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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR JUNE.

For Misses Harrison and Newcombe that they may acquire the language quickly and be prepared for service. For our Associations, that the spirit of the Lord may rest upon all present and the work be done under His direction.

Notice.

Will the sisters please remember that the N. S. Western Association will be held at Milton, Queen's Co., Saturday, June 19. N. S. Central Association meets at Chester, Friday, June 24. The Western N. B. Association at the Range (2nd Grand Lake) on Friday, June 25. Will the W. M. A. S. please send delegates to these places. Ladies mission meetings will be held at each Association.

Some Extracts from the Account of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the United States held at Washington.

How is it that each annual meeting seems the best we have ever known? Was it the beautiful city, or the charming weather, or the gracious welcome and generous hospitality, or, best of all, the conscious presence of the Holy Spirit, or all combined, which made the meetings in Washington so delightful that even the shadow of the heavy debt could cause no serious gloom. Under the inspiration of the hour it seemed only a joy to exercise the self-denial needed to lift it. It was made the subject of thought and prayer at an early stage in the Secretaries meeting on Tuesday, and eleven hundred dollars was voluntarily offered towards its liquidation. A committee was appointed to consider what should be done with it, and their recommendation, presented the next day, was unanimously adopted, viz.: That a concerted effort be made by our State Secretaries to raise the amount before July 1; that an apportionment be made to the several States, and that the schedule of appropriation for the current year should be diminished on account of it, but be on the same basis as last year, thus making the present year a test of the ability and willingness of the Society to prosecute the work without further retrenchment.

Perhaps the next most important subject considered at the Secretaries' meeting concerned the circulation of our missionary literature. All felt that a special effort should be made this year to cultivate a more intelligent acquaintance with our work.

As is usually the case, the addresses of the missionaries were among the most attractive features of the occasion. Miss Slater of Moulmein, showed the importance and necessity of our Christian schools both to natives and Eurasians, and spoke of the unused energy among the latter class, some of whom were becoming anxious to do mission work. Mrs. Kirkpatrick led us into the jungles of Upper Burma, where we were not too weary to admire the birds and flowers by the way; rested with her in crowded zayats; experienced trials with dishonest servants who did not hesitate to sell her own chickens; and watched and prayed with her in lonely anxiety by the bedside of an apparently dying child, and gave thanks with her when, almost as by a miracle, consciousness and health were restored. Neither could we restrain our tears of sympathy as she so tenderly referred to the trial of separation from these dear little ones, left for Jesus' sake, and committed in faith to his loving care. Dr. Gould, of Nellore, showed how the medical missionary was following the express command of the Lord when he bade the disciples go and heal the sick and say, "The Kingdom of God has come to you." Miss Tay, of Mandalay, depicted the women of Burma free from the trammels of caste, and in some cases controlling the expenditure of the home, yet still in the bonds of ignorance and superstition. She introduced us to one old woman who had known Judson. Mrs. Tribolet, who, as Miss Aldrich, spoke to us nine years ago at Washington, made an earnest plea for schools, since the hope of Burma is in the coming generation.

One of the last and most delightful exercises was the presentation, by Mrs. Sanford, of the eight young ladies who have been appointed to go as missionaries. Each gave a little of her experience in a way which touched all hearts. Miss Relyea said that the waiting was hard, and begged to be sent at once. Miss Minnis said she was more anxious to share in the conflict than in the victory. Miss Newell told how her heart had been given to China, and how she longed to be there. Miss Crowl had been asked to go as assistant to Mr. and Mrs. Adams in Central China, and she was anxious to respond to the call. Miss Bustard was needed by an uncle in India, and it was hard to be delayed. Miss Linker asked that not only those who go, but the parents who gave their children to go, be remembered in prayer. Miss Sutherland, a trained nurse, five years ago, signed the card of the Student Volunteers, pledged herself to missionary service if the Lord would open the way which He had wonderfully done. Miss Easter expressed her desire to stand so close to Christ that she might give the bread of life from His own hand.

Miss Durfee, in her address to these young women, exhorted them to walk worthily of their high calling, remembering always that life was more than speech; to be guided by the experience of older missionaries; and to confide in the Society which sent them forth, and which would always be true to them, and mindful of their needs. She then gave the hand of fellowship, repeating some precious promises of the Word to each. As she closed, at the touch of the organ, the whole assembly

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rose and sang, "Blessed be the tie that binds." Mrs. Kirkpatrick followed in the prayer of consecration.

Each of the returned missionaries, eight in all, then went to the platform, and spoke a few words. Then came the parting address from Miss Durfee, in which she exhorted us to carry home the inspiration of the hour, and make it effective in the work of the Society, reminding us that the battle is not ours, but the Lord's, and He it is who shall go before us. Then, in an earnest, comprehensive prayer, she committed all our cause to God, and Dr. Greene closed with the benediction.

Altogether, the anniversary at Washington must be reckoned not only as one of great enjoyment, but one full of promise for the future. In contemplation of it we "thank God and take courage."

Some Good Things From the Young Ladies' Meeting in Washington.

Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, of Rochester, N. Y., spoke on "Foreign Missions and Full Life." She said in part: "We want more light and more life. Christ himself answers our need by His words, 'I am come that ye might have life.' What a feeling of sadness we have when we see a dead nest with the little birds gone out of it! Or a home where the beautiful mother-life has been taken away! And yet far sadder are the dead lives all about us—the lives without the light of Christ's love!"

"Why should we be interested in foreign missions? Because, first, it is the most radical, fundamental expression of the brotherhood of man. Second, it is the most inclusive ideal in the world. Third, an interest in foreign missions makes largeness of nature. If we want the full life we must live the life that Jesus lived."

Miss Bustard spoke of the "duty of it." She said: "Duty is only stern to those who want to run away from it. We must go because Christ loves the African and Chinese and our other heathen sisters, and they don't know it! Can we stay home, keep all the love and joy, and give him only our friendship when he wants their love?"

Miss Sutherland told of the "beauty of it." "It is strange how God changes our duties into privileges. We always find it so in foreign mission work. Shall we not each say, 'Lord, dost thou want me to go?'"

Miss Newell mentioned the "responsibility of it." She felt that the responsibility was the same in every case, whether one worked on the foreign field or at home. "Whosoever forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

An interesting address by Mrs. Cosum, of China, followed. She spoke especially of the Chinese women, calling them "your sisters, across the seas," and told how heavily burdened their lives were even from birth, when a little one causes disappointment because "she's only a girl!" Mrs. Cosum also described the binding of the tender little feet, the betrothal of a Chinese girl, and after that, marriage, which makes her literally the slave of her husband and mother-in-law. Wife-beating is not a rare occurrence in China, and a husband may divorce his wife upon the slightest pretext.

The meeting closed, leaving many of those who listened a greater realization than ever before of the world's need of Christ, and a deeper sense of personal responsibility to give the knowledge of Christ to the world.

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ing to teach. In Woodstock College the Manual Training department enrolled 44 of the students, of whom many are preparing for some engineering pursuit. Here ten or twelve were converted. In Moulton College all but three of the 31 resident students were Christians. In moving the adoption of the report, Chancellor Wallace spoke gratefully of the many Christians and the conversions among the students; and most appreciatively of the high moral tone of the whole body of pupils, which, he said, was a gratifying tribute to the Baptist homes of the land. Mr. C. T. Holman seconded the report in a hearty address, and then Principals McCrimmon and Dicklow spoke earnest words concerning their work in Woodstock and Moulton Colleges. The first event of the evening session was the presenting of an address congratulating the Queen on her jubilee, which was received by the audience standing and singing the National Anthem. Pastor McKay of Woodstock was the first speaker, who discussed the true ideals of a Christian education. Then came Rev. Thomas Villers of Syracuse, N. Y., who in a brilliant address outlined the career of Dr. M. B. Anderson, president of Rochester University 1853-1888, and one of the greatest of American educators.

MANITOBA AND NORTH WEST WORK. Was heard of Saturday. The Indians are being evangelized by Mr. Van Tassel at Portage La Prairie, and by the heroic Henry Prince, the great Indian preacher. A young Indian is also being trained, and a lady has voluntarily taken up work on one of the reserves. Scandinavian work is being pushed energetically in the city of Winnipeg, where 54 members last year raised \$418.37, and 80 miles farther north is another church of 20 members with 2 Sunday Schools. Miss Priest is still representing Manitoba in India, and the support of missionary J. E. Davis and wife. Receipts were: Indian work, \$1,274.10; Scandinavian, \$1,362.38; Foreign work, \$428.98; Yarnie fund, \$41.05. The whole question was thoroughly discussed, the Convention foregoing a pre-arranged picnic, and giving Saturday afternoon to the discussion of the Western work.

SUNDAY.

Many of the city pulpits were opened to the delegates, and they were most kindly received where they preached. The foreign mission sermon was preached at 11 a. m., by Pastor W. W. Weeks of Toronto, from John 20: 21, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." At 3 p. m. the educational sermon was preached by Pastor Norton of Owen Sound, text, 2 Cor. 4: 5, "We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus our Lord." At the evening

service Pastor Eaton, of Toronto, preached the Home Mission sermon, text, John 1: 4, "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."

PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

The report was presented Monday morning. The book room has met all expenses, and the Canadian Baptist has paid a dividend of \$500, divided between Home Missions, Foreign missions, Manitoba work and the Superannuated society. The business manager reported 400 schools on the list dealing with the book room. In spite of business depression the book room sales have been as large as could be expected.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Mr. R. D. Warren presented the report, scholars enrolled, 38,739; teachers, 4,386; average attendance, 26,261; members of church in the S. S. 6,964; joined during the year, 1124; volumes in the libraries, 46,709. To these the churches have paid \$1426.29. These have given to Home Missions \$16394, to Foreign Missions, \$1510.25, to Manitoba, \$412.26, to Grande Ligne, \$789.69, other objects, \$748.04, expended for school purposes \$13,887.65; total collected in the schools, \$17,530.71. To this we must add \$1500.00 sent from Manitoba.

Prof. Tracey of the Provincial University, in Toronto, gave an able address on "Bible History and Theology, their importance from Sunday schools."

Pastor W. P. McKay read a most suggestive and practical paper on "Problems of S. S. work." He discussed Hymns, Helps, Papers and Libraries.

A great meeting was held Monday evening, Dr. Dadson gave one of his rousing addresses on Grande Ligne, Mrs. Owens pleaded with a woman's persuasiveness for the North American Indian. Prof. Farmer was eloquent for Manitoba. Pastor Grant was as a prairie cyclone in his vehement appeal for North West missions.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD.

Pastor Cline reported that general interest in the Board has increased in a gratifying manner. There are now 40 paying premiums. One family, a widow with three children has been placed upon the list. During the year, 7 ministers; 13 widows, and 6 children received annuities. There are certain aged pastors who must soon be placed upon the list, so that the list of claimants will soon be increased. A legacy of \$500 was received from the estate of the late Robt. Young of Simcoe.

The Treasurer reported receipts, \$3,642.88; expenditures \$2,671.10; leaving a balance of \$971.78. Pastor Porter of Brantford moved the report. Mr. Frank Sanderson of Hamilton, an expert actuary, filled a blackboard with figures, showing that the present fund is sufficient only for present purposes, and must be increased if future claimants are to be secured.

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The opening session began Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Board of managers reported, 188 societies with a membership of 8,267. A nominating committee was appointed to find a new Board of officers.

The first paper was on "Christian Culture and Character Building," by Pastor Hughson of Lindsay. Then came three five-minute papers on the "Local Society." Mr. Kerr of Woodstock discussed "Its relation to the Church;" pastor McAlpine spoke of "Its music;" and Mr. Jones of Toronto described "Its social work;" all of which were then discussed by the audience.

Mr. H. L. Stark, Toronto, read a paper showing the "Local Society and its relation to the associational and Provincial Unions;" and the assembly spent the remainder of the afternoon in discussion which was suggestive and helpful.

The Nominating Committee proposed the following Board of officers, which the convention adopted: Pres. Mr. A. Jones, Toronto; 1st Vice, L. Crosby, Peterboro; 2nd Vice, W. Williams, Montreal; 3rd Vice, T. A. Jackson, Petrolia; Rec. Sec'y Roy Echlin, Dundas; Cor. Sec'y, F. Ratcliffe, Toronto; Treasurer, A. Stewart, Guelph.

The evening meeting was most hearty and enthusiastic. "Chattanooga '97," was Mr. Ratcliffe's rallying cry; and he gave no uncertain sound. Chancellor Wallace gave one of his superb addresses on "Economy for Christ's sake;" and the convention closed with an inspiring and uplifting fellowship meeting.

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