

Foreign Mission Board

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR APRIL.

For the manifestations of the Spirit's power upon Tekkai and its missionaries. That a large number of the Savaras may be won to Christ and special blessings given to the newly-appointed missionaries. That God would bless our mission bands and greatly increase their numbers.

The Scorn of Job

Job xxxi. 17.

"If I have eaten my morsel alone!"

The purblind spoke in scorn:
What would he think of the church were he shown
Hitherden, huge, forlorn,
Godless, Christians, with soul unfed,
While the Church's alms are fullness of bread,
Eating her morsel alone?

"I am debtor alike to the Jew and the Greek,"

The mighty Apostle cried:
Traversing continents, souls to seek,
For the love of the crucified,
Centuries centuries since have sped;
Millions are famishing; we have bread,
But we eat our morsel alone.

Ever of them who have largest dower

Shall heaven require the more,
Ours is science, knowledge, power,
Ocean from shore to shore;
And east and west in our ears have said,
"Give us, give us your living Bread,"
Yet we eat our morsel alone.

"Freely as ye have received, so give"

He bade, who hath given us all,
How shall the soul in us longer live,
Dead to their starving call
For whom the blood of the Lord was shed,
And his body broken to give them Bread,
If we eat our morsel alone?

—By the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe.

"What can I do?" said an earnest woman after the recent conference. "What can I possibly do to extend the Kingdom of God? Six children and a very small income make it necessary for me to give my entire time to cooking, cleaning, and mending. How is it possible for me to do anything outside?" We have seen those six children growing up to be consistent Christians: the little lady is the mission band, eagerly handing out their tightly packed boxes; the older girls the mistress in the Parthen Lights Circle, which their dear mother had been instrumental in starting. No time for "work outside," but when there has been such splendid work inside she may certainly be excused. A true Christian life multiplied by six is not a bad return. Mothers are vastly more important in the Kingdom of God than are Boards or Churches or League of circles or bands. Get into your hearts the thought of the kingdom and it will glorify cooking and mending. It will creep into the hearts and lives of those boys and girls, who will do in years to come the thing your heart yearned to do. It is the home work for foreign missions that tells, that results in money and men and women. Give the children to God unreservedly, and then bring them up for him, sharing your best and highest ideals with them.

As a result of my recent visit to India, I reached some conclusions that I would like to abbreviate sufficiently to form a telegram to every hard-headed business man, the non-professing Christian, who may be a generous-hearted giver for education, the earnest, praying Christian man and woman, eager to do the most that can be done with money, and to every thoughtful college student and Sunday-school scholar.

In all my life I never saw such opportunity for investment of money that anyone sets apart to give to the Christ who gave himself for us. As I looked at little churches, schools and hospitals, and inquired the original cost of buildings and expense of administration, I felt a lump of regret in my heart that I had not been wise enough to make these investments myself, yet there are others left. I appropriated some that you cannot have, and wished a hundred times I had known twenty-five years ago what I learned a half a year ago; But I can take you to as many as good, if you will—Hon. John Wanamaker.

Report of Somerset Branch of the Berwick W. M. A. S.

As we are only a branch of course our numbers are necessarily quite small, but we are I trust keeping up the interest in our sisters beyond the sea. During the years 1901, 1902 we had the privilege of bestowing the honor of life membership on one of our sisters. Owing

to financial depression we have not been able to do that this year, but we have tried to do what we could. On the 13th we held a parlor social at the home of one of our sisters, an excellent musical entertainment was given, refreshments served, silver collection taken amounting to \$10.61. We do not feel satisfied but we are still hoping to learn more of the work, get a deeper interest, and do more in the future.

Yours in the work,
MRS E. P. SANFORD, Sec'y.

Lewistown.

The mission band in connection with the Lewistown Sunday School held a social gathering at the home of the Secretary, Mrs. W. C. Snow, kindly opened for the occasion. The social was a kind of winter picnic: each one bringing a basket of good things for luncheon. It had been previously arranged, that each member of the band should bring some useful article for furnishing the new wing of Grande Ligne Mission. Quite a number of useful articles were received for that purpose and subsequently sent to Mrs. J. Gunn of Belmont, N. S. After tea was served to the children, the older people were admitted at 10 cents each, and treated to recitations and singing by the band children, interspersed by gramophone, violin and piano selections. Ice cream and cake were then served, after which all went to their homes feeling well satisfied that they had spent an enjoyable and profitable evening. Proceeds of the evening were sent to the hospital, Calcutta, India.

ADA M. STEARNS (Pres).

On March 12th, 1903 the Wallace River, W. B. M. A. S. met at the home of Mrs. Charlie Fisher. Our Society, which was reorganized Jan. 15th, 1903 is gradually growing. Beside part of the old members, new members are added occasionally. Notwithstanding the bad state of the roads, our President drove a distance of over ten miles to attend the meeting, also four of the sisters walked over three miles. But none present were sorry they put forth such effort to attend the meeting, as we had a good service and we trust each one present was strengthened and encouraged to unitedly help on with Missionary Work.

MRS L. M. HUNTER, Sec'y

Valley Church Surrey, N. B.

Our W. M. A. S. was organized by Mrs. W. B. Boggs in March 1878. Since then interest and members have been increasing and decreasing alternately. We now number twenty-seven and we trust these weak instruments are wielded by a mighty hand. Sometimes it has seemed to be all up hill work, but we know the Master has walked beside us all the way. The twenty-fifth anniversary was observed Sunday March 22nd. The principal feature of the evening was an address by our pastor, Rev. M. Addison, after which the Secretary briefly reviewed the past history of the Society. The remaining part of the programme was provided by the members of the mission band "Golden Rule." It is especially gratifying to see our younger sisters taking an interest in the work. This means more perhaps than we fully realize at present. May they not be satisfied with doing a little but only with doing their best. The offerings amounted to \$5.20.

ALMEDA EDGORT, Sec'y.

Edgett's Landing, March 24.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

The reason why so little progress is making in our work as a denomination for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in the world may be accounted for by the fact that the great work of missions has not fully gripped the great majority of the members of our churches. The reason why we do not make greater progress in the home land is because so little is done for the unsaved in heathen lands. There is not one of our fields that could not find room for at least an additional laborer and these fields could be multiplied indefinitely as the most superficial observer knows. And our Home Mission work could be greatly increased also, if only the means were forthcoming.

But this is not all. There is a reflex influence that hinders as well as one which helps the work at home. When a church does her duty in helping to carry out our Lord's last great command, she will be blessed largely in her local work. If she fails at this point she will lag at the other also. There are churches, and pastors too, more the pity, that concentrate all their efforts upon the home church, and the consequence in too many instances, is financial embarrassment. And this will be the case so long as this suicidal policy is pursued. Heaven's windows will never be opened to such a

church, because, there is disobedience to the plain, positive command of the Lord to that church—to preach the gospel to every creature, and this she does not try to do. There are those who say, let the motive be what it will, "if these Christians believe in Jesus Christ, as they say they do, and that the heathen are lost without the gospel, why do they not go to work with all the earnestness of their souls, to send, or to carry, the glad news to those whom they say are perishing." We must admit that our gifts and labors are not commensurate with the great truths which we advocate. We ought, therefore, to be consistent, to "strive" to bring our "doing" and "giving" up to our "saying."

Our Missionary to the Savaras.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:—To those of you who like myself had no personal acquaintance with our Missionary Glendenning, but who at the Convention became interested in his case and either pledged yourselves, or churches, or societies to stand by the Board in his support, this extract from a private letter received from the clerk of the church in which he preached last summer will no doubt afford a pleasure equal to that which it gave me. The emphatic characterization was of course not intended for the public and serves my purpose all the better on that account, says my correspondent:—"We found Glendenning to be a man as I would suppose something after the pattern of a Harding or a Manning. In fact I considered him as near perfection in every way as it is possible for a man to attain. If this chance to meet Bro. Glendenning's eye I have no fear it will do him harm to know that his fellow helpers appreciated and loved him, and to those of us who are trying to hold the ropes it certainly gives great encouragement to know that our dear missionary is a man so eminently fitted to represent us as the ambassador of Jesus Christ to the 200,000 Savaras. Surely this ought to send a thrill to all our knees striving together with him that his ministry may be in demonstration of the spirit and in the power of God (otherwise our money is lost and he like one who beateth the air); and equally ought it to stir the liberality of the too large number who persist in shutting up the windows of heaven by robbing God of his tithes and offerings. It is a great mistake to think that a man can rob God with impunity; the account will be evened up somehow, somewhere. What a power for God we Baptists would become if baptismal profession were realized in practical experience. Death! Resurrection! And what the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe." Eph 2:19. Few even of the small country churches but could support in addition to local expenses either a Home or Foreign missionary were our blessed Lord's gospel made the absorbing ambition of life and not relegated to the position of a side show as at present. Before God there be not a few amongst us to whom opens untold privileges in a new life of service and sacrifice. Is it any marvel that which way we look there stares us in the face "the valley of dry bones?" New light upon duty brings new blessing as we walk in the light. So I have proved and others may.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

W. H. JENKINS.

Osslow, March 20.

"A dear old Quaker lady who was asked what gave her such a lovely complexion and what cosmetic she used, replied, sweetly; 'I use for the lips, truth; for the voice, prayer; for the eyes, pity; for the hands, charity; for the figure, uprightness; and for the heart, love.'"

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