

Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR OCTOBER.

For a revival of missionary zeal among our pastors and churches in the home land. That the Lord would give us missionaries and the money to send them to India.

Charlottetown, P. E. I.

A very enjoyable and we trust profitable meeting of our W. M. A. Society was held on Sept. 11th, when by the kind invitation of our pastor's wife we had the ladies of Alexandra Society meet with us at our pastor's home. By request Mrs. Spurr, Prov. Sec'y., occupied the chair and after devotional exercises participated in by several sisters we were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Spurr giving us an account of the meeting of the W. B. M. U. which had lately been held at Windsor, N. S. The eager faces and breathless attention told how well all enjoyed hearing our sister, and as she told of the work done last year we trust that every heart present was re-consecrated to God's service and resolved to do more in the year upon which we have entered. Mrs. A. F. Brown was also present and contributed to the pleasure and success of the meeting. Tea was served by the church Town Society and as we dispersed we could not but exclaim "O, that all our women would join in the glorious work of giving the gospel to our dark sisters of India." A collection of \$1.64 was taken for Home Missions.

A. A. WADMAN, Sec'y.

The Woman's Missionary Aid Society of the Fredericton Baptist church held its annual meeting on Sept. 20th. The church parlor was quite well filled. After an opening hymn the president, Mrs. Estey, gave a Scripture reading and Mrs. Burt led in prayer. The roll was called to which 33 members responded. Besides these 8 visitors were present. The secretary read a report for the year. The treasurer, Mrs. Phillips, gave her report showing \$143.76 total amount raised by the Society during the year. Mrs. Phillips thought for the coming year we ought to increase our efforts and have a definite amount fixed to raise, outside of any life memberships. Mrs. Phillips moved that we raise \$160 for the coming year. Mrs. Creed seconded the motion and all the members arose to signify their willingness to assist. After some music the president introduced Mrs. Burditt, who for twelve years labored in India under the American Board. All hearts were touched and interested as Mrs. Burditt described the sad condition of the women of India. At the close of the meeting some time was spent socially. At six some of the gentlemen joined the ladies and tea was served at small tables. The tea, which was an admirable one, was in charge of Mrs. Spurden. At eight quite a company gathered and Mrs. Burditt again addressed the meeting on missionary work in India. At the close of her address the speaker answered some questions as to the advance education was making in India. We feel that all who attended these meetings must have had their interest in missions revived.

Oct. 3rd.

ELLA B. CLARK, Sec'y.

Havelock, N. B.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 23rd a public missionary meeting under the auspices of the W. M. A. S. was held in the Baptist church. The meeting was conducted by our President, Mrs. J. W. Brown. After singing and reading of Scriptures our pastor led in prayer. Mrs. M. S. Cox, Prov. Sec'y., was present and gave an earnest address in which special reference was made to the small number of Aid Societies in comparison to the number of churches in the province. She urged the sisters to become more earnest in the great cause of missions and not be satisfied with being called "The faithful few," but strive to get more workers into the societies. Reference was also made to the apparent reticence of the churches to respond to the call for missionaries to fill the places made vacant by death this year, and means to support them, while the call for volunteers to defend our country met with a ready response which course she heartily commended. The meeting was then changed to "A Memorial service" in memory of the departed missionaries, Mrs. Hardy and Miss Gray. We felt to sympathize especially with the friends of the former, as she spent some of her childhood days among us. Mrs. Brown read "A Memorial Paper" with extracts "from missionaries." In this an account of the sickness and death of our sisters on the foreign field was given. Miss Nellie Mullin then gave a reading followed by another from Mrs. Brown, entitled "Gone Before." The choir rendered suitable music during the evening. A collection was taken at the close. We hope to report a large increase in our Society and better work done in the future with such an efficient president. We hold our regular monthly meetings and are praying for greater success to attend our efforts.

A MEMBER.

Monies Received by the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U.

From Sept. 7th to Oct. 2nd. Hazelbrook, F. M., \$6.77; H. M., \$3.33; Alice T. Pulsefer, F. M., \$1; Bay View, F. M., \$5; Brookfield, Tidings, 25c.; Alexander, F. M., \$4.66; H. M., \$2.14; Greenville, F. M., \$2.50; Acadia Mines, Tidings, 25c.; Salem, branch of Amherst, proceeds of public meeting, F. M., \$5.25; Macnaquac, proceeds of children's concert, F. M., \$12; Alberton, F. M., \$2.25; Lapland, F. M., \$1; Miss H. H. Wright, Tidings, 25c.; Moncton, Tidings, 25c.; Truro, Tidings, 25c.

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Amherst, P. O. Box 513.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

In the annual report of the A. B. M. U. it is stated that \$657,000 had been received during the past year, and that the expenditures were so much more as to leave a deficit at the end of the year of \$111,000. Of the amount received \$350,000 were from donations directly into the treasury of the Union. The rest came from legacies, W. M. Societies and from certain invested funds. As a result of the expenditure of this amount there were 12000 converts baptized.

There are now living nearly 207,000 baptized believers members of Baptist churches. There are nearly 2500 native preachers and teachers, men and women. There are 480 missionaries, men and women, from America, in Asia and Africa. The work done by these honored servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, is beyond all compute. The results cannot be tabulated. Only eternity will or can reveal the results.

It is not only the good done among the people themselves, but the reflex influence upon the churches in the home land is to be borne in mind.

THE SUPREME REASON FOR MISSIONS.

God's will, Christ's command. Other reasons, strong and binding could be given why the work of world-wide evangelization should be pressed with all earnestness but this stands first, towering above all others, and should have more weight with converted men and women, than anything else that can possibly be conceived. If there were no other reason why the gospel should be preached throughout the whole world this would be the all-sufficient reason.

No excuse can change it. The necessity is fixed and unalterable, as also is the motive and the reason. The command is imperative. It is not optional. Given a Christian and you have this obligation from which there is no release. Whether results appear in the way of conversions or not, the duty clear, plain and explicit is "Preach my gospel to every creature." Oh, that the pastors and churches in this land of privilege could get their eyes open to the great need, and to feel their obligation to meet it.

Rev. J. W. S. Young.

[OBITUARY].

The late Rev. J. W. S. Young was present at the N. B. Baptist Convention at Cumberland Bay, Queens County, on the 16th September, took active part in the business proceedings, preached on Sabbath evening, —text, Psalm 37: 4, "Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." On Sabbath the 23rd he attended the Quarterly Meeting at Richmond, Carleton County, and conducted an evangelistic service there. Wednesday, the 26th, he and Mrs. Young drove to Benton, where he intended to take the train for St. Andrews to resume the work in which for some months he had been successfully engaged. He was impressed that he had better return home and be present at the Centennial service to be held with the Prince William Baptist church on Sabbath, the 30th. On Thursday morning, the 27th, at 3 o'clock, the Master called him suddenly, and the spirit returned to God who gave it. On Friday p. m. an immense congregation assembled at the First Baptist church, Canterbury. The services were conducted by Rev. Thos. Todd, of Woodstock. Text selected 2 Timothy 1: 12. Revs. C. N. Barton and C. W. Sabies (Baptists), Venerable Rev. Joseph Nobles (Free Baptist), and Rev. J. Gravier and G. B. McDonald (Reformed Baptists), took part in the services. Favorite hymns of the deceased were well rendered by the choir. Brother Young professed religion at an early age. In after years he was deeply impressed that he ought to devote his life for the glory of God and the salvation of the lost, therefore with limited education he gave himself to the work. The Lower Woodstock Baptist church called him to the pastorate and ordination. On the 8th of February, 1876, a council convened and unanimously recommended the church to proceed with the full induction of the candidate to the work of the ministry. Mr. Young became strongly convinced that God intended him to do the work of an evangelist. The members of the Baptist Home Mission Board quickly recognized his adaptability to that service. He was

appointed general missionary. He labored in New Brunswick and in Nova Scotia, and in both provinces wonderful displays of Divine power were witnessed in the salvation of sinners, so that before his work terminated he had buried with Christ in baptism about 2,500 converts. Quite a number of new church edifices were built through his energy and under his supervision. It was his last contemplated effort to have the Baptist sanctuary at St. Andrews repaired. It is mysterious to us that God should call his servant to his reward before this desired work was accomplished. There are no mistakes in the Divine administration, nor failure in the accomplishment of his purpose. The subject of this notice was 58 years of age and was twice married. Miss Hagerman was his first wife. Ten children were given them, five of whom preceded the parents to the other shore. Miss May Brooks was the second wife, who now mourns most sincerely the sudden removal of a faithful and truly devoted husband. Brother Young possessed wonderful decision of character and indomitable perseverance. His ability to accomplish work was much more than ordinary. He was impelled by the thought that he had so much work to perform and so much time to do it.

"The voice at morning came.
He started up to hear;
A mortal arrow pierced his frame;
He fell but felt no fear."

"Servant of Christ well done;
Praise be thy new employ.
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

THOS. TODD.

Woodstock, October 9, 1900.

Until the End.

I hear thy awful thunder roll,
O God, yet lift my cup:
Thy wisdom gave the living soul,
Thy power holds it up.

Until this hand of clay is dust
Until the end, O God,
Until the bitter end I'll trust,
And bow before thy rod.

Until the bitter end in hope
I'll hold thy saving hand;
Thy gracious mercy, like a rope,
Will draw me to the land.

ARTHUR D. WILMOT

Oct. 10th.

Thanksgiving, 1900.

BY EDWARD YOUNG.

Thanksgiving and the voice of praise
To thee, O Lord our God, belong;
To thee our hearts and voices raise
In glad Thanksgiving and in song.

Our thanks are due for life and health
And for each blessing we receive;
For fruitful fields and all the wealth
That our abundant harvests give.

No dire disease, no famine sore,
Nor bloody war, afflict our land;
No desolating cyclones roar—
All were prevented by thy hand.

For peace and plenty we rejoice,
Give thanks and bless his holy name,
And with united heart and voice,
Praise him whose love is e'er the same.

In nothing else as in the words we habitually use in the common talk of daily life do we show so plainly our degree of refinement, our culture or the lack of it, and the plane on which our thoughts move. It is therefore worth our while, do you not see, to take some pains with our conversation, not in such a way as to make us seem stiff and pedantic, but to recognize the fact that here, as in other departments of life and learning, it is training that tells in results.—Ladies' Home Journal.

"To Be or Not to Be."

That is the question that concerns
every mortal; whether it is better to be
half ill, nervous, worn out, or to be
well, strong, cheerful and useful.
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you take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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