

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR OCTOBER.

For a revival of missionary zeal among our pastors and churches in the home land, and a great outpouring of God's Spirit upon our missionaries and native helpers, that this year may witness many won to Christ

Notice.

There is to be a Convention of the Aid Societies and Mission Bands of Kings Co., N. B., at Penobscus, Tuesday, November 1st. A meeting for delegates and sisters in the Baptist meeting house, at 2.30 p. m. A public meeting in the same place in the evening. We hope to see every Aid Society and Mission Band in Kings Co., represented at the meetings. Come praying for a blessing. M. S. COX, Prov. Sec. N. B.

MY DEAR FRIENDS.—Are you talking among yourselves, and wondering how that hospital project, in Chicacole is coming on? Do you think we better have one? Do you want to know what, we on this side have been doing, all these months of quiet?

We wrote our Ladies, and they expressed pleasure. We wrote the Board, and I trust you all read what Mr. Manning caused to appear in the paper. We also, have been busy, dropping a word here, and another there, till the hospital became a question of common conversation in this town. While at Ootacamund, I had an interview with Dr. Browning, the Secretary of the Lady Dufferin Fund, for this Presidency. He is well acquainted with medical matters in this district, and in this town, and was greatly pleased and interested in our plan, for a hospital for women and children. I told him the relation we wished the hospital to sustain to our mission work, how we hoped it would be supported; the kind of a lady we would be glad to have; while he asked questions and made suggestions. He assured me, that he would render every assistance possible, and that he would endeavor to secure a lady apothecary, who in his estimation and ours, would meet the need here.

Since our return home, matters have been coming to a climax, and last week we advertised well, in the town, that a public meeting would be held on Thursday, at which we would be glad to see all who would come. We had a good, representative gathering of the best citizens, who paid every attention to what was said. Our District Munsiff, or Civil Judge, presided, our acting Principal Assistant Collector was present, and manifested his interest by a donation of one hundred rupees. We had a paper ruled for subscriptions, donations and endowment, and in due time, the first columns received some attention, but the latter is still a blank. Since that evening, Mr. Archibald with one of our native friends, Mr. Naraynappa, who is deeply interested, have visited several gentlemen, and now the figures stand on our paper, at the fair sum of eleven hundred and six rupees, several hundreds of which are in hand. This includes the gift of our former collector, Mr. Partridge, of four hundred rupees. Different ones in the town began to estimate the running expenditure, and decided that about eighteen hundred rupees would be required annually. This is three hundred more than our estimate, but we adopted theirs, instead of asking them to come down to ours.

We have thought that if we could raise half in this country, that friends at home would help us with the other half. How, will they? Perhaps some of you would like to put something in that rather lonely looking endowment column, while the subscription and donation columns are ever ready to receive attention. Surely there are those among you, who could together, contribute for this work, without drawing from the regular treasury, the sum of two hundred and fifty, or three hundred dollars. What would Jesus do for the unrelieved pain and suffering, were He among us here? What does he want you, His representatives, to do for Him, if He has saved you, if He lives in you, and has made you stewards of the everlasting Gospel, and has put into your hands the money, with which you may send this knowledge of eternal life, to those who are dead in trespasses and sins? One woman up in Ontario, lately gave \$1,500 for a house for the single ladies in Cocanada. We have rich women among us, and as this hospital is for women and children, will the sisters not be the Good Samaritans and pour in the oil and wine? We have told the people here, that you would help, and we feel sure that you will. When we have an assurance from you, we will take another advance step. One native gentleman here, a government servant, who may be transferred at any time, wrote opposite his name, "I will pay this wherever I go." Some of them, in talking the matter over, said, how would it do to have a committee of management, with some natives on it? Two of the leading men said in reply, we would never have started this ourselves, so just let it alone in the hands of the missionaries, and they will manage it all right. Naraynappa advises, that we be a little easy about teaching religion at first, but later on do all we can. He also said that after that meeting, he could not sleep, as he was so busy

thinking who would give, and planning how to get hold of them. We would like to see the hospital opened about the beginning of '99, and we feel assured that before that date, we will have considerable more money on hand, from those about us, and if it gains favor with the people, its support is guaranteed. We want you to help with your money and with your prayers, that this may be a place, where many will find healing for their souls, as well as their bodies.

Yours in the work,

C. H. ARCHIBALD

Chicacole, Aug. 30th.

A union meeting of the W. M. A. Societies of St. John was held with the Brussels Street Society on Oct. 13th, Crusade Day. There was an unusually large attendance. A most delightful afternoon and evening was spent.

The afternoon meeting was presided over by Mrs. Wm. Allwood, President of Brussels Street Society. After a short season of praise and prayer a most interesting Bible reading was given by Mrs. Martin, wife of the evangelist now in this city. After singing, Mrs. Crandall, Secretary of the Brussels Street Society, read a very full report of the Convention at Truro, which was perfect in details; Mrs. Kelly, returned missionary from Burmah, addressed the meeting, telling of their work, its trials, difficulties successes. Mr. Kelly, who is now enroute for home broken down in health, will be remembered as a former pastor of Leinster Street church. Mrs. Kelly brought to the meeting a number of curios from Burmah which were beautiful in design and workmanship. After the collection, which amounted to \$5.89. Mrs. J. W. Manning spoke of the hospital at Chicacole.

The next hour and a half was spent in the exchange of social intercourse while the committee of ladies from the Brussels Street Society prepared tea for their guests, in the dispensing of which they were aided by members of the Senior Mission Band.

The evening meeting was called to order at 7.30. Dr. Carey in the chair. After devotional exercises Rev. M. C. Higgins addressed the meeting, in closing made a most stirring appeal for missions and missionaries.

Evangelist Martin gave the next address, which was very instructive and convincing, next on the programme was a missionary exercise by the members of the Junior Mission Band of Brussels Sabbath School led by Miss Smith. Rev. J. W. Manning made a few remarks in his usual clear, forcible and interesting manner and with the Doxology closed a most enjoyable and long to be remembered gathering of the W. M. A. Societies of St. John Collection \$5.30. M. A. GOLDING.

R-report from the Middle Sackville Mission Band.

A year ago our Mission Band was organized under the leadership of Miss Clark. Meetings are held every month. Since organizing we have raised about \$50 for Missions. On the 30th of last month an entertainment was held in the Town Hall. Ice cream and cake were served, and the Sackville band was in attendance. The programme consisted of music, recitations and dialogues, all of which were very interesting and well rendered. A collection of ten cents was charged, and \$24 was taken. An interesting feature of the programme was the selling of the dish-cloths after the dish-cloth dialogue. These dish-cloths are knit of common candle wick and sell for ten cents each. They prove a very good way for the girls to invest their talent money. Great pains are taken by our leader and our meetings are interesting and instructive. T. MABEL BELVRA, Sec'y.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

SOME FACTS.

Population of the globe.

1,500,000,000.

Members of Protestant churches.

36,000,000.

Not members of Protestant churches.

1,464,000,000.

Thousands saved in the past have fallen asleep in Jesus.

It is said that the heathen die at the rate of 100,000 a day. Add to this the number who die without Christ, in gospel lands each day, in order to secure an approximate death rate of the perishing.

Power and Resources of Protestants.

First: Strength from Jehovah; and the use of the Word of God which is "the sword of the spirit." Second: Millions of living witnesses for Christ. Third: Estimated wealth of Protestant Christians.

\$33,000,000,000.

LACKING.

Obedience to the commands of Christ.

Hospital at Chicacole for Women and Children.

A most interesting meeting was held at Chicacole on the 25th of August, under the leadership of Rev. J. C. Archibald and wife. The meeting was held in the High School Hall, and was largely attended by a very representative audience. Some of the principal residents of the town showed their interest in the movement by their presence. The meeting was presided over by the District Munsiff. After devotional exercises, conducted by Mr. Archibald, the chairman introduced Mrs. Archibald who stated the object of the meeting in a most admirable address, and appealed to the people for support. She

dwelt on the necessity of a Women and Children's hospital for Chicacole, because the peculiar position of women in India prevents them from seeking medical aid in a hospital where males are treated; that medical men are seldom allowed to visit Hindu ladies even at their homes, so that too often they are obliged to prescribe medicines for such ladies relying upon the statements made by their husbands or friends which are often inaccurate and misleading. Every individual has a right to be born into the world able and strong, and this can be expected only when women are strong and healthy. The people of Chicacole would be failing to do one of their most important duties to the present and future generations of their town and taluk if they did not exert themselves to establish a hospital for women and children. The speaker referred to the interest which the people of Canada are taking in this matter. It is expected that at least one half of the expense will come from that source, the entire cost will be about Rs. 1800 per year. She appealed to the citizens of Chicacole to respond as generously as they could, for that which all must regard as a great boon for the women and children of the place.

Dr. Browning had been consulted as to the enterprise, and promised to secure the services of a first class lady apothecary, trained under Lady Dufferin Fund. A building has been erected on the spacious compound which is admirably adapted for the hospital.

The address was well received, the speaker taking her seat amid prolonged applause. After a few words from the medical officer at the station and Rev. J. C. Archibald commending the proposition for the establishment of the enterprise, and a few questions being asked by different persons in the audience, it was resolved, "that a hospital for women and children be established at Chicacole under the auspices of the Canadian Baptist Mission. A subscription list was then sent round, and subscriptions amounting to Rs. 17, and donations amounting to Rs. 707, were subscribed on the spot, which have since been increased to subscriptions Rs. 804. The beginning is auspicious, the object is praiseworthy, and the need is certainly great—that it can be made a great blessing to the mission there can be no doubt. An extra lift all along the line will do the work; but it must be an extra, and cannot be a charge upon the ordinary income of the Board at the present time. There are many women in all our churches and some men who are not doing a great deal for Foreign Missions, who might feel it a privilege to help such an enterprise. May the blessing of God rest upon every effort made, to rescue the perishing and save the dying.

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