

W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR MAY.

For Mr. Sanford and Mr. and Mrs. Gullison that their hearts may be made to rejoice by seeing the heathen brought to Christ.

On Tour at Akulataimpara.

DEAR FRIENDS—Early yesterday morning we left Kimeidi for here, the distance from the mission house is nine miles. The first four miles of the journey is over a good road, the next four is an ordinary native road, while the last mile there is really no road; however we arrived at our journey's end safely and I rather enjoyed the ride. The people had heard we were coming, so when we reached the mango grove where we were to tent, the Niadu's little boy was there, and he showed me the way to his father's house where I was to wait until the tent was pitched. A chair had been placed on the verandah, covered with a white cloth, ready for me, this was the only chair in the house and I was invited to sit in it, though part of the time I did sit on a raised platform, built of masonry, as the chair was rather rickety.

A number of people, both Christians and heathen, were assembled when I arrived and others soon came, among them the Hindu beggars, as usual, with their terrible deformities. The Niadu and his family also came, some of them were away at the market when I arrived. Many of you have, probably, seen the photo of this family among Mr. Higgins' collection. These as well as the others sat or stood around and talked.

After I had been there some time I felt thirsty and was just thinking how much I would like a glass of water, when the Niadu who had been gone a few minutes returned bringing four green coconuts, he immediately had the husks taken off of two and carefully removed the end from the shell of one and gave the coconut to me to drink the fresh water from the inside. It was the first time I had ever tasted the milk from a green coconut and I cannot tell you how refreshing it was, especially as I was so thirsty. As one quenched my thirst, he gave me the remaining one to take with me to the tent and at once sent the other two to Mr. Corey who was busy at the grove. Later on Mr. Corey came for me and we went to the tent for breakfast, and I found everything arranged very comfortably.

As this is my first experience of tent life, naturally I am interested in everything about it and really I am surprised we can be so comfortable in such a small space.

The mango grove where we are is very large; it reminds me of a large apple orchard at home. Just now many of the trees are loaded with blossoms giving promise of an abundance of fruit later on. Our tent is under a large mango tree, so is in the shade and as the tent is a double one, even at noon we do not mind the heat. When we reached the tent this morning several people had gathered, and in the afternoon others came and a number of the Christians from across the river, so we spread mats on the ground in front and the Christians sat down and we had a prayer-meeting. I wish you all could have seen that company of Christians for I am sure you would have rejoiced with us seeing so many together praying so earnestly, and singing so heartily.

Saturday.—This afternoon we visited the Christians on this side of the river, and then got into the jinnickshaw and forded the river to see the Christians on the other side. As we left this bank we could see several people coming to the bank on the opposite side to meet us and go with us to the village.

First we visited all of the Christians at their houses; at each house they showed us around, where they cooked, and their looms for most of them were weavers. One man was at work in his yard on a long piece of cloth and as it was work that needed to be done quickly, two or three of the Christians who were with us saw what was to be done and helped him to finish it. They did seem so pleased to see us. One old woman was so afraid lest we should pass her house that she came and put her arms around both of us and drew us inside.

After visiting the Christians we went to the Rajah street for the women had sent word they wanted me to come there as they were not allowed to come outside, so we went to the principal house only, for it was getting late by that time and we wished to cross the river before dark. The head man had died only a few days before, and his wife wept bitterly while telling us about his death. When he was living she was loaded with jewels but now as she is a widow every jewel had been taken off. There were several other women at her house, all nice looking but rather shy as they rarely see strangers. In fact all of the people have seen very, very few white

women, and only two white children in recent years, Enid and Frank Higgins, so Cedric was a great attraction and a crowd gathered wherever we went, and in front of this house, an extra large one, so it gave Mr. Corey and the preachers a fine opportunity to talk to them, and we trust their words will be productive of much good in some hearts.

Monday.—The Rajah women we visited Saturday sent word that we did not stay long enough at their house and want me to come again. I was over to meeting in the little chapel yesterday, and hope to visit them again soon.

MRS. COREY.

Amounts Received by the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U. from April 27th to May 10th.

Halifax, Tabernacle church, F. M. \$1, H. M. \$11.52, Reports, 60c; Fredericton, F. M. \$24.81, H. M. \$14.43; New Germany, Mission Band, F. M. \$5; Nictaux, F. M. \$11.30, H. M. \$2.70; Dartmouth, F. M. \$2.50, H. M. \$8.50; Moncton, F. M. \$10, N. B. H. M. \$10, N. W. M. \$10, G. L. M. \$5; West Jeddore, collection at an open W. M. A. S. meeting, pastor and brethren present, H. M. \$3.50; Bridgetown, F. M. \$7.77, H. M. \$3.23; Miss Newcombes salary, \$2; Indian Harbor, F. M. \$2.75, Sunday School, F. M. \$1, Tidings, 25c, Reports, 15c; Mahone Bay, Mission Band, toward Mr. Moses salary \$5; Pugwash, F. M. \$3.75, H. M. 65c, N. W. M. 50c, G. L. M. 75c, Reports, 25c, Tidings, 25c; Lunenburg, F. M. \$6; St. John, Germain St. F. M. \$16.61, H. M. \$6.39; Amherst, F. M. \$25; Union Corner, F. M. \$3; Aylesford, F. M. \$6.60; Arcadia, F. M. \$9.12; Arcadia Mission Band, F. M. \$12.78; Five Islands and Lower Economy, F. M. \$6, H. M. \$1.80, Tidings, 20c; North River, Mission Band, toward Rev. W. V. Higgins salary \$12; Annandale, F. M. \$2; Amherst, H. M. \$10; Forbes Point, F. M. \$5; St. Stephen, Easter offering, for Tekkall building \$4; Bridgewater, F. M. \$4.60, H. M. \$3; Great Village, F. M. \$6; Wolfville, F. M. \$11.50, H. M. \$4; Dartmouth, Sunday School, F. M. \$4.50, H. M. \$4.50; Springhill, F. M. \$6, H. M. \$2, Tidings, 25c; Sackville, F. M. \$16.45, H. M. \$15; Lower Sackville, Mission Band, G. L. M. \$4.05; Truro, St. Church, F. M. \$10.45; Wittenberg, F. M. \$3.75; Tryon, to constitute Mrs. William Simmons a Life member, F. M. \$25; Woodstock, Mission Band, toward salary of Mr. Gullison, \$26; St. George, Tidings, 25c.

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

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

1. The Missionary invited. "Come over into Macedonia and help us." This was the cry of the heathen for the gospel. Observe what is implied in this urgent message. (a) The significance of the cry. The cry of perishing humanity which had begun to realize its danger, for that help which can alone relieve spiritual distress—the salvation which the glad message brings. (b) The persons to whom directed. The Christian church, that is to those who have salvation in their possession who themselves received it as a free gift, and who have been commanded to make it known to others. (c) Reasons why the cry should be heeded. 1. Because it is urgent, and has been long sounding in the church's ears. 2. Because those crying are the church's brethren, who like themselves belong to Christ. 3. Because ordinary gratitude for mercy received, if not love to Christ, should impel the Christian church to respond. 4. Because without the church's aid the heathen world cannot be recovered for the Redeemer. Reason, equity, religion, say, we should send to others that which we ourselves received from others and which is the source of our most highly prized blessings.

The Great Heathen World.

Oh, Baptist disciple of Christ! wherever you are, help us to have mercy on the heathen world. You have been told how many hundreds of millions there are of them—all in the shadow of death. We are right here among them, and can confirm the worst you have ever heard about their spiritual condition. To use the language of the Scripture about them—they are "without hope and without God in the world"—"led captive by Satan at his will." They bow down to stocks and stones, and some among them worship even lizards and toads.

You hear some people around you say, "The heathen are not so bad off." They say, "How is it possible that such multitudes should be lost? It is awful to think of such a thing. Surely God will do something for them in some way or other. We, human beings, would do something if we had almighty power; and so we conclude that God surely will, for he is better than we are."

In reply to all that, it is better to take the Bible statement of the case, and not what "these men" say. The Bible says plain enough, "Without God!" "without hope!" "led captive by Satan at his will!" "dead in trespasses and sin." It is awful to think of all these men being lost. But there is another thing that is positively shocking. It is that men who have the gospel want do anything to give it to them who have it not. As for the hope that God will do something. He has done something. He has done all that is needed to save the heathen, except to send angels with the message. That one part of the work he has committed to men—to saved Christian men. He gives us the gospel, and he tells us to pass it along. It is our duty. It is a part of our pledge,

made solemnly to God when we took the gospel estate to ourselves.

By all means let us settle the question now raised. Is the gospel a trust? If it is not, but is simply a private and personal gift to ourselves, but without the slightest attendant responsibility to show it to any poor dying creature on the face of the earth, then it is not God's gospel, nor Christ's gospel, nor Paul's gospel, nor Peter's gospel, nor John's gospel, nor the Holy Spirit's gospel. It may be a narrow, selfish "old school Baptist" gospel, shriveled and stingy, but it is not the gospel that runs through the teachings of Jesus and his apostles. If the gospel is a trust, then by all means let some good scribe, well taught in the things of the kingdom of God, tell me what my share of the trust is, for I do not want to cheat my neighbor, my poor blind dying neighbor. I do not want to keep my share and his too. Let somebody deal faithfully with me.

WM. ASHMORE.

Anniversary Week at Wolfville.

The anniversary exercises begin on Saturday, May 28, and end on Wednesday, June 1. This year, as in years past, many of the friends of the institutions will doubtless desire to share the annual festivities. The presence of all such will be cordially welcomed. Arrangements of a favorable sort have been made with the Railway and Steamboat Companies, announcements of which may be found in another column, over the signature of Bro. Cohoon. In addition to the ordinary attractions of the occasion, the visit of Dr. Butler, President of Colby University, is looked forward to with much interest. Dr. Butler will preach the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning, and will make an extended address on Commencement Day. This will also be Rev. J. D. Freeman's first visit to Wolfville. Below will be found the

PROGRAMME OF PUBLIC EXERCISES.

SATURDAY, MAY 28.

7.30 p. m.—Concert by College Glee Club.

SUNDAY, MAY 29.

11.00 a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon, Rev. Dr. Butler.

7.30 p. m.—Address before College Y. M. C. A., Rev. J. D. Freeman, Fredericton.

MONDAY, MAY 30.

2.00 p. m.—Annual College Sports on Campus.

7.30 p. m.—Address before the Senate, by Hon. H. R. Emerson, Premier of New Brunswick.

TUESDAY, MAY 31.

10.00 a. m.—Class Exercises by the College Graduating Class.

2.00 p. m.—Graduation Exercises of the Academy.

7.30 p. m.—Graduation Exercises of the Seminary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1.

10.00 a. m.—Commencement Exercises of the College.

Special Address by Dr. Butler.

7.30 p. m.—Conversazione.

Wolfville, May 11.

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