

## Foreign Missions.

### W. B. M. U.

*"We are laborers together with God."*

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#### PRAYER TOPIC FOR OCTOBER.

For a revival of missionary zeal among our pastors and churches in the home land. That the Lord would give us missionaries and the money to send them to India.

The reports of W. B. M. U. have been sent out. If any Societies have been omitted please send to your Provincial Secretary and she will see you are supplied. There is much material in the reports that can be used in your meetings on Crusade Day. The president's message has been so mutilated by the printer that it cannot be intelligently read so by request it is published here.

#### President's Address.

The work of the past year as Missionary Societies has been placed before us.

In the Treasurer's Report we have heard the amount of money contributed and expended. This has gone on its way to bring light and life to those sitting in darkness and the shadow of death. God grant that in the Master's hand these dollars may be multiplied a thousand fold and followed through all the days of the coming year by earnest, persistent prayer.

In the Secretaries' Reports we have reviewed the home work and our hearts should overflow with gratitude today as we recall our last annual meeting at St. Martins.

How sad and pathetic the situation, to see the black cloud of debt hanging over our Foreign Mission Board and six missionaries asking, yes, even pleading to be sent to India and no money to send them.

We prayed and planned—The Spirit's presence and power was manifest. Those meetings will never be forgotten by those present. I shall always believe that the prayers offered at that time brought the blessing.

The gifts began there to flow into the treasury—\$5, \$10, \$20, these were followed later by the hundreds and thousands that wiped out the debt and with glad hearts sent our missionaries on their way to India. Two of these have entered into rest. "God's purposes are ripening fast, unfolding every hour." He is being honored and glorified by those who die for him as well as those who live for him. Let Miss Grey's dying words linger in our ears "God's ways are always best."

The presence of Miss D'Prater with us last year was like a benediction and the precious influence of her visits among the churches still lives. The past has been a year of peculiar blessing and conscious sense of God's abiding presence and help.

To-day new duties and privileges await us. New opportunities and responsibilities are ours.

This closing year of the century, completes the quarter century of our work among the Telugus and thirty years since our Womens Missionary Societies were organized. What shall we do to celebrate these events? What shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward us? When we consider what God has wrought in the elevation of women during the past fifty years, our hearts should respond with gratitude and love.

These Womens Missionary Societies are now generally acknowledged as being among the most powerful agents in the evangelization of the world.

The lowest estimate gives over one million and a half Christian women united in this great purpose of bringing Christ to the lost world, contributing annually over 2,600,000 dollars and the money given is but a small part of the good accomplished; 150 million of printed pages of missionary literature are annually going into the homes of the people and over one million children are being educated and interested in 'this God given' work of missions.

Then the earnest prayers of consecrated women and the Christ-like spirit developed by this service is worth more to the church at home than all that has been contributed.

How I praised God for these Missionary Societies that Woman's day at Ecumenical Conference when thousands of women from heathen and Christian lands joined hearts and hands in blessed covenant to continue, by God's help, to work and pray for the mission cause as long as life shall last.

While so much has been accomplished and God's blessing has so marvelously accompanied our work, it is only in its infancy. What has been accomplished is only the foretaste of greater things to come and the awful need of this sin cursed earth is only just exposed to our wondering gaze. This century has revealed the utter darkness by letting in the light. This century God has opened doors in all heathen lands and opened the eyes of Christian people to see and their hearts to feel the need and their ears to hear the personal command of Christ "Go ye into all the world." These are the days of our God given opportunity.

Opportunity means responsibility, it also means impurity, as though God were beseeching us by every open door, by every weeping eye and breaking heart, to open our hearts filled with the love of God, to stretch forth our hands laden with the bread of life, to open our purses filled with his gifts and worthily meet this glorious opportunity that confronts us every hour of every day.

The Grande Ligne Mission, the ever increasing demands of the North West, our own destitute Home Mission fields as well as the 2,000,000 Telugus are calling to us more loudly than ever before. The broken down missionaries now at home, the new made graves of our fallen sisters in India all speak in loudest tones for us to renew our diligence and work while the day lasts. What shall we do?

Two things I want to put plainly and briefly before you as some things we all may do. At the Convention last year it was resolved that the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces undertake to raise as a Twentieth Century

Fund the sum of \$50,000 to be divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions.

(1) That the time for raising this sum be four years from Aug. 1900.

(2) That there shall be an In Memoriam Roll which shall contain the names of those departed ones whom their friends wish to remember in this way by the payment of \$5.00.

(3) That this Roll be substantially bound and preserved for future reference in Acadia College library.

(4) That the Century Fund be an extra, independent of all regular contributions to church or mission purposes. A thankoffering to the Lord at the beginning of this new century for all his goodness to us as individuals and as a denomination.

Now, my sisters, unless the women of our Missionary Societies undertake this work, I feel persuaded it will not be accomplished. Two-thirds of our church members are women and they represent the missionary element in our churches. Our training for the past thirty years has just fitted us to do this work. Our study of the past history of missions, our God given vision of the condition of the heathen world and the purpose for which we were saved, has fitted us for this grand effort, for such a time as this we were brought into the kingdom.

To embrace this golden opportunity and lift our mission work into a higher plane by reinforcement and enlargement. How CAN WE DO IT? We can assist our pastors in their efforts to raise the sum apportioned to each church. We may even have to suggest means and urge the matter forward in many ways.

As Teachers in the Sabbath Schools we can interest our classes in this great work, for every one in our Sabbath Schools from Primary to Senior Bible classes should be appealed to and made to feel that this is something in which they should be interested. Our Mission Bands, too, must be enthused and led into direct work in this direction and the children in our homes should be told of the successes and triumphs of the past, the conditions and needs of the present, that they may learn to pray and give. A great work confronts us, but a God given privilege, such as will never come to us again. THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY! Our children will bear the burdens and reap the rewards of the coming century. Let us be faithful in laying a sure foundation upon which they may build, in planting the good seed that they may reap a bountiful harvest when we have ceased from our labors and are at rest. Some one may say, but this will not increase our funds as a Society. Perhaps not for the present, but it is not our grandest and most powerful motive to have a large amount on our balance sheet, but to do the thing that will develop a missionary spirit among our churches and bring the greatest glory to our Master. To enthuse our churches with the spirit of Christ that has taken possession of many of our women and brought success to our W. M. A. S. Thus can we best serve the purpose for which we exist.

There is one thing that I want to emphasize that will bear direct upon our own Societies and that is.—By every means in our power we try as a Century offering to the Lord to have a W. M. A. S., and a Mission Band organized in every church in the Maritime Provinces. If each member could bring one during the coming year our membership would be doubled and could this be repeated for two years the thing would be accomplished. We have now 400 Baptist churches and only 250 W. M. A. S., 106 Mission Bands. There are still those who calmly affirm they "have not the slightest interest in missions." God pity and forgive them! Only love can win them. It has been said that the two principles of this whole mission work at home and abroad are "loving organization and organized love" and they have in them the secret of all success. When we consider the blessedness of this mission work to ourselves and the great enrichment that has come through it to our own lives we should do all in our power to interest and win others.

If 7000 Christian women united as we are in these Societies can accomplish so much what blessed results would follow if the 25,000 women of our churches could be actively engaged in this mission work. It is a startling fact that thousands of our Telugu sisters are living and dying in the dark because so many of our Christian women at home are refusing their help in sending them the gospel. Is any one willing to continue to bear this great responsibility?

A century of missions is almost past. Its triumphs have been due to the labors of a few consecrated men and women who have labored faithfully in foreign lands and a few other consecrated givers who have toiled and prayed at home.

Many Christians cannot join in the glad notes of victory because they have not fought in the battle, they have no rightful share in the joys of the harvest because they have not been sowing the precious seed. The lost opportunity of a hundred years weighs heavily upon the church of Christ today. But with the light of a new dawn upon our brow, the pathetic and heart rending call of a New Century ringing in our ears we shall lift our heads above the past and face the future with new strength and courage for Jesus leads us on!

These two thoughts are the message I have for you, my sisters.

That we embrace our opportunity by assisting in every way we can to raise this Century Fund of \$50,000. That we use every means in our power to organize a W. M. A. S. and Mission Band in every church and induce every woman and girl to become members.

It was Horace, the heathen poet, who wisely said "Sicce the day." It was the Duke of Wellington who said "the secret of success is using every opportunity; and the blessed Master said "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day for the night cometh."

"Standing still is dangerous ever. Toil is meant for Christians now, Let there be when evening cometh, Honest sweat upon our brow, And the Master shall come smiling At the setting of the sun, Saying as he pays thy wages Good and faithful one well done!"

S. J. MANNING.

### Home Missions in New Brunswick.

The committees appointed by the Southern and Eastern Associations, met in St. John on Oct. 2nd, for organization, etc. The meeting was called to order by the undersigned, and after a season spent in prayer, Revs. W. Camp, H. H. Saunders and J. H. Hughes leading, it was resolved that we organize by appointing a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Committee. The following were appointed. Rev. W. Camp, Chairman; Rev. G. O. Gates, Secretary; Bro. R. G. Haley, Treasurer. The above named, together with Revs. J. H. Hughes, H. F. Waring and Bro. A. E. Wall were appointed as the Executive. A committee consisting of Revs. R. B. Smith, W. R. Robinson and Bro. R. G. Haley were appointed to prepare a Constitution to govern our meeting, which committee having performed their work reported at a later hour of the meeting. It being learned that Rev. J. W. S. Young was dead, it seemed fitting that some minute be placed on the Home Mission minutes respecting him.

Revs. J. H. Hughes and W. Camp were requested to prepare the same. They reported as follows:

"It is with deep regret that we, the members of the Home Mission Board, have heard of the death of our Bro., Rev. J. W. S. Young, who for many years was a laborer in Home Mission work in N. B. We wish to record our sense of loss of the valuable services of this dear brother, and we hereby tender our heartfelt sympathy with the sorrowing family, and pray that the Great Head of the Church may raise up others to take the place of those faithful and earnest servants of God who are dropping out of the work."

On motion the above was ordered placed on the minutes, and the secretary was requested to send a copy of the same to Mrs. Young.

The secretary read correspondence from some churches that had been receiving aid in the past, asking a continuance for the current year. The Board discussed the situation as far as we were able with the facts at hand, and then proceeded to make some grants to fields that have been receiving aid, continuing as far as possible the same amounts per year as last. The Board of the N. B. Convention through its secretary, had informed those under its care that with Sept. 1st all grants would expire, and so we decided to continue grants to fields on which missionary pastors are at work from that date. It was not possible for us to know the condition of all the fields and so in some cases the grants were not made, waiting the Nov. meeting. In the meanwhile the secretary will correspond with the fields seeking information.

The new Board of Home Missions asks the prayers and sympathy of all our churches. We are your servants—distributors of your gifts in aid of the weaker interests of our denomination in this Province. The calls that will be made upon us will be many—let them not be made in vain because we are not able to meet the same. Let us have your prayers. We are taking up this work at your request. Each of us are pressed with our own daily duties. What we do here will be an extra tax on our energies. Pray that we may be kept and be given wisdom to do what is right.

The first meeting of the Board was largely attended. The six brethren of Eastern Association were on time, viz., Revs. H. H. Saunders, M. Addison, R. B. Smith, W. R. Robinson, and Bros. A. E. Wall and Jas. Doyle. Five of the Southern Associations appointed were present: Revs. W. Camp, J. H. Hughes, H. F. Waring, G. O. Gates and Bro. R. G. Haley. A note of regret that he was unable to be with us was read from Bro. Titus. As the Western Association for some cause failed to appoint representatives it was thought best to name three brothers within the bounds of that body, asking them to become corresponding members of the Board for this year and that they be invited to attend our meetings and share with us the responsibilities of this great work. The brethren named were Revs. W. E. McIntyre, J. D. Freeman and A. H. Hayward.

The executive of the Board will meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month and it is to be hoped that any of the Committee who can will meet with them for council and action. The full Board will meet on 1st Tuesday of the months of December, March, June and September.

The secretary invites correspondence from churches in respect to fields. He hopes pastors adjacent to weak fields will keep him posted as to needs, etc. Let there be a united working in a cause that must be dear to our hearts.

G. O. GATES, Sec'y. of N. B. H. M. B.

### "To Avoid Great Faults Beware of Small Ones."

*So, also, if you would be free from serious diseases, beware of the little germs of badness in your blood. That small pimple, that little distress in the stomach calls for Hood's Sarsaparilla.*

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