

Foreign Missions.

From Truro.

The W. M. A. society of the First Baptist church, Truro, invited our returned Missionary Miss Gray and our County Secretary Mrs. Gurn of Belmont to meet with us on Nov. 4th with a view of becoming better acquainted with our dear sister and her work. Our sisters promptly responded and met with us on the above date.

Miss Gray opened the meeting with prayer after which Mrs. Gunn took charge for a short time asking questions concerning the statistics of our society and urging the use of mite boxes. Miss Gray then spoke telling of the baptism of a caste man and his wife and expressed herself ready to answer any questions concerning her work. This proved a very interesting and profitable exercise. After singing Doxology the sisters spent an hour or two in social conversation and a cup of tea and refreshments were served.

One of the pleasing features of the afternoon was the annual gift of \$25 from Sister Walker in loving remembrance of her daughter Mrs. Hanson. How little we then thought that before another meeting she would be taken from us to be forever with the Lord she loved to honor while here. We realize that our church and society have met with an irreparable loss for the Master's work was ever first in her heart and life especially Foreign Missions.

At the January meeting of the society, we received a letter from Brother Walker enclosing \$25 to make our sister Mrs. James Page a life member. This was in accordance with a wish expressed by Sister Walker before her death.

On the evening of Nov. 4th we held a union meeting of the First and Emmanuel Baptist churches. A large congregation greeted our sister. Pastor Adams presided. Devotional exercises over, our county sec. Mrs. Gunn proceeded to give a map exercise. By statistics she described the division of the human race into numerous religious sects in which the nominal Christians are outnumbered by two to one, and the numbers of Christian churches are outnumbered by the heathen and unconverted in Christendom by thirteen to one. This presentation of the subject was most effective and showed how deeply interesting dry figures can be made by a soul on fire with a zeal for the salvation of the teeming millions of heathen.

Miss Gray was then introduced. It was her first appearance here in public since her return from India. She impresses one favorably before speaking, and after hearing her one is convinced that she is the right woman in the right place. In a masterly way she described the field of labor and the character of the people in India, dwelling chiefly on the great obstacles that a man or woman has to face and overcome when coming out of heathenism, she revealed the true inwardness of the grave causes of the slow progress of the gospel among the heathen. It was a powerful presentation and it must have its fruit in increased interest in our great work among the Telugus, and in enlarged contributions to secure the perpetuation of gospel work among them till the Lord comes. At the close Bro. Selden Cummings gave a short address enforcing a strong lesson on our individual responsibility for souls. An offering was taken.

ANNIE M. GRANT, Sec'y.

January 15th, 1896.

Monies Received by the Treasurer of the W. M. U. from Jan. 14th to Jan. 26th.

Canning, F. M. \$7, H. M. \$3; Farmington, Mission Band toward Mr. Morse's salary \$6; Halifax, North church, F. M. \$20, H. M. \$2; Canoe, reports 25 cts.; Carleton, F. M. \$9, reports 40 cts.; Lawrencetown, Mission Band, support of Mabel Beatrice held in India, \$16; Yarmouth 1st church, \$8, Mission Band \$30.64, Tidings, 28 cts.; reports 50 cts.; Athol, toward Miss Harrison's salary \$2; Lewisville, Tidings 25 cts.; Weymouth, F. M. \$5; Mrs. Wm. McAdams, Sable River, F. M. \$1; Cambridge, F. M. \$8.50, mite boxes, Sunday School toward Mrs. Morse's salary \$6.77, Tidings 25 cts., reports 20 cts.; Mrs. Thomas Hetherington, Thornetown, F. M. \$1; Sandy Cove, "A friend" F. M. \$2; Westport, F. M. \$7.50; Hopewell Hill, F. M. \$5; West Jeddore, F. M. \$3, Tidings 25 cts.; 1st church St. George, F. M. \$10; Jordan River, F. M. \$3.25; Truro, 1st church, F. M. \$7.50, H. M. 55 cts., reports 40 cts.; Truro, 1st church, Mr. L. J. Walker to constitute his sister Mrs. James Page a life member, F. M. \$25; Annandale, F. M. \$1, H. M. \$1.55; Acadia Mines, F. M. \$2.50; North River, F. M. \$20, H. M. \$4; Brookville, (Hants Co.) F. M. \$5.50; Pleasant River, F. M. \$2.45; New Glasgow, F. M. \$7.25, H. M. \$2; Halifax, Temple church, F. M. \$5; Halifax, Temple church, to constitute Mrs. G. W. Young a life member, H. M. \$25, Tidings 25 cts.; Portapique, F. M. \$5, H. M. \$6, report 40 cts.; "four dollars and fifty cents of H. M. money was realized at a public meeting;" Steeves Mountain, F. M. \$3; Brook Village, Tidings, 25 cts.; Amherst, Sunday school, F. M. \$16, H. M. \$8; Osborne, F. M. \$5; Dartmouth, F. M. \$8.65; Little Glace Bay, Tidings, 50 cts.; Little Bras d'Or, F. M. \$3.75, H. M. 25 cts.; G. L. M. 25; Lockhartville, F. M. \$1.25, H. M. \$1.75; Port Williams, F. M. \$3; Arcadia, F. M. \$7.50, H. M. \$1; G. L. M. \$1; Lewisville, Sunday school, support of Bible-woman "Siamma" under Mrs. Churchill, Boboli, India, \$20; Osborne, reports 30 cts.; Casporeau, F. M. \$6.50, H. M. \$5, G. L. M. 70 cts.; Havelock, F. M. \$4; 2nd St. Margaret's Bay, F. M. \$1.50, H. M. 20 cts.; Indian Harbor, F. M. \$2.75, H. M. \$1.25;

W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:

"We are laborers together with God."

Contributors to this column will please address Mrs. J. W. Manning, 178 Wentworth St., St. John, N. B.

PRAYER TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY.

For Mr. and Mrs. Corey and Miss Clark that many souls may be won to Christ in Kimey through their efforts. That Miss Clark's health may be completely restored.

NOTICE.—Meeting of the Executive of W. B. M. U. on Tuesday, the 9th of Feb., at 3 p. m. in the Mission room, 85 Germain St., St. John.

Lewisville, W. Co.

The sisters have organized a promising W. M. A. S. Sister John Snow realizing that an effort should be made to further this work here, made a home to home visit, determining if possible to make the work here a success. Her efforts have met with the approval of God and woman. Though the society is only a month old it has already realized over \$200 with prospects of more to follow. It has an able president in the person of Sister McLean, who has long known how to endure hardships as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. She is ably supported in the work by Sisters McLean and Snow. May his benediction still rest on the Society and its offerings.

R. M. B.

Hammond Vale.

The sisters at Hillsdale, Hammond, N. B., organized an Aid Society in August last, and since that time have held the usual monthly meetings. We only number thirteen as yet, but we hope to see our roll enlarged before the year comes to a close. Many of our sisters are still uninterested, not realizing the importance of the work. These will join us as they come to see the terrible condition of those dear sisters still held in the bondage of heathenism in far off India. As we enter upon the New Year let each sister in each society aim to bring one new member into her society during the coming year. If carried out this would mean a doubling of our forces and would give a great impetus to our glorious work. Who will not try?

Mrs. I. N. FAULKNER, Sec'y.

Suggested Programme for February.

Hymn, prayer, Scripture reading, Psa. 72, let this be read by all; hymn; reading Tidings; several prayers. Praising God for the new converts who have lately been baptized and that our prayers for the month may be answered. Read Mrs. Churchill's letter in MESSENGER AND VISITOR of Jan. 20th; Discussion, How much more money can we raise than our Society sent in last year? and How shall we add to our membership? Prayer for guidance; hymn; reading, selected; closing prayer.

Let the president send word to the sisters of the discussion that they may come prepared. We meet to do business for the King, and each year should see an increase in membership and in funds.

HOME MISSIONS.

Only \$283 of the \$1,600 raised as yet, and we are at the close of the second quarter.

The committee on Home Missions met January 25th. All the members were present. After prayer by Mrs. Hall the above startling fact was faced and the question, "What shall we do to arouse more interest in this matter?" was long and earnestly discussed. The need of the power of the Holy Spirit, who alone can incite Christians to deeper interest, was strongly felt by the members of the committee. Under His guidance the committee decided to ask:—1st, That every Aid Society hold a Thank offering meeting for Home Missions in February and also one in June. and, That the president and secretary of the Aid Society write to each member asking her co-operation and enclosing a small envelope for the offering. 3rd, Let this Thank offering meeting be arranged to take place if possible on an evening, let it be well known. Make the programme consist of readings or addresses on our Northwest Grande Ligne and our own provinces, bright music, in which all can join, and earnest prayer. Take up a collection, and let the opening of the envelopes by the treasurer form one feature of the meeting. Ask that these envelopes contain beside the offering a text of Scripture or some word expressive of the thanks of the giver. No names need be affixed but let each give as she has been prospered. By order of the committee on Home Missions. AMY E. JOHNSTONE, Sec'y.

Homeville, F. M. \$2.50, New Years offering, F. M. \$4.05; Canard, F. M. \$9, H. M. \$8; Lewis Head, F. M. \$2; Stony Beach, (Anna Co.) Tidings, 25 cts.; Greenfield, F. M. \$3, N. W. M. \$3; Rockland, F. M. \$8, Brookfield Mission Band, toward Mr. Morse's salary, \$10; St. John, Germain St. Mission Band "Willing Workers" F. M. \$10; Billtown, Indian Mission 25 cts.; Windsor, F. M. \$10, H. M. \$5; Windsor, Mrs. G. P. Payzant, to constitute Mrs. Otis Redden a life member, F. M. \$25; North Range, F. M. \$4.25, reports 15 cts., Tidings 25 cts.; Mt. Hanley, F. M. \$2, Miss Newcombe's salary \$2, reports 15 cts.; Hantsport, F. M. 2.75, H. M. 99 cts., reports 40 cts.; East Quilow, F. M. \$1.75, H. M. 50 cts.; St. Martins, F. M. \$8; Forbes Point, F. M. \$3.50; Hebron, F. M. \$5; South Rawdon, Mission Band, toward Mr. Morse's salary \$1.75, Tidings 25 cts.; MARY SMITH, Treas. W. B. M. U. Amherst, F. O. B. 513.

Foreign Mission Board.

Will the pastors, S. S. Superintendents and mission workers generally remember that the last Sunday in March is set apart as Foreign Mission day—see Year Book page 66. Let there be no clashing of interests this year. There ought to be some good work done for the Master on that day—and there will be if all take hold of the work in earnest. As last year, an exercise will be prepared for the use of Mission Bands and Sunday Schools. We hope our E. V. P. U.'s will see to it that this work does not suffer at their hands by neglect. For all that has been done in the past by the friends of missions both old and young the Board is very grateful and wants it known that they are so. But it must be borne in mind that there is no let up in this work.

Cool News From the Mission Field.

Mr. Archibald writes:—Although I am thronged with work here I must start for Bobbili this evening in response to a telegram in which Bro. Churchill informs me that my help is "urgently needed." A lad whom I baptised here in Chicacole in 1887 and who was in our boarding school for a number of months and afterwards joined the Kimey church, settled sometime ago in a very remote village on the borders of the Jeypour country near to Rayagadda and probably about 60 miles from Bobbili. God has blessed his work, six have been baptised by Bro. Churchill and ten more are asking baptism. We praise God for using the young man, may the time be hastened when these cases shall be of common occurrence. Brethren the harvest is coming, sure—only let us not faint by the way.

Denominational Funds from Jan. 1st to 31st.

N. B.—Elgin 1st, Mapleton Sec., church and S. S., H. M. \$11; Bristol church, H. and F. M. \$6.18; Sussex, D. W. \$31.06; Gibson B. Y. P. U., F. M. \$5; York and Sunbury Q. M., F. M. \$5.72; Upper Queensbury, Millville sec., F. M. \$1.28; Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska Co.'s Q. M., F. M. \$3; Pennfield S. S., F. M. \$6.28; Bartlett's Mills S. S., F. M. \$2; Fredericton church, D. W. \$174.53; Blaisfield, Doaktown sec., F. M. \$3; Elgin 1st church, H. M. \$11, total \$260. Before reported, \$938.31. Total to Jan. 31st, 1897, \$1198.31. P. E. I.—Eastpoint church (D. W. \$2, Mrs. Alex. Bruce, F. M. \$1)—\$10; John Nichols and wife, D. W. \$10.50; Montague church, D. W. \$10, total \$30.50. Before reported \$119.57. Total to Jan. 31st, 1897, \$150.07. Total N. B. and P. E. I., \$1348.38. J. W. MANNING, Treas. N. B. and P. E. I., St. John, Jan. 1st, 1897.

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