

The Eastern Society

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DAY OF PRAYER

The semi-annual day of prayer was observed in Montreal on Thursday, April 3rd, in the Westmount Baptist church. There were representatives present from all the churches. Mrs. Price, of Verdun, presided, and the Scripture was read by Mrs. Watt of the First Baptist Church.

With the meeting for prayer is combined the yearly gathering of all the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Circles of the city. Mrs. Ramsay gave a condensed report of the work of the Circles during the past year. All report increased attendance and deepened interest. In two of the churches, Olivet and Westmount, the duplex envelope system of weekly offerings for missions has been adopted with most gratifying results. In Westmount church a revised constitution makes every woman of the church considered as a member of the Mission Circle, only those contributing a minimum fee of \$1 being eligible for office or to be a delegate to Association or Convention. Efforts are directed to make all realize their privileges and responsibilities as members and to urge obedience to the Master's command to send the gospel to the regions beyond.

A season of earnest prayer followed specific details relating to our missionaries in Bolivia and in India. Their fields and some of their pressing problems as known to us by letters and reports were presented in earnest prayer at the throne of grace.

A deeply spiritual address was given by Mrs. Maguire of Westmount, on lessons drawn from John 21. She brought home to us the truth so well known but alas so little heeded by us, that as Jesus used of the fish caught by the disciples, so he still waits for our prayers, our money, our children, to convert the world. She illustrated this point by relating how Mr. Moody, missionary in Central Africa, ascribes that the thousands of converts

there in his field had been given since the women of Boston had given themselves to prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

A beautiful solo rendered by Mrs. Schell was a truly spiritual contribution to the afternoon's meeting.

LETTER FROM MISS HINMAN

In a letter recently received by Mrs. Motley, Miss Susie Hinman reports of her enforced rest owing to illness. She had been suffering from malarial fever and had been ordered to go to Pithapuram for a month's rest and treatment in the hospital. This is her first real illness since going to India and was no doubt a great trial to our energetic worker. At the time of writing she was recovering slowly but her temperature still rose in the afternoons. Let all Circle members pray for her complete and speedy restoration and that on her return to Akidu she may find herself equal to the strain of her task and that she may be gladdened by the conversion of many of her pupils.

The health of our missionaries should always be a matter of earnest prayer by Circle members that their valuable lives may be preserved and that they may be physically, mentally and spiritually fitted for their tasks.

VERDUN MISSION BAND

The Ever-Ready Mission Band held a concert on the 10th of March. A large audience was present and an offering amounting to \$20.00 was taken, most of which was sent as a contribution to Miss Lockhart's dog cart in Vuyyuru, India. Most of the Verdun members took part and everyone said it was one of the best concerts the Band had ever given.

Peggy Price, Secretary.

TO MISSION BANDS

Mrs. Ramsay, Superintendent of Bands, requests all Bands to remember the slight increase in funds required from each band in order to buy the dog cart at Vuyyuru.