

W. B. M. U.

Of The Maritime Provinces.

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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR: "WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR MAY—"Visianagram. Prayer for Bible-women, native preachers and helpers. Thanksgiving for restored health of Miss Blackadar. Prayer for officers of our Aid Societies."

HOME MISSIONS.

We wish to bring Home Missions before our readers this month, perhaps with nothing new, but that the subject might be emphasized and we pray, brought closer to our hearts and purses.

HOME MISSION RALLYING SONG.

THE WARNING.

Dear Brothers and dear Sisters,
Did you hear the warning sound?
Our Home Mission Ship is in distress,
It has almost run aground;
With sails too low to catch the breeze,
Though a goodly breeze goes by:
All that the good old ship doth lack
Are funds to hoist the sails on high.

AS BAPTISTS

We've received our marching orders;
We to the front must go
To relieve our tried Home Mission ship,
For we cannot answer no.
For Baptists are good soldiers,
They are loyal to their King,
His cause must never suffer loss
While they the aid can bring.

THE CALL.

Then rally, Baptists rally,
With your offerings large and small,
God sees each honest effort,
And He will bless them all;
The good old ship will start again
With every sail unfurled,
And forward go, a beacon light,
In a dark and sinful world.

THE MOTIVE.

There is no fear of crippling
Our Foreign Missions so,
For you know that from the homeland,
All the outward streams do flow;
And the more we learn of Jesus,
And his blissful home above,
The more we long to tell abroad
Our Saviour's wondrous love.

Mrs. D. McPHAIL.

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HOME MISSIONS.

BY request of the Editor of the W. B. M. U. department of the LINK, I am writing a few facts regarding Home Missions. I heartily wish that the task had been assigned to one more competent to deal with so important a subject, a subject which I am sure has received too little attention in the past. We are thankful however, that it is slowly, but surely taking its rightful place in the thought of those who furnish the means for carrying on our denominational enterprises.

We have too long overlooked the fact, which must be plain to those who give the subject earnest thought, that Home Missions form the basis of all our Missionary and evangelical efforts. If we allow Home Missions to languish the effect must necessarily extend to all the enterprises in which our denomination is engaged.

Our work in the North-West shows what can be accomplished by earnest persistent effort.

In the space of thirty years it has grown from a small mission church of seven members to its present magnitude of which we are proud and thankful; and in proportion to means provided will the work here, as well as elsewhere, expand and prosper.

In the Maritime Provinces other departments of our work have so frequently pressed their claims upon the attention of our churches, that Home Missions have to a large extent been crowded out, so that instead of an increase we find that the amount received from the regular sources, is less than it was ten years ago.

The Treasurer of the Home Mission Board informs me that within the past seven years between seven and eight thousand dollars have been received in legacies for our work in N. S. and P.E.I. This has enabled the Board to maintain and enlarge the work, but this, as is well-known is a very uncertain source of income