

## W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR APRIL.

For our Grande Ligne Mission. For brother and sister Grenier that they may not grow discouraged but see some good results from their labor.

Letters received from our missionaries state that the coming hot season bids fair to be one of great severity. The intense heat has begun much earlier than usual, the scarcity and impurity of the water on account of so little rain, as well as the dreadful famine stalking through the land makes the condition of India much more unpleasant and dangerous than usual. Mr. and Mrs. Gullison will spend the hot season in Chicacole with Mr. Archibald while Mrs. A. seeks rest and health on the hills. A letter from Miss Harrison tells of Mrs. Churchill's school at Bobbili which will especially interest those who are supporting children in this school. She says, "Mrs. Churchill's school is to me the most beautiful sight in all this mission. Last Sabbath we had a Sunday School numbering one hundred and forty-eight. There were a few visitors, but every Sunday it is a delight. There are only five teachers and that makes the work very difficult, but you would be delighted with the order and singing. It must mean a great deal to have all those little ones attend that Sunday School when their minds are in that formative state. If they do not themselves all become Christians these girls as wives and mothers will never be a hindrance to the conversion of the men, but will encourage them and come with them. In the day school Siamma, Mrs. Churchill's Bible woman, teaches them a lesson from the Bible and they are daily taught portions of Scripture and to sing gospel hymns. In Mrs. C.'s class are several who learn from six to twelve verses every Sunday. She gave each of her class, numbering twenty-four, a copy of the Psalms as a New Year's gift. Mr. Churchill has a large Bible class with the Christians. My English speaking boys numbered five last Sunday. I hope it may grow, but these Brahmans are so conceited that I hardly know how to take them.

The day school is of quite a high order. To graduate from it is about the same as an entrance into High school at home. That means a long step, you might say quite a walk, from the condition of ignorance in which they would have remained had not this school been established.

Mr. Brown of the Ontario mission said he would like to come to Bobbili just to look into the faces of these children again. It is indeed an inspiration. Pray for these dear bright girls, sisters at home. Mr. and Mrs. Churchill intend going to visit those who have lately become Christians who are being persecuted in their village. They are standing firm for Christ and many others are interested.

## River Hebert, N. S.

The W. M. A. S. of the Baptist church, River Hebert, N. S., held their seventh anniversary on Thursday, March 11th, (by special invitation) at the home of our aged Sister Hayes, who though quite feeble seemed so glad to meet her sisters of the A. S.

Our President, Mrs. Parker, presided and called the meeting to order at 3.30; after singing "Blest be the tie, etc.," texts of scripture on Thanksgiving were read by members, and a precious season of prayer followed. After a few words of encouragement from Sister Hayes, the envelopes containing Thank-offerings were collected; the several amounts making a total of \$10.08. A paper by our president on the origin of Aid Societies, and the work being done by them, was followed by one from the secretary on the work done in our own A. S. during the past seven years. The meeting closed by singing "Jesus paid it all." A social hour was then spent in conversation, and tea in the home of our sister. C. E. L. PORTER, Sec'y.

The W. M. A. Society of the Carleton church held a Thank-Offering meeting in the church on March 3rd, in the interest of Home Missions. We had made arrangements to have our meeting the week previous, but owing to the inclemency of the weather our numbers were small, and as Bro. McIntyre was with us on that evening, and it would be impossible for him to be with us the following week, it was suggested that he give us his address on mission work in N. B., and which was very much appreciated by all present. According to the decision made that evening we held our meeting on the following Tuesday evening, which also proved to be a stormy one; but we had a much larger number present. We had the pleasure of hearing a very interesting address from Mrs. Manning on Grande Ligne, also one from our pastor on the North West; these being interspersed with music and recitations, followed with the receiving and opening of the envelopes containing the Thank-offerings and scripture texts which were read. We realized the sum of \$17, but feel assured had the weather been more favorable for our meeting, we would have had a much larger sum to hand over to the treasurer of the W. B. M. U.

MRS. F. L. THRELL, Sec'y.

## Foreign Missions.

At the close of the last Conference meeting of the Newcastle Baptist church the ladies were requested to remain to discuss the question of organizing a Missionary Aid Society. All were in favor of such a society being formed, and nine members were enrolled. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. O. E. Steeves; 1st vice-president, Mrs. W. A. Clarke; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. John Clarke; secretary, Miss Dunnet; Treasurer, Mrs. McKenny; board of management, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Lounsbury, Miss Loud, Miss M. Jonston; auditor, Rev. O. E. Steeves. M. J. DUNNET, Sec'y. Newcastle, N. B.

Money received by the treasurer of the W. B. M. U. from March 9th to March 23rd:

Aylesford, Tiddings, 25 cts; Fairville, result of Thank-offering meeting, H. M., \$17; New Minas and Canaan, F. M., \$7; Alexandra, F. M., \$7.54; H. M., 85 cts; Upper Stewiacke, F. M., \$5; New Germany, Mission band, F. M., \$8; Hopewell Hill Sunday school, toward support of child in India, \$6; Avondale, F. M., \$4.75; H. M., \$1; Springfield, F. M., 7; Amherst Shore, F. M., \$1.50; H. M., \$2; E. Allison Trites, Sussex, F. M., \$2; Gibson, F. M., \$9; Milton, F. M., \$3.95; H. M., 60 cts; G. L. M., 10 cts; St. John, Main St., F. M., \$10.75; Reports, 50 cts; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Lewis, West Brook, toward Miss Harrison's support, \$5; River Hebert, F. M., \$3; result of seventh birthday anniversary of W. M. A. S., held at Mrs. Hayes, \$10.08; Report, 5 cts; Port Maitland Mission Band, F. M., \$2.50; Boylston, F. M., \$2.45; part of the Lord's tenth, for India Famine Fund, \$10; St. Stephen, Mission band, toward Mr. Morse's salary, \$23; for the needy under Mrs. Churchill's notice, \$2; part of the Lord's tenth, Famine fund, \$10. MARY SMITH, Amherst, P. O. B. 513. Treas. W. B. M. U.

## Canadian Baptist Conference and Famine Relief in India.

Whereas, the stress of famine seems daily to be growing more severe; that multitudes of men, women and children in the three districts, Ganjam, Vizagapatnam and Godavari, in which our missions are situated, know not where to look for food; that long, weary months must pass before any food supply can reasonably be looked for from the next monsoon rains; therefore,

Resolved, that we request our Christian brethren in Canada to help us at once in our efforts to relieve the distress that comes within our sphere, and appeals especially to our sympathy. All funds for this purpose should be sent to the treasurers of the Foreign Mission Bands.

And we unite in requesting that special and earnest prayer be offered by our churches at home that in this time of extremity the hearts of the sufferers in India may be moved to seek the true and living God.

## Notes From the N. S. Secretary.

Last August a Mission Band was organized at White Rock, Kings Co., N. S., with 40 members, pres., Mrs. E. Benjamin; sec'y., Miss Bella Cohoon.

August, 1896, a Mission Band was organized at Greenfield, Kings Co., N. S., with 30 members, pres., Mrs. Fred Miner, sec'y., Miss Clara Vaughan.

These Bands were formed by Miss Williams. Both places are sections of Gaspareaux church.

Miss Sadie Harrington has again taken up the work as County Secretary of Cape Breton. Aid societies and Mission Bands in C. B. please take notice.

A. E. JOHNSTON, Prov. Sec'y N. S. Dartmouth, N. S.

## The Annapolis Co. Conference of Baptist Churches.

Met at Bridgetown according to appointment Monday evening, March 15th. This evening was given up to the subject of Foreign Missions. We were much pleased and profited in having with us Rev. J. W. Manning, Foreign Mission secretary. The first address was given by Rev. J. Webb on "The Divine commission." Then followed Rev. J. T. Eaton on "The spirit of missions." Bro. Manning then spoke at some length on the general need of the work. His address was most earnest and impressive. On Tuesday morning a short devotional service was held, after which the business of the Conference was taken up. It being the annual meeting the officers for the year were appointed as follows: President, Rev. J. T. Eaton; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. J. W. Brown.

A motion laid on the table at a former session was taken up, concerning the support of a Foreign Missionary by the Baptist churches of Annapolis County, and was referred to the following committee, to report on its feasibility and desirability at our next conference: Pastors White, Eaton and Young. A resolution was passed expressing sympathy for Pastor Young in his sickness. A resolution was passed expressing the high appreciation of the Conference for Rev. R. B. Kinlay, our ex-President, who has removed from the county. Reports were received from the following churches: Bridgetown, Wilmot, Granville, Annapolis, Greywood and New Albany. The work is moving along prosperously in all these churches. We were glad to learn that the Lower Wilmot church had called a pastor to succeed Pastor Kinlay—Rev. E. B. McLatchey, B. A. Resolved that we hold our next meeting with the Pine Grove church at Mt. Hanley. Executive pastors, Locke, Parry and Coldwell.

J. W. BROWN, Sec'y.

## P. E. I. Baptist Conference.

The P. E. I. Baptist conference met with the church at Tryon Monday evening and Tuesday, March 8th and 9th. Monday evening session opened with a short season of prayer, led by the chairman. Then followed a series of able addresses by the following brethren: Pastor W. H. Robinson on "Christians in relation to the Bible," Pastor C. W. Corey on "Christians in relation to the local church," Pastor W. H. Warren on "Christians in relation to Baptist principles," Pastor M. C. Higgins on "Christians in relation to denominational work." Meeting closed by prayer. Tuesday morning, prayer service for half an hour led by Pastor Whitman. There were four of the pastors absent from conference, viz., Pastors Spurr, Tiner, McPhee and Carter. The three first were engaged in special services and could not be present. His long illness prevented the last from being present. Prayer was offered for the pastors engaged in special work that many souls might be given them, and for pastor Carter that he might have a speedy restoration to health and strength. Reports from the churches were of an exceedingly encouraging nature, most of them reporting converts, some of them, especially Belmont, reporting large accessions. Conference recommended the Summerside church to the H. M. B. for a grant of \$100 for the current year. Then Pastor Warren read a scholarly and eloquent paper on: "The Baptism for the Dead." Meeting closed by prayer. Afternoon.—A half hour's devotional service, led by Bro. Peter Inman of Bonshaw. By special request Pastor Warren again read his paper on "The Baptism for the Dead," for the benefit of those who did not hear it in the morning. The heartiest thanks of conference were tendered him for his paper. Next came an open conference on the general subject: "How to Study the Bible," led by Pastor Robinson. The subject was dealt with in a masterly manner. It was an inspiration to all present, and a stimulus to greater zeal in the study of the Bible. The subject was also discussed by a number of the brethren present. Pastors Warren and Corey reported on church incorporation. It was found that there existed an act of incorporation for Baptist churches on P. E. I., assented to April 10, 1885. Resolved that the Secretary have 250 copies of the said act printed for the benefit of the churches. In view of that fact the convention is petitioning the local legislatures of the Maritime Provinces in regard to the enactment of a prohibitory law, resolved that we take no action apart from that of convention. Meeting closed by prayer.

Evening—Prayer meeting for thirty minutes, led by Pastor Warren. The chairman read a portion of Scripture and Pastor Warren offered prayer. Then Pastor Corey preached with powerful unction from Rom. 1:6. During the after meeting one young man decided to give himself to Christ. Thanks of Conference were tendered the brethren at Tryon for their kind entertainment. Conference adjourned to meet with the church at Springfield the second Monday evening and Tuesday in June.

DAVID PRICE, Sec'y.

## Denominational Funds of N. S. from Mar. 1st to Mar. 22nd.

Cambridge, \$10; "Two Friends," part of the Lord's tenth, \$7; New Germany church, \$2.60; Kempt church, \$6; do. special, \$1.50; Brookfield church, Col. Co., \$4; Kentville church, \$15.50; Berwick, \$15.35; Sandy Cove church, \$12.42; Aylesford church, Central section, \$20; Middleton church, \$2; do. Famine Fund, \$4; Mary Crosscup, Granville Ferry, \$4; Granville Ferry church, \$3.75; "Two Friends," part of the Lord's tenth, Famine Fund, \$10; New Tusket church, \$4; Weymouth, \$2; "Two Friends," part of the Lord's tenth, Famine Fund, \$10; Barrington church, \$2.25; Forbes Point, \$2; Windsor church, \$12.45; North Baptist church, Halifax, \$34; Mrs. A. J. McLeod, Wolfville, 50 cts.; Wolfville church, \$4.10; 1st church, Halifax, \$56.40, total \$357.93. Before reported, \$4862.69. Total, \$5220.62. A. COHOON, Treas. Den. Funds of N. S.

Wolfville, N. S., March 23rd.

## N. B. Baptist Convention Receipts.

Received from Mrs. Mary Smith, treasurer of W. B. M. U., from Moncton W. M. A. S. for French Missions, \$10; 2nd Moncton church for H. M., \$7.31; St. John and Kings quarterly meeting H. M., \$1.25; Jacksonville church H. M., \$1.48; Lower Woodstock church H. M., \$1.54; Bay Side, West Co. church, H. M., \$2.46; Point Debut church, H. M., \$6; and Johnston church, by Charles Secord, H. M., \$5; Macnaquack church, H. M., \$6; Bailie church, H. M., \$3.19; Upper Keewick church, H. M., \$2.14; W. H. Lawrence, \$3.01; Springfield church, York Co., H. M., \$10; Carleton church, H. M., \$3.44; Shediac church, H. M., \$6; Hampton Village, H. M., \$5.54; Rockland church, H. M., \$1.60; 1st Cambridge church, H. M., \$10; Centre Village church, H. M., \$2; Harcourt church, H. M., \$6.44; York and Sunbury quarterly meeting, H. M., \$6; and Moncton church, H. M., \$15.62; 1st Kingsclear church, H. M., \$2; Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Manning, H. M., \$10; 1st Springfield church, H. M., \$2.50; Rev. S. D. Irvine, H. M., \$2.50; Mrs. J. S. Titus, H. M., 2; Centre Village church for Foreign Missions, \$1.30, total \$126.73. Before reported, \$950.79. Total \$1077.02. J. S. TRUS, Treas.

St. Martins, N. B., March 23rd.

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