

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY.

For Chicacole, that special help may be given the young ladies at that station—that Mr. Archibald's health may be speedily restored and that a suitable person may be found to take charge of the hospital there.

Advocate Harbor.

We organized a "Mission Band" last September, 1899 with a membership of 19; since then we have been growing in numbers and interest. Our Band is called "The Helping Hand," and our prayer is that we may indeed be a helping hand to all those that do not know of Christ and his power to save. We have a very energetic president in the person of Mrs. C. N. Enderkin, and every member of the Band has taken a deep interest in the work of doing something for their brothers and sisters who have not the knowledge of the love of Jesus as we have. MRS. L. A. COONEY.

February 12.

Tentative Programme of the Woman's Days of the Ecumenical Conference, New York, April 21-May 1.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 10 A. M.

Chairman, Mrs. Judson Smith, Boston, President of the Woman's Board of Missions, Congregational.
Vice-Chairman, Mrs. D. J. Burrill, New York, Secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed church of America.

Devotional Exercises.

Welcome to Delegates, Representative of the Woman's Union Missionary Society.
Response—For Great Britain, Mrs. George Kerry of the Baptist Zenana Mission.

For Australia, New Zealand and New South Wales, Mrs. R. Ross, Pres. Presbyterian Societies, London, Ont.
For the Missionaries, Mrs. Alice Gordon Gulick, of Spain, Missionary of the W. B. M. Congregational. Roll Call.

Paper—The Place of Woman's Foreign Missionary Work in the Evangelistic Forces of the Church, Mrs. Moses Smith, Pres. of the Woman's Board of the Interior, Congregational.

Paper—The Responsibility of Women in Foreign Missionary Work, Mrs. Duncan McLaren, Edinburgh, Scotland, of the Zenana Mission of the Presbyterian church of Scotland.

Problems and Methods of Work in the Home Churches. Giving—Paper.

Recommendations from the Sectional Meeting.

Addresses.

Literature—Paper, Miss Irene H. Barnes, of London, Eng., Editor and Superintendent of Publications of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Soc. Recommendations from the Sectional Meeting.

Addresses.

Work among Young Ladies and Children.

Paper.

Recommendations from Sectional Meeting.

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II. Meeting for Educational Work. (Under the care of a Committee in New York and vicinity. Miss Mary Parsons, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church, Chairman).

1. Education of Children in Mission Schools. (a) Kindergartens; (b) Primary and Village Schools; (c) Industrial and Manual Training and Self-Support.

2. Higher and Normal Training. Missionary Addresses. (a) Girls' Colleges and Seminaries; (b) Teaching of Foreign Languages; (c) Training of Biblewomen, wives of native pastors, church workers and members.

3. The Training of Missionaries. Opened by Mrs. J. Fairley-Daly, of Glasgow, Scotland, of the W. F. M. S. of the Free Church of Scotland.

III. Meeting for Medical Work.

1. The Relation of the Home Church to Medical Missions. Opened by Dr. Mary Bryan, Missionary from Bareilly, India, (of the M. E. Mission). (a) Help in the Education of Medical Missionaries; (b) Education of native women in England and America.

2. The Legitimate Field of a Medical Missionary. Opened by Dr. Grace N. Kimball, formerly missionary in Van, Turkey, (Woman's Board of Missions, Congregational). (a) Treating Missionary Families; (b) Education in Foreign Schools and Hospitals; (c) The Proportion of Medical Workmen to the whole force on the field.

3. Medical Missions in Facts and Figures. Opened by Mrs. Harriett Newell Jones, of Philadelphia. (Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society).

4. The Power of Medical Missions as a Spiritual Agency. Opened by a paper by

5. Self-Support in Hospitals in Foreign Lands. Opened by Mrs. L. N. Thorpe, of Philadelphia, (Pres. W. F. M. S.)

6. Medical Missions among Children. Opened by Miss Annie Butler, of London, England.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME FOR WOMAN'S WORK, ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE, NEW YORK, APRIL 24.

Sectional Meetings for Discussion on Practical Methods and Problems in Woman's Foreign Missionary Work.

TO A. M., TUESDAY.

Three Simultaneous Meetings for Discussions of Methods and Problems in the Field:

1. Meeting for Evangelistic Work. (Under the care

of a Committee in Canada. Mrs. E. S. Strachan, of Hamilton, Ont., of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church, Canada, Chairman).

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME.

1. Methods of Presenting Christian Truth. (a) To Women; (b) To Children. Opened by Miss Jessie Duncan, Missionary from Neebush, Central India, (Presbyterian W. F. M. S., Canada, Western Section).

2. The Work of Native Christians. (a) As Sunday School Workers; (b) As Biblewomen; (c) As leaders of meetings; (d) As interpreters and assistants; (e) The relative value of educated and non-educated workers; (f) The reflex influence of the educational and evangelistic department of work. Opened by Miss Alice E. Belton, Missionary from Japan, (Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church, Canada).

3. General Public Work on behalf of Women. (a) The value and methods of Itinerating and Bible or Tract Distribution; (b) The benefit of general "Lecture Meetings"; (c) The value or otherwise of Singing and Lantern View; (d) The co-operation of native pastor or evangelist. Opened by Miss Agnes E. Baskerville, Missionary from Cocanada, India, (Woman's Baptist F. M. S. Ontario, West).

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

In a recent letter from Miss Archibald she says, "Oh, how I enjoyed the Savara tour. Forty and fifty and a hundred every day came to the tent. It was wonderful how they listened. They seemed so responsive to the truth. Eight of those Savaras have been baptized, and besides those, eight gave me their names as among those who were saved. The Lord did bless us. We had prayed for months about that tour and I made the promise that I would stay there until our soul was saved. David, the Kimidi preacher, (let the Mission Band of the North church make a note of this,) did nobly. He did not spare himself, but tramped over the hills twice a day. His preaching was with power. Two Savara Christian girls accompanied me and they interpreted my Telugu (in Savara) to those women who had little knowledge of Telugu. Yes, if I were a big, strong man, would I go to the Savaras? Yes, indeed! The people are in darkness and no one to hold forth the Light of Life! As Mrs. A. says, there are multitudes in Chicacole who are as much in the dark as the Savaras. Thousands of Malays not many miles away. Oh, that the Lord of Hosts may fill us with strength, courage, love and power, for the campaign which must be waged 'ere the multitudes turn from their idols to serve the living God. Yes, my heart burns, and yearns to see souls saved. And we will see them coming. Many shall ere long sing the praises of Him who loved them and gave himself for them."

Miss Clark and I plan to tour considerably, but either one of us will plan to be at the station, for the twenty heathen Sunday schools which we hope to have will continually need attention.

THE FORWARD MARCH.

During the first 150 years it is estimated that Christianity gained 100,000,000 of adherents, during the next 300 years, 100,000,000 more. While within the present century it has gained upwards of 200,000,000, or more than during all the rest of the Christian era. There is good ground for the statement in the Encyclopedia Britannica that Christianity has won the nations of the future.

It has been often stated for a fact that Buddhism leads the religions of the world. The author of "The Light of Asia" reckons its followers at 470,000,000. But this figure includes the entire population of China at its largest estimate. Careful observers, like Prof. Monier Williams and Dr. Hopper have lately shown that the number of Buddhists does not exceed 100,000,000, at the outside. It must henceforth be admitted that Christianity, with its 450,000,000 of adherents, has fully four times the following of Buddhism, and stands at the front of the world's religions. One hundred years ago the doors of almost every Pagan nation were closed to the gospel. As late as 1830 it was estimated that the number of heathen accessible to Baptist missionaries and fairly allotted to them was, say, 250,000. Now the number is put at more than 100,000,000. The barriers have well nigh disappeared. The whole world is practically open to Christianity.

Mark how each word of the Great Commission is weighed with meaning. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This commandment of our Lord is absolute and unqualified, and is the final answer to all excuses and objections. The very foundations of Christian character become involved when this obligation is disputed or trifled with. Moreover, the assurance of the Divine Presence in this vast undertaking is equally explicit and is fully borne out by the facts.

Mr. Churchill had the privilege of baptizing into the fellowship of the Bobbili church two believers the first Sunday after he reached his field. This will be a happy introduction to his work for another term of service. He speaks in the highest terms of the way Mr. and Mrs. Gullison and Miss Harrison managed matters while in charge. This is as it should be. It could not well be otherwise with such missionaries.

A New Church History.

To get a new book, handsomely made up, on a great subject, and to be able to abstract an evening from the common round of cares, and to devote it to cutting the leaves and sipping the pages of the new arrival—this is a keen luxury to any one who cares for books at all. When the book is from the pen of some personal friend, who has written on a subject in which he is a recognized master, the pleasure and interest are still further enhanced.

Such was my special pleasure a few days ago, when the first volume of "A Manual of Church History," by Professor A. H. Newman, D. D., LL. D., of McMaster University, Toronto, came to hand.

Dr. Newman is an able man of broad and varied scholarship, an omnivorous reader, a patient and thorough investigator, and is possessed in a marked degree of that judicial temper so necessary to the historian; he is also master of a strong clear style, and is, in spirit and attitude, thoroughly evangelical. His rank among Baptist church historians is sufficiently indicated by the fact that, when undertaking his series of American Church Histories, the late Dr. Philip Schaff selected Dr. Newman to write the volume on American Baptist History. He is also the author of a "History of Anti-Pedobaptism," and of numerous essays and pamphlets on cognate subjects. As a student and professor of church history in general, however, for twenty years past, Dr. Newman is not only at home on those aspects of the history which are directly related to our distinctive principles as Baptists, but is also an authority in all departments of that important field of learning.

The present volume of six hundred pages covers ancient and mediæval church history, down to A. D. 1517. It is no mere chronicle of facts, but history in the best sense, embodying a masterly philosophy of the course of events and the development of belief. It is to be followed within a year by another volume covering the history from the Protestant Reformation to the present time. The two volumes will constitute a complete manual of church history of great value.

The learning and toil represented by this work are immense. It is designed, as the preface indicates, primarily as "a text-book for theological seminaries and universities." This explains many of its distinctive features, e. g.: the extensive bibliography which accompanies each section, for the benefit of those who may wish to specialize upon particular periods; the elaborate analysis of the materials, making the book a model book of reference when once read; also the large attention given to the Christian literature of the first three centuries, and to the history of doctrine throughout, as distinct from the history of the church as an institution. The work seems, indeed, to fill a unique place as a text-book on church history. Dr. Schaff's work is too voluminous for such a purpose. Dr. Kurtz is suited to the German rather than the English mind. Dr. Fisher's, with its continuous, cursory form and style, embodies rather the popular ideal, and is not equal to Dr. Newman's for the student's purposes.

For ministers, too, whether they have already surveyed the field of church history or not, the book has great value. To the man who will undertake the reading of it, not as a light task, but as a matter of earnest, thorough study, it will furnish occupation for the leisure evenings of a whole winter, and will be worth more to him than a library of some kinds of books.

One cannot help feeling, also, that here is a book that should be of interest to intelligent laymen. If history in general is a favorite study of thoughtful men, why not in particular that of the church, which deals with the greatest of all movements in human history? It would seem that of all the departments of theological study, church history is the one which most naturally and enticingly opens the door of interest in matters theological to intelligent laymen. Dr. Newman's book ought to pass into the hands of many such.

As a product of the printer's and book-binder's art, the volume represents the best, and demonstrates that the American Baptist Publication Society is abreast of the foremost book concerns. The cost of the volume is \$2.25.

Wolfville, Feb. 1st.

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