

W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY.

For Mr. and Mrs. Corry and Miss Clark that many more souls may be won to Christ in Kimeedy. Thanking for those lately baptized on that field.

At Chicacole.

Home at last! After all the wanderings and anxieties of the last seven weeks it is pleasant beyond measure to find a haven of rest. The new life is being gradually revealed. Caste first made itself known in this way.—My attention was suddenly arrested by bananas being swiftly thrown in the car-window, barely escaping my head, and the money being as swiftly thrown out the window. "Why," I exclaimed, "what were you quarreling about?" "We're not quarreling," was the laughing reply, "that is caste."

At Bombay I received eight or more letters of welcome from missionaries on the field. My uncle joined us at Samulkota. Here we met some of the Ontario missionaries and just missed seeing Mr. Lafamme, as we came by an unusual route in order to avoid those regions under the ban of the plague. At Vizianagram we met Mr. and Mrs. Gullison and Mr. Morse. They seemed in good cheer.

I had read about the low mud huts where the hens are at home and the cattle freely enter—and here they are. At every turn I see the bejewelled, painted, scarred faces of the heathen. I had decided not to allow myself to be either seriously shocked or surprised by the strange "sights and sounds"—yet when one comes face to face with heathenism as it is the shock is inevitable. All that I had ever heard or read gave me but a comparatively slight idea of the darkness that covers this land. But there is a real source of joy and real inspiration to engage in this work with a more abounding earnestness that is found in the fact that the light has dawned. I was delightfully impressed with the first Telugu service I attended. It was on Xmas day, that about 85, majority heathen, gathered in the pleasant mission chapel, situated in the heart of the town. The routine of the service I might be able to describe but not the spirit of earnestness, joy and love which was plainly manifest in the words and presence of these native Christians. Although the language was not understood, yet I "took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus."

The other day I went with Miss Clark and the Bible women to visit a village some miles away. As the huts are all connected quite an audience can be easily gathered, providing there is a disposition to hear. Some of the women eagerly listened to the "old, old story of Jesus and his love"; others were far more anxious to learn whether we were married or ever hoped to be. Among those who seemed to be seeking after the truth was quite an elderly man who is now living on a pension and spends his time in gratuitously teaching the boys of his village. Some of these boys gathered around and how eagerly they read aloud tracts given them—thus the seed is sown.

I believe that we have every reason to press on in this glorious work. Among the eighteen million Telugus along the coast there are over sixty thousand church members. Although only three hundred of these have been won from the two million Telugus on our own field, yet the signs now betoken a bountiful harvest. We cannot expect to reap that which we have not sowed. O Lord Jesus may we be faithful! We rest in Thy faithfulness!

January 3.

MABEL E. ARCHIBALD.

We heard much of constitution at Sackville, yet still it must be "line upon line, precept upon precept."

There are some Aid Societies and at least one Mission Band that send Home Mission money to Mr. J. S. Titus, Treasurer of Home Mission Board N. B. Con. Why is this?

Dear sisters, do we not owe loyalty to our organization, to our own constitution, which says "all moneys raised by this society shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U." Whatever risk there may have been, in other years, of losing improperly designated money, certainly there was none this year.

The sum total from the Aid Societies of N. B. suffers loss, and the Home Mission Board of N. B. gains nothing thereby.

Let us be true to our constitution. The work of the W. B. M. U. does not interfere with the work we should do for other objects, but all money raised by our societies as societies should be sent to the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U.

Mrs. Mary Smith, Amherst, N. S., Sec'y W. M. A. S., constitution Sec. 5. "In Union is strength."

M. S. COX.

Foreign Missions.

The members of the W. M. A. S. of Mahone Bay, observed Crusade day, Dec. 29. An invitation had been extended to all the sisters of the church to unite with us. Accordingly at 3 p. m., quite a number of them gathered at the church. An address of welcome to the visiting sisters was given by the President, which was followed by a most enjoyable devotional service. Our hearts were greatly cheered by the addition of some new members. The text on the programme was the tea at the parsonage.

A public meeting was held in the evening, the President of the society being in the chair. After singing by the choir and devotional exercises, the Secretary read a report of the work done by our society, during the past fourteen years, which was followed by a recitation by Miss Veinotte, and a reading by Mrs. Miller, Miss Wier (Methodist) and a missionary from Japan gave an address which was listened to with great interest and was very instructive. This was followed by a recitation from Miss Hirtle. Pastor Allaby gave a short address, after which the collection was taken amounting to \$3.27. The whole service was interspersed with music by the choir. Thus closed the day which we trust was profitably spent in the Master's service.

LOIS B. KENNEDY, Sec'y.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

It is known to many in these provinces that the late Dr. Gordon was instrumental in founding a Training School for Christian workers in the city of Boston. It bears his name, and called "The Gordon Missionary Training School." Early in January a Volunteer Band was organized. The idea is to keep in touch with the "Student Volunteer Movement" of the day. There are about twelve students in the school from the Maritime Provinces—of whom five belong to the Volunteer Band, which means that they are looking forward to the time when they shall be engaged in telling the story of Jesus and His love to those who know nothing of its sweetness and power. The Band has for its President Mr. Harry B. Dickson, late of Sussex, who has it in his heart to work for Jesus in the Foreign field. Mr. Dickson writes, "I am delighted with the school and believe it is just the place for any one who wants to be instructed in God's word and soul-winning."

In the parable of the great feast as recorded in Luke 14:15-24, the gospel is presented to three classes. The latter class affords a very impressive illustration of the work of the Christian church in giving the gospel to the heathen and how they are to do it. It is to those living outside under the shelter of the hedges and in the open highways. These are the outcasts. Those who seem beyond the reach of a helping hand, and were considered by some to be almost beyond hope. To these the Saviour especially came. To these He sends us; and we will soon part company with many of them unless we bestir ourselves to much greater activity than we have ever yet done.

What are some of the most frequent and effecting scenes in our Saviour's life? The finding of the woman at Jacob's well, the weeping penitent at the house of Simon, the dinner among the publicans and sinners, the salvation of Zacchaeus, the love in His dying hour of the poor thief by his side, the conversion of Paul the chief of sinners.

What is the burden of the most precious of His parables? That of the unmerciful servant, the Pharisee and the Publican, the lost coin, the lost son, and the lost sheep, twice given and the good Samaritan. His heart is still the same, and the nearer we get to Him and catch His spirit the more will we love and long to save His lost ones.

Who is responsible for the sad neglect of these men and women—these lost ones—wherever found? Shall we say the church of Christ—the multitude of men and women who have heard the voice of Jesus and have come unto Him for life—and save our own consciences by casting the responsibility upon a number? Or shall we remember that this message was to the individual servant, and ask: What have I done to seek and to save the lost? What has He bidden me to do? "Go out." Meet them, seek them, find them, and do not wonder if they are far out and far off, indifferent and unwilling to come. Constrain them to come in. They will need much constraint. They will seem often very hard and hopeless—as our missionaries so often find among the Telugus. And they may often fall back again, and are we then to give them up?—to pass them by and to turn aside to others? Ah, no so. That is not what "constrain them" to come means.

But how are we to go? With a love that is tireless—a love that never gives up—a love that cannot take "no" for an answer. Remember that the shepherd sought his sheep till he found it. Yea, go forth with holy tenderness as shepherds of the lost—with holy promptness as reapers in the world's great harvest field, to gather the ripened grain for the garner, with holy humility and holy urgency as rescuers from the flames "pulling them out of the fire" and from the flood, standing on the shore and seeking if by any means to save some.

Acadia Seminary.

Receipts for Interest Account for Quarter Ending Jan. 31st, 1897.

H. H. Crosby, Hebron, \$25; Zach. Phinney, Paradise, \$5; Samuel Freeman, Amherst, \$5; Mrs. W. H. Warren, Bedeque, P. E. I., \$10; "A Friend," \$1.63; Rev. S. B. Kempton, D. D., Dartmouth, \$5; A. Cohoon, Wolfville, \$1.35; T. S. Rogers, Amherst, \$4; J. S. Clark, Cavendish, P. E. I., \$5; J. L. Franklin, Wolfville, \$2.50; Jennie S. Walker, Yarmouth, \$1; Mrs. Geo. W. Sanderson, Yarmouth, \$5; Hon. J. W. Johnstone, Dartmouth, \$5; Mrs. M. P. Freeman, Billtown, \$10.

FURNISHING ACCOUNT.

From Mrs. Eleanor A. White for furnishing a room in memory of her husband, the late Gilbert White, Esq., of Sussex, N. B., \$40.

Also since close of the quarter from Mrs. M. P. Freeman, Billtown, in memory of "our Lottie," \$40.

This makes three forty dollar donations made to this fund during the year. Twelve more donations of \$40 each will pay the debt on the furnishing account.

The three donations have been in memory of loved ones gone home. Are there not twelve more who can make similar donations?

Manual Training Department, Donations for Quarter Ending Jan. 31, 1897.

W. G. McFarlan, St. John, \$10; T. S. Rogers, Amherst, \$5; Rockwell & Co., Wolfville, \$5; J. W. Caldwell, do, \$5; L. W. Sleep, do, \$5; G. W. Munro, do, \$5; Principal I. B. Oakes, do, \$10; Edward Sweet, Hantsport, per I. B. Oakes, \$5; Capt. H. A. Taylor, Wolfville, \$10; C. I. Margeson, M. D., \$5.

We hope that other subscribers will respond to the calls made upon them and forward the amounts of their subscriptions to these funds now due.

Wolfville, N. S.,

A. COHOON,

Feb. 12th.

Treas. Acadia University

Denominational Funds N. B. and P. E. I., from December 1 to February 1, 1898.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Eunice Bartlett, P. M., \$2; Germain Street, P. M., \$4.40, D. W., \$37.25, Willing Workers, support native preacher, P. M., \$10—\$51.65; Moncton, 1st church, P. M., \$34, B. Y. P. U., P. M., \$12.50, Grande Ligne, \$12.50—\$59; St. John and Kings Co. quarterly meeting, P. M., \$3.64, Mrs. Rachel Smith, P. M., \$1, 1st Kingsclear church, P. M., \$1, per J. S. S., \$7.64; Bartlett's Mills church S. S., P. M., \$1; M. Alice Clark, P. M., per Mr. Corey's support, \$5; Coverdale, 3rd church quarterly meeting collection, D. W., \$3.30; Salisbury church, Mount. Section, \$2.35, Creek Section, \$2c., Corner, \$3.45, P. M.—\$6.62; Alfred E. Worden, P. M., \$5; Hopewell church, P. M., \$3.50; Fairville S. S. H. and F. M., \$5.78; Rev. Calvin Currie, P. M., \$1; Carleton church Mission Band, support of child in India, P. M., \$15; Elgin 1st, Mapleton section, S. S. and Mission Society, Grande Ligne, \$15; Rev. I. B. Colwell, P. M., \$5; St. George 1st church, J. Dewar & Son, \$10, Jas. Anderson, \$1.50, Dr. Dick, \$2—\$13.50; Springfield 3rd church, (Beilisle), Kings daughters, support of Misses Harrison and Newcombe, \$10; Albert Mann, P. M., \$1; Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska counties quarterly meeting, P. M., \$2.55; Germain Street, D. W., \$21.40, Ac. coll., 25c.—\$21.65; Abraham Steeves, P. M., \$2; Hampton Village church, H. and F. M., \$4; Germain Street Mission Band, Cheerful Gleaners, support of children in India, P. M., \$24; Norton church, P. M., \$4.74; Florenceville church, D. W., \$5, I. H. Estey, \$5—\$10, Total, \$286.93. Before reported, \$365.48. Total N. B. to February 1, 1898, \$852.41.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Summerside church, D. W., \$4.36; Mrs. Henry Barrett, P. M., 75c; Uigg church, Grand View section, D. W., \$2; Eastport church, D. W., \$12; A. Friend, P. E. I., D. W., \$20; Lizzie and Bertie Bradshaw, H. M., \$2, F. M., \$3—\$5; Charlottetown, D. W., \$19.50; Alexandra church, D. W., \$3. Total, \$66.61. Before reported, \$113.94. Total P. E. I. to February 1, 1898, \$180.55. Total N. B. and P. E. I. to February 1, 1898, \$1,032.96. J. W. MANNING, Treas. Con. N. B. and P. E. I. St. John, February 1.

Dreadful Misery

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