

Foreign Mission Board

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR JUNE.

For Palkonda and its lonely missionary, that he may be cheered by seeing many souls saved and the little church greatly prospered. For our Associations, that a great blessing may attend these gathering and new interest be awakened in all our churches.

Notice.

In connection with the Central Association a W. M. A. S. meeting will be held at Bridgewater, N. S., on Saturday, June 28th, at 3 p. m. A similar meeting will be held at the Western Association, N. B., at Rockland Carleton Co., on Saturday, June 28th, at 3 p. m. All Aid Societies and Mission Bands are requested to send delegates or written reports. The Societies of the Western will send reports to Mrs. W. S. Saunders, Woodstock. Let all the sisters pray earnestly for a blessing on these meetings.

The W. M. A. S. in connection with Western Association, N. S., will have their meeting at Port Maitland, Yarmouth Co., on Saturday, June 28th, at 3 p. m.

The Mission Societies of P. E. I., will have a meeting at Charlottetown on Saturday, 28th at 3 p. m.

We regret to state that Mrs. Harrison, mother of our missionary, Miss Maude Harrison, has passed from earth. After a long and painful illness she has entered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God. Will all our sisters remember in prayer our sorrowing missionary in her loneliness and loss, asking that the Saviour may be preciously near and fill all the vacant places with his presence, who can make bright the darkest hour.

To the Executive of the W. B. M. U.

Dear Sisters:—Enclosed you will find financial statements from Miss Archibald, Miss Harrison and Miss Newcomb, also estimates for '02-'03 from Miss Archibald. Miss Archibald is taking a much needed vacation in company with her uncle and aunt, Rev. I. C. and Mrs. Archibald on the Hills, which we pray will impart to all these workers, the necessary strength for the months of busy toil to come. Mrs. A. has been working with the Hospital Bible classes with her old-time vigor, and Miss Martha Clark shall soon meet with us to report what she has to say of the work. Miss Harrison has just returned from an extensive tour—visiting the same sections she worked in last touring season—and also some new villages. She writes, "Many of the people seemed pleased to see us, and invited us to their homes." In another village we met a poor Relli (lowest of the outcasts) widow, with two small children, and she repeatedly asked to be baptized, but we feared that a hope to be supported was the source of her desire for baptism. Two little orphan boys—little waifs of about four and seven—of the same caste and village, wanted me to adopt them, and perhaps I shall. The elder one seemed to understand that Christ was the Saviour and that he would hear prayers. I really felt sorry to leave the little fellows, but it was then the beginning of my touring and I had no place for them. In another village a woman from the leather dealers caste (really outcasts) seemed to be believing, and when we came away she told us that her heart would be with us even tho' she remained behind. We have since heard from her and she says she is believing in Christ and will not worship the sun and idols. At Aldu where we made our greatest friends last year, we found that this year they were a little afraid of us. A number were thinking seriously of being baptized, and their caste friends hearing of the matter objected so strenuously that their courage failed. However I believe that some of them will surely obey Christ some day. A school-teacher near there is believing in Christ, I think. He invited me at his school and at his home, and asked me to teach the children and those in his home. His wife and sister listened very attentively, and asked questions intelligently. Apparently they know a good deal about Christianity. Two brothers, both teachers, have New Testaments in that home. These are some of the bright places in my tour. You will pray for them too, I am sure.

Miss Newcomb writes encouragingly concerning her school work and is in good health. As she has written so recently for the MESSENGER AND VISITOR and for Tidings, there is nothing of special interest for the executive at present.

The Home Mission Committee held their third Quarterly Meeting in the parlor of Prince St. Baptist church, Truro, Wednesday p. m., the 7th inst., with a goodly number present. After the Scripture reading from Luke 24:44-53, Acts 1:8, a season was spent in prayer, and truly Jesus was in our midst. If the work of this committee is measured by their earnest pleading at the throne of grace, surely much shall be accomplished.

Through the efforts of its efficient Secretary, Mrs. W. P. King, the committee are brought face to face with the

great needs of the North West Mission, Grande Ligne, and of our destitute churches. Plans were talked over for appealing to all our Baptist women attending the Associations, etc. Where it is possible some representative of the H. M. Committee will attend. Otherwise appeals will be sent through the Provincial Secretaries and the Directors. The committee urge strongly the collecting of at least twenty-five cents from every Baptist sister for Home Missions. As this matter will come more directly through "Tidings," also some proposed special work for Grande Ligne, it is unnecessary for me to write more at this time. Praying the dear Lord may direct you in all your efforts for the promotion of his cause.

Yours in loving service,
A. C. MARTELL, Cor. Sec'y. W. B. M. U.
Great Village, May 12th, '02

The "Carrie Hammond" Mission Band, 2nd Chipman church, gave an entertainment on the evening of May 23rd. The first part of the evening was taken up with an exercise—"The Conquering Cross," which was very well rendered, reflecting great credit on the leader, Mrs. E. E. Crandall, the organist, Miss Ethel Orchard, and other members of the band. At the close of the exercise, the audience listened to an address by Mrs. J. W. Manning, President of the W. B. M. U., which was given in her usual pleasing manner. The Secretary, Miss Maggie Stevens, then, in behalf of the Band, presented Mrs. Manning with an address of welcome, and a Life Membership certificate of the Mission Band for which the Band received Mrs. Manning's warmest thanks. The collection amounted to \$32.00. R. C. Chipman.

The Liverpool W. M. A. S. held a public missionary meeting on May 13th. The programme consisted of music, papers and addresses. The papers were prepared, one by Mrs. Mack of Milton, on "The Object of the W. M. A. Society," the other by Mrs. McPherson of Brookfield. The address was presented by Rev. J. H. McEwen, returned missionary of the Congregational church in Brazil. Both papers and address were very helpful and much appreciated by the audience. Miss N. I. Nickerson rendered "The Home Land" very appropriately. The sisters of this Society are maintaining their interest in this department of the Master's service. MRS. C. W. CORRY.

Receipts 20th Century Fund.

Elgin 1st, Rev H H Saunders, \$5; Bessie Godard, \$5; Tolbut Horman, \$1; J M Colpitts, \$3; Mapleton S S, \$12.40; W A Colpitts, \$2.50; H H Horman, \$1; Mrs Downing, \$2; Mrs Weston, \$1; Geo Stewart, \$2; Lois Saunders, \$5; Mrs Fitzpatrick, \$3; Mrs F Colpitts, \$1.43.90.
Salisbury, Boundary Creek Collection, \$1.18; W T Jones, \$2; T A Steeves, \$1; Jas D Gibson, \$1; Warren I Steeves, \$1; Mr. and Mrs I Crossman, \$1.50; J P and Mrs Jones, \$3; Chas Steeves, \$1; Jas Brown, \$1; Eudaley Lutes, \$1; Hazen Crossman, \$1; Alphonso Lutz, \$1; William Brown, \$1; Truman Lutes, \$1; S A Lutes, \$1; King Steeves, \$1; R W Jones, \$1; Lottie A Nicholl, \$1; Collection at Steeves Mt, \$4.06; Jordan Crandall, \$1; J M Crandall, \$2; Alfred Lutes, \$1; A C M Lawson, \$1; Rev J E Tiner, \$1; Coll at Corner, \$6.71.—38.45.
Hopewell Cape, W C Newcomb, \$2; A W Burns, \$1; Chas Ayer, \$2; C L Carter, \$2.50.—\$7.50.
Petitcodiac, D A Jonah, \$1; Sunday School, \$10; Dr McDonald, \$5; R R Smith, \$1; Mrs McFarlane, \$1; Stanley Kinnear, \$1; Rev N A McNeill, \$5; Bliss McMackin, \$1; Mrs G F Fowler, \$2.—\$27.
Elgin 3rd, Wallace Smith, \$1; G R Geldert, 25c.—\$1.25.
St Stephen, Collection, \$8.69.
Sussex, Rev W Camp, \$5.
Blissville, C J Mesereau, \$5.
Forest Glen—Chas Colpitts, \$2; Wylie Wood, \$4.—\$6.
Coverdale 1st—Turtle Creek S S, \$5.—\$5.
Avondale—Sunday School, \$5.—\$5.
Marysville—Sunday School, \$5.—\$5.
Dorchester 1st—Mrs Willard Crossman, \$1; Martin Crossman, \$1; Mrs Emmerson, \$5; A A Steeves, \$1; Sunday School, \$5; Dewhurst Sec. coll., \$4c; Walter, Charles and Frank Crossman, \$3.—\$16.84.
Dorchester 2nd—Collection, \$1.72; John B Tingley, \$2.50; J A Hicks, \$2; Ezra Hicks, \$2.—\$8.22.
Woodstock—S Etabrook, \$2; Mrs Ruth McLellan, \$1.—\$3.
Tryon, P E I—Sunday School, \$5.—\$5.
Dundas, P E I—Sunday School, \$5.—\$5. Total, \$524.30.
Before reported, \$820.41. Total to May 23, \$1,344.71.
J. W. MANNING, Treas. 20th Century Fund.
St. John, May 23, 1902.

Special Donations to Foreign Missions.

A Town Light, \$25; Mrs Martin Smith \$10; Pulpit Supply, \$40; Bedford Sunday School, \$4; L E D \$50; Miss Bancroft \$25; Coldbrook Sunday School, \$37.93; Billtown Sunday School, \$35; N A Rhodes, \$25. Total, \$251.93. Before reported, \$1595.11. Total to June 1st, \$1847.04.

SUPPORT OF MR. GULLISON.

Bessie M. Eaton \$5; A friend, N. B. \$5; Angie Ellis, \$10. Total \$20. Before reported \$72. Total to June 1st, \$92.
J. W. MANNING, Secy.-Treas.
St. John, May 31st, 1902.

From Heart to Heart.

BY PASTOR J. WEBB.

In this world of evil we need a refuge. The Psalmist said: "God is our refuge." Is God your refuge? If he is you are greatly blessed, you are rich indeed. There

are thousands, yes, millions of our fellow-creatures who have no refuge or hiding-place. You may have many troubles, but those troubles, if sanctified, are like so many cords drawing you to your place of retreat.

Perhaps some poor sufferer will say: "Nobody knows how I am troubled, or what deep waters I am passing through!" That may be true, but it is also true that there is 'One' who knows all about you—"God knows."

When I look around and abroad and behold the dark clouds, and the storms, and the battles, and the crushing defeats, and the misery, and the sorrows that so many of the human race are wading, battling, struggling through, my heart aches. There are thousands of heart broken ones, and spirit-crushed ones, and disappointed ones, who are looking to governments and societies and friends for help, but they are looking in vain—there is but one refuge.

"God is our refuge." What a refuge! With God around the children of Israel they were safe from the plagues of Egypt, and from the sword of Pharaoh and his army. Surrounded by God they were safe in the open wilderness; but when the presence of the Lord departed from them, though folded within mountains, and armed with weapons, their strong-holds and bulwarks crumbled at the approach of their enemies.

If God is our refuge there is nothing that can harm us, for, "Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

Is it not strange that many professing Christians know so little about this refuge? They try all the false refuges, one after the other, but all in vain. God was in the midst of his people, yet they called upon Baal to send them rain and prosperity. Are we not, even in these gospel-enlightened days of ours, too apt to try other refuges, refuges of lies? As a rule we do not know much about this refuge until we have tried in vain to hide in all the false refuges that we can find. There is no rest for the weary, suffering, troubled soul until, like John, we lay our heads on Jesus' breast. When the tired, fainting, child of God feels the presence of his loving Father, and hears the gentle, endearing paternal voice, how sweet to him is that refuge! Then he can say:

"Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on thee."

If God is our refuge, he is ours to enjoy. The soul that comes to this refuge will find it stored with the riches of God's grace: all the fulness of Christ is there for his safety and comfort. This refuge is so large that we can dwell in it: it is the "better part" which shall not be taken from us. The Psalmist says: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

How many there are who are needing this refuge! I know of many whose names I could write down here.

A poor woman, with a family of little children, has received the sad news that her husband was lost at sea. She is heart-broken now. . . . A mother received a letter from the States, telling her that her son was killed while working in a saw-mill, and that the casket is on its way to her house. What sudden sorrow!

A young mother has just closed the eyes of her darling infant child. It is so hard to look upon the cold, still form: so hard to have it taken away from her. This refuge, poor heart, is for you: it is your only refuge. Flee unto Him with your tears, and your breaking hearts, and your bewildered minds: He is waiting and calling for you. Listen to his gentle voice saying: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Are you sick? Are you overwhelmed with trouble? Do you feel that you are not capable to fulfil all the responsibilities that are resting upon you? Are you tempted to give up the struggle for the mastery over the world and a sinful heart? Are you becoming discouraged in regard to church, Sunday-school, and missionary work? God is your refuge! Go to him. He will give you health, or strength and grace to bear it. He will speak one word to your troubled heart which will hush the raging storm and bring about a beautiful calm. He will pour his love into your heart, and will stand by your side, and then the enemy will retreat, and the dark clouds will disperse, and your soul will become rested and your mind will become invigorated, and then you will be able and willing to make a fresh start in the Christian life and in Christian service.

"Dear refuge of my weary soul,
On thee, when sorrows rise,
On thee when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies."

New Canada, Lun. Co., N. S.

Eczema

It is also called Salt Rheum.
Sometimes Scrofula.

It comes in patches that burn, itch, ooze, dry and scale, over and over again.

It sometimes becomes chronic, covers the whole body, causing intense suffering, loss of sleep, and general debility.

It broke out with its peculiar itching on the arms of Mrs. Ida E. Ward, Cove Point, Md., and all over the body of Mrs. Geo. W. Thompson, Sayville, N. Y.; troubled Mrs. F. J. Christian, Mahopac Falls, N. Y., six years, and J. R. Richardson, Jr., Cuthbert, Ga., fifteen years.

These sufferers testify, like many others, that they were speedily and permanently cured by

Hood's Sarsaparilla

which always removes the cause of eczema, by thoroughly cleansing the blood, and builds up the whole system.