas day six hundred children from twenty schools of sixteen different castes, marched to the church. The walls rang with recitation and song. As no gift of any kind had been presented during the year, on this festive day each child received an orange, and to the deserving, a trifling prize was awarded.

The establishment of the Hospital has opened a wide sphere for Christian usefulness and for subduing much of the caste prejudice. The efficiency and strength of Christian character in the lady apothecary, Miss D'Silva, prove she is the right person for this important position. Evangelistic work among the patients is showing signs of much hope. The women are invited to the services but none are compelled to attend. That they are glad of the privilege, is seen by their close attention.

The Reading Room affords a unique opportunity of coming in contact with the educated public and is also effective in doing its part toward overcoming prejudice. Our missionaries have done some touring during the cool season, but this, as in other branches of their work, is cramped for lack of funds.

BOBBILI.

Mrs. Churchill and her Bible women have been at work in the town and near villages, with much to encourage them. Since Miss Harrison's removal from Bobbili, Mrs. Churchill has again assumed the charge of the school in the town. The salary grant to teachers was withdrawn during her absence from the field, but a sum double the amount has been earned by the pupils on the results system. The school is now in good condition, and with the Sunday-school, which most of the pupils attend, is a hopeful agency in this work. Another small school and two Sunday-schools are carried on with some success in the Relly street, amid much that is discouraging.

BIMLIPATAM.

The work among the women has been greatly blessed. The ten women who were baptized during the year give evidence of a change of heart, and are growing in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. The missionaries hope that some of them may be useful helpers in work bringing others to the Saviour. The wife of the Kernam is described by Miss Newcombe as a strong character who loves her Bible, and hungers and thirsts to know more of its precious truths. She appears to have a sincere and burning desire to tell others what great things the Lord has done for her. At present family cares prevent much outside work, but it is hoped some arrangement will be made that she may have more leisure for work in town. Somalingam's sister gives promise of great usefulness. As a Hindu, she was zealous and self-sacrificing in the worship of her gods, and now she is anxious to tell her friends of her new-found joy.

Adamma, the youngest of the women baptized, is very bright. She learned to read quickly and memorizes Scripture with great rapidity. It is proposed that she be sent to a good school for girls to receive Bible training and a knowledge of practical work. Miss Newcomb has devoted a good deal of time to the school, during the past year. The results of the examination on the Bible studies have been most gratifying. There has been considerable hostility shown towards the school, by the heathen, but the workers are hopeful that it may become a recognized Lower Secondary before the close of the present year. Miss Newcomb has recently had a month's help from Peramma, one of Miss Clarke's Bible women. Of her, she writes "She is a treasure." The joy of the Lord shines in her face, and love for Jesus and perishing souls in her heart. It has been a great joy to have her and I am sure she did us good.

PARLAKEMIDI.

It was here Miss Gray expected to have worked among the women, but God's ways are not as our ways, nor his thoughts as our thoughts. In October last, by the recommendation of the Telugu Conference, Miss Harrison was transferred to this Station and is very happy in her work. She says, "We all of the Kinedi household have remained at our station throughout the hot season. It has been comparatively cool until early in June, when the thermometer kept up much of the time at 100° through the day."

During the cool season, Miss Harrison spent about three months in touring, visiting a large number of villages, only two of which were ever visited by a Christian woman teacher. She says "You see I have visited but a small part of our field; and the question in my mind, is whether or not I should go on and visit the rest of the field next touring season or spend my time again visiting the same villages. Think of it, even if I should go back to these again, it only means one hearing in a year, and in reality much less than that, because often our visit would take place when many were busy, and they would only hear a scrap and then go. Oh for more workers! The harvest is plentiful."

Miss Harrison writes that soon after her return she had a most satisfactory visit at the Telugu girls' school in Kinedi. She was very courteously treated by the

teachers, and the following Saturday, she in turn, was visited by the head master, accompanied by several of his most advanced pupils. After spending an enjoyable afternoon, the master, who once was deeply interested in Christianity, assisted her in telling those girls about the Christ. They entreated her to visit their homes, so their mothers and sisters could hear the wonderful story of Jesus love for them. She has also found an Oraya Girls' school, and is greatly impressed with the opportunities here for helping these girls, but they cannot understand one word of the Telugu language. After giving the matter prayerful consideration she procured an Oraya Brahmin teacher and is now busily engaged in the study of this new tongue. She has found the Oraya Brahmin kind in her touring, and in Kinedi they invited her to reside on their street so as to acquire the language quickly. There are about three thousand women and children in the town who speak the Oraya only.

Miss Harrison has an incipient Ladies' Seminary in her hands, consisting of two teachers and three boarders, the class-room, her veranda, the dormitory, her bed-room. Let us not despise the day of small things.

VIZIANAGRAM.

The presence of Mrs. Sanford and Miss Blackadar mean much to the Christian women.

Miss Blackadar has most successfully passed her first year's examination and is rapidly acquiring the language with hope of being able, soon, to tell those Telugu women of Jesus Christ, their Saviour. She has returned from the hills with a good degree of health. While there she was accompanied by her momshi and the days were spent in study as well as in building up physically. She also experienced a spiritual uplift through fellowship with the Missionaries who also sought the cooling breezes of the hills.

TEKALI AND PALCONDAH.

are without a lady missionary.

On all these fields we see opening doors, for enlarging our borders and strengthening our cords. Their appealing needs show the work to be in a more rapid state of development than our home resources are. The courses and resources are in our hands—diminishing none of our responsibility. As we pray "Thy kingdom come" shall we not with renewed spiritual vigor help to answer our prayers by bringing our tithes into God's store house and prove his power to save even to the uttermost.

REINFORCEMENT.

With thanksgiving to the Father of mercies we report the convalescence of our self-sacrificing and esteemed missionaries, Rev. I. C. Archibald and Mrs. Archibald and also Mrs. W. V. Higgins. After regaining a measure of health during their sojourn in the home-land, they are constrained to return to the much-loved work awaiting them among the Telugus.

Through all our meetings last year, at Windsor, the burden of prayer was that the Lord of the harvest, would call some consecrated young sister to go with God's message of love to the Telugu women we want to help. The voice of our supplication was heard. He spoke through that sweet and impressive solo, "God was not willing that any should perish," to a young woman whose experience well qualifies her for the work. After passing the necessary examination, etc., Miss Flora Clark of Moncton, N. B., has been accepted by the Maritime Baptist Foreign Mission Board, as our missionary and will accompany the returning missionaries at an early date.

SPECIAL EFFORTS.

Never in the history of our work have such special efforts been put forth, throughout our churches, for the awakening of all our forces as during the past year. It is impossible to estimate the service performed by our returned missionaries Rev. I. C. Archibald and Mrs. Archibald, Rev. L. D. Morse and Mrs. Morse. In all their visitations their praises are sounded, and fruitage is seen from their sowing.

Crusade Day was observed by a large number of societies with its usual interest. Missionary Sunday is gaining in observance. Public meetings have been held by county secretaries; meetings have been held in connection with the Pastors' County District Conferences; Associational meetings have been attended with a good degree of interest. But as yet we have not succeeded in having a W. M. A. Society in every church or in gaining all the women in the churches where Societies exist. We shall continue to press the claims of this wonderful enterprise before our sisters, with faith to believe the Holy Spirit will make known the mind of Christ, and the prediction will be fulfilled, "The women who publish the tidings is a great host."

IN MEMORIAM.

Throughout the history of the W. B. M. U. God graciously spared the lives of our missionaries and officers of the Union for many years. Last year the first death among our missionaries was recorded. This year we record the second death among our officers. On June 28, Miss Amy E. Johnstone, Dartmouth, N. S., fell asleep in Jesus. The seventeen years of untiring devotion to the cause of missions endeared her to us, and made her life invaluable. Few sunsets have more splendor. She lived, and worked and died, in the certainty of the Christian faith. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

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