

## Foreign Missions.

### W. B. M. U.

*"We are laborers together with God."*

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#### PRAYER TOPIC FOR MARCH.

For Vizanagram, that every department of the work there may receive the blessing of the Lord. That Miss Blackadar may be fully restored to health. For our Mission Bands and their leaders.

The following letter is commended to the careful consideration of all our sisters. Let it be read in every W. M. A. S. meeting as a message from the Master:

#### An Open Letter to Each Member of the Woman's Missionary Aid Societies.

DEAR SISTER.—The memory of the time when you gave yourself in solemn covenant to Christ is still fresh in your heart. You remember his gentleness with you, his love and care over you. Since then, what a strong refuge he has been to you, when the storms of life have threatened to engulf you. He has not only given you his love, but the home love and family ties that make life so precious. Your heart is constantly overflowing in gifts of labor, time, and money, to make these dear ones happy. For them you deny yourself of rest and often of innocent pleasures.

Can you not in some measure minister in the same way to the dear Lord from whom you receive all, and who so lovingly accepts the smallest offering we bring him. You remember Mary who gave her precious ointment; and the woman who gave him the drink of cold water? If he came in the flesh and said, "Do this little service for me," how eagerly and tenderly your hands would wait upon him. And yet he has asked us just as surely, for he is still as near, "always with us" as he himself said, in the person of anyone who needs a helping hand. You must believe this if you believe your Bible; if you desire that faith which brings you into constant companionship with your risen Lord.

Do you remember the last request of your beloved, on earth? The last request of your Lord is just as real, and more binding, and he lovingly watches for its fulfilment through you and me. Do you know what it would bring to each one of us if we tried to do what we could to carry it out? A great peace where we have now unrest, a joy in living, where we have now anxious care, and an assurance that we are his, where we have now doubt. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." What are you doing, dear sister? You cannot go, but is your representative on the mission field? Are you ministering to your Lord through your missionary? Are souls being saved, the darkness in the life of the women and children lightened through the work of your missionary? Think of your little boy or girl living without the brightness that proper training, civilization, education or in other words, Christianity gives them! Have you any part in a missionary who through your means and interest is carrying sunshine into the hearts of the heathen children? Do you deny yourself to send to them sometimes, a little extra, in the same spirit that you send a dainty dish, or a bunch of flowers to a needy friend? Oh those cents and dollars that go for trifles that we could do without. How they would add up for the work and to the sum total of our happiness! Just try it; the little self-denial, something dropped into the missionary box, as a thank offering for loved ones spared from sickness or death, for an unexpected gift, or a fear not realized.

No, good it will sound going on, and how much it will mean when you hand it over for the Lord's work! You will want to know what the missionaries are doing, how the work progresses. Then come to the Woman's monthly missionary meeting. Learn about the work; we cannot be interested or love, except we know about the object to be loved. \$1 a year will make you a member of the W. M. A. S.

In some churches envelopes are placed in the pews monthly in which the dollar, or parts of it can be enclosed each month. Then, many are giving \$1 for Home Missions also, but this is not obligatory to membership. It only counts with him, as we do it for him and the smallest sum bearing the seal of love counts more than millions without it.

Should we not however give without limiting, to an especial sum, but as the Lord prospers us? Let us have a holy emulation to make our giving as large as possible. Those who have means and there are so many in this favored land, can make themselves life members of the W. M. A. S. by the payment of \$25. Think what that sum would do for us in India—think what it would be to hear our Lord say, "Your gold and silver is cankered" you stored it up—it was useless to your own well-being or mine."

The Missionary meeting once a month will rest you and make life gladder than before. "Come ye apart and rest awhile." You can renew your love to him, and there at his feet lay the burdens that often press so heavily. Then some day we will see our Lord face to face. Do you feel glad he is coming? Yet he will come and every eye shall see him."

Let us then so live, that when he calls us we can feel, that we tried to please him, and are so well acquainted with him, that we are not afraid to take his hand, and go gladly with him, through the valley of the shadow, into the bliss beyond.

Yours faithfully,

SISTER R.

Halifax.

Amounts Received by the Treasurer from February 7 to February 27.

Chester, F. M., \$13.16, H. M., \$2.40; Kingston, Tidings, 25c; Port Hawkesbury, F. M., \$1.50; St. John, Leinster Street, F. M., \$10, Tidings, 25c; Reports, 15c; Aylesford, F. M., \$16.75; Liverpool, F. M., \$3, H. M., 25c; St. Martins, church building at Emerson, \$6.45; Springfield, F. M., \$6.75, Tidings, 25c; Century Fund, \$4; Onslow East, F. M., \$2.50, H. M., 50c; Little Grace Bay, F. M., \$3.50, Reports, 10c; Ohio, F. M., \$4.50, H. M., 24c; North Temple, F. M., \$6.52, H. M., 24c, Reports, 20c; Lawrencetown, F. M., \$11, H. M., \$3, Miss Newcomb's salary, \$2, Reports, 20c; Little Bras d'Or, F. M., \$2.25, H. M., 75c, G. L. M., 25c, Tidings, 25c; New Castle, Tidings, 25c; Gibson, F. M., \$10, H. M., \$3.76; East Point, F. M., \$8.75, collection, F. M., \$3.59, Reports, 20c, Mite Society, H. M., \$13.46; Cambridge Narrows, F. M., \$13.70, Reports, 10c; Bayfield, Mrs. John Tucker, F. M., \$1; Chance Harbor, F. M., \$3; Forbes Point, F. M., \$4.55, H. M., \$5, Tidings, 25c, Reports, 20c; Tancook, 50c; New Tusket, F. M., \$20, H. M., \$5; Boylston, F. M., \$4, H. M., \$3.35; Woodstock, F. M., \$5, H. M., 2; Morristown, F. M., \$5.89, H. M., \$4.11; Mahone Bay, F. M., 50c, H. M., \$4.75; St. John, Tidings, 25c; Halifax, North church, F. M., \$20, H. M., \$14.

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#### Monies Received by Treasurer of Mission Bands.

FROM JAN. 29TH TO FEB. 21ST  
Upper Point de Bute, F. M., \$2.50, H. M., \$2.50; Mahone Bay, F. M., \$10; Albert street, Woodstock, F. M., \$14.04; North Tryon, Scholars in Mrs. Churchill's school, F. M., \$7; Union Corner, Richmond, F. M., \$7; Greenwood, support of Apprenticeship, a boy in Mr. Gullison's class, F. M., \$14; Port Hawkesbury, F. M., \$2.25; Cambridge Sunday School, Grand Ligne, \$3.53; Dundas, F. M., \$3; Windsor, Junior Union, toward Mr. Morse's salary, F. M., \$5; Ohio Sunday School, F. M., \$8.22; Arcadia, support of M. Papama, F. M., \$5; Great Village, to constitute Miss M. Helena Blackadar and Miss Elsie Francis Layton, L. M., F. M., \$20, H. M., \$6.

IDA CRANDALL, Treas. Mission Bands.  
Chipman, N. B.

### Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

It is a gratifying fact that there is an increasing number of friends who are interesting themselves in our Mission work. This is seen in the very large donations that were made last year by two honored names. Their memory will be cherished as earnest workers in the cause of the world's Redeemer. It is also seen in the magnificent response which was made at the Convention in Fredericton when an appeal was made for funds to enable the Board to send to the mission field those who were ready to go and waiting to be sent. Then there are persons not a few in many of our churches who are helping in a smaller, though by no means less effective way. Men and women who contribute their \$25 or \$50 per year for some department of the work. A good brother of the Havelock church in this Province, is pledged for \$25 a year. Already \$18 of the amount has been paid. In the same church there are ten others at least who are just as able to do as much as this brother and also do what they are doing for other interests. If these nine or ten brethren could only be made to see their duty in this particular what a help it would be to our Mission work—\$250 a year, when now it is not \$50. And the reason these and other brethren do not take hold of this work in real earnest is because they misread the Master's instructions and have a fatal misconception as to their duty to them. It is not enough to give merely to the support of the local church. That is not, and never can be, the whole duty of any church member. There is a better and more excellent way, because more Scriptural. Our 'field' is 'the world' and not merely a small section of it confined to our own community. Where the need is the greatest and the darkness the deepest, there should we plant the standard of the Cross. This individual giving by the few will soon become the habit of the many brethren who want something to give to and know what they are doing. Our Foreign Mission work gives ample scope for the development of this feeling. Native Helpers can be supported—Hospitals and schools are in constant need. Indeed the needs are so great that when one begins to enumerate them he does not know where to stop. The calls are not only urgent and pressing—they are constant as well. No one realizes this more than the writer as the time for making his remittances approaches. The regularity is often perplexing and harassing. The money received from the regular offerings of the churches through the 'Convention Plan' is not, and has not been, sufficient to meet the growing demands of the work and the Board has had to depend upon special gifts from individuals and Sunday Schools and Mission Bands and Young People's Societies to help them out. In some years these gifts from outside sources have been more than what has been received through the regular channels of church contributions.

That some change in present methods is desirable—is too evident to need any argument—if our work is to be efficiently maintained.

#### THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND

is making some progress in connection with the churches of the N. B. Southern Association. The Committee having the matter in charge met and made an assignment to the different churches. Already there have been some responses. Sussex and St. Stephen have remitted on account. The first to respond to this fund in these

Provinces was that veteran missionary of the cross, Rev. Isaiah Wallace. We shall hear from this good brother and others again. It is time something was done by the Committees of the Western and Eastern Associations. We should move in this matter like a phalanx. The amount asked for in four years is a pittance in comparison with the great need both at home and abroad. It is a matter of profound thankfulness that our Methodist brethren have passed beyond the million dollars asked for, by \$60,000, which is \$10,000 more than we are asking from the Baptists of these Provinces. Surely we have reason enough to be grateful to the God of our fathers for what has been accomplished during the past century. I believe our people will be glad to express their gratitude in some tangible way if their active co-operation be wisely sought.

Let the brethren to whom this great matter has been entrusted, make their plans and push them to a successful completion. We must not fail in this, and will not, if the brethren can be made to see how much depends upon intelligent plans and their vigorous prosecution.

### Rev. Seth Wellington Keirstead.

BY REV. B. H. THOMAS.

Just twenty-four hours after the Death Messenger had spread his pinions over our royal household, and had so strangely wrenched the heart of our world-wide Empire, the self-same visitor entered the Baptist parsonage at Dawson Settlement, Albert county, and laid his chilling hand upon one of New Brunswick's honored ministers, the Rev. Seth Wellington Keirstead.

Our brother had been laid aside from active work for over a year and was for many months a sufferer from a bronchial trouble that developed into tuberculosis. He had reached the sixty-second mile-stone in life's journey—when the call for higher service came.

Nature had dealt kindly with the subject of this sketch; born in Springfield, Kings county, N. B., of vigorous parents who still survive him, he possessed in good measure, sound health, until the trouble developed, that terminated in the call we now record. The earlier days of our brother's life were spent as an instructor in the public schools of our province. The call to preach the gospel came to him—he yielded and in 1876, he was publicly set apart to the work of the ministry, by prayer and "the laying on of the hands of the presbytery."

He was permitted to hold pastorates in the following places and in the order named:—Hammond Vale, Hampton, Chipman, Surrey Valley, Elgin, Dorchester and Hillsboro. On all these fields the seal of the Master's approval rested upon his labors, and he was permitted to enjoy varying degrees of success throughout his entire ministry.

As a pastor Brother Keirstead fully sustained the high record of the family name. He never disappointed his hearers—he always appeared before his congregations with prepared thought. He was not in the popular sense an orator, but the Holy Spirit gave him a clear insight into the teachings of the Book—and he was able to feed the flock of God.

As a redeemed man he had power with the Father, and therefore influenced men. With him "Life was real, life was earnest, and the grave was not its goal." As we study this life so willing to spend and be spent in our Lord's service, we form the conviction from which there is no escape that, the world is enriched not by success but by the manhood that is capable of winning success. The true hero is always master of circumstances.

The final farewells were taken amid scenes of unusual sadness. The wife, and companion of many years, a helpless invalid, the only boy absent in Nova Scotia, the youngest daughter, away in attendance at the Normal school, Fredericton, the two remaining children, the daughters, who by day and night, waited with loving devotion upon the sick ones were at the bedside, thus surrounded his spirit took the upward flight. The funeral services were held on Saturday, Jan. 26th and were very largely attended. The exercises were conducted by Pastor B. H. Thomas of Dorchester, assisted by Pastors A. A. Rutledge and C. W. Townsend. The address was delivered by Rev. C. W. Townsend and was a touching and most fitting tribute to the memory of the career just finished.

The mortal remains were laid tenderly away in the beautiful village of Hillsboro, near the scenes of the major part of his life's work—there to await the coming of the resurrection hour.

"Soldier of Christ well done;  
Praise be thy new employ  
And, while eternal ages run,  
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

Dorchester, N. B., Feb. 28th, 1901.

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