Foreign Missions.

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR APRIL.

For Tekkali and its lone missionary that his heart may be cheered by seeing many coming to Christ. For the Grand Ligne Mission and our own missionary among the French.

The MESSENGER AND VISITOR has been welcomed and read with a new interest since the writer's visit to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick last summer. Hoping that this interest may be more or less mutual, I am going to give you as I have been asked, some echoes from Grande Ligne.

Just now we are rejoicing over the return of Spring and the gradual disappearing of the snow. It has been years since so severe a winter has been experienced here. Our usually level country has been quite diversified by huge drifts of snow which would almost give one the impression of being among the hills of Vermont.

We very unwillingly entertained La Grippe in our midst for a long visit during the winter months. But while many schools were closed on account of contagious disease, we were spared, and the regular work of the school, although interfered with somewhat, was continued without intermission, for which thing we feel deeply grateful.

We have had what might have been two serious accidents at Feller Institute during the year. The first was a gas explosion in the basement, caused by a defective gas pipe. It occurred in the evening when a young man went in, lighting a match to see the way, and as the room was filled with gas which had escaped, it ignited at once and a great explosion followed. The unfortunate fellow being near the door rushed out, his clothing all on fire, but he was promptly caught by some boys and "put out" by being placed under the pump which stood conveniently near. He was quite badly burned, but has fully recovered since with not even a scar remaining to tell the tale. By a prompt application of the hose, the fire did not spread in the basement, and we were thus spared from serious injury.

The second accident occurred during a high wind when a large part of the roof of the boy's building was blown off, two of the teachers and one of the boys narrowly escaped with their lives. All the workmen that could be procured, some of the teachers and several pupils worked for the next twenty-four hours to get us under shelter, the last part of the work being done in the night and during a rain, some holding lanterns and others driving nails.

When all was finished we once more felt that we had much for which to be thankful, although we could but regret that seventy-five dollars had to be thus spent in repairs that might have gone toward our new wing.

However, funds for this purpose have been coming in from many sources during the past months. Our missionaries who have gone out collecting, have found favor in the eyes of the people and have brought back in some cases, more than we had thought or asked for, while we who remained at home prayed God to prosper the work as he saw fit, for it was for his glory that we attempted it.

A sufficient sum was raised by the month of March that the Board ventured to give the contract for building. For several weeks past many loads of cut stone from the quarries have been brought here each day and deposited first in the back yard, then in the girls' play ground, and finally on our beautiful lawn. And now the workmen are anxious to possess the house. For this reason we have decided to close school at the end of April instead of the usual time at the end of May, so that the work may not be hindered.

Our school has been well filled and in many ways very interesting this year. For the past few months a deep spiritual interest has been felt among the pupils, and although no special meetings were held, yet one by one new souls came out into the light. Last Sunday evening twelve of our pupils, six boys and six girls, six of whom were French and six English, publicly confessed Christ by baptism. There are several more who are anxious to follow in the same way, two of whom are Roman Catholic and both under age. Another Roman Catholic boy who became converted this year was courageous enough to write his mother all about it at once. She replied entreating him to give up his new and false ideas, but all to no purpose. Finally she sent a man who was related to the family to get the boy. He came saying that he had come to get the lad because his mother was ill and needed him, but we soon found that it was all a pretense, they only wanted to get the boy away from us and took this way of accomplishing their purpose. The poor fellow said in leaving that he would come back to us when he became of age if he were not allowed to do so before. But how hard it will be for him to continue faithful with all his sorroundings changed and with so short a Christian experience.

Still another of our Roman Catholic young men stood up in the prayer meeting not long ago, and with much emotion offered a prayer something as follows: "Lord thou knowest that I cannot make a long prayer, but I ask thee that if I am looking through a veil, to tear it away from me, that I may see the light, for Jesus' sake. Amen."

Will you not join us in prayer that such as these may be led into the full light and liberty of the gospel, and that those who have been recently converted may be able to remain firm and true to their convictions even though they may meet with opposition or persecution; for "I say unto you that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

BERTHA S. MASSE.

Feller Institute, Grande Ligne, Que., April 3

Lawrencetown, W. M. Aid Society.

We are glad to report that our outlook for the future is bright and hopeful. During the past year we lost several of our faithful and valued members by death and removal, but we are glad the vacant places are being filled. Our annual meeting was one of encouragement. Our meetings are held regularly every month and the attendance good. The past year our society raised fully two dollars and fifty cents for missions. We have in connection with our Society a mission Band which raises something like fifty dollars a year. While our church is being repaired we have been holding our meetings at the parsonage, but we will now return to our pleasant little room off the vestry. ESTELLA SAUNDERS, Sec'y.

Lawrencetown.

Chipman.

The Carrie Hammond Band are able to report progress. A sale was held on the 8th and although the weather was unfavorable over $40 was realized. The opening of the mite boxes together with special offerings sent by friends swelled the total amount to $60. Six new life members were chosen: Mrs. E. E. Crandall, A. G. McIntyre, H. P. Dole and Misses Ethel Day, Bessie Orchard and Lucinda Orchard.

A. G McINTYRE, Sec'y.

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

FROM MARCH 16TH TO APRIL 2ND.

Harvey, F M, $10, H M, $10; Alexandra, F M, $4 67, H M, 73c., Tidings, 25c.; Mount Denison, F M, $5, H M, $2; McDonald's Corner, F M, $25 40; Lapland, F M, $1.50; Bay View, Tidings, 25c.; Hazlebrook, F M, $5.40, H M, $2.70, Tidings, 25c, Reports 15c.; Lewis Head, F M, $1.25, H M, $1; Wellington, F M, $10 75; Havelock, F M, $12 09; Jordan River, F M, $3.25 Reports, 10c.; Fredericton, H M, $30; Wittenberg, Tidings, 40c.; Hartford, Amenda and Louisa McKim, G L M, $1, Reports, 10c.; Boundary Creek, F M, $7, Tidings, 25c, Reports, 10c.; Clyde River, F M, $4 50, H M, $4 50, Tidings, 25c.; Port Hawkesbury, Tidings, 25c.; Liverpool, to constitute their pastor's wife, Mrs. H. S. Shaw, a life member, F M, $25; Albert, F M $10; Argyle, Tidings, 25c.; Clarence, Tidings, 50c.; Kempt, Tryon, Truro, Halifax, each Tidings, 25c.; Wolfville, F M, $17; New Albany, F M, $4; North River, F M, $5; Upper Dyke Village, Tidings, 25c; Kingscroft, M E Knox, Thankoffering, F M, $1; McDonald's Point, F M, $12 25, Tidings, 25c.

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

P. O. B., 513, Amherst, N. S.

Monies Received by Treasurer of Mission Bands.

FROM MARCH 21 TO APRIL 11.

Milton, F M, $10; Cambridge, Mr. Morse,s salary, F M, $8.82; New Canada, Mr Morse's salary, F M, $6.50; Point Forbes, support of Mudry, F M, $7; Lewisville, F M, $5; Clyde River, support of Amelia, F M, $10; Albert, F M, $4 45; Fairville, support of girl in Mrs. Churchill's class, F M, $15

MRS. IDA CRANDALL, Treas. Mission Bands.

Chipman, Queens county, N. B.

Foreign Mission Board.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

The following extract from an editorial in a recen number of the Watchman of Boston will be read with some interest by the thoughtful: "There is one avenue of benevolence that commends itself supremely to the Christian man, and that is the direct advancement of the kingdom of God in the earth. Two phases of this work are now prominently before our own denomination. Every one of our theological seminaries is asking an addition to its endowment, and the needs of our missionary societies were never more pressing than they are to-day. There are hundreds of appeals for money, but there are none that take precedence of these. Never was the need of a superlatively equipped ministry greater than it is to-day and never were the claims of Christian missions more imperative."

The gifts of certain millionaires in the United States run into educational channels almost entirely. Large universities are founded upon the munificence of these men and women,—neat libraries are established for the benefit of towns and cities. That much good will be done through these agencies few will question. But after all the question will arise, Is this the highest use to which these millions may be put? Is there not a species of selfishness in these gifts after all? Intellectual improvement and broad culture for the few are excellent, and wide-reaching in their effects, but a true altruism would lead a man who makes the Golden Rule a pattern for his life think of men and women who are down in the depths, who are not what we are, because they have no Christ to lift them out of their low estate. A man sincerely desirous of helping his fellows and doing the most good to his kind, would say, "The gospel of Jesus Christ has made me what I am; it has made the land in which I dwell what it is, and what is good for me, must be good for others. I will therefore do all in my power to give them the light and knowledge which is mine." This is the higher altruistic spirit. It was His aim to benefit man as man. It is true he came to a certain people in a certain place, and formulated his doctrines and made them known to the men of his day and the people among whom he dwelt; but everybody knows that they were for all races of men the world over and for all time, and so he charges those who become his subjects to make known to earth's remotest bounds the teachings of his cross and passion. It therefore occurs to the writer of these notes that men who have means might well consider if the Master himself might not be pleased to have them think of his kingdom on earth, how best to extend its borders, how to further the interests of our fellows, our brother men, and have the whole earth lifted upon a higher plane and the blessing of Christ's gospel reach the greater number in all lands. We have a few men in these Provinces who have been thinking along these lines.

The late Jacob Bradshaw of Hampton was one of these, the late John Wilbur of Harvey another, and also the late Oliver Jones of Moncton was another, whose three sons have determined to carry out the wish of their late father and have made good to the Foreign Mission Board what they knew he intended to do for our mission work. Then in Nova Scotia there was the late Nelson Forrest of Amherst who made a large bequest to this work. The generous donation of J. W. Barss of Wolfville and of a good brother in Sydney, Cape Breton, who wishes his name withheld from the public, and others who have given more or less largely to this work. These brethren and sisters have shown a truly Christ-like spirit in their gifts in that they cannot possibly see with their natural eyes what their money is doing. They cannot see the changes wrought in the life and character of those whom the gospel reaches, the schools conducted, the hospitals built, and other enterprises of a philanthropic character established. While great good is done in the endowments of great universities and public libraries, yet it is submitted that some of these endowments might well be laid out in helping those who are in the dense darkness of heathenism and give to them the benefits which accrue from Christian civilization. Instead of $50,000 for a Twentieth Century Fund it ought really to have been $100,000 The pledges made at the Convention by three brethren in Eastern N. S., were certainly very encouraging and augurs well for the collection of the amount assigned to the Eastern Association. Indeed in a note received the other day from a pastor of a not very strong church he says—'We have raised nearly the amount asked of us for this year for the 20th century fund.' That is good news. What this church has done can be done by others. And now brethren in N. S., N. B. and P. E. I., let there be a good lift all along the line and the thing is done.

Rheumatism

No other disease makes one feel so old.

It stiffens the joints, produces lameness, and makes every motion painful.

It is sometimes so bad as wholly to disable, and it should never be neglected.

M. J. McDonald, Trenton, Ont., had it after a severe attack of the grip; Mrs. Hattie Turner, Bolivar, Mo., had it so severely she could not lift anything and could scarcely get up or down stairs; W. H. Shepard, Sandy Hook, Conn., was laid up with it, was cold even in July, and could not dress himself.

According to testimonials voluntarily given, these sufferers were permanently relieved, as others have been, by

Hood's Sarsaparilla

which corrects the acidity of the blood, on which rheumatism depends, and builds up the whole system.