

W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR JULY.

For our Home Mission work in these Provinces that the laborers may be greatly encouraged and a host be won to the Lord.

The annual thank-offering and celebration of the 27th Anniversary of our W. M. A. Society was held in the vestry on July 6th.

A meeting of the sisters at 3 p. m. consisted of scripture reading by our President, short services of prayer and song; roll call. Report was given by Mrs. Alex. Christie, Treasurer of W. M. A. S., also by Mrs. Moffat, Treasurer of Home Mission department, of money received and paid over. Mrs. C. Christie, County Secretary gave report of convention at Wentworth.

There were several readings, given by Mrs. Maude A. Chubbuck, Mrs. Emma Steele and Mrs. Harding. Miss Gray's short address was very interesting.

Mrs. Hill of British Columbia, gave us some pleasant items concerning the work there. There were also brief reports from the branch societies, Salem and Amherst Point.

At the close of the meeting a short time was given to social chat. Tea was announced at 6 p. m., in the church dining room. About 80 ladies and several gentlemen partook.

At 8 p. m. there was a public meeting; opened with singing the hymn "Onward Christian soldiers." Reading of scripture by President, prayer by Rev. J. H. McDonald. Short report of the work of the year.

Miss Gray entertained us, for more than half an hour, in her own pleasant manner, making India seem not so very far off. Then followed a dialogue by nine young ladies, in Eastern costume representing different nationalities. Among them was portrayed the life of the "child widow" of India, prepared by Miss E. S. Read and Mrs. Chubbuck.

Mrs. G. B. Smith had the pleasure of presenting three of the sisters with "certificates of Life membership." Mrs. M. D. Price, made such by her husband's generosity, Mrs. Hugh Logan in her own right, and Mrs. J. H. McDonald through the benevolence of Mr. Nelson Forrest, to which Mrs. McDonald made a very happy response. This is the third time that Mr. Forrest has manifested his kind thought of our work by the gift of life members. Gratefully we acknowledge the bounty of our sister and these brethren.

Rev. O. Morse of Sackville, N. B. gave a very fine address. The offering in the envelopes, in the afternoon by sisters and evening collection, including that given for the three life members, amounted to \$170.00, after which announcement, Doxology was sung, Benediction pronounced and thus closed our most successful Anniversary.

Amherst, July 8th, 1897. AMELIA E. BLACK, Sec'y.

W. M. A. S. Meeting at the P. E. I. Association.

The annual meeting of the W. M. A. Societies, in connection with the P. E. I. Association at Bedeque, was held on the afternoon of Monday July 5th.

Mrs. Joseph Schurman, President of the Bedeque Society, occupied the chair, conducting the devotional exercises. The services opened by singing "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun," followed by prayer by the President. After reading of the cxv Psalm, prayers were offered by Mrs. J. C. Clark and Mrs. D. Price. Our President then, in behalf of the Bedeque Society, spoke a few words of cordial greeting to members of other societies present, bidding them a hearty welcome to our hospitality. Mrs. J. C. Spurr responded, expressing, in her bright and happy manner, appreciation of the kindness received by the delegates since coming to Bedeque, also expressing the hope that our meeting together may be for mutual encouragement and blessing, all then united in singing "Blest be the tie that binds," after which Mrs. Schurman requested Mrs. M. C. Higgins, Vice President for P. E. I. Island, to conduct the business part of the meeting.

After the reading of minutes of last session and enrollment of names of delegates present, Mrs. David Price kindly consented to sing for us. Her solo, "The love that gave Jesus to die," was much enjoyed by all.

It was a matter of deep regret that our Provincial Secretary, Miss M. C. Davies, having been called to the bedside of a dear friend who is seriously ill, was unable

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to be present. She has seldom before been absent from our associational meeting, and her presence and help we greatly missed. Report from societies were then called for, fifteen of the twenty on the Island responded, a few by written reports sent to the Secretary, while the greater number responded through their delegates, who in a few words told of the work done in the different societies which they come to represent. It was encouraging to hear that two new ones had been organized during the year, one at Clyde River, the other at Hazel Brook. Several Mission Bands were also reported. Mrs. W. H. Robinson in particular spoke strongly with reference to this branch of our work, the training of our little ones to intelligent, systematic benevolence. Emphasis was laid on this matter by several of the sisters, who seem to realize fully the importance, nay the necessity, of training young in this respect, if we hope ever to see our societies and churches approach more nearly to the ideal standard of Christian benevolence.

Appreciative mention was made, in several of the reports, of "Tidings" and its helpfulness in sustaining the interest of our meetings from month to month.

It was noticeable also that nearly every society reported one or more public meetings held during the year, in the form of "Thank-offering Services," "Missionary Concerts," or "Anniversary Celebration," something to keep the W. B. M. U. continually before our people.

When all the reports had been received, and we had sung together "I gave my life for thee," our returned Missionary, Rev. W. V. Higgins addressed the meeting. Mr. Higgins has the faculty of presenting to his audience in a few telling words, striking pictures of life and work in India, that remain stamped upon the memory, and which cannot fail to awaken and increase the missionary zeal of all who are so fortunate as to hear him. At the close of the address opportunity was given to any who might wish for further information concerning the work, to ask questions relating thereto, and several matters of interest came up, especially the advisability of Mission Band or Sabbath Schools undertaking the support of any individual, such as a native preacher or teacher, or children being educated in the mission school, etc., etc. Mr. Higgins explained how such attempts only bring confusion into the missionary enterprise. Sometimes the persons thus supported are taken from the schools again, or lapse into heathenism, or give up their preaching or teaching. So many things are liable to occur, that man bring such undertakings to a sudden ending, that it is far better to send all our contributions through the regular channel, leaving their disbursement to those who are in positions to make wiser and more judicious appropriations than we are capable of doing.

At this stage of the meeting Miss Burns, of Summerside, gave us an inspiring solo, and a collection was taken, which goes into the treasury of the W. B. M. U.

Letters from three of our Missionaries, Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. Churchill, and Miss Clark, written to Miss Davies expressly for this associational meeting, were listened to with much pleasure. As each writer presented some phase of mission work, in her own way and as viewed from her own peculiar standpoint, some things appeared to many of us in a new light, and we felt that the helpfulness of such letters cannot be over estimated.

After a short prayer by Rev. W. V. Higgins the meeting adjourned until our annual gathering in connection with the Association next year.

L. MCK. WARREN, Sec'y.

I want to express my hearty and loving thanks to the girls at Acadia for their very kind remembrance of me. I am now reading, "The Mind of the Master" will be doubly pleasant now, on account of the book itself and also because of the love and thoughtfulness it will recall on the part of those who sent it. It is indeed "sweet to be remembered," especially here in India, how sweet, some of you, I hope, in coming years will have the privilege of experiencing. From many sources comes the assurance that we are not forgotten, but many times remembered at that most blessed of all times, the hour of prayer. Let me assure you, we in India are conscious of those prayers, are stronger and better workers because of them.

And now, dear girls, thanking you once more for your kind gift, let me ask you to pray that the "mind of the Master," that mind which was in Christ Jesus, may also be in me.

Sincerely and lovingly yours,

Ortacamund, June 7, 1897. IDA M. NEWCOMBE.

To the dear girls of Acadia.—This day held a sweet surprise for me. Nothing less than the gift of Ian MacClaren's vigorously criticized book, "The Mind of The Master" as "a remembrance from the girls of Acadia." Somehow it seemed as if there might be a second sun in the sky—so much brighter the day seemed after that book came. You all know how happy and bright the day seemed after having received some token of remembrance from loved ones. Intensely this by the fond remembrance of two years spent within those cherished walls, and you can approximate the pleasure you gave me. I have already enjoyed three of this writ-

er's books, and am looking forward to the reading of this one with special interest. It was so good of you!

"Kelso Cottage," June 7, 1897.

Lovingly,

MAUDIE HARRISON.

Amounts Received by the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U.

from June 30 to July 13.

River Hebert, F. M., \$7; Hillsboro, F. M., \$20.62; Mission Band, F. M., \$7.20; Salem Branch, F. M., \$4.75; H. M., \$5.15; McKensie Corner, F. M., \$4.25; North River, F. M., \$11.53; H. M., \$7; Collection Western Association N. B., F. M., \$10; G. L. M., \$10; Baillie, F. M., \$3; Bonshaw, F. M., \$16.15; H. M., \$7; Tidings, 25c.; Reports, 60c.; Guysboro, H. M., \$1.50; Mr. Nelson Forest, to constitute Mrs. J. H. McDonald, our pastor's wife, a life member, F. M., \$25; DeBert Mission Band, F. M., \$12; North River Mission Band, toward Mr. Morse's salary, \$7.25; Athol, proceeds of pie social held at the residence of Mr. Fred Bone, F. M., \$41.16; Tidings 25c.; Fairville Sunday School, F. M., \$3.82; H. M., \$3.82; Stoney Beach, F. M., \$2.50; proceeds of annual meeting, Amherst, July 6, \$95; Amherst, Mrs. Hugh Logan to constitute herself a life member, H. M., \$25; Amherst, Mr. D. Price, to constitute his wife a life member, F. M., \$25; Collection County Convention, Cumberland Co., F. M., \$3; Point de Bute, F. M., \$3.75; H. M., \$10; Mite Boxes, H. M., \$1.00; and Hillsboro, F. M., \$12; Apple River, F. M., \$7.50; H. M., \$4; Morrilton, F. M., \$5; H. M., \$3; Truro, Prince St., \$43.50; Collection Association meeting, New Glasgow, F. M., \$4.20; Oyster Pond, Jeddore, Mission Band, F. M., \$2; Surrey, Valley church, F. M., \$5.75; Central Bedeque, F. M., \$18; Central Bedeque, to constitute their President, Mrs. Joseph Schurman, a life member, H. M., \$25; Lewisville, support of Sonnie in Mrs. Churchill's school, \$9; Port Higin, F. M., \$5.25; Germantown, F. M., \$1; Hampton, F. M., \$2.75; H. M., \$2.42; Miss Newcombe's salary, \$2; Little Grace Bay, F. M., \$2.30; H. M., \$2; Tidings 25c.; St. John, Tabernacle church, F. M., \$7; 2nd Dorchester, F. M., \$21.50; Reports 10c.; Tidings 25c.; Falkland Ridge, F. M., \$5; Tidings, 25c.; Jeddore East, F. M., \$15; H. M., \$2; Sydney, F. M., \$3.60.

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