

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR AUGUST

For our Conventions that a great blessing may be received and wisdom given to guide in all the affairs and such plans be made as shall glorify God and extend His kingdom in the earth.

Notice.

The annual meeting of W. B. M. U. will be held in St. Martins, August 16 and 17. All sisters wishing to attend these meetings will please send their names to Mrs. A. W. Fowles, St. Martins, as early as possible. Travelling arrangements and programme given next week. For the information and satisfaction of all who purpose going to St. Martins we wish to state that the train will not leave Hampton for St. Martins until the other trains arrive so that those crossing the Bay by Prince Rupert can take the five p. m. train in St. John and be in time for St. Martins, also those coming by C. P. R. and from F. E. I. This is a great convenience as there need be no detention at Hampton over night. There will be an Executive meeting of the W. B. M. U. on Tuesday evening and the first session of Convention on Wednesday morning at 9.30 so it will be necessary for all to go on Tuesday.

Will those W. M. A. Societies who have during the year lost by death any of their officers or prominent members please send their names to our Provincial Secretaries so they can be mentioned at our "Memorial Service" and the friends remembered in prayer. We wish the names of our deceased members recorded in our Report and this is the only means of securing them. Please attend to this matter at once.

We are glad to hear of the W. M. A. S. being organized by Mrs. Churchill at Sussex. May it be to die no more. President, Mrs. C. T. Waite; Secretary, Mrs. Mel. Scott. There is a grand opportunity for a most successful Society in this church and we feel assured there are consecrated sisters who will put their strength, prayers and money into it for the dear Master's sake. May God's blessing rest upon this Society.

Report of W. M. A. S. Meeting, Sussex, July 8th, '99.

Meeting held in the vestry of the Baptist church, Provincial Secretary in chair; Singing, "Nearer my God to thee"; Prayer by Mrs. N. C. Scott and Prov. Sec'y; Scripture read, Isaiah 40, Mrs. W. E. McIntyre. After a few opening remarks by Provincial Secretary who said she would not take much time in order to give Mrs. Churchill opportunity to tell us of the work in India, and then called for reports. Some very encouraging accounts of the work in the various Societies were given by the following sisters: Main St., St. John, Mrs. N. C. Scott; Brussels Street, St. John, Mrs. Cottle; Hillsdale, Hammond, Mrs. W. Fowler; "Maud Harrison" Band, Miss Branscombe; Ida Newcombe Band, Letter; Hatfield Point, Aid, Letter; Penobscus, Aid and Band, Mrs. Corey; and St. Martins, Band, Mrs. Floyd. Mrs. Churchill in a most interesting manner told us of the work in India, especially of Bobbili, India, and the Lord's work there seemed nearer while she told us of the eagerness with which they listened to the gospel even while the chains of caste and fear of persecution kept them from public profession. She also gave an interesting account of the work and life of "Annie Bellisle," who is now supported by the "Maud Harrison" Band.

The only regret we had was that so few sisters were present to listen to the heart-stirring address and to see sister Churchill who after more than twenty-five years' work is still youthful and more energetic than many who have nothing to do but make plans for selfish enjoyment. May God spare her long to serve Him in India.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. McIntyre, collection, \$1.43. "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung and this very helpful meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Cox.

EVELYN J. COX.

The annual meeting of the W. B. M. U. in connection with the N. B. Eastern Association was held in the Methodist church, Elgin, Saturday, July 15th, 3 p. m., Mrs. Cox presiding. After appropriate opening exercises Sister Cox, Prov. Sec'y., gave a very stimulating and encouraging address, showing a forward movement all along the line during the year. Sister Horseman gave an address of welcome which was most unique and

brought a homelike feeling to every heart. Sister Cox responded in fitting words. Reports from eighteen societies were listened to with great interest. There were twelve societies not heard from. We regretted this and would urge all societies to report at these annual meetings. Sister Clark's paper "The Model Aid Society" did credit to the writer and was enjoyed by all. Sister Churchill, our returned missionary was introduced, she expressed her pleasure in being present to meet the sisters of the N. B. Eastern Association, and listening to the encouraging reports. She spoke of her twenty-five years of service on the Foreign field and hoped for ten years more. She told us of her work among the children in day school and in Sabbath school; of ways and means used to get the children to attend; the work among widows and the fruits of consecrated effort. Sister Churchill's address was exceedingly interesting and instructive. Questions were asked. In answering Sister Churchill gave us some much needed information, and it must awaken a deeper interest in P. M. work. The loving bond binding our societies to our Sister Churchill was strengthened by her visit. Many prayers will be offered for her in her work for lost souls. Sister Cox's closing words will long be remembered as helpful and inspiring. Our sister in her self-sacrificing efforts is fostering and deepening the interest in the work in our Province. Collection taken \$5. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the people of Elgin, for kind hospitality extended to us, also to trustees of Methodist church for use of church. A very interesting and we trust profitable session was closed by "Blest be the tie which binds," and by prayer.

MRS. TRUEMAN BISHOP, Sec'y.

The Women's Missionary meeting in connection with the Eastern Association of N. S. was held in the Presbyterian church at Oxford on Saturday, July 15th. A large number of delegates were present, and the Master was with us. In the absence through illness of Miss Johnstone, the meeting was opened by Mrs. J. Clark with singing, and prayer by Mrs. Smith, of Amherst, who voiced the sincere desire of every heart, when she asked that our beloved Prov. Sec'y., might be restored to health and to the work she loves so well. An appropriate Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Gunn of Belmont. Reports from Societies were called for quite a number of sisters responded, though many were not heard from in any way. These reports were, upon the whole, encouraging. Mrs. Harrison, mother of our missionary, in speaking for her society also gave us glimpses into the lives of our missionaries, gathered from her daughter's letters, which was very interesting. Mrs. Smith, Treas. W. B. M. U., gave a short address followed by a financial statement. We were grieved to learn that we were so far behind in our offering to the Lord for this part of his work and trust we shall all go to work with renewed energy, so that our Convention may find the treasury abundantly replenished. We also had the pleasure of listening to our young sisters, Misses Williams and Logan, and a feeling of deep regret and sadness came over us that while the laborers were ready to do the money necessary for that purpose was not in hand, and our unspoken prayer was that there might be more consecrated pocket-books as well as hearts. A collection was taken and the meeting closed with singing and prayer.

S. A. CLARK, Cor-Sec'y.

Delegates, Attention!

Be sure to obtain your Standard Certificates when you buy your ticket at the starting point. As our number attending is always over one hundred the return will be free. On the C. P. R. to obtain the special rates mentioned it is not necessary that all the number of delegates mentioned should attend from points on the C. P. R., i. e., return tickets from St. John to any point on the C. P. R. will be issued at one-third of the one way fare if there have been 50 to 99 in attendance holding Standard Certificates from all rail or steamer lines, and free if over 100 present who hold Standard Certificates. On the I. C. R. if ten or more obtain one first class full fare one way ticket with certificate the return fare will be free. If less than ten first class tickets are purchased delegates will be charged for the return journey half fare. The same applies to the D. A. R.

AMY E. JOHNSTON, Sec'y N. S.

Amounts Received by the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U. FROM JULY 19 TO JULY 25.

Montague, \$5; Mission Band, \$5; Amherst, \$15.50; Halifax, Tabernacle church, \$28.50; Mabou, \$3.50; Mira Bay, \$6; Homeville, \$7; Mrs. Shepherd, \$5; a friend, for Chicacole hospital, \$1; Port Greville, \$8.75; Sackville, \$59; Lower Sackville Mission Band, \$8; Marysville, \$19.55; Summerside, \$8.45; River Hebert, \$7.70; Kentville, \$25.25; Bay View, \$5; Canning, \$11.60; North Brookfield, \$5; Mt. Hanley, \$8.25; Mission Band, Miss Newcombe's salary, \$7; Tidings, 25c; Lockeport, \$13.54; Mission Band, toward Mr. Morse's salary, \$14; Tidings, 25c; Amherst, \$31; Point de Bute, \$23.85; Maccan, \$6.50; Tusket, \$2.95; Hampton, Mission Band, \$11; Lower Aylesford, \$16.25; a friend, Mr. Gullison's salary, \$1; Cumberland Bay, \$3.30; Carleton, \$9.75; Chester, \$11.18; Apple River, \$5; New Albany, \$2; Lapland, \$2.50; Billtown, \$28.90; Mission Band, Mr. Morse's salary, \$3.75; Lakeville, \$7, toward Edmonston church, \$3.50; Wilmot, \$10; Ludlow, \$11; Boylston, \$7.35; St. Martins, \$20; Weymouth, \$8.50; Port Williams, \$7.50; East Onslow, \$3; Bass River, \$22; Windsor, Junior Union, toward Mr. Morse's salary, \$8; 2nd St. Margarets Bay, \$4; Florenceville, \$4.75; 1st Sable River, \$10; St. Stephen, Union Street, \$19.65; Jackson-town, \$12.35; Sackville, \$7; Aylesford, \$24.50; Clarence, \$2; "a friend", F. M., \$2.

MRS. MARY SMITH.

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Special Contributions to Foreign Missions from July 1, 1899.

Y. W. C. A. Acadia Seminary, support of pupil in Bimili school, \$12.50; Collection at Centerville annual convention, \$1.32; Robt Marshall, \$5; H. J. Crowe, \$5; "a friend," (E. N.), \$2; Reuben Baker, Savara Mission, \$1; Kingston church, N. S., \$7.35; Billtown Sunday School, support of native teacher, \$35; J. C. Morse, \$5; "a friend," U. S. to W. V. H., \$25; Acadia Seminary, per Miss True, to W. V. H., \$24; for Chapel Bell, \$10; \$34; Mrs. Geo. Giffin, \$5; B. Y. P. U. Temple church, for Mr. Higgins' work, \$11; B. Y. P. U. 1st Halifax church, for Mr. Higgins' work, \$25; "a friend," (Mrs. K.) for Mrs. Sanford's travelling expenses, \$20; John Wilbur, \$200; Westbrook church, Southampton section, \$3.80. Total, \$397.97. Before reported, \$1,025.59. Total to July 20, \$1,423.56.

LEGACIES.

Estate late Mr. J. B. McNutt, \$25; Mrs. Susan Fulton, \$200. Total, \$225. Before reported, \$730. Total to July 20, \$955.

FOR MR. GULLISON'S SUPPORT.

Rev. R. B. Kinlay, \$5; Rev. G. J. C. White, \$5; J. E. Dunham's class, Billtown S. S., \$2; W. V. Higgins, \$5; Rev. W. J. Rutledge, \$10; Edwin L. Crosby, \$5; Mrs. A. T. Dykeman, \$5. Total, \$37. Before reported, \$110. Total to July 25, \$147.

The Treasurer of the Board will be glad to get offerings from any body for any department of the work. A good sister has recently sent in \$20 toward the travelling expenses of Mrs. Sanford to India. As there are several missionaries who desire to go back to their work and there are no funds to send them, contributions for this object will be thankfully received.

J. W. MANNING, Sec'y-Treas. F. M. Board.

Christian Workers' Conference of the Maritime Provinces.

For several years in our Associational and Conventional gatherings many of those that have been privileged to attend the Northfield conferences have quietly discussed the wisdom and feasibility of organizing such a conference as is referred to in the title of this article. We are pleased to announce that this organization has been effected and that the initial meeting has been fixed for Yarmouth, August 29 to September 7. In sending forth the announcement of this projected conference, we do so with a deep sense of the guiding and favoring hand of God. Since the project was suggested there has been a striking coincidence of circumstances all converging to the possibility of holding this conference in Yarmouth. We take these favoring circumstances as a partial indication of the divine sanction of the entire movement. Surely we do not err in drawing this conclusion. In no particular have these favoring circumstances manifested themselves more clearly than in the provision for our speakers. We are pleased to announce that the conference will be under the control of one experienced in the conduct of Bible Conference and world famed as a pulpit orator, Rev. A. T. Pierson D. D., Editor of the Missionary Review of the World. Associated with Dr. Pierson will be Rev. Chas. E. Hurlbut D. D., who comes to us with the inspiration and power of the Chautauque conference, now in session, of which he has the control. The following have also promised to be present: Rev. R. A. Torrey, Superintendent of the Bible Institute, Chicago; H. B. Gibbud, Rescue worker, Springfield; Rev. G. O. Gates, D. D., St. John; Rev. W. H. Palmer, Providence; Evangelists G. C. Needham, H. L. Gale, W. S. Martin. In addition to the above we expect several other distinguished men of God with whom we are now in correspondence. The roll of speakers is an indication of the undenominational character of this conference. That its influence may be as wide-spread as possible, all evangelical bodies are invited to join in the discussion of a theme of vital importance to all. This conference will lend its influence to no "hobbies" that are being paraded as nausum at the present time. Its sole purpose is to bring Christians into closer touch with the Word and Work of God. Special care has been taken that no advocates of hobbies be among the speakers to obtrusively break in upon the cardinal thought of the conference.

In locating this Conference at Yarmouth we are convinced that a suitable spot has been selected. Yarmouth is centrally located for Halifax, Boston and St. John, and is within reasonable range of all points of the Maritime Provinces. The railroads and steamboats have given generous reduction in rates, single fare. Yarmouth is admirably adapted for the accommodation of such a Conference. Across the harbor, where there is the quiet and seclusion conducive to spiritual blessing, a beautiful park is located, which will be provided at the lowest rates with every convenience necessary to the comfort of visitors. In the town, hotel and private accommodations can be secured for large numbers.

Brethren, through the columns of this our denominational paper, we appeal for your prayerful sympathy and attendance. With great expectation from God there is no reason why this Conference in the progress of years should not be to the Maritime Provinces what Moody's conference has been to the adjoining Republic. Let us make it such. Baptist brethren, we cordially invite you to this Baptist town. We expect in our churches to reap a large blessing and we invite you to share it with us.

Further announcements will be made in due time. In the meantime remain in the place, Yarmouth, the date, August 29 to September 7, and respond to our request for prayer.

P. G. MOORE, Pastor Zion Church.
W. F. PARKER, Pastor Temple Church.
ERNEST QUICK, Pastor Milton Church.