

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR JULY.

For our Home Mission work in these Provinces, that the students going forth may be greatly helped and blessed in winning souls.

It is with the deepest sorrow that hundreds of our sisters will hear of the death of Miss A. E. Johnstone, our faithful and devoted Provincial Secretary for Nova Scotia. We are almost paralyzed with the suddenness of this sad event. Miss Johnstone was so hopeful of recovery and quite sure she would be able to attend the Association, but the Master has called to higher service and a rich reward awaited her. The W. B. M. U. extend their most sincere sympathy to the bereaved mother and family. A sketch of Miss J.'s life and work will appear later.

Valley Church, Surrey, N. B.

Once more it is my duty to report the annual meeting of W. M. A. S. On Wednesday, May 19th, one of our members, Mrs. M. Q. Steeves, opened her home to us; and our society, with the speakers of the evening, and the choir, spent a few pleasant hours and took tea together. In the evening we adjourned to the church, where a public meeting was held, presided over by our pastor, Rev. M. Addison. After the usual opening exercises, stirring addresses were delivered by Rev. J. B. Tiner on Grande Ligne Missions, Rev. M. E. Fletcher on Foreign Missions and Rev. C. W. Townsend on Northwest Missions. Remarks were also made by our former pastor, Rev. J. Miles. These addresses were all so helpful that we could not help wishing that a larger audience was present to hear them. The Secretaries report showed an addition of five new members during the year. A collection was taken amounting to over \$5. We have twenty-two members out of a church membership of sixty-eight. May God bless these women of our church that they may become interested in this work, and may we all be stimulated to greater effort, each doing our part, praying and giving, knowing that

"When we turn aside from duty,
Comes the pain of doing wrong.
And a shadow creeping o'er us
Checks the rapture of our song."

Edgett's Landing, June 21.

The Helping Hand Mission Band of Advocate was organized in September, 1899, by Mrs. L. A. Cooney, wife of the former pastor of this church. At the time of the organization we numbered 17 but we are now a flourishing little band of over 30 members. During the first year the sum of \$10.30 was raised by collection and mite box offerings. On last mission Sunday we held an entertainment in the church and a collection of \$8.40 was realized, which with \$4.40 we had on hand, was sent to Foreign Missions. We have badges in our Band. Officers are changed every three months, at present they are:—Mrs. Steeves, President; Mrs. Riderkin, Vice President; Hazel Steeves, Treasurer; Wilder Moore, Ex. Sec'y.; N. Riderkin, Sec'y.

A few lines from the W. M. A. S. at Point de Bute may be of interest to some. On the afternoon of May 23rd we held an "At Home" for all the ladies of the church and congregation. After lunch was served, we had a short programme. Dr. Steele gave a very interesting address. As a result of this meeting our funds for Home Missions were increased \$22.10. On Sunday evening, the 16th instant, we had a very interesting public meeting. Miss Flora Clarke, our faithful Co. Sec'y., gave one of her earnest, inspiring talks, bidding us all a kind farewell. While we cannot help a feeling of sadness at the thought of parting, we rejoice with her that the way has been opened so that she may go to India. Rev. R. Barry Smith also addressed the meeting, making it very plain to all that the true disciple will always try to keep the Lord's last command. A collection of \$7.10 was taken for Foreign Missions. We are hoping for new members for our Society very soon.

JANIE TINGLEY, Sec'y.

June 25th.

Minutes of the Meeting of the W. M. A. S. of the N. S. Central Baptist Association held at Dartmouth, June 21st, 1901.

Owing to the illness of Miss Amy Johnstone, our Provincial Secretary who was to have led the meeting, it was moved by Mrs. Nalder and seconded by Miss Hume, that Mrs. Smith, our Treasurer from Amherst, take the chair.

Exercises opened with singing, Scripture reading and prayer, led by Mrs. W. E. Hall, after a few moments of silent prayer, in which all were asked to remember particularly our dear sister Johnstone.

Reports from a number of societies followed, and then a season of prayer.

Mrs. Nalder, the only County Secretary present, gave an account of the work done in Hants during the year, referring especially to the faithfulness of the sisters in the smaller societies. A very beautiful duet, "Unanswered Yet," sung by Mrs. Witter and Miss Havil, of the West End church, Halifax, was highly appreciated by the audience.

Miss Mabel Parsons, who has just returned from Spellman Seminary, Atlanta, where she is engaged as one of the staff of teachers, gave an instructive account of the work undertaken and accomplished by that institution, now the largest of its kind in the world. We were all glad to welcome Miss Parsons home again.

Mrs. Nalder, whom nature has richly endowed with gifts especially fitting her for public speaking, gave the principal address of the afternoon.

Mrs. Smith, our Treasurer, whom no one can too highly appreciate, on account of her faithful toil among hard facts and figures, told in very few words the great need of immediate effort on the part of all the Societies, in raising the pledged amount for the year.

We are now within seven weeks of Convention and not half the money promised is in the hands of the Treasurer. Earnest labor must follow in the few days left us in order that no deficit be encountered this year both in Home and Foreign Missions. Work, work, work for the night is coming.

Our Provincial Secretary, so long a faithful toiler in our midst, now lies very near "the border land," and may, before this goes to press, have passed beyond the vale. We, too, must come to the riverside, sisters, so give of your means while the opportunity lasts. Meeting closed with singing.

W. R. HUME.

The meeting of the W. M. A. S. in connection with the Western Association was held in the vestry at 3 p. m., consisting of a large and enthusiastic gathering of delegates and members. In the absence of Miss Johnstone, Prov. Sec., Mrs. Wallace was called to the chair and ably presided. The meeting was opened by singing and prayer by Mrs. A. Cogswell. Much disappointment was expressed in the absence of our returned missionary, Mrs. L. D. Morse. Mr. Morse kindly gave us a very interesting talk in reference to personal work among the Telugus, followed by an address of welcome by Miss Emma H. Jackson, responded to by Mrs. Cogswell. The reports were then called for, but we regret that reports were not received from all the societies; but those reported from were very satisfactory and encouraging.

Mrs. J. S. Miller, of Mount Hanley, spoke warmly of organizing mission bands among the children so that they might in early years become interested in mission work.

A motion was passed expressing the sympathy of those present with the President of Clarence Society, Mrs. Bishop, in the very sad bereavement of her husband.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Isa Wallace for so ably presiding at the meeting, also to Rev. L. D. Morse for his kindness in addressing us at this time. Collections, \$5.81. Mrs. I. N. JACKSON, Clarence, Annapolis Co., N. S.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

Rev. H. Y. Corey writes, "Since the beginning of the year we have had two buildings erected in villages for the use of preachers and teachers, I have built better houses than I thought to do a year or two ago. As the roofs are all thatched and fires are so prevalent, I have put a flat covering upon the top of the mud walls under the roof, so if the roof burns the things in the house are not burned.

About three weeks ago a Hindu girl was baptized at Akulampara. At about the same time another came to us here at Kinedi. She remains here still, but has not been baptized. Neither of them know how to read. The question arises, What are we to do with them? Shall we support and educate them, or shall we tell them to get their living as best they can? They now have no home to which they can go. Their people would not allow them in the house. We have no work in the Mission for them, and to send them off to earn their own living means that they are sure to go to ruin. With our limited supply of funds to carry on the work, we are often in a strait to know what to do. If they give any evidence of conversion we do not like to reject them because they are helpless girls. And if we baptize them, we must look after them for a time at least. We can proceed as far only as our funds will allow. People are frequently coming and asking for a preacher or teacher. From one village

they have come—at least half a dozen times during the last few months, but what can we do? We would rejoice to be able to send a man, but we have none available. There is not a missionary on the field that could not use to the great advantage of the Mission at least \$100 every year more than he gets. The Board is often regarded as harsh and parsimonious because more money is not sent. It is a great grief to the members that funds have to be doled out as they are, but what can be done?

The Board is glad to learn that the health of Miss Blackadar is greatly improved—and that she has passed the first examination most creditably.

Let every lover of our Mission cause see that every effort is put forth between this and August 10 to fill our mission treasury. We want no deficit, and we want to send to the work abroad those who are ready and waiting to be sent.

"Two Thousand Years of Missions before Carey."

By Rev. L. C. Barnes, D. D., pastor of the Fourth Avenue Baptist church, Pittsburg, Penn.

This is a volume of more than ordinary interest. It is bound in cloth, 521 pp., and published by the Christian Culture Press, 324 Dearborn Street, Chicago. The author treats of a subject of more than ordinary interest at this time, and in a most interesting way. The period treated is not so familiar to readers of missionary literature as that of the past century. The author sketches the two thousand years of missionary activity before Carey. He begins with the translation of the Old Testament into the language of the heathen world and traces the progress of world-wide missions from that time all down the centuries. The purpose of the author has not been to give a "history of Christianity in any part of the world, it is rather, the story of the propagation of Christianity in every part of the world."

The table of "Contents" shows that the volume is divided into three sections, of twenty-five chapters. The first section is entitled "Genesis of Missions." The second "Distribution of Missions." The third "Continuity of Missions."

It has been prepared with a view to its use in connection with the Christian Culture Courses of the B. Y. P. U. The volume is well illustrated by colored maps showing the progress of missions throughout the world, and pictures of typical missionaries, scenes and documents, which greatly enhance the value of the book. To anyone who desires a good introduction to the study of the missionary movement of the age, nothing better than Dr. Barnes' work has been published. He has done his part well. So also have the publishers. It is a most valuable addition to our missionary literature. Any Christian or Young Peoples' Society who masters its contents will be in possession of facts and have a grasp of the subject of Christian missions as few pastors have obtained. The price is only \$1.50. The Foreign Mission Board would like to see this volume in every pastor's library.

So far as we are individually concerned, God has his way wholly in the universe, if he has it in our hearts. The little plot of ground that he has left us each, the realm of our free will, he only asks that we shall make it over to him, to him who cares for us, and thus to make it over the best way we know how is all there is of Christianity.

We talk of the man of letters, the man of honor, the man of mark, but how infinitely better to be known as a man of God—one of God's men, a man after God's own heart!—F. B. Meyer.

King's Evil

That is Scrofula.

No disease is older.

No disease is really responsible for a larger mortality.

Consumption is commonly its outgrowth.

There is no excuse for neglecting it, it makes its presence known by so many signs, such as glandular tumors, cutaneous eruptions, inflamed eyelids, sore ears, rickets, catarrh, wasting and general debility.

Children of J. W. McGinn, Woodstock, Ont., had scrofula sores so bad they could not attend school for three months. When different kinds of medicines had been used to no purpose whatever, these sufferers were cured, according to Mr. McGinn's voluntary testimonial, by

Hood's Sarsaparilla

which has effected the most wonderful, radical and permanent cures of scrofula in old and young.