

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR MARCH.

For the missionaries at Bobbili, the school and its teachers. For the native Christians, that they may grow in grace and strive to win others to Christ.

Tryon, P. E. I.

Perhaps a few words from our Society would be interesting to the readers of our column. A deep interest in the work is shown by large and regular attendance at our meetings. Average attendance during the last three months, 26. In the month of November a Thankoffering service was held by which we realized \$12.25. This the sisters decided should go towards making a Life-member, the remainder to be made up from our knitting work and other offerings that the sisters would feel in their hearts to make. We meet at the homes and find it helpful to keep up sociability in the church. Seldom do we have a meeting without the presence of a few brethren. Our meeting is announced for half past two p. m. Those of us who get there at that hour take up the knitting until three when an hour is given to the devotional part of our meeting, after which knitting goes on again with business and plans for our next meeting. By this time our kind hostess is prepared to refresh us with a cup of tea, which we all enjoy very much. I might say the yarn for the knitting is donated by the sisters to the Society, and the socks find a ready sale. The amount realized from the work is about \$5 a year, which always goes for Home Missions. The amount raised by 10 cent contributions is \$1.80. Three new members, result of Crusade day. Our aim has been to send as much money as possible to the treasurer during the first six months of the Convention year. The outlook is hopeful for a good year's work. May the Lord still increase the missionary zeal of these dear sisters. MARY J. PRICE.

A meeting of the W. M. A. S. of P. E. I. was held at Alexandria on Tuesday, March 13th, in connection with the P. E. I. Quarterly Conference. Mrs. J. C. Spurr, our Provincial Secretary, presided, and although the afternoon proved stormy there was a good attendance. A short time was spent in devotional exercises, led by Mrs. A. F. Browne, of North River. After extending a most cordial welcome to the visiting sisters, Mrs. Spurr read a characteristic note from Mrs. Manning expressing her love and interest in us and in our efforts. Also greetings from Mrs. Price, of Tryon, whose health had not permitted her to be present, and from Miss Jackson, our former Provincial Secretary, whom we miss so much in our work. Through verbal and written reports 16 Aid Societies and 11 Bands were heard from. We found we had no cause to be discouraged, but every reason to press on and do our best. A very encouraging letter from Miss Harrison was read. Thank God for consecrated workers. A paper by Mrs. E. J. Grant, of Summerside, on our work among the Telugus was most interesting and instructive, telling briefly the condition of missionary affairs in Telugu-land. Mrs. Browne spoke of Mission Band work and methods. A missionary roll call, conducted by Mrs. Spurr, brought our missionaries and their work before us afresh. Special mention was made of Mr. and Mrs. Morse, whose little daughter has gone from them, and of Miss Clark, whose sister has passed away, and prayer was offered for them. Before another Quarterly Conference our sister, Mrs. Price, expects to have sailed for her old home in Wales. A resolution was passed expressing our regret at her departure and our best wishes for a pleasant journey. The frequent mention of Miss De Frazer's name in reports and addresses showed what a large place she had made for herself in our affections during her too brief visit. A renewed interest in missions and in all India for her sake is very apparent. God bless her and make her more and more a blessing to others. S. B. S. B.

Steeves' Mountain.

We are pleased to report our Aid Society still alive and fairly prosperous. Although our numbers are small yet we have very pleasant monthly gatherings, and seldom miss an appointment. We feel that these meetings are very helpful and we have the presence of the Master with us. Miss Flora Clarke, our County Secretary, met with us on the 13th in our afternoon meeting, and also in a public missionary meeting in the evening. As it proved to be very stormy the congregation was small, our collection only 41 cents. Miss Clark's talk and Bible reading was very interesting and instructive.

MRS. ENSLEY LUTES, Pres.

Upper Granville.

The March meeting of our W. M. A. S. was a missionary tea at the home of our vice president, Mrs. Walter Bent, Thursday evening, March 8th. Nearly all the members were present. After tea had been thoroughly enjoyed by all, the meeting was called to order by the president in the usual manner. The programme consisted of choice music, readings, recitations and an address by our pastor, Rev. F. M. Young. Especially gratifying was it to see our younger sisters taking part. We have every reason to feel encouraged in our work. One new member has joined our number and we have the promise of more. Slowly but surely an interest is growing in the missionary cause here. Collection \$3.16. CARRIE E. GOODWIN, Sec'y.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

There are those who say they do not believe in Foreign Missions. Such persons have a mistaken view of the life and work of our Lord Jesus Christ. He believed in Foreign Missions in the fullest sense. He was himself a Foreign missionary. He came some distance to be one, and made some sacrifice in order that he might show his missionary spirit. Nothing that we can do can possibly cost us what his sacrifice cost Him. The servant is not to be above his Master, the pupil above his Teacher. Like our Master we are called not to be ministered unto but to minister. He did not have it easy here. The contrast between the glories and felicities of heaven and the humiliations and sorrows of earth was painfully sharp. "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." Our love to Him should move us to do anything we can for His cause. It may be that He does not want us to go to India or China, or any of the so-called heathen nations to do personal work for Him there. But that does not free us from some responsibility as to the condition of the peoples in these lands. If no responsibility rests upon us, then upon whom does it rest? If it rests anywhere, with whom does it begin and with whom does it end? The evangelist says "There are heathen at home, let us save them," it is easy to speak the phrase "heathen at home"—but when you undertake to make the application the trouble begins, who are "the heathen at home?" Where are they found? Are they the submerged masses in our large cities, the centers of population? There may be some there. There are some very wicked people among them no doubt—some who have fallen very low in the scale of morals—fallen is it said? Then they were higher up than they now are, and their surroundings have been against them. Is not this a reflection upon the churches of Jesus Christ in this country, that there should be anywhere in this land men and women who know not of the love of God as expressed in John 3:16?—Surely in these Maritime Provinces there are not many men and women who have never "heard of Jesus and his love!" And are there many in all Canada who have never heard of the Christ of Gethsemane and Golgotha? We believe there are not many. If there are any then we should leave no stone unturned until they hear the glad tidings, over and over again. But surely there are men and women enough to give the Christless in Canada some idea of Him "who so loved" them as to give His Son to die for them, and at the same time to do ever so much more than they are now doing to give men some knowledge "of the way of life," who are groping blindly in the dark—for the light. Surely it is not our duty to let them remain in this darkness when we can bring "the Light of Life" to them, even though it be at some sacrifice.

It is not for us to wait until all those around us are converted and won to Christ, before earnest, persistent effort is made to reach the perishing heathen. That were a strange course to pursue, with the Acts of the Apostles in our hands and open before our eyes. If they had acted after this cruel and wicked policy, where would we and our neighbors be at this time? What would our hopes be? How much gospel would we have at this time? To ask the questions is to furnish the answer. If we cannot go in person to the two millions of perishing Telugus committed to the Baptists of these Provinces, to give them "the truth as it is in Jesus," we can at least do something to send another, or others. Every Baptist church member should have some part in this great work of world-wide evangelization—some offering for the work—some prayer for a divine blessing to rest upon the workers in the field—some interest taken to sustain the hands of those who bear heavy burdens, that the men and women at the front may be sustained and cheered in their self-denying efforts to make the Christ known to those "sitting in the region and shadow of death."

Horton Academy.

MR. EDITOR.—You have received nothing from my pen in past months, but now that I am more fully acquainted with the conditions and circumstances of the Academy, you may expect from me occasional communications, which, I trust, their object will render worthy of a place in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. A sense of the great importance of Horton Academy to the Baptists of these Provinces compels me to take this means of setting forth the work, the claims and the needs of the School, and of bringing the latter into closer touch with its constituency.

Although the attendance at the Academy this year is not large, yet a body of young men more generally studious would be hard to find. Notwithstanding the lack of apparatus, we believe that good work is being done, and we are filled with large hopes of the future which will bring us new class rooms and appliances.

Since the beginning of the year some progress has been made toward building up a small library to which students may have easy access for reference and for general reading outside of study hours. One of our young men, Charles Parker, of Yarmouth, gathered together some thirty-four volumes during his Christmas holidays. Deacon Joshua Heustis, of Yarmouth, donated fifty volumes, largely historical. Mr. H. H. Ayer, of Moncton, presented Chamber's Encyclopædia. Dr. Eaton, Rev. S. B. Kempton, Mr. C. E. Morse, Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Mr. Lindsay Harris and Mr. Henry Crowell are among the other contributors. We will be pleased to acknowledge further gifts to the library.

The Manual Training Hall is flourishing under the management of Mr. Leslie Fair. Mr. Fair has practical knowledge of mechanics and is a professional architect. He has re-arranged the work on practical lines. The result has been increased interest and attendance.

The Friday and Sunday evening prayer services, held by the students of the H. C. A., have been well attended throughout the year, and since Mr. Freeman's week among us interest in them has greatly increased.

Friends of the institution will be glad to hear that, at their last meeting, the Board of Governors discussed at great length the needs of the Academy. A committee, of which Rev. J. G. C. White is secretary, was appointed to consider ways and means for providing increased and better accommodations for the school. This is a move in the right direction. We trust that the urgency of the case is fully realized, and that the matter will be taken hold of with energy and pushed to a satisfactory conclusion. HORACE L. BRITTAIN,

Wolfville, March 22. Principal of Horton Academy.

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