

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR MARCH.

For Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, the school, native preachers and Bible women at Chicacole.

Notice.

We take pleasure in announcing that our W. B. M. U. Convention will meet at Truro in August. The meetings will be held in Immanuel church. The very kind and hearty invitation of the Baptist sisters of Truro was gratefully received and accepted. Truro is a beautiful town; a more hospitable people cannot be found. Ample accommodation will be provided for all our delegates, so with the blessing from on high, for which we all must pray, we may expect a very interesting and helpful Convention.

The Union Missionary meeting of St. John and Fairville W. M. A. S. will be held in Leinster St. church, Thursday, March 17, at 3.30. Basket tea at 6 o'clock. Evening meeting at 8 p. m. Speakers, Rev. J. T. Burhoe, Dr. Steele and Rev. M. C. Higgins. Very interesting services are expected. All are cordially invited to attend.

Bellisle Creek, Kings Co., N. B.

The "Maud Harrison" Mission Band was organized the 29th of last August, with eight members. At present we have a membership of nineteen. Our meetings, which are held the third Wednesday afternoon in each month, are eagerly looked forward to by the members. We have so many encouragements in this good work that we long for the time to come round when we can get together and talk them over. Miss Harrison has written us a very interesting letter, wishing us to keep up a regular correspondence with her. This will be a great help to us in keeping up the interest. As we hear directly from our representatives, of the trials and difficulties they are called to endure and of the good work that is being done through them, we cannot but be deeply interested in giving the gospel to the poor perishing Telugus. We have taken as a special object for prayer, Miss Harrison's Sunday School class of eight little girls. She has given us their names and certain ones among us are praying for certain ones of the class, and are looking forward to the time when we shall hear of them accepting Christ as their Saviour. The money we raise is sent for the support of B. Annie Bellisle, who, with her husband, is doing such good work out at Chekkagoorda. In a recent letter from Mrs. Churchill we hear very encouraging reports of her work. She writes: "Mr. Churchill and I, my Biblewoman and native preachers, were out to Chekkagoorda the 1st of December, and we were so delighted to mark the growth of the Christians there, and I found out that Annie was teaching the women to pray and the young boys and girls to read. I had them up and examined them and they are doing very well. I hear good accounts on every hand of Annie and her work. She is very quiet but goes about her work steadily and does it. My Biblewoman, Siamma, whom I had with me, spoke in most glowing terms of the work Annie is doing among the women of the village."

Our hearts are filled with gratitude and praise to God, who has blessed our feeble efforts and has enabled us to be of some service to His cause in the dark places of the earth, and we earnestly pray that the good work may continue to spread until very many shall be brought out of heathen darkness to become workers in the Master's vineyard.

A. A. MILLER, Sec'y.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

Last week the attention of the friends of our Foreign Mission work was called to a "Forward Movement" which is to find expression in the erection of a Mission House in Tekkali this year, to be completed before 1898 expires. The missionaries are a unit in their desire to see the work accomplished at once. We shall need it to be occupied in 1899. The land has already been purchased. The compound wall has been built and some of the necessary outbuildings, as well as the foundation of the Mission House, well and truly laid. Nearly \$1,000 have already been expended and another \$2,000 is needed to complete the work already well in hand. The distance of the compound from the town is about one-eighth of a

mile, admirably situated for the work of the mission. The distance from the East Coast railway station is about four miles, which is called Nanpada. The sea is only about two miles distant. Tekkali has a population of about 7000 people. It is larger and more important as a mission centre than any other town between Chicacole and Berhampon, which is a station of the English Baptist mission. Tekkali stands in the midst of a thickly populated district. Within a radius of four miles there are sixty villages. Mr. Sanford says: "There can be no proper room for doubt that this place should be occupied as a mission station, and we are the people to attend to the matter." Here, then, is our opportunity. Let us seize it and make the most of it for the Christ of heaven. We can do it. Let the Foreign Mission Day, the last Sunday in March, be truly observed by our churches, Mission Bands and Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s, and a special offering be taken for the work and the thing is done. Thank-offerings will be received from any source. There are certainly 2000 Christians in these provinces who could each forward one dollar to the Treasurer of the F. M. B. before the end of March for this specific purpose. Who will be the first to do so?

Miss Newcombe writes: "I am taking memory work and find the memorizing in Telugu of an equivalent to one-half John's gospel no light task, but a delightful one, nevertheless. I hope this work will be of great benefit to me in my work here. It certainly must be a help to have even this much of God's word so that I can make use of it at any time. It has been a great help in enlarging my vocabulary too, and in helping me get the Telugu mode of expression. I am looking forward with such hope and joy to entering more fully into active work as soon as Conference and the first exam. is finally despatched. Oh to know that I can tell something of the love of Jesus to those around seems almost too good to be true."

Miss Clark writes: "I feel that the work here now (in Chicacole) is in a very interesting stage. The people listen so well, and so many seem almost ready to step out from caste and confess Christ. One woman has come lately from the mat-making class, and I think she is only one of many that will come out in the street. A few evenings ago I was up to the washerwoman's village, and in talking to them said that a washerwoman had been baptized in Aukulampars two weeks before. At first they were much surprised that one of their class could become a Christian, but after showing them that he did not have to give up his work, but only his caste, they began to see that what was expected of them was not so much as they had thought. It does seem strange that they think that when they accept Christ they must give up the work that they have always been brought up to do, and it is very hard for us to get this idea out of their minds. As I look over the past year my heart is full of thankfulness. I am very well and able to work every day among the people, and I do enjoy the work so much. I think I love it more now than ever I did."

Miss Harrison writes: "We have just finished one of the best conferences in the history of the mission. It was a continual feast—a sitting apart in heavenly places with Christ Jesus. We had some serious questions to decide, but there was throughout a plain, yet gentle, expression of views. . . . We have passed our first examinations and feel that we are ahead of where we were a year ago. It was a satisfaction to be able to understand what the missionaries said in the Telugu Association. It is easier to understand the missionaries' Telugu than the native Telugu, but that will be easier next year."

Bro. Hardy writes: "I see the need now as I did not and could not before; and while I was the happiest man in all the Maritime Provinces when you appointed me to this work, my joy increases as I remember that God has called me into His grace and then sent me out here to bear witness for His name."

"These poor people need the grace of God which is able to lift them up and keep them from falling back again into the awful pit from whence they were taken, and I praise God that such is the message He has sent us here with. The need is very great but more abounding is the grace we have to announce."

"We had a grand time at the Conference. The Holy Ghost was the unseen actor in all the meetings. You did not go beyond the limits of the truth when you told me that the band of missionaries was a noble one. They are all true men of God, and entirely devoted to the cause of Christ. Men who do not know them may do some croaking, but those who know facts and the men well know how to appreciate their worth."

The St Martin's Seminary Indebtedness.

Since last report there have been received the following amounts: "N. J.," South Boston, \$1; Carleton, \$50;

Sackville, \$40; Greenwich Hill, N. B., \$20.50; St. Stephen, \$50.60, a total of \$162.

Carleton has not quite reached the desired per capita. Sackville has now \$59 to her credit. St. Stephen has raised the amount asked. Pastor Goucher writes: "I presented the matter from the pulpit some three weeks ago preparatory to the canvass of committee of collectors. The people have responded readily and willingly. It will be too bad if all the churches do not come to the help of the brother in this matter. There is not a church in the province, however poor, but can raise its 50 cts. per member if it goes about the work in the right way. A little system will work wonders."

Deacon Chas. Wallace in his work at Greenwich Hill is a worthy example of the man who does not take "no" for an answer. Here is a little church of 66 members, without a pastor, which promptly contributes its portion. It has done well, and it should stimulate others to quickly and with system secure and pay their proportionate amounts.

A. H. CHIPMAN, Treas. of Com.

On the Sunny Side.

On Tuesday evening of last week a considerable number of the friends of Rev. J. L. and Mrs. Shaw gathered at their residence, on Horsfield Street, and, in token of their Christian regard, presented them with a sum of money amounting to something over \$100.00, contributed by their friends in the several Baptist churches of the city and Fairville. Rev. J. W. Manning was called to the chair. Rev. J. T. Burhoe made the presentation in felicitous terms. Mr. Shaw replying appropriately. There were also short speeches by Rev. Dr. Carey, Deacon J. F. Marsters and others, and, after prayer by Mr. Manning, coffee and other refreshments were served, and thus a pleasant evening was concluded. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, who have both been ill, are, we are pleased to know, improving.

Receipts of Associated Alumni of Acadia from December 1 to March 1.

Rev. J. E. Tiner, \$1; Rev. R. E. Gullison, \$1; Miss C. J. Clarke, \$4; Rev. J. C. Morse, \$5; E. H. Armstrong, \$5; Rev. S. B. Kempton, \$6.

AVARD V. PINRO, Sec'y-Treas.
Wolfville, March 1.

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