

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER.

For the Northwest Mission and Indian work, that this year may bring a great harvest of souls. For the officers of our Unions and Missionary Societies.

Sad news from India. The angel of Death has again entered the Mission House at Bimlipatam and taken away Mr. and Mrs. Morse's little daughter Frances, four months old. Great sympathy is felt for our missionaries in their sorrow and many prayers are being offered that they may be greatly comforted and blessed in these dark days. A very trying hot season is just about over. Several of the missionaries have been ill with fever, but are looking forward with delight to the cool season and the arrival of the new missionaries from the home land. They are rejoicing with us over the revival in Foreign Missions and praising God for the increased interest and gifts that have made this reinforcement possible. We regret that our missionaries are detained in England on account of so many steamers being sent to the scene of war in Africa. Those who sailed first from Halifax hope to leave London on the 17th of November. Mr. and Mrs. Churchill and those accompanying them may have to remain longer. They tell us that a large number of missionaries from various Boards are waiting passage.

In Memoriam.

The Master is calling the laborers to their reward. On the same date, Oct. 17th two of the charter members of our W. M. A. S. passed triumphantly into the rest prepared for those who faithfully serve their Lord.

Mrs. T. C. Cook of Canso a member and officer of the first Woman's Missionary Society in Canada, organized June 18, 1870, and Mrs. James Morse of Wolfville.

"They took that night
The one grand step beyond the stars of God,
Into the splendor, shadowless and broad,
Into the everlasting joy and light."

The memory of these sisters will remain a precious legacy in the churches where they lived and labored. The W. M. A. S. of Wolfville was organized in Mrs. Morse's house by Miss H. M. Norris in July, 1870. There were ten members present, only three of these have passed away. The call to those of us who remain is loud and imperative. Who will fill these places made vacant in the monthly meetings? Who will offer earnest, daily prayer for our missionaries as they did? Who will give time, thought and money into the treasury of the Lord, that the cause they loved and lived for may advance?

"Who will go forth with Him?
Who will arise?
Counting all things but dross
And glorying in the cross,
Who will arise?"

Salisbury, N. B.

Instead of the regular meeting for this month, the Salisbury W. M. A. Society thought it might be a good thing to hold a "social" at the parsonage. In pursuance of this idea, invitations were sent to the other two Aid Societies of Salisbury church, and a few outside the missionary societies were also invited. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent, several of the sisters furnished excellent music, and the Salisbury sisters provided a generous supply of good things for the table, and the whole affair was declared a success by all. A collection (towards constituting the pastor's wife a life member of the W. B. M. U.) accompanied with a very kind, appreciative address was presented by Miss L. M. Taylor. The recipient is deeply grateful to the sisters for the expression of their esteem in this way, and also for the honor conferred on her.

W. B. TINNER, Sec.

Our W. M. A. Society held its usual thank-offering service on Wednesday evening, Oct. 11th. The school-room was comfortably filled, our Pastor, Rev. G. P. Raymond, occupied the chair. A short programme was carried out, part of which was an excellent and inspiring address by the Chairman, a missionary map exercise by Miss Davis, and reading of verses contained in the envelopes. The offering amounted to \$39, which goes to foreign missions. We were much delighted as well as enlightened, by the visit of Miss D'Prazer, and trust our society will do more and better work for the Master than ever before.

Yours in the work,
Charlottetown A. A. WADMAN, Sec'y.

The Avondale M. A. Society of Newport, held their

annual missionary meeting at Poplar Grove, on Sabbath evening, Oct. 15th. The meeting was opened by singing "All Hail the Power," etc., prayer by Pastor Rees. The leader, Mrs. Rees, read Isa. 58, after which Mrs. Nalder and Mrs. A. A. Shaw sang "Saved by Grace." Last year's report was read by the Sec'y. Meetings very interesting, held each month during the year. Sent \$30.50 to our Treasurer. The leader gave a short address in which she told of her meeting with Sister Churchill, in the two last missionary meetings in Truro, which Sister C. attended. Also the wonderful answer to prayer in sending out six missionaries this fall. A solo, "If I Were a Voice," was then sung by Mrs. Shaw, after which Mrs. Nalder addressed the meeting. Her subject was Prayer. She said the Lord gave her this message and she must give it. Space forbids us to do justice to this address. Her earnest words impressed us very deeply, and the cry arose from many hearts, "Lord teach us how to pray." May she long be spared as our Co. Sec'y. for Hants. While the offering was taken up the choir sang, "Here am I O Lord send me." The hymn, "I'll go where you want me to go dear Lord," was sung by Mrs. Nalder and Mrs. Shaw. Benediction by the pastor. Offering \$4.55, to be given towards Miss Williams' outfit.

On Oct. 17th, the annual thank-offering meeting of the above society, was held at the home of Sister Chutes, Avondale. After the devotional exercises, Mrs. Rees read the minutes of the Hants Co. quarterly meeting, held at Rawdon. Other papers were read, interspersed with prayers and singing, and then the envelopes were opened and verses of Scripture read by the Sec'y. The offering amounted to \$17.30, the largest offering since the society was organized. This is always given to Home Missions. Meeting closed by singing, Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Oaklands, Hants Co. ADELIA PARKER, Sec'y.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

There are those who regard the suggestions made by the Student Volunteer Movement in reference to the speedy evangelization of the world as visionary, to say the least. This may be so, and again it may not be just so. If the present generation of Christians were animated by the spirit of the Christians in the first century of the Christian era there would be a marked advance in effort to reach the multitudes that are as yet without any knowledge of "the way of life."

As early as 1836 in the Sandwich Islands, when there were 28 resident missionaries, the question of the evangelization of the world was discussed for several days. The conclusions reached were published in a tract of 75 small pages under the title of, "The duty of the present generation to evangelize the world." These missionaries were profoundly convinced that Christians, though possessing the means of saving a lost world, do not employ them, and that their "efforts do not correspond with their convictions." They therefore plead for a better plan of missionary operations.

The first point which they made was that the lands which lie in darkness are not to be possessed by sending spies into different portions of them, more than Canaan was by the spies sent, thither, but by a universal, and in a good measure, direct enlargement of the whole army of God. The churches in America are told that they have sent a hundred missionaries to six hundred million heathen, and that it is wholly unreasonable to expect that the world can be evangelized with the force employed. "Christendom, were every minister removed, would be unspeakably better furnished with the means of grace than the heathen could be with one missionary to every thousand." They dwell upon the immense difficulty of reaching the hearts of the heathen when their minds are dull, their consciences torpid, their moral conception perverted and their desires earthly, if not bestial. It is a fallacious dream that the world can be reached by Bibles or tracts, or the power of the press without the preacher. They quote the language of Mr. Abel of China, who characterized the missionary operation of that day as "child's play. If the great God could despise his creatures it would be despicable in his sight." Not by a few hundred missionaries, or a fraction of wealth in the hands of Christians can the demand be met. "Shall the world be saved by the filings and dross of the mint?" At much length and with the utmost vigor it is agreed that a far higher conception must be formed by Christians of the scale on which they are to give of their sons and of their money before they can regard themselves as in any adequate measure fulfilling their obligations to Christ.

As to the duty of those then living the following striking passage may be quoted: "The world has long been under the influence of this scheme of committing the

heathen unto the next generation. It is the way our fathers have done; they have left it to us. The present history of missions leads to the same conclusion. Only a few—probably none—are actually prevailed on to go by parents who withhold themselves. Men will still resemble their fathers. The young Ethiopian will not be white, though the parents enjoin it; nor the young leopard without his spots, though the old ones advise it; nor will the young bramble bear grapes, merely through the recommendation of the parent stock. The children in Sabbath Schools, academies and colleges will not, by the advice of the parents, become missionaries. They will be ministers at home, presidents, professors, etc., MEN TO MAKE SPEECHES, EDITORS AND MEN TO LAY THE CONVERSION OF THE WORLD ON THEIR CHILDREN. The doctrine committing the world's conversion to theirs must change, or the course of nature must, or the present generation of youth will not be apostles.

In order that the world may be evangelized, it is necessary that an altogether larger view be entertained as to the vastness and grandeur of this work. Men must go forth in large numbers, preachers, teachers, physicians, printers, artisans. These men on the Sandwich Islands had no thought that the conflict was to be easy or short. They were not anticipating any immediate victory, for they say, "Nothing can be more visionary than the notion that a speedy and complete triumph might be effected by a few missionaries of the right stamp going through the length and breadth of Satan's extensive and dark empire, and sounding as they go the trumpet of the gospel around his strong fortifications and deep entrenchments. Such a statement seems like the baseless dream of insanity. It places an immeasurable disparity between the means and the ends." Nevertheless these missionaries claim that the gospel can be brought to the knowledge of the whole world speedily, but to accomplish this there must be a general and personal enlargement of the whole body of Christians. While there has been great advance in mission work since 1836, yet there is room for improvement in our day and for an increased interest in this work before "the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."

Foreign Mission Board.

SPECIAL OFFERING.

J. T. Clark, \$25; W. G. Clark, \$10; Mrs. A. E. Hanson, \$2; E. P. Caldwell, \$5; W. M. A. S. Stephen, \$5; Mrs. J. B. Robinson, \$5; Mrs. Norman McDonald, Sr., \$1; Mrs. J. C. Dumaresq, \$5; coll. at farewell meeting North church, \$30; Andover B. Y. P. U., \$5, church, \$6; Y. P. S. C. E. German St. church, \$25; Kentville B. Y. P. U., \$9; Rev. L. A. Cooney, \$5; Rev. A. J. Vincent, \$10; F. W. Barbour, \$5. Total, \$153. Before reported, \$1037.99. Total (special) to Nov. 1st, \$1190.99.

GENERAL.

Mrs. H. Van Lewen, \$1.50; Mrs. J. C. Clark, \$5; J. W. Barrs, \$30.12; Sidney church, per — 21000; Mrs. A. I. Hart, \$5; Temple church, per Mrs. Sarah Hilton, \$25; Mrs. Irene E. Fitch, \$5; Isabel M. Hamilton, \$5; Kingston church, \$7.25; Pulpit supply, \$30. Total, \$4096.02. Before reported, \$194.35. Total to Nov. 1st, \$4290.37.

FOR MR. GULLISON'S SUPPORT.

Mrs. Mary Smith, \$5; Rev. J. E. Tiner, \$3; Harry King, \$10; Hon. G. G. and Mrs. J. E. King, \$10; A. W. Nobles, \$5. Total, \$33. Before reported, \$25. Total to Nov. 1st, \$58. Total as above, \$5539.36.

J. W. MANNING, Sec'y.-Treas.
St. John, Nov. 1st.

North West and British Columbia.

The North West and British Columbia is a God-given opportunity for the Baptists of Canada, especially is this true during the closing decade of the century. Our one great need is knowledge respecting this great land. We do not know what these words mean—"North West and British Columbia." Few of us know much of the geography and history of this vast country, much less what God is doing for us, and saying to us, through the great tide of emigration that is yearly pouring into our great North and West. The superintendent of our work in the West, Rev. A. J. Vining, is now making a tour through the Maritime Provinces, telling our churches and people what God is doing in the West, and urging us to a part in this greatest religious move of the age. "Much of the land remains to be taken," but will not remain long. Will we have our part in this work? It is evident that our churches are not aroused to this day of opportunity, much less enthused in the work. We fear the words of Napoleon to his tardy general at Waterloo, will be true with us in the conquest of the West: "Too late, too late, the critical hour is past."

Bro. Vining is full of faith, zeal, grace and grit. How many have failed to hear him. Will the church that has yet to hear him see to this matter in real earnest, and hear this man who comes in his Master's name and with his Master's message. Many regret when he has gone that they did not hear him, let not this be true in your case. The brother's addresses are full of wholesome thought, and he lays the subject matter clearly and forcibly before his hearers. He is a live man discussing a live question. Our brother is deserving of a much larger hearing on the week evenings than he is receiving. The Sunday meetings are full, but he cannot give every church a Sabbath. Let us hear our brother through the week.

G. R. WHITE.