

* * Foreign Missions * *

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR OCTOBER.

That special blessing may rest upon all departments of our mission work for the coming year. That past and church members may be more deeply impressed with their responsibility in the great matter of sending the gospel to all the world.

MY DEAR SISTERS: I believe in my last letter, I referred to the approaching Test Examination and said that, that being over, I should be ready for touring, weather permitting. So I proposed, but even before that examination had been finished, we were compelled to give our time and strength to resisting, as best we could, an attack made upon our school, by some who do not regard its existence with favor.

A report was sent to the "East Coast News" stating that our Conference had decided to abolish the school in a short time. An article of like nature appeared in the "Northern Circars." This latter also called attention to the fact of our school being a menace to Hinduism; expressed surprise that Hindu teachers were willing to serve in an institution inimical to their faith, and said it was rumored that five high-caste boys, our students, were to be baptized the following Sunday. We would this rumor had been true, but it was not and the cause for the appearance of the article seems to have been a desire to induce parents to withdraw their children from the Mission School.

I have been told that when, in June, the Chief Inspector visited the Municipal School, he made some rather severe criticisms and hinted that unless a change could be effected, the High School department of that institution would in all probability be abolished. At the same time he visited our school and having examined our Third Form remarked to me, privately, that it was superior to the corresponding class of the Municipal School. The experience of the past two weeks would lead us to think the endeavor to effect a change in the status of the aforesaid school was begun by a plot to break up this school, which is, without good reason, regarded as a rival.

Through an anonymous letter received and the visits of two Hindu gentlemen of rather high social standing, we were made acquainted with the movement on foot, therefore were not wholly surprised when on the last Friday in July, two of our teachers resigned and a third left the following week without putting in any resignation whatever. The design seems to have been to rob us of these teachers without giving us proper notice, thereby making it impossible for us to carry on the work and thus making the task of inducing the boys to leave, and the guardian to withdraw them, comparatively easy. However, we were not so discomfited as possibly it was hoped we would be. Two of our Christian boys who have recently passed the Lower Seminary examination, were pressed into service for a few days, while I took the Third Form again. We were thus able to carry on the regular work with little apparent confusion.

Every effort was made to induce as many boys as possible to leave the school. Two of the teachers who left us went to the various streets and endeavored to persuade the parents to withdraw their children. Not content with this, pupils on their way to our school were intercepted and coaxed, if possible, or frightened if small, into going to the other school. Some of our boys told me that they were promised free tuition (the promise to be written on stamped paper) if they would leave us. Some have yielded to these inducements, but now, after more than two weeks have passed, we still have an average attendance of 130, smaller than before to be sure, but not so small as to make us feel that the attempts of our foes have thus far been eminently successful.

A number of the parents and guardians came in person and forbade our granting leaving certificates to their children, even though they wished them. I know of two boys belonging to a wealthy family who have persisted in attending our schools despite the persuasions of those teachers and the opposition of their father. Thus the present disturbance has not been without its encouragement. We have been convinced that the school is commending itself to the people of the time and strengthened in our belief that it is a part of the Lord's own plan. It has taught us that it is one thing to have such an upheaval when the missionary is at the station and quite another thing when he is in Canada, but the promises for guidance and wisdom never meant so much as during the past months and especially the past few weeks.

It has come to light that all three of the teachers who left us received official notice of their appointment to their new positions in the municipal school about July 10, and yet they gave us no intimation of their intention to leave until the last teaching day of that month! Each of the three has maligned Mr. Gullison, affirming that he deceived them with promises never fulfilled. It is surprising how unjust a person becomes when 10,000 miles distant. But more amazing is it that the very persons who are so ready to falsely accuse, could, when Mr. Gullison was here, submit so gracefully, uncomplainingly, and even with fulsome obsequiousness to what they now term injustice.

In the midst of all this God gave us a new joy. Last May, Janikamma was ill, and went to Miss D'Prager for treatment. She was three weeks in hospital and while there made the acquaintance of a Brahmin woman who was being treated for contracted knees. The woman had been cast off by her people because of sin, but she heard of the One who sat by Samaria's well and talked to her who was a sinner. The truth appealed to her; she wanted to learn more and pled to be allowed to come to us. We consulted with Miss D'Prager and Mr. and Miss Sanford who were in Wattair, at the time, and the result was that Venkatavaraoamma came to us. She seemed to be very much in earnest, at once began to learn to read and sew, while she eagerly drank in the message of salvation. She soon asked for baptism. Those with whom she is living said they felt that she had real sorrow for sin and was a changed woman, so she was received by the church and baptized the first Sabbath of the present month. Her testimony before the church was very clear and satisfactory. She is very young, not more than 20 if so old. Her knee is badly contracted so that she has to use a stick in walking and then it is with difficulty she gets about. She is most prepossessing in manner, and appears to be of a sweet, gentle disposition. She is a joy, but a responsibility, and we pray for grace and wisdom in dealing with her. Just now she is making commendable progress in reading and we expect to have her taught to sew nicely so she may be able to help herself in that way. We are glad and thankful she has come, and added thereto is the joy that one of our Christian women was instrumental in leading this soul into the light. Oh that we might have the privilege of seeing many more seeking the Lord!

Yours lovingly,
IDA M. NEWCOMER

MONEYS RECEIVED BY W. B. M. U. TREASURER.

FROM SEPT. 6TH TO OCT. 6TH.

Coll at Woman's Meeting, Truro, toward work at Raynagadha, \$9.00; Port Lorne, F. M. \$5; Eldon Tidings, 25c; Rose Island, leaflets 27c; Diligent River, F. M. \$4; Alma, a gift, F. M. \$5; Moncton, leaflets, 75c; Clarence, F. M. \$12.78, H. M. \$4.12; Reports, 10c; Deep Brook, F. M. \$6.75, H. M. 75c; Halifax, Tidings, 50c; Montrose, Springfield, Wolfville, Boylston, Brookfield, St. John, Macinaque, Aspen, each, Tidings, 25c; Lewisville, H. M. \$7; Mrs. Churchill's school, \$12; Digby, F. M. \$9.75, H. M. \$1; St. John, Tidings 50c; Hampton, Tidings, 25c; Bedouque, F. M. \$10, H. M. \$1; Freeport, F. M. \$5; Wolfville, leaflets, 75c; Tryon, F. M. \$14, H. M. \$3; River Glade, F. M. \$5.10; Alexandra, F. M. \$6.50, H. M. \$2; Laconia, F. M. \$3; Hazelbrook, F. M. \$8, H. M. \$4; Charlottetown, leaflets and Tidings, 50c; Beaver Brook, F. M. \$5; Brooklyn Corner, leaflets, 30c; Weymouth, from C. J. F. M. \$1, H. M. \$1; Seal Harbor, Coll. Co. Sec. Mtng. H. M. 35c; North River, F. M. \$7.75, Reports 25c; Aylesford F. M. \$5.50; Gaspeau, leaflets, 15c; Fredericton, F. M. \$25; Half Island Cove, F. M. \$4.50, results of public Meetings, etc. F. M. \$3.50, H. M. \$8; Pleasant Valley Corner, Leaflets \$1.86.

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FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS.

Kentville S. S. Sup, Miss Archibald \$15; Mrs. A. D. Hartly per R. Y. O. \$20; Mrs. G. G. King, Sup of R. E. G. \$10; G. H. in memory of Louisa D. Sup of Miss Harrison \$20; Robt. Marshall \$6; Zion church Yar. to R. E. S. \$15; Indi on Har. ch \$13; Barrington S. S. \$1; a member of Board \$37.50; North ch S. S. Sup P. David \$40, L. E. D. \$100; Miss Marshall Saunders \$21. Total \$288.50.

Support of J. A. Glendenning:—Bass River W. M. A. S. \$5; Zion ch Mission Band \$5; Hebron B. Y. P. U. \$15; Temple Church B. Y. P. U. \$7; North Ch Junior Union \$25; Clarence Mission Band \$5; Mahone Bay W. M. A. S. \$5. Total \$67.

Support of Rev. S. C. Freeman:—Springhill B. Y. P. U. \$25; Rev. J. W. Manning \$25; (German St. B. Y. P. U. of C. E. \$15; Main St. \$10; Fairville \$5; St. Stephen \$25 Total \$105.

J. W. MANNING, Sec. Treas. of N. B. The above amounts all appeared in the accounts of the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board for the year which ended Aug. 10, 1904. They were all reported to the Treasurer of Denominational Funds except those which came to hand too late to be so reported. If above did not appear in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, the statement misarranged between Treasurer and printer.

J. W. MANNING.

YORK AND SUNBURY QUARTERLY.

The above named Quarterly met with the Church at New Maryland, on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 10.30 a. m. After prayer and praise service was led by Pastor Robinson, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Rev. W. R. Robinson; Vice Pres., W. A. Bradley; Secretary, Rev. W. H. Smith; Treasurer, Deacon Henry Morgan; Additional members of the executive committee, Pastors Sables and McDonald. A second session was begun at 2 p. m., when a helpful prayer and praise service was conducted by Deacon Henry Morgan, which gave an inspiring beginning to the afternoon session, after which a sermon was preached by Pastor Smith. Rev. W. E. McIntyre along with E. H. Cochrane and H. R. Boyer, licentiates of the Free Baptists and students of the University were then invited to seats with us in the Quarterly. In responding Superintendent McIntyre expressed his pleasure in being invited along with brothers Cochrane and Boyer, and not only showed his intense interest in the "Union Question," but made clear and emphatic facts which reveal the need and benefits of such union. The responses of our Free Baptists brothers and further remarks by Pastor Smith, brothers W. A. Bradley and C. B. Wilson, carried with them the same spirit. At 7.30 a good congregation was assembled and after preliminary exercises an address such as would be expected only from a man with intense interest in and knowledge of Home Mission was delivered by Rev. W. E. McIntyre on the subject of "Prayer in its revelation to the gospel ministry, Luke 10: 12. At 10.30 on the morning of the sixth we again met in session and after devotional exercises were conducted by C. B. Wilson further matters of business were a tendency to and reports from the churches represented were listened to with interest. During the session our veteran missionary, Rev. Isaiah Wallace was welcomed to a seat in the Quarterly. The afternoon session was begun by missionary Wallace conducting an evangelistic service in which the keynote was, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." A pleasing and helpful conference on S. S. work was then conducted by Sup't McIntyre in which the lack of teachers and helpers in S. S. work was deplored. As remedial for such condition it was suggested and emphasized that parents show more interest in the S. S. and their children's relation to it, that a more hopeful and encouraging note be rung by them and that more attention be given to the committing of Scripture, in the evening a well filled house listened with pleasure and profit as Evangelist Wallace spoke most feelingly from the words, "With his stripes we are healed. In the testimony service which followed expressions of gratitude for healing from sin came from a goodly number and expressions of desire for healing came from almost as large a number. Thus came to a close a Quarterly which was thought by many present to be God-blessed and profitable a spirit of harmony and tenderness having prevailed at every session.

W. H. SMITH, Sec'y

A Thought of Him.

If ever Jesus has need of me,
Somewhere in the field of sin,
I'll go where the darkest places be,
And let the sunshine in,
I'll be content with the lowliest place
To earth's remotest rim;
I know I'll see his smiling face,
If it's done with a thought of him.
I'll fill each day with the little things
As the passing moments fly,
The tendrils which to the great oak cling,
Grows strong as it clings on high.
I'll trust my Lord, though I cannot see,
Nor even let my faith grow dim;
He'll smile—and that's enough for me—
If it's done with a thought of him.

—The Witness.

Dyspepsia

That means a great deal more than pain in the stomach, else it might be easily cured.

It means that that organ lacks vigor and tone and is too weak properly to perform its functions.

It means, too, that much that is eaten is wasted and the system generally under-nourished.

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