

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR JANUARY.

For Bobbili, its missionaries, outstations and school, that the seed sown may yield an abundant harvest. For our Women's Missionary Societies that every Christian woman may become interested in missions.

Lewisville Mission Band.

Friday, Dec. 7th, a very successful entertainment consisting of interesting programme and sale of useful and fancy articles at the close of the same, was given by the Lewisville Mission Band. Amount cleared \$16.80. We congratulate the Band and their most faithful and energetic leader, (Mrs. Wm. Green), on their success. It was most interesting to watch the young folks moving swiftly about, selling the articles made by their busy fingers and to note their happy faces as they realized that success was attending their efforts. Much can be done by willing hands and hearts. Will not some weak band take courage and do likewise?

F. CLARKE.

Moncton.

Wine Harbor.

At Wine Harbor on October 2nd seven ladies met at the home of Sister Benoit and organized themselves into a Women's Mission Aid Society. The following officers were appointed, Mrs. Kinley, President; Sisters Kennedy and Irwin, Vice-Presidents and Mrs. Watters, Secretary. At the November meeting two others joined. Our prospects are encouraging.

ELIZABETH KINLEY.

Weymouth, N. S.

It has been some time since we sent a report from our W. M. A. Society. We have been very much encouraged by the addition of eleven members. A few had been struggling on hoping for better days. Our hearts have been saddened by the death of Sister R. Marshall who was our president. When she was taken sick last January and all through her tedious illness, she sent us loving messages at our meetings. The last meeting she attended the theme was that the Lord would put it in the hearts of more sisters to join in this noble work, and wonderful to say, the next meeting reported two members joined. We miss our sister very much, her testimonies were so helpful and encouraging. We hope much good may be done through the agency of this Society.

A. E. KINNEY, Sec'y.

At Bimil.

The anniversary Exercises, Telugu Association, and Conference of Missionaries were held at Bimilipatam, November 3rd to the 9th inclusive.

INTERESTING FEATURES.

The inspiring service of song and prayer; the apt and forceful exposition of Eph. v:1 by Bro. Amruthala; the comprehensive and powerful English sermon by Mr. Sandford, based on the words "Sowing the seed;" the presence of an educated Bramin gentleman, who appeared to be a true believer and whose opinion in regards to the themes presented, showed a strong grasp of Christian truth; the graphic, earnest address by Miss De Prazer, the effect of which was evidenced by the following remarks overheard—"Well did you ever realize before that the Gospel was sent to us at so much sacrifice—just think of that invalid lady having the map of the Telugu country tacked on the wall so that she might pray for us more intelligently and regularly! Was not that interesting about the Canadian boys and girls saving their dubs (cents) for their mite boxes? How earnestly Miss De P. plead with us to each labor to win ten souls next year. May the Lord help us so to do!" [Another interesting feature was found in the two special meetings for the Telugu sisters. Thirty-five are present. The presence of the Lord Jesus is manifest. Cassie (Subridna's wife) says—"Ten years ago when working in Bimil as a Bible woman, I tried to persuade that woman (pointing to one of the five who have recently been baptized) to become a Christian. I had faith then that she would, and now after all these years I find her rejoicing in Jesus. Praise the Lord! Glory be unto His Holy name!" Then Somalmgam's wife having prayed for strength, speaks as follows—"When my husband became a Christian, my relatives would not let me live with him, but I said I would though he was a mala (outcast); yet I assured them that I would never, no never become a Christian. For years I steeled my heart to the message of love, but finally I had to yield, and now what light,

peace and joy fills my soul. Pray for me that I may be a true witness for Jesus!

AS THE PAST 25 YEARS

Were brought forward in review, our hearts were filled with dissatisfaction and congratulation—dissatisfaction because so few had been saved; joy, when we traced the guiding hand of God in the establishment of the Mission and in the wonderful development of the work in several places; joy as we glanced at the earnest faces of the Christians assembled and observed from testimonies, papers and discussion, their growth in grace and increased comprehension of Christian truth.

DISCOURAGED ARE WE?

No, we cannot be. We believe the promise: "My Word shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish that whereto I sent it." It is true the soil is very poor soil. Sin in its hydra-headed forms, for years unnumberable, has grown rankly and profusely. The soil is all run out. How shall we make good soil? Sow the seed. Seed is creative. In nature we see that it has life in itself and that although it does not always and immediately bring forth in its own form, it gives to the soil, richness, fertility and power. Judson sowed seven years before a convert came. The seed was not lost. It was giving its quickening life to the soil.

Listen! Some one says: "Show us results, results, now—just now, and we will heartily support the work of evangelizing the Telugus!" During a revival it seems easy for the many to worship God, but is not the best service rendered by the few who under all circumstances and at all times faithfully support the work of the church! And is not that faith to be commended, which, without the stimulus of a special cause for zeal, seeks persistently to send the gospel according to the command of our "great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good work."

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of Hosts." Faithfully perform the part assigned. Sow the life. Scatter the seed believi.g that

"Sown in the darkness or sown in the light, Sown in our weakness or sown in our might, Gathered in time or eternity, Sure, ah sure, will the harvest be!

MABEL E. ARCHIBALD.

Nov. 23.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

There are six Foreign Mission Societies in Canada. These occupy 142 different stations and 293 outstations. There are 377 missionaries, of whom 171 are men and 206 women. There are 609 native helpers, 44 churches have been established, and there are 15,939 communicants, of those 2,646 were added last year. Of the communicants the Presbyterians report 3,500 and the Methodists 7,989. The Baptists of Ontario and Quebec rank next to the Methodists in point of numbers, as they report a membership of 4,400. The natives contributed \$4,723 and the total amount raised in Canada in connection with these six organizations was \$372,949.

As nearly as can be learned, there are in connection with the various Protestant denominations in Europe and America, as a result of missionary endeavor, 19,985 churches, 1,286,987 communicants. There are 13,096 missionaries of whom 6,357 are men and 6,739 are women. There are 71,137 native helpers, \$1,915,587 were contributed by native Christians, while \$17,060,504 were contributed by the home churches.

There are some things in the world from which we cannot get entirely away, even if we should try. Missions is one of these. No matter where one goes he must hear or read something on the subject. There is no escape. Men may not heed the call or they may give but dull attention to it, but they must hear it all the same.

This never-ceasing call presses upon the Christian and never more so, than in this initial year of the new century. Although the last century has been fittingly called the Missionary century, yet there are a goodly number in all our churches, who are not converted to missions. They are believers in Jesus Christ—they trust in Him for salvation, they rely upon His finished work as their one only hope of heaven. They accept the Lord Christ as Saviour, but have not learned to acknowledge Him as their Lord and Master. He must be both, or we cannot be loyal followers of Him whose name we bear. "Follow me," is the ringing command of Him whom we profess to serve.

An eminent Christian once said, "I had known Jesus as my Savior for years, before I realized that He is also my Master."—And the experience of this Christian, alas! is unhappily too true of many a church member in our

day. This must change. To bring about a better state of things in the work before the churches. To this our pastors must address themselves or fail in their God-given work.

Before the great victories on the battle-field come the enlisting, training, and developing of forces. All our denominational work is training and getting our forces for the great purpose of saving the world. People do not believe in missions because they do not believe the Bible. They believe in horse-shows, in luck and many such heathenish ideas, but they do not believe that the heathen are lost. They save their consciences on this point and give as little as they possibly can that the light of the glory of God as it shines in the face of Jesus Christ, may be given to the men and women who have never felt a ray of its benignant beams fall upon their darkened minds. According to the gospel of some of these good people, these never would come in contact with the Light of life, by any help of theirs.

Horton Academy.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—As I go in and out among the people of our denomination I find that in many sections a campaign of education with regard to the work and needs of Horton Academy is a prime necessity. Even in the past the Academy has been more than an elementary training school for the Baptist ministry. Its work in that direction, though great and valuable, was not its only or even its greatest work. Many men eminent in other walks of life have received their first inspiration at Horton Academy. Neither should the Academy be regarded solely as a preparatory school for Acadia College. This indeed has been its chief work in the past. But it has other and very important duties to fulfil to the denomination. For every young man who takes an arts course there are ten who do not. Not every one should go to College. To the large body of young men made up of those who can not and those who should not take an arts course the Academy has a distinct mission. The standing of a nation depends not so much upon its possession of an intellectual elite, as upon the standard of education among the masses. So, also, the influence of our denomination upon the national life depends more upon a high standard of education among the agricultural and artisan classes than upon the diffusion throughout its mass of a number, more or less great, of College graduates. It is becoming more difficult, as our country grows older, for the uneducated farmer to make a living. Agriculture is becoming more and more scientific. Farming should be as truly a profession as are law or medicine. For obvious reasons it is the farming population that finds the greatest difficulty in giving its young men a High School education. Even if this were not the case, our public High Schools cannot supply the sort of education he needs. They have not and cannot have that elasticity of curriculum nor that recognition of the practical which he requires. The average farmer's son who intends to remain upon the farm cannot hope for a College education. But it is right to demand an education of considerable breadth, bringing considerable culture, and such as will at least give him the ability to acquire for himself after he leaves school a practical knowledge of his profession enlightened by an insight into its scientific aspects. Here I believe lies the Academy's greatest sphere of influence.

I do not wish to write more than will be read and will, therefore, leave for another letter the discussion of two other fields of usefulness which are as yet virgin soil as far as the Academy is concerned.

H. L. BRITAIN.

The universe is God's constant conversation with his creatures.—Ex.

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