

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR MAY.

"For Visitation that the gospel seed long and patiently sown there may spring up and yield an abundant harvest of souls. For our lady missionary there that she may speedily acquire the language and be prepared for work."

Notice.

All Aid Societies that have changed their secretaries this year will please send a card to the Pro. Sec'y., N. B., giving name and post office address of the new officer. Also, will all the Mission Bands in N. B., please send a card to the Pro. Sec'y., giving names of president and secretary. Do not delay. How and where is Mrs. Archibald? M. S. Cox, Pro. Sec'y.

Kingston, N. S.

Sunday April 22nd, was the annual roll-call in our little church, and our Aid Society was asked at that meeting to give a report of our work for the year. The Society has been carried on in a quiet way during the year, yet we trust some work has been done for the Master. We have held our monthly meetings as regularly as unfavorable weather and bad roads would permit. The meetings were more interesting this year than usual. This may in part be owing to an increased interest manifested in our lady missionaries on the Telugu field, which has brought us into closer touch with them, and given us an insight into their work, which has been most helpful. We have a membership of twenty-eight paid members, not so large a membership as we would wish. Death entered our little Society during the year and claimed a loved and valued member. On December 10, 1899, Mrs. A. D. Foster passed into the "Sabbath rest" that "remaineth for the people of God." She possessed a beautiful Christian character. Although our sister was not able to attend our meetings as it pleased the Lord to lay her in a bed of suffering for many weary months, yet our loss is felt almost the same, because all through her illness she helped us with her love and sympathy. She was a beautiful example of Christian patience and resignation. We are thankful that others are coming in to take the place of those that are taken. At our February meeting we had two new members with the promise of more as soon as the roads got better and the weather warmer. We realize that never before in the history of the church are there so many "open doors" for Christian work as now, in the closing year of the nineteenth century. We desire to have a share in winning India for Christ. Our great need is prayer and an unwavering faith in God.

SECRETARY.

Woodstock, N. B.

The W. M. A. S., of the Woodstock Baptist church, held an Easter thank offering service on Tuesday evening, April 17th. Mrs. Martin, wife of our pastor, gave a very interesting and instructive Bible reading, and the pastor gave an address on mission work in the church. The other features of the programme were music, singing by the male quartette, and readings on the subject of missions. An offering was received during the session.

May 1st.

B. P. SHERWOOD, Sec'y.

Melvorn Square.

It is my painful duty to convey the sad intelligence of the death of one of the most valued members of our Aid Society. Mrs. Henry Goucher was one of the first members, and since 1894, our beloved and faithful president. Timid and shrinking, as she thought on account of her lack of ability, yet never shirking the duties developing upon her. We feel that her loss in the church and Society are irreparable. Our numbers are few and we can ill spare so valuable and reliable a worker. We think it can truly be said of her, "She hath done what she could." Her memory in her home and community, are fragrant with good works and kindly sympathy. When death more than once entered her home, and made a severe trial of her faith in God, she patiently submitted, and could say: "Thy will, not mine, be done." Our Heavenly Father has decreed that our way to everlasting happiness, should be through the wilderness of affliction. May God comfort the sorrowing friends left behind.

Mrs. J. T. BARRE, Sec'y.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

The Ecumenical Conference for Foreign Missions.

The Conference just closed in New York might justly be called great. It was great in its aim and scope, great in its interest and effects. The attendance was large, the interest was deep and well sustained to its close. It was impossible to mingle with these throngs from day to day without becoming infected with missionary enthusiasm. Frequently would the writer say to himself, "would that more of the pastors of our churches were here to catch the spirit of this great gathering." As one has said—"It was a great demonstration of unity,

fervor, strength and faith." To stand among 5000 people whose hearts are all touched with mission fire while they sing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," would make the coldest heart thrill and throb with strong desire. It was a fitting thing that the chairman of the Executive, having the meetings in charge, should be connected with the oldest missionary organization in America, the A. B. C. F. M. It was also fitting that the President of the great Republic should be honored by an invitation to open the Conference. He did his work well, but ex-President Harrison who presided did better. He gripped the meaning of the great gathering as only a man imbued with the spirit of his Master could grip it, and in all his addresses he showed his interest in, and his appreciation of the work of foreign missions.

At 2.30 p. m. on Saturday, the 21st, Carnegie Hall was filled from the floor to the top of the fifth gallery. The famous singer, Geo. C. Stebbins, led the great audience in singing "All hail." The platform was crowded with foreign missionaries, 700 of whom had come from the ends of the earth to be present at the greatest missionary gathering the world has ever seen. Representatives were present from nearly 200 missionary societies in Europe and America amounting to 1600. Besides these were many invited speakers, swelling the number of accredited messengers to at least 2500.

A storm of applause burst forth as a side door opened and Dr. Judson Smith, of the "American Board," led in the honorary presiding officer, Ex-Pres. Harrison, who called upon Dr. Mable of the Missionary Union to lead in prayer. The address of welcome was delivered by Dr. Judson Smith, which was responded to by Rev. Wardlaw Thompson for the British delegation, Dr. Schreiber for the Germans, the veteran Jos. King for the Australians, and Rev. Jacob Chamberlain in behalf of the 700 missionaries present, he being one of the oldest. Among other things he said, "that the time has come for each church to support two pastors, one for the thousands at home, and one for the myriads abroad."

The evening session was given up to a reception by Pres. McKinley. It was a great scene. Every seat was filled and thousands turned away. Every one rose when the Presidential party was ushered in—and such a clapping of hands and waving of handkerchiefs you never heard and saw. When quiet was restored, the aged Dr. Jessup introduced the President of the United States who welcomed the Conference to the country. He did his work neatly and fittingly as was expected. He was followed by Gov. Roosevelt, who in his "Rough Rider" and manly style gave a hearty welcome on the part of the State and city, after which Ex-Pres. Harrison was called upon to respond, which he did in a graceful and happy speech. It was felt by some of us that it would have been more fitting to have had a foreigner make the response, but there was doubtless some good reason why this was not done.

On Sunday, more than 300 pulpits in New York and surrounding country were supplied by missionaries and visitors. The writer had the privilege of filling the pulpit of Rev. W. J. Swaffield, in Jersey City. Mr. Swaffield has a fine congregation and is succeeding admirably in his work and is greatly beloved by his people.

On Monday, the real work of the Conference began. For nearly two hours before the time to begin thousands were crowding the doors of Carnegie Hall. The opening address was by our own Dr. Strong, of Rochester, N. Y., which was most admirable in conception and delivery. His subject was "The Authority and Purpose of Foreign Missions." In closing he said, "There is but one authority for Foreign Missions, that is Christ, there is but one purpose in Foreign Missions, that is Christ."

J. Hudson Taylor, who nearly a half century ago founded the China Inland mission, next spoke on "The Source of Power." He said, "Ye shall be indued with power" is as true today as at Pentecost. We are commanded to be filled with the Spirit. Power and authority come from God. It is not lost time to wait on God. In 1886 we of the Inland Mission were in need of guidance. We came together and waited on God in prayer for 100 new missionaries and for 10,000 pounds. At the end of the year we got the missionaries, 100 of them, but instead of 10,000 pounds we got 11,000 pounds. God is an available power, an inexhaustible power, contact with this power by the hand of faith is the condition of success.

(Concluded next week.)

Special Offering.

FAMINE RELIEF.

Mrs. Andrew Lee, \$10; Mrs. C. I. McLane, \$2; W. M. A. S. Bridgeport, \$10.17; Beatrice E. Keddy, \$6; Miss Hattie Howard, \$5; Lizzie Pinnis, \$1; Willie Pinnis, \$1; Dartmouth S. S., \$13.50; Hon. A. F. and Mrs. Randolph, \$20; Mrs. Laura Crawley, \$5; M. Alice Clark, \$10; Y. M. C. A. Acadia College, \$11.70; A. H. Jones, \$10; W. M. A. S. 1st Yarmouth church, \$13.73; Charlotte Sherwood, \$3; Mrs. D. F. Parker, Newport, \$1; Country Harbor church, \$8.30; Goshen church, \$3.70; Mrs. Harvey L. Kinney, \$1; John Nichols, \$5; Rev. E. J. Grant, \$2; Mrs. M. W. Brown, \$2; S. McC. Black, \$4; Mrs. E. Huntington, \$1; J. S. Trites, \$2; Mrs. M. L. Sweet, \$1; A. friend, \$1; St. Martins church, \$37.41; Temple church, Yarmouth, \$30; Charlottetown church, \$38; New Glasgow church, \$15; Jas. I. Allaby, \$50; R. M. Sippell, \$50; Charles Crisp, \$2; Christian workers, Little River, \$5.06; Woman's Thank offering, \$5; Arcadia church; S. A. Cook, Chibogue church, \$6; Margaree church, \$9.17; Germain St church, \$15; A. friend, St. John, \$1; Immanuel church, Truro, \$58.58; (Per Halifax Herald, Port Morien church, \$20.88; Mira church and workmen at Mira Beach, \$18.20; Homeville

church and others, \$16.35; North Brookfield, Queens County, \$20; Rev. W. E. Hall, \$5; Rev. W. H. and Mrs. Robinson and children, \$3; Isaac's Harbor and Goldboro, \$64; Guysboro church, \$30; Roachval Section, \$1.50—\$31.50; Oxford part proceeds of concert per Lieut. Oxley, \$13.78—\$182.71; Athol W. M. A. Society \$7.50; Oak church, \$17.41; Wilmot S. S. for R. M. C., \$9; Shediac church, \$6; Dorchester church, \$12.70; Lake George S. S., \$9; Beaver River S. S., \$15.40; Port Maitland S. S. and congregation, \$32.24; Cambridge N. S. S. S., \$4.10; Mrs. C. W. Manzer, \$20; Bass River church, \$41; Charlottetown church, \$18; John Moser, \$3; A church member, \$1; Rev. I. Wallace, \$1; Mrs. Jane Daniels, \$1; Grafton church, \$25.20; Middleton church and S. S., \$34.56; Sydney church and S. S., \$37.80; Upper Stewiacke church, \$7.40; Moncton church, \$57.50; Onslow West church, \$50; Flora Clark, \$2; Cavendish church, \$5; Forbes Point S. S., \$10.60; Greenfield M. B. Kings Co N. S., \$5; Kentville S. S., \$20; Great Village, \$19.90; De Bert \$18.20; St. Martins 2nd, \$19.20; Port Hillford S. S., \$4; A. McLellan, \$1; Mrs. Alfred Knowlton, \$2; Ivan Black, \$1; Samuel Field, \$50; Mrs. F. H. Johnston \$2; Mrs. J. Bittle and others, \$7.95; Greenfield, Queens County, N. S., \$5; A friend (Upham), \$4; Charlottetown, \$5.50; Springhill, \$14 Total, \$1216.19. Before reported, \$229.68. Total to May 9th, \$1445.17.

GENERAL.

Emma E. Ryabrooks, \$1; Mrs. R. E. Heffel, (Idaho), \$2; Charlottetown Junior Union, \$25; A. Lover of Mission, (Lewisville), \$10 Total, \$38. Before reported \$5319.10. Total to May 9th, \$5357.10.

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Mrs. Mary W. McCully, \$25; Mrs. John Nichols, \$100; Leander Skinner, \$100; Mrs. Nancy Fulton, \$350. Total \$575. to May 9th.

J. W. MANNING, Sec'y-Treas., F. M. B. St. John, May 9th.

Letter from Rev. J. H. Saunders.

On the first Sabbath in April, 1858, after a few months previous service, I entered upon the pastorate of the Ohio church. This was my first pastorate. It was my privilege to continue in this relation some thirteen years. Some of the happiest years of my ministry were spent here, the memories of which are many and pleasant. After an absence of some twenty-nine years, I returned, and am now in the second year of my second pastorate. Forty-two years have brought many changes both to myself and to this dear people. While many, very many of our earlier associates have passed on to the upper sanctuary, a goodly number of those who came into church membership during my first pastorate are among the pillars of the cause today. Their voices are heard in the social service, their offerings swell the contributions of the church regularly, their love to Zion is constant and manifest. Between my first and second terms of service the Lord has favored his people with faithful undershepherds. The fruits of their labors are seen on every hand. Large accessions to the churches have been made—I advisedly now say churches—for unhappily there are now two churches where there was only one, and where there is only territory and material for one church. On this field—originally a part of the second Yarmouth church—there have never been other than a Baptist church; and at any time in its history only a few persons of any other religious persuasion. But all this failed to prevent a very unhappy division of the people. At an expense of some \$10,000 two places of worship have been built, when the necessities of the people would have been better met by one house at half the cost. And all this largely for the gratification of personal willfulness, the fruitage of which is now being seen to be far from the glory of God. By the grace of the Heavenly Father the old feud has disappeared and the brotherhood is dwelling in peace under one pastor. All are praying and hoping that the time is not far away when there will be one fold as well as one undershepherd. This would largely increase the influence of the church in its winning power with the unsaved. This doubtless would greatly improve the ideals of church life in our young members. We now, in common with too many of our churches, have large church rolls and a small working force. We have few "open visions" and few conversions. In our North Temple church we have a Sabbath School that is in some particulars very hopeful. We have a class of faithful, prayerful workers. In benevolence we lead the church. During the year we have raised for "famine fund" some forty-two dollars—for missions about the same amount. To raise up a generation of generous givers is a worthy purpose.

J. H. S.

South Ohio, May 14, 1900.

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