

W. B. M. U.

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.

Mission Work in Windsor From March 1st Till April 7th

At our regular monthly meeting of March 10th we took up a special collection for Home Missions in response to the appeal received from H. M. committee, which amounted to \$11.

At that meeting we decided we ought to attempt to collect something as a society for the Famine Fund. So our President (Mrs. J. Nalder) wrote a circular letter and appealed to the Christian sympathies of our union in behalf of the starving people in the famine stricken districts of India, and many an afternoon has been spent in tramping through the mud gleaming up a few scattered dollars.

We wrote to our Treasurer in Amherst asking should we send it to her (as we always wish to be loyal to our own officers.) On hearing she had no account for this purpose we were free to send it elsewhere just at this time the President received a pamphlet from Dr. W. B. Boggs written by Pandita Panjabai containing an account of her recent tours into the Central Provinces of India and her efforts to save the women and children. She has saved sixty and feels it laid upon her heart to rescue three hundred. So to this work we are sending \$61.55.

We also carried out the wish of our F. M. Board and gave the concert exercise in our Sunday school, March 31st. It was pronounced a beautiful concert, the best we have had for years. We gave it as prepared, with the addition of six pieces of music—over four hundred present. The collection for Foreign Missions \$10.75.

We need not tell you we have had a revival, the foregoing figures speak more eloquently than "loud praying."

The more we give the more we have to give. The church Treasurer has also sent on for Denominational work \$124.56.

On Monday last Rev. W. V. Higgings was here and gave his interesting lecture on India.

The Sunday school hall was full, the collection, \$14.87 to be used for famine purposes in the Bobbili field or in some way to help Mrs. Churchill in her work for the children. So we thank God and take courage.

We are having the best year's work we ever engaged in in our W. M. A. B. Hoping to have a similar report from many other churches.

Hoping to benefit and interest some of our societies I attempt a short account of a visit recently paid to the Sackville society.

On Friday, the 16th inst., I had the pleasure of meeting with the above mentioned society. Some thirty or forty sisters were present, all, apparently, much interested in the work of missions. This society is one of the oldest in the province, having been organized in 1870. At present the membership is about sixty. Our sisters intend making every effort to have a great increase by the end of the year. Some of the sisters present kindly gave an account of the work as carried on by their society. One feature that seemed to me to be especially satisfactory was the way the Mission Band is conducted. This is not a separate organization in their church, but is combined with the Sunday School, review Sunday being given up to missions, when the school is instructed in the work and the urgent need for greater activity and zeal. The children learn missionary recitations, dialogues and hymns and thus become familiar with and interested in this most important work. Mr. Morse's letters so interesting to all are read, and we know that they cannot fail to awaken an interest in the hearts of our boys and girls and arouse their sympathies for those poor children of whom he speaks. On these Sundays a special collection for missions is taken, the children being taught to make it as large as they can.

One great advantage derived from this manner of conducting a Mission Band is that the boys are instructed as well as the girls. The former taking part in the exercises and assisting whenever they can, as we depend upon them one day taking the places of our missionaries if of the utmost importance that they be thoroughly trained and educated in the work. Besides the mission meetings conducted by the Sunday School the work is also considered by the B. Y. P. U. They devote one meeting every month to missions and by this means are kept in touch with the work. So that every effort is being made to educate the young people of Sackville in missions.

During the year the Aid Society hold four public meetings, when special collections are taken. Our sisters are thoroughly in earnest and we pray the Master's richest blessings to rest upon their efforts. The time spent with them was very profitable and enjoyable, and I left feeling better prepared for the work lately undertaken. I would like to suggest that our societies in Westmor-

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land County, especially those that have no Mission Band, would kindly consider the course adopted by the Sackville society for educating the children and young people in our work and communicate with me as to what they think about adopting the same. If the work is to be carried forward more rapidly and successfully in the future than it has been in the past we must have our boys and girls educated in it.

On Saturday, the 17th, I visited the society at Centre Village. This society was organized last fall. They are laboring on under many discouragements for they are only few in numbers, but we hope and pray that they will not give up but will endure to the end. They have some very earnest members. Oh, sisters, pray earnestly for the weak societies for they have trials that you know nothing of. On Saturday evening a public meeting was held at Middle with a view to organizing. Owing to the exceeding bad roads and unpleasant weather there were only a few of the sisters present. Some of those, though, were much interested in the work and promised to aid as well as they could, but thought that as some of their leading members were absent they had better postpone the work of organizing. So we left it in their hands with the earnest prayer that all obstacles might be removed and Christ and His work be supreme in their hearts.

On Sunday evening, the 18th, a public meeting was held by a branch of the Sackville Aid Society at Upper Sackville. Some interesting readings, recitations, etc., were given, and a special collection taken for the benefit of our Home Mission work. This closed a series of visits as the time at my disposal had expired. The work is great but we undertake it not alone. Supporting and sustaining us is the God of heaven and earth. His promises remain unchanged and we cannot fail. Therefore, my sisters, let us toil on remembering that He is faithful, till at last, disappointments, discouragements, difficulties all forgotten we shall behold Him as He is and dwell with Him forever.

Yours in the work.

F. CLARK, Sec'y. West. Co.

Amounts Received by the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U. From April 8th to April 21st.

New Tusket, P. M., \$4; Belle M. Miles, St. Marys, Tidings, 25c.; Melvern Square, F. M., \$3.75, proceeds of concert, \$12; Tidings, 25c.; Dartmouth Sunday School, P. M., \$10.39; H. M., \$10.39; New Glasgow, Tidings, 25c.; Reports, 32c.; Hopewell Hill, P. M., \$6; Apple River, P. M., \$3.50; H. M., 50c.; Tidings, 25c.; Spring Hill, P. M., \$7; H. M., \$3; Tidings, 25c.; North River Mission Band, proceeds of concert and dues, toward Mrs. Morse's salary, \$13.45; A friend, to constitute Mrs. John Rowe, Everett, Mass., (formerly of Yarmouth) a Life member P. M., \$30; Bedouque, P. M., \$5; First church, Yarmouth, P. M., \$10.25, thank-offering, H. M., \$15.83, Mission Band, toward Rev. L. D. Morse's salary, \$34; Lower Aylesford, P. M., \$12; H. M., \$9.50; Lower Aylesford, to constitute Rev. R. Gullison, Vislanagram, India, a Life member, P. M., \$25; Sydney, P. M., \$3; G. L. M., \$3; Hopewell Cape, P. M., \$2.75; H. M., \$1.11; Cavendish, P. M., \$9.22; St. George, P. M., \$8.65; Lewis Head, P. M., \$3; Osborn, P. M., 4.70; Fairville, P. M., \$6; Centreville, Anna, Co., P. M., \$4; H. M., \$1.50; Miss Newcombe's salary, \$2; Reports, 40c.; Amherst Sunday School, P. M., \$16; H. M., \$8.50; Homeville, P. M., \$2.50; Little Grace Bay, P. M., \$2; H. M., \$1; Halifax North church, P. M., \$22.50; H. M., \$2.50, Thank-offering, Mrs. Hierlihy in memory of her sister Mrs. Pelton, P. M., \$3; H. M., \$2; Clyde River, P. M., \$3; Cumberland Bay, P. M., \$3; East Mountain, P. M., \$5; H. M., \$2; Hantsport, P. M., \$4.30; H. M., \$5; Freeport, P. M., \$5.40; West Onslow, P. M., \$5.75; H. M., \$3; Tidings 25c.; Woodville, result of Thank-offering meeting, H. M., \$9.46, Sunday School, H. M., \$3.04, Reports 10c.; Mrs. Donald Grant, Montreal, Tidings, 25c.; Hebron, P. M., \$3.59; H. M., \$5.20, Reports, 6c.; Cambridge, (Narrows) P. M., \$17; Berwick, P. M., \$7; H. M., 50c.; Tidings, 25c.; Reports, 10c.; Weston Beach, P. M., \$3.25; H. M., 65c.; Tidings, 25c.; Westport, P. M., \$5; Tusket, P. M., \$2; H. M., \$1; Ludlow, P. M., 2.70; Great Village, P. M., \$5; Bridgetown Mission Band, P. M., coll., \$4, mite boxes, \$8.13; Dartmouth, P. M., \$5.25; H. M., \$11.75; Westchester, P. M., \$7.30; Halifax Temple church, P. M., \$11; H. M., \$4, Tidings 60c. MARY SMITH, Treas. W. B. M. U. Amherst P. O. B. 513.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

Who Is My Neighbor?

The answer to this question varies. The Christian world is not a unit in its answer. Elihu Burritt said, "Our neighbor is man! Wherever he may be found, whatever be the color of his skin, into whatever pit of misery and degradation he may have fallen. A man cannot be a neighbor, or love his brother as himself, without first loving God with all his soul and mind and strength. Yes, my friends! neither principles nor powers, nor things present or to come, can ever break up that heaven-created relation." In view of such a declaration from such a man would it be amiss if some of our pastors were to give an exposition of the parable of the Good Samaritan for his next Sunday's sermon? A careful study of that Scripture might be an eye opener to some good people.

Mission work is not the privilege of the few—it is the duty and obligation of all. Every Christian must be brought face to face with the responsibility. If the Christian is not a missionary, he has not yet come to realize what Christianity really means.

It is a remarkable fact that of more than fourteen millions given for Protestant Foreign Missions last year England gave more than seven millions and the United States more than five millions. The two strongest countries of earth are back of our Foreign Mission enterprise.

The N. Y. Tribune has this to say about the Foreign Mission enterprise: "Modern civilization is making the term 'foreign missions' a misnomer. Innumerable tendons, social, industrial, political and commercial, are making the whole world one. There are to-day no foreign nations in the old sense of the word; for in a large but real sense we are all becoming citizens of the world, so that if we try to elevate and enlighten some one in the most remote corner of the earth, we may lift to a higher plane of living a man who may have a profound influence either direct or indirect, on our lives."

Seven Apostolic Arguments for Liberty.

(See 2 Cor. 8th and 9th chapters.)

1. The argument of Grace. "See that ye abound in this grace also."
2. The argument of Example. "I speak . . . by occasion of the forwardness of others."
3. The argument of Love. To prove the sincerity of your love. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich."
4. The argument of Acceptance. If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted. "For God loveth a cheerful giver."
5. The argument of Abundance. "God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work."
6. The argument of Benefit. For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God.
7. The argument of Reward. "He that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

Home Missions.

Board Meeting.

A meeting of the Home Mission Board of the Maritime Convention was held on the 13th inst. The following grants were made:

1. To First St. Margaret's Bay and Indian Harbor church \$50, to assist in making up salary of Pastor A. R. Ingram for the year beginning Jan. 1st 1897.
 2. To Lower Stewiacke and Musquodobi church \$175, for year beginning Feb. 10th, 1897. P. M. Clay, pastor.
 3. To County Harbor, Goshen and Second St. Mary's churches, Guysboro Co., \$100, for year beginning Nov. 1st, 1896. W. M. Field, pastor.
 4. To the Little Hope church, Guysboro Co., \$75, to assist them in making up a salary for a portion of the time for Pastor Kinlay for year beginning Dec. 10th, 1896.
 5. To Summerside church, P. E. I., \$100 for year beginning Dec. 1st, 1896. Rev. W. H. Robinson, pastor.
 6. To West Brook, Diligent River and Port Greville churches, Cumb. Co., \$60, for year beginning Nov. 1st, 1896. Rev. W. H. McLeod, pastor.
 7. To Brooklyn church, Kings Co., \$40, for year beginning June 1st, 1897. Bro. John Hardy, student missionary.
 8. To New Minas church \$50, for year beginning June 1st, 1897. C. W. Rose, student missionary.
 9. To Tracadie church, (colored) Antigonish Co., \$50, to enable them to secure student supply during the vacation.
- Some recommendations were made in regard to students for summer, but as this is not completed they are not reported here. A. CONOON, Cor.-Sec'y H. M. B. Wolfville, April 22nd.

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Personal.

Pastor Lavers, of St. G spending a brief vacation him by his people, in Bos aged mother, who is the late Rev. Harris Harding Mrs. Lavers is in very feeble Lavers expected to reach day. He reports his own h An interesting letter from found in another column.

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