

Foreign Mission.

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR DECEMBER.

For Chicacole, the missionaries and their helpers, the reading room, Schools and Hospital that God would use them all for the salvation of souls.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Executive of the W. B. M. U.

The Quarterly Executive of the W. B. M. U. was held in the Mission Rooms, St. John, Friday, p. m., Nov. 29., with the President, Mrs. J. W. Manning, in the chair. After reading the 91st Psalm a season was spent in prayer, after which the usual business was taken up. The Financial Statement showed that \$709.51 were received for Foreign Missions and \$149.07 for Home Missions. Total receipts for the Quarter, \$925.21. Expenditure, \$306.66.

The following appointments were then ratified:—Miss Emma Hume, Dartmouth, Provincial Sec'y for N. S. Associational Directors:—N. S. Central, Mrs. J. L. Read; Aylesford, N. S. Eastern, Mrs. W. H. Robinson; Antigonish, County Secretaries, Mrs. W. S. Saunders; Woodstock for Carleton county, N. B., Mrs. C. A. London; St. Stephen for Charlotte county, Mrs. E. O. Perly; Fredericton for York county, Mrs. W. W. Rees; Granville, N. S., for Annapolis, Mrs. E. P. Coldwell; Osborne for Shelburne, Mrs. J. T. Eaton; Weymouth for Digby Home Mission Committee, Mrs. J. Gunn, Mrs. L. C. Layton, Mrs. F. S. Johnson, Mrs. W. D. McCallam, Mrs. L. J. Walker, Mrs. W. P. King, Mrs. M. A. McLean, Miss F. A. Blair, Miss Evelyn Bool, Miss Emma Stuart, Mrs. C. H. Martell.

This Committee is to meet quarterly at Truro at the call of the Chairman and Secretary. Its object according to the Constitution of the W. B. M. U. is for the better prosecution of Home Mission work in the Union, for work in the Maritime Provinces or in the North West and Manitoba. The following suggestions were outlined for the Committee:—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all the meetings of the H. M. Committee and to communicate with the Secretaries of Home Missions for the Maritime Provinces, North West and Grande Ligne, receiving and distributing such information as shall stimulate our Societies to greater interest and increased liberality toward their work. Also to send an article to "Tidings" every three months, showing the condition of the work.

During the quarter, letters have been received from Miss Newcomb, Miss Harrison and Miss Clark. Miss Newcomb is diligently working in her school, with signs of encouragement. Adamma of whom she has previously written has been sent to the Girls' School at Cocanada and gives promise of becoming a useful helper.

Miss Harrison is making good progress in the Oriza language which she has found necessary to acquire for her work among the women in Kimedi. She further says:—

"I am sorry to say that I can tell you of no new baptisms. We know of several who manifest interest in these matters, but it often takes a long time for such to take a stand even after being convinced of the truth. To-day a man came who can recite hymns and prayers and tell Bible stories and who knows the Christian doctrines and who moreover seems to love it all; but—there is caste and wife—and children—and food—and a life of independence all to be cast aside and in place of this he must accept ostracism from his dear ones according to the flesh and what is worse, contempt, hatred and curses should he become a Christian.

But he is preaching Christ in his village. I sent him back with a new hymn book and a New Testament, and he says he is coming again soon. Pray for him. My cook to, a bright boy, told my sweeper woman, who is a Christian, that he intended to become a Christian. I have been doing considerable visiting in the town and I cannot recall one street where we have not been kindly received, Kimedi is remarkable in this respect.

Neelama, of whom I wrote in "Tidings" a few months ago, continues to be a source of joy. She is growing wonderfully, is surpassing many older Christians, and causes me to thank God, and pray that I may live very near my Master so that He may use me to guide her aright. She has a hunger for souls, which I am sorry to say many of the older Christians lack." Please give my love to Mrs. Haverstock and your mother.

Sincerely yours,  
MAUDE HARRISON.

Miss Clark writes: "The meetings among the caste women have been most encouraging, and many seem interested. Throughout July and August our hospital attendance averaged sixty. It was a pleasure to talk to a room full of women. Money has failed us. So the first

of September we had to give out the order, that all must pay for their medicines, and this decreased the attendance to about twenty. The money given by the W. B. M. U. just pays the staff and up keep. As donations have fallen off, we must try to pay for new medicines, that are so necessary, by selling what we have on hand. We have received a little money from our Hindu friends but it is so little that we do not feel warranted in giving away any so far. Our estimate for the coming year is six hundred rupees (\$200) and we are in hopes that we will be able to get enough help from outside sources to warrant us in supplying the most needy.

I was able to make one tour last month to Narsanepet and Jalmmu, had a good time and trust we were able to help some to get a clearer understanding of the gospel. Special prayer was offered for our missionaries and the following resolution unanimously passed:

"Whereas, it has pleased the Father in Heaven to call to her home on high, a sister beloved, Mrs. Archibald, wife of Rev. G. N. Archibald, and mother of our esteemed missionary, Miss Mabel Archibald, of India. Therefore resolved that the W. B. M. U. extend to Miss Archibald their most tender sympathy and love, praying God of all comfort may be precious near in the days of sorrow."

Sometime was given to a discussion on the proposed course of missionary study and measures were adopted for the prosecution of this useful study in W. M. A. Societies of St. John. The meeting adjourned by prayer.

A. C. MARTELL, Cor.-Sec'y., W. B. M. U.

Steeves' Mount ain W. M. A. S.

Though you have not heard from us for some time yet we are glad to report our Society as still alive. Our meetings are held regularly at our homes and are much enjoyed by those who attend. We feel that we have the presence of the Master with us. We observed Crusade Day, and as a result got four new members. We trust that through our feeble efforts some poor dark benighted soul may be brought to know a Saviour's love.

MRS. ENSLEY LUTES, President W. M. A. S.  
Nov. 19th, 1901.

At the annual meeting of the Aid Society of the North church the following officers were appointed: President, Mrs. Maling; 1st vice president, Mrs. Jenner; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Hoben; treasurer for Foreign Missions, Miss Ellie Smith; treasurer for Home Missions, Mrs. Dumaresq; secretary, Miss Ada Smith; in charge of Link, Mrs. Brush. At the meeting it was decided to observe Nov. 27th as Crusade Day, also that the Dec. meeting be a roll call, and that a public meeting be held in the evening.

A. R. S., Sec'y.

Walton, Hants Co., N. S.

We parted with one of our most consecrated sisters, Mrs. Robert O'Brien, in June. Through great tribulation, the pastor prepared her for the glad, untiring service before the throne. We miss her exceedingly in our Aid meetings.

We observed Oct. 29th as 'Crusade day.' The public missionary meeting in the evening was of more than ordinary merit. Pas' or Crandall presided and filled the spaces with appropriate remarks. Our charming President, Mrs. Crandall, gave an excellent Bible reading on "The heathen need, and the Christian's duty." The texts which had been previously assigned to the different members were read promptly and distinctly. Mr. Irish, the Methodist pastor, gave a short address in sympathy with the subject. Rev. M. C. Higgins, the popular pastor of the Kempt church, addressed us in an eloquent speech breathing the spirit of the words, "Nearer my God to thee," and thence by way of the throne, nearer to those for whom the Christ died. The same spirit breathed through the beautiful music which was under the care of Miss Crandall, the selections were fine. Mrs. Crandall sang "A Dream of Paradise" with great power and beauty. Miss Falmore gave "Had I a voice" very sweetly, and Mr. James McCulloch also sang a solo of much merit. The choir composed of the best singers of the different churches, as well as their popular leaders, deserved credit. Miss Crandall and Miss Janet O'Brien, each gave a reading that added to the instruction and enjoyment of this missionary evening. Collection \$4. At our Aid meeting the first Tuesday in Nov. we decided to take up the missionary studies, and have already sent to Boston for the books, and shall invite the sisters of the other churches in Walton to join us in the study.

M. H. BANCROFT, SEC'Y.

Amounts Received by the Treasurer W. B. M. U.  
FROM NOV. 12TH TO NOV. 27TH.

Doaktown, leaflets, 36c.; Little River, F. M., \$2, H. M., \$1; Wilmot, F. M., \$11.75; St. John, Main St., F. M., \$15, Tidings, 75c.; Onslow East, F. M., \$1.50, H. M., 50c.; Clyde River, F. M., \$3.50, H. M., \$3.50; Lewisville, leaflets, 45c.;

River Hebert, F. M., \$8, H. M., \$5; Greenville, F. M., \$2, H. M., \$1; Granville Centre, F. M., \$3.25, result of entertainment, H. M., \$11.75, Tidings, 25c.; Reports, 15c.; Surrey, to constitute their president a life member, F. M., \$12.50, H. M., \$12.50; Surrey, F. M., \$3.25, H. M., 80c.; Reports, 40c.; Leaflets, 45c.; Tryon, F. M., \$6.50, H. M., \$1.90, Reports, 55c.; Bridgetown, leaflets, 24c.; Harpers Brook, Tidings, 25c.; Point de Bute, F. M., \$12; Baillie, H. M., \$1; Bass River, F. M., \$4, Tidings, 25c.; Reports, 15c.; Fredericton, F. M., \$20; Moncton, F. M., \$40; Woodstock, F. M., \$6.80, H. M., \$1.50, Reports, 20c.; Bear River, F. M., \$7.20, H. M., \$1.50; Graham's Sliding, Tidings, 25c.; Avondale, F. M., \$5, H. M., \$14.60, Tidings, 25c.; Reports, 15c.; Truro, Immanuel church, F. M., \$6.88, H. M., \$4; Lunenburg, Tidings, 25c.; Nictaux Falls, Tidings, 25c.; Lower Aylesford, leaflets, 35c.; Milton, Yarmouth Co., F. M., \$4.30; St. John, Germalu St., F. M., \$20.48, H. M., \$14.97, N. W. M., \$5, Reports, 10c.; Salt Springs, N. B., in memory of the late Mrs. H. R. Allaby, F. M., \$4.

MARY SMITH, Treas. W. B. M. U.

Amherst, P. O. B. 513.

A post card just to hand gives the information that the missionaries arrived at Port Said and left on the 13th Nov. for Bombay. All well, and in good spirits. They expected to reach Bombay on the 22nd and their destination on or about the 25th, so that we can think of them as at home and getting things in order for the work that lies before them. We trust they may be greatly blessed of the Lord.

The Messenger and Visitor

will be sent to all new subscribers to January 1, 1903, for \$1.50. We hope our agents and the pastors of all our churches will do what they can to increase the circulation of their own paper. It ought to go into at least ONE THOUSAND HOMES before the New Year. It is the best assistant a live pastor can have in his work. SEND IN THE NAMES PROMPTLY.

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