

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers, together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR MARCH.

For Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, the schools, native preachers and Bible women at Chicacole, also the young lady Missionaries at this station. That those who have long heard of Christ there, may be led to come out boldly and follow Him.

As the Conquest Missionary meetings of B. Y. P. U., February, have been on India, we publish a statement of the work done there by the Baptists of America.

American Baptist Missionary Union.

There are 26 stations and 297 out-stations; 84 missionaries and 1,344 native helpers; 111 churches of which 29 are entirely self-supporting. The total church membership is 51,878, and these were added to the churches by confession in 1897: 1,870 members. The largest Baptist church in the world is that of Ongoli, with a membership of 18,805. In fact it is the largest church of any denomination. There are 356 Sunday Schools and 10,040 pupils.

In connection with the Baptist Foreign Mission Board of Ontario and Quebec there are 10 stations, 46 out-stations, 35 missionaries (men and women), 182 native helpers and 31 churches with a membership of 3,646. There were added by confession last year 393.

In connection with the Foreign Mission Board of the Baptist convention of the Maritime Provinces, there are 7 stations and 10 out-stations, 20 missionaries (men and women), 40 native helpers, 7 churches with a membership of 288. There were added by confession last year, 103.

The following ladies were appointed for County Secretaries by the Executive of the W. B. M. U. at their last meeting: Mrs. Durkee for Digby; Mrs. J. G. Locke, Shelburne; Mrs. D. H. Simpson, Kings; Miss Bessie Horseman, Albert Co., N. B.

You will rejoice that prayer has been answered for workers in the Home department of our work.

Societies will please note the Post Office address of each: Mrs. Durkee, Digby, N. S.; Mrs. J. G. Locke, Lockeport, N. S.; Mrs. D. H. Simpson, Berwick, N. S. A warm welcome and plenty of work awaits these new Secretaries. May they have the blessing of the Master on all they do. Queens and Cumberland are still looking for Secretaries.

Yours very truly,
Dartmouth. A. E. JOHNSTON.

Our Aid Society is still working away, and the meetings are very helpful and encouraging. A few of the sisters think that they have no time to devote to Foreign Missions and imagine India, China, Africa and the Islands of the sea to lie even more remote than they really are. Yet we are hoping and praying that each sister in the church may feel it to be her duty to come in with us and aid in the grand work of sending the gospel to those who know it not. We find that the women who never tire of Foreign Missions are the very ones who are alert in Home Mission work and can always do a little more or give a little extra if required. Our Mission Band is doing good work and is increasing in interest and members. They frequently add very much to the interest of the "Aid Meeting." Recently, several had papers on India, China and Africa, which would have reflected credit on older heads. They are growing quite familiar with our missionaries and Mission stations and are deeply interested in Home Missions also. We take a collection for Home Missions at each meeting and this evening the older members of our Band give a Bible Reading on Home and Foreign Missions in our regular prayer meeting. We enjoy Tidings and the Link more than ever. They each grow better and better. May the day speedily dawn when each sister shall do all in her power to send the glad tidings of the gospel to her heathen sisters in the East. S. E. P.

River Hebert.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

Only Think of it.

"I confess, the thought constantly fills me with astonishment that that great sacrifice already made, that the knowledge of that sacrifice, by which it is to be applied

to the life of all mankind, has not even yet reached the ears of all the inhabitants of the world—to think that the Lord has died for us on the cross, and intrusted us with his dying command so many centuries ago, and that the church has not yet so enlarged her borders as to include all those for whom Christ died." The Archbishop of Canterbury.

A Few Figures.

"There are in the world 150,000,000 Protestant Christians.

These give each year for Foreign Missions, \$13,000,000. That is less than ten cents a piece. Christ's last command bids us go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. How far will ten cents a piece carry us?

The cost of two Sunday newspapers a piece would exceed our annual gift for the world's redemption.

If each Protestant would save two street car fares a year and all them to his missionary gifts

If each Protestant would contribute to missions the cost of a pound of twenty cent candy, it would more than double our missionary force.

If each Protestant would give to missions a two cent postage stamp every week our missionary enterprises would be multiplied by twelve.

We send out nearly 12,000 missionaries, that is each Protestant owns less than one ten-thousandth of a missionary. Where are our representatives? Have we any?

AMOS R. WELLS.

Preach on Missions.

It is surprising how few pastors preach on missions. There are some strong and influential churches, so called, who seldom hear a sermon on world-wide evangelization. It is little wonder that the people, with such an example, respond feebly to missionary claims.

A pastor owes it to himself to bring together at least once a year, his thoughts in the freshest way on the extent to which the gospel has thus far affected the world, and his people need for the sake of their own souls, and the increase of their own confidence in Christianity, to be shown that Christ's gospel has a power of transforming even a pagan from savagery to sainthood. The last Sunday in March is to be Foreign Mission Sunday. Will not our pastors and B. Y. P. U. presidents and Sunday School Superintendents prepare for it? Much of our success in the home work depends upon the way we treat the Saviour's farewell message to His people. The coldness, indifference, worldliness and lack of zeal in the past, of so many of our church members may be due to their disobedience in doing what the Christ has told us to do.

Go in Haste.

"When Heddy Vickers noticed for the first time the passage, 'the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin,' he looked at it long and intently, and arising, said, 'I will live as a blood-washed man.'" So ought we to contemplate the great commission. If Christ bids us to go and promises to be with us, then henceforth let us arise and go to the heathen world, panoplied in the in the power of Him into whose hand all power in heaven and earth has been given. It is not to Jerusalem and Pentecost that we are to go for power, but to the uttermost parts of the earth, receiving power as we go on, in the going. It is not in tarrying and holding prayer-meetings that we are to get a fresh endowment of power but in making haste to fulfil the Saviour's command, and in the large and generous consecration of our substance to the work of evangelizing the world." Pentecost.

In Korea the Christians have doubled the past year, numbering now about 5,000.

In a leaflet published by the American Baptist Missionary Union, we may find the following:

"Baptisms in our own fields last year, 13,179, of which 1,189 were in Assam, (900 of them in the single station of Tura) 2,500 in Burma, 1,870 among the Telugus, 475 in China, 335 in Africa, 2,032 in Sweden, 2,836 in Germany, and 980 in Russia.

In the matter of growth in self-support you may find that last year the native people in Burma contributed \$62,000 and that in Europe the people raised for themselves \$390,000 as against \$40,000 which we gave to encourage them. Surely it pays five times over to do our best for Foreign Missions. We cannot do to much. We certainly are not doing enough.

Amounts Received for Chicacole Hospital.

Hon. Dr. Parker, \$10; A Friend, \$10; Rev. Howard Baras and wife, \$5; Miss Margaret Baras, \$5; Mrs. James Morse, \$4; Mrs. M. S. De Blois, \$2; Mrs. M. A. Chubbuck, \$2; Mrs. D. F. Higgins, \$2; Miss M. J. Hay, \$2; Middleton Friends, \$2; Mrs. A. Cahoon, \$1; Mr. J. W. Baras, \$1; Mr. A. C. Rand, \$1; Miss E. J. Simpson, \$1; Mrs. P. M. Kemp-

ton, \$1; Mrs. G. H. DeWitt, \$1; Miss Minnie Fitch, \$1; Miss A. A. Wallace, \$1; Mrs. A. A. Roscoe, \$1; Mrs. W. V. Higgins, \$1; Mrs. William Chipman, \$1; Miss May Benjamin, \$1; Mrs. R. V. Jones, \$1; Mr. H. A. Davison, \$1; Mrs. T. Trotter, \$1; Mrs. L. C. Hutchinson, \$1; Capt. Sabean, 25c; Capt. Cleveland, 50c; H. W. Coy, 25c; G. R. Elliott, 25c; Mrs. G. C. Johnson, 50c; Mrs. J. L. Franklin, 50c; Mrs. Noble Crandall, 25c; Mrs. A. C. Bishop, 50c; Mrs. A. de U. Baras, 50c; Miss Annie S. Fitch, 50c; Mrs. J. M. Baird, 25c; Mrs. S. Richardson, 50c; Miss M. Coldwell, 50c; Mrs. D. T. Coldwell, 50c; S. J. R., 75c; Miss Helene Machamara, 75c. Total, \$67.05.

Wolfville, N. S.

L. C. HUTCHINSON.

Surgeon General Sir James Mouat, who died recently at the age of 83 years, won the Victoria Cross at Bala-klava by volunteering to go out and dress the wounds of an officer lying in an exposed situation under Russian fire.

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