

Foreign Mission Board

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR DECEMBER.

Thanksgiving unto the Lord that a missionary has been secured for the Savaras. That the Holy Spirit may accompany all efforts to evangelize these people. That each sister in the churches at home may realize the blessing of God's great Christmas gift to us and their obligations to make him known to the whole world.

A merry Christmas to all the members of our W. M. A. and Mission Bands. May the season be one of blessed giving and joyous receiving of thanksgiving and praise for the unspeakable gift of Jesus Christ.

The Spirit of the Christmas Time.

In the heavens the stars are shining, while upon the earth below,
Their bright glory is reflected on the pure new fallen snow,
Far away the chiming of church bells borpe upon the frosty air,
Peal a welcome to the people who have come to worship there,
While the spirit of the Christmas time again and yet again
Seems repeated in the anthem, "Peace on earth good will to men."

Oh, that message by the angels given once so long ago
To the shepherds as they watched their flocks upon the plains below,
Comes down through all the centuries and makes the whole world kin.

For the spirit of the Christmas time, each heart will enter in.

And to all men alike it comes again and yet again;
It rings out in the anthem, "Peace on earth good will to men."

And the heavy hearts grow lighter and, careworn faces bright,

And troubles are forgotten in the glow of Christmas light;
For old and young, for rich and poor, it rings from shore to shore.

It comes through all the ages to bring joy forevermore,
Tis the spirit of the Christmas time, again and yet again,
We hear it in the anthem, "Peace on earth good will to men."

For the benefit of those who are studying of China in Rex Christus we would say that our Bureau of Literature contains some very helpful and interesting leaflets. Foot Binding in China; Chinese women; Infanticide in China; Golden Tiles; Ancestor Worship in China; Home Life in China; Foot Binding; etc. There are also two books that every one should read "In the Far East," and "Pagoda Shadows" by Miss Fiedle a missionary in China for 30 years. Any who have not already begun their studies will not after holidays commence a class either in your homes or the church, any place that will be most convenient. The book Rex Christus can be had at T. H. Hall's King Street St. John 35c. For the leaflets send to Mrs. Eva McDorman, Truro, N. S.

On the 10th of July last a Woman's Aid Society, consisting of thirteen members was organized in Waterville a branch of the Cambridge church. Mrs. J. J. Read Co. Secy of the W. B. M. U. gave a resume of our work since its inception. She was heard with deep interest. The following officers were elected: Pres. Mrs. Morse, Vice Pres. Mrs. Bligh Secy Mrs. Wright Treas. Mrs. Young; Auditor Mrs. Baltzer. At nearly every meeting since we have had the pleasure of welcoming new members.

Our Thanksgiving Service in Nov'r was very helpful. A Mission Band has also been formed under the Auspices of this Society with Mrs. Osborne as Pres. We hope much from this as the plastic mind of childhood is the best soil in which to sow the seed for a rich harvest of missionary men and women in the next generation.

Mrs. E. C. BROWN, Secy.

The W. M. A. S. of Goldboro held their annual meeting on the 13th. Our Vice Pres. Mrs. O. A. Bezanon presided. An interesting programme was rendered, opening with devotion led by singing. Let us go forth, Mrs. W. H. MacMillan read an account of the life and death of Mrs. Sanford written by Miss Blai-Kadar in which she spoke of her patient, self-sacrificing life, how bravely she bore all the trials she was called upon to endure. Mrs. Bezanon gave a very interesting and instructive paper on the work of several of our missionaries in India. "Eleven reasons for not attending a missionary meeting" was read by Mrs. O. C. Griffin. Treasurer's report presented some interesting and encouraging facts, closed with prayer by our pastor. Collection \$5.22 for Foreign Missions. Our Aid Society has met regularly through the year, four members have been added to the list making our present membership 25.

B. MAC M. GRIFIN.

Bonshaw, P. E. I.

The annual Missionary Thank-Offering Meeting of the W. M. A. S. was held in the church in Nov. Rev. A. F. Browne of North River, Evangelist Linkletter and pastor Clark were with us each helped to make it a profitable and help ful meeting. A paper (missionary) recitations and singing completed the programme, at the close a collection of \$33.00 was taken up, for which we feel very grateful. Owing to the weather it was a postponed service, and we did not expect to reach the goal of our previous meetings, but our weak faith was rewarded beyond our expectations. We start on a new year realizing, more fully it is his work that these petty disappointments do not disturb His plans and the only intricate workings of His perfect plan. If we do with our might what our hands find to do he will take care of the result.

BERTHA CROSBY, Treas.

The W. M. A. S. of the First Baptist Church of Truro N. S. observed Crusade Day on Nov. 25th, tea was served in the vestry to which the men of the congregation were also invited after which a good missionary programme was carried out. Short papers were prepared and read on four of our mission stations in India. Some of the members of the Mission Band gave two exercises and a pleasing duet. A solo and some quartette selections also added much to the programme while perhaps one of the most interesting numbers was "Reminiscences of our Society" since its organization in 1870 by one of the original members.

The Thank-offering was something over \$21.00 and the membership was increased by six. G. M. Hutchings

Amounts Received by W. B. M. U. Treasurer.

FROM NOV. 25TH TO DEC. 14TH.

Halifax, North church, F. M. \$18; H. M. \$8.00. Hebron Y. C. F. M. \$7.75; H. M. \$2.50. New Castle Bridge F. M. \$16.00. Hampton F. M. \$4.00; H. M. \$6.00. Athol F. M. \$4.00; Chester Basin, F. M. \$6.00; Bridgetown proceeds of Crusade Meeting F. M. \$21.50 (balance toward Life member) Salisbury F. M. \$6.00. Lower Cornwall, leaflets 42c; Brookville, F. M. \$1.75; Canard, to constitute Miss Alice Eaton a Life member, F. M. \$25.00; Midgie F. M. \$4.00; leaflets 36c; Dorchester Tidings 25c. Bonshaw H. M. \$8.00 to constitute Mrs. Grace Crosby a Life Member F. M. \$20.00 H. M. \$5.00 Deep Brook Tidings 25c. Dartmouth to constitute Mrs. Bradford Kempton a Life member H. M. \$25.00 Bridgewater, F. M. \$5.00 Beaver Brook F. M. \$5.00 North Brookfield F. M. \$4.25 Reports 10c Lockhartville F. M. \$6.48 Westport F. M. \$11.15; H. M. \$11.20 proceeds of Thankoffering meeting. Bass River Tidings 25c; St. John German St. N. B. H. M. \$5.00, G. L. M. \$6.00 N. W. M. \$6.00 to constitute Mrs. W. N. Colwell a Life member, F. M. \$25.00, Crusade Day offering, Murray River F. M. \$4.00 H. M. \$3.00 Bridgewater Tidings 25c Wine Harbour Tidings 50c Chester H. M. \$25.00; Havelock Tidings 25c. MARY SMITH, Treas. W. B. M. U.

Amherst P. O. B. \$13.

Amounts Received by Treasurer of Mission Bands.

FROM NOV. 12TH TO DEC. 10TH.

Amherst, for bed in hospital, F. M. \$25, H. M. \$8; Amherst Highlands, F. M. \$4.78; Lunenburg, support San Yasi, F. M. \$4.53; Yarmouth, support of children in Mrs. Churchill's school, and to constitute Miss Ella Tookes life member, F. M. \$15.50; Fourchie, F. M. \$1.50, H. M. \$1.50; Falkland Ridge, F. M. \$3; Jacksonville, F. M. \$1.10, H. M. \$1; Grande Lagne, \$1.25; Halifax, Tabernacle, F. M. \$1, H. M. \$1; St. George, F. M. \$5.60; Milton, Queens Co., F. M. \$10; Brookfield, F. M. \$8. IDA G. CRANDALL, Treas. M. B. Chipman, Queens Co., N. B.

20th Century Fund.

Fairville, Nora Branscomb, \$2; Carleton, John F. Ring, \$1; Norton (Ruth Anslow, \$1, Collection, \$5; Chas Versey, \$5) - \$11; Hampton Station, J. G. Smith, \$2; St. Andrews 2nd, collection, 96c; Bartlett's Mills, collection \$1.10; Rolling Dam, collection, 93c; Collina, collection, \$9.90; Penobscot, collection, \$2.17; (South Branch, collection, \$2.04; Jas. Walters, \$2) - \$4.04; Doaktown, collection, \$3.67; Campbellton, (collection, \$46; J. E. Miller, \$2; Metapedia collection, \$1.25; Flatlands collection, \$1.54; Jas. McDonald, \$1; Jacob Steeves, \$1) - \$52.79; Newcastle, North, collection, \$1.40; (Lutes Mt. collection, \$21.30; Israel Trites, \$1; J. J. McFarlane, \$5) - \$27.36; Albert, collection, \$5.55; Waterside, collection, \$2.66; Alma, \$10.93; Baltimore, collection, \$1.86; Caledonia (collection, 65c; Jas. Stewart, \$5) - \$5.65; Hillsboro 2nd, collection, \$8.74; Hampton Village, collection, \$4.51, per A. J. V. \$100.22; Hopewell, Frances Peck, \$20; Sackville, F. W. Emmerson, \$10; Burton, Rev. C. N. Barton, \$10; Salisbury, Mrs. J. G. Taylor, \$1; Hampton Village, S. S. \$3.80; Carleton, Mrs. J. E. Hamm, \$5; Germain St. (Mrs. McLellan, \$5; G. U. Hay, \$6) - \$10; Carlwell S. S. \$1.78; Elgin, W. A. Colpitts, \$2.50; Brussels St. Melissa A. Brown, \$1; St. George, G. F. McLeod, \$3; Marysville, H. Lawson, \$1; Bristol, (Gladstone G. Merritt, \$1; Mrs. Sankey Rogers, \$2) - \$3; Petticoadie, D. D. McDonald, \$5; Sackville, (J. J. Anderson, \$40; Jas. F. Anderson, \$4) - \$44; Harcourt S. S. \$2.58. Total \$313.97. Montague, P. E. I. W. Rourke, \$1. J. W. MANNING, Treas. N. B. and P. E. I.

St. John, Dec. 4th, 1903.

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