

## Foreign Mission Board

### W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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#### PRAYER TOPIC FOR MARCH.

For Tekali that a manifestation of the Spirit's power may come in great measure upon its missionaries and helpers, that they may be used in the conversion of souls. For the officers of the Woman's Missionary Societies.

### Correction.

The name of the W. B. M. U. Secretary for Guysboro, is Mrs. C. S. McLean, not "McLean" as printed in our issue of March 2.

### Getting Acquainted with China

HETEN, SH. AUSTIN, SHAOHING.

Everything had been very civilized and comfortable until we left Shanghai for Shaoching. Then the new and novel began. If we could only have had a snapshot of our departure from the hotel, twenty-two coolies, loaded and hilly, with wheelbarrows loaded with our freight, blocked up the street, while we in six junks brought up the rear. We went as far as Hangchow in a very large houseboat, quite gaudily carved and gilded with eyes on the front—for how can a boat see where to go without eyes—and were towed along with five other houseboats by a wee stream launch. That night we slept on wooden shelves, but the scraping of the rushes against the bottom of the boat, the loud calls of the men, and above all, the remembrance of the hosts of native occupants of the boat, whose acquaintance we had made in the evening, kept us from resting much.

#### A BOAT SLIDE.

On the second morning our troubles began: the launch left us, and the boatman refused to row us up to the city as he had agreed to do, claiming that the water was too shallow for such a heavy boat. For an hour Mr. Bousfield argued and threatened, and finally we started. On the way one has to pass from one canal to another on a higher level. There is no lock but an incline of about five feet, plastered with shiny mud, up which the boat is drawn by means of windlasses worked by men. We got out on the bank and watched this interesting performance, for there were a number of boats to go up before ours. It was bitterly cold, and we sat huddled up on some bags of rice with our feet off from the damp ground. After awhile we were aware that a man was speaking to us, so we called to Mr. Bousfield to interpret, and found that he was saying that he was ashamed to ask it, but would we be kind enough to remove ourselves from his miserable rice as he had to load it on his boat. We removed ourselves, laughing. It came the turn of our boat at last, and we watched with breathless interest, for the ropes were so worn and rotten, and our boat was so heavy with all of our furniture. We took picture of the men pushing, but it is so incomplete without the noise they made. Try to imagine twelve men on either side of the bank, the heavy strain would come upon them at a time, pushing against the bar, and they would suddenly bend over, put their shoulders against it, and begin shrieking in such a fierce way, like insane men, for about half a minute, then stop, and the next set would take it up. It was indescribable. They shouted even worse as our boat slowly moved up, but just as it was almost over that miserable old rope broke, and back it slid as neat and slick as you please. It took a long time to patch up the rope with some better from our boat, and then they tried again, and to our great relief succeeded. It was such a pretty journey the rest of the way to the city gate: the city walls are so picturesque, covered with a clinging vine, the gray stone battlements standing out against the sky. I have just grown to love them, and there is a walk on the Shaoching wall. It is ten miles around, and gives such a beautiful view of the hills and surrounding country on one side and the city on the other.

#### A HORRIBLE CUSTOM.

On top of a high hill was the "Baby Tower," though Mrs. Bousfield told us that there is a penalty for using it now but it does not stop the dreadful crime. Heathen women take the new-born baby girls and put them out in the cold, just neglecting them, and they die very soon and nothing is said. Too many mouths to feed, and girls are so expensive. Sometimes they are sold as slaves, and that is why missionaries have adopted them, to save them from a horrible life. A man's wife is his property, and he can kill her if he so chooses. A woman can kill her children, and it is not murder. Only a month ago Mr. and Mrs. Bousfield rescued a man from his mother and brother. He was an invalid, a burden to the family, so they were strangling him in the presence of neighbors. He was unconscious when rescued.

### Amounts Received by Treas. Mission Band.

FROM JAN. 29 TO FEB. 29.

Central Chebogue, support of Bahara Cowpa, F. M. \$10; Lower Canard, F. M. \$2; Aylesford, F. M. \$10, H. M. \$9.65; Bridgetown, F. M. \$5, H. M. \$5; Yarmouth, support of children in Mrs. Churchill's school and to constitute Gordon Cann life member, F. M. \$17.90; Brookville, F. M. \$1.63; Centreville, N. B. F. M. \$1; Grande Ligne, H. M. \$7.75; Advocate, H. M. \$5; Lockport, F. M. \$13.29; Hopewell Hill, F. M. \$5, H. M. \$5; New Germany, F. M. \$4; Lawrencetown, to constitute Mrs. E. H. Trueman life member, and for support of "Picnic" Hospital, F. M. \$21; St. John Tabernacle, F. M. \$5, H. M. \$2; Port Hilford, F. M. \$12.28; Annadale, F. M. \$1.10;

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

Pastors and churches will be glad to learn that Miss Flora Clarke has passed her final examination and is to be transferred to Bimlipitam where she will be associated with Miss Newcombe in the conduct of the work at the station, more especially in connection with the school for boys, Mr. Sanford is to have the oversight of the work as missionary in charge, owing to the absence of Mr. Gullison, Miss Martha Clark takes Miss Flora Clarke's place at Tekkali and will be associated with Mr. Higgins and work upon his field. Miss Clark has special aptitude for touring, etc. She will find ample opportunity for the exercise of all her gifts in this direction.

Mr. Glendenning will make his home for the present year at Parla-Kimedy. This will bring them in touch with the Savata people among whom he is to labor, and will enable him to study the situation to better advantage. A permanent location will be among the questions which he, with his brethren will be called upon to solve. Mr. Higgins in addition to the work which taxes his strength, will have the oversight of the work in the Parla-Kimedy field. He will be greatly aided in the discharge of his onerous duties by the efficient help which Miss Harrison will be able to render along with that of Mr. Glendenning.

We are glad to note that Mr. Glendenning has passed his second exam. and Mr. Freeman his first, who is also well along toward the second.

It will also be a matter of interest to the Young People of our churches to learn that at the last meeting of your Board, in response to a request from the Executive of the B. Y. P. U., Mr. Freeman has been designated as the Young Peoples' Missionary. His support, in whole or in part will be assumed by them, that there will be mutual gain by this arrangement does not admit of a question. It is hoped that the work of missions will grip the hearts of our young people as never before, and while their interest may centre around a person, it must inevitably reach out and take in the work as a whole. The Board has been gratified to note this advance on the part of the Young People.

That the support of a missionary in the foreign field by individual churches is a growing one, is evident to any reader of mission work in connection with different denominations. The secretary of this board in his own responsibility has been an earnest advocate of this plan. There is no good reason why a church that is able to do so should not have its own pastor and a representative on the foreign field, or that two or more churches should not continue to support a laborer in the foreign field. Please read the following in respect to the work of some Presbyterian congregations and individuals in Canada.

It is worthy of note that the expenses of all the missionaries of the Canadian Presbyterian Board who have recently been sent out to the foreign field have been provided for from sources outside of the regular channels of revenue. Dr. Waters is the missionary of Central Church, Toronto, and supported by them. Mr. G. M. Ross of China, is supported by St. John's Church, Toronto, and Mr. Harold M. Clarke, by two gentlemen in St. James's Square, Toronto. Mr. R. J. Davidson is the missionary of Knox Church Stratford, and supported by that congregation. Mr. W. A. Lochead, of Montreal College, who will go to Honan next fall, will have the travelling expenses of his wife and himself paid to China, and his salary paid for a year by a gentleman whose name is not yet given for publication. Miss A. I. Dickson, of Fenelon Falls, a graduate of Toronto University, and with two years' experience in Y. W. C. A. work in Peterborough, who will next fall go to the new mission in Macao, the province from which most of the Chinese in Canada come, will be supported by the Woman's Missionary Society of Montreal.

At the last Board meeting the Secretary had the privilege of announcing that Miss Eva D'Prager of Vizagapatam has given to our Mission Board her property at that place

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which is valued at Rs. 10,000, retaining a life interest in the same. Those who met this lady a few years ago, when on a visit to this country, can understand the spirit which prompted such a generous act. She had already given Rs. 3,000 to the Savara Mission. We are glad to learn that Miss D'Prager has recovered from her serious illness and has resumed work at the hospital at Vizagapatam.

An urgent appeal comes from the missionaries for two more families and two or more single ladies to be sent this Autumn.

#### WORLD MISSIONARY STATISTICS.

"The Missionary Review," for January, gives an admirable table of missionary statistics, which is of considerable value. They are in the main accurate as the figures have been taken from the official reports of the different societies which are represented in the foreign field.

The total receipts for all societies of the world are \$19,069,809. The total number of members are 1,414,179, and the additions to the churches were 66,360. The total receipts for all the societies in America including gifts in the fields themselves, were \$7,576,221. The members numbered 432,765, and the additions were 37,487.

In the United States, the Congregationalists are down for last year in contributions at home and on the foreign field for \$917,216 with 59,585 members and 5,002 additions. The Northern Baptists raised \$836,830, have 113,418 members and there were added last year 7,553. The Southern Baptists raised \$233,889 have only 8,880 members and the additions were 17,900. The Disciples gave \$207,709 have a membership of 3,284, the additions numbered 531. The Methodist Episcopal North raised \$1,330,289, have 84,430 members and had 4,637 additions. The same body South raised \$366,180 have 12,906 members, and 1193 additions. The Presbyterians North raised \$1,083,809 have 46,540 members and 5,227 additions. The same body South raised \$179,152 report 5,270 members, and 890 additions. The Protestant Episcopal body report 461,646, with a membership of 5,829 and additions 467.

It will thus be seen that though there are at least two other denominations that raise more money for missions than do the Baptists, yet the latter report the largest number of members and the greater number of additions during the year. The cost per member is of no practical value since there may be special reasons for the difference as between any two denominations. Some of these are spending large sums in denominational schools and mission training seminaries. Look e.g. at these figures. The Congregationalists have 1368 schools and 66,236 scholars; the Methodist Episcopal 1181 schools and 39,666 scholars, the Northern Presbyterian 764 and 27,370 scholars; the Northern Baptists have 1406 schools and 37,844 scholars. Baptist missionaries are pleading for the establishment of schools, when the future ministers, public schools and other teachers, and the mothers and the fathers of the future, can be brooded over and trained more perfectly in the doctrines and spirit of the gospel.

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