

## W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER.

For the Northwest Mission. The work among the Indians and all the laborers, that this year there may be a great ingathering of souls. For the officers of our Union and Missionary Societies.

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Telugu Land Illustrated!

PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS OF INDIA.

Mr. Higgins has made out a revised list of his Indian views and a copy of this list with prices for the different views may be had free on application to the photographer from whom the views are to be had. His address is Mr. J. B. Wallace, Douglas Ave., St. John. Send at once for a list of interesting views.

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New Canada.

In April last a Mission Band was organized in connection with the New Canada Baptist church, with a membership of seven, which has since increased to eighteen. The Band meets once a month and the programme consists chiefly of exercises on our own Mission field with readings and recitations. The Band has adopted the Mite Box system for raising money. A successful concert was given by the Band three weeks ago and a collection was taken for Missions.

MINETTA CRANDALL, Sec'y.

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Frederickton.

Last October our Mission Band, the Wright Willing Workers, was organized, after its holiday, with new officers and adopted a constitution. The officers are: Pres., Miss Vega Creed; Vice-Pres., Miss Nellie Haveland; Sec'y., Miss Rita Phillips; Treas., Miss Pearl Smith. We decided to direct our attentions to Home Mission work until Christmas and our leader, Mrs. Clark, prepared interesting lessons on Home Missions in N. B. Each member drew a map of the province, placing in it the mission stations and self-supporting churches. After our lessons and any necessary business were over, the remaining time given to our meetings was spent in sewing. Thus we were able, with the aid of liberal contributions from the Ladies' Aid and B. Y. P. U., to pack a large box of clothing, bedding, literature, Christmas cake, confectionery and toys. This, with \$5 for literature, etc., was sent to the Rev. Mr. Mueller, Winnipeg. We considered ourselves more than repaid by the letter which we received from Mr. Mueller. A little before Christmas the Band met at the residence of one of the leaders to pop corn and make candy bags. By selling these and filling orders for making articles, we added to our funds. Since Christmas we missed some meetings, but those we held were very interesting. About the time that spelling matches were so popular the Band had one on the names of N. B. Mission stations and churches. Our lessons on Home Missions were continued, more orders were taken and filled, and another quilt begun. June 23 the Band gave a social and concert, partly to raise money and partly as a fitting close for the year's work. The sum realized was eleven dollars. The membership of the Band is thirty-two. The amount raised for Foreign Missions, \$15. The work of the Band has been enjoyable and, we believe, beneficial.

ETTA G. PHILLIPS, Sec'y.

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Hantsport.

The Missionary Aid Society met at the parsonage on the afternoon of October 5. There were eighteen sisters present. Meeting opened with prayer and reading of the Scripture by the President, Mrs. D. E. Hatt. An interesting letter from October Tidings was read by the President, which caused us to think deeply on this subject and to realize more fully the needs of our sister in the far off land, and our own blessings and privileges. There was a number of our older sisters present, who can not meet with us often. The fervent prayers of two of them, Sisters Mrs. Geo. Johnson and Miss Annie Dorman, especially touched our hearts. We were also very glad to have our former pastor's wife, Mrs. P. S. McGregor, with us at this meeting.

Crusade Day was spent by the W. M. A. S. in this place very pleasantly, and we hope profitably as well. First, we all had a season of prayer in the morning at our homes, then the pastor's wife and some of the sisters that could go, spent the afternoon in calling on other members and trying to get new ones. In the evening we had a devotional and social gathering at the parsonage, when our hearts were cheered by having two new names added to our membership list. Altogether we felt that the day was one to be remembered and to be thankful for. It was resolved at this meeting that a "self denial" offering be made by the members in the near future for the purpose of making another sister a life member.

B. MITCHNER, Sec'y W. M. A. S.

## Foreign Missions.

Having something of an encouraging nature to communicate, I send a few lines for the Missionary column.

Our Aid Society still retains all its old members, and during the past year some new names have been added. For sometime we had been considering how we could best awaken a greater interest in the cause of missions and, at length, decided to hold a public missionary meeting. We accordingly invited Mrs. J. Gunn and Miss Gray to assist in this undertaking. Both responded in such a way as made our meeting a success, Mrs. Gunn giving a map exercise and Miss Gray, by word painting, bringing most forcibly to the minds of her audience the deplorable condition of those among whom she had been laboring. Shortly after this Rev. W. V. Higgins gave a lecture on India and its people, illustrating with stereopticon views. This we felt to be most helpful, and as the scenes were presented to us, we longed to do more toward sending the True Light to this land of heathenish darkness. A few months ago a Mission Band was organized in connection with the Sabbath School with Mrs. Samuel Evans as President, and we feel that under her care much good will be achieved. Previous to this some six little girls formed themselves into a Band, deciding, by their own efforts, to raise money to help along the good work. A garden party was held and as a result they found themselves the possessors of eight dollars. Two dollars of this amount being the share of Estella and Constance Preston, members of the Baptist Sabbath School, were handed to the treasurer of the M. A. Society. We see that it only needs a will and we all can do something. If we cannot give our dollars let us give our mite, being assured that under God's blessing we may thus be the means of giving the gospel to the lands where the saving power of Jesus is unknown.

Mrs. G. H. LAWRENCE, Sec'y.

Acadia Mines, October 23.

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DEAR SISTERS OF THE W. B. M. U.:

You have never yet heard from this portion of the Lord's vineyard. This is partly owing to the fact that we have no Aid Society, yet the cause of missions is not dead in our hearts. Our people are so few and so scattered that it seems impossible for the sisters to get together to form a society. But we are always ready to take advantage of any opportunity that arises for the advancement of the cause of missions. A year ago this month Miss A. C. Grey spoke to us in the Oak church. She gave a very thrilling account of her work in India. Again on the 27th of last month she spoke in the Baptist meeting-house in New Annan. Her talks to us of the great work in India have so warmed our hearts with love for God and a desire for the salvation of the souls of those in heathen lands that we do not expect to again grow cold. Sister Grey has a large place in the hearts of the people of this, her native place. We feel assured that she has been called of God to the work in India. Let our prayers unitedly arise, that the good cause may still prosper.

MRS. HETTER M. DIMOCK.

River John, October 13.

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## Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

Foreign Mission Offerings.

All who have anything to do with our Foreign Mission work know how hard it is to meet the wishes of everybody who wants to do something to extend the work of the Lord Jesus in the world. No rule can be laid down to meet all cases, men and women will think for themselves. They have their own idea as to how they would like their money expended.

Many send it to the Treasurer to be applied as the Board may elect. Others select some department of the work and express the desire to have their offering devoted to that particular object. They say, we want our own man or Bible woman who can report to us; we want to hear from them direct, because we want to be interested in them and to have them interested in us.

Now this is not a bad way for beginners in Mission work. It is a good way, a very good way. It calls out the spirit of benevolence in some individuals as nothing else will do. It is the most direct way to that man's heart which when once reached will lead him to take a more enlarged view of the work of the Master. It is something definite, and therefore to be commended.

There is another method which is not to be commended, and that is to send money direct to the missionary for some special department of his work. This way of doing is very likely to work mischief unless the missionary himself is very careful. At the beginning of each year the missionary sends to the Board that he shall need for the ensuing year \$ to carry on his work. These estimates are carefully gone over by the Board and adopted or modified as the case may be, and each quarter a

remittance is sent by the treasurer in accord with the estimates previously submitted by the missionary and adopted by the Board. Now it is very clear that if a number of persons shall send their offerings direct to the missionary he may get a great deal more than he has asked for and the Board has agreed to give him. When this becomes known it has a bad effect upon the other missionaries who confine themselves strictly to their appropriations, and is unfair to the Board who often are in great stress in making their regular remittances. The best way is to send all offerings through the Board. They know best what the needs are and where they can be best expended, and everything can be so arranged as to keep the work in the best possible condition. Avoid friction if possible on any occasion for it. It is a great deal better for a brother, or sister, or church, or Sunday School, or B. Y. P. U. who want to do something definite to specify their gift, say for a native preacher, or Bible-woman, or colporteur, or pupil in school, etc., without asking for the name. The object desired is the same and does away with many embarrassments. A school may support a certain person today, but tomorrow the helper may be married and may not be in the employ of the mission. Yes, brethren, designate your contributions if you so desire, but do not ask for the name of special individuals. Let the money be given to the work for the work's sake in the name of the Master, and teach others so to do and it will be better for all concerned. J. W. MANNING.

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## Home Missions—The Present Condition.

A brief statement of the present condition of Home Missions in Nova Scotia and P. E. Island will not be uninteresting to all who sympathize with this department of the Master's work.

In N. S. according to the present grouping there are 34 fields receiving more or less aid from Home Mission funds. In P. E. I. there are 7 more. During the summer about all of them, at fields, have had regular pastoral labor. At present seven are unsupplied. Two of these seven are so weak financially that the Board may not attempt to supply them during the winter. The others should have regular services. Rev. A. F. Baker is the only general missionary now in the employ of the Board.

The indebtedness of the Board at the close of last year was \$1,412.89. The income so far this year has not equalled the expenditure, so that the debt has increased rather than diminished. Applications for the renewal of old grants are coming in, and churches not aided last year are asking for help. Such, brethren, is the condition of our Home Mission work at present. For this work we ask your sympathy, your prayers and your contributions. Wolfville, N. S., Oct. 25. A. COROON, Cor. Sec'y.

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