

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

We are laborers together with God.

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR JANUARY.

For Binlapatam, its missionaries and mission helpers, that the seed patiently sown may bring forth an abundant harvest. For the schools and their teachers. For our Mission Bands and their leaders.

"Thy Kingdom come." Praying thus we enter upon the New Year. We utter it with universal Christendom over the broad earth. But above all it should be the watchword for the missionary church. The Kingdom of the Lord our God, as yet invisible in its full depth, power and glory, by us as yet uncomprehended, but in faith apprehended as the Kingdom gained by the conflict unto blood and death, of the Son of God, wrested from the devil and formed by the communion of the redeemed, ought in this year also to gain ground afresh, and to make a victorious advance. There should be assured to it victory upon victory, as well among ourselves as also abroad, in the far distance where light and darkness are wrestling together, or where the yet unbroken darkness rests in thick masses upon the nations. This is the tenor of our prayer. And if we pray thus believingly and confidently, with a heart full of love for this kingdom, into which we know ourselves to have been translated, then we all labor together for the coming of the same, then are its victories also our victories, then something of the glory of the Kingdom is likewise reflected into our own life, and purifies our faithfulness, our labor, our patience, so that they put on some value in the eyes of the King.

Dear reader, spread before yourself a missionary map of the world, what do you see? Promises fulfilling. Over the western continent the red man is followed in his roamings wherever his trail is seen. Mormonism has its temple, but its sanctity is invaded by the presence of the church of the Gentiles. There are missions in Greenland on to Patagonia. The South Seas scarce have an island from which voice echoes not to voice in the great songs of Israel of old. In many of its islands an idol to the young is today as great a curiosity as with us. New Zealand and Fiji have the gospel preached to them. New Guinea, the latest unknown land has heard the sound. China's millions and India's multitudes are being swayed as the forest in a gale by the message of Christ's peace on earth. The Dark continent has a chain of mission centres through the regions marked on every map unknown until David Livingstone laid down his life in mid-Africa. The missionary is in Constantinople and Rome, in the primitive home of Abraham, in Damascus, on the Tartary steppes, wherever civilization touches, or Anglo-Saxon enterprise endeavors. On the mission stations of the Christian church the sun never sets; eye answers to eye on the great citadel of Zion.

May each one of us do all in our power this coming year to hasten the coming of His Kingdom in all the earth.

Port Hillford, Guysboro Co.

On Nov. 5th our Mission Band held its semi-annual mite box opening. The receipts amounted to \$16.65. About a month later a public missionary exercise was given by the members of the Band. This was both entertaining and instructive. A collection of over \$4 was taken. The members deserve credit for the interest that they take in the work. Proceeds to go towards Miss Newcombe's salary.

ELIZABETH KINLEY.

The quarterly meeting of the W. M. A. Societies of P. E. I., which met at Clyde River at 3 p. m., on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, was not largely attended but the spirit of the meeting was the true spirit and that for which we prayed. Mrs. A. F. Browne, of North River, was leader of the devotional service, a season in which all hearts unitedly bowed and sought God's blessing upon the work undertaken by the Aid Societies of our little island. Our vice-president, Mrs. David Price, gave a few earnest words of encouragement to all engaged in this work that the Master has entrusted to our care, and placed a strong emphasis upon our duty to Home Missions. A greater effort must be put forth for Home Missions this year and in years to come than in previous years. With these and a few other well chosen thoughts left with us to act upon she took the chair and the following order of programme was carried out: Short and informal reports from representatives

of W. M. A. S. present were given which were pleasant to listen to, and hints and suggestions given which will be useful to us all in our home Societies; a well-prepared paper on missions and thanksgiving, by Mrs. E. J. Grant, of Summerside, was read by Miss Fraser. Mrs. Grant was prevented from meeting with us but we were assured though absent in the body that her prayers were mingled with ours in this work; Mrs. A. F. Browne, of North River, talked to us upon a most important subject, that of Mission Bands, the importance of every W. M. A. S. having a Mission Band under its care. One chord she struck very forcefully, "When a Band was fostered by a W. M. A. Society that all the members should be enough interested in it to call it 'our Band' and not 'their Band,' as is so often heard. 'Yes, I believe they have a Band.' Let each and every member of the W. M. A. S. be heartily alive to its existence and its work and its growth in interest and knowledge." We hope as the outcome of the talk upon Mission Band work to hear ere long of a flourishing Band at Clyde River. We missed from our meeting one of our most earnest and interested workers, Mrs. J. C. Spurr, but a few lines of loving, prayerful and whole hearted co-operation in the work were received from her. After consideration of the advisability of continuing the quarterly meetings (this being our first and an experiment) it was unanimously voiced that we continue. We hope for this to bring an increase of interest into our Societies, also that all the sisters of this province will individually call this meeting "Our meeting." Shall we talk about it, plan for it, prepare for it and pray for it? Notice of our next session will be given in due time, as we will always meet at same time and place as Baptist Conference of P. E. I.

SECRETARY.

Amounts Received by the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U., From Dec. 8th to Dec. 20th.

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Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

This day is a glad day for our Baptist Zion. We have been just celebrating the advent of our Lord to this world, nearly 1900 years ago. The result of that advent none can tell. It is known only to Himself. He sees the good that has been done. He knows all the influence that have been set at work, and that are now working for the salvation of a fallen world. The debt we owe to Him as Christians is a big one. We can never pay it. It is beyond our ability to do so. We can only show our gratitude, by doing our best to carry out what must ever be the dearest wish of our Lord and Master, and that is the bringing to the peoples of earth, who sit in darkness, the great Light of the World. Oh, how can we enjoy all these blessings, and know that so many are in the dark and do so little to bring them into the light! There is so much to be done. The work seems to be so great, and the difficulties so many, that we are led to cry out from the very depths of our hearts "Who is sufficient for these things?" The answer comes sure and quick "Our sufficiency is of God." Our trust is in Him, He is our helper. But we can claim His help only as we use the means at our disposal. This many of us are not doing, and the consequence is the work is hindered, Paul plants,

Apollo's waters, and God gives the increase. This is very different from the way it is used so often in the prayer meetings of the church. We are plainly taught that the increase is given, at or after, the planting and the watering never beforehand, or without them. It is ours then to scatter the good seed here, there and everywhere, and keep on doing so until every square foot of earth shall be covered with the seed of the Kingdom—and water the same with our prayers and devotion—until the whole world shall be one harvest-field and all God's people shall be reapers, gathering in the golden grain from the fields of sin.

Mr. Higgins writes: From Kishugga we went up some 40 miles to Ichapur. We have some Christians there. The medical officer in the hospital is one of our members, his wife is a Christian, but belongs to the London mission. Their six children are bright, promising children, and I started a Sunday School for them. There will be fruit there some day soon. I purpose going up to Ichapur once a month for the benefit of those Christians. During that tour Brethren Sanford and Archibald joined me at Kishugga, and we went to Sompet for one day, to buy land there for a Mission Station. We found a lovely site on an elevation about 50 rods from the highway, and about 500 from the town. Part of the site is upon a knoll, and will cost almost nothing, the rest is only about half an acre, and can be obtained on a perpetual lease, by simply paying a dollar or two a year as tax. Later on I visited the place again, and got the form of application made out. Mr. Sanford is to apply for it to the R. J. A's agent in Vizianagram. We hope to have a man located at Sompet in the near future.

It is a perilous thing to separate feeling from action, to have learned to feel rightly without acting rightly. Feeling is given to lead to action. If feeling be suffered to awake without passing into duty, the character becomes untrue.—F. W. Robertson.

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