

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR OCTOBER.

For a revival of missionary zeal among our pastors and churches in the home land. That the Lord would give us missionaries and the money to send them to India.

Has your W. M. A. Society observed Crusade Day? If not what good reason can you give? Do not be discouraged by the storm on the day appointed. "God's weather never interferes with God's work." Make arrangements for another time.

The St. John Societies held their Union Crusade meeting on the evening of the 11th in Germain St. church.

There are a number of women here whose missionary enthusiasm cannot be dampened by torrents of rain or washed away by floods of water. The speakers were: Rev. Alex. White and Dr. Gates. Mrs. Dean read a most interesting report of Convention held at Windsor. The deceased missionaries were tenderly referred to and the Memorial Hymn was read. Miss Ollie Golding recited a poem in memory of Miss Gray, which, with music, gave us a very interesting meeting.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR W. M. A. SOCIETIES:

DEAR SISTERS:—Those of you who were not privileged to attend our Convention in Windsor, are doubtless eagerly awaiting the appearance of the "Reports" that they may learn in full just what was done at that very inspiring meeting. It is not my purpose at this time to forestall those who have the preparing of those reports, but to speak of a matter in connection with those meetings, that has been on my mind ever since my return. Indeed it was present there, and found expression in our president's closing remarks, when she referred to it as the "dark cloud hovering over all our deliberations." I refer to the fact that there were none offering to go to India this year to fill the ranks of those who have fallen, and raise the standard in those new stations which have been opened to us. Our missionaries are clamouring loudly for reinforcements, and with a host of young people graduating every year from our high schools and colleges, surely there is something wrong that they should call in vain! And I have been thinking, dear sisters, that the fault lies at our own doors, and with our own Societies who have this matter in charge, and should cause us to hide our faces in humiliation. We have been too high minded, I fear, and have been depending too much on our own efforts, as though by our own power we could reach those two million Telugus we have undertaken to evangelize, instead of following the divine command and praying the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his vineyard. I think our president has been thinking the same thoughts, hence the "prayer topic" for this month, and let us take that as an indication that the Lord is about to bless us as never before, for where "two or three" are agreed on earth, the Father is not far off with the answer. And can we not confidently expect an answer to this prayer, since it is one of his own prompting and so "according to his will?" Surely we cannot improve on the Lord's methods! Do you know that all the special appeals during the past year have been for more money? And now when our societies have so nobly responded, we meet in Convention with a surplus in hand, and the enquiry on our lips, "Where are the reapers?" Let us all during this month, and through the whole year, pray much and often the prayer the "Lord of the harvest" has set for us, at the same time not lessening our offerings, and when we meet again in Convention we may be confronted with an army of young people prepared by God, educated, talented and consecrated, saying, "Here am I, send me."

Yours very humbly,

A DELEGATE.

W. M. A. Society of the First Harvey Church.

I am glad to say that this Society is doing good work under the leadership of our new president, the wife of our pastor, Rev. M. C. Fletcher. Aggressive work is being done. Several new members are expected to join at our next meeting. Our monthly meetings are well attended. On Monday, Oct. 8th, we held our annual meeting and roll call in the church. The programme was especially good. A number of the girls of the Mission Band had been trained to sing a hymn in the Korean language. Our president, by the way, has seen five years' service as a missionary in Burma. Another member of the Band recited the Lord's Prayer and a young man the great commission in the same language. All these were dressed in native costume which was very pretty and added a novel feature to the entertainment. The collection

amounted to \$12.25, which is the largest amount ever taken at our meetings. We feel that the interest in missions is deepening. The audience was the largest we have ever had.

MRS. G. A. COONAN, Sec'y.

Pleasant Valley, Yarmouth County, N. S.

The W. M. A. S. in the 3rd Yarmouth church reports a membership of twenty-two. Meetings have been regularly held since July, 1900, with a slight increase in attendance at each service. At the October meeting the Society welcomed one new member, Sister Josie Porter. On the evening of September 23rd, in place of the regular prayer meeting a very successful missionary service under the auspices of the Aid Society was held in the church. The programme included reports of the W. B. M. U. Convention at Windsor, N. S., recitations, and remarks from Pastor Brown. The collection taken at this meeting amounted to \$6.15. The same day the Society was presented by a friend with two dollars to be used in the Lord's work. This has been donated to the Japanese work in British Columbia. The outlook for our Society is encouraging, owing largely to the indefatigable efforts of our president, Mrs. M. W. Brown. We trust that the present year may record more faithful service and ever deepening interest in the work of missions. On Saturday, p. m., Oct. 13th, the Mission Band was reorganized. The officers are: President, Miss M. B. Crosby; Vice President, Miss Mamie Brown; Secretary, Miss Lalia Killam; Treasurer, Master Willie Brown. A name given the Band by one of the smaller members is "God's Helpers." May the life of each member fully exemplify the name.

MARY B. CROSBY, Sec'y.

Monies Received by the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U.

FROM OCTOBER 1 TO OCTOBER 15.

Tancook, Tidings, 25c.; Bridgewater, Tidings, 25c.; Harper's Brook, Tidings, 25c.; Rockland, F. M., \$2.55; H. M., \$1.10; Tidings, 25c.; Mira Bay, F. M., \$7; Central New Annan, F. M., \$3; Wine Harbor, Tidings, 25c.; Hatfield Point, F. M., \$2; River Hebert, F. M., \$6.50; Yarmouth, Tidings, 12c.; Hantsport, F. M., \$2.75; Brookfield, Tidings, 25c.; 3rd Yarmouth, F. M., \$5.60; H. M., Japanese work, \$2.25; Coll public meeting, F. M., \$6.15; Gavelton, F. M., \$2; H. M., soc., Tidings, 25c.; Great Village, F. M., \$3.75; H. M., \$1.50; Tidings, 25c.; Fredericton, F. M., \$20.

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Moneys Received by Treasurer of Mission Bands.

FROM SEPT. 16 TO OCT. 16.

Tancook, towards Mr. Gullison's salary, F. M., \$4.50; Great Village, H. M., \$7; Greenfield, F. M., \$5; Amherst S. S. F. M., \$25; Salem, branch of Amherst, F. M., \$1; Cavendish, for Amelia's support, F. M., \$2.90; Fourchie, F. M., \$9; H. M., \$1; Indian famine fund, \$2; Belmont, F. M., \$8.13.

MRS. IDA CRANDALL, Treas. Mission Bands.
Chipman, N. B.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

In 1839 John Williams and James Harris went as missionaries to Erromango, one of the most savage of the New Hebrides Islands. They were both slain and eaten soon after they landed. Now nearly all the natives of that Island are Christians, and have been for some time. In 1879 the son of the man who murdered John Williams, with his own hands laid the corner-stone of the "Martyrs' Memorial church," which was soon finished. Thousands of that people now sit at the table of the Lord "clothed and in their right mind." Truly the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. Hurry up brethren and give the nations in darkness a chance!

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board reports 94 missionaries, 133 native helpers, 113 churches and 6,537 church members, with 1,341 baptized last year. The missions are in China, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Japan.

China has an area of two million square miles of territory for her four hundred million of people. China is one half as large as Europe, nearly as large as the United States, eighteen times that of Great Britain. It is the great mission field of the Christian churches of England and America. India is a good second. There are more missionaries at work in these two empires than in all other heathen countries combined. The hope of China is the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is the hope of lost men everywhere. Let us give to these lost ones God's "unspeakable gift." It will be the panacea for all China's ills. It will satisfy the soul hunger of all in Asia's millions. To the Baptists of these Maritime Provinces there comes the call—off

repeated, never ceasing—it comes from the 2,000,000 Telugus, "Come over and help us. We are your brothers and we are in need." The response ought to be hearty, prompt and generous because it comes to men and women who have been bought with precious blood and through faith in Jesus have become sons of God. The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ.

"I assert it to be a fact beyond contradiction that there is not a ruler, official, merchant, or any other person, from emperors, viceroys, judges, governors, counsellors, generals and others, down to the lowest coolies in China and Japan, Siam and Corea, who, in their associations or dealings with their fellow-men in that quarter of the globe, are not indebted every day of their lives to the work and achievement of missionaries"—so says an admiral of the United States navy.

"Every church not coming into this work of Foreign missions becomes sluggish, inert, effete. We know beforehand that it will, and we know that every church which enters into this work and glorifies the gospel by this effort to send it to other peoples of the earth becomes strong—strong in faith, strong in purpose, mighty in the influence that radiates from it throughout all the communities which it effects."—R. S. Storrs.

"How much did they pay you for being converted?" asked one Chinaman of another who had just been received into a Christian community, "ten dollars?" "Much more," was the prompt answer. "Twenty dollars?" "Very much more." "Two hundred dollars?" "Still more." "How much then?" "You see," said the Christian, "they gave me this book," and he showed his companion a Bible; "and it is worth more than all the treasures of the world, for it teaches me the way that leads to God and everlasting joy."

The Clothes of the Minister's Family.

"A Minister's Wife," writing on "Criticism of the Clothes of the Minister's Family," in the October Ladies' Home Journal, asks "why the clothing of the minister's wife is of more public consequence than that of the doctor's family? Everybody helps to support the doctor as well as the minister," she contends, "so it scarcely seems possible that it can be because the parishioners feel that the appearance of poverty on his part reflects upon their generosity. Some one says that it is because the minister and his family seem to be a part of each household in the church, so dear and close is the relationship. Surely then the very closeness of the tie is but another reason why there should be an absence of criticism, and avoidance of hurt on the part of the congregation. Cannot the minister's wife be trusted to make the very best possible appearance that her husband's salary will permit her to make? When a woman is expected to mingle on terms of equality with the wealthy as well as the humble, she naturally does not want, for her husband's sake, as well as her own, to be noticeably badly dressed, any more than she wishes to bring upon herself the charge of extravagance. What she really desires, more than anything else, is to manage so well that she is able to pass unnoticed, so far as her clothes are concerned."

Italy's new king, according to Europe's political gossip, is going to set a notable example for other crown-wearers in the way of improving the conditions in his country. He is said to have declared that "all of Italy's troubles are due to want of principle in her official life," and he promises to drive out this spirit. Every public officer, he says, shall do his duty so long as he, the present king, is on the throne. Speaking for himself, he declares: "I love work, and I am willing to be the public's first servant, but I insist that those under me work as much as I do. As to my ministers, they shall no longer promise things that they cannot fulfil. The people must regain faith with the government. Hence, we must keep faith with the people."

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