

## Foreign Mission Board

### W. B. M. U.

*"We are laborers together with God."*

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#### PRAYER TOPIC FOR APRIL.

For the work at Grande Ligne and our own missionary among the French. For the officers and members of the W. M. A. S., that they all may feel their responsibility in this Mission Work and plan for its development and success.

#### Notice.

The Quarterly Meeting of York and Sunbury Counties will be held with the church at Fredericton on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 13th and 14th. The Woman's Missionary Aid Society intend holding a special meeting on Tuesday at 3 p.m. The sisters of the churches are cordially invited to attend, as this meeting will be of much interest. Delegates will please send their names as early as possible to Mrs. E. O. Parley, Fredericton, N. B.

#### The Present Need.

The great mass of Christians are too apt to look at what has been accomplished, or "what we are going to do later on." They do not sit down and look things squarely in the face as they are.

If they would only do this there would be a radical change for the better. No true-hearted disciple could regard the present situation unmoved. The lines seem to be very sharply drawn between three classes of Christians: first, those who love the work of foreign missions, and toil for its success; second, those who are calmly indifferent; third, those who are openly opposed to the work for "various reasons," which simmered down, are nothing but excuses. When we are told that only "one-fourth" of all our Baptist women in this country are positively identified with our work, isn't it time to rouse this careless host with a voice of loving warning and earnest entreaty? It is not the mission workers found in the "one-fourth" whose hopes and wishes are thus ignored, but the Great Head of the Church, whose express commands are set aside as unworthy of obedience. Is it any wonder revivals are few; that some churches are cold, and others feeble, and some actually dying; that Satan seems bent upon stirring confusion amidst the Lord's host? And these facts apply to the men in our churches as well as the women. "Three-fourths" of the entire membership are at ease on this mighty subject. O dear workers, who stand linked in missionary effort in the "one-fourth," step to the front! With burning hearts and God-given messages rouse the complacent "three-fourths" to see their duty, responsibility, privilege in the light of God's truth and commands, as they have never seen it. This is no time for brilliant discussions and reformatory measures. "If half the breath thus vainly spent, were to heaven in supplication sent," it would be more to the purpose. Think of the churches with no Mission Societies or Mission Bands. They are saved themselves, but they have forgotten to "Go tell!"

I believe a good number of them, honestly, do not realize the desperate need, and their obligation to meet it. Then you who do know, hasten to set them straight. I know of several churches where just one blessed good woman does it all herself. How lovingly the Master must regard her. Some day her heart will bound with gladness as she hears him say, "She hath wrought a good work." Just a word of encouragement to the "one-fourth." Everything depends on you; if you fail all is lost. So nerve yourselves more steadily, pray more fervently, study more eagerly, love more ardently, importune more persistently, visit more frequently, hold the Master's hand more closely, and you will be cheered by a response from unexpected quarters; and other dear women seeing your earnestness, will be kindled into enthusiastic effort, for "no labor in the Lord is in vain." The next few months mean untold blessing if the outcome is successful. Much is at stake. Let everyone who loves this cause be upon their knees. He says, "Ask of me." Will you not do it?

The W. M. A. Society of the Baptist church aided by the Mission Band gave a very successful Easter concert in the audience room of the church on Sunday evening, April 6th. At eight o'clock our President, Mrs. J. W. Brown, took the chair, and the opening music, "Easter Bells" was rendered by the choir. Scripture, Mark 16th was read by President. Pastor Brown led in prayer, after which a lengthy and well prepared programme was carried out. The singing by choir and Mission Band was excellent. The many recitations and exercises were

well performed, some of which are worth of more than passing notice, such as "The Motion Song" by eight little girls; "The Flower Song," by four, all between the ages of five and eight years. A solo by a little girl of eight, "Telephone Give me Heaven," was well rendered. A reading, "The Last Hymn," by Miss Mamie Keith, was given in her usual attractive manner. Among all the interesting features of the evening the most pleasant was the presentation of Certificate for Mission Band Life Membership to Miss Mamie Keith and Pearl Mallis. This pleasant task was lovingly performed by Mrs. Brown. The recipients acknowledged in fitting words their appreciation and happy surprise in being thus remembered. In the arduous task of preparation for this meeting much credit is due "The Committee," Mrs. J. W. Brown, Mrs. F. H. Alward, Miss Mamie Keith and the organist, Mrs. Keld Keith. The silver collection at the door, \$10.25, is added to our missionary fund. The interest in our society is steadily deepening under the efficient and earnest leadership of our President (pastor's wife.) We pray for a richer blessing in our work.

S. E. ALWARD, Sec'y.

Havelock, Kings Co., April 9th.

#### Report of "Cup Bearer's" Mission Band.

Our Band is progressing favorably under the able leadership of our President, Mrs. D. Corkum. The other officers are, Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. Letson, Treas., Miss H. Durland, Sec'y., Carrie Parker. At present there are 31 members. We hold the meetings on the second Sunday of each month. We use the lesson leaflets and find them very interesting. Not long since the Band held a concert at which we realized \$30. Each year \$1.75 is sent to India for the support of Sarangal, who is one of the boys in Miss Archibald's school. We are doing the best we can at present, and trust that we may do better in the future and that our interest may be increased.

C. P. Sec'y.

The ladies of the W. B. M. A. Society of the St. Stephen Union Street Baptist church gave a delightful missionary social in their vestry, Wednesday evening, April 2nd. Rev. Mr. Goucher, Pastor, occupied the chair. Meeting opened with singing followed by prayer by Pastor. After singing Rescue the Perishing, the Pastor gave an address in which he urged that we as Christians should take a wider view of the needs of humanity, not confining the needs merely to ourselves, or to Europe but to all lands. Mrs. W. Grimmer sang a beautiful song of Trust which was appreciated by all. Miss Price read a paper on "What we have to be thankful for in the Home land." One point in particular which could be taken home to us all as a lesson in thankfulness was the fact that we take too much as a matter of course the many blessings and privileges we enjoy under the law which in reality we owe to God who brought these blessings to us through the blood of his Son, Jesus. Miss A. Robinson read an "Easter Poem." Miss A. Wry sang a solo. Marion Strand gave a recitation on "Generous Giving" which must have impressed the audience, as the generous sum of \$15 was realized from the collection. Carey Vaughan recited in his bright manner "I am so glad Salvation is free." Our President, on behalf of the Secretary, presented Mrs. W. H. Grimmer a Life Membership Certificate, and wishing her many more years of active service for the Master whom she so dearly loves. Mrs. Grimmer though taken by complete surprise responded in a manner which won the love and sympathy of all. Thanking the society for the honor conferred upon her. Mrs. Parker Grimmer sang a solo full of power and sweetness, "Not Ashamed of Christ." The programme was brought to a close by a social half hour which was spent in pleasant conversation and refreshments. After expressing their delight in the programme and their enjoyment of the social part, every one left feeling that it was good to have been there.

MRS. R. WILBUR, Sec'y.

#### Boundary Creek, Westmorland Co., N. B.

Our Aid Society is still getting on well considering our small numbers. Our Society was organized three years ago by Mrs. Cox, and we now have eight members. On an average about five get to the meetings. Only one meeting was omitted last year and that was on account of sickness. Last year we made our President a life member, and we hope to make our Secretary a life member this year. Mrs. L. A. Wilnot is President, Miss M. M. Wilnot Treasurer, and Mrs. W. W. Corey, Secretary. Jan. 6th, 1902.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

The Unrepealed Commission.

There it stands. It is as fresh as potent, as obligatory

as on that momentous day when it was proclaimed by Him who is the Head of the Church and the King of Kings. You have often read it, read it again—"All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and in earth; go ye therefore; preach the gospel to the whole creation; disciple all the nations," "and lo, I am with you alway to the end of the age." It is unrepealed and irrevocable, Godless men may wish to annul it; it is the character of her existence, the pledge of her perpetuity and triumph. To forget the Commission is to forget the reason of her origin, her election, her equipment, her work in the world.

God will not annul the Commission, for it is His eternal purpose in pursuance of which He built the universe and created man. If anything reveals the changeless will of God, the Commission does.

Times change but the Commission does not. No man dare erase a syllable or modify the force of a phrase. Go—preach—disciple—teach—baptize—trust in the ever-abiding presence.

It is not for us to say whether we will or will not evangelize the world. All we can do is to decide with what means and by what methods we shall obey our Lord's command. When the spies were sent to explore the promised land, they were not authorized to discuss the question whether they could enter in and take possession or not. All that was determined for them by the Lord who sent them. When therefore the majority returned and discouraged the hearts of the people by saying that they were not able to conquer the Canaanite inhabitants, they transgressed their commission and disobeyed God. They were simply told to examine the land, to survey its extent, and to take note of the difficulties which they were to meet, through God's leadership, and of the results which they were to secure. And so with us, our Commission is a command. It is not for us to ask whether or not we shall obey it. We may use all our wisdom in understanding the work given us to do, in exploring the land and ascertaining the condition of the people's of the earth; but whether by easy methods or hard methods, in little time or in much time, our one duty and our one high privilege is to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ to all the nations of the earth and to every creature.

The Baptists of these Provinces have felt the force of their obligation to their risen Lord. They have tried to do his bidding in this respect. Their interest in world-wide missions is a growing interest. This is evident from the work which has been done from the men and women who have been sent to the front, and by the place which the work fills in the hearts of the people. The progress which has been made is not rapid, but there has been steady growth. Take for example the last ten years. The staff has been enlarged by the addition of 12 new laborers—men and women. In that time five have withdrawn who had previously been appointed and two have died—one of whom had begun her work previous to 1892. This has been an average of more than one each year. While the needs of the work are so great, the workers seem to be painfully few, and yet we do not need to decry what has been done, in view of other and pressing demands which are made upon the churches and the prosecution of which they are to a large extent responsible—still we ought to do more for the multitudes who are in the dark. That Commission of our Lord is yet in force—and the cry for more laborers is borne across the sea by every breeze that blows.

#### Horton Academy.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:—Work at the Academy is going on as usual. None, so far, have dropped out of classes, and we hope to keep our ranks practically unbroken until the end of term.

The Academy closing exercises will be held this year on Monday evening instead of Tuesday afternoon. We trust that this change of date will not keep away any friends of the Academy.

The canvass for funds to erect the much needed classrooms for the Academy has met with some measure of success. We believe that the Board will proceed with the work if \$200 more can be obtained. Pledges payable in a year will be acceptable. Should anyone have in his or her heart the purpose to help in this work, the undersigned would be glad to hear of it.

Yours very sincerely,

H. L. BRITTAIN, Prin. H. C. A.

Wolfville, April 16th, 1902.

## King's Evil

That is Scrofula.

No disease is older.

No disease is really responsible for a larger mortality.

Consumption is commonly its outgrowth.

There is no excuse for neglecting it, it makes its presence known by so many signs, such as glandular tumors, cutaneous eruptions, inflamed eyelids, sore ears, rickets, catarrh, wasting and general debility.

Children of J. W. McGinn, Woodstock, Ont., had scrofula, sores so bad they could not attend school for three months. When different kinds of medicines had been used to no purpose whatever, these sufferers were cured, according to Mr. McGinn's voluntary testimonial, by

## Hood's Sarsaparilla

which has effected the most wonderful, radical and permanent cures of scrofula in old and young.