

Foreign Mission Board

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER.

For Bobbili, its missionaries, native Christians, and schools, that the souls for whom they are asking may be brought to Christ. For a great blessing on Crusade Day, and that all the women in our churches may realize the blessedness of co-operating in this mission work.

We are glad to know that Crusade Day is being so generally observed by our W. M. A. S. this year. Will the Societies instruct their secretaries to send post cards or very short accounts to be published in this column? Just stating the character of the meeting and any new method you may have found successful. Our membership should be increased to ten thousand through their efforts and hundreds of dollars be raised beside the general interest, knowledge and enthusiasm that will be imparted to the work. The annual reports of the W. B. M. U. have now arrived. There is enough material on hand for a most interesting and profitable meeting. Use them freely that the information there contained may be known by all.

In a recent address at Montreal given by Miss Susie Sorabji, a well educated young Christian woman of India, a native of the country, on "The Women of India," she stated that in India there are 13,000 widows under four years of age, 80,000 under nine years and 200,000 under fourteen. There are over 6,000,000 married girls under fourteen years of age, in fact a father must do penance if his daughter is unmarried after twelve, and there are 25,000,000 widows throughout the land. With simple earnestness Miss Sorabji, who has seen into the heart of the institution, spoke of the miseries of child marriage, and the still greater depths of what often followed—child-widhood.

The St. Martins W. M. A. S. observed their annual Crusade and Thank-offering services Oct. 30. The sisters met in the vestry at 2 p. m. for a short season of prayer then dispersed to visit as many of the homes as possible meeting in some instances with signal success, securing two new members who paid the yearly fee and receiving promises from several others returning met upon invitation at the home of Mrs. J. S. Titus for tea and a social hour. At 7:30 a public meeting was held in the church. A large audience was in attendance. After singing, scripture reading by the President and prayer by Pastor Townsend a missionary programme consisting of speeches by Rev. S. H. Cornwall and Pastor Townsend with readings and songs interspersed ensued. Collection taken amounting to \$15.45. The society is encouraged and looks forward hopefully. We are just starting in with the missionary studies "Lux Christi" and trust they may be as interesting as we anticipate.

MRS. A. W. FOWNS, President.

Crusade Day at Brookfield.

Crusade Day was observed by us for the first time Oct. 30th, 1902. About forty sisters met at the parsonage where an interesting programme was prepared by the pastor's wife, consisting of prayer, Scriptural and missionary readings, music by some of the sister's present, also music by some of Miss M. E. Bank's pupils. An hour of social intercourse followed the meeting, when refreshments were served. Three new members were received, and a deeper interest in missionary work was manifested by those present. We feel the outlook for missions this year is very hopeful and are greatly encouraged in our work.

Yours in the work.

MRS. I. M. BAIRD, President.

Sackville, N. B.

We are pleased to send a short report from our Society. We observed Crusade day by nineteen sisters driving to Wood Point and holding our meeting at the home of Mrs. Wm. Snowden, where the sisters of that section united with us. We had a very enjoyable meeting and we hope profitable as well. We are thankful to be able to report six new members at that meeting, also a collection of \$3. We hope in the near future more of our sisters will come in with us. It is our desire to make greater effort the coming year, more earnest in our prayers.

MRS. R. E. MITCHELL, Sec'y.

Nov. 4th.

Amounts Received by the W. B. M. U. Treasurer.
FROM OCT. 24TH TO NOV. 1ST.

Little River, F. M., \$1.75, H. M., \$2, Tidings, 25c.

Forbes Point, F. M., \$10; Arcadia, F. M., \$3, Tidings, 25c.; St. Stephen, F. M., \$12.13; Bridgetown, F. M., \$10.27, H. M., \$3.73; Clyde River, F. M., \$7.50, H. M., \$7.50; Canard, F. M., \$6; Lockhartville, F. M., \$2. Concert, F. M., \$2.35; R. McLatchey, F. M., \$1; 2nd Chipman, F. M., \$6.95; H. M., \$2.25; 3rd Yarmouth, F. M., \$2.50, H. M., \$9c; Harvey, toward Mr. Glendinning's expenses, \$25; River Hebert, F. M., \$4, Tidings, 45c.; Springfield, F. M., \$4; New Germany, F. M., \$8; Bilkown, F. M., \$10.25, H. M., \$3; St. John, Lelster St., F. M., \$10; Dorchester, F. M., \$1.50; Wolfville, Doaktown, Brookside, Jacksonville, Marriets Cove, Midgie, Tidings, 25c.; South Farmington, Tidings, 50c.

MARY SMITH, Treas. W. B. M. U.
Amherst, P. O. B. 513.

Quarterly Statement.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED AND DISBURSED DURING QUARTER
ENDING OCT. 31ST, 1902.

	F. M.	H. M.	Total.
Rec'd from N. S. W. M. A. S.,	\$365.12	\$50.67	\$415.79
" " N. B. "	19.86	12.00	31.86
" " P. E. I. "	22.66	12.22	34.88
" " Tidings,			12.88
" " Leaflets,			12.74
" " Annual Reports,			85
" " Photos,			8.75
" " Annual Collection,			48.70
			\$737.45

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Paid Treas. F. M. Board,	\$2043.75
" " Printing Annual Reports,	67.57
" " Postage	11.58
" " Printing Tidings and Leaflets,	5.40
" " Mission Band L. M. Certificates,	2.90
" " Miss McLaurin,	15.01
" " Pro. Sec'y Nova Scotia,	10.16
" " New Brunswick,	3.10
" " Recording Secretary,	1.22
" " Association Director,	2.00
" " Postage,	3.20
	\$2166.18

Financial Statement

FOR QUARTER ENDING OCT. 31, 1902.

Received from bands, N. S.,	\$72.79
" " B. Y. P. U., N. S.,	10.00
" " S. S.,	1.63
" " Bands, N. B.,	27.25
	\$111.67

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Paid to Mrs. Smith, F. M.,	\$102.67
" " H. M.,	9.00
	\$111.67
Chipman, N. B.	IDA CRANDALL, Treas. M. B.

New Books.

THE GIFT OF THE MAGIC STAFF. Paul's Adventures in two wonderlands. By Fannie E. Ostrander, author of *Baby Goose*.

We have here a book for the little folk. Externally and mechanically it is a very attractive volume, and the illustrations by Will Dwigins will add to the delight of its readers. The story tells how Paul made the acquaintance of a "little green man" and received the present of a magic staff with which he did many very wonderful things; how also he met the Fairy Mother and the Little Green, and all his adventures in two wonderlands. Childhood has always delighted in the marvellous, and the present generation of little folk has doubtless as keen an appetite for fairy stories as any of the past.

—Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto. Price \$1.00 net.

IN TIME WITH THE STARS By Thomas K. Beecher.

This is a volume of short stories, or perhaps it would be more correct to say it is a volume of parables. Perhaps no modern writer has succeeded better in this kind of literature than Mr. Beecher. Sometimes the story deals with matter of fact, and sometimes it is a fable, but always there is a sermon in it. It is a very interesting book, and also valuable for introduction in matters of the highest importance. It will be read with eagerness and profit by both old and young. It is a good kind of book for fathers and mothers to read to their children. He who can write real parables is able to wield a tremendous influence. And he who puts truth into parabolic form is a prince of teachers. The child who listens to these stories read at an age before he is able to comprehend their full significance will certainly carry with him through life some great and saving truths which will grow plainer to him in the light of his enlarging experience.

Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto. Price 75 cents net.

THE LITTLE GREEN GOD. By Caroline Atwater Mason.

This is a little book of 146 pages, easily read at a sitting, and one who reads the first chapter will not willingly lay it down until the end is reached. Mrs. Mason is a delightful writer who holds her reader spell bound by her rare combination of delicate humor, pungent wit, fine pathos, dramatic action and vigorous character drawing. The present book is a pungent satire upon certain features of modern religious life as found in certain fashionable centres in America. It is the story of a returned missionary from India who beholds, to his amazement, the heathenism of half-hearted Christianity. It is an effective contrasting of the Hindu theology as

taught by certain men and women of superficial culture, in American drawing rooms and lecture halls, and the Hindu religion as known in practical life by the missionary. The book closes pathetically—unnecessarily so we should hope—for the good missionary who is the central figure in its pages goes back to India broken-hearted at what he had seen and felt in America.

—Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto. Price 75c.

DONOVAN PASHA AND SOME PEOPLE OF EGYPT. By Gilbert Parker.

This is a volume of short stories having to do with life in Egypt. They are evidently the fruit of close study of that ancient land and its modern inhabitants of high and low degree. In their general style and character they recall Kipling's stories of life in India. To readers on this side the Atlantic the contents of this volume will probably be new for the most part, though for the last four or five years they have been appearing from time to time in English periodicals. Mr. Parker, as his readers know, possesses the dramatic faculty and other qualifications of a good story writer. He has been known hitherto rather as a writer of novels than of short stories, and if these short stories are not preferred to his novels, as we think they will not be, they at least demonstrate his versatility and his ability to achieve a good degree of success in another role than that in which he is best known. These stories may be read not only for the entertainment they afford but as studies in Egyptian life in its various and curious phases, a life which Mr. Parker characterizes as "full of splendor and primitive simplicity; of mystery and guilt; of cruel intolerance and beautiful industry; of tyranny and devoted slavery; of the high elements of a true democracy and the shameful practice of a false autocracy; all touched off with the mystery of an ancient charm, the nobility of the remotest history." Most of the stories of the volume gather about the personality of Donovan Pasha, otherwise known as "little Dick Donovan," an Englishman of diminutive stature and girl-like features, but of lion-like courage and supernatural astuteness in dealing with the strange situations with which an English official has to do in this peculiar Egyptian life. The author announces his intention to publish a novel of Egyptian life, and the present volume of tales as an *avant courier* of the promised work.

—The Capo, Clark Company, Limited, Toronto.

Date of Organization: A Query.

In looking at the dates of organization of the churches as they are passing through the press for the Year Book, I find date of organization of Onslow West, 1791; Onslow East, 1809. Thereupon I search old minutes of Eastern Association. I find that in 1866 for the first time dates of organization are given. In that year Onslow (one church) is 1791. In 1868 two churches appear (east and west Onslow) but no date of organization is given. In 1869, Onslow West is 1791, East is blank. In 1872 Onslow West is 1809, East is blank. In '73 both churches 1809 so on to '82. In 1885 Onslow East is 1809, West, 1791, and so continue to be reported.

Now, I have in memory that changes took place in the Onslow church (1791) about 1868-9. As I believe there was but one church up to that time, which assembled in the old Union meeting-house, it has suggested itself that East Onslow may have been set off in 1869—easily turned into 1809.

If any one can give me the real date, I will endeavor to have it inserted hereafter.

D. A. STURGE.

Amherst, Nov. 7th, 1902.

Sad will be the day for any man when he becomes absolutely contented with the life he is living, with the thoughts he is thinking, and the deeds that he is doing—when there is not for ever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do something larger which he knows that he was meant and made to be because he is called a child of God.—Phillips Brooks.

Rheumatism

No other disease makes one so

It stiffens the joints, produces

makes every motion painful.

It is sometimes so bad as to

It should never be neglected.

M. J. McDonald, Trenton, Ont., had it after a

severe attack of the grip; Mrs. Hattie Turner, Boli-

var, Mo., had it so severely she could not lift any-

thing 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