

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, the reading room and the hospital. That those who have long heard of Christ there, may be led to come out boldly and follow Him.

Notice.

Only the total of money received from the W. M. A. S. will be acknowledged in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

At a recent meeting of the Executive of the Maritime Baptist Publication Society, a complaint was made that the Treasurers of all our Boards and others, were taking up too much space in the paper with their acknowledgements. This matter was brought before the Executive of the W. B. M. U., and after due consideration it was decided that only the sum total received from each society be given in the acknowledgement in MESSENGER AND VISITOR. If the whole amount is received by the Treasurer it is not necessary to state so much for Foreign Missions, so much for Home Missions, Reports and Tidings, etc. This will require great care on the part of each person sending money to Mrs. Smith, that they state clearly whether they wish the money to go to Foreign or Home Missions and the exact amount given to each, so at the end of the year there may be no fault finding or misunderstanding. Our Treasurer is most faithful and efficient; but she is not omniscient and cannot know unless she is told where you wish your money to go. It gives her much unnecessary trouble to write and enquire whether you want your money given to Foreign or Home Missions. Please take note of this change and help to make things go easily and correctly.

Circulating Library.

It may be there are some sisters who do not yet know that the W. B. M. U. have a circulating library at Amherst, under the care of Miss Margaret Wood. It contains a number of good books and a large quantity of tracts and leaflets, with just the information you require in your society meetings to make them interesting and instructive. Miss Wood writes that a number of the books have been out for a long period. The specified time for the books to be kept is two months. They should never be kept longer; some books have been out three, four, five, and six months. Now, my sisters, is this right or just to those who are asking for them? If a book is to be used at all, it certainly can be read by a great many in two months and the one who sends for it is responsible to see that it is returned in the specified time. If the book is lost or destroyed another should be purchased, if possible, and placed in the library or the cost of the book forwarded. When Miss Woods sends a book she also writes a post card. Is it too much trouble to return a post card, saying it has been received? If you send for a book and receive neither card or book within a week, write at once and inform Miss Woods, so she can trace the missing book. Nothing in this world that is worth anything is gained without a little trouble and it seems as though these were very small things to do. We want the library to be used, but not abused. We want the largest number possible to participate in its benefits, in order to do this the books must not be kept out longer than two months and returned sooner if possible. Will those who have had books out for a length of time please return them at once? Miss Newcombe, India, has lately sent three books for Mission Bands; Miss Archibald, "In the Tiger Jungle." A number of copies of "Gurabathi and Herriamah" will be placed in the library, they may be sold at 10c each or loaned in the usual way. This is a most interesting story of the first converts in Tekkali, written by Mrs. I. C. Archibald and should be read by all. Herriamah is still living and working as a Bible woman at Chicacole. If any persons have mission biographies, history or good mission stories, will they not donate them to this library that its proportions may be increased? With knowledge will come a greater interest in our mission work and no better means can be employed than the circulating library if properly used.

From an India Paper.

A correspondent writes: The 24th of December was expected for, by the Native Christians of Chicacole with

feelings of great joy, for on that day a Christmas tree was got up solely by the Native Christian community of Chicacole and was announced to be held in the house of Mr. M. Venkata Row of the Government Telegraph Department. At 4 p. m., sports for the children were commenced and were well enjoyed by both the children and the spectators. Miss M. E. Archibald of the Baptist Mission, then distributed money prizes to all the successful competitors. At 5.30 the assembly withdrew into Mr. M. Venkata Row's house which was decorated for the occasion and where a Christmas tree was planted in the middle of the house beautifully decorated with flowers and Chinese lanterns. About 100 well assorted prizes were hung on the tree. The proceedings commenced with a lyric and a hymn, followed by prayer by Mr. B. Guranna. The other items of the programme consisted of an English hymn, a Telugu and a Uriya duet by the Misses Mahanty, a solo by Mr. Amirtha Lal, and an address on 'Christmas' by Pastor B. Subba Rayudu. The Christmas presents were then given away by Miss Archibald to the children. She then gave a nice and short address in Telugu on the manner the people in Canada enjoy Christmas. Refreshments were then served and the meeting was closed with the usual vote of thanks to Miss Archibald and to Mr. Venkata Row for kindly lending his house for the occasion. Much credit is due to Mr. J. A. David, Overseer, P. W. D., for the material help rendered by him and Mr. Subba Rayudu for his valuable assistance given in decorations. Misses Clark and Powledans, two European ladies from the Baptist Mission bungalow, were present that evening in Indian costume. They wore a Saree and round their necks were strings of imitation gold beads and their heads ornamented with natural flowers.

Carleton, St. John West.

The Union Missionary meeting was held with the Carleton church, February 23rd. On account of the weather our number was not as large as we had wished. Afternoon meeting, led by the President Mrs. J. R. Richards, after singing and a short address from the President in which Mrs. Dykeman was welcomed among us, we had a letter from Miss Archibald, read by Mrs. Everett. A few words from Mrs. Manning, Gates, Dykeman and Higgins. Mrs. N. C. Scott told us of her work in the Junior Society of Main Street. Evening session, Pastor Higgins in the chair, after scripture and singing Mrs. J. N. Golding gave a paper on "Chinese Characteristics," also told of the founding of Brussels Street Chinese Mission. Rev. J. A. Gordon gave an address in his usual pithy style. Three exercises by the Mission Band which did much credit to their leaders, Mrs. M. C. Higgins and Miss B. Wilmot. Miss Bella Theall kindly presided at the organ during both sessions. A large gathering was present in the evening. We pray a blessing may follow our meeting.

M. A. STRANGE.

Hazelbrook Society.

It is a long time since you heard any tidings from us, but our silence is owing to our not having anything special to write about. Our society is doing well. Our annual meeting was held last month and encouraging reports given. We hope to organize a Mission Band here shortly, and trust you may receive some note of its proceedings.

J. W. J., Sec'y.

Amounts Received by the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U. from Feb. 10th to Feb. 28th.

Mrs C F Clinch, Clinch's Mills, \$3; Cumberland Bay, \$5.10; McDonalds Corner, \$31; Albert, 26c; Canso, \$9; North Sydney, \$13.46; Indian Harbor, \$2.25; Weymouth, \$1; Havelock, \$5; Chelsea, \$2; Melvern Square, \$5; support of biblewomen \$11; 2nd St Margarets Bay, \$3.57; St John, Main St, \$14; St John, Main St, to constitute their President Mrs T F Granville a life member, \$25; Woodstock, \$7.25; Hartland, \$7.50; Campbellton, \$10; Lower Cambridge, \$16; River Hebert, \$10.10; Great Village, \$5.25; Bass River, \$14; Mahone Bay, \$7; Alberton, \$3.50; Gabarus, \$7; Pugwash, Mrs Loves' bible class, \$3.51; Tanook, 25c; Onslow East, \$5; Glace Bay, \$7; St Martins, \$13; Port Maitland, \$10; Briggs Corner, 25c; Sydney, \$6; Central Bedouque, Mission Band, Mr Morae's salary, \$6; Lunenburg, 25c; Collection, District meeting, Mira Bay, \$1.40; Jacksonville, \$5.54.

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

CORRECTION.—In last list of acknowledgements, amount credited Cambridge Narrows, should have read F. M. \$21, instead of \$20.

The above "list" is made out as directed by the Executive Board. The reasons for the change will be given in W. B. M. U. column.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

In the last report of the Board to the Convention occurs this paragraph:

"The Board would therefore most earnestly ask that the last Sunday in March be observed as 'Foreign Mission Day,' that all organizations connected with the church observe the same with such exercises as may be best adapted to further the end in view, and that at all such meetings special offering shall be taken for the work wherever practical."

In view of the pressing needs of the work and the continued appeals for more laborers to properly man the fields, it is certain that more must be done by the many, if the best results are to be obtained. One missionary to every 50,000 of the population, with at least 20 native assistants is none too many for the work to which we have given ourselves as a people.

The Treasurer at the last meeting of the Board reported a deficit, March 1st, of about \$2500, and the Quarterly remittance to June 30, to be sent as soon as possible. Usually this remittance is made three months in advance. As a matter of convenience it is best to make it thus. The friends of missions will observe that the Treasurer cannot do this with only about one half the amount in his hands. The offering to this work must be regular and often, at least once in three months. Help us brethren, if you have funds on hand for this department of your work. Do not forget to observe the last Sunday in March. Let Pastors and Presidents of B. Y. P. U's, Mission Bands and W. M. A. Societies all combine to make this a grand Foreign Mission Day.

It will be interesting to know how many pastors will preach missionary sermons on THIS DAY—not on these days during the year—but on this very day. The Board is impressed with the need—the great need—of more earnest, consecrated, united effort on the part of God's people in pushing to a glorious consummation the giving of the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who are living in the midnight darkness of heathenism. Brethren we need your prayers, your sympathy and your active co-operation.

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