

Foreign Mission Board

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR AUGUST.

That the blessing of the Lord may rest upon our Convention and his presence and spirit pervade every session. For the sorrowing ones in India that they may be greatly comforted and sustained in this dark hour.

Notice.

The W. B. M. U. Convention will be held in Woodstock, N. B., Aug. 19-21. Executive meetings will be held on Tuesday 18th. All delegates to this Convention will please send their names to Mrs. Z. L. Fash at once. The Entertainment Committee will not hold themselves responsible for free entertainment for names received after August 10. A post card will be sent to each delegate whose name is received in time. It will be necessary for all the officers of the Union and members of Executive to go to Woodstock on Monday, 6 p. m. train. If they wish to remain in St. John over night the train leaves at 7 a. m. every morning arriving at Woodstock about noon. Those coming by Prince Rupert can take a street car to the depot. We are hoping for a good representation from our Societies. Will our W. M. A. S. not pay the expense of their pastor's wife, and some other who perhaps could not otherwise attend?

Travelling Arrangements for the W. B. M. U. Meeting in Woodstock, N. B., August 18, 19, 20.

Delegates must purchase first-class full rate one way ticket to Woodstock or St. John, and obtain from the ticket agent a certificate to that effect. Through the courtesy of the P. E. I. Railway and Steam Navigation Co. officials, delegates from P. E. I. can obtain through tickets to Woodstock. Tickets will be issued August 15-21, good to free return up to August 24 on presentation of certificate of attendance.

The Intercolonial Railway, the Dominion Atlantic and the Salisbury and Harvey Railway will give a free return ticket providing there are ten or more delegates in attendance. The Canadian Pacific Railway will give a free return if 100 or more are in attendance.

NOTE: Delegates neglecting to procure Standard Certificates will not be entitled to any reduction.

August 1. Sec'y W. B. M. U.

The Women's Aid Societies in connection with the "Summerville" and Brookville churches have done excellent work during the past year. Mrs. M. C. Higgins has been a very devoted and earnest worker among a faithful band of workers. Three successful mission bands have been organized since Pastor Higgins and his wife came among them, and it would be hard to find anywhere more interested children and young people. One young girl gave from her own hard earnings \$5 to help make a life member of the Summerville Mission Band. They also gave a most interesting and instructive concert a few days ago, at which the members passed very creditable examinations in the work of the year as given in the "Mission Band leaflets." At Brookville they are earnestly endeavoring to enrol their numbers as high as fifty. We hope and trust they will as faithfully try to grow in knowledge, as well as in numbers and that many will learn the way of salvation through this effort. Two public mission meetings were held during the past week and although the weather was greatly against us, on one occasion a goodly number assembled. They were, we trust, more than repaid by listening to the earnest and eloquent address of Sister Higgins who very kindly consented to speak in place of Mrs. Nalder who through illness was prevented from attending.

We trust the County Secretary for Hants, who has in the past been so faithful and earnest, may soon enjoy her usual good health after retiring from "Evangeline Beach, where she has gone to recruit her tired nerves.

Before closing, special mention must be made of the very faithful efforts of Mrs. Mattie Sanford, who kindly assisted as organist during the past winter.

On Aug 12th, an informal Band meeting was held at the residence of Sister Higgins and at her request the Prov. Sec'y addressed the children and on their behalf presented Miss Sanford with a Life Membership Certificate. It was a very genuine surprise to the young lady who replied in a few gracious words of thanks. Ice cream and cake were served, after which the Band adjourned for a few weeks' holidays.

Woman's Work in Missions.

BY MRS. T. A. MOORE.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" is binding on us all, men and women alike. We are here as Christians to help bring the world to Christ

and to engage in the great warfare of conquering the world for Christ.

I shall speak first of women's influence in the home. Whatever is the spirit of the wife and mother will be the spirit of the family. Worldliness in the mother will create worldliness in the home. On the other hand where the mother loves the Lord supremely you will find a home of consecration. Of course you will find exceptions to this rule. This obligation upon us mothers to leave the holy impress upon our husbands and children is mighty, and we should in no wise evade the responsibility. "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world" is a trite, but none the less true, proverb. I cannot conceive of a mother on fire with a zeal for the cause of Christ that will not leave a wholesome impress upon her offspring. Here is the fountain head of all missions. If our children are blessed with the true spirit of missions they will go out from the home as missionaries. They carry with them into the world the spirit of the home they leave. We mothers can find a way, if our hearts are in the work, to send the gospel by proxy, if we cannot go ourselves. I know of one woman who yearned to go to the foreign field as a missionary, but being denied that privilege stayed at home and taught school to pay the salary of another woman that did go. "Deny thyself, take up my cross daily and follow me." I want you all to read the little tract, "The Things that Remain," written by Miss Heck, and apply it to your daily lives. These falling to the earth. They make the mould that enriches the soil out of which springs the germs of the acorn. Out of the acorn comes the sturdy oak, and from the oak other leaves and other acorns. Let us scatter these little leaflets. They are inexpensive and a child can use them. Every Christian home might become a Tract Society. But beyond the home there is a field for woman's work. Some women have money, and it should be consecrated to the Lord. The gospel has done more for women than it has for men. In heathen lands women are slaves for men; in Christian lands she has been elevated to her proper sphere, and she should be more zealous if possible in freeing her sisters in heathen lands to the same exalted condition. The money we spend on foolish and vain things would carry the gospel to "every creature" on God's beautiful earth. Here is a clipping I took from The Standard, I will read it:

"Review of the Mission Work of the World, by Robert N. Barrett.—Sometimes in our solicitations for benevolence we meet with poor people for whom we feel a deep sympathy. A gentleman near Boston was asked to give something to the Agassiz Museum. He was favorably disposed, and said he would consult his wife. Soon he reported that he and his wife had gone carefully over their accounts and found it impossible to give anything, as their expenses were \$700,000 a year, and their income just amounted to that. His case was met by that of another who when asked to give to a worthy object replied, 'I am sorry I cannot give you anything. I have \$500,000 in bank and it isn't drawing me a cent. We should pray for such poor brethren as that, who are so tied up that they never know the joy of giving.'

We should know more of what our women of the South are doing in organizing work for missions, and if you will subscribe for and read the Foreign Mission Journal you will become more interested in the work. The Woman's Missionary Union at Baltimore raised last year for foreign missions \$31,757.65; for home missions, \$45,203.77; for Sunday-school Board, \$6,305.31. This includes boxes sent to frontier missionaries. Sisters, we live on the frontier, and our churches are being helped by this board of consecrated women. Shall we receive from them and give nothing in return? If so we deprive ourselves of a sweeter blessing, for Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Let us organize in every church in our association a Woman's Missionary Society and get to work. We can help our own board on the plains by contributing something every year to the support of the pastors who are laboring on small salaries, trying to develop the weaker churches, and help our colporteur in his great work of reaching the destitute homes and communities.

But we should look also beyond our own association. "The world is the field." Our light should shine into every corner of the earth. The brightest lights shine the farthest. Those who love home missions only show that their zeal is too feeble to reach beyond the sea. Let me read to you a clipping from a tract written by Mrs. Maynard, one of our missionaries to Japan: "No one can measure the influence of a Christian home as presented by a true devoted Christian mother in a heathen land. So let us take this appeal to heart, not only for Japan, but to all lands, and do what we can to help them to the true light. We all know how wonderfully Japan has developed in the last few years socially and educationally, accepting our western civilization, but not appropriating our religion, which is the backbone of our civilization. May we as women feel the worth of a human soul as our Saviour felt it, and I am sure we will work and pray, and give of

our means to help bring the world to worship at his feet. May the Lord forgive us for our past indifference and carelessness, and awake us to our full duty and privilege. We can do much if our heart is in it, and the Lord will be sure to bless the sowing. You may have all heard how the Lord blessed the efforts of a young lady to bring our beloved Diaz to Christ. How she visited him daily while he was lying sick in the hospital a stranger in a strange land. How she would read to him and pray for him, although in a foreign tongue to him. How the Lord aroused in him an interest, and through the reading of a New Testament in his own tongue, which she obtained for him, he was induced to give his heart and life for Christ. What a wonderful work Diaz, of Cuba, has done we all know. Little did that young lady know of the blessing in store for her." Despire not the day of small things. Remember the promise, "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not." "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Quarterly Financial Statement

W. B. M. U., JULY 31ST, 1903.

Rec'd from W.M.A.S., N. S.	\$2223 21	\$649 88	\$2923 09
" " " N. B.	944 45	157 43	1101 88
" " " P. E. I.	227 32	97 24	324 36
" " " Tidings			18 98
" " " Annual Reports			5 75
" " " Leaflets			15 57
" " " Illu. India			9 25
			\$4398 88

Paid Treas., F. M. Board	\$343 75
" " N. W. Mission	481 00
" " Indian work	227 09
" " G. I. Mission	317 50
" " N. S. and P. E. I. H. M.	294 50
" " N. B. H. M.	286 50
" " Printing sketch of mis. work	30 60
" " Catalogues	4 00
" " Tidings and leaflets	21 60
" " Pro. Sec., Nova Scotia	7 00
" " " New Brunswick	10 00
" " " P. E. Island	1 57
" " County Secretaries	3 75
" " Asso. Directors	6 27
" " Sup. Mission Bands, N. S.	3 10
" " " " N. B.	3 74
" " Drafts, discounts, postage	8 69
	\$3750 66

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

Aug. 3rd, 1903.

Foreign Mission Receipts.

Miss Saunders Sup. Bible Woman \$21; North Baptist church Sunday school sup. of P. David \$40. Total \$61.

SUPPORT OF MR. GULLISON.

Windsor B. Y. P. U. \$28.66 Mrs. G. B. Smith \$5.00 Total \$33.66

SUPPORT OF MR. GLENDENING.

West Onslow church, \$6.25; East Onslow church, \$5.25; Junior Union, Zion church, Yarmouth, \$5; A Sister, Windsor, \$5; Germain street church, St. John, \$3; Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Manning \$25; Liverpool M. B. \$10; Parisboro W. M. A. S. \$10; B. Y. P. U. Temple church, \$7.00. Total to August 3, 1903, \$76.50.

J. W. MANNING, sec. treas. F. M. B.

Eruptions

Pimples, boils, tetter, eczema or salt rheum, Are signs of diseased blood. Their radical and permanent cure, therefore consists in curing the blood.

Angus Fisher, Sarnia, Ont., and Paul Keeton, Woodstock, Ala., were greatly troubled with boils. Mrs. Delia Lord, Leominster, Mass., had pimples all over her body; so did R. W. Garretson, New Brunswick, N. J. The brother of Sadie E. Stockmar, 87 Miller St., Fall River, Mass., was afflicted with eczema so severely that his hands became a "mass of sores."

These sufferers, like others, have voluntarily testified to their complete cure by

Hood's Sarsaparilla

This great medicine acts directly and peculiarly on the blood, rids it of all humors, and makes it pure and healthy.

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