

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:  
"We are laborers together with God."  
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PRAYER TOPIC.

That a great blessing may follow the meetings of the W. B. M. U. and Convention.  
Thank God for the missionaries who have decided to go this autumn to India. May the money be freely given to send them.

We feel constrained to change our prayer topic this week. It does not seem reasonable to continue asking the Lord for what has already been granted.

When we met at Sackville there was no male missionary under appointment for India this autumn and no one in prospect as far as could be seen. We agreed to earnestly and unitedly pray for three missionaries in response to the appeal. In less than a week three have offered themselves to the Board, two have been accepted.

Mr. Higgins has decided to return to India this autumn and Mr. Schutt accompanies him. The other man has not yet been accepted. Now let us work and pray for the money to send these and support them. God has again proved himself to be the hearer and answerer of prayer. The promise "While you are speaking I will hear and before you call I will answer" has been richly fulfilled. Let us thank God and take courage.

In a recent letter from Miss Clark she says: "I am so glad to get back among the Telugus. I do love them notwithstanding all their short comings. It is pleasant at the Hills on account of the Christian fellowship, and I do not feel that time was wasted. Day by day the Lord is leading me to put more dependence in Him and trust Him more fully for everything. Since my return to Chiencole I am feeling very well and shall find plenty of work to do. I like Miss Wright's Bible women and enjoy being with them, they are a great help to me and I hope to be a blessing to them as day by day we study God's Word together. The people have changed considerably in three months and the need is growing greater. A large number of soup kitchens have been open all over this district and the people are flocking to them. Cholera is very bad still on every side, the death rate does not seem to diminish, when we think of these people passing away into darkness that knows no end, our hearts are sad. Mr. Archibald is away most of the time. He has started relief works at Tekilli one of the worst places and is helping many people there by giving them employment on the mission building. We are praying that the appeal sent home may receive a generous response both in men and money. Last evening I went up to the place where the beggars are fed, these are people who have no means of support and the Government provides food for them. Each person had a string around their neck with a piece of wood attached and a number on it. As they enter the place they show this number, then sit down on the ground behind an earthen pot and wait until food is passed. Everything was done orderly and they looked as though the food was agreeing with most of them.

They do not feed them on rice, but make mush from a grain called baggi, this is thicker than gruel and eaten, with a little pepper water. They do not like it as well as rice, but it will sustain life.

I was pleased with the way the officials treated the people, but the motley throng was a sad sight, halt, blind and those with all manner of diseases. We talked to them of the home above where there is no hunger or sickness, they listened well, but soon their minds would be turned to their own suffering bodies. How my heart ached for them.

The testimony of all the missionaries is that the effects of the famine seems to be a losing of faith in their idols, a greater willingness to hear the gospel and a humbling of their pride. God grant that this, the time of their great extremity may be the time of God's opportunity to richly pour upon their dry and thirsty souls the living water which shall be in them a well of water springing up unto everlasting life. Let this be our constant prayer.

W. M. A. S. of Lewisville, branch of the First Baptist church of Moncton, held their first public meeting in the church on Wednesday Aug. 4th, a successful programme was carried out.

Pastor Hinson read a very interesting letter from the boy Somnia which they are supporting in Mrs.

Churchill's class, he also gave an address on missions.

Miss Clark the County Sec'y., gave a map exercise which was listened to with much interest.

Readings, singing, etc., making an interesting meeting. Mr. Hall of Moncton was present. A collection was taken for Foreign Missions amounting to \$3.11.

French Village, Halifax Co., N. S.

Some time has elapsed since the friends have heard of us, the "Cheerful Workers," through the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

Our Band is prospering fairly well. Six members have joined us in the last year, but while we are having new members come into our Band death has been busy severing ties in both homes and Band. During the four years our Band was organized we were not broken by death.

Last winter and spring diphtheria entered our little village and on April 3rd claimed Jessie Hubly its victim. Though only ten years old she was a professor of religion, being baptized by Rev. M. W. Brown nine months previous to her death. She trusted the God of her salvation in death as in life and knew no fear. Her prayer was that God would take her to live with Him and her mother, who had joined her Saviour five years before. Just a few hours before dying, when the family were gathered about her, she sang her favorite hymn.

I've found the love of Jesus,  
He gave it unto me;  
It makes me just as happy  
As ever I can be.

Then on June 22nd little Jennie heard the voice of her Saviour calling for her to join mother and sister in the home above. She was the youngest sister of nine, and only five years old. She understood that God gave His Son for her and was willing to yield up her short life to Him. Also on July 10th Annie Collishaw aged seven was taken to her eternal home, to be with God and away from the evils of this world. We cannot understand now why our loved ones have been taken from us, but in God's own time all will be revealed to us. Why should our hearts rebel when God calls His children away from this world of sorrow to the home He has prepared for them.

Jesus Thou Prince of life,  
Thy chosen cannot die;  
Like Thee they conquer in the strife,  
To reign with Thee on high.

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A letter from Mr. Parker of River Hebert, speaks of a grand meeting held there at the Joggins last week. Quite a revival has been in progress and as a result some are anxious to tell others of the "love which passeth knowledge." A number of sisters went over from River Hebert, and held a Missionary meeting. Mr. Parker told of the work of the Union from its inception to the present. A sweet season of prayer was enjoyed, several of the new converts joining their supplications with those who had been longer in the work. The Holy Spirit seemed indeed present. Eight new members have thus been added to the Aid Society at River Hebert, and meetings will be held alternately. There are surely many places where such meetings could be held. Let our aim this year be to widen and broaden our work.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

It will be a great gratification to the friends of Missions to know that Mr. Higgins has been constrained to review his decision and has decided to return to his work in India this Autumn. He goes back to his work with the hope that his wife may be able to follow him in the near future. He will remain as long as possible even if his wife should be compelled to return to her native land after another trial of the deadly India climate. Let unceasing prayer go up to the God of Missions for her recovery, and for a rich blessing to rest upon, and crown their efforts, to work for the master in India.

It will also be gratifying to learn that the Board has under appointment Bro. Charles H. Schutt a recent graduate of McMaster University, who is at present laboring as a Home Missionary in the Northern part of New Brunswick among the French and English speaking people of that part of the country. Bro. Schutt comes to us with the highest testimonials as to character, ability and spirituality. This brother preferred to remain at home another year to complete his course of study. But the wish of the Board was to have another missionary accompany Mr. Higgins this autumn because of the great need and of the importunate cry of the missionaries in the field for more help and Mr. Schutt said: "Here am I, send me." The Board has taken this brother at his word, and he will accompany Mr. Higgins.

It is now in order for the brothers and sisters to remember that their prayers are answered. Let the offerings come in at once to send them; outfit, travelling expenses and salaries have all to be provided for. The pastor of

the Moncton church intimated to the Board that the salary of this brother for one half of the first year would be met by his church. There are two or three neighboring churches, either one of which could easily provide the other half, or the churches in Westmorland Co. could make up the whole. Brethren will you not do it? Hillsboro, Hopewell or Sackville—either could do it and be greatly blessed in the doing.

Another brother intimated his desire to go to the foreign field. Perhaps he too ought to be sent this Autumn—Three families have been asked for by the missionaries. For these they are praying. Who knows? Brethren a great blessing is in store for us. Now our faith is to be crowned. Oh, that we may prove ourselves worthy! Paul plants, Apollos waters and God gives the increase. There is no 'may' about it. There is certainty for God has spoken.

From a recent letter just at hand from Mr. Morse we learn that three have been baptized at Bimlipitan.

And Mr. Sanford reports the same number baptized at Vizianagram.

This is cheering news—We shall get more of this all through the year.  
And, now brethren, will you not come up to the help of the Lord like a mighty army united, aggressive, determined and prayerful. Let us begin well. Let everybody in all our churches do something for this work. No matter how small the offering, how imperfect the service, or weak the effort—Something for all. This is the motto for 97-8.

The World For Christ.

The world for Christ means your country, your town, your village for Christ. May God help the young Baptists of these provinces to understand this great truth.

At the great Christian Endeavor convention in San Francisco the whole congregation—some 20,000 persons rose to their feet and at each stroke of the Carey hammer repeated in eager concert one of the phrases—"The world for Christ!—My Country for Christ!—Myself for Christ!"

In commenting on the circumstances one of the leading newspapers of the United States says:—

"The impetus of the enormous body of men and women carries each individual a long way in the direction in which he has started. Let 20,000 people stand-up in any hall and shout in unison. The world for anything—North America for anything, myself for anything,—and no matter what the object was, the aspiration for it would thrill every soul in the crowd. But let the object for which they aspire be the conversion of the world and the sanctification of themselves and then comes a mystic enthusiasm like to nothing else under the sun, and its influence remain with the people long afterward. The greater includes the less.

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