

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR AUGUST.

For our Conventions that a special blessing may descend upon all present and wisdom be given to guide in all matters of business.

Notes from Convention of W. B. M. U.

On Monday evening a large number of the delegates to the W. B. M. U. Convention had reached the delightful town of Truro, N. S., and were received by the friends there with a hearty welcome and the hospitality for which they are noted. The weather was fine, and continued to be all that could be desired during the time the meetings were being held.

On Tuesday morning at 9.30 a meeting of the Executive was held to which the delegates were invited. A large amount of business was transacted, and work for the coming sessions planned. Quite a large number of the sisters were present.

At 2.30 a Bible reading and prayer service was conducted by Mrs. Yowman Bishop. This meeting was largely attended and proved very interesting and helpful to the sisters, a large number of whom took part in the service.

At 3 o'clock the chair was taken by the president, and after the hymn "All hail the power of Jesus' name" had been sung, and prayer offered by Mrs. Masters, the 14th annual Convention of the W. B. M. U. was declared open for business. The names of the delegates were then read by the secretary, the sisters responding as their names were called. The chair appointed the following committees: Nominating, Mrs. W. E. Hall, N. S., Mrs. J. F. Masters, N. B., Mrs. J. Clarke, P. E. I. Committee on resolutions, Miss Johnstone, Mrs. T. S. Simms, Mrs. M. C. Higgins. The annual report for N. B. was then read by Mrs. Cox, the Provincial Secretary for that Province, showing an increase manifested by the Societies, as well as an increase in the funds. This report after some little discussion was adopted. Miss Johnston, Provincial Secretary for N. S. then read her annual report, showing the work in Nova Scotia to be in good condition and very encouraging. After the hymn "Sowing in the morning" was sung, prayer was offered by Mrs. Dr. Steele and Mrs. Sandford, in which several sisters who are very ill, were tenderly remembered at a Throne of Grace. The report from P. E. I. was read by Miss Jackson, and told of success in the work on the Island. On motion this report was adopted.

At 4 o'clock Mrs. Cox took the chair, and conducted a County secretaries' meeting, which was opened by singing "Draw me nearer," Mrs. Gunn, secretary for Colchester County, engaged in prayer. A Bible reading, in which a number of the sisters participated, was given by Mrs. Cox, on the subject of "Faithfulness," which was quite helpful. Miss Flora Clarke, secretary for Westmorland read an excellent paper on "Faithfulness," which explained the duties of County secretaries, and gave many helpful suggestions in regard to the work, calling on all workers to be faithful and work while day lasts. An open conference on the duties of secretaries both Provincial and County was conducted by the leader, calling on an interchange of thought and opinion which was highly interesting, and no doubt quite helpful to the many workers present. This meeting was closed by prayer and singing. Mrs. Adams in a few well chosen words in behalf of the Aid Society of Prince St. church gave a hearty welcome to the sisters of the W. B. M. U. now in annual Convention. Mrs. Waring of the Immanuel church also gave a warm and loving welcome on behalf of her Society. These words of greeting and welcome were responded to by Mrs. Nalder of Windsor, who voiced the thanks of the Convention to the sisters of Truro, for their kind hospitality. The report of Miss M. Wood, secretary of the Bureau of Literature, was then read by the Treasurer, and after considerable discussion in regard to the free distributing of literature, this report was adopted. On motion it was resolved that the County secretaries be allowed the privilege of drawing free literature to the amount of one dollar. The president read a letter from Mrs. Archibald in regard to the establishment of a hospital in Chicacole. A house is there which can be utilized for this purpose, and there is promise of assistance in starting this work. Mrs. Archibald wished to have the assurance that this work, if commenced, will be carried on, and desires to know what the W. B. M. U. will do toward it. After a few words from Miss Carr, a returned missionary from Burma, whose opinion in regard to this hospital work was asked by Mrs. Manning, the time having arrived for adjournment, this matter was left

for future decision. Adjourned after closing prayer by Mrs. Howard Barsa.

Tuesday evening at 7.30 a large audience assembled. The president in the chair. "All hail the power of Jesus' name" was sung, Mrs. W. E. Hall read a portion of Scripture, Miss Johnston engaging in prayer, Mrs. Smith, the treasurer, read her annual report, which was of a very encouraging nature, showing the receipts to have been \$9081.91 for all purposes, more than has been realized in any previous year. On motion this report was adopted. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Everett, then gave her annual report, showing progress along all the lines. This report was adopted, "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung. Mrs. J. Layton of the Auxiliary Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian churches presented greetings, in a pleasing manner, responded to by our President. Mrs. Manning then delivered her annual address, which was listened to with the deepest attention. Mr. P. R. Foster engaged in prayer, asking the blessing of the Master on the words so lovingly and faithfully spoken. A vocal solo was beautifully rendered by Mrs. A. A. Shaw of Windsor. Miss Carr from Burma being introduced by the President, gave an interesting account of her work. Mrs. Churchill from Bobbili, India, then spoke to the large audience and was listened to with the closest attention while she told of her work among the Telugus, in its different departments, asking for more earnest prayers on the part of those at home. The collection was taken during which pleasing music was rendered by a male quartette. Mr. Adams closed the meeting with prayer.

Wednesday morning at 9.30 a meeting for prayer and praise was held, conducted by Mrs. J. F. Kempton, largely attended and quite interesting, a large number of the sisters taking part. The business meeting was opened at 10 o'clock. After routine business, reports from the Societies were called for, about forty delegates responded, giving for the most part very encouraging accounts of their Societies. The names of some of our sisters who have during the year been promoted to higher service were mentioned, and their friends tenderly remembered in prayer by Mrs. Cox. The election of officers then took place resulting in the re-election of last year's officers, with the exception of Mrs. David Price being elected Vice President for P. E. I. in place of Mrs. M. C. Higgins, who has removed to New Brunswick, and Miss Annie Jackson appointed Provincial Secretary for P. E. I. in place of Miss M. C. Davies who is laid aside by illness. The Corresponding Secretary on motion was instructed to send a note of sympathy to Miss Davies who has asked to be released from office and has for so many years faithfully served this Union. Meeting adjourned after closing prayer by Mrs. Hall.

At 2.30 Mrs. H. Barsa conducted a praise meeting which was well attended, and enjoyed by all. At 3 o'clock the business was continued. The chairman of Home Missions Committee gave her annual report, which after discussion was adopted. Mrs. Atkins presented greetings from the Presbyterian West End Auxiliary Mission Society. Mrs. Maynard, State Secretary for Mass., U. S., being called on gave a very interesting address, telling of the work accomplished by her Mission Society, Mrs. Manning responded to these greetings.

The estimates for the year were then presented by the Treasurer, appropriating \$7,500 for Foreign Missions, and \$3000 for Home Missions, on motion these were adopted. Mrs. P. R. Foster then conducted a Mission Band exercise which proved extremely interesting, including a map exercise on Bimlipatam, and several five minute papers by young ladies. The report of Mission Bands in N. B. was read by Mrs. Cox for Miss Barton. A message to the Union written by Mrs. W. V. Higgins who was not able to be present was read by Mrs. Morgan. Several appointments were made and the meeting adjourned by prayer. A large and very interesting meeting was held in the evening at 7.30 addressed by Mrs. Sandford, returned missionary, Miss Blackadar, missionary elect, also Miss Edna Corning. Mrs. Jost of Guysboro read a finely written and well delivered paper on "What the word go means to women," Mrs. M. C. Higgins, gave a stirring address on "The motive power of Christian missions," Mrs. Nalder of Windsor gave the parting address. We wish all our sisters could have heard these addresses, and we hope some of them will be given to the public. A consecration service was held at the close which was deeply marked by the Spirit's presence. And thus closed one of the most successful meetings held by the W. B. M. U.

COR. SECRETARY.

Work for the Missionary Committee.

An exchange tells of the work done by a committee on mission work showing how varied are the lines along which this committee may project its operations. There may be in this some suggestions for vacation work. The idea of the song books made from quarterlies is especially

suggestive. There are many schools on the frontier that would be glad to receive a gift of this sort.

"Our committee on mission work has been interested in various lines. They sent comfort bags, with money for Testaments, and dolls, to a Rescue Mission for lumbermen and their families. Papers and magazines have been distributed, a magazine subscription taken for a colored teacher in the South, and a barrel of good clothing sent to help poor students in Whitman College. Forty song books were made from songs in the backs of old Sunday School quarterlies, and given to a new school. We are working to furnish a room in the proposed hospital in our city."—Baptist Union.

Making the Most of One's Vision.

In running the Christian race, one needs to look in many directions at once. True, one should have an eye single to the glory of God, but that does not mean that he should reduce his range of vision to a point. If a man wants to go to a letter-box across the street, he does not shut one eye and look at the box with the other to make sure of his aim. He keeps the box in view, but he keeps his eyes about him for the dangers that beset one while crossing a street. That is what Jesus asks of every man who is pressing toward the mark: "Watch and pray." We have no more right to look to God to preserve us from the spiritual dangers to which we have shut our eyes, than to expect him to save us from the wheels of a passing street-car which we have chosen to ignore.—S. S. Times.

A dead Christ might have been a teacher and a wonder-worker, and remembered and loved as such; but only a risen and living Christ could be a Saviour—the Life and the Life-Giver—and as such preached to all men.—Edersheim.

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