

## Foreign Missions.

### W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:

"We are laborers together with God."

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#### PRAYER TOPIC FOR SEPTEMBER.

Thanksgiving for God's blessing during the past year. That the good influence of the Conventions just held may result in more devotion and zeal in carrying forward the work of the Lord.

#### Notice.

At Havelock, N. B., on September 11, at 3 p. m., a public missionary meeting will be held under the auspices of the W. M. A. S. Addresses will be given by our returned missionary, Rev. G. Churchill, and others.

During our Convention in Truro we were delighted to have brought before us a Model Mission Band. This was one of our most interesting and profitable exercises. The following little poem was written by one of our Mission Band girls in Carleton for the occasion:

#### Cry of the People.

Do you hear the people weeping, O my sisters,  
In their home so far away?  
Waiting, watching for the morning,  
For the dawn of Christian day.

Crying,—Send us light, we live, we die in darkness;  
Dark, without one ray of light,  
Let the brightness of the message  
Chase away the shades of night.

Blindly still our heathen gods we vainly worship,  
Though they never hear our prayers,  
Tell us, is there One, who loves us?  
One, who for His children cares?

Some, but oh, how few, have heard there is a Saviour;  
We would hear of Him as well,  
Help us quickly, ere we perish,  
Haste! the wondrous story tell.

Christians, ye who know the love of Christ the  
Saviour,  
Hear, oh hear, our pleading cry;  
We are groping in the darkness,  
Come and help us, or we die.

—ETHEL MAY CROSSLEY.

#### Report of Wright Willing Workers' Mission Band, Fredericton.

Last October our Mission Band was re-organized, after the holidays, under the leadership of Miss Isabel Babbitt. The meetings were held every Monday night at 7.30. The time before Christmas was devoted to Home Mission work and sewing in preparation for a box which we decided to send to Rev. Mr. Mueller, Winnipeg. On December 10, a barrel, containing warm winter clothing, books, toys, Christmas cakes and candies, was sent to Mr. Mueller. Since Christmas, Mrs. J. W. Spurdin has been our leader. Foreign missionary work was commenced and we decided to prepare a box to send to India the first opportunity. Business meetings were held every fortnight, and the sewing meetings every alternate night. The lessons were given at the business meeting. The first country which we studied was China. Each member was asked to find out all she could about that country and its people, and when lesson night came a very interesting programme had been prepared by the leader, consisting of papers on the geography, people, products and missions of China, appropriate recitations and songs. Japan was studied in the same way. The leader was careful to make the lessons profitable to the older members and within the understanding of the youngest. Once or twice object lessons were given by some friend of the Band, and once we heard an account of the work done by ladies among the poor children of New York city. One evening the ladies of the Band prepared a surprise for the girls, and after the lesson we were treated to ice cream and cake, and a very social time was spent. In May a Doll's "At Home" was held. The ladies parlor and primary class room of the church were very prettily arranged. Along the walls were arranged tables on which some interesting scenes were depicted. On one side there was a log cabin scene, beside it was a school—desks, books, slates, blackboard, teacher and pupils, in miniature. Directly opposite was a hospital, containing some thirteen patients, suffering from various diseases. A doctor was just performing an operation, a nurse in uniform was attending, and a college girl was looking on. Two other nurses were on duty. The whole was a most exact and complete imitation. A large doll house, made especially, was fitted up with four compartments—parlor, dining room, bed room and kitchen, each furnished appropriately. On another side of the room a

young couple were being married. The bride was very becomingly attired in white, and the groom and minister looked interesting. Further along the bridal party was going away. There was the coach with the trunks, the train, the rice, and old slippers. In the middle of the room four dolls were having a tea party, and partaking of tiny biscuits, cakes, blanc-mange and tea from very tiny dishes. Four old ladies, with knitting, sewing, etc., sat round a table having an afternoon chat. There was a large doll on a very small bicycle, dolls in carriages, perambulators, beds and cribs. There was also a very pretty bed room with white furniture; beside it was a very life-like picnic scene. In all there were about one hundred and twenty dolls. The rooms were open three afternoons and evenings; admission ten cents. Home-made candy, ice cream and lemonade were for sale. A music box provided entertainment as well. The "At Home" was well patronized and the proceeds amounted to \$46, \$20 of which has already been sent to aid in erecting the Tekkeli building. Great pains has been taken by the leader and ladies of the Band to make the meetings instructive and enjoyable, and great interest is taken in it by the girls. The Band was closed in June for the holidays. It was thought that some little account of our work the past year might be helpful to other Bands.

ETTA G. PHILLIPS,

Sec'y "Wright Willing Workers."

#### Moneys Received by the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U. from August 13 to August 30.

St Stephen, Mission Band, F. M., \$25; River Hebert Mission Band, toward Mr Morse's salary, \$5 60; the daughters of the late Mrs Silas Corbett, Amherst Point, in memory of their mother, \$25; Gibson, F. M., \$1; Mrs Clinch, F. M., \$2 50; Germantown, F. M., \$4; Miss Gray, New Annan, toward Tekkeli building, \$3; Sackville, Tidings, 25c; Cape Tormentine, Tidings, 25c; Salem branch of 1st Hillsboro, F. M., \$8.70; Cavendish, Mission Band, support of Amelia, Miss Clarke's Biblewoman, \$13.20; collections, annual meeting, Truro, F. M., \$7.22, H. M., \$15.60; Special offerings toward Home Mission deficit, \$17; Pennfield Centre, F. M., \$5; White Rock, F. M., \$5.25; Parrsboro, Miss Jenks' S. S. class, G. L. M., \$1; Rockland, F. M., \$2.50; Forest Glen, F. M., \$5.75; Sunday School, F. M., \$1; Brookfield, Tidings, 25c; Billtown, Mission Band, toward Mr Morse's salary, \$7; Homeville, Tidings, 25c; Middlefield, S. M. W. thankoffering, toward Tekkeli building, \$2; Canard, to constitute Mrs Edward Eaton a life member, F. M., \$25; Doaktown, F. M., \$3.75.

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

Amherst, P. O. Box 513.

CORRECTION.—Mr. Nelson Forest's gift acknowledged in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR recently should have read wives instead of wife. It was in memory of both the first and the second Mrs. Forest.

## The Convention.

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Dr. Keirstead and others, and the Convention finally adopted a motion offered by H. C. Creed to the effect that Mr. Morgan's resolution with the whole question of the desirability of reducing the membership in the Convention, and the method of doing so, if done, be referred to a committee of three to report next year.

Rev. Dr. Carey being called to the chair, Dr. Steele presented his report on the Grande Ligne Mission work. The report showed that for various reasons data were not obtainable for a statement of the work of the year. More funds were needed and it was proposed that the Sunday Schools should be called upon for a contribution to the funds of the Mission during the coming year.

Rev. R. O. Morse said he had obtained information which showed that the Grande Ligne work had prospered during the year. After some remarks from Revs. Dr. Saunders, A. Coburn and B. H. Thomas respecting the French work in Digby County, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Communications reported through Rev. G. J. C. White on the letter from Archdeacon Brigstocke in reference to religious teaching in the public schools as follows:

In reply to the request of the Committee of the Synod of the diocese of Fredericton, asking for a Committee to be appointed by this Convention to confer with Committees of other religious bodies in regard to the matter of teaching religion in the public schools, the Committee report that, in view of the historical attitude of this body respecting the relations of Church and State, the Committee does not deem it advisable to comply with the request.

The report was adopted.

In reference to the enquiry of Mr. R. G. Haley respecting the disposal of certain Home Mission moneys in his hands, Mr. H. was authorized to pay the same over to the Treasurer of the N. B. Convention, to be applied in payment for Mission work performed while the Committee of the Convention was acting in concert with the Board of the N. B. Convention in Home Mission work.

The tabled report of the Treasurer of the F. M. Board was taken from the table, and, after some explanations from Mr. Manning in reference to certain items in the account and answers to questions in respect to the Bradshaw trust funds, the report was adopted. It was stated by Rev. J. A. Gordon that, though there had been shrinkages in the value of certain of the securities held by the Board, there had not been any loss resulting from investments made by the Board.

The following notice of motion was given by Rev. J.

B. Morgan: That the following be substituted for Sec. 2 of Art. III. of the Constitution:

Each church connected with any of the above named Associations and contributing annually toward the objects of the Convention shall be entitled to send one of its members to represent it at any meeting of the Convention and an additional delegate for every fifty dollars contributed to those objects during the year; but no church shall be entitled to send more than five delegates.

In connection with the report of the committee on Home Missions in Manitoba and the Northwest, some discussion arose. Rev. A. J. Vining spoke at some length on the work and its needs. He urged the necessity of larger contributions from the Maritime Provinces. President Trotter and others of the brethren, while sympathizing very heartily with the Northwest and British Columbia work, felt that no canvass should at present be entered upon on behalf of those interests which would be likely to interfere with the success of the effort to secure the \$75,000 absolutely essential for the educational work.

Rev. B. H. Thomas gave notice of motion to change the Convention scheme so as to give 15 per cent. of the denominational funds to the Northwest and British Columbia.

Convention adjourned shortly after twelve o'clock and a large number of delegates took the afternoon trains for their homes.

## Contributions to Port Elgin Church Debt.

Mrs. C. P. Allen sends to the MESSENGER AND VISITOR for publication, a list of contributors and the figures indicating the amount contributed by each, to assist in paying the interest on the Port Elgin church debt. The total amount contributed is \$39.60. Contributions of those giving one dollar and upwards are as follows:

R. T. Keilor, \$5; J. W. Hicks, \$2; F. Magee, \$2; A. Friend, \$1; J. Hamilton, T. Magee, Mrs. C. P. Allen, C. Chappell, W. W. Wells, S. McC. Black, J. G. A. Belyea, O. Keith, A. F. Brown, Thomas Ogden, Miss Clark, each \$1. The balance, being in small sums, would take a larger amount of space than can be afforded to acknowledge individually. The list can be inspected at this office by anyone interested.

## Sunday School Convention.

On Sunday, August 27, the Queens County District Baptist Sunday School Convention was held at Thorn-town. Reports were received from the Sabbath Schools, showing one addition since last session, and the others in the district, with one exception, actively engaged in the work.

An excellent paper was read by Miss Mary J. Hetherington, on "The Duty of Baptist Sunday Schools in connection with the coming Plebiscite," and on motion of the convention was submitted for publication.

At the evening session Rev. A. B. MacDonald gave an opening address. F. W. Patterson spoke on The Secret of Success in Sunday School work. A paper on What and How to Teach in the Sabbath School was read by E. G. MacLean. Rev. E. K. Ganong then addressed the meeting, his subject being, Value of Christian Training. Music was furnished by the choir. Collection amounted to \$1.88.

The sessions were interesting, instructive and encouraging to Sabbath School workers; and we trust that their influence may be felt throughout the Sunday Schools of the District.

ANNIE L. BRIGGS, Sec'y-Treas.

The Pall Mall Gazette says it has received from a source in which it has every confidence, information showing that the Anglo-German agreement was signed this week by Mr. Balfour and the German ambassador on behalf of the respective powers. Continuing, the Pall Mall Gazette says that while the agreement is restricted it embraces an offensive and defensive alliance in certain eventualities. The Gazette adds: "This new and momentous departure in our foreign policy comes as a natural development of the European situation."

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