

Foreign Missions.

Lower Aylesford, N. S.

The W. M. A. S. of Lower Aylesford Baptist church held their monthly meeting April 7th, at the home of Sister Baker, of Tremont. Notwithstanding the bad roads and inclement weather a large number of sisters from the different sections of the church got there, showing that the interest in missions is increasing. A beautiful letter from Mrs. Gullison, telling of her work in India, was read by the president. Those letters come to us month by month to encourage and inspire our hearts. They seem to bring heathen India and the work there nearer to us. Our hearts were heavy when we were called upon to part with Mrs. Gullison, but we knew our loss would be India's gain. In response to an appeal from our County Secretary, in behalf of Home Missions, envelopes were sent to the sisters throughout the church asking for a thankoffering. In this way the sum of \$7 was realized. At our last meeting a beautiful Bible, with a farewell letter, was presented to the retiring secretary, Mrs. Geo. Spicer, who goes to Australia with her husband, Capt. Spicer. The gift was appreciated not so much on account of its value in dollars and cents, but for the love and good feeling which went with it. Every time the gift is looked at the givers will be thought of and a prayer go up to God for the dear sisters of Lower Aylesford. It is such a comforting thought to know "that though sundered far yet by faith we meet around the common mercy seat." That God will help us all to work for Him wherever we are is the prayer of

JANETTA SPICER.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

India comprises a territory equal to the whole of Europe, Russia excepted, or about half the area of the United States. The inhabitants, including Hindus, Moslems, Parsees and Christians, number nearly 300,000,000, joining hands they would stretch three times round the globe, and are equal in number to the letters of seventy of our English Bibles; Christians number about a million, or the number of letters in the single book of Isaiah. In India there is one ordained missionary for every 300,000 inhabitants; in America there are 500 to the same number. The disproportion is something awful to contemplate. It is not fewer laborers here in the home land, but it is certainly more workers in the regions beyond.

All eyes and many hearts have been turned toward India during the present year on account of the horror of the spectacle presented by hundreds dying daily from famine and pestilence. And yet, is it not just this thing that has been going on for thousands of years, and but a handful of Christian people have heard and heeded their cry? 2,000 die daily in India, stricken with the deadly plague of sin which kills the soul as well as the body. 40,000,000 lie down hungry for want of material food every night, but nearly 300,000,000 are hungering for the Heavenly Manna and thirsting for the Water of Life. We have bread enough and to spare, while they perish with hunger. The Baptists of these Maritime provinces have given since the New Year more than \$2,250 to save their fellow countrymen in India from starving to death. All honor to the hearts and heads of our brothers and sisters for what they have done to save bodies. Nobly done, Christian friends. If now the same devotion and zeal should be shown in caring for the souls of India's perishing ones there would be \$10,000 flowing into the missionary treasury where now there is but \$1,000. "For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." Souls are dying with hunger and thirst. Not less to save bodies, but we plead for more to save souls. Let us have flowing into the treasury for the balance of the year a continuous stream of dollars, and into the ear of Jehovah, "Whose arm is not shortened that he cannot save," unceasing prayer, and see what blessings will descend upon your own soul and upon the souls of those who are now sitting in darkness.

Special Contributions to Foreign Missions from Feb. 25, 1897.

(Northwest, \$7.57; New Cornwall, \$6.57; Mahone Bay, \$17.32; Bridgewater, \$13.90; Wm. Jefferson, \$3; Pleasantville, \$6.42; Conquerall Bank, \$3.70; Mill Village, \$2.09; Port Medway, \$9; Milton, \$20.35; Mrs. Wm. Phillips, \$1; Mrs. Chisholm, \$1; Brooklyn, \$2.36; Liverpool, \$17.30; Greenfield, \$5.87; Brookfield, \$22.38; Caledonia, \$3; per W. V. Higgins, John McKinnon, \$10; sale of maps, (W. V. H.) \$1; Mabel Ross' Sunday School class, support of Mr. Morse, \$10; Ella J. Harrison, \$5; Thomas Foster, \$5; Miss. Conf. coll. Bridgetown, \$1.38; Mrs. F. Beattie, for chapel, Bobbili, \$5; Bass River Sunday School, Mr. Morse's salary, \$4; John R. Dickie, direct to Miss Harrison, \$10. Cambridge church, N. S., \$9.06; Clements vale church, \$13.01; (A. Hillborn Baker, \$2; Rev. M. B. Whitman, \$1; Rev. E. A. Allaby and wife, \$10, support of R. E. Gullison;) W. F. B. Paterson, \$1; John Bew, \$20; sale of maps, Rev. Z. L. Fash, \$1.25; Brookfield church, Col. Co., \$3.72; Westport church, \$5; Shubael J. Dimock, \$3; A. Parker, \$1; Leonard Parker, 50 cts.; Great Village church, \$5.68; [Gaspereux church, \$9.43; West End church, Halifax, \$2; Dartmouth church, \$6; Tabernacle church B. Y. P. U., Halifax, \$11; North church, \$8.39; First church B. Y. P. U., \$5.20, support of R. E. Gullison) per W. V. H. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Russell, \$5; Windsor church, for Mrs. Churchill's work, \$14.87; maps sold per W. V. H., \$18.50; pulpit supply sec'y-treas., \$10; New Glasgow church Sunday School, \$5; Greenville church, per J. W. M., \$3.25; Henry Hunter, \$2; maps and missionary box 25c.; (Mattie Phillips, \$5; Edwin J. Crosby, \$5; Rev. S. D. Ervine, \$5, support of Rev. R. E. Gullison;) Miss. Conf. Reports sold, \$1.25; Fairville church, \$20; Leinster St. church,

\$7.25, total, \$414.82. Before reported, \$1878.43. Total to May 7, 1897, \$2,293.25.

J. W. MANNING, Sec'y-Treas. F. M. B. St. John, May 7th.

Receipts for Indian Famine Fund from April 8th.

Upper Wilnot church, \$18.58; Kingston church, \$20.35; W. M. A. S., 1st Baptist church, Yarmouth, \$17.83; W. M. A. S. and S. S. Oyster Pond, Jeddore, \$2.40; Martha J. Hay, \$20; Reformed Baptist church, North Head, Grand Manan, \$17; N. E. Margaree (by collectors \$31.63, special collection, \$1.90) total \$33.53; Canoe church, \$21.78; Bedeque, \$10; Alice Clark, \$3; 1st Salisbury church, \$5.50; North River, P. E. I. Mission Band \$5; Wilnot Mt. church, \$1; Immanuel church S. S., Truro, \$6.60; Collection at Margareville, \$6.20; Mrs. McDougal, \$5; per A. Cohoon, \$6; Capt. Cook, \$5; a friend, \$3; In His name, \$2; Christian Workers, Little River, \$6.25; Eva Harvey, \$1; Knowles Porter, \$2; (per A. Cohoon), No. Brookfield Mission Band, \$7; Gertrude B. Dailey and others, \$13; Summerside church, \$1; Rev. W. H. Robinson, \$2; Harvey 1st church, \$19.15; Harvey 2nd church, \$6.50; Moncton 1st church, Lewisville Sec. S. S., \$16.27; Chas. Skinner, \$5; W. M. A. S. Upper Gagetown, \$2.50; Div. of S. of T., West Jeddore, per Peter Maskell, \$5.10; A sister, Falmouth, \$1; Proceeds of sale of four little girls, Barbara Dobson, Effie Sipprell, Ella and Katie Murray, \$2.14; Dartmouth church, \$15.37; Reformed Baptist church, Seal Cove, Grand Manan, \$16.57; Germain St. church, \$24.10; Charity, Bridgewater, \$3; (Lower East Jeddore S. S., \$1; Nictaux church, Torbrook Sec., \$10.25; per A. Cohoon), Annie Lewis and Matilda Grant, Hingham, Mass., \$2; total \$371.97; before reported \$1,985.27; total to date \$2,357.24.

J. W. MANNING, Sec'y-Treas. F. M. B. St. John, May 7th.

N. B. In the report of last acknowledgments Berwick B. Y. P. S. C. E. should read \$44 and not \$4.40.

In the acknowledgments above there are offerings to this Fund from two Reformed Baptist churches in Grand Manan, North Head and Seal Cove amounting to \$33.57. This amount was placed in the hands of the Board by the Rev. S. A. Baker, pastor of the Reformed Baptist church of St. John. For this expression of confidence on the part of these churches and Pastor Baker, the F. M. B. is deeply grateful and expresses the hope that the warmest and most fraternal feelings shall continue to exist between these two bodies of Christians bearing the Baptist name.

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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR MAY.

For Mr. Sanford that he may have continued health and great success in his work.

For Mr. and Mrs. Gullison that they may speedily acquire the language and soon be prepared for services.

Missionary Achievement.

At a recent meeting Bishop Thoburn on rising was greeted with a silence more impressive than the most thunderous applause would have been, and said, in part: "Bishop Ninde's remarks bring very vividly before my mind the first farewell meeting that was tendered me. It was thirty-eight years ago. There were only seven missionaries in the field, exclusive of those in Liberia. The exercises partook more of the nature of a funeral service than anything else. I sailed for India on a vessel of six hundred tons, and I was on board one hundred and twenty-seven days. On my last trip I sailed on a vessel one-tenth of a mile long, of ten thousand tons burden, and leaving on March 22 arrived in New York on April 11. This shows that these Missions are really at our door. When I first went abroad nearly all Europe and most other countries of the world were closed against a man with the New Testament. Now all are open. More than one billion two hundred million people have been brought, in that time, within the sound of the gospel, which means more today than ever before. Then it took eight days hard travelling to reach Lucknow. The field selected for our Mission at that time had in it seventeen million people, and I thought it was too large. Dr. Butler congratulated me on the fact that we had only one language to learn. Now we are preaching in sixteen different languages. The progress of the work cannot be stopped any more than you can prevent the advance and spread of the Canada thistle. The field in India is now four thousand miles from northeast to southwest.

Before becoming a missionary my thought was stirred by a sentence in a lecture by Dr. Olin: 'The time is at hand when God will be summoning many of the young men of the church to go forth as Judson and Mills and Carey and others did, to lay the foundations of Christian empire.' The word 'empire' took hold on me, and has never lost its influence. The kingdom of Jesus Christ is an imperial kingdom and is to embrace all nations. India is one of the great empires of the world. Few people comprehend the greatness of the task before us. People do not realize what is to be done. It is one thing to sing the hymn and state the creed, and another to act consistently with the stupendous problem we have assumed to solve. You talk here as if it were encouraging that the increase of church members in your great cities keeps a little in advance of the population. How long will it take you to capture any great city at that rate? We are living under the pentecostal dispensation; but if we should have here in Detroit three thousand conversions in a day, the Christians of this country would refuse to believe it. Once in India, when I had one hundred and twenty-five conversions in three weeks, men refused to believe it and thought there must be something wrong about it. But if we had a million converts a year, it would take two hundred and eighty-seven years to convert India. I once said I expected to live to see ten thousand converts a year in India. I am ashamed to have said that. We now have from fifteen to twenty thousand a year, and some of the children here will live, and I trust I may myself live, to see a million a year.

Then we are responsible for training these people and giving them a Christian civilization. A plan must be inaugurated to enable these people to save themselves by a system of native preachers and teachers. Education must be attended to. If the Methodists of this land would give one-tenth of their incomes, we would have more than enough for all charitable work at home and a wonderful increase of missionary work abroad.

When I was about to leave for India the first time I walked all over the old farm and the places familiar to my youth. And as I was doing so there came to me a vision that has never left me, of a golden temple and a voice which promised me a home from which no India should summon me. I take my departure now for India with pleasure. It is now home to me. No missionary can do most effective work who does not love the land of his adoption more than his native land.

When Bishop Foster was at Poonah he went up to the old temple on the hill, and an old priest showed him through the massive edifice. The Bishop asked, 'How long is all this to last?' The priest said, 'Not long.' 'Why?' asked the Bishop. And sweeping the horizon with his hand, the priest replied, 'Jesus.' Higher than the temple I see the glorified Son of God asserting His authority. Heaven is near; God's throne is here. As I bid you farewell let the watchword be 'Victory.'—Ex.

An Open Letter

DEAR MEMBERS to its close and only present a month by adding subscriptions in the book.

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Temperance Jottings

DEAR EDITOR,—T N. S. held its 198 qu town of New Glasgow Mr. Kirkpatrick, M presiding. The ses interesting. Plebiscite matters were carefull ports). The grand sup work for the province, A. of N. division S. of of Hope with 700 me twenty day schools, v superintendents, done aim is to commence at least 1,000 Bands and pledged against the us and profanity; Bands to each month at the close consent of parents and being first obtained). also serve as useful tr help along the general and therefore should n Glasgow division 17 also anniversary, the mayor Scotch welcome to the member). After close G. superintendent visit eleven school departm also the three high scho ent, was introduced principal, and address gether. The eleven sch agreed to take up the trustees gave their co is likely to be the first with graded schools in this grand youth tem When every school section, it will not be many demand for liquor and reduced, for children us pledges more sacredly t persons do.

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