

## Foreign Mission Board

### W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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#### PRAYER TOPIC FOR DECEMBER.

For Chicacole, that the Spirit's power may be experienced in a large measure by our missionaries, native Christians and helpers. For a great blessing upon the hospital and reading room and that a medical missionary may be called by God for that station. That generous Christmas gifts may be given to Home Missions.

#### Canning, W. M. A. S.

Crusade Day was not forgotten by us although no public meeting was held. Visitors were appointed for each district who brought in very favorable reports. At our November meeting we had with us Mrs. David Freeman who gave interesting items of the Convention meetings. Mrs. Charlie Freeman from Winnipeg was also with us and we hope soon to hear from her about the work in the Northwest. One new member was added to our last meeting, another sister has expressed a wish to unite with us. This is encouraging and gladdens our heart. We hope for more.

#### Granville Centre.

Our W. M. A. S. observed Crusade Day, Monday, Nov. 17th. In the evening a public missionary meeting was held. Mrs. Blackadar, Associational Director, was with us and gave a very pleasing and instructive address. Music, reading, an exercise by seven little girls. Our mission stations formed the programme for the evening. At the close, Rev. Mr. Blackadar, gave a short address. Ten new members were added to our number, now making nineteen in all. Collection for H. M. \$5.84.

Mrs. H. A. GOODWIN, Sec'y.

#### Port Williams N. S.

Our W. M. A. S. is not dead nor yet sleeping. Last year we had one new member for every meeting. At our August meeting, held at Mrs. Silas Ellis, it was decided to make an autograph quilt to raise money for a life member. I might say we made one life member last year. Our purpose is to have two this year. Our September meeting was held at Mrs. A. G. Marsters' home, our sisters from Canard being invited to meet with us. After our regular meeting tea was served, and thus closed a very social and we trust a very profitable union meeting. Owing to our President being in deep trouble, her dear mother, Mrs. Daniel Cogswell, one of our charter members and most faithful workers, as long as her health permitted, being called to her reward, we held our meeting in the vestry. Our treasurer reported quilt ready for quilting and over thirty-six (36) dollars raised. The following Thursday a few of the ladies met in the vestry armed with needle, thread, etc., and had the quilt out of the frames by six o'clock, after which tea was served, the ladies being on hand for the weekly prayer meeting. In the month of November we gave a public meeting, a very interesting programme was carried out, the children taking an active part as well as the older ones. The choir under the leadership of Miss Laura Marsters, assisted by Miss Steadman, rendered most appropriate music. Mrs. Sydney Borden, our esteemed treasurer, was made a life member.

A WORKER.

Nov. 29, 1902.

#### Thank Offering Service at North River, P. E. I.

On Nov. 9th we held our annual thank offering meeting, perhaps the most enjoyable one in every way we have ever had. In the first place we had Miss Clark with us, and her words awakened an enthusiasm in some who never expressed an interest in missions before. With the assistance of a number of our young people, she conducted a model Telegu school, with a writing lesson in sand, learning a Bible verse, and finally singing a Telegu hymn. The children wore native costume, and two Hindu (?) gentlemen took the collection. There was an address by the pastor, good singing and other exercises. The thank offering envelopes had been sent through the church and congregation as far as we could reach and came back that evening containing \$30. A few weeks ago the Mission Band gave a Sunday evening concert, at which the open collection with the special offering of the children amounted to \$11.60. This year we are making an effort to give more for Home Missions, and our prayers for all branches of our work ascend with yours.

#### Weymouth, N. S.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, we could not observe Crusade Day, so we did what we could on the evening of Nov. 13, in the way of an enter-

tainment, consisting of devotional exercises, led by our pastor, Rev. J. T. Eaton. He urged the necessity of increasing the membership of our Society as there is quite a number not identified with us, also readings, music and recitations. Our offering amounted to \$6.12, we regret the sum had not been larger. We hope the influence of this meeting may be felt at our next monthly meeting, which will be held at the home of Sister W. C. Hankinson. We are pleased to report one new member at our last meeting. May we have more earnestness in our work is our prayer.

A. E. KINNEY, Sec'y.

#### Harper's Brook.

Just a few lines about some of the doings of this small Society. In October, the M. A. S. held a public meeting for the Mission Band. An instructive programme was prepared by our good and faithful Mrs. Kay, president of M. B. A very interesting letter written especially for the Band by Miss Flora Clark, was read at the close of the meeting. Collection was taken up the sum of \$4.50. On the 29th of November we spent a very pleasant and profitable evening at the home of Mrs. Frank Read. The members of the Aid Society invited their husbands and sons. Quite a number drove from Cookville and Centre Village. All came with bright and smiling faces. A bountiful tea was served and was followed by music and singing and reading. From Link Offering the amount of \$5.05. Four members were added to our Society. We were pleased to have a goodly number of young men enjoy the evening with us and we believe our missionary tea was a success. We are praying that the Lord will bless our feeble efforts to serve him.

Mrs. E. C. P., President.

#### Westport.

The W. M. A. S. of the Westport Baptist church, held their annual Thank offering service in the vestry, on the afternoon of Nov. 27th, in aid of missions. The meeting was opened by singing. Mrs. Bowers presided at the organ; the President, Mrs. Payson, then read the 9th Psalm, followed by prayer by our pastor, Rev. Mr. Kemp. There was a good attendance and a very pleasing programme of readings, remarks by President and music by the choir, including a solo by Mrs. Kempton, called "He was not willing that any should perish," all of which was thoroughly enjoyed. The envelopes were then opened and found to contain choice texts of Scripture as well as a good offering for missions, one offering amounted to \$28.75, which is to be divided between Home and Foreign missions. We are taking up the missionary studies "Lux Christi," and trust it may be as interesting as we anticipate. Our pastor gave us a few encouraging words, and the meeting closed by singing "God be with you till we meet again."

Sec'y.

Nov. 28th, 1902.

Our Aid Societies at Sydney and North Sydney have all had Crusade meetings recently. Pitt street had a public evening service; Bethany an afternoon service followed by a social hour, for the women of the church and congregation, North Sydney had both. Pitt St. had an interesting address from Mrs. Crawley, telling of one of her jungle trips in Burnah; a short address from Rev. F. G. Harrington on the work in Japan; Bethany did not have a missionary address, but had a Japanese hymn, sung by little Dorothy Harrington. At Pitt St. the girls of the Mission Band gave a number of interesting recitations and exercises; at North Sydney a number of boys and girls, dressed to represent different nationalities told of the manners and customs of the countries from which they were supposed to come; at Bethany, an exercise on our mission stations in India, was given by the girls. So that, without planning for it, the main exercises of all the services were of the same character. In all the singing was an important factor, as in each church are those to whom God has given the gift of song, and who are willing to use that gift for him. Offerings were taken at the different meetings, to which the people responded generously. At Bethany the amount realized was \$23.15. I have not heard just how much was received at the other churches. A map exercise, given by Miss Lewis of North Sydney, and the reading of the President's annual address from the reports lately received, added much to the interest of the meeting of the Bethany society. In a word, all the meetings were encouraging and helpful.

COUNTY SEC'Y.

### Notes From Rochester.

From the length of time required for the former Notes to find their way into print your readers might think that Rochester is situated somewhere in the Antipodes. Let that erroneous impression should discourage any whose thoughts have been turned toward Rochester as a good place to complete their preparation for the ministry, a word or two further may be permitted. While it does seem to us sometimes that we are a long distance from home modern intelligence and enterprise has annihilated space. If good connections were made at

Boston the journey from here to St. John could be made in twenty-four hours or less.

One subject which has engaged the attention of all during the last few weeks to a greater or less extent will touch a responsive chord in the hearts of your readers generally and especially in St. John. For some time the ordinary salutation was, "Has your vaccination taken yet?" Just what the small-pox situation is at present the writer cannot say, as the papers of the city seem to avoid the subject. About a week ago it was stated that there were over a hundred cases in the city, though this may have been exaggerated. As there has been as yet no cold weather at all, and as these unwelcome germs seem to thrive best in an Arctic climate, there were some foreboding of what would happen when winter actually set in. At present interest in the subject seems to be on the wane.

A recent event worthy of notice was the visit to Rochester of the educator, Booker T. Washington. A large number of the Seminary students took advantage of this opportunity of hearing him, and no one was disappointed. While he would not be called a great orator, he is a facile and at the same time an impressive speaker, who knows how to think and how to think clearly and logically, with a ready command of vigorous English in which to clothe his thought. But the personality of the man and the interest of his marvelous story would have held the attention of his audience had he been but an indifferent speaker. The account of the development of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute from a little school in an old log cabin to the present institution with nearly 1,400 students involving an annual expenditure of \$110,000, is truly a marvelous one. And all this in a period of twenty-one years, for the work has but recently attained its majority. To this work he has given his life, and anything of less importance would have been unworthy of the man. Without a trace of egotism he told the story of his life and his school. While identifying himself in every way with his race and with no assumption of undue superiority, there was a way evident a conscious self-respect which wins even from those of strong social antipathies a reluctant admiration. To the minds of many the best solution of the vexed negro question lies in him and his work. In him the thinking mind sees the Moses commissioned by God to save the negro race from its bondage of poverty and vice and superstition.

Another notable event of the week was the Missionary Conference on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 25, 26. The lions of the occasion were Dr. Mable of Boston, and R. v. C. W. Briggs and W. M. Upcraft, returned missionaries. Rev. C. W. Briggs has recently returned from the Philippine Islands, and has a story to tell of the work going on there, not only in the fields occupied by the A. B. M. U., but in the fields occupied by the other denominations as well. The work in these islands bids fair to prove one of the modern miracles of missions, almost as wonderful as the work among the Telugus of India or the Karens of Burma.

But the speaker of the occasion *facile princeps* was Rev. W. M. Upcraft of the West China mission. Still young in spite of his fourteen years of service, with all the buoyancy and enthusiasm of youth, with a magnetic personality and a marvelous versatility of thought and expression, he captured every audience, and aroused a deeper interest in the great work of modern missions on the part of every one who listened to him. Perhaps he would go further in adopting the habits and customs and in making concessions to the prejudices, usages of the people than do most missionaries. Thus in his work at Yachau he found it wise to adopt the dress of the Chinese (of the better class) even to the shaven crown and the "pig-tail"—an artificial one of course. He learned too to manipulate the chop-sticks with all the agility of a native, and found the accomplishment a very useful one in many instances. Again when the first meeting-house was built it was found necessary, in order to avoid offending long-cherished customs, to completely separate the women's side of the house from the men's side. His account of how this unsightly partition was removed little by little was a beautiful illustration of the value of consecrated tact.

Many other things deserve mention, particularly the heroism and constancy displayed by the native Christians during the Boxer troubles, but space will not permit. Thanksgiving day must also be passed over in silence. Even then I fear these notes exceed the limit of the editor's well-tried patience. If so he will doubtless exercise his discretion and cut out some of the uninteresting details (not all, lest the letter be reduced to microscopic proportions) and the offence will not be repeated.

Rochester, Dec. 3.

R. J. C.

## Dyspepsia

That means a great deal more than pain in the stomach, else it might be easily cured.

It means that that organ lacks vigor and tone and is too weak properly to perform its functions.

It means, too, that much that is eaten is wasted and the system generally under-nourished.

W. A. Nugent, Belleville, Ont., had dyspepsia for years; so did H. Budan, San Luis Obispo, Cal. Mrs. C. A. Warner, Central City, Neb., was so afflicted with it she could scarcely keep anything on her stomach and became very weak and poor.

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