

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR DECEMBER

For the work and workers at Bobbili. The school and its teachers. For the native Christians that they may be steadfast and bring many more to a knowledge of the true God.

Bear River

We are trying to make some advance along missionary lines. Crusade Day was observed Oct. 26th. The afternoon was unpleasant and prevented much calling. We had a very successful missionary prayer meeting in the evening. It was our regular meeting night. A number of sisters gave short, pithy items of missionary news, carefully selected and given out the week before. Special music helped to enliven the occasion. It was a very solemn and impressive meeting. An earnest appeal was made for the W. M. A. S., which met the next week. Collection \$7.00, divided between Home and Foreign Missions. Our November meeting found seventeen present although the weather was bad. We had a grand meeting. Three joined the Society. Another day will be appointed for calling. As much money has been raised since July as in the whole of last year. The Mission Band gave a concert last Tuesday evening. Collection \$18.75. They are supporting a girl in India. The concert required a great deal of work, but fully repaid our efforts. The Miss Phineys were a fine help. From Miss Wood Amherst, we obtained an exercise called "The Conquering Cross." It is beautiful, and I would recommend it to all Bands. We had the girls representing heathen, dressed in black with the name of the country they were from in white letters on the waist, (the exercise said costumes). We are encouraged to hope for still greater success in the future.

MRS. SCHURMAN.

Frederick Aid Society.

The proposition to hold our annual meeting in the afternoon, instead of in the evening as hitherto, and upon a regular meeting day, was promptly accepted. The list of names of women in our church was carefully scanned, and a few given to each of several most thorough going to canvas for additional members. Written invitations were sent to all members not in regular attendance at our meetings. Those promising to unite with us were also invited. The supper was placed in the care of one of our members, an accomplished expert in the culinary art, with the privilege and responsibility of choosing her helpers. The day arrived, November 8th. It did not rain. The church parlor was filled. Attentive, expectant faces met our President, Mrs. Estey, as with accustomed ease and dignity she arose to announce the opening hymn: "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun." The selections of scripture read were 67 Psalm, the first fourteen verses of 1st chap. Acts and 14th and 15th verses 5th of 2nd Cor. The Treasurer, Miss Phillips, led in prayer. The roll call was responded to by a Bible verse, and a few words of personal experience. Reading: Letter from Tidings, by Mrs. Dr. Tupper. Secretary's report showed extending and increasing interest in the work of the Society. Treasurer reported total amount raised during the year \$127.68. "The bird with a broken pinion," was well rendered by Mrs. H. Coy. Reading: The Leaflet, "If they only knew," by Miss McNally. Reading: Miss Clark, on "Work among women," by Mrs. Freeman. The singing was spirited, and the interest sustained throughout the meeting. It was a joy to grasp the hand and kindly greet all friends and members old and new. In the midst of the buzz of animated voices we were hidden to the adjoining parlor to partake of a sumptuous tea, tasteful and attractive in all its appointments, and presided over by Mrs. McNally and her corps of young lady helpers gracious and tactful, to all of whom much credit is due. Fifty ladies were present and all felt that our Anniversary and Social combined had been a marked success, and would result in the accomplishment of more for our Telugu sisters. Thirteen new members were secured, and more promised who were prevented from meeting with us. All became better acquainted and possibly can better appreciate the difficulties preventing some from uniting with us. We have already a life member this year, and altogether the outlook is cheering. Some regret was expressed because of the absence of our husbands from the tea, although we knew the object of the social season, viz., getting closer to each other, was better served thus. Another year the gentlemen will probably have the privilege of sitting at our board, and of increasing our funds at the same time.

R. A. B. P., Sec'y.

Nov. 19th.

The W. M. A. Society of Main St. Baptist church, with several others met with the Brussels St. Society on Oct. 13th, "Crusade Day," where we enjoyed a feast of good things at both afternoon and evening meetings. The first of the week preceding "Crusade Day" one of the faithful sisters of our Society visited a goodly number of our sisters in the church not members of our Society, resulting in the addition of fifteen new members. Through another sister's efforts two more

were added making a total of seventeen. On Nov. 10th the monthly prayer-meeting of the Societies of the City and Fairville met in our schoolroom. We had quite a number of our Juniors at the meeting. This meeting was a little departure from the usual Union prayer-meetings. After the opening exercises singing, reading of Scripture and prayer, we had a paper on "Current events in missions," by Mrs. Vaughn. They followed a chorus by a number of the primary Juniors, after which Mrs. J. W. Manning gave us the life of John Paton, a devoted Presbyterian missionary. It was listened to with rapt attention by all present. Then followed prayer by several of the sisters, a recitation and duet by the intermediate Juniors, which closed a very interesting and I trust profitable meeting.

M. E. SCOTT, Sec'y.

The W. M. A. S. of St. Martins observed their annual Thank-offering service on the evening of Oct. 27 by holding a "Missionary Concert." Invitations and envelopes had been previously sent to each sister of the church. A fairly good audience was present. Chair was occupied by Pres. Mrs. J. S. Titus. Upon the platform with her were Mrs. David Smith and Mrs. Benj. Vaughan First and Second Vice Presidents. Singing "Jesus Saves." Prayer by Pastor Cornwall; Psalm 96 read by 2 Vice Pres.; Address, by Pres.; Reading, Miss Marjorie Smith; White flag exercise by a number of children; Duet, Misses Rourke and Washburne; Recitation, Miss Grace Vaughan; Collection; Opening of envelopes and reading of Scripture texts by Mrs. Vaughn, Mrs. Gillmore and Sec'y. During collection an anthem was rendered by choir. Recitation, Two little girls; Reading, Miss Elsie Wishart; Solo Mr. E. A. Titus; Reading by Sec'y; Recitation, Misses White and Brown; Exercise "Gospel Ship," by five little girls. Especially fine were the exercises by the children, 16 little boys and girls taking part in the first mentioned and the thanks of the Society are due to Miss McNally who so kindly trained them. The Scripture texts formed an interesting part of the programme, as no two were alike. The proceeds of \$14.00 are by vote of Society to be sent to Hospital fund and Tekkali buildings. Crusade Day, Nov. 8, five ladies of Society met at home of Pres. and after reading of the Word and short prayers they started out spending the afternoon calling upon as many sisters of the church as possible. We feel sure some new interest in our work will be the result. Our regular meetings are full of interest.

MRS. A. W. POWERS, Sec'y.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

From the daily papers we have learned that the late Nelson Forrest, of Amherst, has left our Board \$10,000 for its work. We are proud and grateful to our Heavenly Father that He put it in the heart of this good brother to do this for the Master. The knowledge of this bequest came just when the Sec'y-Treas. was greatly troubled over the question of "Ways and Means." It has lifted a great weight from his soul, but it has not given any present relief to the strain upon the treasury. We need absolutely about \$1,400 today to make the quarterly remittance. It cannot be made without it. Brethren do not fail us.

Mr. Archibald writes: It is now about 7.30 a.m. After worship with my helpers a lad came and spoke of joining the Christians. His parents were dead and through poverty he was obliged long ago to give up his studies. I told him that we could not receive him without the new heart which was given only to those who believed in Jesus. After reading and explaining what Jesus said to Nicodemus about being born again, I gave him and three other boys who had come hand bills and sent them away. Then there came a merchant from Chicacole (seven miles away) who belongs here, and remembers a visit of eight years ago. A man from the mission of the village comes bringing cow's milk, the first I have seen since coming here on Saturday, and this is Tuesday. Thus far on this tour I have drunk only water brought from Chicacole. The water of the wells is brackish, and that from the tanks is dirty from the bathing of the people and the washing of the buffaloes. This village of Shrikurmam does not contain more than 1500 permanent outcasts, but at times in the year it is visited by many thousands of people, as in its great temples is one of the ten incarnations of Vishnu. The form of the stone image is that of a turtle. On Sunday afternoon a public meeting was held in the village school house. The attendance was large. The principal men of the place were present. The attention given was good. Five reasons were given from the Bible why the salvation provided by Christ is the great salvation. Two men replied, but to little purpose. Good was accomplished, but when I saw how comparatively little their hearts were affected, I seemed to gain a fresh view of what it was to be "dead in trespasses and sins." You have prayed and are praying for these people. Pray on. God will yet resurrect them from their state of sin and death. O what encouragement we find in the words of Jesus, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." At the request of one of their leading men we are to have another public meeting this afternoon. I hope to give a brief history of Christ's life up to his baptism. Amruthal, the native preacher, tells of the work of those three years and of his death, resurrection and ascension. We are more and more convinced that if we would have the people believe in Jesus we must make known more and more fully the story of his life, death and resurrection. Last night's experience in preaching Jesus to the people in the village from seven till nine o'clock was cheering. I had planned to visit another part of the town but accepted the cordial invitation of several merchants and others to explain this teaching to them. It was indeed a joy to see forty or

fifty grown men sitting in the moon light and seeming to take in so well the only way of salvation. A Brahmin present said that he would like to become a Christian, but if he did his brothers would say that he had gone to the bad and would not give him a share of the family property. I told him that he had better see to it that he secured the salvation of his soul and the British law would secure to him his property, and reminded him that the Christian religion was the religion of Queen Victoria and the only way of life.

Miss Harrison writes: The hot season is so long. Here it is October 4 and the thermometer in my room under the punkah was up to almost 90° yesterday. One does grow tired, tired of it. I do not mind it as much as some, but it does take all desire for letter writing away from me. Next month we may hope for better things. The country has been drying up—no rain, and unless it comes very soon a famine will be upon us. A good rain even now would insure only a partial crop, and yet the days go by and it does not come. The Brahmins perform their ceremonies and the people strain their eyes, to tokens of rain and then turn away in despair. Prices for food have already gone up, and the poor are beginning to say, "We shall die." How tired I grew of that word last year. Do not think I am discouraged. No, indeed! But I have one bit of good news for you. I am through with my exams. I am so glad to be free. However I am still studying with my munshi every morning. Just as I finished my exams, a letter came from Miss Priest, of Tuni, asking me to make her a visit and go on tour with her. I had been longing for a little experience along the line of lady missionary touring, so I packed my box and went. It was a change and a good experience for me, and profitable as well. We called it my post graduate course. I hardly know what degree you would confer upon me.

Mr. Hardy writes: The difficulties continue to disappear and light often breaks on points which were the most formidable and gives me great joy. I feel that each ray of light on this matter is a step nearer the people among whom I am to labor the rest of my life. In this respect I am trying to observe the Divine rule of walking in the light which is given. Suffice it to say that I am not by any means more discouraged than the day I set sail for this land, for I knew that God had called me and was sending me to India, and He has not sent me here to fail. I see everything else but failure ahead of me and am willing to travel the road of hard work which leads to the goal set before me. The goal of success is the same, but my way shall be that of the snail rather than that of the one who goes in leaps and bounds. God has given me a strong body and a determined will, and with these I shall conquer in His name.

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