

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR OCTOBER

For God's blessing upon our missionaries going to India, that they may have a pleasant passage and the continual presence of the Master. For a revival of missionary zeal among our pastors and churches and a larger ingathering of souls at all our mission stations.

Items from India.

A REMARKABLE TEMPERANCE MEETING, under the auspices of the Metropolitan Temperance and Purity Association is reported to have been held recently in Calcutta. The audience consisted of six or seven hundred students, the flower of the young manhood of Bengal. With the aid of the magic lantern, it was vividly shown how intemperance makes society a seat of anarchy, home a wilderness, the sweet relations of life bonds of misery, and life a total wreck. A fiery anointing appeared to come upon the speaker of the evening—the Hon. K. C. Banerji. With tremendous earnestness he urged his hearers to hoist the banner of Temperance and Purity, and then march in array like the angelic hosts of heaven, always conquering and magnifying the name of the Lord. The whole audience was electrified. It was indeed a day of Pentecost. About 100 young men stepped up to the dais and vowed to surrender their lives to the service of the Lord, and to co-operate with the Association in the furtherance of the cause of Temperance and Purity. "Personal Purity, Total Abstinence"—let the banner encircle the globe!

THE THREE ROTTEN CULTURES.

Under the above heading, there recently appeared in the London Spectator, an attack on English Education in India. The culture of the Hindu was compared with that of the Romans of the last century of the Western Empire, and with that of the Chinese literati of the present century. "English education in India," says the writer, "makes the Hindu a mere imitator, and inspires him with the one passion of securing appointment under Government."

The Rev. Dr. Miller, for thirty years Principal of Madras Christian College—most important collegiate institution in India—in reply, states that only 390 of the 880 graduates of the Christian College are employed by the British Government. Of those following careers outside of Government service, 160 are lawyers, 100 are engaged in educational work, and the rest are pursuing honorable careers in the various walks of life. Of this whole number of graduates 130 are Christians, nine of whom are ordained clergymen. While Dr. Miller does not say that there are no defects in Indian education, he affirms that the standard of honesty and efficiency in the public service, and in all kinds of work has risen greatly and is rising still.

THE RAIN.

It raineth every day. The crops may yet be saved. The shrill chorus of the Cooley women, as they stand knee-deep in the water planting the rice-shoots, may be heard far and near. In the Bombay Presidency, the rain-fall in July has been the scantiest known in sixty years. Rayputna, the Central Provinces and in the northern section of the Madras Presidency, the fear of famine has been great.

THE NEW CAMBRIDGE SENIOR WRANGLER, TURUSHOTTAM PARANJPE,

is being congratulated *ad nauseam*. The common exclamation is:—"What! has an Indian carried off the blue ribbon of English scholarship!" Mr. Paranjpe says: "I was born in 1876, in a village of 300 inhabitants, where there is not even an elementary school. My people engage in the cultivation of rice, betel-nuts, coconuts, etc. I was married at sixteen to a girl of eleven. Took my B. A. in 1895, and in 1896 obtained the Government of India Scholarship. For my education I am indebted to Prof. Karve of the Ferguson College (Poona.) In this College, which is managed by native gentlemen who work for a mere pittance, I expect to teach on my return to India."

RIOTS IN SOUTH INDIA

From June 3-14 what looting and plundering, burning and sacking! In the Tinnevely District alone more than 150 villages were attacked, 3,500 houses were burnt, and about 4 lakhs (\$150,000) worth of property has been damaged and looted. What barbarous treatment the women and children have received. Hundreds of Shanar women have had their ears torn away by the Maravars in their efforts to procure the curious gold and silver rings, which hung from lobes so distended as to actually rest on the shoulders.

Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth. It seems that the Shanars, the toddy drawers of South India, claiming to belong to the Kahatriya caste, attempted to enforce an entrance into the Swaski temple. The higher castes protested. The case was tried and decided in favor of the Shanars, whereupon the lawless Maravars proceeded to punish the presumptuous Shanars. In a word Caste is the real cause of the temporary absence of Pax Britannica in India. It is worthy of notice that the hundreds of Christian Shanars were unmolested, and that with these many a heathen Shanar took refuge.

PUNDITA RAMABAI

is full of enthusiasm. Her testimony for Christ is strong. Evidence of blessing continue in her settlements at Mukti, near Khedagon, and at Sharada Sadan, Poona. A native paper commenting on the series of meetings she conducted for the Y. M. C. A. of Bombay, says: "The sight of an Indian lady addressing young men is not a common one, but it is one of the happy signs of the change taking place in this country, when women may have whatever place their talents, education, and calling will give them."

THOSE SEVEN MEN.

Some months ago the itemizer referred to seven men in Kimedli, who had offered themselves for baptism—they were not baptized. In a letter from Mr. Corey he says: "One thing we must learn in this country, and rather a bitter thing, too, is never to count on a convert with any assurance until he has been baptized, and then it is better to wait at least a month before saying much about it, lest he should join his caste again. I believe those men came with all sincerity, but they had not counted the cost. Their caste people made such a row that their courage failed. Occasionally I see some of these men, and they tell me they have not lost hope yet."

The blade works underground, unseen, but it must come to the surface. And then there often comes a nipping frost. But afterwards a second springing to perfection. We sow in faith and wait in hope.

"Thou canst not toil in vain:  
Cold, heat, and moist, and dry  
Shall foster and mature the grain  
For garner in the sky."

MABEL ANCHIBALD.

Chicacole, India, Aug. 29, 1899.

Amounts Received by Treasurer W. B. M. U. From Sept 22nd to Oct. 5th.

Glace Bay, F. M., \$2; H. M., \$1; donation H. M., \$1; Salisbury, F. M., \$2.50; N. B. Convention, W. B. M. U. meeting, F. M., \$4; G. L. M., \$4; N. W. M., \$4; Sydney, Sadie Harrington toward M. S. Gray's travelling expenses, \$5; Truro Immanuel church loc. fund, 50c; Alberton, F. M., \$2.25; H. M. 15c; Wittenberg loc., \$1; Coll. \$1.50; Kinsman Corner, Tidings, 25c; Union Corner, F. M., \$3; Lower Southampton, York Co., Miss Violet L. Kirke, to constitute herself a life member, towards Mrs. Churchill's school, \$25; North River, F. M., \$4; H. M., \$3; Tidings 50c; Port Hawkesbury, F. M., \$3.75; Morganville, Tidings, 25c; Jacksonville, F. M., \$2.25; H. M., \$3.05; Dundas, H. M., \$4.

MRS. MARY SMITH, Treas. W. B. M. U. Amherst, P. O. B. 513.

Moneys Received by Mrs. Ada G. Fownes, Treasurer of Mission Bands, to October 7.

Onward Mission Band, P. E. I., \$2; Amherst Baptist Sunday School, \$27; Fourche Mission Band, \$5; Brookfield, \$5.91; "Cheerful Givers," River Hebert, \$7, towards Mr. Morse's salary; Milton Mission Band, \$5; Greenfield, \$5.40.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

We have been told that when a person proposes to join the Moravians the question is asked: "Do you intend to be a missionary? If not, what sum will you contribute towards the support of a substitute?" This accounts for the fact that their converts in mission lands number more than their home membership. Surely the missionary cause should always have the first place.

It is said that when the story of the West India slavery was told to the Moravians, and that it was impossible to reach the slave population because they were so separated from the ruling classes, two Moravian missionaries offered themselves, and said, "We will go and be slaves on the plantations and work and toil under the lash, to get right beside the poor slaves and instruct them." And they left their homes and went to the West Indies as slaves, and lived in the company of slaves, to get close to the hearts of the slaves. And the slaves heard them because they had humbled themselves in their condition.

That was grand; it was glorious; and yet Christ's example was more glorious, for He stepped from heaven to get by our side; He laid himself down beside us that we might feel the throbbings of His bosom and be drawn so close as to hear Him whisper, "God is love."

"In evangelistic missionary zeal let us 'go and grow,'" said Dr. Clark in his annual message. "I would earnestly recommend as an outcome of the Tenth

Legion that we all take up the 'Forward Movement' of our respective denominations, and that as individuals and societies we either adopt or support some missionary or native worker of our own, or group ourselves with other societies for this purpose. Nay, why can we not do more than this, and as individuals, have it for our ambition to support a missionary or worker through our own denomination at home or abroad? The Student Volunteer movement needs this supplementary movement."

"Make money for God" was one of the earnest appeals of Dr. Clark to young men. "Pledge yourselves to turn your best ability to the making of money, not for a selfish and a sordid purpose, but that through your money the world may be evangelized. Glorify this meanest of passions with the Godlike light of an unselfish purpose. Transmute this city into pure gold. Make your purpose very specific and definite. Bring to bear the force of our pledge upon your business. Rout avariciousness with a godly purpose and say: 'Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I will make money for him. I will at the first possible moment support, through my own denominational Board, one or more workers for Christ on the home or foreign field. What a glorious day for world-wide missions will that be when one hundred thousand young American Christians make that covenant with God.'"

Foreign Mission Special Offering.

C. Henry Dimock, \$5; Lewis E. Dimock, \$25; Kenston S. S., \$4; Rev. Z. L. Fash, \$5; Rev. W. E. Hall, \$5; Delegates Brussels St. church, \$55; Guysboro church, \$13; H. R. Emmerson, \$25; Dorchester B. Y. P. U., \$20; Rev. W. N. Hutchins, \$5; J. T. Clark, \$25; Leinster St. church, \$50.36; Kate M. Saunders, \$3; B. Y. P. U. North Baptist church, \$25; Moncton church, \$100; B. Y. P. U., \$25-\$125; F. W. Barbour, \$10; St. George Mission Band, \$14.10; 2nd Chipman B. Y. P. U., \$100; St. Andrews 1st church (Bayside), \$9.67; Rolling Dam church, \$7; Battlett's Mills church, \$6.33; Oak Bay church, \$6; Ledge, Duff-rin, church, \$8; B. Y. P. U. Annapolis, \$10; Granville Ferry church, \$10; S. E. Bancroft, \$5; Rev. G. J. C. White, \$10. Total \$586.46. Before reported \$451.53. Total to Oct. 1st, \$1037.99.

GENERAL DONATIONS.

In memory of E. Louisa D. — Halifax, \$20; Weymouth church, \$3; Westport Mission Band, \$11; Mrs. M. W. Bigelow, \$25 Total \$59. Before reported, \$135.35 Total to Oct. 1st \$194.35.

FOR MR. G.'S SUPPORT.

Rev. Z. L. Fash, \$5; Mrs. John Nalder, \$5; Mrs. E. D. Shand, \$5. Total \$15. Before reported \$10. Total to Oct. 1st \$25.

Total as above, \$1,257.34.

J. W. MANNING, Secy. Treas.

St. John, Oct. 2nd.

The P. E. Island Conference.

The Prince Edward Island Baptist Conference met with the Summerside church on Sept. 24th and 25th. There were present Pastors E. J. Grant, Summerside; J. C. Spurr, Alexandria; A. F. Browne, North River; D. Price, Tryon; E. A. McPhee, East Point; A. C. Shaw, Dundas; F. P. Dresser, Tyne Valley; G. P. Raymond, Charlottetown; Deacon Arthur Simpson, Cavendish, and Deacon Howatt, Tryon. A number of the members of the Summerside church attended the sessions and assisted in the work of the Conference.

On Monday evening Pastor A. F. Browne preached an inspiring sermon from the text, "I will shew him my salvation." The preacher pointed out that this salvation was great, joyful and everlasting.

At the Tuesday morning session a programme was arranged for the visit of Miss Eva De Prazer, M. D., of Viziagapatam, India, among the Island churches. A short prayer service was led by Pastor J. C. Spurr, after which Pastor E. J. Grant, the President of the Conference, took the chair. Attention was given to applications for aid from several churches. These applications always receive careful and faithful discussion before they are endorsed by the Conference and forwarded by the secretary to the Home Mission Board.

All the Island churches are at present supplied with pastors with the exception of the Cavendish group, and it is hoped that some one will soon be settled over this important field. Pastor Jackson, who has lately removed from Cavendish to New Haven, Conn., is much missed from the Conference, and his brother pastors wish him all success in his new church and in the further prosecution of his studies.

At the afternoon session reports from the churches were presented which showed a number of baptisms and other encouraging facts. Prayer was offered by Pastors Price and Spurr for a number of special cases of sickness which had been brought to the notice of the Conference.

On Tuesday evening, instead of the addresses on our denominational work which otherwise would have been given, Miss De Prazer addressed a large audience upon the story of her conversion and the work of our missionaries in India. Her words will long be remembered and all the members of the Conference were glad that she could spare a few days to visit our P. E. Island churches.

The Conference decided to hold its December session with the St. Peter's Road church, and as that will be our annual meeting, and at which important measures will be presented, it is hoped that every pastor on the Island will be present. G. P. RAYMOND, Sec'y.