

W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY.

For Mr. and Mrs. Corey and Miss Clark, that many souls may be won to Christ in Kimidy, through their efforts. That Miss Clark's health may be completely restored.

Feeling assured that nothing is so interesting to our readers as news from our missionaries, he gives extracts from a letter just received from Miss Harrison: "At length your four missionaries have reached India, and no pen can tell you how thankful we are. Of course that language is the great barrier to personal work, yet we shall ever remember that the study of the Telugu is the work the Lord would have us do for many days. I love the language already, and although I cannot understand anything yet, I feel that it will not be long before I shall be able to speak, and am looking forward with pleasure to the study of it. This comes, I believe from the fact that so many are praying that we may rapidly acquire this strange tongue. The voyage was a most pleasant one. We enjoyed sweet Christian communion with many of our fellow passengers. Every morning we had prayers for all the second saloon passengers, and many who were not Christians attended.

We landed at Bimlipatnam on the 24th of December and were made to feel at home by the missionaries. A most cordial welcome I can assure you.

I would like to tell you a little about the sights, but Mrs. Churchill says we must soon start for Bobbili. Saturday morning about forty beggars gathered at the gate, and Mrs. Morse had her Ayah divide a rupee's worth of rice among them. While this was being done, and after Mr. Morse gave them the gospel. They sometimes say at home that the missionaries overdraw matters and color them too highly. It is impossible in this case. I cannot describe the motley crowd, the lame, the halt, the blind, the leper. One leper especially made us question if it would be possible for a *viler* creature to exist.

The picture of misery cannot be too highly colored. I too must take up the call "Send more laborers." I would like to describe Christmas, but all that time will allow is simply to say that it would do the kind friends of the missionaries good to see the faces of their dear ones, as the parcels bearing their names are received. We were busy and happy all day. In the evening we went up the hill to the great Hindu Temple. It seems so empty to us, we wonder how the natives can cling so tenaciously to these horrible idols, when the gospel of Christ is preached in their midst. Prejudice and caste have closed their hearts. God grant that His Holy Spirit open them for the entrance of the truth. One realizes that God alone can do this, when they stand face to face with heathenism. Mr. and Mrs. Gullison left us early this morning for their new home at Vizianagram. They are so happy to be there. If you could have seen and heard us at the service yesterday you would have rejoiced with us all in being at last among our own Telugu.

Miss Newcomb is to remain with Mrs. Morse until after conference. She has received an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, at Chicacole, to take Miss Wright's place, as she leaves in March for home.

We leave in a few hours for our home in Bobbili. Mr. Sanford seems quite well and strong, is glad to have company in that big, empty house. How lonely he must have been there the past two years.

On the 7th of Jan. five ladies residing at Athol, members of three Baptist churches, organized a W. M. A. society. Mrs. J. W. Boss, president; Miss Angie Delaney, secretary-treasurer. We are few in number, but expect that others will soon unite with us in helping on the great work of sending the gospel to our sisters in dark India. As our society is in its infancy, we ask the prayers of our older sisters in the Union that we may be strengthened in this good work and our numbers greatly increased. The fact that Miss Harrison has gone from our midst should be the means of stimulating all the societies in this region to greater effort.

ANGIE DELANEY, Secretary.

Annandale W. M. A.

For some time my mind has been turning toward our beloved column in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. We cannot report any increase in members. The faithful few are strong in His might.

In November we held a public Thanksgiving service conducted by the president. Our pastor, Mr. Whitman, gave a very fine address on Thanksgiving. The programme was splendidly carried out, consisting of recitations, songs, solos and exercises. Proceeds \$6.54. In January we held a social, it was a wild, stormy night. We raised \$20.40, a part of which is to go for missions.

M. R. H.

Springfield.

Our Aid Society was reorganized during the N. B. convention in Sept. last, since which we have slowly and surely been gaining ground. We now number fourteen with a good prospect of increase. Our meetings are small in number, but full of interest. As we meet together to pray for our loved missionaries and their work, we feel our interest in missions quickened and our faith strengthened.

Yours in the bonds of Christian love.

M. L. PERKINS.

Minutes of Executive.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Executive of W. B. M. U. was held on Tuesday, 9th inst., in the mission room, Germain St., the president in the chair. Sisters present: Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Alwood, Mrs. Harding,

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Mrs. Masters, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Daley, Miss Fritz and the corresponding secretary. The meeting was opened by reading the 40th chap. Isaiah, and prayer by Mrs. Masters. The minutes of last executive meeting were then read and approved; after which the secretary presented the quarterly financial statement from the treasurer; which was adopted. The president read a letter from Miss Wright stating that she expected to leave India in March, and will if all goes well be at home about the middle of April.

The corresponding secretary read an interesting letter from Miss Clark, telling of improvement in health, and also of the joys as well as the discouragements which come to the workers in the foreign field. A letter bright and interesting, the first one we have had from Miss Harrison, was then read by Mrs. Manning. The reports of Mrs. Cox, provincial secretary for N. B., for Nov. and Dec., were then given, and on motion were received. Mrs. Cox recommended Miss Flora Clark of Petitcodiac as corresponding secretary for Westmorland. On motion this appointment was confirmed by the board. A letter from Dr. Sawyer was read by Mrs. Manning, in which he suggested the advisability of the W. B. M. U. doing something to assist young ladies who wished to attend the seminary, with the purpose of preparing themselves for mission work. After discussion the matter was referred to the next annual meeting.

On motion the corresponding secretary was instructed to send a note of sympathy to Sister Cowan, who is now in deep affliction on account of the death of her husband. Adjourned, after closing prayer by Mrs. Gates.

M. S. EVERETT, Cor. Sec.

Amounts received by the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U. during Quarter ending January 31st, 1897.

Received from Nova Scotia W. M. A. S., F. M., \$28.90, H. M., \$218.22, total, \$1,147.12; N. S. Mission Bands, F. M., \$143.26, H. M., \$2, —\$145.26; N. S. Sunday Schools, F. M., \$37.45, H. M., \$9.50, —\$66.95; N. B. W. M. A. S., F. M., \$429.20, H. M., \$45.71, —\$474.91; N. B. Mission Bands, F. M., \$14.58; N. B. Sunday Schools, F. M., \$31.63; P. E. Island W. M. A. S., F. M., \$89.80, H. M., \$11.80, —\$101.60; P. E. I. Mission Bands, F. M., \$16.36, H. M., \$10, —\$26.36; P. E. I. Sunday Schools, F. M., \$5; British Columbia, F. M., \$2.25; annual reports, \$13.30; Tidings, \$10.95; bequest Mrs. Mary A. Ritchie, Everett, Mass., \$100. Total, \$2,139.91.

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Paid Rev. A. Cohoon, Treas. H. M. N. B. and P. E. I., \$70; Mrs. Cox (salary), \$50; J. W. Manning, Treas. F. M. B., \$1,675; H. E. Sharpe, Treas. N. W. M. and Indian work, \$175; Joseph Richards, Treas. G. L. M., \$100; R. G. Haley, Treas. H. M. Com. N. B., \$40; J. S. Titus, Treas. H. M. N. B. Com., \$10; Annual Reports, \$34; Wrapping, mailing and postage on same, \$3.73; Printing Tidings, \$5.50; George E. Day, (printing), \$1; Drafts, discounts and postage, \$4.13. Total, \$2,188.36.

MARY SMITH, Treas. W. B. M. U.

Amherst, February 3.
Amounts received by the Treasurer of the W. M. B. U. from January 27 to February 7.

Mahone Bay, F. M., \$5.25, H. M., \$2, Mission Band, F. M., \$10; Gabarus, F. M., \$2.40; New Germany, F. M., \$3, H. M., \$3; Port Grenville, F. M., \$5, H. M., \$6; 1st St. Margaret's Bay Mission Band, F. M., \$2.06; Fredericton, F. M., \$28.50, H. M., \$4.75, Reports, 50cts, Tidings, 25cts; St. John, Germain Street, F. M., \$17, H. M., \$3.50; St. E. Margaree, F. M., \$5; Foster Settlement, F. M., \$5, Mission Band, \$2, Tidings, 50cts, Reports, 15cts; Moncton, F. M., \$27; H. M. N. B. Com., \$10; Wolfville, H. M., \$12.70; Paradise, F. M., \$4.40, Mrs. Kinley, toward Miss Newcombe's salary, \$1; Bristol, F. M., \$4.50; Chance Harbor, F. M., \$2.98, H. M., \$1.04; Port Elgin, F. M., \$2.75; St. George, 2nd Falls, F. M., \$6; Bridgewater, F. M., \$2.25; Truro, (no letter), \$14.37; Centreville, Tidings, 25cts; Parrsboro, Miss Jenk's S. S. class of boys, G. L. M., \$1.25; Lunenburg, F. M., \$4.25; Amherst, F. M., \$25; Yarmouth, Temple church, F. M., \$16.75; Reports, 70cts; Tidings, 12cts; Lawrencetown, F. M., \$8.30, H. M., \$4, Miss Newcombe's salary, \$3, Tidings, 75cts, Reports, 15cts; 2nd Chipman, F. M., \$7; Annandale, F. M., \$5, H. M., \$5; Walton, F. M., \$4.25; St. John, Leinster Street, F. M., \$9, H. M., \$4; Little Glace Bay, F. M., \$6, H. M., \$1, thankoffering, H. M., \$1; Bridgetown, F. M., \$7.54, H. M., \$1.46.

CORRECTION.—In the list of acknowledgements in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR of February 3rd, Temple church, Halifax, is credited with F. M., \$5, and a life member for H. M.; it should read Tabernacle church, etc.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY

Evangelization is the one word that deserves to be emblazoned on the banners of the believing host. The one immediate, imperative duty of every follower is to become a "herald." To bring this gospel of life into contact with every living, human soul in the shortest possible time and the best possible way—that is evangelization.

The scheme is a colossal one. It fills the whole of God's word. History, prophecy, parable are instinct with its life. God's gigantic plan of evangelization embraces the whole family of man. That family consists at the present time of 1,500,000,000 of souls now living upon the earth. More than one half of this number have never yet had a copy of the Word of God, heard the sound of "the glad tidings" or even seen the face of a missionary. There are some 30,000,000 of evangelical Christians within the territory of a nominal Christendom, and the problem is how to bring this 30,000,000 into living touch with the more than 750,000,000 who have not heard the gospel, in the shortest possible space of time.

This is the problem. And we had better face it in

downright earnest or its unfulfilment will face us in the last day, to our dismay and confusion. Said a deacon of one of our prominent churches, the other day, to the writer of these notes, "I find it hard to get up any interest in Foreign Missions." And why? pray. Because of a false conception of what it is to be a Christian. No man can have a true idea of the Christian life and be indifferent to or lack interest in the work of saving the world. Does this deacon, who represents quite a large class in all our churches, ever ask himself, "Whether the Lord Jesus found it hard to get up any interest in him, and keep that interest at a burning point?" My interest in the work of saving a lost world will be just in proportion to my interest in the person and work of Jesus Christ Himself. Any deacon might well question the reality of his Christian experience whose heart finds no response to the call of his Lord to give the gospel to those who have never heard it.

The evangelistic activity of the first century gave place to secularism and selfishness. A 1000 years of the dark ages succeeded, during which Christianity scarcely survived. The Lutheran reformation revived apostolic doctrine, but not apostolic practice. It lacked active evangelism. The world had to wait three centuries more before Christians recognized their duty and debt to a lost world. And many of them have not truly recognized it yet.

The bulk of Christian disciples do not feel their individual responsibility for the lost. Too much is done by proxy. The question, as it is too often presented, is too vague and general. And the preaching on the subject lacks that distinct and personal element which makes all true preaching effective. It has too little of that which marked the address of Nathan to David, "Thou art the man." Once let the entire membership of the churches become impressed with the idea that the giving of the gospel to a lost world is a personal matter and cannot be overlooked or omitted without positive loss in power, and a new day will dawn upon the Baptist churches of these provinces.

Mr. Churchill reports that he has baptized two more converts. Mr. Archibald reports having baptized one recently. The new missionaries are taking hold of the Telugu with commendable diligence. We hope that the time will soon come when the language will so take hold of them that they will be able to tell the "old, old story" over and over again, in its sweet simplicity to those who have been so long sitting in the "region and shadow of death."

Receipts for Famine Fund.

Little River, W. M. A. S., \$2.50; A brother, \$1; S. McCully Blac., \$2; Blissfield, (Doaktown Sect.) \$6.25; Mrs. J. C. McNeil, \$1; Germain street church, \$31.35; "Ruth," \$2; Mahone Bay church, \$7; Edgar D. Shand, \$5; Mrs. G. R. Marshall, \$5; J. S. Triton, \$5; New Germany Station, per W. V. H., \$4.55; Mr. Baker, Riversdale, per W. V. H., \$1; North Baptist Sunday school, \$10; James Boyle, \$2; "C," \$1; Main street church, \$19; Hazelbrook church, P. E. I., \$18.36; Total to Feb. 13th, \$124.01; Before reported \$26.25; Total to date \$150.26.

J. W. MANNING, Sec'y Treas.

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