

## Foreign Missions.

### W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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#### PRAYER TOPIC FOR JULY.

For our Home Mission work in these provinces that the laborers may be greatly encouraged and a host won to Christ. That money may be given to enable the Board to send to India the missionaries who are asking to go this autumn.

#### Notice.

The annual meeting of W. B. M. U. will be held in St. Martins, August 16 and 17. St. Martins is a most beautiful sea side resort. We hope a large number of our sisters will arrange so as to be present at this Convention, not only for the enjoyment of two or three days sojourn in this delightful locality but for the benefit and inspiration they will receive in the work for the incoming year. All sisters wishing to attend these meetings should send their names to Mrs. A. W. Fownes, St. Martins, as early as possible.

After a century of the most active and concerted missionary effort since the beginning of the Christian era, there are still upward of 800,000,000 persons in the world who have not embraced the gospel.

#### RATIO OF HEATHENISM INCREASING.

More striking than this even is the fact that heathenism is increasing as compared with Christianity. By natural increase of birth there are 250,000,000 more heathens in the world to-day than there were in the beginning of this century. And they continue to increase by 3,500,000 a year. This is far beyond the increase from year to year in the number of converts to Christianity in heathen lands.

The increase of the heathen in India alone in one year is three times greater than the number of all the Protestant Christians converted in heathen lands in the last century. The Hindoo and Mohammedan population in India every ten years increases to a number equal to half the population of the United States.

Missionary agencies give an estimate of the wealth of the Protestant Christians as \$33,000,000,000, and the annual increase in the wealth of church members in Christendom, over all expenses, as 1,000,000,000. Of this saved wealth of a billion a year \$15,000,000 is given by all the evangelical Christians to evangelize the world. The annual profits of Christians in the United States are placed at \$500,000,000, and the American Christians give \$5,500,000 a year to preach the gospel to the heathen.

Since the organization in 1741 of the Brethren's (Moravian) Society for the furtherance of the gospel, missionary zeal has increased, till there are nearly 300 societies working in various parts of the heathen world. Evangelical native Christian communities in missionary lands now number over 3,000,000 persons.

In the beginning of this century there were only about 5,000,000 Bibles in existence. Now there are about 250,000,000 complete copies or parts of the Bible, and Christendom is publishing the Bible at the rate of 6,000,000 a year. The Bible has been translated into ninety tongues, and it can be read in whole or in part in 320 of the 5,000 spoken dialects of the world. So it is accessible to nine-tenths of the inhabitants of the earth.

#### RESULT OF MISSIONS.

The first Protestant missionaries in India were Danes, and the year of their advent was 1706. Now there are nearly three quarters of a million Protestant Christians in that land of "error's chain." In the 30 years from 1861 to 1891 the number increased from about 200,000 to nearly 600,000. The population of India is 287,000,000.

After 76 years' work in Burmah, there are 200,000 Christians adherents out of a population of 8,000,000. Ninety-two years of missionary work in China have resulted in a present Protestant church membership of 60,000, and 500,000 Catholic converts. The population of China proper is estimated at 386,000,000.

In Africa there are 120,000 church members, and a Protestant community numbering altogether 1,000,000. In Madagascar, after an era of persecution of the Christians, there are 5,000 communicants of the Protestant missions, 150,000 adherents, and 1,500,000 asking for Christian instruction. South America, previously wholly Catholic, had in 1894 nearly 29,000 Protestant church members, and over 70,000 adherents. There are 17,000 Protestant church members, and 50,000 adherents in Mexico.

Instead of eating their fellowmen, the Fiji Islanders are Christians now. There are 28,000 Protestant church members and 106,000 church adherents. In the Friendly

Islands there are 50,000 professing Christians, where 50 years ago there was not one. It is said of John Geddie, who went to the New Hebrides, that "when he landed in 1848 there were no Christians, and when he left, in 1872, there were no heathens." In the Samoan Islands there are 30,000 adherents of Protestantism, notwithstanding that Apia is considered the sink-hole of the Pacific.

Amounts Received by the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U.  
From June 29th to July 10th.

Dawson Settlement, \$10; Riverside, \$7; Port Hawkesbury, \$3; 1st Baptist church, Halifax, to constitute Mrs. R. N. Beckwith a life member, \$25; Penobscquis, \$2.10; Mission Band, N. B. Con, \$1.78; Dundas, \$8.50; Central Bedeque, \$5.44; Central Bedeque to constitute Mrs. Caleb Taylor a life member, \$25; Germantown, \$2; Pugwash, Sunday School, Young Men's Bible Class, \$3.74; Amherst, Sunday School, \$29; 1st Hillsboro, \$78.79; Wallace, \$10.50; Middle Sackville, Mission Band, to constitute Mrs. J. G. A. Belyea a life member, \$10.45; Miss Blackadar's travelling expenses \$14.55; Port Hawkesbury, 25c; St. John, Germain St., \$40.78; Fredericton, Mrs. John Sparden, to constitute her sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry G. Estey a life member, \$25; Albert, \$6; Mission Band, toward Mr. Morse's salary \$8.73; Chipman, \$4; St. Stephen, Mission Band, toward Mr. Morse's salary, \$5.55; Port Hillford, Mission Band, toward Miss Newcombe's salary \$16; Amherst, Mrs. Robert Black to constitute herself a life member, and in memory of her mother and sister, \$25; Amherst, six members of the W. M. A. S., to constitute Mrs. William Reed a life member, \$25; Amherst, proceeds of Thankoffering meeting held July 6, \$102.13; Yarmouth, 1st church, \$14.38, proceeds of Thankoffering service, \$37.46, twenty-five dollars of this amount is to constitute Mrs. Harvey Eldridge a life member; Yarmouth, 1st church Mission Band, toward Mr. Morse's salary \$24.16; Gasperaux, \$30.12; Mission Band, \$2.07; Clarence, \$11; Lewisville, Sunday School, support of Siamma, Biblewomen at Bobboli, \$28.50; Kingston, Junior Union, for Mrs. Gullison, to educate a little girl in India, \$5.

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### Rev. J. L. M. Young, B. D.

This brother beloved entered into his rest Saturday, July first. Several times during the last two years he has had severe and prolonged attacks of illness, until very recently, however, strong hopes were entertained of his entire recovery. But the Lord has ordered otherwise.

Bro. Young was born at Brooklyn, Annapolis Co., in 1836. At the age of 21 he experienced the saving power of the gospel, and shortly afterwards was baptized into the fellowship of the Pine Grove church by the late Rev. Willard Parker. With a desire to see the world and make his way therein, he left his home in 1859 and went to Illinois seeking employment. Here he found not only work for his hands but for brain and heart as well. Impressed with a conviction that he ought to serve in the ministry of the gospel he entered upon a course of study at Shurtleff College in 1860. Here he was graduated B. A. in 1867 and later in 1871 was graduated B. D. from Chicago Theological Seminary. While doing missionary work in Minnesota between his College and Seminary courses, he was ordained in 1868.

Bro. Young has held a number of prominent pastorates in the West. He served at La Crosse, Wis., South Bend, Ind., First Springfield, Ill., and some other places. In 1881 he returned to his native province and shortly after became pastor of the Temple church, Yarmouth. After a period of services here he spent a year in post graduate studies at Newton. Then followed a pastorate at Bear River, which terminated about ten years ago. Since then our brother has not been in the pastorate. His work has been that of an evangelist part of the time. He has also served as stated supply of several churches.

Bro. Young was one of nature noble men. He had a high sense of honor, truthfulness and justice. He was a manly man. His nature was incapable of anything mean or small. As a Christian his faith was always strong and clear, his devotion to his Master unwavering. He delighted in his calling as a minister of Jesus Christ.

With a mind originally strong and well cultured his grip of truth was firm and comprehensive. In theology he was conservative, firmly attached to the old truth. His preaching dealt chiefly with the central truth of sin and salvation. He was a good hater of cant or shams of any kind. He preached against sin in all its forms. He had to the fullest degree the courage of his convictions.

Socially Bro. Young was a true friend and a delightful companion. His conversational powers were rare. Possessing a large fund of information and a ready wit he was the central figure in every company where present. It was no small pleasure to have him as a guest in one's home. He was soon on good terms with every member of the household. The children were attracted to him and were always treated with consideration.

Bro. Young was twice married. First in 1870, while a divinity student in Chicago, to Miss Belle Hurbut, of Upper Alton. She was the daughter of a Congregational

minister and a lady of fine culture. After ten years of happy wedded life he was left a widower with one son, Wilber H. Young, B. A., of Palestine, Texas. Only one year ago he was married again to Mrs. Beattie R. Morton, of Somerset, N. S. At the beautiful home of his wife he spent the last year of his earthly life. Everything was done that could be for his comfort and restoration to health. But kind and tender ministries and the best medical skill avail not when the Master needs his own for the higher service.

The funeral was held on Tuesday July 3rd. The Berwick pastor was assisted in the services by Rev. E. O. Read, of Waterville and Rev. B. N. Nobles, of Kentville, Rev. T. McFall, Presbyterian of Somerset, also assisted by request of the family. The remains were laid to rest in the public cemetery near Berwick.

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D. H. SIMPSON

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