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PRAYER TOPIC FOR JUNE.

For our young ladies on the mission field, that the power of the Holy Spirit may accompany their labors.

For our associations, that the Lord's blessing may attend every session.

Notice.

To the Aid Societies and Mission Bands in N. B. Do not fail to have your societies represented at your respective Associations, either by delegate or letter. Let us do our part, looking to God for a blessing.

Meetings of the W. M. A. S. will be held on Saturday, 3 p. m., at all the N. B. Associations. Western, at Florence-ville, June 25th; Southern, at Kars, July 2nd; Eástern, at Midgie, July 16th. M. S. Cox.

AID SOCIETY ORGANIZED.

On Saturday, 4th inst., an Aid Society was formed in Cardwell Baptist church (Penobsquis), Kings Co., N. B. Officers as follows: Mrs. Byron Teakles, President; Mrs. E. C. Corey, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Byron Freeze, 2nd Vice President; Miss Mary Anderson, Secretary Miss Bird Gross, Treasurer; Miss Annie Freeze, Auditor; Mrs. Ara Sprague, 1st Committee of Management. The society bids fair to be a useful factor in mission work. M. S. Cox. Prov. Sec'y.

A meeting of the W. M. A. S. of P. E. I., will be held on Saturday, July 2nd, at 3 p. m., at North River. All Missionary societies and Mission Bands are requested to send delegates. May this meeting be one of great power

St 36 38 Our Greatest Need.

Substance of a Paper Read at a Missionary Social Held by the W. M. A. S., Guysboro, N. S.

BY MRS. JAMES NICKERSON.

What is our greatest need as a church and Mission Aid Society? An answer readily comes. More money to carry on the work in which we are engaged. We acknowledge this need but cannot think it our greatest need. To discover our greatest need let us look at our state as a church and as an Aid Society. Are we as individuals doing our utmost to advance the cause of missions? Are our sympathies truly enlisted in this work? While enjoying all the privileges of the Gospel do we feel as Christ feels toward a world destitute of the light of the world? Are we in full sympathy with the missionary leaders of our own church? Let each sister answer for herself as one who must give account to God.

But, I feel, dear sisters, that our greatest need at present is more love and sympathy for the cause of missions, and greater co-operation with those striving to advance the missionary spirit of the home church. Let us imitate Christ in all things. See his condescension to the friends of Caesar. When asked for the tribute money, although not feeling its obligation, nevertheless, he said to Peter, lest he should offend, to go and cast his hook into the sea and take the first fish that came up, and in his mouth the needed money should be found.

We may not work miracles as Christ did, but we may,

at least, learn from this narrative to be more ready to take up the first fish that comes up for the cause of missions, instead of claiming that as our own, and waiting for the second or third fish, that never comes, for the ing for the second or third fish, that never comes, for the cause of missions. Christ lays down the principle that our offering to God should be in proportion to the light and privileges enjoyed. "Unto whomsoever much is given of him shall much be required." As our Saviour sent his disciples forth He said to them, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Since we have the unparalleled sacrifice of our glorious Saviour, should not our gratitude find expression in more abundant gifts to extend to others the message of salvation.

As the work of the Gospel widens, it requires greater provision to sustain it. God has made us His stewards and to those who prove faithful he will commit greater trusts. God loveth the cheerful giver and when we with grateful hearts bring our offerings then will God's blessing attend them. He said, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." God grant that each of us may learn our greatest need.

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To the 25,000 Christian Women Belonging to the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces.

Dear Sisters.—Are we making any advance this year in raising funds for our Telugu Mission? Have you taken

time to think of the millions of our sisters who know nothing of the dear Son of God? Have you taken time to think what Jesus is to us and what it must be to know nothing of the one who alone can save although He is near to each one, but the veil of ignorance, superstition and caste thick and black is before their eyes? Have and caste thick and black is before their eyes? Have you thought of the few, the very few who are on our mission fields trying to lift this veil from off their eyes and present to them the glorious light of the gospel of Christ? Do you know that on one division of our field with perhaps seventy thousand immortal souls, there is no missionary at all? I speak of Palconda and for Palconda I plead. If I could speak to each one of you individually and say will you give ten cents that Palconda may have a missionary, I know that you would smile and say yes, but what will that do? Let me tell you what it will do. It will aggregate the sum of \$2,500. This will give Palconda a missionary. Think of it sisters and let

us do it.

In 1896 in one large store in Chicago the profit represented by the holiday sale of handkerchiefs alone was \$4,700. Miss Burdett, Corresponding Secretary of the missionary training school, 2411 Indiana Ave., Chicago, is responsible for these figures. She also added, that if every Baptist woman of the Northern States would do the much or the little, \$50,000 would be the aggregate. I have no doubt but every woman to whom I am writing, will this year make a Christmas gift to their families and friends. Will you not remember your best Friend and begin now to hand in to your pastor your ten cents, so that by the first of December, the \$2,500 will be in the hands of Mrs. Mary Smith, Amherst. Thus having it in time to send a Mary Smith, Amherst. Thus having it in time to send a missionary to Palconda this year. Dear sisters, our opportunities for helping on God's work will soon close

Not many Christmas tides will roll around, ere shall have to leave all our earthly possessions, little or much, behind, and all that we can hope to meet of them, nuca, benind, and all that we can nope to meet of them, in the bright realms of glory, is what we have used for the Master here. We will reap what we sow. One missionary in Palconda, one heathen brought to Jesus, one little child trained out of heathenism/into Christ, we would say would be a grand recompense for ten extra cents, but God gives bountiful harvests. There may be some who cannot give even this little. Then let me ask
you, sister, to whom God hath given more, to put into the hand of your pastor, a few extra dimes, to enable him to place them opposite the names of those who cannot. Then on Xmas day let 2,500 prayers ascend to the throne of God for Palconda.

Your Sister in Christ, MRS. NEWCOMBE.

This plan of raising money seems very simple and easible. Will not the sisters discuss it at your Association meetings? A large sum of money could thus be raised, without being a burden to anyone. We certainly should put forth some extra effort this year, and the time is growing very short before the year closes. What our hands find to do, let us do it with our might, We want not only another missionary but \$2000 for Tekkali building, and \$500.00 for a proposed hospital at Chicacole. We cannot stand still—advance is the word. May God help each one to be faithful.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

The late Lord Lawrence, formerly Governor General of India has said: 'I believe, notwithstanding all that the English people have done to benefit India, the missionaries have done more than all other agencies combined. They have had arduous and uphill work, often receiving no encouragement, and sometimes a great deal of discouragement, from their own countrymen, and have had to bear the taunts and obloquy of those who despised and disliked their preaching. But such has been the effect of their earnest zeal, untiring devotion, and of the excellent example which they have, I may and of the excelent example which they have no doubt whatever that, in spite of the great masses of the people being intensely opposed to their doctrine, they are, as a body, remarkably popular in the country. Apart from the higher interests of religion, it is most

important in the interests of the Empire, that there should be a special class of men of holy lives and disinterested labors, living amongst the people, and seeking at all times their best good . . . Bearing in mind that missionaries are sent forth in such inadequate numbers, the wonder is that aready there are so many unmistate able signs that Hinduism is losing its hold upon the affections of the people.' Such testimony and from such a source is simple invaluable. It ought to weigh with thoughtful men and women, and encourage them to redouble their efforts to save the perishing multitudes for whom Christ died—even though these should be

cleanse their sins as well as ours—and they ought to know this great and blessed fact of life. Surely, we will try to let them know what a Saviour Jesus Christ is. Let us hasten with the glad mescage. St 50 50

In one of the last talks of Dr. Broadus, shortly before his death, he was unexpectedly called on to speak at a great Foreign Missionary meeting. He was feeble in body, but went to the front and said: "When I came in the house I was afraid that I would be called on for a apeech, and as the meeting progressed I got very uneasy for fear that I would not be called on." As he rose from height to height, he said with that wonderful power and emphasis which he could throw into one sentence: "I would have nothing to do with the Seminary unless I could nail to the masthead, 'The world for Christ.'"

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The heathen are waiting to hear the Gospel. The laborers are waiting to be sent to preach to them. And God is waiting to see the Christians of this land, so richly blest, do their duty.

How long! Oh, how long must we wait?

Wait not, till the night and judgment overtake you to do something for Him who died for you.

Tidings From Afar

(Continued from page 3).

holiday or vacation exactly. Still in another sense it will be a delightful vacation. You cannot form any conception of the effect of weeks and months of utter isolation upon one in this land. After one has been pegging away alone for a time it is a most refreshing thing to start off for for a time it is a most refreshing thing to start off for another station to enjoy some helpful companionship and unite in the work with a brother missionary. We shall visit the villages on our "wheels." Much of this can be done at this season with great profit by moonlight. On these lovely nights (I refer to the lovely moonlight, not the lovely (?) heat) the people sit in the street upon the ground and give us a good hearing. Their day's work is done and they are waiting for dinner or else have had it. In any case they are just in the mood for an evening it. In any case they are just in the mood for an evening gossip. This mood we turn to good advantage by using the occasion for a preaching service. Our magic lantern will also be brought into requisition as soon as the moor light comes sufficiently late in the evening to permit of our showing the views in the street immediately after dinner. We also use a hanging lamp that has a strong light. Going into the street with this lamp we tie it up under the low roof of some mud-hut and it lights up the whole street. Here we spend many an hour "holding forth the Word of life." Nor do we forget to have some recreation. I believe with all my heart in a tennis bat and a good lively game of that interesting sport. I would have a court on every one of our Compounds and it would if properly used be "a means of grace," a matter of glory to God. While playing an exciting game of tennis one forgets for the time that he is a missionary, and that weight of heathen woe that scarce ever lifts from his heart, and often seems as if it would crush him, is utterly lost sight of. Even missionaries need to remember that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." has not tossed restlessly upon his cot many a night in this unfriendly clime, and after a soggy, troubled sleep risen with a dull head and a tired body (like one prematurely old and enervated) to begin another day of happy, but wearing, toil in an atmosphere that feels like a houbut wearing, toil in an atmosphere that feels like a hoshouse, and amid burdens that crush and petty perplexities that wear out the life? Let it be granted that worry is sinful and that burdens are to be entirely cast upon our great burden bearer. Still let us not forget that He Himself was often weary and groaned in spirit. He very graciously said to his disciples: "Come apart and rest awhile." So we have our jolly game of tennis and get excited over it too. We are once more young boys and girls bubbling over with youthful laughter and merriment. We consecrate the tennis bat to Jesus, and after our pleasant recreation with a clearer brain, a more elastic step and more cheerful spirit, we go forth again amidst the thronging tide of heathen life to proclaim the message of salvation. I would tell you of our Bible readings that are so full of blessing to us as we daily gather at His feet to learn of Him. But I must reserve that for another letter.

Bimli, May 4th.

It is understood that Mr. John Morley has been appointed Mr. Gladstone's literary executor, and that a biography of Gladstone will be written by Mr. Morley or under his direction. Mr. Gladstone's collection of papers is said to be immensely large He carefully preserved all important letters which he received and made copies of many of his own letters. He had them all carefully sorted, arranged and docketed and preserved in a fire-proof room at Hawarden. It is said that the letters from the Queen alone number five hundred.

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