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### W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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#### PRAYER TOPIC FOR OCTOBER.

That special blessing may rest upon all departments of our mission work for the coming year. That pastor and church members may be more deeply impressed with their responsibility in the great matter of sending the gospel to all the world.

The W. M. A. Societies of the county held quite an interesting session at Sydney Mines, on the afternoon of September 14th. Seven Societies were represented by delegates and the reports were encouraging and hopeful. An address by the President, Miss Lewis, on "Witnessing," and a paper by Mrs. Schurman, giving well chosen gleanings from the Telugu Report, made up the solid part of the exercises, while very pleasing choruses by the children, a solo from Miss Musgrave, and a recitation from one of the little girls added greatly to the interest of the service. At the close of the meeting a Society was organized of six members, with good prospect of growth. Mrs. Whitman, the pastor's wife, was chosen President, and under her leadership we believe success is assured. Mrs. Oram was elected Vice-President, and Mrs. A. Hearn, Treasurer; the other officers to be chosen at their next meeting. We are glad to welcome this addition to our ranks. The afternoon collection amounted to \$4.30. S. HARRINGTON, Sec. C. B. Co.

July 11.—It was a red letter day for our Mission Circle in North Sydney when we met at the home of our President, Mrs. W. G. Johnstone. Every member was present but one. Meeting opened by singing, Stand up for Jesus. Mrs. John Armstrong presiding at the organ. President then read the usual Scripture lesson; followed with prayer by the pastor. After the reading of the minutes came "Roll Call" each member responding with a verse, bearing on the promises. The visiting sisters then gave short addresses, and one of much encouragement was given by Mrs. Schurman, on the trials, and courage of small circles she had known. Pastor then gave a short account of his visit to the Association held at Canso, which went to show a real Gospel feast had been enjoyed.

Miss Annie Moffatt favored the meeting with a select reading. Showing how one of his workers laid down his life for Christ's sake. Next came a pretty recitation by Miss Elinor Johnstone, little daughter of our president which was quite an applause. Meeting closed by singing and Benediction by the pastor. Let us hope that all we have done, and given has been for his honor and glory. A bountiful repast was served by our genial hostess and we all felt that we were one in his service. MRS. L. I. HULL, Sec'y.

The W. M. A. S. and M. B. held a very interesting public meeting in the Lockport Baptist church Tuesday evening, Sept. 20th.

The Rev. C. Munro (Methodist) kindly gave an address on Mission work. Bro. S. S. Pool, of Sable, spoke on the great commission Christ gave to his followers. Bro. Colwell of Osburne gave some facts and spoke of the financial progress of missions.

The M. B. provided singing and recitations, we spent an enjoyable and profitable evening and judging by the bright and interesting faces we hope for a larger band of mission workers in the near future. Collection \$7.63. M. C. McKAY, Sec'y.

Beaver Brook branch of the Brookfield church observed Crusade day on Sept. 14th. A very interesting programme was given consisting of music, recitations, and papers. After a social hour and tea Rev. F. E. Hoop gave an interesting and stirring address on the Christians' duty toward missions. Our W. M. Aid is not yet two years old, but we have been greatly blessed in our united efforts to work for the Master.

MRS. ORKELMAN.

#### HANTS COUNTY BAPTIST CONVENTION AT RAWDON.

After an absence during which we retained sacred memories of this institution, we attended the sessions held in Rawdon on Sept. 5th and 6th, to find the personnel largely changed. There was Deacon Masters, of Summerville, almost a stranger, with face a little more transparent, "as the outward man decayeth" but with clearer spiritual vision and larger outlook on the "harvest fields." Then there was Mrs. Nalder, the Cor. Sec'y. for the W. B. M. U.,

fresh from her baptism of service among the young girls of Windsor, and fitted thus for great spiritual power. There were a few others whom our readers who have gone out from this county strengthened for suffering or service, by the spiritual food found in this old-time quarterly meeting, would recognize, but one is more immediately impressed by the change of the human side of the work; but from the other side—"Lo, I am with you alway" is very apparent. The meetings from the first one were marked by spiritual power and deep solemnity.

The meeting of Tuesday p. m. was under the auspices of the W. M. A. Societies. The Cor. Sec'y. presided and a spirit of humble prayer pervaded the meeting, where the presence of Him who still accepts the "sacrifice of a broken and a contrite heart" was very near. Mrs. Nalder gave a beautiful practical address on "Types of Women," that will not only linger in the memory, but bring forth fruit in more prompt obedience to the leading of the Spirit. Rev. Mr. Snilling of Walton, sang two solos, and Rev. M. W. Brown, a former beloved pastor of this church, Rev. Mr. Slaughterwhite, the present esteemed pastor, and Mr. Wall, the President of the Convention, each contributed largely to the result of forming an Aid Society in this dear old church from which has gone out so many strong and efficient workers in the great field "of the world."

The new Society starts with a membership of eighteen and every element of success. The Cor. Sec'y. was very much encouraged by this long looked for fruit of labours among these dear, kind people whom we shall never forget. M. H. B.

### A Call and an Appeal.

To the pastors and churches:

DEAR BRETHREN: The time has come for our Foreign Mission Board to make a distinct advance in its work. The absence of two mission families from the field and the necessity, at an early day, for one or more of the lady missionaries to take their furlough renders it imperative to send reinforcements to the front at the earliest possible moment, unless we are prepared to lose much that has already been gained.

It is true, that apart from the proceeds of the 20th Century Fund, our income scarcely warrants an advance, but when the past is considered and how manifest has been God's guidance, all these years, he would be a poor learner indeed if he did not see written in lines of light on every page of our mission history the words "Go forward."

The Board has read the lesson, has heard the voice, and have been seeking guidance from on high. They have asked the question "Where is the man or men who will respond to the Divine call? Where are the women ready to take the places of those who must soon seek the much-needed rest from their arduous toil? It was thought that at least one woman was in sight for the work; but at the last moment word came of a sudden break-down. Better, that now, than after full preparation and on the way to India. 'Disappointment' is a word that faintly expressed the feeling of the Board when the announcement was made that Miss Parker could not go this autumn.

However, what was there that could be done? God's hand was in it sure, but why? No answer that could be given was satisfactory. We were left in the dark, and it was very dark. The need was great, never greater, as far as could be seen, and the supply for that need was nowhere in sight.

The cloud lifted, the darkness disappeared, when it was learned that W. L. Archibald of Lawrencetown, N. S. had it in his heart to carry out the purpose, long cherished, of devoting his life to work in India, should the way open for him to do so. Correspondence was entered into with this brother, which has resulted in his receiving an appointment to our mission staff. The denomination is to be congratulated in having such a capable representative in the mission field. Mr. Archibald is well known as a man of high attainments, of broad culture, of fine business instincts and whole hearted and devoted to his work as a Christian minister. Those who know him best love him most. We believe that he has in him all the elements that go to make a first rate missionary.

Mrs. Archibald will be a helper to him in all the varied duties incident to the work to which he has given himself. We bespeak for them and their two little children the prayers and sympathy of all lovers of our Zion. And now brethren, beloved of the Lord your practical help is solicited that we may make this advance without financial embarrassment, we shall need \$700 for passage to India this month, and \$800 per year for two years for support after they reach their field of labor and all this in addition to present requirements. We shall require \$4,000 every three months for our work in India, besides what is required

to meet the expenses of those at home in furlough.

If you will all lend a hand now, the need will be met, the heart of the missionary will be made glad, the Board will be greatly cheered, the work will prosper and the name of our Christ will be glorified. Brethren let your responses be prompt and continuous.

Yours in the work,

J. W. MANNING, Sec'y-Treas.

### A Christian's Trust.

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER.

I know not what the future hath  
Of marvel or surprise,  
Assured alone that life and death  
His mercy underlies.

And so beside the silent sea  
I wait with muffled oar:  
No harm from him can come to me  
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift  
Their fronded palms in air;  
I only know I cannot drift  
Beyond His love and care.

And Thou, O Lord, by whom are seen  
Thy creatures as they be,  
Forgive me if too close I lean  
My human heart on Thee.

"One thing have I desired, that will I seek after; that I"—in my study; I, in my shop; I, in my parlor, kitchen or nursery; I, in my studio; I, in my lecture hall—"may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." In our "Father's house are many mansions." The room that we spend most of our lives in, each of us at our tasks or at our work-tables, may be in our Father's house, too, and it is only we that can secure that it shall be.—Alexander MacLaren.

What the religion of Christ desires of us is not that we should alter the outward form of our life, but that we should infuse a new spirit into it, even the spirit of Christ. It is not that we should renounce the business or occupation or profession formerly ours, but that we should carry it on henceforth, realizing it to be a way in which God is with us, by which He is leading us, through which He will bring us to a promised heritage at the last.—Andrew Bruce Davidson.

In a recent sermon, the late Dr. Geo. C. Lorimer said: "The sails of the ship speed it on its way, not as swiftly in the day as in the night, for in the day the sun opens the canvas and the humidity of the night closes it and offers it a firmer bosom to the wind. This is true of man. Tribulations teach him sympathy with others and draw him closer to others, and they impel him over the deep."



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