

W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR OCTOBER.

For our Missionaries going to India, that they may have a prosperous journey and the presence of the Lord abiding with them as they enter upon their work. For our W. M. A. S., that they may be more active and consecrated this year than ever before.

We want to have a column for accounts of Crusade Day. Please send short statements of your work and the results. We also want short reports of Mission Bands. Will not a large number let us hear from them for next week. Just write on a postal card a few facts about your Band.

On the 15th of October the W. M. A. S. of 2nd Grand Lake church celebrated their twenty-first anniversary. The meeting was held in the church at the Range. A large attendance—persons walking or driving for miles. The church was very prettily decorated with autumn leaves and plants. Over the platform at the left were the names of the charter members, 21 in number, on the right a list of the life members. In the centre the names of those who have been called to higher service. Under all, in large letters, the word Ebenezer, 1876-1897. These decorations denoted much thought and work, adding greatly to the pleasure of the audience. The meeting opened by singing, "Thus far the Lord hath led me on." Scripture reading, 1 Sam. 7, Rev. 7-9, by Mrs. M. G. McLean; opening prayer by Bro. Charles Barton, who is a life member of the W. B. M. U. The meeting was led by Mrs. M. S. Cox, who gave the opening address. The financial statement by the treasurer showed that the Society had contributed over \$1,100 during their 21 years. Had made ten life members—the most of any Society in New Brunswick. The names of Charter members were called. Those present responded by a few remarks. The absent ones sent letters, which were read. Mrs. Cox spoke for the Life members and gave an historical sketch of the Society. A prayer of thanksgiving was offered by Mrs. Connors. Singing, "We shall meet in heaven at last." Very kind and hearty words of welcome were spoken to the President of W. B. M. U. by Mrs. M. McLean. Addresses were given by Rev. S. D. Irvine and Mrs. J. W. Manning. The meeting was one of great interest and we hope lasting benefits may be the result, and that their Society, which has done such good work in the past, may yet do a still greater work for the Master in the future.

Frederick Women's Missionary Aid Society held its 27th anniversary on the 8th inst. The president, Mrs. H. G. Estey, conducted the meeting. The Secretary's report showed increased interest. The meetings have been profitable and more largely attended than previously. One member was constituted a Life member of the W. B. M. U. The first week in November was observed as Crusade week, and resulted in increased membership. Missionary leaflets have been circulated and two books procured from circulating library. In January the membership Roll Call was introduced, and is now remembered at every meeting. In response to the special appeal on behalf of Home Mission treasury \$30 were collected in March and forwarded to Mrs. Smith. The treasurer reported \$133.69 raised during the year, \$57.53 of which was for Home Missions. A five minutes' paper was read by Miss Ella Clarke, our County Secretary, giving up-to-date information from the field. Our pastor gave an address on the world-wide need of Missions, the world-wide sphere, world-wide adaptation and world-wide commission. Convention echoes were furnished by Miss Alice Clarke, one of our delegates to the meetings at Sackville. An offering of \$7.68 was made. An appropriate poem was read by Mrs. W. G. Clarke. The hymns, "From Greenland's icy mountains," "Jesus Saves" and "To the Work," were heartily sung, accompanied by the orchestra, also a solo and duet.

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

October 26.

On Thursday, October 14, the Lunenburg County W. M. A. Societies held their third Convention at Bridgewater. Owing to the distance some of the societies were not represented. There were delegates from Lunenburg, New Canada, New Germany, Chelsea, Mahone, Bridgewater. Miss Johnstone presided at the afternoon meeting which, after a few minutes of silent prayer, was opened by singing the "Solid Rock." Prayer and Scripture lesson followed—Lesson John 6:1-13. After prayer by the County Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Read, all joined in singing, "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds." Re-

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ports were then listened to from the above named societies. Mission Band reports were also given. A short time was spent in asking questions about the work, which were satisfactorily answered. A paper was read by the Secretary pro tem on "Our possibilities in Mission Work," followed by a short service of consecration, led by Mrs. Millett, of Mahone Bay. When we had sung "Not my Own," Pastors Churchill and Crandall offered prayer. Thus closed a session laden with blessings to all present. Mrs. J. L. Read conducted the evening meeting. After singing "Work for the night is coming," Mrs. E. read Eph. 3:1-15 and Miss Johnstone offered prayer. The following programme was then rendered: Singing by the choir, "The Sowing Time;" paper by Mrs. D. W. Crandall, entitled, "The progress of the Aid Society movement in the Maritime Provinces;" trio, (male voices), "Hark! the sound of busy workers;" address by Miss Archibald, missionary elect; address by Miss Johnstone; collection; address by Pastor Churchill. The music furnished by the choir was well rendered. Mrs. Crandall's paper was listened to with deep interest. Miss Archibald's address was very touching. Truly she has forsaken all and followed Christ. This was our first Convention at which we had an elect missionary, so soon to leave us. May God bless her earnest words and soon call others from our county. Miss Johnstone's presence seems essential to the success of our Aid Con. Her thorough knowledge of the W. B. M. U. work, her consecrated life and earnest words lead us to pray that God may long spare her to aid us in the work. Pastor Churchill's address was encouraging. God bless the pastors who aid those who labor in this branch of church work. Singing and prayer closed this the most interesting of our three Conventions. We shall not forget to mention the kindness of the Bridgewater sisters in entertaining us in their homes. Now we go back to our various societies and with renewed zeal, backed by the promise of God, aided by His spirit and our efficient County Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Read, we hope to give July, '98, the best returns we, as a county, have ever sent.

A. M. VEINOTTE, Sec'y pro tem.

Amounts Received by the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U. From Oct. 7th.

New Cornwall, reports 10 cts.; Long Creek, F. M., \$5; Acadia, Mission Band, toward Tekkali building fund, \$13.70; H. M., \$5; Chebogue, Mission Band, toward support of Behara Kroopel, \$7; Clyde River, F. M., \$2.50; H. M., \$2.50; Cavendish, F. M., \$5.26; N. W. M., \$1; Hopewell Cape, F. M., \$4.25; H. M., 90 c.; New Canada, F. M., \$2.03; Great Village, F. M., \$2.50; H. M., 50 cts.; Nictaux Falls, Miss B. Whitmans S. S. Class, toward Miss Newcombes salary, (collected in mite boxes), \$1.45; Dartmouth, S. S., F. M., \$4.50; H. M., \$4.50; Acadia Mines, F. M., \$2.75; Mission Band, F. M., \$2.80; Constance and Estelle Preston, two little girls who worked during vacation to earn money for Missions, F. M., \$2; Coll., Pro. Secretary's, Meeting \$1.35; St. Stephen, Tidings, 25 cts.; Macan, result of Crusade Meeting, F. M., \$7; H. M., \$7; Louis Head, F. M., \$3; Homeville, F. M., \$4; St. Martins, result of Thank-offering Meeting, toward paying Miss Archibald's passage to India, \$22; New Tasset, F. M., \$3; St. George, F. M., \$4.64; Amherst, Sunday School, F. M., \$16; H. M., \$8; North River, Mission Band, toward Mr. Morse's salary, \$10; Fredericton, F. M., \$20; Yarmouth 1st Church, F. M., \$4; Mission Band, toward Mr. Morse's salary, \$26.56; Aylesford, F. M., \$4.75; French Village, F. M., \$2.75; Little Bras D'or, F. M., \$3; O. L. M., \$1.25; H. M., 75 c.; a little brother, Mr. Morse's salary, 10 cts.; Reports 10 cts.; Alberton, F. M., \$1.75; Mission Band, 25 cts.; Wittenberg, Miss E. Medows, little S. S. Class, 50 cts.; Billtown, F. M., \$11.25; H. M., 75 cts.; Tidings, 25 cts.; Bedford, F. M., \$5; Barry's Mills, Tidings, 25 cts.; Point de Bute, F. M., \$6.47; H. M., \$7; mite boxes, F. M., 42 cts., Tidings, 25 cts.; New Germany, F. M., \$8; Hantsport, F. M., \$3.50.

MARY SMITH, Treasurer W. B. M. U.

Amherst, P. O. B., 513.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

As the time draws near for the departure of the missionaries to distant India the friends of missions will be anxious to know how many are going this autumn, and who they are.

At the Convention which was held in St. John, in August, it was expected that Rev. W. V. Higgins and Miss A. C. Gray would return to their respective fields of labor and that Bro. Charles H. Schutt, a graduate of McMaster, and Miss Mabel Archibald, daughter of Rev. R. N. Archibald, of Lunenburg, N. S., and a graduate of our own Acadia, would accompany them.

Since then Miss Gray has asked permission of the Board to remain another winter in the home land. The Board having the greatest confidence in this sister and desirous of having her health completely restored, so that she could put in another term of rich service for the Master, cordially acceded to the request, and Miss Gray will not return to India until next June or thereabouts as she has proposed.

Mr. Schutt, for personal and family reasons, has requested that he be allowed to complete his course in theology at McMaster. The brother is young. His family are outspoken in their opposition to his going to India and he greatly desires to meet their wishes, that he shall

complete his course. The Board has acceded to his request. He will probably sail for India early next autumn. In the meantime Bro. John Hardy, a student of Acadia, who has made repeated application to be sent to India, renewed his offer, with the earnest endorsement of Rev. W. V. Higgins accompanying the renewed offer. The Board had already accepted Bro. Hardy, conditionally, if after he had prosecuted his studies still further, they saw their way clear to give him an appointment.

After an interview with Bro. Hardy and Bro. Higgins by the secretary of the Board and Rev. J. A. Gordon, as also with Pres. Trotter and Professor Higgins and E. W. Sawyer, at a special meeting of the Board, held on the 19th inst., Bro. Hardy received an appointment as an evangelist, under the direction of the Telugu conference. Bro. Hardy goes out as an unmarried man, to remain as such for at least three years. He may have charge of a station in the future, but he may not. That will depend upon the decision of the conference as to his attainments and qualifications for such a position. It is needless to say that Bro. Hardy's appointment is an experiment. It has been the policy of the Board to send to India only the best trained men available for the work. In the case of this good brother, his training is limited, but it was felt that he had adaptation for a kind of work that is greatly needed in India, viz, that of evangelization. At least until more workers can be won from heathenism. It is a native trained ministry that is really going to save India, but until a native ministry can be raised up we must do the best we can.

However, it must be born in mind that other missionary organizations are sending to heathen lands just such spiritually minded men as Bro. Hardy. Of course they have larger resources and more extensive fields.

As a Board we have great confidence in the spirit of this brother, and believe that we have been divinely led thus far. The work is great. It grows upon one as he studies it. The laborers are few—far too few for the work to be done.

We need the prayerful, practical sympathy of the brethren. Just now our treasury is largely overdrawn. The receipts have been about \$600, while the expenditure have been upwards of \$3,500. This will have to be increased by providing for outfit and travelling expenses of Bro. Hardy, say \$450, and the balance of travelling expenses for Bro. Higgins and Sister Archibald. Any contribution for travelling expenses and outfit will be very thankfully received. The money as you can readily see, will be needed, and that at once. Besides it must be borne in mind that by the first week in December about \$3,000 more will be required to make the regular quarterly remittance to the missionaries. Brethren, send along your offerings.

Yours in the work,
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